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REQUISITIONING PAPAL SEMINARIES, MOLFETTA,
BENEVENTO, ETC.
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29	Ltr Doe SG 386.8	17 Jul 44	Comd Gen Rome	Action to be taken re Pontifical Seminaries Molfetta & Benevento
30	Ltr Doe SG 386.8	28 Jul 44	Rome Area Comd	Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta & Benevento
31	Ltr Doe SG 386.8	28 Jul 44	ACC CAB	Molfetta & Benevento Seminaries
31a	Cbl ACC 1174	31 Jul 44	DISTWO	with 5 Incls listed in letter
31b	Cbl ACC 1175	31 Jul 44	PENBASE	
31c	Cbl ACC 3/57 Reg	1 Aug 44	ACC Main	
32	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 386.8	2 Aug 44	Rome Area Comd	Pontifical Seminaries At Molfetta & Benevento
33	Ltr Capt Stone	10 Aug 44	Comd Gen RAAC	Pontifical Seminaries Molfetta & Benevento reports fr Reg Comm s 4 Incls listed 1st page of ltr
34	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 386.8-2	17 Aug 44	RC & MG Sect CAB	Status of papal property in Livorno Incl a - Ltr Carroll 81838 5 Aug Incl b - Ltr Stone 386.8-2 17 Aug
35	Ltr Fiske 133/61/CA	17 Aug 44	5 Ar & Reg 8	Status of Papal property in Livorno - Villa Maria

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15	Cbl Freedom F45650	14 May 44	ACC Main	Avoid misunderstanding on Benevento request complete report AFHQ submit Combined Cs of S required References below: App a - Cbl Freedom F44127 10 May App b - Cbl Freedom F31009 12 Apr App c - Cbl Fatima 2615 26 Mar App d - Cbl Fatima 2552 24 Mar
16	Cbl ACC Main 5185	17 May 44	AFHQ, AAI, MA/AF	Present status negotiations utilization Benevento Seminary
17	Cbl Filpot Q 2286	16 May 44	AFHQ info ACC	Ref F 45650 14 May ACC negotiating regards Benevento
18	Cbl ACC Reber 2781	18 May 44	AFHQ	Vatican property to be regarded as neutral territory
19	Cbl ACC Main 5265 Fiske	18 May 44	Distwo, AFHQ	AFHQ request report status & condition Molfetta Seminary
20	Cbl ACC Main 5339 Reber	20 May 44	AFHQ MGS	Report present status Molfetta Seminary to US Political Advisor AFHQ
21	Cbl ACC Main 5541	26 May 44	AFHQ & AAI	Operations make necessary requisition entire Benevento Seminary immediate occupancy Mil Hospital
22	Cbl Freedom F 51870	28 May 44	AGWAR	Proceedings being taken immediate occupancy Benevento Seminary as Military Hospital
23	Cbl Freedom F 53490	1 Jun 44	ACC MAIN	State Department request status & condition Benevento Seminary
24	Cbl ACC Main 5746	3 Jun 44	AFHQ	Summarization status Benevento Seminary as Military Hospital use
25	Cbl ACC Main 5854	6 Jun 44	Freedom	Require all of Pontifical Seminary not just half
26	Cbl ACC Main M 251	14 Jun 44	AFHQ G-5	Dealings with Vatican thru Allied Diplomatic representatives local military & political viewpoints App a - Cbl Freedom F 55892 6 Jun
27	Cbl ACC Main 6221	14 Jun 44	AFHQ	Benevento Seminary handed over by Archbishop 9 Jun
28	Cbl AFHQ F68729	5 Jul 44	ACC ADV & AAI	Submit to AFHQ re requisition of Irish owned religious house

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5a(5)	Cbl Fatima 2324	16 Feb 44	Distwo (Amg Reg II	Paraphrase 51234 of 11 Feb - Request answer re Archbishops carrying out instructions for seminary requisitions if other accommodations available for them, receipt of Vatican's reply to above, other matters mentioned in ltr of 22 Dec from Gen Taylor to Archbishop.
8	Ltr 125(386.8) Gen MacFarlane	7 Mar 44	Gen Robertson	Ref yours of 3 Mar re Papal Seminaries at Molfetta & Benevento. Am doing my best as urgently as possible -- we cannot use force. Trying to find accom. for Sem in Lecce
9.	Ltr A. Salvucci Bishop of Molfetta	9 Mar 44	ACC Bari	Group of officers called here today & said Sem would be occupied in 8 days. Since no word yet from the Pope, do not think we should evacuate without express order from Archbishop of Bari. Pencilled Note: FORWARDED TO EXEC. COMMISSIONER.
10	Cbl Fatima Rear 2517 (Legal)	24 Mar 44	Freedom	Requisition probably valueless unless enough force is exercised to get property. As Pres 10 Jul 43 said merely that neutral status will be respected, papal prop. should not be regarded as extraterritorial; & this allows requisitions. Upjohn.
11	Cbl Freedom F28133	6 Apr 44	Fatima CA Br 2	Msg fr Card Maglione to Arch. Mancinelli, Benevento. Seminary Benevento to be handed over to Brit if accommodation can be found out.
12	Cbl Freedom F 41945	5 May 44	AAI & ACC MAIN	Combined D of S posted 3 Directives on treatment of Vatican Property
13	Cbl Filpot Q2171	9 May 44	ACC & AMHQ	Ref F41945 confirmed desired to proceed requisition Benevento Seminary on operational grounds
14	Cbl Filpot Q2191	12 May 44	AFHQ info ACC	Ref F41945 5 May for accommodation hospitals need Benevento Seminary

