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27 June 1946.

Thank you very much for your letter of the 25th with respect to the dereq-
(297) uisitioning of an apartment in which Dr. Mario Fano, Undersecretary of Communications, is interested.

Immediately on receipt of your letter I notified Dr. Fano and he joins me in expressing appreciation of your continued cooperation.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Brigadier Albin Low, MC, CBE,
Commander, Rome Area Allied Command,
Piazza Venezia,
Rome.

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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25 June 1946

Ref. 544/193/30

SUBJECT: De-requisitioning in Milan.

TO : G-5 Section
AFHQ.

1. Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of letter received from the Chief Liaison Officer, Milan, on the subject of certain requisitioned hotels in Milan.

2. This letter should be read in connection with our communication dated 14th June, 1946, under reference 4755/30, on the subject of Requisitioning Policy.

For the Chief Commissioner,

DELOS DE JOHN

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

Reference : Lomb/CLO/19 12 June 1945.

Subject : Hotels - De-requisition.

To : H.Q. - Allied Commission.

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Principe e Savoia

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3. There is no doubt but that this new plan will cause a considerable amount of local inconvenience, not only to the Italian business community but also to Consular staffs, etc. Both the Diana and the Principe e Savoia are at present extensively used by American and British Consular staffs, business men etc. whose presence would appear to be most valuable to the rebirth of Italian trade.

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Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command.

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25th June, 1946

My dear Admiral 284

You will remember that on the 6th June you wrote to me asking if we could assist Dr. Mario Fano by releasing from requisition an apartment located at 1 Piazza Marina and that I replied on the 8th June that we were not able immediately to comply.

I am glad to be able to tell you that we are making arrangements to release it almost at once, so soon as the necessary formalities can be put through.

I hope Dr. Fano will be pleased with the property but I am afraid it is not of very high quality. Meanwhile may I suggest that Dr. Fano be advised to take immediate steps to make the path clear since I happen to know that other people are after the property?

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Yours sincerely,

A'Hmd.

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

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25 June 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Apartment in Villa Pavoncelli, Via Posillipo 26, Naples

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TO : Chief Liaison Officer, Naples Commune

1. This office has been approached for the derequisitioning of the above-mentioned apartment be longing to Count Gaetano Pavoncelli. It has been noted that the sole occupant of the large apartment is Captain Graziano who, it is believed, will be transferred from Naples in the very near future (as per attached memorandum from the Headquarters Commandant, this headquarters).

2. Count Pavoncelli's family consists of 11 persons in all, who are at present living with friends.

3. A demand (ref. R/7398 of 4 February 46) was already made to Hq PTO for derequisitioning signed by Major Carl J. Carrillo and since that date this largeapartment has had but one occupant. Count Pavoncelli is quite agreeable to have an officer living with him in the apartment, if necessary. This office would appreciate a reply as soon as possible.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ EDWARD J. BERN
EDWARD J. BERN
Lt(jg), USNR
Flag Lt. to CC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT

APO 794

25 June 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Villa Pavoncelli,
Via Posillipo 26 - Naples -

TO : Chief Commissioner.

1. The CLO Naples Commune must notify the PBS, Real Estate office in Naples, that the property is no longer needed, reccomending its derequisition.

2. Captain Gaziano, responsible officer for the property and only occupant thereof, must submit a closing inventory in quadruplicate signed by him and the owner.

3. It is believed that Captain Gaziano will be transferred from Naples in the very near future, therefore there is no objection to the derequisitioning of the property.

A.G. Graham Lt. Col.
A.G. Graham, M.C.
Hq. Commandant.

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25 June 1946

My dear Dr. Persichetti:

With reference to your situation regarding letting part of your villa to H. E. the Minister of Cuba to the Holy See, I have looked into the matter and find that Mr. Fay O. Griffith, who is residing there with his family, has an annual lease with the owner and his present intentions are to renew it.

Mr. Fay O. Griffith is an American citizen and is associated with the American Engineer Company of Italy with business offices at 32 Piazza Augusto Imperatore, Rome. Therefore, I could not force the issue with him at this time and suggest as an alternative that you continue to press the actual derequisitioning of your villa at Cortina d'Ampezzo. This course has already been given impetus from my office.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

0673 Dr. Guglielmo Persichetti
9 Via Aldovrandi
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
LEGAL SUB COMMISSION

GGH/ns
20 June 1946.

SUBJECT : Allied Requisitioning Policy.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

Reference is made to your letter 17/VI of 76a June 7, 1946.

1. Under international law requisitions can only be made for military necessity or under the terms of a document such as the armistice.

2. There is no provision in the armistice terms regarding families of officers as their presence in this theatre was not foreseen.

3. They do not seem to come under the category of camp followers a qualification they hardly could have acquired after the cessation of hostilities.

4. It seems that the point in question could be better settled by further agreement with the Italian Government.

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G.G. Hammaford

G.G. HAMMAFORD, Lt.Col.,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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20 June 46

Ref: ES/S.06

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Ville d'Arienzo Positano

Dear Sir:

In response to your request for the derequisitioning of Ville d'Arienzo Positano, I have received a reply from the C.C.C., 3 District. The following is an extract from the reply:

"Ref your letter ES/S.06 of 11 Jun 46 para 1, the information contained in your first sentence is incorrect. The Villa Rosa is being used very considerably by the C.C.C. and officers of this H.Q. It is occupied every weekend and also through the week (it is no occupied now).

"The proposition of the proprietor to leave two smaller houses available is not practical. One house is being used to accomodate the staff and the other is the overflow from the main villa and is usually occupied at weekends already, so that the accommodation thus provided would be inadequate. The offer of the provision for cooking facilities in the main villa would be impractical in view of the small size of these facilities and the difficulty of two separate staffs working in the same small kitchen.

"The C.C.C. regrets that he is unable to alter his previous decision and that he is unable to meet the request of the Duchess di Villa Rosa at the present time."

For your further information, the sentence, referred to above as being incorrect, is:

"It is the understanding of this Headquarters that the villa of Duchess di Villa Rosa at Positano, held under requisition and providing leave and rest facilities for senior officers of your Headquarters, is actually very little used."

It is regretted that the villa cannot be made available to you at this time.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
Ellery W. Stone
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Lambino Motorbertolo di Villarosa
Via Mancini 21
Roma

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 4755/958/EO.

19 June 1946.

Dear Mrs. Sommo,

Your petition of 28th May, addressed to the Chief Commissioner, requesting the de-requisitioning of the small villa owned by you at Capri, has been referred to this office for investigation and reply.

We have been informed that a plan for reducing the number of requisitioned properties is now undergoing study. We cannot promise that your villa will be among the properties affected. If, however, no action is taken to de-requisition your property during the month of July, you may present your case to the nearest Comando Militare, who will take the matter up through the proper military channels.

We are sorry that a more satisfactory answer cannot be given at this time.

For the Chief Commissioner:

DELOS DE JOHN

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Signora PIA SORRISO SOMMO,
Via SAVOIA 80,
ROMA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner
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Ref: 4755/EC. 14. June 1946.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning Policy.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Attention: G-5 Section.

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2. My attention has now been called to a letter from the Italian Hotels Union (a copy of which is enclosed) complaining about this same practice and presenting a number of other grievances in connection with requisitioning hotels. Many of the points raised appear to warrant careful consideration.

3. In the past several weeks there has been a sharp increase in the number of complaints concerning requisitioned properties. These complaints have been coming in by telegram, letter, and even personal delegations, some direct to the Chief Commissioner, and others to me and to my office. As will be realised, Allied Commission can do nothing about these complaints except to forward them on to the proper military authorities for action and then refer the answer back to the applicant.

4. I feel sure that some revision of requisitioning policy is necessary. This is particularly true now that the dependents of military personnel are arriving in ever increasing numbers, thus aggravating the already acute shortage of housing and accommodation for civilians in NAPLES, MILAN and VENICE, and probably elsewhere.

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6. I realise fully that military authorities cannot always give up requisitioned properties no matter how distressing the situation of the civilian population may be as long as such accommodation is a military necessity. I am also aware from experience that military convenience, which in present circumstances should be subservient to civilian necessity, is often interpreted wrongly as military necessity. It does also appear that the power of requisitioning being unilateral and arbitrary, many properties are requisitioned unnecessarily, and then not fully utilized. Furthermore, once the property is requisitioned, the military occupant is

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7. I feel sure that substantial results cannot be obtained by merely issuing administrative instructions and directives on the subject.

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I believe some central organisation or authority should be constituted to investigate immediately the use which is being made of all requistioned accommodation, and recommend the release of any accommodation the continued use of which cannot be justified as a military necessity. This central organisation should make every effort to expedite the release of government administrative buildings, prisons, schools, hospitals, hotels and warehouses.

8. Such a central organisation might include:

(a) A Real Estate Allied Officer.

(b) An officer of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, preferably one already experienced in the functions of Liaison Officer, so that no interpreter will be needed.

(c) A representative from the Presidency of the Council of Ministers who would represent the interests of the various State administrations.

(d) A representative of the Genio Militare, ROME.

9. This central organisation should be in touch with the Liaison Officers, military commands, and local Genio Militare throughout ITALY. All complaints and requests would clear through this organisation.

10. Where a large city, like ROME for example, is concerned, this central organisation should also invite to its deliberations, besides the representative of the branch office of the Genio Militare, also the representative of the interested Minister, or the Provveditore Agli Studi, if schools are concerned, or the representative of the particular Association such as Hotel Owners, according to the subject matter to be dealt with.

11. What I have said above is purely a suggestion. The main thing is that something should be done on this very important subject in order that the whole problem of requisitioned properties will be effectively dealt with and the abuses which form the gist of so many complaints avoided or corrected.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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M. S. Lush

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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P.S. I attach copy of letter Pol. No.720 dated 31 May 46 from the Prime Minister giving a typical example of the Italian Government's reactions.

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TRANSLATION. 10 May 1946.

FROM : Italian Hotels Union.

TO : Headquarters AC, Economic Section.

SUBJECT: Reopened hotels requisitioned.

The number of hotels requisitioned by Allied Authorities in Italy has greatly increased lately, with a decided tendency towards places of summer resort.

In every case the hotels are those which had been released after many months of occupation and after being repaired and refitted at great cost in preparation for the forthcoming season, have been newly requisitioned.

As the number of such cases is growing this Union has deemed it desirable to report the matter to the Allied Commission, pointing out the following facts and requesting strong intervention by the proper authorities:

1. Almost all the hotels which escaped damage from the war have been requisitioned.

2. Many of them have been released subsequent to the units occupying the same leaving Italy.

3. Hotel owners, on their property being released, decided in most cases to reorganise their hotels, at very heavy cost and sacrifice and accept most disadvantageous financial conditions, in order to resume their activity.

4. Considering the state in which hotels are in most cases evacuated and the cost and financial difficulties of undertaking repairs, the effort hotel owners have been obliged to make may be understood.

4. At Alassio, Castiglioncello, Riccione, Rimini, Venezia Lido, Cortina, the whole of Lake Garda, S.Martino di Castrozza, etc., many hotels owners have repaired their property with funds advanced by their regular customers. Hardly have the hotels been reopened but they are requisitioned a second time. The owners are thus not only prevented from fulfilling their obligations toward their customers but are deprived in many cases of the only means of supporting themselves and their families.

5. At Venezia Lido, Capt. Vincent Jannuska of the Housing Committee, 88th Inf Reg. US Army, took it upon himself to notify the owners of hotels at the said Lido that he intends to lodge the families of the Unit's officers and men in the said hotels during the coming summer and winter, and ordered each owner to accept only American military personnel for at least a year and at very low rates, informing the owners that if they disobeyed their hotels would be requisitioned again even if the peace treaty were signed.

6. Above all it must be pointed out that the hotel owners, being turned out of their hotels by the requisition order, suffer still heavier financial

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7. Moreover, very few hotels are utilised to their full capacity, most of them having only one third of their rooms occupied. Such a proportion is ridiculous even if a safety margin is necessary for further arrivals.

In Rome alone, large hotels such as the Massimo d' Azeglio, the Mediterranea and the Moderno have been empty for months. The Inghilterra and Bellavista hotels have always held small numbers and the S.Caterina Boarding House has never had more than ten persons.

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Such deplorable situations are due to the fact that every unit requisitions a whole hotel for its own use, to lodge a few dozen men only, while the empty rooms, for which the Italian Government pays a compensation, remain unavailable at a time when there is such a shortage of accommodation.

Such an undesirability could easily be done away with if all units were to agree to share accommodation in the strictly necessary number of hotels, or else restrict their personnel to the number of rooms they actually require and release the surplus number. This system has been followed in Switzerland and given excellent results.

It is to be noted that many Allied civilians and members of the Allied Forces have a room at their disposal in more than one hotel and others who, although their names are registered in an hotel, have been able to requisition private flats for themselves. Such cases are numerous in both cities and pleasure resorts.

8. Lastly, various hotels, immediately after being released, have been reoccupied by isolated organisations or bodies of civilians who have no right whatsoever to a "military status". We cite as an example the Hotel Corso, Rome, where Polish girl students are at present lodged.

It will now be understood what serious difficulties hotel owners are faced with and we feel that our request for a close, efficient coordinati in distributing accommodation space to the Armed Forces is fully justified. We therefore request that the matter be brought to the attention of the proper authorities.

We suggest, moreover, that representatives of the hotel business should be consulted in any revision of accommodation or coordination of requisitions in order that the maximum utility be obtained on one hand and more justice to hotel owners on the other. It is especially desirable, for instance, that, wherever possible, pleasure resorts be left free.

This Union is prepared to give any details, information or services the Allied Authorities may require towards the aims we have set forth herein. Should it not, for the present, be possible to carry out a general restriction of accommodation, we earnestly request that the circumstances lamented in points 3, 4, 5 and especially 8 be avoided.

Awaiting your reply we thank you.

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Yours respectfully,

General Secretary.

Sgd. ???????

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TRANSLATION. COPY.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Seg. Pol. No. 720 31 May 46.

Dear Admiral,

It appears from information recently received from Venice that the requisitions of hotels and boarding houses on the Lido made by Allied Military Authorities and which have been lately intensified to the point of including almost the totality of said buildings, have created a feeling of great uneasiness in the population of Venice. The use, by the same Allied Authorities, of 8 steamboats previously used for the transportation of civilians, for the exclusive transportation of military personnel from Piazzale Roma to the Lido has accentuated this feeling of dissatisfaction.

Apart from the important material consequences of such requisitions, it must be considered that the abovementioned moral reflections which are equally not to be neglected, are or risk to be exasperated by the action of troublemakers who exploit the feelings of the population trying to create a hostile psychosis towards the Allies.

I consider it my duty to draw your attention to this as well as the other aspects of the question for the steps you may consider advisable to take in this matter.

Believe me, dear Admiral,

Very cordially yours,

(Sgd) R. Prunas.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIC
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref.: 4755/30

14 June 1946

SUBJECT: De-requisitioning of Palazzo Gallenga.

TO : HQ, 3rd District.

1. A representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has presented an urgent request for the derequisitioning of the premises in the Palazzo Gallenga, Perugia, belonging to the Royal Italian University for Foreigners.

2. We are informed that the premises were requisitioned in September, 1944, by the British Army School of Education and later also by the Formation College.

3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been informed that several hundred foreign students are enrolled for the summer tuition period starting July 1st and all efforts to find alternative accommodations have been unsuccessful.

4. Will you, therefore, please treat the matter as urgent and signal your reply.

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For the Chief Commissioner,

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT IS PROPERTY REQUESTTIONED FOR AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE IN BARI AREA FD YOUR THREE EIGHT SIX POINT TWO DATED TWO EIGHT FEBRUARY AND SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE REFERS FD

I HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY ITEM GEORGE CHARLIE ROGER WHO INFORM ME THAT ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY FIVE FOUR AREA TO TWO FOUR AERO TOWN MAJOR TO REQUISITION ANY PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF ABOVE NAMED ORGANISATION FD IF THIS ORDER IS CARRIED OUT BEFORE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE GREAT HARDSHIP WILL BE CAUSED TO ABOUT THREE ZEROZERO JEWISH REFUGEES NOW HOUSED AND CARED FOR IN SUCH PROPERTIES FD I SHOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF AUTHORITIES COULD BE REQUESTED TO GRANT A TIME LIMIT OF THREE ZERO DAYS BEFORE EVICTION SO THAT ALTERNATIVE ACCOMODATION CAN BE FOUND FD

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M.S.LUSH
Brigadier

NICHOLAS FLEMING
CMO USA
Asst Adjt

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28 June 1946

SIR:

Mr. FAY O. GRIFFITH, American civilian, (formerly FEA), is with the AMERICAN ENGINEER COMPANY IN ITALY, 32 Piazza Augusto Imperatore, Tel. 65634.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Admiral Stone.

Dr Guglielmo Persichetti had considered the possibility of letting to H.E. Forcades, Minister of Cuba with the Holy Seat, two floors of his villa at 9, via Aldovrandi, as premises for the Embassy, planning to move to the upper floor of said villa, occupied by Mr Fay O. Griffith.

Eventually, as he could not force a free American citizen to remain without a home, he was planning to use his villa in Cortina which had been appositely derequisitioned by the British Command.

Contrarily to this careful planning, the villa of Cortina was - notwithstanding the abovementioned official derequisition - again occupied by American soldiers, as it seems according to orders from the 88th Division in Gorizia.

If this last difficulty cannot be removed, Dr Persichetti does not see any possibility of continuing his negotiations with H.E. Forcades.

Rome, 13 June 1946.

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PRO - MEMORIA

AS.E.L'AMMIRAGLIO STONE

Il Cavaliere Del Lavoro Dott. Ing. Guglielmo Persichetti aveva consi=
derato la possibilità di cedere in locazione a S. E. Forcades Ministro
di Cuba presso la S. Sede i deu piani del suo villino in Via Aldovran=
di 9 quale sede dell'Ambasciata contando di trsferirsi nell'ultimo
piano della Villa stessa occupato dall'Ing. Fay O. Griffith.

Frudenziabmente, non potendo forzare un libero cittadino americamo
a restare senza casa, contava di poter usufruire della propria Villa
di Cortina appositamente derequisita dal Comando Inglese.

Contrariamente a queste prudenti previsioni, la Villa di Cortina
veniva occupata, nonostante la suddetta ufficiale derequisizione, da
soldati americani su ordine sembra dell'88° Divisione di Gorizia.

Se quest'ultima difficoltà non verrà rimossa, l'Ing. Persichetti
non prevede la possibilità di continuare le trattative con S. E. For=
cades

Roma, 13 giugno 1946

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12 June 1946

Ref: ES/506

Luchino Notarbartolo di Villarosa

Via Mancini 21

Rome

In response to your recent undated letter regarding derequisitioning of Ville d'Arianno at Positano, I want to advise you that I have asked 3 District to modify their previous ruling on derequisition. I shall let you know of the results of my inquiry.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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10 June 1946.

My dear Arch:

A short time ago I received a delegation of engineering students of the University of Bologna who report that the engineering building at their university is at present in a requisitioned status but occupied only by about 30 or 40 British REME O/R's. They feel sure that accommodations for such a small number of enlisted men could be found elsewhere which would enable the building in question to be derequisitioned -- thus enabling the university to resume its engineering courses.

If the circumstances as reported to me are confirmed, it would appear that the request is in order and that everything should be done to enable these young men to resume their studies.

I should be grateful for an early report.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Brigadier General A. L. Hamblen, U.S. Army,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512 - U.S. Army.

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Best wishes for a
speedy recovery.
The Students of the
University of Bologna,
0057 Mancà Mario
Medli Giorgio

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Bologna Univ School of Engg.

30 to 40 British Engr Troops

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Translation

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Gabinetto

Rome, 10 June 1946

No.7027/4/19290.2/5.1

TO : Console Giorgio Bombassei De Vettor
Allied Commission.

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Scholastic Premises

Reference previous correspondence on the subject, it is pointed out that the Ministry of Public Instruction has communicated that the principal of the scuola media and the ginnasio "V.E. Marzotto" of Valdagno has stated that the premises of the two schools are at present occupied by Squadron C of the Queen Boys Regiment.

In accordance with the wishes of that Administration, we request you to kindly take up the matter with the competent office of the Allied Commission with a view to the said premises being derequisitioned in order that at the commencement of the scholastic year the schools of that Centre can recommence their normal funcioning.

We await your kind reply on the matter.

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IL CAPO DEL GABINETTO

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Col. Weber -
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Political Adviser (A)

June 7, 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Commissioner
SUBJECT : Allied Requisitioning Policy

With reference to your memorandum of 15 May 1946 280 regarding the rights of Allied military requisitioning under the Armistice to include families of Allied military personnel in Italy, I have asked for an opinion from the Department of State on this point, particularly in light of the modifications of the Armistice agreement about to be signed.

Meanwhile, you may wish to seek the views of your Chief Legal Adviser.

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J. Wesley Jones
Political Adviser (A)

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LOMB/CLO/8 7 June 1946.

Dear Sir Ellery,

Among the matters left with me by Arthur Hancock was the case of Marchese Ing. Trevisani and his house at Via Benedetto Brin 12.

I have looked into the case recently and find that in fact these premises will probably be derequisitioned within the next week or so. They must of course in the ordinary way be put at the disposal of the Commissariato Alloggi who might, to take the extreme case, fill the house with refugees.

I think the best plan is to get pressure on the case based on the fact that Marchese Trevisani is a Swiss Subject. I have therefore written today to the Swiss Consul and the Town Major and I send you a copy of the letter.

Encl.

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I shall continue to watch the case to the last possible moment.

Yours sincerely.

JOHN K. DUNLOP,
Brigadier.

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

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Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LCMB/CLO/8

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGIONAL LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LOMB/CLO/6 7 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Accomodation - Arnaldo Trevisanni

TO : The Swiss Consul,
Via Borsetta,
Milan

1. I have been asked to intervest myself in the derequisitioning of accomodation in Via Benedetto Brin, 12. I understand that the owner of the property in question is a Swiss subject.

2. It is quite possible that in fact this property will be released at an early date by the British Military Authorities, but it is also possible that, at that time, I shall myself have left Italy and this Office may be reducing its functions.

3. May I therefore leave the matter with you in order that you may safeguard the return of this property to its owner on de-requisitioning.

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JOHN E. TREVOR,
Brigadier,
Chief Liaison Officer

Copy to: 50 Town Major,
Corso Matteotti, 9 - Milan

Copy for Office of Chief Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission,
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7 June 1946.

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel Charles W. Walton, AVP Economic Section.

Re the attached file, the Duchess di Villa Rosa states that notwithstanding Major Williams' letter (tab C), her villa is actually very little used by the senior officers of III District. She states that there are two other houses on the property which could be used on the apparently rare occasions when III District HQ. officers desire to spend weekends there. She states that if she were allowed to resume occupancy of the villa, she would be glad to make the two smaller houses available as rest billets and offers to provide cooking facilities in the main house.