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7b(1)	Cbl Freedom 29301	15 Jan 44	Fatima	Ref 1958 - no force to be used approach Holy See for direct order to seminary authorities - Vatican agrees for seminary use as convalescent home if seminary function other premises - Are other accommodations available for seminary?
7a(2)	Cbl Fatima 2011	16 Jan 44	Freedom	Ref 29301 of 15 Jan ACC not responsible accommodation personnel of requisitioned buildings - Ital Govt representative explored condition with seminary authorities unsatisfactory results
7a(3)	Cbl Flambo Q11538	24 Jan 44	Afhq info Fatima	Ref 2011 of 16 Jan ACC is responsible for alternative accommodation through Ital Govt DCAO8800 of 12 Jan also refers reply urgent
5a(2)	Cbl Freedom 45323	31 Jan 44	Fatima Rear	Ref 11/34/1501 of 16 Dec For Off request message for Holy See from Archbishop of Bari please invite Archbishop respond Holy See
5a(3)	Cbl Fatima 2270	5 Feb 44	Freedom	Ref 45323 of 31 Jan Archbishop already replied Holy See but will send further message thru us
7(1)	Cbl Freedom 48057	6 Feb 44	Flambo rpt Fatima	Ref DCAO 8800 of 12 Jan also 42202 of 24 Jan re Papal Seminaries for hospitals - right to requisition any property required military - requisition of Papal property thru Ital Govt - Vatican to be informed in such cases - Vatican property have extra territorial character - In such cases alternative accommodations to be found for seminaries
14087	HQ ACC Exec Memo No. 11	14 Feb 44	Reg Com & SCACs 5th & 8th Armies Use of Papal Property by the Allies	Ref 45323-31 Jan & 2270-5 Feb - Archbishop authorized grant use of seminary for convalescent if alternate accommodation made for them paraphrase message from Cardinal Maglione to Monsignor Mimmi
5a(4)	Cbl Freedom 51234	13 Feb 44	Fatima (MacFarlane)	

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5h	Memo Legal Subcomm	12 Jan 44	Captain Stone	Ref 222A 5 Jan have authorities vacated seminary If not force is considered illegal What to be done in such cases as this?
5i	Cbl DISTWO A/106	11 Jan 44	Disper Sub-Comm	Ref conversation Stone & Johnston- Requisition Collegio Argento for sick & wounded Yugoslav Partisans refused by Rector suggest It Govt oblige him to provide 300 beds immediately
5h(1)	Major Simcock ACC Liaison Officer Prefecture Lecce	12 Jan 44	Col Monfort ACC Liaison Officer Adv Comd Post	Ref conversation above complaint requisition Collegio Argento for other localities suitable for hospital consider Diplomatic difficulties with Vatican unless action taken soon
7	Cbl Flambo DCAO 8800	12 Jan 44	Action Freedom - info Fatima	Difficulty accommodation hospitals - 2 seminaries Molfetta & Benevento refused - Can you approach Vatican?
7a	Cbl Fatima 1958	13 Jan 44	Freedom MGE	Condition now seminary authorities will move out only under pressure force - Should ACC order Ital Govt to exercise force for us?
5i(1) 686	Cbl Fatima 1959	13 Jan 44	Distwo	Reply A/106 of 11 Jan question using force evacuate occupants of ecclesiastical property - 1958 refers - under temporary alternative accommodation found
6a	Ltr Capt Stone	14 Jan 44	Monsignore Mimmi Archbishop Bari	Receipt communication 5 Jan to Gen Taylor - Prefect of Bari Ital Govt representative at meeting 5 Jan - appreciate appointment committee settle seminary requirement - committee to find required accommodation

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5a	Gen Holmes, Chief Mil Govt Sect	18 Dec 43	Act Dep Pres, ACC	2 Communications transmitted from British Resident Minister; 11/34/1501, Info; 11/34/1501, Act (of 15 Dec) (of 16 Dec) Action copy 62 16 Dec 11/34/1501 Info copy of 15 Dec 11/34/1501 to District 2
5a(1)	Chief of Staff	21 Dec 43	Pol Sec	
5b	Lttr Gen Taylor	22 Dec 43	Monsignore Mimmi Archbishop Bari	
5c	Marcello Mimmi Archbishop Bari	30 Dec 43	Gen Taylor	Message from Pope transmit to Archbishop Holy See agree to use of seminary as convalescent home if seminary can find other premises to work in --- Holy See has no news of Southern Italy as yet
5d	Gen Comd 2 Dist	3 Jan 44	Archbishop Bari cc: ACC	Ref Lttr 22 Dec grateful under- standing instructions use of semi- nary as convalescent home but no suitable premises in region for seminary to carry on functions
5e	Col Johnston (call)	3 Jan 44	Gen Taylor	Receipt Lttr 27 Dec essential seminary vacated by 5 Jan
6035 5f	Hq 2 Dist CMT	5 Jan 44	ACC	Occupants have made no preparatio to move from seminary no place available for them suggest army barracks for them also officer to enforce move if necessary
6	Marcello Mimmi Archbishop Bari	5 Jan 44	Gen Taylor	Ref visit Col Mayne responsi- bility ACC & Ital Govt find suit- able accommodation for occupants seminary Latest date permitted completion move 12 Jan arrival of hospital party 10 Jan move in
5g	Col Mayne	6 Jan 44	Gen Taylor	No arrival of representative of Ital Govt suggest one from ACC for definite conclusion requisition of seminary
				Accommodation required for full size hospital-General-(1000/1200 beds) not convalescent home; visit Archbishops whom state seminary only one of kind essential for ec- clesiastical life southern Italy, suggest other buildings for hospi- tal in Lecce; to make no move to vacate seminary

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3b	Lttr Gen Joyce	8 Dec 43	Marshal Badoglio	Ref lttr of 26 Nov Allied Military authorities set final date for requisition of seminary 13 Dec Request urgent evacuation building
3c	Lttr Badoglio 1299/Prot	9 Dec 43	Gen Joyce	Ref lttr 8 Dec. & my 4024, negotiations were in progress with Gen Dowler to use someplace beside the Molfetta Sem. How about furniture? Have ordered prefect of Bari to start legal proceedings for the requisitioning.
3d	Lttr Gen Joyce	12 Dec 43	Marshal Badoglio	Ref your 1299. No present need for the furniture. Sorry for Commission's slowness on this point.
2b	Cbl Dist 2 Q369	12 Dec 43	ACC	Arch. of Bari says no notice given to him prior to 10 Dec. In view of delicate situation as a result of this slowness, orders have been issued postponing the date of requisition to 5 Jan.
4 1034	Lttr Valenzano 1367 Prot	15 Dec 43	Gen Joyce	Enclosure of letter from Arch of Salerno re requis. of Molfetta Sem. DATED 12 DEC: Buildings of this Sem are Papal property, and Ital Govt nor Allies have any claim on requis. it. It is now in full operation, and moving out is unthinkable. No one will move unless force is used; and any use of force should be done openly.
4a	Cbl PBS 2528	15 Dec 43	Fatima for Joyce	Letter of 12th (see #4 a/m) is being forwarded to you. Note part on the use of force.
5	Lttr British Resident Minister's Office 11/34/1501	15 Dec 43	Mil Govt Sect	Ref Freedom cbl 3749 Nov 21 to Fatima (MC OUT 6319) British Minister informed Papal authorities intentions Allied Command regards requisition seminary who agree to use as convalescent home (Vatican)

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1	Cbl Fatima 759	4 Nov 43	Freedom	GOC #2 Dist anxious to requisition Molfetta Seminary for a convalescent home for wounded. Urgent need as a military necessity. But what interpretation should be put on Lateran Treaty, as it is Papal property, and should the Italian Govt be instructed to proceed with the requisition?
1a	Cbl Fatima 797	6 Nov 43	Freedom	Ref 759: Prof at Bari says Sem. unlikely to be Pope's, but even so Ital Govt has right to take it for military necessity. Am waiting OK.
1b	Cbl Freedom 8624	9 Nov 43	Fatima	Ref 759 & 797: Without doubt Allied Forces power to requisition seminary expedient invite Pope to give direction for religious institutions comply with military requirements
1b(1)	Lttr Gen Taylor	10 Nov 43	HQ No. 2 Dist Bari	Ref cbl 8624 fr FREEDOM on same subject as above "Seminary at Bari Province" transmittal of
1c	Cbl Freedom 3749	23 Nov 43	Fatima rptd Distwo	Ref 759, 797 & 8624: Lateran treaty does not affect right to requisition seminary up to Ital Govt to do so for us Vatican informed of this by British Minister
2	Cbl DISTWO 0/228	25 Nov 43	103 Sub Area info Fatima	Ref conversation Wilcox-Johnston proceed with requisition of seminary normal channels
3	Lttr Gen Joyce	26 Nov 43	Marshal Badoglio	Request that seminary be requisitioned by Ital Govt since Lateran treaty & Concordat does not prohibit it to do so
3a	Lttr Badoglio	1 Dec 43	Gen Joyce	Ref Lttr 26 Nov negotiations with Gen Dowler for substitute building if not suitable will issue orders to requisition seminary also
12	Cbl Robertson Col	2 Dec 43	Capt Stone Requisition Seminario Reguonale Salerno	question whether requisition includes furniture in building
2a	Cbl DISTWO Q/303	6 Dec 43	Fatima	Appeal being made through Archbishop of Bari by Head of Seminary
13	Cbl Fatima 1313	7 Dec 43	Flambo Requisition Seminario Reguonale Salerno	Insist building cleared by 13 Dec

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Phone:
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17 August 1944

Ref/433/61/CA.

SUBJECT: Villa Maria, LIVORNO

TO: SCAG Fifth Army
R.C. Region VIII.

HQ ACC. APO 394

704 Sec'y Gen.

Rec'd 18 Aug 17 20

By DRR

1. I enclose copy of a short note dealing with the status of some Papal property in LIVORNO.
2. As with all other Vatican property throughout Italy, this property will be accorded the treatment of property of a neutral State in foreign territory.
3. Except in the case of urgent military necessity no Vatican property will be requisitioned or converted to military use without reference to this HQ.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: A/Chief Commissioner,
Political Section.

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File (H) 47797

386.8 Papal Properties
encl. 18 Aug 44

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

EWG/nd

A/CC 386.8-2

17 August 1944

To: RC & NC Section.
(For Civil Affairs Branch)

1. Reference is made to attached
 - a. Copy of letter 61636 of 5 August 44 from Magr. Carroll with inclosure dated 31 July 44 relative to the status of papal property in Livorno.
 - b. Copy A/CC 386.8-2 of 17 August - acknowledgment of ref la.
2. Please take necessary action, notifying those who should be apprised of the facts.

FREDERICK E. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Political Section

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Hq ACC - Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date-Time 17 Aug 11.00
Via *W. H. Smith*
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Files *(H. H. Smith)*

386.8 August 1944



DI SUA SANTITÀ

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Dal Vaticano, li 5 August 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394
588 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 13 Aug 1944
By RRRCaptain Stone
Allied Control Commission
Rome, Italy

Dear Captain Stone:

I am enclosing a short note dealing with the status of some papal property in Livorno and I should appreciate it very much if you would forward it to the Allied Control Commission authorities in Livorno.

With an expression of thanks and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Walter S. Carroll

Msgr. Walter S. Carroll.

enclosure 1.

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DI SUA SANTITÀ

81838

Dal Vaticano, li 31 July 1944

Villa Maria situated at Via Montenero 14 in Livorno, Italy is the property of the Holy See. This villa, which was occupied by the Germans in October of 1943, formerly served as a summer home for the students of the Pontifical Nepomucene College at Rome. In precise terms it is a property held in the name of His Holiness for the Catholic Bishops of Czechoslovakia.



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EMV/MA

4/00 386.8-2

17 August 1944

My dear Monsignor Carroll:

Your letter 81858 of 5 August concerning the status of Villa Maria in Idrovaio reached me on 15 August. I have passed this to the proper section of the Allied Control Commission for their information and for forwarding to each other offices as may be appropriate.

Yours very truly,

EMERY W. STEE
Captain, USA
Acting Chief Commissioner

Monsignor Walter R. Carroll
Segreteria di Stato di Sua Santita'
Vatican City

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Hq. A.C.C. - Sec'y Gen.
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Date: 17 Aug 1100
Via: *Whe*
Initials: *DRR*

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A/CC 386.8

10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento

TO : Commanding General Rome Allied Area Command,
APO 794.

1. Further to my letter of 2 August, A/CC 386.8, I have now received reports from Regional Commissioners in regard to the above seminaries, copies of which are enclosed for your information.

2. I have written to Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy requesting them to consider the possibility of returning these seminaries to the Vatican and enclose a copy of my letter.

ELDERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

- 4 Incls-
Incl 1 - Ltr ACC/99/MP, Prov.
Coms. Benevento, dtd 30 Jul.
2 - Ltr HC/2/10, fr Hq Reg. II,
dtd 30 Jul.
3 - Ltr HC/2/103, fr Hq Reg. II,
dtd 1 Aug.
4 - Ltr 431/90/CA, fr HC & MO Sec.
dtd 8 Aug.