Will you communicate this to HQ. III District and see if they are willing to modify their position in this matter.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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6 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Derequisition Villa Ca' delle Stre.

TO : Commanding Officer, American Rest Center, Cortina d'Ampezzo.

1. We have received a communication from the owner of the abovementioned villa, Mrs Perucchetti, and it is desired that everything possible be done to release this property for the complete use of the owner.

2. Reports have it that a lady belonging to the American Red Cross is occupying the villa at the present time. We understand that this villa was originally requisitioned by 34 Town Major in September 1945 and was derequisitioned within two weeks thereafter without ever having been occupied. This was because authorities were satisfied that hardship would be caused to the family if the requisition was enforced. The circumstances remain the same and the Perucchetti's villa in Rome has been under requisition for many months so that it is necessary that these people have the use of their property in Cortina as a home for their children.

For the Chief Commissioner:

JOSEPH C. HIVELY
Major, Inf
Staff Officer to CG

6/6/46

661 cc to:
American Red Cross, 88th Division
Col A.M. Miller, CLO Alcazar, Bolzano
Mrs Glenn Lambe Boulder, Colo.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

6 July 1946

SIR:

Mrs. Persichetti visited the office yesterday to tell us that she has received word from their lawyer in Cortina that several American civilians are living in their villa there, saying that it has been requistioned by Americans. She does not, however have the requisition papers (receipts) saying that such are being held by the occupants.

She request that you effect de-requisitioning of their villa at Cortina for her childerns' sake, which will solve their housing problem at this time.

write again to Hdtrs 88 Division or C.O. Pavillon
to C.G.

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6 June 1946

SUBJECT: De-requisitioning of hotel "Albergo Vienna e Turismo" Riccione, near Bologna

TO : Supreme Allied Commander
Allied Force Headquarters

1. I submit herewith a letter from the British Embassy which refers to an appeal from the Italian General Confederation of Labour against the re-requisitioning of the hotel "Albergo Vienna e Turismo" Riccione, near Bologna. It is stated that the property was once de-requisitioned and after being put back into private use it has again been requisitioned by the Allied Military Command of Bologna. This type of question has arisen from other quarters with respect to other properties.

2. It is my considered opinion that re-requisitioning of Italian property creates an unnecessary hardship, both to the Italian economy and to the property owners. Therefore, it is my recommendation that your Headquarters adopt a policy which would preclude the requisitioning of property which has once been de-requisitioned. It is suggested that if there are to be any exceptions, specific approval of your Headquarters would be required and would be given only in cases where military necessity could be clearly shown. It would appear that military necessity might be limited to instances where there is a major displacement of troops or installations.

3. Among the reasons for my recommendations are:

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a. Re-requisitioning unduly emphasizes the arbitrary and unilateral characteristics of the requisitioning procedure. Resentment and ill-will are created to an extent far exceeding the value of the property involved.

b. Re-requisitioning causes unnecessary hardship to owners, workers and to clients in the cases of business properties. Owners make considerable outlays to rehabilitate their property. Employees are hired and undertake to pursue more or less normal occupations. Clientele are re-established. The disruption caused by the re-requisitioning thus permeates a diversified body of the population.

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c. Re-requisitioning appears to violate the spirit of the policies of the United States and British Governments, which interpreted in general terms provide for turning the economy of Italy back to the Italian Government. The Italian Government is measurably weakened by any action of the occupying forces which seems to a large body of the population as unreasonable.

d. Shelter in the form of hotels and dwellings represents one of the most pressing needs of Italy.

4. May I be advised of your policy?

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M. B. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Enclosure--Letter from British Embassy to Allied Commission, dated 28th May 1946

cc: Mr. W. H. Braine
Labour Attache
British Embassy
Rome

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Telephone:
ROME 43.951

BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME

28th May 1946

Subject: De-requisitioning of hotel "Albergo Vienna e Turismo" Riccione, near Bologna

To : Acting Vice President, Economic Section, Allied Commission Headquarters.

The Italian General Confederation of Labour has made representations regarding the above indicated hotel which was requisitioned by the Allied Forces at the time of the liberation of Italy and was held by the Allies for more than a year. The hotel was de-requisitioned some five months ago and arrangements were made to engage staff and workers.

The Confederation of Labour state that a month ago the hotel was again requisitioned by the Allied Military Command of Bologna and all workers were discharged. The Confederation ask whether this is not contrary to what they understand is the normal procedure, that premises once de-requisitioned are not again taken on requisition.

It is thought that you may wish to have enquiries made through the A.M.G. Liaison Officer to verify the information supplied by the Confederation of Labour, and to ascertain whether their request for early de-requisitioning can be supported.

W. H. BRAINE
Labour Attache

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4 June 1946

My dear Mrs. Scudder:

I am returning herewith your letter of [121] b 24 May addressed to Lt Col Stearns, as well as the two enclosures thereto.

As you probably know, Lt Col Stearns left the Allied Commission several days ago and is now back in the United States.

Yours very truly,

J. C. RIVELY
Major, Inf.
Staff Officer to CC

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Mrs. Elena Lante Scudder
c/o Mr. A. C. Maxwell's Office
6 Via S. Martino della Battaglia
Rome

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E.C.
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I think this should also be brought to attention of AFHQ — to supplement your excellent letter of 6 June — re Padova

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Segr. Pol. No 720 31 May 1946.

Dear Admiral,

It appears from informations recently received from Venice that the requisitions of hotels and boarding houses on the Lido made by Allied Military Authorities and which have been lately intensified to the point of including almost the totality of said buildings, have created a feeling of great uneasiness in the population of Venice. The use, by the same Allied Authorities, of 8 steamboats previously used for the transportation of civilians, for the exclusive transportation of military personnel from Piazzale Roma to the Lido has accentuated this feeling of dissatisfaction.

Apart from the important material consequences of such requisitions, it must be considered that the above-mentioned moral reflections which are equally not to be neglected, are or risk to be exasperated by the action of troublemakers who exploit the feelings of the population trying to create a hostile psychosis towards the Allies.

I consider it my duty to draw your attention to this as well as the other aspects of the question for the steps you may consider advisable to take in this matter.

Believe me, dear Admiral,

very cordially yours

/s/ R. Prunas

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Translation

The Undersecretary of State
for Posts and Telecommunications

Rome, 27 May 1946.

Dear Admiral,

I would be very grateful if you could interpose your kind and highly credited recommendation with Brigadier Low of R.A.A.C. for the derequisition of the apartment located at No. 1, Piazza della Marina, which I requested.

Having inspected it lately, I could see that its size does not exceed my needs.

Taking into account that owing to recent developments, the situation might be changed, I dare ask your help as the need to obtain a settlement for my family is urgent.

With many thanks,

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Yours,

/S/ M. Fano

Rear Admiral Ellery STONE, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
R O M A.

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Il Sottosegretario di Stato

DELLE POSTE E DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Roma 27 maggio 1946

Caro Ammiraglio,

Le sarei vivamente grato se Ella volesse interporre il Suo cortese ed autorevole interessamento presso il Brig. Low del Comando della zona militare, nei riguardi dell'alloggio di Piazza della Marina 1.

Avendolo potuto in questi giorni esaminare, ho riscontrato che esso non sarebbe eccessivo, ai miei bisogni, per la sua grandezza.

Tenendo conto che allo stato dei fatti la situazione potrebbe considerarsi, fra breve, mutata, mi permetto chiedere il Suo aiuto data l'urgente necessità di ottenere una sistemazione per la mia famiglia.

La ringrazio e Le porgo i miei cordialissimi saluti.

(M. Fano)

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Ellery STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner
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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy
Rome, Italy

May 27, 1946

Dear Admiral Stone:

This Embassy has received from Michelina Fiano, Via Jovara 99, Casagiove, a communication relative to the use of land now under control of the American Army. As this question falls under the jurisdiction of the Allied Commission, the letter, which has not been acknowledged, is being referred to you.

Very truly yours,

/s/ David Hoff. Key
Charge d'Affaires a.i.

6642 Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission,
Rome.

Enclosure:
Letter from Michelina Fiano

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Translation

TO : The American Embassy,
ROME.

FROM: Michelina FIANO,
Via Tuvara 79,
CASAGIOVE.

In Casagiove, a village near Caserta there is a piece of land (about 25 hundels) which was occupied by the Allied troops and is now free. This area which is suitable for the cultivation of wheat and Indian corn, would give food not only to the writer but also to many other people, but it is not permissible to sow it. This refusal was given by an American Major Member of the 34th Signal Service Group for unknown reasons. I bring this matter before your attention in order that you may request the superiors of the said Signal Group to be more humane towards the suffering Italian people.

Sgd. Michelina Fiano

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9 May 1946.

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R. Università degli Studi
Bologna

Il Rettore

May 25th - 1946
Bologna

Illustre Ammiraglio
ELLERY W. STONE
Capo della Commissione
Alleata
ROMA

A student delegation of Engineering Faculty is coming to give you a petition of Professors and Students of a.m. Faculty to obtain the dorequisition of Engineering building of this University.

To this letter is attached the file regarding all the matter.

The University of Bologna is hoping with your help, should be possible to obtain the restitution of the a.m. building to its scientific and cultural function that is indispensable for the life of University.

(Prof. Edoardo Volterra)

Edoardo Volterra

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Prof. Prosperetto
Aristide -

Meccanica Razionale

Prof.
Roma
Francesco
Via Panama 52
82757. Roma

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May 24th 1946

Mr. A.C. Maxwell's office
6 Via S.Martino della Battaglia - Rome - Tel. 44058 -

Dear Col. Stearns,

I am sorry to come and bother you again! The enclosed are self explanatory: the Villa at Cortina belonging to Mrs. Persichetti had already been derequisitioned for the very good reason that one of her children is very delicate and must spend a certain time during the year in the mountains. Now it appears that a lady belonging to the American Red Cross has occupied it and that the Villa was requisitioned again, but this time by the 88th Division which is stationed at Gorizia (Venezia Giulia-). Do you think anything can be done about it ? The Persichetti's have had part of their Villa in Rome requisitioned for many months by British A.C. officers who may still be there, although I am not sure. I should be greatly obliged if you could use your influence in this particular case.

I am no longer working for TWA but am secretary to former Lt; Col. A.C. Maxwell who has just opened an Import and Export Office. I like the work which is pleasant and interesting.

Have you news of Louis? and what has become of his lizards ?

Thank you so much for what I hope you will try to do to help my friends.

Yours sincerely

Elena Lante Scudder

A bit of news : my eldest daughter Elisabeth is getting married on June 9th;;!

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Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana

Roma, 22nd May 1946
102 VIA DEL PLEBISCITO

P.E. 8394/017/III/2

Dear Admiral,

with our best thanks we acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 15th, informing us that no plans have as yet been made to requisition the Montecatini or any other building in Milan.

We hope that, if some decision will be taken, it will be possible to avoid the requisition of the Montecatini's buildings, in accordance with the wishes we have expressed in our note of May 13th.

We remain, dear Admiral,

Yours very sincerely

A. Costa
President

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To

Rear Admiral ELLERY W. STONE -USNR
Chief Commissioner for Italy

ROME

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A. Costa
President

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To

Rear Admiral ELLERY W. STONE -USNR
Chief Commissioner for Italy

ROME

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref : 4755/857/130 17 May 1946.

SUBJECT: San Marco Cinema.

TO : H.Q., 86 Area.

I enclose a translation of a letter received by the Allied Commission requesting the temporary release of the San Marco Cinema for an international exhibition to be held in August.

Any assistance that you can give would be appreciated.

For the Chief Commissioner,

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

Autonomous Company
"La Biennale di Venezia"

Venezia, 10th May 1946.

To Executive Commissioner
of Allied Commission
Rome

The Autonous Company "La Biennale di Venezia" will begin its manifestations again this year, one of the most important will be certainly the international exhibition of the cinematographic art.

This exhibition took place, in previous years, at the "Cinema S. Marco", which is now occupied by the E.N.C.A.

Therefore we ask your Excellency to give disposition in order that the above cinema will be free by the end of August till the middle of September for our exhibition.

The following Nations will take part: England, US of American, USSR, France and some others.

If that Cinema cannot be made available for us we think it is impossible to find another one because there are no more cinemas in the city, able to take this big manifestation, therefore we confide in your comprehension and in your kind intervention in this matter.

0035 We thank you very much.

Yours very truly.

The EXTRAORDINARY COMMISSARY
of the "Biennale d'Arte"

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15 May 1946.

To ; Political Advisors (A) and (B).

In connection with the holdup on derequisitioning referred to in the attached papers arising in part from the need for finding accommodations for the families of Allied military personnel, I should be grateful if you would advise me whether you consider that the rights of requisitioning under the armistice terms for the Allied army of occupation can legally be construed to cover the families of Allied military personnel still remaining in Italy more than one year after the end of hostilities.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 U.S. ARMY
ITALIAN LIAISON SECTION

GDR/em
Rome, 11 May 1946.

Excellency,

I am sorry to inform you in reply to your request of the 2nd instant that, notwithstanding my renewed pressures, the Commanding General has asked me to let you know that for the time being it is not possible to proceed to the derequisition of the apartment in question as it must be kept as a reserve for further military utilization.

Besides, an inspection of the apartment has proved the impossibility of dividing it anyhow.

I am sorry that, notwithstanding my efforts, I could not obtain the desired result and remain

respectfully yours,

/s/ G. Della Rocca.

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H.E. Mario FANO
Undersecretary of the Post
and Telecommunications
Rome.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO Nº 794 US ARMY
ITALIAN LIAISON SECTION

GDR/am
Roma, 11 Maggio 1946

Eccellenza,

Sono dolente doverLa informare che il Generale Comandante, in merito alla Sua richiesta in data 2 c.m. e nonostante le mie rinnovate vive premure, mi ha incaricato di comunicarLe che per il momento non è possibile procedere alla derequisizione dell'appartamento in questione dovendo riservarlo per ulteriore utilizzazione militare.

Un sopraluogo opportunamente effettuato ha inoltre dimostrato l'impossibilità di divisione dell'appartamento stesso.

Dolente di non aver potuto, nonostante ogni mio sforzo, ottenere il risultato desiderato, la prego di gradire i sensi della mia particolare osservanza.

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G. Wollenborg

S.E. MARIO FANO
Sottosegretario per
le Poste e Telecomunicazioni
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SUBJECT. ACC,FOR DISPLACED PERSONS NW ITALY. ALCOM HAVE ASKED FOR RELEASE OF FOLLOWING BARRACKS. RIVOLI AT TURIN. NOVARA AND LEGNANO AT MILAN. HAVE STATED THAT NOVARA AND LEGNANO NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESENT BUT NO AFHQ REQUIREMENT FOR RIVOLI. SUBJECT TO DISTRICT AND AREA APPROVAL LATTER CAN BE RELEASED.

HEADQUARTERS
12 MAY 1946
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CIPHER TELEGRAM

This message must not be distributed outside British or United States Government Departments or Headquarters nor communicated even in Cipher without [illegible]. Messages marked G.T.P. must not be paraphrased.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref. : 4755/777/EC

9 May 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Your letter of 3 April 1946, together with all pertinent correspondence, was referred to Rome Area Allied Command, which has reviewed the request of the Geltrucco firm for the de-requisitioning of the premises located at Via del Tritone 23.

Rome Area Allied Command has replied that the premises are being fully utilised as the Rome Area Post Exchange for American officers and civilians and that there is no possibility of derequisitioning at the present time.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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TRANSLATION

Rome, 4 May 1946.

Dear Admiral,

It had been agreed with the Allies that some rooms of the building in Piazza Colonna where before were the premises of the Association of the Press would be vacated and assigned by the Presidency of the Council to the Electoral Committee of the National Democratic Union for one month.

It seems now that the Allies are making difficulties to leave the rooms as they had promised, hindering thus our Democratic Union in taking possession of them.

I should like to ask you (also in the name of my colleagues Orlando, Croce and Nitti) kindly to intervene so that at least for one month our Union may have premises in the centre of Rome.

I am addressing this prayer to you quite confidentially, in the certainty that you will appreciate (nd therefore facilitate) the work of our Union which wants to bring some moderation and balance into the future electoral fight.

With kindest regards,

sincerely yours,

IVANOE BONOMI

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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1: Reference with H. R.A.A.C.
(Rec'd from on 8th Nov.)

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CAMERA DEI DEPUTATI

Caro Amministratore,

Ti era concordato che gli Stati avrebbero spedito gli stati relativi nel tempo debito dell'Assemblea della Camera in Prima Colonna e che la Presidenza del Consiglio avrebbe assegnato per ogni Stato lire 6628 mille per le spese di Ufficio del Consiglio dei Ministri.

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CAMERA DEI DEPUTATI

una sede nel centro di
Roma.

E faremo, in modo che
tutta quest'azione, mentre
progredisca di corso che
che vostra eccellenza e
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della nostra Nazione che
venga fuori rinnovata
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Con i più cordiali saluti,

Vanno Bonomi

Roma, 4 maggio 45

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TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Rome, 2 May 1946.

Dear Brigadier,

I am sorry to ask for your intervention in a personal matter, but I am obliged to do so because of absolute necessity.

As you will know, I am the Undersecretary of the Post and Telecommunications and, since two years, co-operate with Allied authorities in the telecommunications branch.

As soon as I arrived in Rome, I was lucky enough to be able to requisition for me and my family (our previous homes in Turin having been destroyed) a furnished apartment which however we shall have to return to its legittimate owner who has now come back to the Capital.

Having been informed that the apartment belonging to H.E. De Vecchi, situated in Piazza della Marina 1 and previously requisitioned by the Command of the Military Zone of Rome, has been just in these days vacated, but not yet derequisitioned, I should be greatly obliged if at least part of this apartment could be made available for a subsequent assignment to my family.

As said apartment (which I have not seen, but I am told to be of more than 20 rooms) would be much too large for my modest needs, I repeat that less than half of the same would be sufficient for me (with some procedure in detail which could be set after an inspection).

Could you be so kind as to grant this request of mine? If so, thank you with all my heart and tank you also for your kind reply.

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Yours truly,

M. FANO

Brigadier LOW
Command of the Military Zone of Rome.

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Il Sottosegretario di Stato

DELLE POSTE E DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Roma, 2 maggio 1945

Egregio Brigadiere,

mi duole rivolgermi a Lei per un fatto personale, ma sono portato a farlo per questione di assoluta necessità.

Io sono, come Ella saprà, Sottosegretario di Stato alle Poste e Telecomunicazioni e, da oltre due anni, collaboro con le Autorità Alleate nell'ambito delle telecomunicazioni.

Appena giunto a Roma ho avuto la fortuna di poter requisire per me e per la mia famiglia (disastrati nel nostro domicilio che avevamo precedentemente a Torino) un alloggio ammobiliato che a giorni dovremo però restituire alla legittima proprietaria di ritorno alla Capitale.

Essendo venuto a conoscenza che l'alloggio di proprietà di S.E.De Vecchi, sito in Piazza della Marina 1 e già precedentemente requisito dal Comando della Zona Militare di Roma, è stato in questi giorni sgombrato, ma non ancora deraquisito, sarei per pregare la S.V. se almeno parte di questo potrebbe essere reso libero per l'assegnazione conseguente alla mia famiglia.

Dato che l'alloggio in parola (che non conosco, ma che mi si dice di oltre 20 vani) risulterebbe essere eccessivo per le mie modeste necessità, confermo essere sufficiente per me meno della metà dell'alloggio stesso (con modalità di dettaglio che si potrebbero stabilire con sopraluogo).

Potrebbe Ella essere così cortese di aderire al desiderio espressole? Se sì, grazie di cuore e grazie molte se vorrà favorirmi di un cortese cenno di riscontro.

Deferenti ossequi

(M.Fano)

Brigadiere LOW
Comando Zona Militare
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

MAY 6 1946

Ref. : 544/172/EC

2: May 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

On April 2nd, we wrote informing you that increasing numbers of Italian civilians were approaching United States Real Estate Offices with queries regarding the release of their properties, now held on requisition, and for the purpose of presenting claims for alleged damage and destruction caused by military occupation.

You were informed that henceforth all such inquiries should be presented to the Genio Militare and this information was published in the Italian newspapers.

You will note, however, that the arrangement applied only to properties requisitioned by United States Military Authorities.

It is now desired that the arrangement be extended to properties requisitioned by British Forces as well.

Will your Government, therefore, please inform the Genio Militare of its new responsibilities, and that henceforth all inquiries of the above nature should be presented to the Genio Militare, who in turn may take any necessary action through proper military channels, British or American.

Full publicity will be given this arrangement, by press release within a few days, in order that the public may be informed.

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Yours very truly,

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

to Bern

CONFIDENTIAL

MAY 1 RECD

Ref: 4753/37/30.

30. April 1946.

SUBJECT: Illegal Requisitioning.

TO : G-5 Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

1. My attention has been drawn to a letter addressed to the Joint Distribution Committee (copy to you, reference 4753/37/30 dated 16 April 1946 which was signed in my absence by one of my staff, and with which I do not entirely agree.

2. I have therefor ordered this letter to be withdrawn as the statement that the Joint Distribution Committee has no connection with the Allied Commission is not correct. The Joint Distribution Committee works closely with the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, which in turn comes under the aegis of Allied Commission and is in fact housed in the same building as Allied Commission.

3. I have interviewed the head of the Joint Distribution Committee, Mr. Brook, and have pointed out to him quite clearly that it is improper for members of his organization to requisition property. Mr. Brook quite understands this and has assured me that there will be no further trouble of this kind in the future.

4. Mr. Brook also stated that the only reason why the name of Allied Commission appeared on Joint Distribution Committee notepaper was to facilitate postal delivery as they were situated in the Allied Commission building.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to:

Allied Commission
Chief Liaison Officer,
RAF.

Diaper Sub-Commission, AC.

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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 4759/6/EC

19 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Cinema IV Fontane

TO : HQ
RAG

The enclosed letters from the directors of the Theatre IV Fontane are forwarded for any action that you may be able to take in this matter.

It seems a pity that a Theatre employing 200 people permanently should be requisitioned if another theatre at present showing Films only could be utilised instead.

Finally there is the question of contracts to artists that affects a Theatre but not a Cinema.

Any action that you can take in this matter would be appreciated.

A. W. Krisely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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APR 29 RECD

Ref: 4759/5/EO

29 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Requisition of Theatre IV Fontane.

TO : The Director,
Theatre Quattro Fontane.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your 2 letters dated 20 April 1946 regarding the requisition of your theatre.

I have forwarded these to Rome Area Allied Command and have asked them to take all possible action in this matter.

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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TRADUZIONE.

Vi comunico di aver ricevuto le Vostre due lettere datate 20 Aprile 1946, riguardanti la requisizione del vostro teatro.

0621 Ho trasmesso le predette lettere alla Rome Area Allied Command (R.A.A.C. - Comando Alleato dell'Area di Roma), ed ho contemporaneamente chiesto al medesimo Comando di tentare quanto e' possibile in proposito.

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APR 29 RECD

Ref. : 6531/180/EC

27 April 1946.

SUBJECT: German property in Rome.

TO : The American Embassy, Rome.
The British Embassy, Rome.

Villa Volkonsky.

The a/m villa is German property and as such is held in trust.

The Italian Government, through the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs has approached the Allied Commission for the use of the North part of this building for the Italian Red Cross H.Q., thereby allowing the "Provveditorato Studi" to return to its own quarters.

I strongly recommend this move and request your approval, please.

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Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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APR 27 RECD

Translation

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Gabinetto

Roma, 23 April 1946

No 65528/2.4.4

TO: Console Giorgio Barbarisi de Vettor,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

SUBJECT: Judicial Reformatory at Nisida.

The Ministry of Grace and Justice have indicated that in view of the unfortunate increase in juvenile crimes they have need of all their institutes in which to place the young delinquents, both those who are a danger or who are merely misled.

The Allied requisitioning of the Judicial Reformatory of Nisida has deprived for some time the Administration of one of its most important establishments for the confinement of minors. Part of the building was recently handed back but nevertheless the Institute cannot be reorganised because it has not got the necessary wings for the functioning of the principal services (dormitories, schools, kitchens, refectories and baths.)

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In consideration of the above, we beg you to approach the Public Safety Sub-Commission A.C. with a view to them considering the possibility of dere-quisitioning as soon as possible the other premises still occupied by the Allied Military.

Trusting to receive an early reply.

E.C. DIST - 27 Apr.
Action: E.C.
Info: C.C.
P.S. S/C

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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APR 27 RECD CC

Translation

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Gabinetto

No 67366/26284/18.5

Rome, 19 April 1946

TO: Console Giorgio Bombassei de Vetter,
Liaison Officer to the Allied Commission,
HOME.

SUBJECT: Avis Premises at Castellammare di Stabia.

We have been informed that between the 16 and 20 of the current month nearly all the workmen of the "AVIS" works of Castellammare di Stabia will be dismissed on the removal of the Allied offices in the near future, although the works will still be requisitioned.

In the meantime the directors of the yards are negotiating with the Ministry of Trans ort and A.M.A.A. to obtain orders for certain works which would enable them to re-employ nearly all the personnel as soon as the establishment is free.

As therefore the derequisitioning of the premises is much desired, we beg your good offices in approaching the Allied Commission in order to ascertain whether they consider this feasible.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

E.C. DIST - 26 Apr.
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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
(Gabinetto)

APR 27 REC'D

Rome, 19 April 1946

67533/19290/1/5.1

TO: Console Cam.dott.G. BOMBASSEI
Allied Commission
ROME.

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of scholastic establishments.

Reference our letter of the 20th March last No 63350/19290.1/5.1 in which your good offices were requested with the Allied Military Authorities for obtaining the derequisitioning of the offices of technical institutes and schools which were unable to function in other establishments for lack of technical and scientific installation and equipment, we beg you to request also the derequisitioning of the office of the Istitute Veneto for the work of Venice which is occupied by the military of the British 86 Area, stationed in that city. It is further pointed out that the Genio Civile have already studied the plan and are in possession of the necessary funds for the reconstruction of the building, which was almost completely destroyed by air bombing, but that this work cannot be begun until the building is derequisitioned.

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We beg you once more to intervene with the Allied Authorities for the handing over to the School as soon as possible, of buildings which are absolutely essential to it.

The Prefect

E.C. DIST - 26 Apr
Action : E.C.
Info : CC
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APR 27 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

AG 210.1/18

CHF/CR/fl
18 April 1946

SUBJECT: Via del Tritone # 23

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO # 794 US Army

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1. Receipt is acknowledged for your 4755/709 dated 15th April 1946.

2. The above mentioned premises are fully utilized as the Rome Area Post Exchange for American Officers and civilians and consequently there is no possibility of de-requisition.

3. It is regretted that presently nothing can be done for the Galtrucco firm, but Military necessity must still have priority in these matters.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER LOW:

C. B. MURPHY
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

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Col.Stearns

Conte Pavoncelli has just talked to me about his Villa at Naples and as you know I am in no position to help him.

It might he interesting to note that this morning I met Lt.Col. Andrews who is at our Naples'office and he tells me he is going to the U.S. so that should eliminate one excuse concerning the derequisition of the Villa. I also know that Capt.Gaziano will be out soon as he is waiting for his wife to leave for the States - That will leave only one American Officer,Capt.Taylor.
Col.Pennyquick has a nice Villa,so it is difficult to see why the American officer would need such a large Villa.
The Count is very much concerned as his villa was one of the first to be requisitioned and possibly the last to be derequisitioned.

Hoping that you good office can do something for him.

thanks

Maj.Vecchiolla.

Rome,15/IV.1946

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This case has been taken up and Conte Pavoncelli is now living in the villa while the final derequisitioning is taking place

P.H.T. 30/7

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PRO-MEMORIA DEL CONTE GAETANO PAVONCELLI

OGGETTO : Derequisizione appartamento a Villa Pavoncelli
Via Posillipo 26 , NAPOLI .

1. L'appartamento n°4. di Villa Pavoncelli è stata una delle prime requisizioni da parte del P.B.S. e rimonta all'Ottobre 1943. Tale appartamento con terrazze e giardini fu assegnato al Comando dell' A.C. di Napoli , ed attualmente tale Comando detiene tale appartamento.

2. Nella Villa Pavoncelli vi sono anche altri appartamenti ma tutti sono occupati dai rispettivi leggittimi Inquilini,i quali per legge non possono essere mandati via. Gli appartamenti derequisiti sono stati rioccupati dai primitivi rispettivi Inquilini,i quali ne hanno ottenuto la derequisizione.

3. Il proprietario dell'intera Villa - Conte Gaetano Pavoncelli - con moglie e cinque figli,non ha altra possibilità di alloggio, e per i suoi affari è costretto a risiedere a Napoli,sua abituale residenza. Durante questi anni si è adattato in campagna,ed attualmente non può più conytinuare ad usufruire di cortese ospitalità presso suoi amici,essendo obbligato a lasciare libero l'alloggio qui a Roma . Si tenga inoltre presente che in detto appartamento di Napoli si trovano tutti i suoi mobili e tutta la sua roba,che in parte è andata dispersa o rovinata.

4. In data 4 Febbr.1946 - alla partenza degli Ufficiali Americani che occupavano il suo appartamento , fu rilasciata lettera dal Major Carl J. Carrilio,che si allega in copia (Allegato n°1.) In base a detta lettera fu proposta innanzi alla speciale Commissione in data 11.Febbr.1946 , la derequisizione di detta proprietà,che fu accettata , ma al momento della firma del foglio di derequisizione il Colonnello J.A.C. Pennycuick volle tenere in sospeso la pratica.

5. Si ritenne che il Col.Pennycuick - che era stato a visitare varie volte Villa Pavoncelli, desiderasse occupare lui stesso detto appartamento,nonostante egli fosse solo ed avesse per suo conto spazioso appartamento di 6-8 camere in una Villa a Posillipo sul mare.

6. Nel marzo del 1946 - ne fu interessato da parte di S.E.il Gen. Infante,il Colonnello Stearns,il quale assicurò di aver scritto a Napoli chiedendo a nome dell'Ammiraglio Stone la derequisizione di detto appartamento.

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7. Il 9 marzo 1946 fu data comunicazione telefonica alla Contessa Maria Pavoncelli,da parte della Segreteria dell'Ammiraglio Stone,che l'appartamento sarebbe stato riconsegnato il giorno 11 marzo 1946. In tale giorno il Conte Pavoncelli fu chiamato dall'A.C. di Napoli,e gli fu richiesta la copia della lettera ri-

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lasciata dal Major Carl J.Carrilio - ed il Colonnello Pennycuick con modi alquanto bruschi gli fece intendere che egli pur non avendo difficoltà di restituire l'appartamento,qualora l'Ammir. Stone lo desiderasse , intendeva presentare a Roma rapporto per far punire il Major Carl J.Carrilio , che aveva rilasciata detta lettera di cui copia allegata. Aggiunse che questa era l'unica ragione della sua opposizione.

8. Invece in risposta alla lettera ed all'interessamento del Col. Stearns,fu risposto dopo molto tempo da Napoli con un rapporto molto particolareggiato in cui vari erano le ragioni speciali che impedivano la requisizione dell'appartamento di Villa Pavoncelli.

9. Il Major Frank L. Vecchiolla (Legal Division A.F. Rome) che a suo tempo ha occupato detto appartamento durante la sua lunga permanenza a Napoli ; essendo al corrente di come stavano le cose ed essendo personalmente convinto delle buone ragioni del Conte Pavoncelli,parlò personalmente con il Col.Stearns, e successivamente in data 15 Apr. 1946 gli indirizzò la lettera di cui si allega copia (Allegato n°2.)

10. Si tenga presente che dal marzo 1946 in detto appartamento molto ampio,in cui a suo tempo erano alloggiati Otto Ufficiali Superiori Americani, vi è solamente il Capt.Rosario A. Gaziano - dell'Ufficio Legale Americano,e tutte le altre camere sono libere e disabitate.
Il Capt.Gaziano,che si è incontrato con il Conte Pavoncelli, - in data 9 e 18 apr.1946 - ha avuto occasione di dichiarare che egli non ha nessuna difficoltà affinchè il proprietario occupi le camere libere dell'appartamento,visto che anche il Capt.Taylor è rimpatriato in America per ragioni di salute - ma desidera esserne autorizzato.
Il sottoscritto Conte Pavoncelli avendo urgenza di sistemare dopo 30 mesi circa di attesa la sua famiglia e di rientrare in possesso del suo alloggio e di quanto trovasi in detto appartamento fa istanza che gli venga restituita la sua unica abitazione,con la precisa intesa che egli è disposto di ospitare il Capt.Gaziano fin quando dovrà restare a Napoli per ragioni del suo ufficio.

Roma,20 Maggio 1946=

N. Gaetano Pavoncelli

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIASON OFFICE
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

R/7398

4 FEBRUARY 1946

SUBJECT : Derequisition Villa Pavoncelli,Via Posillipo 26, Naples.

TO : Headquarters P.B.S.
Real Estate Section

1. Major Carl J.Carrilio is about to leave the subject Villa.

2. He requests that it be derequisitioned in favour of the owner Count Pavoncelli;with the exception of two rooms which are being used at present for the remaining two officers.

For the Chief Liason Officer :

Carl J. Carrilio
Major ,F.A.
Liason Officer.

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Roma, 27 Maggio 1946.

NOTE AGGIUNTE AL PRO-MEMORIA DEL CONTE
GAETANO PAVONCELLI

OGGETTO : Derequisizione appartamento a Villa Pavoncelli
via Posillipo 26 = NAPOLI . =

A maggior chiarimento del Pro-Memoria del 20.Maggio 1946 si precisa :

1. Il Conte Gaetano Pavoncelli è proprietario unicamente della Villa Pavoncelli in Napoli,in via Posillipo 26-30-32 .
2. Detta Villa è composta di 15 appartamenti,nonchè terrazze e giardini,ed alcune camere ed ambienti destinate ad abitazione del Custode,ed a depositi materiali.
3. Detti appartamenti sono legalmente occupati dai sottonotati rispettivi Inquilini e quindi impossibile qualsiasi rescissione di contratto di locazione nei loro riguardi :

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App.Pianterreno II. id. dai Marchesi Croce.
App. I°Piano n° III. id. dai Duchi Coscia di Paduli.
App. II°Piano " IV. appartamento del Conte Pavoncelli attualmente requisito dal P.B.S.
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Appartamentino n° X. occupato da donna Fernanda Capece Minutolo di Miranda.
Appartamentini XI/XIV. occupato dai Duchi del Balzo di Capriglia=no.
Appartamento n° XV. occupato dai Marchesi Filiasi .
Appartamento " XVI. occupato dai Sigg.Avv.Ferrari e famiglia.
Appartamento " XVIII. occupato dai Sigg.Avv.Correra e famiglia i quali sono rientrati dopo la derequisione come per Legge.
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4. Si fa presente che il Conte Pavoncelli,con famiglia composta da moglie e cinque figli,più quattro persone a carico,in complesso UNDICI persone,non possiede nè a Napoli - sua abituale residenza e dove è regolarmente iscritto con tutta la sua famiglia nella Anagrafe di detta Città - nè in nessun altro Comune di Italia altra casa di abitazione. =

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Gaetano Pavoncelli

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Ref. : 4755/710/EC

15 April 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning.

TO : HQ 2 District, CMF.

1. This Headquarters has received numerous requests for derequisitioning of villas, hotels and quarters in the Tours of Rimini and Riccione.

2. As this is a matter pertaining to your Command, all correspondence is forwarded to you for whatever action you deem necessary to take.

3. Originators of letters have been informed that correspondence has been forwarded to you and that further communication should be directed to your Headquarters.

S Riggs Capt.

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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APR 18 REC'D

to Town

Ref: 4755/709/EC

15 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Caltrucco Building, Via Tritone 23. (Officer's P.X.)

TO : Real Estate Section, R.A.A.C.

1. This headquarters has received pleas from the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and from the Prime Minister himself reference the derequisitioning of subject building.

2. Enclosed please find copies of pertinent correspondence referred in 1 above.

3. As this is matter perbaining to your command all is referred to you for whatever action you deem necessary.

4. It is requested this headquarters be informed as to action taken in order that a proper reply may be made to the Prime Minister's letter of 3 April 1946.

(Sgd) S. Raggio, Capt.,
for Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Translation

Rome, 3 April 1946

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Dear Admiral,

The firm GALTRUCCO, which is one of the most important commercial houses in Italy for textiles, has sent me the letter which I enclose (together with a memorandum) requesting me to intercede with the Allied Authorities for the restitution of the shop in Via del Tritone 23, at present occupied by the organization P.X. for the sale of various articles to Allied military personnel.

I do not know what are the present exigencies of the Allied troops in regard to this and naturally I am not competent to give an opinion on the subject.

As however the question concerns a firm which has been particularly hit by the war in regard to its most important shops, and as on the other hand the putting on its feet of a commercial concern of this category is greatly in the interests of national economy, I take the liberty of drawing your kindly attention to the whishes of the firm in question, with the object of seeing if it is possible to accede to their request.

(signature)

Admiral W. ELLERY STONE,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Rome, 3 April 1946

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Dear Admiral,

The Firm GALTRUCCO, one of the most important in the commerce of textiles in Italy, has sent me the enclosed letter (togehther with the Memorandum) begging me to intercede with the Allied Authorites, in favour of the restitution of the shop situated at No. 23, Via del Tritone, which is still occupied by the organization P.X. for the sale of Allied Military articles.

I am most aware of the actual necessitires of the Allied troops in this regard, neither should I seek to value it, but as this firm has been particularly damaged by the war, and as the re-establishing of such a commercial concern is of national economical importance, allow me to bring this to your kind attention and beg you to do all that is possible to further the request

/s/ De Gasperi

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To : Admiral ELLERY STONE
Chief Commissioner, A.C.
ROME.

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SOCIETA' ANONIMA LORENZO CALTRUCCO

Rome, 30/3/46

PETITION REGARDING THE COMMERCIAL POSITION OF THE S.A.
LORENZO CALTRUCCO

The S.A. Lorenzo Caltrucco is an important commercial firm for the sale of textiles. Before the war it possessed seven shops in the chief towns of Italy: in Rome, Via del Tritone 23, with more than sixty employees; in Milan, in Turin, in Genoa, in Novara, in Trieste, with an average of 50 employees for every shop.

As a result of the war the extensive business of the firm suffered a sudden set back owing to the rationing of materials with which they complied, declining to accept any advantages from the black market. The Allied air raids dealt a serious blow to their business because the important shop in Milan (Piazza Duomo Portici Meridionali), considered one of the most palatial shops in Italy, was completely destroyed during the bombardment of 16/8/43. The immense shop in Turin (Via Roma) suffered the same fate being destroyed as the result of bomb explosions. In Genoa where owing to the political situation trade had come to an almost complete standstill during the German occupation, the large shop in Via IX Settembre was requisitioned by the German S.S. who transformed it into a garage, thus causing the closing down of this shop also. Trieste owing to its political-geografical position remained for a long time cut off from the mother shop in Milan which for a considerable period was unable to supply its branch with goods.

The Rome branch was occupied by the Allied troops the day after the liberation of the city, and a PX shop installed there for the sale of articles for the Allies. The type of merchandise sold there and the possibility of keeping a large selection in the shop, would permit the American Committee to transfer this trade to other buildings without prejudice to future derequisition. All the more as the American Committee have large offices at their disposal in Piazza dell'Esedra, where they have in fact opened up another smaller shop which could easily absorb the trade of the one in Via del Tritone.

The restitution to S.A. Lorenzo Caltrucco of their requisitioned building will not only relieve the serious losses they suffered as a result of the war (they only ask to be permitted to renew their business) but will also permit them to employ 50 employees and assist the activity of numerous collaborators in Rome whose work depends on that carried out by the Roman house of Caltrucco. Lastly the sale of textile goods in a quantity corresponding to the capacity of the shop and the production of the firm, will stimulate to a considerable degree the employment of workers in the manufactories and trading firms of raw materials.

It may be thus considered that the derequisitioning of the building of S.A. Lorenzo Caltrucco will play its part in helping to solve the national economic problem of unemployment and reconstruction.

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SOCIETA' ANONIMA
LORENZO GALTRUCCO
Tessuti Novita'

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Roma, 30/3/1946.

A.S.E. Il Dott. ALCIDE DE GASPERI
Presidente del Consiglio
R O M A

La Societa' Anon. Lorenzo Galtrucco dal giorno della liberazione e' stata privata dei locali di Via del Tritone N0.23 ove esercitava un grande negozio per la vendita di tessuti; i lussuosi locali sono stati requisiti dalla A.M.G. e adibiti a negozio per vendita di merci di consumo a militari alleati. Dopo circa due anni di requisizione, mentre ole necessita' di rifornimento dei militari americani in transito sono evidentemente attenuate in considerazione del minor numero di truppa di passaggio, le necessita' dell'Azienda di rientrare i propri locali sono invece sempre piu' urgenti.

La sottoscritta si permette di chiedere l'autorevole interessamento di V.E. affinche' possano essere derequisiti i locali e possa essere consentito di riprendere il proprio esercizio.

Si permette di allegare un breve memoriale informativo sulla organizzazione commerciale dell'Azienda e sulla sua capacita' di assorbimento di personale.

Confidando in un benevole interessamento da parte di V.E. con alta considerazione si rassegna

/s/ LORENZO GALTRUCCO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4755/712/EC

14 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Hotels and Villas, County of Riccione.

TO : Dr. Gianni Quondamatteo, Major of Riccione.

1. Please be advised that your letter of 21 February 1946 (243) has been fowarded to HQ. 2 District, Milan for appropriate action.

2. Any further communication should be directed to that headquarters.

/s/ S. RICCIO
Captain,
for Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

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ROME AREA MTOUSA
APO 794, US Army
Office of the Commanding Officer

11 April 1946

Lt. Col. L. W. Stearns,
Office of the Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 394, US Army.

My dear Colonel Stearns:

In response to your letter of April the 4th, inclosing the copy of a letter written by Premier De Gasperi to Admiral Stone regarding the derequisitioning of the Mussolini barracks and the C.R.E.M. barracks, there is no possibility of the derequisitioning of these barracks in the near future. Just to keep the record straight, it was never promised that the C.R.E.M. barracks would be derequisitioned to the Italian authorities. Both barracks are essential to our military establishment for some time to come.

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Sincerely,

Chas L Dasher Jr

CHAS. L. DASHER, JR.
Colonel, Field Artillery
Commanding

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APR 11 RECD

Ref: 4755/EC.

9. April 1946.

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Motor Vessel.

TO : Director (O & T),
C.M.S., C.M.F.

1. I have been approached by Prince Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon on behalf of a group of industrial companies in Italy with a request for the derequisitioning of a motor vessel "GENOA I", No.057, which is at present held by 798 Water Company, RASC, and is believed to be plying on military business between Bari and Venice.

2. The vessel is required by part of the company of the Called Cementi di Segni, a large cement plant situated at Villa Valsanta in Calabria. The output of cement from this factory has to be reduced by half (from 5000 tons to 2500 tons per month) owing to lack of means of transportation. The return of the motor vessel to the factory would enable coal to be brought to the factory and cement to be distributed to consumers. The industrial group known as Sorietà Fermili del Vino has played a great part in the work of reconstruction and an increase in the output of cement is of the greatest benefit to the rehabilitation of industry and the rebuilding of towns and villages.

3. I would therefore urge that sympathetic consideration be given to the immediate derequisitioning of this vessel in order that it may play its part in resuscitating the economic life of this country.

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M. S. Lucas
Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: C-S AFHQ.
Chief Commissioner
Prince Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon,
Corso Umberto I, 267. ROMA.

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APR 8 RECD
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Ref: 305/160/80

5. April 1946

Dear General Dasher,

Admiral Stone has asked me to reply to your letter of 21 March, about a portion of this Headquarters Building being turned over to the Italian Ministry of Industry.

This was, I regret to say, done with my authority as the space was available and at that time this Commission was in especially close contact with the Ministry in question, and on the face of it, the arrangement made eminently advisable.

I realise, however, that the property is an Allied requisition and that your Real Estate Office should have been consulted first and for this oversight, I hasten to apologise.

The present arrangement is most convenient to the Commission and I would much appreciate it, if the matter could now be legalised, and the Italian Ministry allowed to remain.

I have made inquiries about your request to my HQ Commandant and find that a reply was sent to your Real Estate Offices on 8 March and that a further and more comprehensive report is being at present prepared and will be forwarded to you in a few days.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Brigadier General CRAIG L. DASHER, Jr., US Army,
Commanding General, M.A.A.C.,
APO 794.

Copy to: HQ Comdt.

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5 April 1946

TO: Acting Chief Commissioner

On the eve of his departure for Washington the Admiral received the attached letter from Gronchi and asks that you take up this problem with the appropriate British command with a view to derequisitioning the property. Preliminary acknowledgment has been sent out.

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

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5 April 1946

Dear Prof. Gronchi:

The Chief Commissioner on the eve of his departure for Washington received your letter of 2 April concerning the derequisitioning of Villa Smeraldina and directed that the Acting Chief Commissioner -- Brigadier Lush -- take up the problem with the appropriate British Command. You will be informed as soon as any word is received.

Very truly yours,

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

Prof. Giovanni Gronchi
The Ministry for Industry and Commerce
Italian Government
Rome

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4 April 1946

Dear General:

Immediately prior to his departure for Washington the Chief Commissioner received the attached letter from the Prime Minister, which he would like to bring to your personal attention.