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Hq ACC - Sec'y Gen.
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Date-Time 11 Aug 1100
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rec'ds PRR.

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386.8 Molfetta

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BENEVENTO PROVINCE

Ref: Acc/99/BP.

SUBJECT : Benevento Seminary.

TO : Headquarters Region 3, ACC
(att. Executive Officer).

1. Reference A.C.C. letter 431/71/CA of 21 Jul 44.
2. There are 670 patients in the 106 S.A. (Gen) Hospital on this date at the Seminary.
3. It is not true that there are 100 ladies of the Salvation Army housed in the Seminary. There are in fact no ladies housed there except nurses.

27 July 44
Benevento.

Lt. Col.
F. J. ARMSTRONG.
Provincial Commissioner.

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HEAD QUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Ref : HQ/2/10

30 July 44.

Subject : Molfetta Seminary.

To : R.C. & M.C. Section, HQ A.C.C., APO 394.

1. Reference your 432/52/CA dated 21 July 44.
2. Number of patients now approximately 400.
3. 1st New Zealand General Hospital is still in occupation.
4. I understand that the Hospital is not under orders to move, but that if such orders are received an-other Hospital Unit is already earmarked to take its place.
5. The students were originally evacuated to their own homes throughout Italy. I understand, however, that the 250 mentioned by the Archbishop of Bari returned a short time ago to take some examination. They have been accommodated, I have been informed, in the local Seminary which was originally evacuated by troops in order to make room for them and the Staff. These students will be leaving in the early part of August.

No more information can be obtained as the Archbishop is away and his available Staff do not know any more.

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Colonel, Infantry
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Ref: HC/2/103.

1 August 1944

SUBJECT: Molfetta Seminary.

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section
HQ A.C.C. APO. 394

Reference 432/52/CA of 21 July 1944 and further to this
HQ memo numbered as above of 30 July 1944 HQ. District report.

" The Molfetta Seminary continues to form an indispensable
part of the hospital accomodation in this District. In fact, it will
shortly be expanded to take 1200 bed patients, as against 600 at present.

It is regretted therefore that the release of the Seminary
cannot be contemplated under present conditions."

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Phone: 513

REF : 432/90/CA

8 August 1944

SUBJECT: Benevento and Molfetta Seminaries.

TO : H.Q. A.A.I.

1. Strong representations have again been received from the Vatican in regard to the Seminaries at Benevento and Molfetta.
2. The Vatican state " A prolonged interruption of the activity of the Benevento Seminary would result in great harm to the religious life of the 26 dioceses of the Beneventana and Campana regions " and again " the functioning of the Molfetta Seminary is indispensable to the Catholic life of all the 20 dioceses of the Apulian region ".
3. The new scholastic year opens in the Autumn and the Vatican is very anxious to regain control of these Seminaries before the opening. The hope is expressed that since the front has moved forward so fast the Seminaries might now be returned to the Vatican.
4. I shall be obliged if you will consider this question and inform me as early as possible of your decision.

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M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: ARIQ. C-5.
HQ. RA40.
British Minister at the Vatican
Pol. Section
File 432.

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HEADQUARTERS
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R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Phone: 511

8 August 1944

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Executive Commissioner,
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HQ. RAAC.
British Minister at the Vatican
Pol. Section
File 432.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

PHONE: 511

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9 Aug 1140
PRP.

REF : 431/91/CA

8 August 44

SUBJECT : MOLFETTA AND BENEVENTO Seminaries.

TO : Secretary General

1. Draft letter (with enclosures) to C.G. RAAC. submitted for A/CC.'s approval.

W. Shipp

for
NORMAN E. FISKE.
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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APP A

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R. G. & M. G. SECTION *of the A.C.C.*
APO 394

DRAFT

SUBJECT : Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento

TO : C.G. RAAC.

1. Further to my letter of 2 August, ~~sent~~ *sent* A/CC 386.8, I have now received reports from Regional Commissioners in regard to the above Seminaries, copies of which are enclosed for your information.
2. I have written to HQ. AAT. ^{*requesting*} ~~requiring~~ them to consider the possibility of returning these Seminaries to the Vatican and enclose a copy of my letter.

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Capt etc

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A/CO 386.8

2 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento

TO : Commanding General, Rome Allied Area Command

1. With further reference to your letter of 22 July 1944, file V/25, subject as above, the Regional Commissioners concerned have been asked for a report on the present position in regard to these seminaries. They have been asked to expedite their reports in view of the urgency and importance of the matter.

2. The British Minister at the Vatican has been informed that if reports from Regional Commissioners indicate that the case is as stated in the correspondence forwarded with your letter in regard to the small one at present being made of the seminaries, this headquarters will recommend to Headquarters A. A. I. that the seminaries be returned to the Vatican authorities.

ELDER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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cc: British Minister at Vatican
Political Section
CA Branch

32	Q HQ A.C.C. - Sec'y Gen. B
	DISPATCHED
	Date Time 3 Aug 1030
	Via AS M/C
	Initials DFP

Drafted by CA Branch.
Further file 432/CA.

Completed 6 Aug 44

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ALL ED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ROME AREA COM AND FOR ACC MAIN

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 21/02

FROM: ACC REGION 3

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MEMORANDUM TO: Civil Affairs Branch, Hq. ACC.

SUBJECT: Molfetta and Benevento Seminaries

1. The Acting Chief Commissioner directs that the attached correspondence concerning the return of the above seminaries be investigated and a draft letter be submitted to him as soon as possible.
2. The matter should be coordinated with the Political Section in view of the last paragraph of Sir D'Arcy Osborne's letter of 21 July 1944.
3. A previous communication from General Johnson, enclosing other letters from the British Minister to the Holy See was sent to you on the 17 July 1944.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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- Incl 1 - Ltr fr RAAC, file V/25, dtd 22 July 44.
- 2 - Ltr fr Sir D'Arcy Osborne, dtd 21 July 44.
- 3 - Translation of note No. 4539/44 dtd 19 July 44 fr Secretariat of State of His Holiness to H. M. Legation to the Holy See.
- 4 - Ltr fr Sir D'Arcy Osborne dtd 19 July 44.
- 5 - Ltr enclosing translation of note No. 4424/44 of 17 July 44 fr Secretariat of State of the Holiness to H. M. Legation to the Holy See.