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Yours very truly,

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

Brigadier General Chas. L. Dasher, Jr.
Commanding General
Rome Area Allied Command
APO 794

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4 April 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister: 266a

Your letter of 27 March 46 concerning derequisitioning (in particular, the ex 'Mussolini' Barracks) was received by the Chief Commissioner this morning prior to his departure for Washington.

He directed that the matter be brought to the personal attention of General Dasher (Rome Area Allied Command), and, accordingly, your letter is being forwarded to him with an appropriate recommendation.

Yours very truly,

/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIO
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 384/1103/20

2 April 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Increasing numbers of Italian civilians are approaching the United States Real Estate Offices with queries regarding the release of their properties, now held on requisition, and for the purpose of presenting claims for alleged damage and destruction caused by military occupation.

In order to alleviate this situation, I have been instructed by Allied Force Headquarters to inform your government that henceforth all inquiries of the above nature should be presented to the Comando Militare for necessary action, and that property owners have no recourse to the United States Army.

The Comando Militare was contacted by this headquarters and they have no objection to the above arrangement. They should however be prepared to handle this situation when it arises.

I propose to release to the press within the next few days a statement as indicated above.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

867 His Excellency Alcide De Gasperi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref. : NLG/Req 481/140

29 March 1945

SUBJECT : 26, Via Posillipo Apt. 5 - Derequisitioning.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. With reference to letter on above apartment signed by Col. Stearns and to recent Conversation Col. Stearns-Col. Andrews, and telephone message to a member of this office, the following are the facts.

2. The apartment at 26 Posillipo belonging to Count Pavoncelli is one of a number of apartments in the same building. This building is a ramshackle edifice by the sea and the apartment in question is elaborately fitted up but gives the impression of being somewhat unhealthy. Col. Pennycuick has, therefore, no personal interest in it.

3. It is, however, the only billet in the whole of Naples which we still hold for American officers and it is occupied by Capt. Gaziano and Capt. Taylor of this office, (though the latter is now in hospital in Naples) and occasional officers in transit.

I am at present in the Parco Hotel and Capt. Ramsey of this office in the Excelsior, but we have been directed by P.B.S. to move American Officers out of the Excelsior, so Ramsey also will require accomodation within about one week.

4. If the Allied Commission surrender the lodging it does not follow that it will be derequisitioned in favor of the owner. So far, practically all furnished accomodation of this type that has been released, has been at once taken over by either the British Command for married families ot the American Command for dependents.

5. In the requisitioned apartment there are three bedrooms, two of which are now occupied, one by Capt. Thomas Taylor and the second by Capt. Rosario A. Gaziano. The third bedroom was occupied by Major Carl Carrillo and later by officers trying Allied Military Government cases. Rough sketch of the apartment is attached.

6. Apartment 4, 3rd Floor, Villa Pavoncelli, is the only apartment requisitioned for and used by American Allied Commission Officers. Apt. 4, 3rd floor, was leased by Count Pavoncelli to Signora ROMANA AVEZZANO, Posillipo. The premises were requisitioned during her tenancy. These premises have been used as place of domicile by U.S. and British officers since the date of requisition.

7. Owners who have a special case for accommodation to be handed

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7. Owners who have a special case for accommodation to be handed back to them receive consideration from the Accommodation Committee who re-allot released apartments. Col. Pennycuick has seen Count Pavoncelli; the apartment in question was requisitioned because it was empty. He, quite understandably, wants to get it back but agreed that he had not found it necessary to live in this particular apartment with his family when Naples was being bombarded. I am given to understand he has alternative accommodation and presumably will make no personal use of this apartment now even should it be derequisitioned. The Questore has nothing against him and merely reports that he is very rich but there are no apparent reasons for special consideration to be given by the Committee for the derequisition of this lodging.

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8. I feel I must also draw attention to a letter written by Major Carrilio (copy attached) requesting the derequisition of this apartment because he (Carrilio) had no further interest in it. This letter was written without Col. Pennyquick's knowledge and without reference to him. Major Carrilio, however, took the unusual course of handing a copy to Count Pavoncelli and this action has caused embarrassment.

9. If it is the Chief Commissioner's personal wish that the Allied Commission American Officers should get out of this apartment, I will at once instruct them accordingly. The actual decision as to derequisitioning, however, rests as you know, with the Accommodation Committee.

For the Chief Liaison Officer:

Paul Shipman Andrews

PAUL SHIPMAN ANDREWS
Lt.Col., A.U.S.,
Deputy Chief Liaison Officer.

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TRANSLATION OF PRO-MEMORIA by Count Gaetano Pavoncelli.-

SUBJECT : Derequisition of flat located at Villa Pavoncelli, Posil=
lipo 26 - NAPLES -

1) Apartment N.4 in Villa Pavoncelli, Posillipo 26, was requisitioned in OCTOBER 1943 - The owner, with his wife and five sons, does not possess any other house, and cannot continue to profit of a friend's hospitality here in ROME .- Furthermore, his business necessitates his living in NAPLES. In a.m. apartment are contained all his belongings, furniture etc.

2) All the other flats of the Villa are occupied by regular tenants which cannot be sent out according to the existing law.(They have also been requisitioned and , in due course of time, handed back to the legitimate tenants.)

3) Following a letter (copy attached) by Major Carrilio, derequisition was requested to the Special Commission concerned, and on the 11 February 1946, the request was accepted, but Colonel J.A.C. Pennycuick who should have signed it, preferred to leave the question in Suspense.-

4) There are good reasons to think that Colonel Pennycuick, who visited several times the a.m. Villa, wished to occupy it himself, even though he has a flat of 6-8 rooms in another Villa in Posillipo.

5) We take the liberty of pointing out that in a.m. flat were housed 8 American Officers, and actually there are only 2 which are due to leave very shortly.

6) We also point out that the flat being large, seems to be wasted for one Officer, whilst it could house a family of 7 people, which are now in great difficulty since 30 months.

SGD. Gaetano PAVONCELLI

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ROME, the 28th March 1946.

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PRO=MEMORIA

1. L'appartamento n°4. di Villa Pavoncelli a Posillipo 26 = fu requisito sin dall'Ottobre 1943 - ed il proprietario Conte Gaetano Pavoncelli,con moglie e cinque figli non h a altra possibilità di alloggio,nè può continuare ad usufrui= re di cortese ospitalità presso suoi amici qui a Roma. In detto appartamento oltre a tutti i mobili vi è tutto quanto si trovava in detta unica abitazione.

2. La Villa Pavoncelli è composta anche da altri appartamenti, e tutti sono occupati dai rispettivi leggittimi inquilini i quali per legge non possono essere mandati via,e le rela= zioni di amicizia con il proprietario non consetirelle in ogni caso di mettere sulla strada alcuni di loro per pren= dersi l'alloggio. Alcuni appartamenti derquisiti sono sta= ti riuccupati dai primitivi inquilini.

3. In seguito alla lettera del Maggiore Carrilio,ne fu propo= sta innanzi alla speciale Commissione la derequisizione,ed in data 11 Febbr.1946 questa fu accettata,ma al momento del_ la firma del relativo foglio di derequisizione il Colonnel= lo J.A.C. PENNYCUICK volle tenere in sospeso la pratica.

4. Si ha ragione di ritenere che il Col.Pennycuick,che è st a= to varie volte a visitare Villa Pavoncelli,desiderava occu= pare lui stesso deco alloggio non appena liberato,nonostan= te egli sia solo ed abbia possibilità di alloggio presso l'Albergo EXCELSIOR,e che abbia a sua disposizione altro spazioso alloggio di 6/8 camere in una villa Di Posillipo altp.

5/. Si telga presente che in detto appartamento vi erano allog= giati otto ufficiali americani,e che attualmente a Villa Pavoncelli sono rimasti solo due capitani americani,i quali sono in prossima partenza,e potrebbero alloggiare in Alber= go,senza occupare appartamento tanto vasto.

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Gaetano Pavoncelli

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIASON OFFICE
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

R/7398 4 February 1946

SUBJECT : Derequisition Villa Pavoncelli,Via Posillipo 26,Naples.

TO : Headquarters P.B.S.
Real Estate Section

1. Major Carl J.Carrilio is about to leave the subject Villa.

2. He requests that it be derequisitioned in favour of the owner Count Pavoncelli, with the exception of two rooms which are being used at present for the remaining two officers.

For the Chief Liason Officer :

Carl J.Carrilio
Major,F.A.
Liason Officer.

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Col Stears :-

Conte Paroncelli has just talked to me about his villa at Naples and as you know I am in no position to talk him. It might be interesting to note that this morning I met Lt. Col Andrus who is at our Naples Offic and he tells me he is going to the U.S. so that should eliminate our excuse concerning the dequisition of the Villa. I also know

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at Naples and as you know I am in no position to help him.

It might be interesting to note that this morning I met Lt. Col Andrews who is at our Naples office and he tells me he is going to the U.S. so that should eliminate one excuse concerning the derequisition of the Villa. I also know that Capt Goyiano will be out soon as he is waiting for his wife to leave for the States. That will leave only one American officer, Capt Taylor. Col Rumsfrick

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has a nice villa. so it is
difficult to see why the American
prisoned need such a large
villa.

The Count is very much concerned
as his villa was one of the first to be
requisitioned and possibly the last
to be derequisitioned.

Hoping that your good office
can do something for him.

Thanks

Maj. Caruilla

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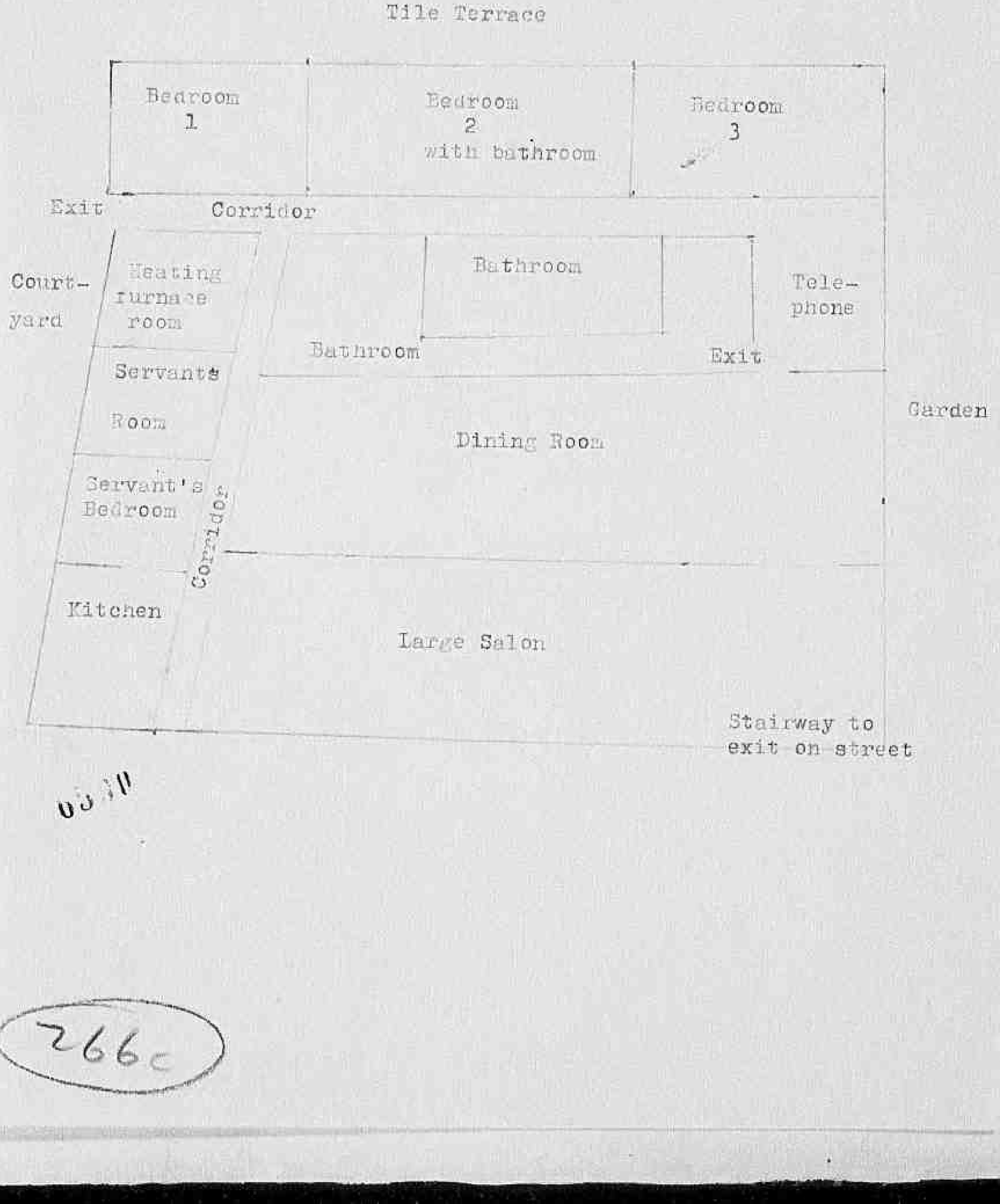
General Sketch of Apartment
26 Via Posillipo, Naples



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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

63757/58357/7.2

Rome, 27 March, 1946.

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Dear Admiral,

Thank you for your information of 9 March, 1946, ~~[illegible]~~, regarding the derequisitioning of certain buildings. I beg you to bear in mind the requests already made for the release of the ex 'Mussolini' barracks, and the C.R.E.M. barracks. Regarding the latter, I already pointed out to you that this question was raised several months ago, and its derequisition has been promised us.

It would be very useful if the barracks in Viale Romania could be placed at the disposal of the Italian Administration. They would be used by the Territorial Corps in Rome, and Palazzo Braschi which they are now occupying, would be turned over to the General Headquarters of the Royal Carabinieri.

In view of the approaching political elections, it is advisable to give all military organizations the minimum number of premises sufficient to enable them to meet the exigencies of public order.

With best regards,

Yours truly,

(s) De Gasperi.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Roma, 27 marzo 1946

Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri
63757/58357/F.2.

Caro Ammiraglio,

nel ringraziarLa della gradita comunicazione del 9 corrente, ES/5.06, riguardante la derequisizione di alcuni immobili, La prego di aver presenti le premure già rivoltele per il rilascio delle Caserme "ex Mussolini" e "C.R.E.M."- Quest'ultima - com'ebbi ad accennarLe in altra mia - è stata già promessa da qualche mese.

Di grande utilità sarebbe inoltre per l'Amministrazione italiana il poter disporre anche della Caserma sita al "Viale Romania" che dovrebbe essere destinata al Comando del Corpo d'Armata Territoriale di Roma, in sostituzione di Palazzo Braschi che andrebbe al Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri.

Con l'approssimarsi delle elezioni politiche è molto opportuno dare a tutti gli organi militarmente organizzati il numero minimo di locali sufficienti per potere meglio fronteggiare le varie e complesse esigenze dell'ordine pubblico.

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Coi più cordiali saluti

All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo della
Commissione Alleata = ROMA =

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TRANSLATION

THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR
No. 7546

Rome, March 26, 1945.

Dear Admiral,

The new Prefect of Naples, Dott. Ventura, has shown me the necessity of having, in the shortest possible time, accomodation for himself and his family. The Local Government Sub/Com. (sic. Sottocommissione Alleata per il Governo Alleato) have been requested to derequisition Villa Lauro of Posillipo.

The Prefect has now informed us that pending the corequisitioning of Villa Lauro, Villa Rice, in Via Orazio, which is now empty, could be immediately secured.

I shall be very grateful if you would kindly ask the competent authorities in Naples to derequisition Villa Rice, in order to assign it as private residence to the Prefect.

I would be glad to receive a reply on this matter.

With my best greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(s) Bonomi.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Chief Commissioner's Copy.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIC
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 5003/233/133

19 March 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I refer to your letter of 31 January 1946 concerning de-requisitioning in general in the Naples Area.

Having been recently fully informed on the present situation in Naples, I have this date written to AFHQ recommending that the derequisitioning in Naples be looked into further.

I can assure you that the greatest possible consideration is being given this matter, and that as soon as military necessities permit, you may expect a great improvement to existing conditions.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

14 March 1946

Ref: 5003/232/80

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning in Naples.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

1. I have received a letter from Dr. Alcide De Gasperi, President of the Council of Ministers, Italian Government, requesting that the derequisitioning of property in the Naples area be reviewed. This request was made for the purpose of speeding Italy's return to native commercial and industrial life and of absorbing part of the unemployed manpower in that city.

2. Dr. De Gasperi brought to my attention, the following requests, listed below in their relative order of importance:

a. The derequisition of

1. Transport concerns (such as the tramway repair shop at Croce del Lagno).

2. Industrial concerns (such as the Breda plants, and the C.I.R.A. VISCOSA plants).

3. Preserves Industry.

b. That the removal of stocks and machinery from plants being derequisitioned be stopped, so that the plants may be turned over to the lawful owners in working condition. The Italian Government has been informed that some units upon leaving these plants have received orders to remove said stocks and machinery. They fear that this is going to happen to the Riccardi glass manufacturers property and other industrial concerns as well.

c. A re-examination of the three thousand (3000) flats, which are still at the disposition of the Armed Forces and Allied Organizations, with a view toward releasing those which are no longer strictly necessary.

d. The derequisition of certain public buildings. The

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facilities of the Ufficio del Genio Civile have been cited as an example.

3. I have been informed that the US and the Royal Navy are reducing commitments as rapidly as possible, but that when buildings are released by these units a very high proportion of them are requisitioned by other units and therefore the total useful property derequisitioned is small. An example which was brought to my attention are the hospital buildings which were derequisitioned by the American 17th General Hospital and in spite of the shortage of hospital accomodation were requisitioned by British units brought into the area.

4. It is recommended that the greatest possible consideration be given to these derequisition requests in the Naples area, particularly where they are made in view to providing employment.

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

Copy to: Economic Section (2).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 4756/43/30

14 March 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to your letter 5/214 of 19 February 1946, I have to inform you that the occupation of Via Carducci 6, by the "Comitato Regionale di Liberazione Nazionale del Litorale Sloveno e Trieste" has been under the consideration of my senior Civil Affairs officer in Venezia Giulia for some considerable time.

It has been decided that Allied Military Government will not interfere or prevent any legal action which the Commissario of the Previdenza Sociale Institute may take in the tribunal for the recovery of this property. I understand that the complaint has already been prepared and will be served in a few days.

Yours very truly,

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

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Dott. Alcide De Gasperi
President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

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12 March 1946

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

In reply to your letter of 16 February concerning the returning of the office space of the Provveditore in Genova now occupied by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

This matter was discussed with the Rome office of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and we were informed that they would request further information from their Genova office and that we will be advised of their findings.

Sincerely,

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

The Hon. Alexander Kirk
American Embassy
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
Rome

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12 March 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Villa Pavoncelli, Via Posillipo 26, Naples

TO : Chief Liaison Officer, Naples

1. Confirming telephone conversation Ramsey-Stearns, on the recommendation of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Realm, General Adolfo Infante has asked for the Chief Commissioner's assistance in derequisitioning of Count Gaetano Pavoncelli's property -- Villa Pavoncelli, Via Posillipo 26, Naples.

2. The facts, as confirmed by your office, indicate that at the present time there are only two American officers living on the property, both of whom, it is understood, expect to be leaving in the very near future.

3. This property has been under requisition since October 1943, displacing Count Pavoncelli, his wife, and five children. In line with the Supreme Allied Commander's expressed policy, the Chief Commissioner believes that the request for derequisitioning is reasonable. Count Pavoncelli has informed this office that he would be glad to have the two American officers remain so long as he and his family can regain possession of the villa.

4. May the Chief Commissioner please be informed when this property will be derequisitioned?

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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9 March 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Further to my letter of 18 January and your letter number A. 9318 of 10 January, I have received the following information from General Dasher in regards to the release of those properties in which you are interested:

(1) Cecchignola Barracks -- a block of 20 buildings has been released to the Italian Army;

(2) Via Lucullo No. 6 -- the second floor of this building is about to be vacated by the Royal Navy and will be returned to the Italian Government;

(3) Guardie di P.S. Barracks -- have been vacated and returned to the Italian Government;

(4) Palazzina dell'Acustica -- has been vacated and returned to the Italian Government;

(5) Piazza Augusto Imperatore 22 -- will be vacated on 9th instant and be available for the Hemp Concern.

I am further informed by General Dasher that other properties will be released as rapidly as consolidations are effected.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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9 March 1946

Dear General Dasher:

Thank you for your letter of 7 March informing me of the progress that has been made in the release of certain of those properties mentioned in the Prime Minister's letter number A. 9318 of 10 January. I am bringing your letter to his personal attention.

Your interest in meeting this problem is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Chas. L. Dasher, Jr., US Army
Commanding General
Rome Area Allied Command
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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LOM/GLO/19 7 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Requisitions

TO : The Office of the Chief Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission - APO 394

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1. In reply to your memorandum dated 2nd March 1946 enclosing a letter addressed to the Chief Commissioner by a Brescia lawyer concerning requisitions of hotels, pensions, etc. at Gardone Riviera, Lake Garda.

2. A preliminary enquiry made at H.Q. No. 2 District elicits the fact that the removal of 2 Battns. from barracks in Verona was effected at much inconvenience and under considerable pressure from M.M.L.A.

3. With no other alternative one Battn. had to be accomodated, reluctantly, in the Gardone Riviera District and is likely to remain on present estimate, until about 15 April, 1946.

4. H.Q. 2 District and 59 Area both of which are located in Milan are fully familiar with SAC's directive on requisitions and are constantly reviewing them in conjunction with this H.Q. in order to derequisition whenever possible.

5. To understand the position it is necessary to point out that Lombardy, and Milan City and Province in particular, is the assembly and transit centre for U.S. Army Leave Tours and for release and ETAF of British Forces throughout [illegible]. The latter alone averages 1500 per day, in addition to which accomodation has to be provided for the wives of Army personnel who are arriving in this district in increasing numbers.

6. As an offset to the foregoing, the Brescia lawyer's letter is a model of overstatement.

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COL. A. W. HANCOCK, O.B.E.
Chief Liaison Officer

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

7 March 1946

My dear Admiral Stone:

In my reply to your letter of 18th January 1946, forwarding the Prime Minister's letter No. A 8313 of 16th January, I detailed the situation with reference to the fifteen properties requested by the Italian Government.

You will be interested to learn that the following improvements in the Italian Government interest have been effected.

(1) A large block of 20 buildings have been released to the Italian Army.

(9) Via Lucullo 6. The second floor of this building is about to be vacated by the Royal Navy and will be returned to the Italian Government.

(10) Guardie di P.S. Barracks. Have been vacated and returned to the Italian Government.

(11) Palazzina dell'Aeronautica. Has been vacated and returned to the Italian Government.

(12) Piazza Augusto Imperatore 22. Will be vacated on 9th inst. and be available for the Camp Concern.

The above is the development of plans in course of maturity at the time of the Prime Minister's communication and, as future consolidations are effected we shall be able to free other properties.

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Sincerely,

Chas. L. Dasher Jr.

CHAS. L. DASHER, JR.
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 4755/518/M3 6 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Derequisition

TO : HQ Bari Liaison Group, AC, APO 394.

1. Attached please find copy of message No. 37/02 dated 2 March 1946 from Comm. Emanuele Mesenni.

2. Will you please look into this matter and inform this HQ whether any action has been taken to remedy the situation.

For the Chief Commissioner

/s/ B. SAMPSON

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Note: Ref already with you.

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TRANSLATION

CAMERA DEI DEPUTATI

Rome, 5 March, 1946.

Dear Gen. Smith,

I think yours is the office responsible for the derequisitioning of Italian Hotels, so I inform you of the insistance of the management of the Hotel Excelsior Gallia in Milan, who wish the Hotel derequisitioned and put at the disposal of civilians.

They suggest a solution which is indicated in the enclosed letter.

With best regards,

(s) Ivanoe Bonomi.

Brig. Gen. H. Smith

Acting Chief Commissioner

Allied Commission

ROME

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AVV. PROF. AURELIO CANDIAN
STUDIO CANDIAN
PIAZZA S. ALESSANDRO , 1
MILAN

Milan, February 27, 1946.

Excellency,

Regarding the derequisitioning of Hotel Excelsior Gallia, here is Messrs. Gallia's suggestion which I telegraphed you yesterday.

The Hotel Excelsior Gallia is used by British Officers on their way to and from England. This organization called Redloc (Mediterranean Leave over Country), includes three hotels; Diana, Touring, and Excelsior Gallia.

The train which takes these Officers to Calais passes through Stresa. It is therefor suggested that the organization be transferred to Stresa.

This solution would have two advantages;

a) The hotels in Milan would be free to civilians.

b) It would be to the advantage of Stresa, who, apart from the Casino, has no other resources.

With best regards, and thanks,

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MAR 8 1946

Ref: 4755/ 513/30

5 March 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Piazza Duca d'Aosta.

TO : HQ Naples Liaison Group, A.C.

1. Attached please find copy of letter No. 31193 dated 25 February 1946 from Marchese Lucifero, the Minister of the Royal House.

2. This matter was referred to HQ No. 3 District on 21 January 1946 for action, but we have heard nothing further about it.

3. Could you please look into this and report to this office as soon as possible.

For the Chief Commissioner.

B. SAMPSON

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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No. 31193

THE MINISTER OF THE ROYAL HOUSE

Rome, 25 February 1946.

Dear Admiral,

H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Realm hopes it is possible for you to grant the request of Avv. Bernardo Attolico, resident of Adelfia, Cannete (Bari), who, finding himself obliged to take up his activity of counsellor in Naples, has solicited the patronage of H.R.H. to obtain the derequisitioning of at least part of his house, situated in Piazza Duca d'Aosta, Naplesm which is at present requisitioned by the Eighth Army.

I would appreciate it if you could give me a reply, so that I may refer it to H.R.H.

With many thanks,

Yours truly,

/s/ F. LUCIFERO

Admiral Ellery W. Stone

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Allied Commission

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5 March 1946.

My dear General Dasher:

This is in reply to your letter of 4 March.

The third paragraph of my letter of 26 February was only intended to cover the release of the villa at No. 12. From the "Union Jack" of this morning, it would appear that the B.E.F. radio station closed down last night.

I am very grateful to you for the assistance which you and your staff have rendered the Don Orione Institutions and, as you suggest, shall be very glad to refer the Fathers directly to your organization in any future matters involving derequisitioning.

With renewed thanks to you for your continued cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

Brigadier General Chas. L. Dasher, Jr., U.S.A.,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command,
APO 794 - U.S. Army.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, POSTMASTER NEW YORK CITY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

4 March 1946

My dear Admiral Stone:

There is a trifling inaccuracy in your letter of 26 February, in that the building at No. 10 Via Della Camilluccia was de-requisitioned in May of last year, and is now I believe in occupation by the Institution in question. The twelve room villa occupied by the British Expeditionary Force Radio is No. 12 in the same road. No information has been received in this Headquarters that this station is to close down in the near future, but it is not impossible that it may be so and we are making enquiries. If this proves to be the case it will be released at once.

The Don Luigi Orione Institutions are very well known to me, to Brigadier Low, and to our Staff and we have frequently been approached by them for assistance of many and various kinds which in some cases we have been able to afford. Indeed Father Giulietti visited Brigadier Low only yesterday.

Some little time ago we released a ville in Via Cassia on behalf of the Institution. Within the last few days we interested ourselves and went to some little trouble to

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, POSTMASTER NEW YORK CITY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

release and obtain for the Institution a forty-five room villa in Via delle Camilluccia.

I think the Fathers know that they have only to approach us to be assured of all assistence which we are able to afford.

Sincerely,

Chas. L. Dasher Jr.
CHAS. L. DASHER, JR.
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794, US Army.

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Ref:

4 March 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

From time to time I have been pressed by your predecessors and yourself to urge Rome Allied Area Command to release accommodation in ROME suitable for refugees, in order that schools may be made available for the children.

Rome Area Allied Command have been most helpful in this matter and recently released the Stadio Nazionale, a building which would be most suitable for refugees. You can imagine my astonishment when I heard that the Stadio Nazionale was not to be used for refugees but was to be handed over to C.O.N.I. in connection with preparation for the Olympic Games in LONDON in 1948. If this report is true I must warn you of the unhappy impression such a deplorable decision would have on the Allied authorities who have done their best to help you in this matter.

I would also refer to the Caserma Regina Margherita which was also released on the grounds that it was needed for refugees. In this case the barracks have not been used for refugees but for the Italian Army who themselves do not use it to full capacity.

Again, I am advised by Rome Area Allied Command that there is a great deal of accommodation recently released and standing empty both in the Exhibition Grounds and at CECCHIGNOLA. It belongs, of course, to the War Ministry but I would suggest that if schools in ROME are still occupied by refugees, this accommodation be used and be not allowed to remain empty.

Very truly yours,

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

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Copy to: Brig.A. Low, HQ RAAC
(Ref your ltr DC/10 of 25 Feb)
Land Forces S/C (MMIA).
Displaced Persons S/C.

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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ROUTINE

HQ AMG UDINE
ACCAS HQ ALCOM

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Ref your 1496 dated 28 Feb. Have authority of 201 Sub Area for saying that derequisition by military authority of 17 Via . Aquileia was not for express purpose of providing accomodation for Italian Army. Regret it is necessary for derequisitioned accomodation to B allotted by Prefettura through commissioner of lodging for Udine city. This house most urgently required before election by Prefettura.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

4. March 1946.

Ref: 305/154/EC.

SUBJECT: Derequisitoning of Hotels.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Folad (A)
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1. Attached for your information is a list of hotels and pensions released by Rome Area Allied Command during the last few months.

2. - In addition to these, the Miami and Dinesen will shortly be released, and the Nord and Nouva Italia is in process of derquisition.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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LIST OF HOTELS AND PENSIONS DEREQUISITIONED SINCE 1 OCT 45.

Name.	Remarks.
Hotel Atlantico	
" Locarno	
" Regina Carlton	
" Torino	
" Esperia	..... Taken over by UNRRA
" Rex	
" Minerva	
" Igea	
" Mediterranea	..... Taken over by UNRRA
" Patria	
" Internationale	
" Nazionale	..... Taken over by Italian Navy
" Quirinale	
" Senato	
" Grande	..... In part. 87 rooms now remain under requisition - 55 for AFCOM and 32 for Rome Area
" San Girgio	..... Taken over by UNRRA
" Savoia	
" Lugano	
" de la Ville	
" Ludovisi	
Pensione Estivi	
" Nordina	
" Ideal	
" Hanover	
" Medici	
" Frei	
" Tea	
" Suisse	
" Astoria	
" Montagna	
" Principe	
" Flavia	
" Casa Nostre, apt No.5 Rear Building, Via C. Sgambati, 4, (no name)	

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2 March 1946

MEMORANDUM:

TO : AC Liaison Officer, Milan

1. The Chief Commissioner has just received a letter from a lawyer in Brescia (copy attached) concerning the early derequisitioning and release of hotels, pensions, and villas in the Gardone Riviera on Lake Garda.

2. As you undoubtedly realize, it is the expressed policy of the Supreme Allied Commander that, consistent with the efficient operation of Allied installations, all property be returned to the Italians as soon as practical. It is felt that throughout Italy property is being held by military installations far in excess of their actual needs. The Chief Commissioner is making every effort to correct this situation.

3. Accordingly, will you personally investigate and inform this office directly the estimated release dates of the principal hotels, pensions, etc., and in general ascertain whether or not these requisitions are fully justified? As you know, SAC's directive is that only new requisitions will be made in cases of extreme military necessity which can be considered as of an operational character.

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

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To ADMIRAL STONE
Allied Commission H.Q.
ROME

The three Representatives in Parliament of the Province of Brescia respectfully address this petition:

That the requisition by British troops, 61st Infantry Brigade, of the Hotels and Pensions of Gardone Riviera on Lake Garda as from Feb. 20. 1946 be investigated on the grounds that infinite damage will accrue not only to the Proprietors and Hotel-Keepers, to the population of workmen, small business owners and Hotel personnel, but also to the Tourism of the whole Province, of which Lake Garda is the most important center and one of the best known in the North of Italy.

Since the departure of the 5th Army in September 1945, the Commissions representing the Tourism in the Province andon the Lake have made urgent appeals, in response to the National cry of reconstruction and rehabilitation, to all Communes, Hotel-Keepers and those concerned with tourist trade, to rebuild where necessary, to put in order, to bring up to date, to improve and to reorganize their towns, villages, gardens, hotels, pensions, shops, amusement centres etc. and so to equip the locality in all its necessities after 6 years of Fascist, German and Allied occupation, for the re-opening of the lake spring season.

Millions of Lire have been spent, heavy commitments have been made with the Banks and thousands of personnel and workmen employed with certainty of further employment for the future.

Gardone has once before had the proof of Admiral Stone's interest in its well-being on the occasion of the difficulties encountered in the re-opening of the Casino di Gardone. Grateful for the Admiral's comprehension in that instance, Gardone would respectfully urge once again his intercession in order to save the locality from financial ruin and the distress of unemployemnt.

The Prefect of Verona has assured the Prefect of Brescia that alternative accommodation can be found for the recruits in Verona, without disturbing the British troops now occupying the barracks outside that City, and the Commission for Turism on the Lake is prepared to support any expense which may beincurred by the aforesaid British troops should a derequisition be granted and the troops return to Verona.

As the sojourn of the British troops is for a maximum period of twomonths, the Members of Parliament of the Province of Brescia beg that Admiral Stne will use all his influence to avoid irrevocably damaging this important industry of Turism and will do his best urgently to provoke a de-requisition of the said Hotels and Pensions.

The requisition of these premises strikes at the very roots of the system of rehabilitation so courageously put into practice by the exponents of tourism in the Province of Brescia.

With profound thanks and expressions of deep respect, on behalf of the Members of Parliament of Brescia, I am,

Consultore avv. Marziale Ducos

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To ADMIRAL STONE

Allied Commission H.Q.

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With profound thanks and expressions of deep respect, on behalf of the Members of Parliament of Brescia, I am ,

Commendatore Avv. Ugo Vallotti

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HEADQUARTERS
Allied Military Government
LOMBARDIA REGION
Message Center
APO 394

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The Office of the Chief Commissioner,

H.Q. Allied Commission,

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2 March 1946

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Staff Officer, Executive Commissioner's Office

Would you please have someone get the appropriate facts from Naples on the attached case in order that the Chief Commissioner may make an intelligent reply?

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TRANSLATION.

No. 31193

THE MINISTER OF THE ROYAL HOUSE.

Rome, 25 February, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

H.E.H. the Lieutenant General of the Realm hopes it is possible for you to grant the request of Avv. Bernardo Attolico, resident of Adelfia, Conneto (Bari), who, finding himself obliged to take up his activity of counsellor in Naples, has solicited the patronage of H.E.H. to obtain the derequisitioning of at least part of his house, situated in Piazza Duca d'Aosta, Naples, which is at present requisitioned by the Eighth Army.

I would appreciate it if you could give me a reply, so that I may refer it to H.R.H.

With many thanks,

Yours truly,

(s) F. Lucifero.

Admiral Sidney W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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IL MINISTRO DELLA REAL CASA

Roma, lì 25 FEB. 1946

Illustre Ammiraglio,

S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno m'incarica di pregarLa di voler cortesemente esaminare la possibilità d'esaudire l'aspirazione dell'Avv. Bernardo Attolico residente ad Adelfia Canneto (Bari), il quale, nella necessità di riprendere la propria attività di consulente legale, in Napoli, ha sollecitato il patrocinio di Sua Altezza Reale per ottenere la derequisizione di almeno una parte della propria casa sita in quella città, Piazza Duca d'Aosta 7 - che sarebbe ancora requisita da un reparto della 8à Armata.

Fin d'ora La ringrazio nel modo più vivo anche per un cortese cenno che Ella vorrà avere la bontà di favorirmi in proposito, per notizia del Luogotenente, e Le invio, illustre Ammiraglio, i miei più cordiali saluti.

F. Acquarone

Illustre Ammiraglio
Ellerj W. Stone
3339 Capo della Commissione Alleata
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Ref: 4756/31/130

28 February 1946

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I thank you for your letter 5/214 of 19 February 1946. 243 D. This matter has been referred to the appropriate authorities and I will keep you informed of any developments.

Yours very truly,

/s/ N. W. HIND-SMITH
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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Dr. De Gasperi
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 POSTMASTER NEW YORK CITY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

26 February 1946

Dear Admiral:

From time to time we have discussed the problem of derequisitioning various types of property in order to place it again in the hands of the Italian Government to meet its various problems.

Of particular interest is the question of housing refugees. The Studio Nazionale is apparently to be returned to the C.O.N.I. and not for the accommodation of refugees for which it is eminently satisfactory. It is understood that the grounds given for failure to accommodate refugees here were likely damage by the refugees. As you recall, when approached by you we immediately released the Caserma Regina Margherita. But this barracks was re-appropriated by the Italian Army, and I do not believe they are using it to capacity. There is a great deal of accommodations currently empty at Cecchignola. This belongs to the War Ministry and, they undoubtedly have plans for its future use but, at the moment and for some time probably to come a large number of refugees could be accommodated here. It is further understood that large buildings in the Exhibition Grounds are standing empty.

I am sure you know that we have tried to assist in solving this problem but, it appears to us that the Italian Government does not treat the problem with deserving seriousness. I realize that I am only voicing your sentiments, but I did want you to know how

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, POSTMASTER NEW YORK CITY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

We feel about it.

Very sincerely,

Chas L. Dasher, Jr.

CHAS. L. DASHER, JR.
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

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

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26 February 1946

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My dear General Dasher:

It has been brought to my attention that the Institution Don Orione -- which cares and protects war orphans and is partially occupying the buildings formerly belonging to the Fascist College Littorio at 10 Via della Camilluccia (Monte Mario) -- is urgently in need of additional space.

It is understood that a section of the premises (the villa) is being used by the British Expeditionary Forces radio station, which is reported to be closing down in the near future. Accordingly, any information that you may have as to the date when this property will become available will be appreciated.

I have personal knowledge that the activities of the Institution Don Orione are exceedingly worthy and hasten to assure you that the early release of this property, which is to be used for establishing an infirmary for these unfortunate children, is well justified.

Thank you for any assistance you may render in this matter.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Chas. L. Dasher, Jr., U.S. Army
Commanding General
Rome Area Allied Command
APO 794

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Rome, 25 February 1946

OBJECT: Premises at Via Camilluccia

TO : Admiral E. W. STONE, Chief Commissioner.

1. On September 1944 the Italian Government gave to the Institution Don Orione, for the purpose of recovering the war orphans, the building formerly belonging to the fascit College littorio at 10, Via della Camilluccia (Mount Mario). But only part of the buildings were then occupied by the said institution as some of them were retained by the Allied authorities.

2. On May 1945 the second big building, occupied as a store for the maps, was released to us and repairs were done in order to recover in it 100 boys.

3. There still remains the villa, which has been used up to now as the center and the studio for the wireless transmission to the Allied Forces; but as we presume that such villa will be left by the Allied authorities very soon we should be glad if you will kindly inform us in time - as you have done for the second big building - in order that we may arrange to settle it as the infirmary of the institution, as arranged since the premises were handed to us on September 1944.

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ING. PAOLO SIBERNI DORIA
VIA BERNARDINO TELESIO, 7
ROMA

Roma, 25 Feb. 1946

Dear Ellery,

Allow me to thank you for the kind letter dated 21 Dec. 1945. N.R.
I did not promptly answer your question "If my situation had been cleared" because just in those days the Epuration Committee was going to release a statement fully in my favour and I hoped to give you the good new.

But I was not lucky enough. Suddenly the Italian Air Ministry's Counsel took illegally a drastic decision to cancel from the Officer's List some high ranking officers of the Armed Forces, and put my name into it, without taking into consideration the result of the investigation of said Committee and, in my peculiar case, without considering all what I had done since the date of the Armistice, refusing repeatedly to adhere and to take no oath to the republ. government, helping the Gen. Cadorna's Volunteers and suffering therefore the deadly persecutions of the german SS. police.

All this seems to me to be a very antidemocratic decision, contrary anyhow to the "Ordinanza Generale N°35" of the Allied Military Command.

Furthemore something else is happening to me in these days.

I had already informed you that my apartment in Rome, full of furniture, chinaware, glassware, paintings, carpets, kitchenware, books, documents, etc.., previously subject to a careful perquisition by the german SS. police (while I was in Northen Italy) had been requisitioned by the Canadians on June 1944 and put there some officer's quarters, a mess and a small club.

A month ago, the British officers of the T.N.1, who were the last occupants, left completely said apartment (deprived already of all the sparsed objects it contained, and with the furniture all ruined), but the RAAC Real Estate Section still continued in keeping it under requisition without any justifiable reason.

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I am hearing now rumors that the foretold apartment, no more in use for military purpose, will be kept requisitioned in order to be given to an italian minister of the present Government or, perhaps, to a family of a British officer. I am sure that, if this is true, will be done without you knowing anything about, and hope you can issue an order that the apartment be derequisitioned and given back to me.

May I hope that you will kindly consider that funny, if not tragic, situation of a man who has lost his job at 52

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ING. PAOLO SBERNADORI
VIA BARTOLOMEO EUSTACHIO, 7
ROMA

Roma.

years of age, and who, after having been deadly persecuted by the german military police, is kicked out by the present Italian Government and put in condition of real despair by the Allies, should he longer be deprived of the only roof where he can shelter himself and his poor family?

If you think you can do me justice, please remember that my apartment, of which I have been talking, is Apt.2 on Via Bartolomeo Eustachio n°7 in Rome, mentioned on file 1932 at the RAAC Real Estate Section AFO 794 US ARMY - ROME -

Hoping that you will very kindly realize the opportunity of your intervention, not only to do me a favour, but also to reestablish the prestige of the American sense of equity and justice, I thank tou very warmly and beg to remain, with kindest regards,

Yours affectionately

Paolo Sbernadori

(Paolo Sbernadori)

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TRANSLATION

COUNTY OF RICCIONE.

APR 9 RECD

No. 1726.

21 February, 1946.

To: The Chief Commissioner, A.C.

In 1905, Riccione was a small fishing village, annexed to the County of Rimini. In 25 years of untiring work, this attractive place, besides becoming an autonomous county, has achieved a considerable touristic equipment.

1) 10 big hotels, with about 1300 beds.
2) 60 small hotels, boarding-houses, and inns, with 1650 beds.
3) Over a 1000 small villas to let, with 4500 beds.
4) A luxurious club, and a beach with all modern equipments.

About 40,000 tourists spent their Summer holiday in Riccione before the war.

Our County has a small hinterland, and is completely lacking of industrial establishments, so that the inhabitants depend entirely on Riccione as a bathing resort, for their living.

At the time of the Liberation, the town, though greatly damaged, (four bridges were destroyed, all public services upset, and around five hundred houses destroyed or damaged,), offered possibilities of a rapid renewal.

Two years of military occupation have resulted in the devastation of several residences, particularly the principal hotels. The heavy Allied traffic has completely ruined the paving of the streets nearest the sea.

Besides the occupation of troops, the centre of the town is overcrowded with displaced persons, occupying six buildings, four of which are hotels.

Of the 70 hotels, only about eighty beds have been derequisitioned, and these may be requisitioned a second time. Under these circumstances, you will readily understand that Riccione cannot hope to undertake any reconstructive activity.

Should Riccione be deprived of tourists this year also, complete bankruptcy would result.

The rehabilitation of Riccione would be for the good of the whole Nation, and we wish to point out that, after Venice, we are the only other resort on the Adriatic coast. A stay in Riccione would be pleasant to the Allied Authorities. The Hotel Association is disposed to offer facilitations for Allied guests, and they could be agreed upon now.

EC DIST - 9 Apr.

ACTION - EC

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We request the following:-

1) Derequisitioning of the greater part of the hotels, villas, ect., (with the occupation of residences in the suburbs, if necessary).

2) Transferring of the displaced persons, now occupying residences in the centre of the town.

3) Removal of the German P.O.W. from the centre to the suburbs.

I hope this petition will be granted.

THE MAYOR
(Dr. Gianni Quondamatteo).

(a) Dr. Gianni Quondamatteo.

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TRANSLATION

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

5/214

Rome, 19 Februrary, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

The manager of the National Institute of Social Insurance has written me the enclosed letter, asking me to help this Institute regain possession of its premises in Trieste, situated in Via Carducci, no. 6, property of the Institute itself, and at present entirely occupied by a private Slav Association.

I depend on your courtesy and understanding hoping that you will intervene with the A.M.G. in Trieste, so that this Institute, whose activity is especially important to the low classes and the classes of the employed, may regain possession of its premises, inasmuch as it does not seem possible that any Slav Association needs such extended offices.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

(s) De Gasperi.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone

Chief Commissioner

Allied Commission

Rome

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TRANSLATION

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL INSURANCE

TRIESTE, 4 February, 1946.

To: Prime Minister Alcide De Gasperi.
Rome.

Regaining of property

This management hopes that you will solve the question which has been going on now for about eight months.

The building in Via Carducci. no. 6, belonging to this institute was occupied by the Central Offices, for which it was built, until March 1944, when, following requisitioning by German authorities, we were assigned a school in Via G. Corsi, no. 1. The premises of this school are unsuitable and entirely insufficient for the administrative and sanitary equipment of these offices, and this insufficiency and instability have already caused damages which have interfered with the regular work.