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ROMA ALLIED ARMY COMMAND
A.P.O. 794 U.S. ARMY

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22 July 1944

Subject : Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission,
Headquarters A.C.C. A.P.O. 394 U.S. Army.

1. In your letter of 17 July 1944, reference S.C. 386.8, you informed us that action would be taken by your Headquarters about Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

2. This information was transmitted by us to the British Minister to the Holy See in our letter of 19 July 1944.

3. We are sending you two more communications which have been sent to this Headquarters by the British Minister to the Holy See on the subject of the Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

4. The first communication from the British Minister to the Holy See is one in which the Minister reviews the question briefly and is one in which he requests us to transmit note No. 4424-44 of 17 July 1944 from the Secretariat of State of His Holiness to the British Legation. This note reviews chronologically the representations which have been made by the Holy See for the Seminaries.

5. Accordingly we are sending attached note No. 4424-44.

6. In his note of 21 July 1944 the British Minister again urges us to assist in having the Seminaries restored and sends us note No. 439-44 of 19 July 1944 from the Secretariat of State of His Holiness to the British Minister which we transmit attached.

7. The letter of 19 July 1944 from the British Minister asks that this Headquarters transmit Vatican note No. 4424-44 to the "Supreme Allied Authorities in Italy" in order that they may consider it most carefully.

8. In view of the fact that you have informed us that action is being taken by your Headquarters we are transmitting for your information all the documents sent to us.

9. It would be much appreciated, in view of the many representations about these Seminaries that have been made to us and because of the gravity of the situation as it explained, if we could be informed as promptly as possible of the action taken by your Headquarters.

HARRY H. JOHNSON
Major General, U.S. Army.
Commanding.

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MAJOR GENERAL JOHNSON.

With reference to my Note of July 19th about Molfetta Seminary, I now transmit translation of a further Note received from the Secretariat of State, this time about the Seminary at Benevento.

You will observe that according to his Note, the Archbishop of Benevento made representations, which were not however, with to the occupation of only a part of the Seminary; that as a result of the closing of the Seminary all the students had to return to their homes; and that the Holy See urgently request that, in order to avoid grave harm to the religious life of 26 dioceses, the Seminary may be restored to its normal uses before the opening of the new scholastic year.

I would recall in this connexion the information given by the Archbishop of Benevento to Cardinal Pizzardo, which I reported in the P.S. to a letter which I sent you on July 7th (2/27/44), viz that some weeks after the evacuation of the students, the College was occupied only by ten patients and by 100 ladies of the Salvation Army. You will see too that the A.C.C. seem to have encouraged the hope that the Seminary may be evacuated by the autumn.

In view of the speedy northward drive of the Allied armies and the presumed need that hospitals should not be too far removed from the line, I hope that it may soon be possible to comply with the Vatican request and perhaps you will be so good, in transmitting the enclosed document to the Higher Command, to inform them what importance I attach, in the interests of good relations between the Allies and the Vatican, to compliance with the latter's request as soon as military exigences render it possible.

British Legation to the Holy See,

Vatican City.

July 21st 1944

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TRANSLATION OF NOTE No. 439/44 of July 19th 1944
FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE OF HIS HOLINESS, TO
H.B.M. LEGATION TO THE HOLY SEE.

1. As is known to His Britannic Majesty's Legation, the Secretariat of State of His Holiness, welcoming the desire expressed by the Legation, hastened to give on 18 March 1944 the necessary instructions to P.E. the most Rev. Monsignor Agostino Mancinelli, Archbishop of Benevento, with a view to the cession of that Pontifical Regional Seminary which the Allied Command had asked to be able to use for some months as a military hospital.

By means of the said instructions Monsignor the Archbishop of Benevento was authorised to agree to the demand of the Allied Military Authorities, provided that the Seminary were able to be conveniently lodged elsewhere.

2. H.B. Monsignor Mancinelli, not having succeeded in making suitable arrangements for the Seminarists, made strong representations to the Allied Command in order that they might limit themselves to occupying only a part of the Seminary. The Allied Command, however, considered that they could not do without the whole building, which on June 1st was accordingly transformed into a hospital; thus the course of studies of the students was cut short and these indeed were courteously taken to their own homes in Allied motor-cars.

3. A prolonged interruption of the activity of the above-mentioned Pontifical Seminary would result in grave harm to the religious life of the 26 dioceses of the beneventane and Campa regions, which send their own students to that Seminary in order there to complete the superior courses of ecclesiastical studies; accordingly the Holy See urgently request H.B. Legation to be a good as to make use of its authoritative good offices with the competent authorities in order that at the beginning of the new scholastic year the Seminary in question may be able to start functioning regularly again.

Since war-like operations are now taking place at a very considerable distance, the Secretariat of State trusts that its request will be favourably received all the more so since the Vice President of the Allied Control Committee, Mr. Samuel Rober, on May 27th wrote as follows to Monsignor the Archbishop of Benevento:-

"It is the hope of the Allied authorities that the use of the Seminary will not be required for too long a period, and that, subject to military exigencies, it may be released prior to the re-opening of the new scholastic year."

The Secretariat of State takes advantage of this occasion to express to H.B.M. Legation the sense of high distinguished consideration.

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MAYOR GENERAL JOHNSON

I transmit herewith translation of an extremely lengthy Note which I have received from the Secretariat of State, containing a chronological account of events in connection with the requisitioning of the Polletta Seminary.

I shall be grateful if you will be so good as to transmit this document to the Supreme Allied Authorities in Italy and will request them to consider it most carefully. It seems to me that some of the facts given, if correctly stated are in need of explanation, particularly the fact that the Archbishop of Bari was not enabled to communicate freely with the Vatican about the Seminary and that the difficulty of the Archbishop's situation, due to the fact that the Seminary was not his to dispose of, never seems to have been fully appreciated.

It seems clear that the occupation of the Seminary has in fact gravely inconvenienced the church authorities in Apulia and that if the building continues to be occupied the whole system for the training of the clergy in that province will be put out of gear. In view of this fact and also of the probability that the continued occupation by forces of the Papal Seminary will have an unfortunate effect on relations between His Majesty's Government and the Holy See, I strongly recommend that most careful consideration be given to the Vatican plea that the building be restored to its proper use by next autumn. I imagine that in view of the northward drive of the Allied forces in Italy, it should not be difficult to meet Vatican wishes in this respect.

I am sending a translation of the Note to the Foreign Office with comments in the same as the above.

/s/ D.G. Osborne

British Legation to the Holy See
Vatican City

July 19th 1944.

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TRANSLATION OF THE NOTE NO. 4421/14 OF JULY 17,
1944, FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE OF HIS

HOLINESS TO H. M. LEGATION TO THE HOLY SEE.

1) With a Memorandum dated November 17th 1943 H.M. Legation informed the Secretariat of State of His Holiness that the Allied Authorities proposed to occupy the Molfetta Regional Seminary (Pari), after its requisition by the Italian Government, in order to make use of it as a military convalescent home.

The said Legation added: "His Majesty's Government desire to inform the Holy See, as a matter of courtesy, of the action proposed and they suggest that, in view of the possibility of similar cases in future, it might be helpful if the authorities in charge of ecclesiastical property were directed to cooperate fully with the Allied Authorities in such matters".

2) In reply it was pointed out in a note from the Secretariat of State of November 19th 1943:-

- a) that the Molfetta Regional Seminary, being the property of the Holy See "it was necessary not only on grounds of courtesy but also on legal grounds, to obtain the previous consent of the Holy See before using the building for other objects even of charitable nature";
- b) that the Italian Government as recently as June 24th 1940 had assured the Holy See in writing that in so far as the Molfetta Seminary was concerned, it had given "instructions that orders for its requisition would be suspended and that no such orders should be given for the future;
- c) That President Roosevelt, on July 10th 1943, declared in a public message: "During the period of operations Pontifical possessions in Italy will be respected."

In view of the above, the communication from the Secretariat of State added that the Holy See gave its consent to the use of the building in question as a convalescent home and could find elsewhere convenient premises. This condition was indispensable because the Molfetta Regional Seminary - the only one in the whole region of Apulia - accommodates all the candidates for the priesthood who are engaged in philosophical and theological studies, and is therefore absolutely necessary to the normal life of the Catholic Church.

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To the above mentioned note were added the requisite instructions, which H.B.M. Legation were begged to send through the mediation and good offices of their own Government to the Most Rev. Monsignor Mianini, Archbishop of Bari. The latter was moreover authorized by the Holy See to negotiate with the Allied Authorities about other similar cases which might present themselves in the future.

3) The said instructions - as the Holy See has only just now learned - were communicated to H.B.M. the Archbishop of Bari on December 22nd 1943 by means of a letter from Brigadier Maxwell Taylor.

In the meantime, however, their excellencies the Bishops of Apulia had received orders to evacuate within three days the Molfetta Regional Seminary. This may be deduced from a letter which the said bishops addressed on December 12th 1943 to the Allied Command and which has only recently come to the knowledge of the Secretariat of State. It reads as follows:-

"On the 10th instant we came to know that General Taylor of this Command ordered for the 13th instant the evacuation of the Pius XI Pontifical Regional Seminary of Molfetta. This communication has caused us deep sorrow. It is the only philosophical and theological seminary which we possess in the whole of Apulia which is being closed. The Apulian Episcopate are well aware of and render homage to the attitude of noble and generous respect which the Allied Military Command have constantly shown for the Holy See and the Catholic Church, and it is for this reason that the undersigned, as representatives of the Holy See, to which the Institute belongs and in the name of all the Apulian Episcopate, venture to formulate the wish expressed recently by the afore-mentioned Episcopate and to beg the same Command to be so good as to refrain from requisitioning the Molfetta Regional Seminary. The undersigned state at the same time that this request has also been forwarded to Mr. Winston Churchill, head of H.B.M. Government, and to Mr. F.D. Roosevelt, President of the United States.

4) The absence of any reply from H.B.M. Monsignor the Archbishop of Bari could not but cause anxiety to the Holy See, all the more that on December 29th 1943, the following telegram was received from the Charge d'Affaires of the Apostolic Delegation of Cairo:

"An informed Allied Authorities proposed requisition pontifical Seminary Molfetta as hospital. Representations made to authorities have resulted in postponement till January 5th, but requisition order is maintained".

To this telegram, the Holy See replied on the following day informing Father Hughes of the position and of the instructions already given by the Holy See.

5) As in the meantime the Apostolic Delegation at Washington had also received news about the threatened requisition, the Secretariat of State on December 31st 1943, thus sums up for the information and guidance of the pontifical representative in question, the desires of the Holy See:-

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- a) That the assurance given publicly should be faithfully respected,
- b) That H.E. the Archbishop of Bari should be enabled to make known to the Holy See whether he had received and carried out the instructions given to him, it being extremely painful for the same Holy See to have received not even one direct message from the whole Episcopate in the regions of Italy occupied by the Allies.

6) Still influenced by the natural desire to know something about the state of the Molfetta Pontifical Seminary, the Secretariat of State on January 18th 1944 sent a telegram to H.E. Monsignor Miami asking him if he had carried out their instructions of November 19th. A similar telegram was sent on January 21st, through the intermediary of Monsignor Caroli, who was then at Algiers.

7) On January 22nd 1944 H.E. the Minister verbally informed His Eminence the Cardinal Secretary of State that the Rector of the Molfetta Seminary, in agreement with his Excellency the Bishop, had refused to give up the building, not having found other premises suitable for the proper functioning of the Seminary. The military authorities - added H.E. the Minister - had then been constrained to requisition the Seminary.

His Eminence the Cardinal Secretary of State replied that the Holy See was still awaiting an answer from H. E. the Archbishop of Bari and therefore prayed H.E. the Minister to be so good as to telegraph to the Government in London asking them to hold matters up and to invite His Excellency the Archbishop of Bari to make known his reasons to the Holy See, which would then pass judgement. H. E. the Minister declared himself ready to telegraph in the desired sense.

8) On the same day, January 22nd, the Apostolic Delegate in London made known to the Secretariat of State that the Bishops of Apulia - according to a letter which he had received from H.E. the Archbishop of Bari - had requested his intervention with a view to preventing the requisitioning of the Molfetta Pontifical Seminary. Naturally H.E. Monsignor Godfrey did not fail to take up the matter with zeal and for his guidance the relevant information and instructions were sent to him on January 24th.