On May 1, 1945 the premises were occupied by New Zealenders, and later by Tito's troops.

After the agreement of 12 June 1945, these troops left the building and were replaced by civilians belonging to a private Slav concern which took over the entire premises composed of two hundred rooms; for what use was never publicly known.

The requests made to the Internal Commission for Personnel, and to the National Liberation Committee of the local A.M.G., to regain possession of our property, have remained unanswered.

Our situation has gone from bad to worse, and has now become unsustainable and can no longer be tolerated, unless we wish to seriously compromise the regular functioning of our offices, and risk the abstention from work for the employees, due to the cold and rain which penetrate the roof.

In order to settle these offices to the advantage of the staff and bulk of insurers, who have already complained through the press, and to enable the school we are at present occupying to be used as such, and in order to regain our property, we beg you to use all your influence and authority with those concerned.

With many thanks,

THE MANAGER
Dr. Ernesto DA'CHINI

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CC 590.

19 February 1946.

My dear Mr. Minister:

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Further to my letter of 7 February concerning the derequisitioning of flat number 10 at Viale Liegi 42, I have just received the report on the situation from the Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command.

General Dasher states that it is anticipated that the property will be derequisitioned within the next six or eight weeks. Accordingly, it is suggested that on or about 25 March you contact directly the Real Estate Officer at Headquarters Rome Area Allied Command, Major Arnold Gardner, telephone 66495.

Should you experience any further difficulty in clearing up this problem, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. Giuseppe Romita,
The Minister of the Interior,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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CC 590

19 February 1946.

Dear General:

Thank you for your letter of 8 February concerning the derequisitioning of properties in which Mr. Reale and Mr. Romita are interested.

Mr. Reale has been informed of your release of the property at Via Castelfidardo 47 and has been asked to arrange final details on taking over the property directly with your Real Estate Officer.

In regard to apartment number 10 at Viale Liege 42, I have asked Mr. Romita to get in touch with your Real Estate Officer, Major Arnold Gardner, on or about 25 March, when you anticipate the partment will become available.

Your help in clearing up this situation is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Chas. L. Dasher, Jr., U.S. Army,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command,
APO 794 - U.S. Army.

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GRAND HOTEL
Management.

Rome, 15 February, 1946.

Dear Count,

On January 10th. 1946, we wrote Admiral Stone, asking for his support to enable us obtain a further derequisitioning of the Grand Hotel.

Though the Admiral was most sympathetic, he pointed out that on Commodore Ziroli's return from America, we would be asked once again to put the suit of rooms previously occupied by him, at his disposal.

We now hear that Commodore Ziroli will not return, so we beg you to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs to write to Admiral Stone asking that the ground floor, (two complete suits, each composed of two double bedrooms and livingroom), be derequisitioned, so that the management may dispose of them after the departure of the American Prelates, who are at present occupying them. The management will, needless to say, keep them at the disposal of the Officials, visiting Rome as guests of the Italian Government.

I enclose the copy of the letter which was sent to Admiral Stone in January.

With many thanks, and regards,

Yours truly,

The Manager
Grand Hotel.

To:- Count Piero Cittadini,
Palazzo Chigi, R O M A

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Copia

GRANDE ALBERGO e DI ROMA
~~GRAND HOTEL - ROMA~~

Direzione

ALBERGHI APPARTENENTI ALLA COMPAGNIA ITALIANA DEI GRANDI ALBERGHI (C. I. G. A.)

ROMA: EXCELSIOR
GRAND HOTEL
NAPOLI: Excelsior
VENEZIA: Grand Hotel
Royal Danieli
Europa e Britannia
Regina
Vittoria e Brittol
LIDO VENEZIA: Excelsior
Palazzo al Mare (già Grand Hotel des bains)
Grande Albergo Lido
Villa Regina
MILANO: Principe e Savoia
STRESA: Grande Albergo delle Isole Borromee

ALBERGHI CORRISPONDENTI

GENOVA: Colombia

Roma, 15 Febbraio 1946

Conte Piero Cittadini
Capo del Cerimoniale
Ministero Esteri
Palazzo Chigi
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Conte Gentilissimo,

Il 10 gennaio u.s. ci siamo indirizzati all'Ammiraglio Stone, capo della Commissione Alleata, per ottenere un ulteriore acquisizione dell'Albergo e precisamente per riavere il piano terra.

A mezzo del Capo del Personale dell'A.C. l'Ammiraglio Stone ci ha fatto sapere che, mentre lui in linea di massima era propenso di favorirci, temeva che al ritorno dell'America dell'Ammiraglio Ziroli, egli avrebbe dovuto mettere di nuovo a sua disposizione un appartamento del piano terra (6-7-8) già da lui occupato precedentemente.

Ora, noi avendo appreso che l'Ammiraglio Ziroli non farà ritorno in Italia, La preghiamo di voler far scrivere all'Ammiraglio Stone dall'Ecc. il Ministro degli Esteri, chiedendo che per le Personalità Ufficiali in visita all'Urbe, ospiti del Governo Italiano, si voglia appoggiare la richiesta del Grand Hotel per la completa acquisizione del Piano Terra (2 appartamenti completi composti ognuno di due camere e due letti e saloni) affinché noi si possa disporne subito dopo la partenza dei Prelati Americani che attualmente li occupano.

Mi pregio allegare copia della lettera inviata a suo tempo all'Ammiraglio Stone e La ringrazio in anticipo per il cortese interessamento che confido vorrà darmi.

Distinti saluti.

GRANDE ALBERGO e DI ROMA
Il Direttore

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GRANDE ALBERGO e DI ROMA
~~GRAND HOTEL ROMA~~

Direzione

ALBERGHI APPARTENENTI ALLA COMPAGNIA ITALIANA DEI GRANDI ALBERGHI (C. I. G. A.)

ROMA:	EXCELSIOR
	GRAND HOTEL
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	Europa e Britannia
	Regina
	Villaria e Bristol
LIDO VENEZIA:	Excelsior
	Palazzo al Mare (già Grand Hotel des Bains)
	Grande Albergo Lido
	Villa Regina
MILANO:	Principe e Savoia
STRESA:	Grande Albergo delle Isole Borromee

ALBERGHI CORRISPONDENTI:

GENOVA:	Colombia

Rome, Januury 10th 1946

Admiral
Ellery W.Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Palazzo Corporazioni
Rome

Admiral,

We take the liberty of asking your valued support in order to obtain a further derequisition of the Grand Hôtel.

Our request is based on the fact that we are in great need of apartments to accommodate Foreign Diplomats coming from South America and Catholic Prelates from the U.S. gathering to Rome for the Holy Consistory.

We undestand that Admiral Ziroli who stays in town will leave Rome shortly and with the departure of other A.C. Senior Officers we believe that the A.C. could give-up the ground floor (5 Bed-rooms , 2 Sitting-rooms = 7 rooms) and two other rooms left on the 2nd floor (127-105).

The ground floor having a private-exit is very convenient for High Eclesistic Dignitaries and for special functions.

The A.C. would maintain the requisition of the 3rd floor (30 rooms - 5 Sitting-rooms) while the Rome Area Allied Command has the first floor.

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We sincerely hope that you will kindly examine our justified request and with our best thanks, we remain, Admiral,

Yours faithfully

for the Compagnia Italiana dei Grandi Alberghi
(The Italian Leading Hotels Company)

Dr.S.Levet
General Manager - Grand Hotel

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ROOM NO.	TYPE OF ROOM	NO. OF BEDS	OCCUPANT	REMARKS
1	Bedroom	2		
2	Sittingroom		} see Col Weber	
3	Bedroom	2		
5	Bedroom	2		
6	Bedroom	1	{ CAPT. MENTZ	}
7	Sittingroom		" "	
8	Bedroom	1		
14	Office			
15	Store room			
16	" "			
127	Bedroom	1	LT. COL. HOLMES	
~~181~~	Bedroom	1		
~~180~~	Bedroom			
~~165~~	Bedromm	1		
~~177~~	Bedroom			
185	Bedroom	1	MAJ. TEMPLE	
~~188~~	Bedroom	1		
229	Bedroom	1	LT. COL. SCOGGINS	
230	Bedroom	1	COL. STEARNS	
231	Bedroom	1	LT. CONKLIN	
232	Bedroom	1	MR. CLEVELAND	UNRRA
233	Sittingroom	1	LT. COL. TIMMONS	
234	Bedroom	1	MR. HOLSTEIN	UNRRA
236	Sittingroom	1	MR. BROOK	
237	Bedroom	1	{ COL. PARKER	}
238	Bedroom	1	" "	}
239	Bedroom	1	LT. COL. BOCCHINO	
240	Bedroom	2	MR. SULLIVAN	EMS
243	Bedroom	2	COL. CARNES	
244	Sittingroom		MAJ. VECCHIOLLA	
245	Bedroom	1	SGT. CHAMBERS-CASHIER-NO BATH	
246	Bedroom	1	DR. WILSON	
248	Bedroom	1	LT. COL. SNAPP	
249	Bedroom	1	~~[illegible]~~	QMS
250	Bedroom	1	SGT. CHITTORD-CLERK	
252	Bedroom	1		NO BATH
253	Bedroom	2		
254	Bedroom	2	LT. COL. & MRS. WASHBURN	
257	Bedroom	2	{ COL. SCUDDER	}
258	Sittingroom		" "	
260	Bedroom	1	MR. GRIFFLEIGH	
~~262~~ 7-45	Bedroom	1	CPL. D'ALESSIO-MESS SGT. NO BATH	
263 3-46	Bedroom	1		
266	Bedroom	1		
267	Sittingroom			
268	Bedroom	2	DR. SOPER	
270	Bedroom	2	COL. WEBER	
272	Bedroom	2	COL. CHADMAN	
273	Bedroom	2	COL. NEPRUD	
274	Bedroom	1		NO BATH
276	Bedroom	1	MR. TAYLOR	
277	Bedroom	1	ADMIRAL DAZARA	
279	Bedroom	1	COL. ROSS	

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127	Bedroom	1	LT. COL. HOLMES	
~~131~~	Bedroom	1		
~~160~~	Bedroom			
~~165~~	Bedromm	1		
~~177~~	Bedroom			
185	Bedroom	1	MAJ. TEMPLE	
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234	Bedroom	1	MR. HOLSTEIN	UNRRA
236	Sittingroom	1	MR. BROOK	
237	Bedroom	1	COL. PARKER	
238	Bedroom	1	" "	
239	Bedroom	1	LT. COL. BOCCHINO	
240	Bedroom	2	MR. SULLIVAN	ENG
243	Bedroom	2	COL. CARNES	
244	Sittingroom		MAJ. VECCHIOLLA	
245	Bedroom	1	SGT. CHAMBERS-CASHIER-NO BATH	
246	Bedromm	1	DR. WILSON	
248	Bedroom	1	LT. COL. SNAPP	
249	Bedroom	1	~~[illegible]~~ - ~~[illegible]~~	BLS
250	Bedroom	1	SGT. CLIFFORD-CLERK	
252	Bedroom	1		NO BATH
253	Bedroom	2		
254	Bedroom	2	LT. COL. & MRS. WASHBURN	
257	Bedroom	2	COL. SCUDDER	
258	Sittingroom		" "	
260	Bedroom	1	MR. GREENLEIGH	
~~268~~ 265	Bedroom	1	CPL. D'ALESSIO-MESS SGT. NO BATH	
265	Bedroom	1		
266	Bedroom	1		
267	Sittingroom			
268	Bedroom	2	DR. SOPER	
270	Bedroom	2	COL. WEBER	
272	Bedroom	2	COL. CHADMAN	
273	Bedroom	2	COL. NEPRUD	
274	Bedroom	1		NO BATH
276	Bedroom	1	MR. TAYLOR	
277	Bedroom	1	ADMIRAL DAZARA	
279	Bedroom	1	COL. ROSS	
~~281~~ 76	Bedroom	1	CAPT. STRAIGHT	
~~282~~ 77	Bedroom	2		
283	Bedroom	1	LT. COL. ANDREWS	
285	Bedroom	2	MR. & MRS. HAMMOND	Interpreter
286	Bedroom	1		
288	Bedroom	1	MAJ. CRAIG	
297	Bedroom	2	COL. WALKER	
~~312~~	Bedroom	1		
~~316~~	Bedroom	1		
~~350~~	Bedroom	2		
~~363~~	Bedroom	1		
~~376~~	Bedroom	1		
~~419~~	Bedroom	1		

TOTAL NO ROOMS - 55
TOTAL NO BEDS - 62
TOTAL NO BEDS OCCUPIED - 38
TOTAL NO BEDS VACANT - 24

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Sgt. Kermit Clifford

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COPY

Ref: 4755/464/EC

15 February 1946

Dear Dr. De Gasperi,

Thank you for your letter no. 1961 dated 7 February 1946 regarding the Villa Giusto nursing home in Gorizia. I have forwarded it to the appropriate authorities and will keep you informed as to the outcome of the matter.

Yours very truly,

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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

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COPY

Ref: 4755/462/EC

15 February 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning

TO : SCAO AMG Venezia Giulia.

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1. The attached letter no. 1961 dated 7 February from Dr. De Gasperi is sent to you for action.

2. Please keep this Headquarters informed as to the outcome of the matter.

/s/ N. W. Hind-Smith
for Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

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9 February 1946

Signor Vito Reale
Pensione Simeone
Via Antonio Salandra #6
Rome

Dear Mr. Reale:

Further to your letter of the 26th January concerning the derequisitioning of property in which you are interested, the Chief Commissioner is pleased to inform you that he has obtained the release of the property at Via Castelfidardo 47.

Accordingly, it is suggested that you communicate directly with the officer in charge of the real estate section, Rome Area Allied Command.

If we can be of any further assistance to you do not hesitate to let us know.

Very truly yours,

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

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FEB 5 - RECD

To: Ft Belvoir

Dear Col -

This flat has been held in reserve for MAAG by order of the Commanding General Letter dated 18 Jan and will very shortly be occupied. Major Blair says not a hope of Sequestration for an indefinite period

Encl - Ltr from Gen. Dasher - 2 cys

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Dasher to assist Reale who was of great assistance to Allies This ltr 5/2

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FEB 9 - 8506

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, POSTMASTER NEW YORK CITY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

8 February 1946

Dear Admiral:

With reference to the property on Via Castelfidardo 47, requested by Mr. Reale.

The last unit occupying vacated 19 December 1945, since which time it has been in reserve against future military commitments. We now see our way clear to derequisition and will do so shortly.

With regard to the property desired by Mr. Romita, flat number 10, in building number 42 of Viale Liegi. This place has been under Allied requisition since June of 1944. The Misses Valeria and Letizia Sammelli were in the apartment when requisitioned and, as they had nowhere else to go have been permitted to remain in occupation during the 20 months it has been used by the military.

The apartment was vacated by the last occupying unit 24 January 1946 and held on reserve until assigned to the Indian YMCA officials on 29 January 1946. Mr. Romita's fourth paragraph is therefore misrepresentative It is anticipated that we will be able to derequisition this place within the next six or eight weeks.

Chas. L. Dasher Jr.

CHAS. L. DASHER, JR.
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

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

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7 February 1946

My dear Mr. Minister:

Thank you for your letter of 26 January concerning the flat number 10 at Viale Liegi 42. (234)

I have personally taken this matter up with the Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, and have explained to him the urgency of your case. As soon as I hear the final decision I will communicate with you.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. Giuseppe Romita
The Minister of the Interior
Italian Government
Rome

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7 February 1946

Signor Vito Reale
Pensione Simeone
Via Antonio Salandra #6
Rome

Dear Mr. Reale:

Thank you for your letter of January 26 concerning the derequisitioning of the house which you rented. I appreciate the problem with which you are confronted and accordingly have personally taken the matter up with the Commanding General of the Rome Area Allied Command. I will communicate with you immediately upon receipt of the final decision.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

1961

Rome, 7 February 1946

Dear Admiral,

In 1923, the 'Villa Giusti' nursing home was built in Gorizia by the Ordine Ospitaliero of S. Giovanni di Dio "Fate bene Fratelli".

During the war, the said villa was turned into a military hospital, and ever since May 1st, 1945, it has been occupied by the Yugoslav troops, which, for some time, have been using it mainly as lodgings, housing little more than 10 patients, while many civilian patients who badly need nursing are not being taken in.

I therefore beg you, my dear Admiral, to see whether it would be possible for you to intervene with the military authorities, so that the nursing home may be derequisitioned, to enable the 'Fate Bene Fratelli' to carry out their mission for the benefit of the population of Gorizia.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. de Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

E.C. DIST - 11 Feb -

Actions : E.C.
Info : C.C.

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Ref: 4755/XO

5 February 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Flats.

TO : H.Q., Naples Liaison Group, A.C.,
APO 394.

1. Attached are copies of letters from Ugo Ciamani dated 4 December 1945 and Carlo Maforano dated 28 January 1946 for investigation and report.

2. Anything you can do in this case will be greatly appreciated.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Admiral Ellery Stone,
Chief of the Allied Commission, Via Vittorio Veneto

ROME

I the undersigned lawyer Ugo GIANANI fu Felice, living at 14 Via Nicolo' Tommaseo, Naples, submit my case to your justice:-

I was compelled to stay in Rome owing to the war and when I came back to Naples I found my flat at 14 Via Nicolo' Tommaseo (Flat no. 5) requisitioned by the British Navy and almost all its contents removed. When the occupants left, the flat was uninhabited for about 6 months and then it was occupied by some officers of the Church Army. Recently the flat has been taken over by a Polish lady and a Polish Officer who has another flat at 126 Via Francesco Crispi and uses my flat only from time to time.

My 80 years old mother is suffering from nephritis and she needs a careful and continous treatment and I am compelled to ask relatives and friends for hospitality every day. The winter is coming and my condition is very difficult as I have to change my dwelling almost every week. I submitted my case to Major Lamb, the Town Major of Naples, but I had no success. In Naples there are lots of uninhabited flats where the Polish lady could live. Several flats are being de-requisitioned and even in my building 3 flats have been de-requisitioned (No. 10, No. 8, No. 6). I have lost all I had, my furniture, my office, my clients; I am an invalid of the last war and I am entitled to live and work as anybody else. One of my sisters, who lives with me, will be coming very soon from Asmara where she is at present and a brother, who is a Colonel in the Army has to come as well. The war is over and I think that at least my flat, the contents of which have been entirely removed, could be given over to me. I hope that you will take my case into consideration with your sense of justice and arrange for my flat to be derequisitioned. I will not forget what you will do for me and I will be grateful for ever.

My mother is very ill and she needs her own house.

I thank you

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s/ Avv. Ugo Gianani

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4 Dec '45
14 Via Nicolo' Tommaseo, Naples.

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TO:- ADMIRAL STONE,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

SUBJECT:- REQUISITIONING.

Dear Sir,

I, Carlo Majorano, beg to draw your attention on the following:

On the 5th December 1943, three large apartments of mine, one of which occupied by myself and my family, were requisitioned for the use of some American Offices (ARMY & AIRWAYS COMMUNICATIONS). Two years later, though the war is ended, my family and I are still living in a little flat of three rooms up on the roof of the same building.

We are five persons in our family; my wife is ill and I am old, my son, who is a doctor, cannot carry on his profession and help me now that I am retired from work.

I am now applying to you, if you would dispose that the flat, where I used to live, be given back to me, it being used by a few soldiers only.

Hoping that you will kindly consider this matter

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully

/s/ Carlo Majorano

magistrato,
Via G. Domenico D'Auria 8, Napoli.

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REQUEST TO [illegible] REGISTERED MAILING OF LETTERS TO [illegible]

PARAGRAPH (1) MAY BE HAD APPLY TO ONE LETTER FOUR NINE MILE OF WASTE TERMS

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TRANSLATION

REQUISITION OF VILLA PAVONCELLI POSILLIPO 26 - NAPLES.

1. It was one of the first places requisitioned by P.B.S. in October 1943 on behalf of A. C. in Naples.

2. The proprietor, Count Gaetano Pavoncelli, his wife and five children are homeless, and for over 30 months have lived and adapted themselves to a situation brought about by the war.

3. The Superior Officers of A.C. gave this Villa up, and the only two American Officers living there now are about to depart.

4. We request that the villa be derequisitioned in favour of the owner, and with this end in view, have asked the Head of A.C. in Naples to intervene.

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIASON OFFICE
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

R/7398 4 February 1946

SUBJECT : Derequisition Villa Pavoncelli,Via Posillipo 26,Naples.

TO : Headquarters P.B.S.
Real Estate Section

1. Major Carl J.Carrilio is about to leave the subject Villa.

2. He requests that it be derequisitioned in favour of the owner Count Pavoncelli, with the exception of two rooms which are being used at present for the remaining two officers.

For the Chief Liason Officer :

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Carl J.Carrilio
Major,F.A.
Liason Officer.

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Requisizione Villa Pavoncelli Posillipo 26 - Napoli-

1. E' stata una delle prime requisizioni da parte del P.B.S. dell'ottobre 1943 per conto dell'A.C. di Napoli -

2. Il proprietario Conte Gaetano Pavoncelli con moglie e 5 figli sono senza casa e da ben 30 mesi si sono adattati a tale situazione dipendente dallo stato di guerra.

3. Gli ufficiali superiori dell'A.C. hanno lasciato detto alloggio e gli attuali due capitani americani che abitano in detto appartamento sono in partenza.

4. Si chiede che sia interessato il Capo dell'A.C. di Napoli allo scopo che disponga che alla partenza dei sopradetti due ufficiali americani l'appartamento sia restituito al proprietario privo di abitazione.

5. Contrariamente detto appartamento sarà occupato dalle famiglie di funzionari inglesi dato che l'appartamento sarà lasciato dal Comando americano.

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7 Marzo 1946.

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PAVONCELLI

via Archimede 128

Roma

Telefono 875.182 -

E. Alcini

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FEB 1 - 1946

Ref: 4755/EC

31 January 1946

Dear Cardinal Gasparri,

Admiral Stone has requested me to reply to your letter of December 14, 1945 which you addressed to him.

I have been informed that application for the derequisitioning of your property in Naples was submitted to HQ No. 3 District in December 1945, through the British Legation to the Holy See. After investigation it was found that no suitable alternative accomodation was available for the occupying Unit and that the question of derequisitioning in the immediate future was not possible.

No reply has yet been received from the interested authorities regarding your property in Piazza Montecitorio, and I will communicate with you again when I have further information on this matter.

Yours very truly,

R. W. HIND-SMITH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Cardinal Enrico Gasparri
Via della Scrofa, 70
Rome.

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JAN 30 REC'T

Ref: 4755/EC

30 January 1946

Dear General Infante,

Thank you for your letter 434/A.C. of 23 January 1946. I have referred this matter to the appropriate authorities and will let you have their reply as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

M. S. EDDY
Brigadier,
for ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
First General Aide de Camp of
H.R.H. Lieutenant General of the Realm,
Palazzo Quirinale,
Rome.

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Ref: 4755/30

30 January 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of the Duke of Genoa's House.

TO : Chief Liaison Officer
Venezia (Treviso).

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1. Attached please find copy of letter 434/A.G. dated 23 January 1946, from General Infante.

2. The Chief Commissioner is personally interested in this matter and would appreciate it if you could do everything possible to have the house derquisitioned.

3. Would you please inform this office of any action which is taken.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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H. Qrs. Staves:-

Upon investigation it appears that the fact in question has been for some time duly registered by competent authority (R.A.O.C.). It has been re-communicated, as of this date 29-1-16, to the Personnel of the British Section Orderly.

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Capt. Bowen
Capt. Cav.

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Translation

The Minister of the Interior

n. 2679

Rome, 26 January 1946

Dear Admiral,

For the requirements of my charge, I have been for a long time looking for a flat in Rome.

I heard that flat n. 10 in building n. 42 of Viale Liegi, belonging to Mrs Anna Maria Ferretti in Samuelli, at present occupied by the Misses Valeria and Letizia Samuelli, daughters of the owner, who however, dispose of another flat in Via Alessandro Torlonia, 41, and I asked the Prefect of Rome to issue an order of requisition.

I have now been told that after the order of requisition had been issued, an Allied officer went to the Prefecture and asked for the order to be cancelled, stating that the said appartment was still requisitioned by the Allied Forces.

Such a request is not supported by the facts ascertained during the investigation which took place before the decree of the Prefect was issued, and during which, as I said, it appeared that the flat was occupied by the Misses Samuelli.

Considering that I urgently need a flat in Rome, I beg for your kind interest, my dear Admiral, so that if the flat is not absolutely indispensable to the Allied Authorities, the requisition decree issued by the Prefect may be enforced.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

S. Romita

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

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Il Ministro dell'Interno

Roma, 26 Gennaio 1946

Prot. 2675

Gentile Ammiraglio,

per le esigenze della mia carica sono da tempo alla ricerca di una abitazione in Roma.

Venuto a conoscenza che l'appartamento sito al Viale Liegi, n°42, interno IC, di proprietà della Signora Anna Maria Ferretti in Samuelli, è attualmente occupato dalle Signorine Valeria e Letizia Samuelli, figlie della proprietaria, le quali, peraltro, dispongono di un secondo alloggio in Via Alessandro Torlonia, n°4I, ho pregato il Prefetto di Roma di emettere formale decreto di requisizione.

Mi viene, ora, riferito che dopo l'emanazione del decreto un Ufficiale Alleato si è recato in Prefettura per chiedere la revoca del provvedimento, affermando che l'appartamento in questione è tuttora requisito dalle Forze Armate Alleate.

Questa richiesta mi sembra non trovi conforto nelle circostanze di fatto accertate nel corso della istruttoria che ha preceduto il decreto prefettizio e durante la quale, come Le dicevo, l'apparta_ mento è risultato in possesso delle signorine Samuelli.

In considerazione della particolare necessità che io ho di un alloggio disponibile in Roma, La prego vivamente, Signor Ammiraglio, di volersi interessare perchè, ove l'appartamento non risulti essolu_ tamente indispensabile per le Autorità Alleate, sia consentita la esecutività del decreto prefettizio di requisizione.

RingraziandoLa vivamente, La prego gradire i sensi del mio osse_ quio.

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All'Ammiraglio

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Donato

All'Ammiraglio
Ellery W. S T O N E
Capo della Commissione Alleata
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Translation

Camera Dei Deputati

Rome, 26 Jan. 1946

My dear Admiral,

forgive me for bothering you about a small matter on which my living possibilities depend.

Everything depends from the Allied Command. The house which I rented and which the Commissario degli Alloggi allocated to me is empty and requisitioned. To derequisition it would be enough.

Everything depends from the Real Estate Office of the Allied Command. One word from you can give peace of mind to myself and my family. I trust you will agree to do so, and I am most grateful to you.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

s. Vito Reale

Flat : Via Castelfidardo, 47
Requisition bill n. 590

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CAMERA DEI DEPUTATI

Roma 9 6 f. 1946

Ecco il illustre Armaiuolo,

Chi fendono le fue cose assai modeste
in la distruzzo delle dei alte funzio
ni. Ma fue mia la casa è la
proprietà di mio.
Tutto dipende del Comando alleato.
La casa, che ho preso in fitto, che
il Commissario degli alloggi mi ha
assegnato, è vuota e requisita.
Basta denunziarla.
Tutto dipende dell'ufficio Real
Estate del Comando alleato.
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Una Jeune pauvre fille dans à moi,
alla Mia famiglia la transeuntia:
Io spero che vorrà darla ed
io le sono Grata.
Saluti e mi creda con immensa
Stima Cordialità

Alto Beale

Appartamento Via Castiglione dando 17
Pagnesta con ordine N. 590

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JAN 25 RECD

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

24 January 1946

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Dear Admiral Stone:

I refer to your letter of the 18th of January, forwarding the Prime Minister's letter No. A 9318 dated 10th January, and furnish for your information the following.

You know, I am sure, that we are most anxious to do all that is possible to assist the Italian Government, and have, as a matter of fact, recently released a great deal. There are one or two obstacles in the way of our assisting the Italian Government so much as we would like.

The first is a rather serious lack of coordination between the demands of various Italian departments: I might, indeed, go so far as to say that there is definite competition and rivalry between them, and on numerous occasions we have received applications for one property from two or even three Ministries, each, apparently, anxious to steal a march on the others.

A second is that we feel that properties released by us are not always put to their fullest possible use, and sometimes are not used for the purpose for which their release was requested.

A third is the delay sometimes---but not, we think, always ---inevitable in getting the formalities processed through the Genio Militare. May I be permitted to quote one or two examples?

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You may remember that some months ago you requested the release of the Caserma Margherita for the accommodation of refugees in order to free schools. We made arrangements to free these barracks with the least possible delay. It is our information that these barracks are being utilized, not for the purpose represented, but have been taken over by the Italian Army and are being used, we understand

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far below their capacity.

The release of the Artillery Barracks has been requested seperately from three directions for three separate purposes. We have, as a matter of fact, already vacated them and handing over is now in process. We understand that they are, in fact, intended to be used as a police training barracks: yet the Prime Minister now asks for them as accommodation for refugees.

As regards the Air Ministry Building: this was reserved for CHQ's disposal, and some weeks ago, in response to an approach by the Air Force Sub-Commission, we succeeded in obtaining its release from GHQ and are about to hand it over. We do feel, however, that this building is far larger than is really required by the Italian Air Ministry with its present scope, and are of the opinion that it could with ease accommodate in addition, for example, the Ministry of Foreign Trade. This was indeed one of the understandings when we interceded for its release, but it seems now that this is not contemplated.

In the course of the last few months we have released a number of buildings in which Allied Troops have, in the past, been accommodated, and which would, in our view, be entirely suitable for the accommodation of refugees. Yet it is our information that these have not been put to any such purpose and are, in fact, standing idle.

There is a representative of the Italian Government working in our Real Estate Section and he can, and does, bring to our notice all requests from the Italian Government for specific buildings. I can assure you that any such requests from him always receive thorough examination and sympathetic consideration and we will make it our business to see that this continues.

6016 I inclose a schedule of the specific buildings mentioned in the Prime Minister's letter with our remarks. You will see, I hope, that we have already gone a long way in the directions desired and we will do more, but I fear that we cannot do all that

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is asked.

Sincerely,

CHAS. L. DASHER, JR.
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

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

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SCHEDULE OF BUILDINGS

listed by the

PRIME MINISTER

1. CECCHIGNOLA BARRACKS

The larger part of this large area has already been released and is ready for occupation by the Italian Army. Further releases will be made in the course of the next few weeks.

2. EX MUSSOLINI BARRACKS

At present in occupation by the French Forces. An examination will be made of the possibility of releasing this, but it is feared that it is not likely.

3. FERDINANDO DI SAVOIA BARRACKS

An undertaking was given early in January that this barracks would be vacated by the middle of the month. This has been done and the Italian Forces are already in process of taking over.

4. C.R.E.M. BARRACKS

It is stated in the Prime Minister's letter that the return of these has been promised. This is erroneous. No promise, explicit, or implied, has ever been made by this Headquarters. It is regretted that there is no possibility so far as can be foreseen, of releasing these premises which are in occupation by the U.S. 34th Station Hospital.

5. PALAZZO VIDONI

The possibility of releasing this building will be examined, but it is anticipated that there will be considerable difficulty.

6. VIA LUCULLO

This building consists of 8 floors of which only two and a small portion of a third are under requisition by us. We will

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release the nine rooms held on the top floor, but fear that it will not be possible to release the ground and second floors.

7. CORSO D'ITALIA NUMBER 25, NOT 26 AS STATED

It is regretted that it will not be possible to release this building for the purpose indicated. The disposal of this building has for some time been under discussion with the Representative of the Italian Government, and the present intention is that the General Disposals Officer, Ministry of Supply, and A.R.A.K. will be accommodated there, together with the Allied units at present therein.

8. VIA VENETO 62 A

The possibility will be examined of releasing some portion of this but it is unlikely that it can be vacated in its entirety. A plan is under consideration for the accommodation of A.R.A.K.

9. PALAZZO DEGLI ESAMI

Agreement has already been given for the release of this building.

10. GUARDIE DI P.S. BARRACKS)
) are at present being used to capacity by an Allied signals unit. The possibility will be examined of finding alternative accommodation, but this will present some difficulty.
11. PALAZZINA DELL'ACUSTICA)

12. PIAZZA AUGUSTO IMPERATORE NUMBER 22

The release of this building will present some difficulty. It may be observed that two or three alternative proposals have already been made by this Headquarters, for the accommodation of the Hemp Concern, which have been refused on various grounds which did not particularly impress us.

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13. AIR MINISTRY BUILDINGS

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13. Air Ministry Building (Continued)

Release of this building has been obtained from GHQ CMF and its return to the Italian Government is in progress. It is, however, pointed out that it is difficult to believe that the Air Ministry with its present scope really needs the whole of this building of some 600 offices, and it is felt that provision could be made here for some of the other bodies for whom accommodation is sought.

14. THE SCHOOL OF AIR WARFARE

Is now in GHQ Reserve. Very careful consideration will be given to this building.

15. ROMAGNOLI BARRACKS

Cannot be released as this building is required for the British hospital which will take the place of 104 General Hospital, the disposal of which is expected to take place within the next few weeks, and will release for the use of the Italian Army the MONTE CELIO Hospital for which repeated applications have been made.

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24 January 1946

Dear General Dasher:

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Further to my letter of 18 January, with which I forwarded the Prime Minister's letter concerning the derequisitioning of real estate in Rome, I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just received from Mr. Keeny, Chief of the UNRRA Italian Mission. See 230

You will note that Mr. Keeny is also interested in the derequisitioning of the premises owned by the Consorzio Canepa at Piazza Imperatore. The return of this property to the Italians would in turn release to UNRRA the fourth floor of their building which they urgently need.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Brigadier General Charles L. Dasher
Commanding General
Rome Area Allied Command
APO 794

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24 January 1946

My dear Mr. Keeny:

In regard to your letter of 16 January concerning the office space problem that confronts UNRRA Italian Mission at present, I am afraid that you have been misinformed. The Allied Commission, as such, does not control real estate derequisitioning. While it is directly interested in expediting the derequisition of all property not absolutely essential to efficient Allied operation, the Commission refers all such problems with strong letters of recommendation to Rome Area Allied Command, who have the final authority.

Accordingly, the Prime Minister's letter, to which you referred, was passed on to RAAC together with my letter supporting the request. I am likewise forwarding your letter to them, and it is suggested that you follow this matter up directly with their Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

for Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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

24 January 1946

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Dear Admiral Stone:

I refer to your letter of the 18th of January, forwarding the Prime Minister's letter No. A 9318 dated 10th January, and furnish for your information the following.

You know, I am sure, that we are most anxious to do all that is possible to assist the Italian Government, and have, as a matter of fact, recently released a great deal. There are one or two obstacles in the way of our assisting the Italian Government so much as we would like.

The first is a rather serious lack of coordination between the demands of various Italian departments: I might, indeed, go so far as to say that there is definite competition and rivalry between them, and on numerous occasions we have received applications for one property from two or even three Ministries, each, apparently, anxious to steal a march on the others.

A second is that we feel that properties released by us are not always put to their fullest possible use, and sometimes are not used for the purpose for which their release was requested.

A third is the delay sometimes---but not, we think, always ---inevitable in getting the formalities processed through the Genio Militare. May I be permitted to quote one or two examples?

You may remember that some months ago you requested the release of the Caserma Margherita for the accommodation of refugees in order to free schools. We made arrangements to free these barracks with the least possible delay. It is our information that these barracks are being utilized, not for the purpose represented, but have been taken over by the Italian Army and are being used, we understand

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far below their capacity.

The release of the Artillery Barracks has been requested separately from three directions for three separate purposes. We have, as a matter of fact, already vacated them and handing over is now in process. We understand that they are, in fact, intended to be used as a police training barracks: yet the Prime Minister now asks for them as accommodation for refugees.

As regards the Air Ministry Building: this was reserved for GHQ's disposal, and some weeks ago, in response to an approach by the Air Force Sub-Commission, we succeeded in obtaining its release from GHQ and are about to hand it over. We do feel, however, that this building is far larger than is really required by the Italian Air Ministry with its present scope, and are of the opinion that it could with ease accommodate in addition, for example, the Ministry of Foreign Trade. This was indeed one of the understandings when we interceded for its release, but it seems now that this is not contemplated.

In the course of the last few months we have released a number of buildings in which Allied Troops have, in the past, been accommodated, and which would, in our view, be entirely suitable for the accommodation of refugees. Yet it is our information that these have not been put to any such purpose and are, in fact, standing idle.

There is a representative of the Italian Government working in our Real Estate Section and he can, and does, bring to our notice all requests from the Italian Government for specific buildings. I can assure you that any such requests from him always receive thorough examination and sympathetic consideration and we will make it our business to see that this continues.

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I inclose a schedule of the specific buildings mentioned in the Prime Minister's letter with our remarks. You will see, I hope, that we have already gone a long way in the directions desired and we will do more, but I fear that we cannot do all that

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Sincerely,

CHAS. L. DASHER, JR.
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 384, US Army.

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SCHEDULE OF BUILDINGS

listed by the

PRIME MINISTER

1. CECCHIGNOLA BARRACKS

The larger part of this large area has already been released and is ready for occupation by the Italian Army. Further releases will be made in the course of the next few weeks.

2. EX MUSSOLINI BARRACKS

At present in occupation by the French Forces. An examination will be made of the possibility of releasing this, but it is feared that it is not likely.

3. FERDINANDO DI SAVOIA BARRACKS

An undertaking was given early in January that this barracks would be vacated by the middle of the month. This has been done and the Italian Forces are already in process of taking over.

4. C.R.E.M. BARRACKS

It is stated in the Prime Minister's letter that the return of these has been promised. This is erroneous. No promise, explicit, or implied, has ever been made by this Headquarters. It is regretted that there is no possibility so far as can be foreseen, of releasing these premises which are in occupation by the U.S. 34th Station Hospital.

5. PALAZZO VIDONI

The possibility of releasing this building will be examined, but it is anticipated that there will be considerable difficulty.

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6. VIA LUCULLO

This building consists of 8 floors of which only two and a small portion of a third are under requisition by us. We will

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release the nine rooms held on the top floor, but fear that it will not be possible to release the ground and second floors.

7. CORSO D'ITALIA NUMBER 25, NOT 26 AS STATED

It is regretted that it will not be possible to release this building for the purpose indicated. The disposal of this building has for some time been under discussion with the Representative of the Italian Government, and the present intention is that the General Disposals Officer, Ministry of Supply, and A.R.A.R. will be accommodated there, together with the Allied units at present therein.

8. VIA VENETO 62 A

The possibility will be examined of releasing some portion of this but it is unlikely that it can be vacated in its entirety. A plan is under consideration for the accommodation of A.R.A.R.

9. PALAZZO DEGLI ESAMI

Agreement has already been given for the release of this building.

10. GUARDIE DI P.S. BARRACKS)
11. PALAZZINA DELL'ACUSTICA) are at present being used to capacity by an Allied signals unit. The possibility will be examined of finding alternative accommodation, but this will present some difficulty.

12. PIAZZA ACCUSTO IMPERATORE NUMBER 22

The release of this building will present some difficulty. It may be observed that two or three alternative proposals have already been made by this Headquarters, for the accommodation of the Hemp Concern, which have been refused on various grounds which did not particularly impress us.

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13. AIR MINISTRY BUILDINGS

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13. Air Ministry Building (Continued)

Release of this building has been obtained from GHQ CMF and its return to the Italian Government is in progress. It is, however, pointed out that it is difficult to believe that the Air Ministry with its present scope really needs the whole of this building of some 600 offices, and it is felt that provision could be made here for some of the other bodies for whom accommodation is sought.

14. THE SCHOOL OF AIR WARFARE

Is now in GHQ Reserve. Very careful consideration will be given to this building.

15. ROMAGNOLI BARRACKS

Cannot be released as this building is required for the British hospital which will take the place of 104 General Hospital, the disposal of which is expected to take place within the next few weeks, and will release for the use of the Italian Army the MONTE CELIO Hospital for which repeated applications have been made.

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Please return to CCS

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Translation

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Rome, 23 January 1946

Dear Admiral,

H.R.H. the Duke of Genoa had his house in Venice requisitioned and occupied by the G.S.I. 13th Corps Civil Liaison.

I shall greatly appreciate it if you kindly intervene to have the above mentioned house derequisitioned, if it is possible.

Thanking you in advance for whatever action you will deem it advisable to take, I remain, my dear Admiral,

Sincerely yours,

S. A. Infante

(General Adolfo Infante)

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
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JAN 24 REC'D

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Ref: 710/AC

22 January 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisition of the Villa "Florita"

TO : A.C. Chief Liaison Officer
Naples Comcune

The attached request has been forwarded to us by the Swiss Minister M. de Weiss.

He has begged that every aid might be given in this case "in view of the advanced age of the lady in question and of the important position held by her late husband in the Swiss colony in Naples".

We have every reason to be grateful to the Swiss Legation for a great deal of help during the recent conflict and would appreciate any possible action in this case.

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R.L. Tennard
Capt.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Encl: ltr 46.12.B.3 of 18 Jan. 46

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Pro memoria

On October 29th 1943, the Villa "Fiorita", Salita Soudillo 19, Naples Capodimonte, belonging to the Swiss citizen, Mrs Laura MEURICOFFRE was requisitioned by the British Forces. At present the villa is occupied by Palestinian nurses attached to the 92nd General British Hospital (Coy E. Platoon 600 Cp. A.T.S.)

Mrs Meuricoffre, the 88 years old widow of Mr. Meuricoffre, who for 40 years was Swiss Honorary Consul in Naples returned from Switzerland on December 1st, 1945 and tried since then to have her villa derequisitioned. All efforts to that end have failed till now, the Town Major of Naples being of the opinion that for the present there was no possibility to quarter these nurses elsewhere.

The Legation of Switzerland would appreciate it if, in considé ation of the age of Mrs Meucoffre and the eminent services her husband rendered to the Swiss Government during 40 years as well as the precarious way she is living at present in a small annex to the villa, the British Military Authorities could see their way to derequisition the aforementioned Swiss property.

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Rome January 18th 1946

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JAN 22 RECD

Istituto Nazionale Luce

The President

n. 2456

Rome, 18 January 1946

Dear Admiral,

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In my letter dated 2nd. instant month, I brought to your kind attention the position of the Istituto Luce, because of the requisition of its seat in Via S. Susanna, and particularly for what concerned the last story of the said building, occupied ever since June 1944, without any bill of requisition, by order of the British Authorities.

I asked for your kind intervention to have the ten rooms still occupied by various military offices, mentioned in my letter, derequisitioned if their requisition wasn't absolutely necessary.

As I haven't yet received any answer, I take the liberty of renewing my request, in case my letter didn't reach you.

I beg you to forgive my bothering you, and I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. Olindo Vernocchi)

O. Vernocchi

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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18 January 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In regard to your letter of 10 January concerning the derequisition of property in Rome, the Allied Commission, as you undoubtedly realize, does not have the final authority to derequisition such property. However, I have written a very strong letter to the Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, General Dasher, urging that everything possible be done to turn such property back to the Italians as soon as possible.

You may rest assured that the Commission will do everything in its power to see that only such property that is absolutely essential to maintain efficient Allied operations will be retained.

Very truly yours,

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

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

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18 January 1946

Dear General Dasher:

The Prime Minister has just written me a personal and urgent letter regarding the derequisitioning of Italian property, copy of which is enclosed. You will note from the brief memorandum attached to the Prime Minister's letter that there are fifteen properties that the Government is particularly desirous of obtaining as soon as possible.

As you undoubtedly realize, the Italian Government is seriously handicapped in its effort to resume normal functions by lack of adequate buildings. In keeping with the policy laid down by the Supreme Allied Commander, the Allied Commission is continually striving to do everything in its power to have derequisitioned all property that is not absolutely essential to maintain efficient Allied operations. Without proper housing facilities, the Allies cannot reasonably expect the Italian Government to assume their proper responsibilities.

As a means of alleviating the situation, it is suggested that those properties, such as the Air Ministry building, which were reserved originally for AFHQ in anticipation of its Rome move, now be released. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Charles L. Dasher
Commanding General
Rome Area Allied Command
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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
Italian Mission

16th January 1946

To Admiral Ellery Stone,
Allied Commission
Rome.

Dear Admiral Stone,

I understand that Prime Minister De Gasperi wrote you a letter on January 11th asking whether the premises owned by the Consorzio Canepa at Piazza Imperatore could be derequisitioned in order to enable the Consorzio to occupy their former quarters.

The UNRRA Italian Mission is very much interested in this matter because the Consorzio Canepa at present occupies part of the 4th floor of the building at Via San Nicola' da Tolentino 78, where the Mission's Headquarters are located.

In view of the expansion of the UNRRA program in Italy in 1946 and our need to provide space for the personnel from the Economic Section of the Allied Commission to UNRRA, it is essential to our operations that the entire 4th floor be made available to the Mission.

I would, therefore, be very grateful to you if you would grant Prime Minister De Gasperi's request, thus enabling the Consorzio Canepa to move back to their building and leave their offices in this building at the disposal of UNRRA.

Sincerely yours,

S. McKeeny

S.M. Keeny
Chief of Mission

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JAN 12 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref.: 4755/5G

11th January 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of property.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Reference circular no. 4755/5/G/ZK1 of 21 December 1945 on the above subject.

2. Owing to the closing down of Establishment Section all requests for the derequisitioning of property in Italy (except Italian Army property) will be forwarded to the Executive Commissioner's Office.