9) Not satisfied with this the Secretariat of State continued to make use of every means in order to obtain information about this grave matter. On January 26th 1944, the Charge d'Affaires of the Apostolic Delegation of Cairo was asked by telegram if he had received further information regarding the Molfetta Seminary. On the 11th February H.E. the Cardinal Secretary of State telegraphed as follows to the Archbishop of Bari: "I am still waiting answer to my instructions concerning Molfetta Seminary." At the same time, His Eminence, by means of another telegraphic message, requested Monsignor Caroli at Algiers to look into the question and to hasten to H.E. Monsignor Miami. A similar request was sent anew on February 16th 1944 to the Charge d'Affaires of the Apostolic Delegation at Cairo.

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10) The Rev. Father Hughes, on March 7th 1944, sent to the Secretariat of State the following telegram: "Happy communicate information of fourteenth February stating Seminary Molfetta not taken. Authorities courteously consider Bishop's representations."

11) This communication made the Holy See hope that the Molfetta Seminary had been left free. However, on April 18th 1944 the Charge d'Affaires of the United States of America wrote as follows in a letter directed to H.E. Monsignor the Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs: "I have now received a communication from Washington which may be of interest to the Holy See. The communication states that according to information received from Algiers, the Molfetta Seminary was evacuated on March 19 and 20 last with the assent of the Archbishop of Bari and that the students were moved elsewhere to the satisfaction of the Archbishop. It appears further from the communication in question that the Allied military and medical authorities planned to occupy the Seminary during the first week of April."

12) With a view to knowing with greater fullness and exactitude what had happened, His Eminence the Cardinal Secretary of State on April 19th 1944 sent the two following telegrams:-

*Archbishop Mimi - Bari

"American Charge d'Affaires here has been notified by his government that Your Excellency has consented to grant use Molfetta Seminary as convalescent home stop I beg Your Excellency to send me direct information as soon as possible about details of agreement and execution of instructions I gave Your Excellency on this matter."

*Monsignor Carroll - Algiers,

"American Charge d'Affaires here has been notified by his government that Archbishop Bari has consented to grant use of Molfetta Seminary as convalescent home stop it is however regretted that said Archbishop has been so far unable to correspond directly with Holy See even though official assurances were repeatedly given that such communications had been granted South Italian Bishops."

13) On May 27th 1944, the Holy See not having yet received any reply from H.E. Monsignor Mimi or from Monsignor Carroll, His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate in London sent to the Secretariat of State the following telegram:-

"Letter dated March 29th just reached here addressed to Your Eminence by Archbishop Bari communicates: a) Molfetta Seminary taken over by Allied Authorities; b) premises offered exchange namely diocesan seminary formerly Italian military hospital but considered inadequate; c) having received no reply from Holy See to wireless message Archbishop Bari considered himself unable authorize requisition of Pontifical Seminary which consequently remain exclusive responsibility Allied Authorities; d) Episcopate Apulia urgently begs intervention Holy See safeguard education clerical students."

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14) Such news naturally caused surprise and pain both on account of the matter at issue and also because of the procedure adopted. Accordingly, on June 1st 1944 His Eminence Cardinal Maglione sent to His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate in London the following telegram:

"I thank Your Excellency for informations concerning Molfetta Pontifical Seminary. Holy See never received telegraphic message Archbishop Bari. I beg Your Excellency cooperation for obtaining that Regional Seminary necessary ecclesiastical education may continue function properly and no forced requisition be made of church institutions."

To this telegram H.E. Monsignor Godfrey replied as follows on June 6th:-

"Am doing all possible for Molfetta and ecclesiastical property generally."

15th) Meanwhile, on June 4th 1944 Rome had been occupied by the Allies. It was then possible for the Holy See to have direct, precise and complete news from their Excellencies the Bishops of Puglia about the vicissitudes of the Molfetta Pontifical Seminary. According to the information received matters took the following course. Towards the end of February the Allied military authorities informed H.E. the Archbishop of Bari that they insisted on the building being given up. H.E. Monsignor Kibini seeing no possibility of finding, in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Holy See, other convenient premises for the students of this college, asked that the following telegraphic message might be sent to the Secretariat of State of His Holiness: "No premises have been found. I await instructions." While this telegram was not transmitted to the Holy See, on the 9th of March the Allied authorities imposed upon H.E. the Archbishop of Bari the evacuation of the Pontifical Seminary for the 16th of March. The students would have to be transferred to the premises of the Diocesan Seminary of Molfetta. The Apulian Episcopate at once pointed out: a) that they had not the power to hand over the building and property of the Holy See without first receiving the instructions already requested; b) that there were in the province of Bari other buildings capable of use as hospitals which had been placed at the disposal of the Allied authorities by the Italian Government or by the Prefect of the Bari Province; c) that the measures taken had produced a painful impression both on the Holy See and on the Apulian Episcopate as also on all the faithful, on account of the considerable harm to the priestly vocation which would result from it; d) that the personnel of the Pontifical Seminary could not be lodged in the premises of the Diocesan Seminary of Molfetta because it was insufficient in size, in bad condition and in need of disinfection as it had been used for tubercular patients.

16) In reply the Allied authorities declared on the same day, March 9th, verbally and in writing, that if the Regional Seminary were not handed over, it would be occupied by force. This in fact took place on the morning of March 16th. The Bishops therefore had to send back to their families the 350 seminarists who occupied the building, these being thus forced to interrupt their courses of studies, to their considerable detriment. In the meantime, thirty British soldiers entered the Regional Seminary and it was only after about two months that the first wounded began to arrive. According to what is stated structural operations were also undertaken on the initiative of the occupants which were not always carried out with the necessary regard to the stability of the building.

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17) On April 17th 1944, Their Excellencies the Bishops of Apulia, assembled at Lecce, decided to address a letter to H.E. the Head of the Italian Government deploring what had occurred, re-calling the public promise made by the President of the United States to respect all Pontifical property in Italy, and asking for the restitution of the Seminary as being an absolute necessity for the life of the Church.

18) As a result of the decision reached by the above-mentioned Bishops at their meeting at Lecce, the necessary steps were taken to disinfect the premises of the Diocesan Seminary of Molfetta, other urgent works were also carried out and it was thus possible, but only on June the 4th, to bring back part of the Seminarists (scarcely two-thirds) in order to finish their annual course and to undergo examinations, thus avoiding the enormous harm that would have been caused to them by the loss of a year of studies. The experiment has also confirmed the fact that it is impossible to lodge the Seminarists in this building.