3. Italian Army property is still handled by Land Forces Subcommission.

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Distribution:
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Translation

Personal Urgent

The President of the Council of Ministers

A. 9318

Rome, 10 January 1946

Dear Admiral,

From many sides, I am receiving daily requests for some of the buildings still requisitioned by Allied Authorities to be handed back to the Italian Administration to give proper accomodation to important and essential offices (the Allies agree that they are necessary, as in the case of Foreign Trade and of the Azienda Rilievo Alienazione Residuati di Guerra) or to the staff, archives and material of all kind that are little by little coming back from the North, and find no room in the premises of the respective public organizations.

I don't intend to develop the full problem, which, because of its seriousness and complexity, would require a long and careful analysis which I want to spare you, the more so as it will be gradually solved as the time goes by, even if it means a sacrifice for us,

Nevertheless, I must bring to your kind attention a memorandum enclosing the list of the numerous derequisitions which are indispensable at the present moment which for the most part, are taking place or have been promised some time ago.

Without such derequisitions, we cannot cope with objective and urgent requirements, as in the case of the schools which should all start functioning again; also, Palazzo Braschi must be evacuated by the refugees; we need sufficient premises for the electoral sections required for the administrative elections shortly to take place; many private dwellings turned into public offices must be put back on the market.

I take this opportunity, my dear Admiral, to thank you for whatever action has been or will be taken, and I remain,

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Yours sincerely,

A. De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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LIST OF DEREQUISITIONS	JUSTIFICATION & RESULTS
'FUNZIONALE' BARRACKS OF THE CECCHIGNOLA EX MUSSOLINI BARRACKS - FORMERLY TO MILITIA (promised) FERDINANDO DI SAVOIA BARRACKS (Already foreseen) C.R.E.N. BARRACKS - S. ANDREA DELLE FRATTE (promised)	Their complete derequisition would make it possible to leave free the 'ROSSELLI' (present Distretto Militare) 'GIACOMO MEDICI' and 'LAMARMORA' to house all the refugees that are still in Palazzo Braschi (about 600) and in about forty schools (about 6000) 15 of which are functioning as billetting centres of the E.C.A. The Army Corps Command which is now scattered in 7 private buildings (Via Po, 32 - Convitto Emanuele II - palazzo Pirelli - Via Gaeta, n 12 and Via delle Botteghe Oscure) would establish itself in Palazzo Braschi.
PALAZZO VIDONI (held by the FRENCH COMMAND with a very small staff)	Would become the new seat of the Rome Prefecture. The Palace of the Prefecture would be given to the Comando Generale of the Carabinieri which is temporarily housed in the Barracks of the Via di Legnano Legion.
BUILDING OF VIA LUCULLO N. 6 - after the suppression or transfer of the Military Censorship established there by the Allies - (it is most urgent that it should become completely available).	To be used by the Treasury Department, and the Treasury Section (which is at present in very inconvenient conditions, in two private flats of Via Veneto, 7) as well as the Court of Accounts, which to have premises in the neighbourhood of Via Palestro, would give up the two stories it has in Building 591, in Via Nomentana, where the Military Censorship might transfer itself.
6494 BUILDING IN CORSO D'ITALIA, n. 26 formerly, Farmers Confederation (empty)	To become the seat of the Foreign Trade Ministry that has been recently created. The Palazzina dei Marescialli which isn't large enough for such a purpose would be handed over to the neighbouring Finance Department which must find accomodation for some offices for which there is no room in the Building of Via XX Settembre which is now full.
VIA VENETO 62 A partly occupied by the Polish Red Cross and by P.W.B. (to complete the part which has already been derequisitioned)	To become the seat of the A.R.A.R. which isn't yet in a position to function and requires apropriate premises. It would be in the neighbourhood of the A.C. with which it has to be in close contact because of the character of its worker.

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LIST OF DEREQUISITIONS	JUSTIFICATION & RESULTS
PALAZZO DEGLI ESAMI - in Via Indùno (promised)	To be handed back to the Finance Department (gen. Dir. for Pensions) which still has voluminous files there.
GUARDIE DI P.S. BARRACKS (next door to Viminale)	To house again the Autonomous P.S.'Guardie' which is now in premises of the Interior Department.
PALAZZINA DELL'ACUSTICA (next to Viminale)	For the Central accounting Section of the Interior Department which has now rented premises in Largo dei Lombardi and spends about 400.000 L. a year.
PIAZZA AUGUSTO IMPERATORE n. 22 (Formerly seat of the Hemp Concern)	To be put at the disposition of U.N.R.R.A. the fourth story of the building in Via S. Nicolo' da Tolentino of which it is occupying the three other floors.
AIR FORCE MINISTRY (empty)	The derequisition of such buildings, in accordance with the wish of the Administration concerned, would make it possible to house: in the seat of the Ministry all Central Organizations and recently created Organization which are at present scattered in various buildings (Commission for epuration, etc) and a personnel office which is now in Orvieto (in a requisitioned building) and would be transfered to Rome; in the former military school, the Command of the Air Force and of the Schools; the offices which are at present in the Macao barracks would be housed in the Romagnoli Barracks.
FORMER MILITARY SCHOO OF THE AIR FORCE (scarsely used)	
ROMAGNOLI BARRACKS (almost empty)	
6493	The War Department would therefore recover 70 rooms lent to the Air Force Ministry; the War Ministry would recover Palazzo Caprara; the barrack camps of Via Livorno, Piazza S. Giovanni di Dio (the part which is not occupied by the refugees), via Papareschi, 24, would have to be absorbed. Five private buildings (Piazza del Popolo, 18, Via A. Quirino Visconti, 2 bis, Piazza Esedre, 56, via Pinciana, 21, Via A. Fontane, 18) that have been rented would thus be given back to free trade and also about 10 villas, flats and shops which have been requisitioned by the Italian Authorities and would be derequisitioned at once.

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LIST OF REQUISITIONS	JUSTIFICATION & REMARKS
	However, as it seems likely that the requests of the Administration concerned aren't quite justified, considering the present state of things, we consider that the seat of the Military School at least - with its modern premises of more than 70 rooms, some of which very large, - should be allocated to the Ministry for Post-War Relief to put its offices which are now scattered in six groups of premise

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A. 9318

Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

Personale-Urgente

Roma, li 10 gennaio 1946

Caro Ammiraglio,

da più parti mi sono rivolte quotidiane premure perché alcuni edifici, tuttora requisiti dalle Autorità Alleate, siano restituiti con cortese sollecitudine all'Amministrazione italiana per potervi sistemare adeguatamente o servizi importanti e inderogabili (la cui necessità è, invero, condivisa dagli Alleati, come nel caso del Commercio Estero e dell'Azienda Rilievo Alienazione Residuati di guerra) ovvero personale, archivi e materiali vari che rientrano, di mano in mano, dalle provincie dell'Italia del Nord e non trovano ormai più posto nei locali dei rispettivi Enti pubblici.

E' lontano da me il proposito di porre il problema nella sua interezza perché, essendo grave e complesso, richiederebbe un esame troppo lungo ed analitico che desidero risparmiarLe , tanto più che il passare del tempo - com'é ovvio - provvederà a risolverlo gradualmente , se pure con nostro sacrificio.

Non posso, peraltro, esimermi dal sottoporre alla Sua personale e benevola attenzione un pro-memoria nel quale sono elencate le non molte derequisizioni che, nell'attuale momento, si renderebbero indispensabili e delle quali la maggior parte o sono in corso o sono state già promesse da tempo.

Senza tali derequisizioni non sarà assolutamente possibile far fronte a necessità oggettive ed urgenti, come, tra le altre, quelle:

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di restituire tutte le scuole al loro funzionamento; di liberare Palazzo Braschi dagli sfollati; di avere sufficienti locali per le sezioni elettorali occorrenti nelle prossime elezioni amministrative e di far rientrare ,infine,nel libero mercato molti alloggi privati ora adibiti ad uffici pubblici.

Mi é cara l'occasione ,gentile Ammiraglio ,per ringraziarLa assai di quanto é stato e sarà fatto al riguardo dalla Sua amichevole cortesia e Le porgo l'espressione dei miei migliori sentimenti di cordialità.

Luogarini

All'Ammiraglio
ELLERY W.STONE
COMMISSARIO CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
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Il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri

ELENCO DEREQUISIZIONI	GIUSTIFICAZIONI E RISULTATI
CASERMA "FUNZIONALE" DELLA CECCHIGNOLA = " Ex MUSSOLINI - GIA' DELLA MILIZIA = (promessa) " FERDINANDO DI SAVOIA (già prevista) " C.R.E.M.-S.ANDREA DELLE FRATTE- (promessa)	Ove fossero totalmente derequisite darebbero la possibilità di lasciar libere le altre Caserme "ROSSELLI" (attuale Distretto Militare) "GIACOMO MEDICI" e "LAMARMORA" per sistemarvi tutti gli sfollati che tuttora sono a Palazzo Braschi (circa 600) e in una quarantina di scuole (oltre 6000) di cui 15 funzionanti come centri di accantonamento dell'E.C.A. A Palazzo Braschi si sistemerebbe il Comando di Corpo d'Armata che oggi é diviso in 7 immobili privati (Via Po, 32- Convitto Emanuele II- Palazzo Pirelli- Via Gaeta n°12 e via delle Botteghe Oscure).
PALAZZO VIDONI (tenuto dal COMANDO (FRANCESE con scar= (sissimo personale (presente) 6490	= Sarebbe destinato quale nuova sede della Prefettura di Roma. Il Palazzo della Prefettura passerebbe al Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri che oggi é temporaneamente sistemato nella Caserma della Legione di Via Legnano
PALAZZO DI VIA LUCULLO N°6- previa soppressione o trasferimento della Censura Militare allocatavi dagli Alleati- (se ne é resa urgente la completa disponibilità).	= Per uso del Ministero del Tesoro e della Sezione Tesoro (che oggi é in disagiate condizioni in due appartamenti privati in via Veneto, 7,) nonché della Corte dei Conti che per aver locali più vicini a via Palestro cederebbe i due piani che ha nel Palazzo di via Nomentana, 591, nei quali potrebbe trasferirsi la Censura Militare.

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Il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri

ELENCO DEREQUISIZIONI	GIUSTIFICAZIONI E RISULTATI
EDIFICIO DI CORSO d'ITALIA N°26 -Ex Confederazione Agricoltori- (vuoto)	= Sarebbe destinato a sede del Ministero del Commercio Estero- di nuova creazione. La Palazzina dei Marescialli ,all'uopo insufficiente, sarebbe ceduta al vicino Ministero delle Finanze che deve sistemare alcuni suoi servizi che non trovano posto nel Palazzo di via XX Settembre ormai saturo.
VIA VENETO 62 A. -Per la parte occupata dal P.W.B.e dalla C.R.Polacca-(ad integrazione della parte già derequisita)	= Quale sede dell'A.R.A.R.che non é ancora in grado di funzionare e chiede una sede adeguata.Starebbe vicina agli organi della C.A.con i quali deve mantenere contatti continui per la natura del suo lavoro.
PALAZZO DEGLI ESAMI-IN VIA G.INDUNO (promesso)	= Da restituire al Ministero delle Finanze (Direz.Gener.Pensioni) che vi tiene tuttora dei voluminosi schedari.
CASERMA NUCLEO GUARDIE DI P.S. (annessa al Viminale)	= Per farvi ritornare il Nucleo Autonomo Guardie di P.S.che ora é disperso in locali del Ministero dell'Interno.
PALAZZINA DELL'ACUSTICA (annessa al Viminale)	= Per la Ragioneria Centrale del Ministero dell'Interno che ora é in locali fittati a Largo dei Lombardi con una spesa di circa lire 400.000 annue.

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Il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri

ELENCO DEREQUISIZIONI	GIUSTIFICAZIONI E RISULTATI
P.ZA AUGUSTO IMPERATORE N°22 (Ex sede dell'Ente per la Canapa)	= Per mettere a disposizione dell'U.N.R.R.A. il IV° piano del Palazzo di via S.Nicolò da Tolentino di cui occupa già gli altri tre piani.
MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA (Vuoto)	= La derequisizione di tali edifici, secondo il desiderio dell'Amministrazione interessata, consentirebbe di sistemare: nella sede del Ministero tutti gli Enti Centrali e gli Enti di nuova istituzione dislocati in più edifici (Commissione epurazione ecc.) ed un servizio del personale che é in Orvieto (in edificio requisito) e che sarebbe trasferito a Roma; nella ex scuola di guerra il Comando delle forze aeree e delle Scuole; nella Caserma Romagnoli passerebbe il reparto servizi che é ora nella Caserma Macao. Di conseguenza tornerebbero al Ministero della Guerra n° 70 stanze cedute in uso al Ministero dell'Aeronautica ; tornerebbe al Ministero della Guerra Palazzo Caprara; dovrebbero essere assorbiti i campi baraccati di via Livorno, Piazza S.Giovanni di Dio (per la parte non occupata dagli sfollati), di via Papareschi, 24. Cinque immobili di proprietà privata (piazza del Popolo, 18
EX SCUOLA DI GUERRA DELL'AERONAUTICA (scarsamente utilizzata)	
CASERMA ROMAGNOLI (quasi vuota)	

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Il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri

ELENCO DEREQUISIZIONI	GIUSTIFICAZIONI E RISULTATI
	= Via E.Quirino Visconti 2 bis- Piazza Esedra 56- Via Pinciana 21 - Via 4 Fontane 18) presi in fitto sarebbero restituiti al libero commercio,oltre una diecina tra villini,appartamenti e magazzini che,essendo stati requisiti dalle Autorità italiane,sarebbero subito derequisiti. Poichè,peraltro,é da presumere che le richieste dell'Amministrazione interessata non siano del tutto giustificate ,allo stato attuale delle cose, si ritiene che almeno la sede della Scuola di Guerra- con i suoi moderni ambienti costituiti da oltre 70 stanze, di alcune grandissime,- dovrebbe essere assegnata al Ministero dell'Assistenza post-Bellica per unificarvi molti dei suoi servizi oggi divisi in sei gruppi di locali.-

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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Ref: 6531/105/20

SUBJECT: Villa Volkonski

TO : The Under Secretary of State
The Presidency of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

1. Reference your letter 53782/7.2 of 12 December 1945.

2. As Allied Force Headquarters is not now moving to Rome, the Supreme Allied Commander will not require the use of the Villa Volkonski.

3. The application for the Allied use of this villa, made in this Headquarters letter 6531/94/20 of 15 November 1945 may therefore be considered to have lapsed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W. S. [illegible]

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:
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RAAC (Attn: Brig. Low)

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Translation

Roma, 2 January 1946

Sir,

In June 1944, when the Allied Armies liberated Rome from nazi-fascist occupation, the seat of the Istituto Nazionale Luce in Rome, Via S. Susanna, was requisitioned by order of the Psychological Warfare Branch but for the upper floor, which, a few weeks later, was occupied by the British Military Authorities, without any bill of requisition. The premises in question were occupied by the following offices: Army Film Unit - Air Ministry Photographic Section - Army Film and Photo Section - Pracownia Foto Polish Photographic Laboratory.

At present, P.W.B. handed back about two third of the premises that had been previously requisitioned, keeping a few rooms which will be occupied by the United States Information Service till June 30th, against the payment of a monthly rent to the Istituto Luce, as it has been agreed to.

As for the part of the building reserved to the British Military Authorities, ten rooms are still occupied as follows: Army Film Unit - and Pracownia Photographic Laboratory, whose staff is housed in some of the rooms.

Therefore, I take the liberty of writing to you, asking you to take in kind consideration the possibility of having the ten above mentioned rooms evacuated without delay by the offices in question, keeping in mind that a further delay paralyses almost completely the activity of the Institute of which I am the President, and the reconstruction of which is now being attempted in spite of the material damages caused by requisition, in the interest of the Italian film industry and also to give work to the personnel that proved worthy of it and is still unemployed.

I consider that it won't be difficult for the Allied Authorities to find accomodation for the offices in question and I hope that your kind interest will help to solve this proble which is vital for the rehabilitation of the Istituzione Nazionale Luce Nova.

I send you my best wishes for the New Year, and remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. Olindo Vernocchi)

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Ref: 3626/225/G. 31 December 1945.

Thank you for your letter DC/10 of 12th December. I am sorry we are causing so much trouble over the Caserma Ferdinando di Savoia, and that they are becoming such a big headache for you.

The War Ministry have now informed MMIA that the Ministry of Internal Affairs has appointed a Prefect to coordinate and reallocate accommodation in Rome, including military barracks. Rome Territorial HQ are therefore revising their plans and we shall be informed of the proposals submitted by them to the Prefect. Perhaps in this reshuffle something useful will come to light.

M. S. [illegible]

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Brigadier Allan Low, CBE, MC,
Deputy Commander,
Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command.

Copy to: Land Forces S/C (MMIA)
CA Section.

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Translation

Municipality of Formo
n. 11468

17 December 1945

Subject : Use of the Theater by the Polish troops.

To : Admiral Stone - Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

For a few months, the Theater of this town has been taken by the Theatrical Company of the Polish Army which uses it irregularly for the various shows reserved for the allied troops. Of late, because of the transfer of the polish theatrical company, the shows didn't take place frequently; however, the Theater hasn't been derequisitioned, and it hasn't been possible to obtain from the above mentioned company that, when the company isn't acting, the premises may be used by the Concerns that has been renting the Theater for ten years, for public shows.

My attempts at conciliating the requirements of the army with those of the civilians have been useless, for the military authorities wouldn't give up the premises on the days when the lack of public shows is most felt by the civilian population which, on Sundays particularly, is used to going to the theater and movies.

It has also been noted that military theatrical companies do not take much trouble to keep the Theater and its equipment in a good state; the building and furniture suffered damages; doors were knocked down; the wiring that protects various lamps has been removed and the lamps stolen.

The municipality and the population regret to see our Teatro dell'Aquila damaged because it is being mishandled by the troops.

It has also been noted that the polish military companies besides using the theater on their own account, lend it to private persons for dances and festivals, without realizing what damages this may cause. It is therefore necessary that in such cases the municipality should be informed before hand and that the allocation of the theater to other people should depend on the observing of such regulations as the Municipality will deem it fit to establish each time.

The concern which is managing the Theater in normal time complains of the prejudice of which it is suffering because of its enforced inactivity and of the damages done to the chairs lighting outfit which it owns. It claims the right of withdrawing all the chairs and lighting outfit from the premises; this would prevent the theater from functioning.

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At present Formo is crowded with students which are the main source of income of the economic life of the city, and the population regrets not to be able to give them the instructive amusements that had become a real tradition.

We beg this Command to take action to conciliate military and civilian requirements, allowing the S.A.T.T. to dispose of the Theater 2 or 3 days a week, Sundays included, for civilian shows, and preventing the polish troops from landing the Theater.

Thanking you for your kind interest,

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7 December 1945.

Dear General:

The enclosed request for derequisition has been submitted to me by Prince Chigi, father of the tenant in question.

Anything which can be done to assist the lady without injury to Allied interests will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Charles L. Dasher, Jr., USA,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command.

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Translation

Rome, Via Condotti, 68

10 November 1945

To the Chief of the Real Estate Section -

The undersigned, Laura Chigi Crisis delle Pie' asks the Chief of the Real Estate Section whether he will very kindly consider the possibility of dorequisitioning Count Andrea fe d'Ostiani's villa, in n. 58 Via Panama, requisitioned by the U.S. Claim Service.

The undersigned had to leave hetville in Turin which was damaged by the bombardments, and later the Chigi Palace at Ariccia (Rome), that belongs to her father, Prince Chigi, Grand Maitre of the S.O.M. of Malta, which is also inhabitable because of the war.

The undersigned rented the above mentioned flat belonging to Count Fe' d'Ostiani and needs accomodation in town for the education of her children and other family requirements.

Believe me,

s. Laura Chigi Crisi delle Pie'

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Rome - Via Condotti 68

10 Novembre 1945

Au Chef du Real Estate Section -

La soussignée Laura Chigi Gris. delle Piè s'adresse au chef du Real Estate Section demandant qu'Il veuille bien se complaire d'étudier, s'Il le croit possible, l'opportunité de déréquisitionner l'appartement de l'immeuble 58, Via Panama appartenant au Comte Andrea Pè d'Ostiani réquisitionné par le U.S. Cleaim Service -

La soussignée a dû quitter d'abord sa ville de Turin endommagée par les bombardements et ensuite

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le Palais Lluigi à Ariccia (Rome)
appartenant à son Père, le Prince Luigi
Grand Maître du S. O. M. de Malte,
rendu aussi inhabitable des suites
de la guerre -
La soussignée a un contrat de location
pour le susdit appartement de propriété
du Comte Fé d'Ostiani et a l'absolu
nécessité d'une habitation en Ville
pour l'instruction de ses enfants et
autres nécessités de famille -
Veuillez agréer les sens de ma
plus haute considération

Laura Lluigi
Comtesse delle Fè

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Translation

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Rome, 5 December 1945

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My dear Admiral,

I received your letter dated 27 November, Ref. ED/8A/4.2./AC and I greatly appreciate your kind interest about the request for the derequisition of the Engineering School of the Bologna University.

Thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. Infante

(General Adolfo Infante)

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

Roma, li 5 Dicembre 1945

Gentilmo Signor Ammiraglio,

ho ricevuto la Sua cortese comunicazione Ref.ED/PA/4.2/AC del 27 Novembre u.s. e Le sono molto grato del Suo gentile interessamento nei riguardi della richiesta di derequisizione dei locali della Facoltà di Ingegneria dell'Università di Bologna.

Con molti ringraziamenti, La prego di gradire gli atti della mia alta considerazione.

(Generale Adolfo Infante)

646 Contrammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata
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Rome, 30 November 1945

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My dear Admiral,

I refer to my letter n. 6854 of the 11th instant, in relation with the possibility of taking in kind consideration the derequisition of the Engineering School of the Bologna University.

The Rettore Magnifico of the University pointed out that, rather than have the derequisition delayed, he would greatly appreciate it to have part of the premises derequisitioned, considering the small number of the patients who are taken to the Hospital set up in the Engineering School.

I take the liberty of bringing his request to your attention, My dear Admiral, asking for your intervention to have this wish granted, by conciliating the requirements of the Allied Army forces and those of the school.

Thanking you for whatever action you will deem it advisable to take, I remain,

Truly yours,

A. A. Infante

(Generale Adolfo Infante)

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
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Ref ED/84/4.2/AC

21 November, 1945

Dear General Infante:

Your letter of 11 November regarding the need for derequisitioning the engineering building of the University of Bologna is acknowledged.

The matter has been placed before Allied Forces Headquarters and they have been urged to do everything possible toward freeing these premises.

You will be kept informed as to the situation.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Generale Adolfo Infante
Il Primo Aiutante di Campo
Generale di S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno
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