19) When communications were finally reestablished with the Holy See, Their Excellencies the Bishops of Apulia drew attention to the necessity of having back the Molfetta Regional Seminary, and the Sacred Congregation of Seminarians and of Universities has already raised the question with H.E. the British Minister. Therefore the Secretariat of State of His Holiness earnestly begs H.E. Legation to make use of their influential good offices with the Allied authorities with a view to the Regional Seminary in question being left free as soon as possible.

Many and grave are the reasons justifying this request;

a) The Molfetta Pontifical Regional Seminary was requisitioned contrary to the assurances given to the Holy See and to the instructions imparted to the said Holy See to H.E. Monsignor the Archbishop of Bari.

b) The premises of the Molfetta Diocesan Seminary are insufficient and unsuitable. Indeed, whereas the students are, as has already been said some 200 in number, these premises can only contain a much reduced number; actually of the 210 students there accommodated, twenty have to sleep in a corridor. It may be added that the rooms destined to the Professors are damp and almost uninhabitable; an infirmary is lacking so that two students were ill with paratyphus had to be left in the dormitory with their companions. There is also no laundry; the hygienic arrangements and water supplies are defective nor are there any baths; lecture halls are lacking; laboratories etc. also are lacking.

c) The functioning of the Molfetta Regional Seminary is indispensable to the Catholic life of all the Apulian region (20 dioceses) and it is necessary that next September the Seminary may re-open and take in afresh all the students.

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness trusts that it will not be difficult for the Allied Command - above all now that war-like operations have been advanced some hundreds of kilometers towards the north and that in

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Apulia there are several other hospitals with a reduced number of wounded - to make other convenient arrangements for the military hospital.

The Secretariat of State takes advantage of the occasion to express to H.B.M. legation the sense of his high and distinguished consideration.

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SUBJECT: Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento

TO : Commanding General Rome Allied Area Command

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1. I am directed by the Acting Chief Commissioner to acknowledge your letter of 22 July 1944, file V/25, subject as above, and its enclosures.

2. The matter is under investigation by this headquarters, and you will be informed of the action taken as soon as possible.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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SUBJECT: The Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

TO : Commanding General, Rome Allied Area Command, APO 794, U.S. Army

I am directed by the Acting Chief Commissioner to acknowledge your letter of 9 July 1944, file V/10, subject as above, and its inclosures. Action will be taken by this headquarters.

ROBERT E. DUE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary General

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO #794, US ARMY

9 July 1944

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Subject: The Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

To: Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
Headquarters A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394.

1. The British Minister to the Holy See has sent us a letter in which he asks us for information about and help for the Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

2. We have informed the British Minister that these Seminaries are in a territory not administrated by this command but by the Allied Control Commission, and that we were forwarding his correspondence and that of Cardinal Pizzardo to him, for your consideration.

/s/ Harry H. Johnson

HARRY H. JOHNSON
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding.

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British Legation to the Holy See,
Vatican City.

July 7th 1944.

Dear General Johnson,

I received yesterday a visit from Cardinal Pizzardo, the Head of the Congregation of Seminaries and Universities; he wanted to discuss the requisitioning of the Molfetta and Benevento Seminaries as hospitals by the Allied Military Authorities. I attach copy of the letter he subsequently wrote to me on the subject.

The main points are that he hopes that, now that the front line has moved north, these hospitals in the south may no longer be needed. He adds that there are very few patients at Molfetta and that no use has yet been made of the Benevento Seminary. On the other hand he insists on the necessity of uninterrupted study by the students.

Perhaps I could send him an answer saying that the requisition will not be maintained a day longer than is essential and that the advance northwards may be expected to shorten the period; but that it is regretted that no undertaking can at present be given as to the release of the two buildings?

Yours sincerely,

/s/ D. G. Osborne

Major General Harry H. Johnson,
Commanding Allied Forces,
Rome Area.

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P.S. I have now received a further letter from Cardinal Pizzardo. He sends two letters from the Archbishop of Bari about Molfetta. The Archbishop says that the place to which the students from Molfetta Seminary have been sent is absolutely inadequate to contain all the students and that the 240 who are now there are living in crowded, insanitary and uncomfortable conditions. In a subsequent letter the Archbishop states that in the afore-mentioned conditions it will be impossible to open the new scholastic year. He adds that the New Zealand Hospital Unit which occupied the Seminary has received orders of transfer and he therefore urgently begs Cardinal Pizzardo to secure the return of the Molfetta Seminary. The Cardinal strongly supports this request.

His Eminence also informs me that he has just heard from the Archbishop of Benevento that there are only about ten patients in the hospital established in the building of the Benevento Seminary; on the other hand there are, he states, about 100 ladies belonging to the Salvation Army. This, of course, must be very distressing to the ecclesiastical authorities and to the Vatican.

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SACRA CONGREGATIO DE SEMINARIS
ET STUDIORUM UNIVERSITATIBUS

Rome, July 2nd, 1944

Your Excellency,

After the conversation which I had with Your Excellency on June 29th concerning the Pontifical Regional Seminaries of Molfetta and Benevento, I have the honour of writing to you to explain the position in which we find ourselves with regard to these two Seminaries.

As Your Excellency knows, the Regional Seminaries were built by the Holy See in view of the extreme poverty of the Dioceses in Southern Italy which cannot provide in an adequate fashion for the education of their ecclesiastical students. If the level of priestly culture is to be improved - and this is the first step towards the betterment of general education - it is absolutely indispensable that the Regional Seminaries shall continue their work without interruption.

This is particularly true of the Regional Seminaries in Molfetta and Benevento, which house the ecclesiastical students of twenty and eighteen dioceses respectively.

The occupation of these Seminaries has placed us in an embarrassing position as it is not possible to find alternative accommodation for the 400 and 350 students who within two months time should return to these Institutes. If it had been possible we would have preferred to keep them in the Seminary even during the summer months to avoid the many difficulties which a long stay at home, in miserable surroundings, must necessarily cause.

So far as we know, the present situation of these two Seminaries is as follows:-

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness, in reply to requests made, informed the British Legation to the Holy See that the Holy See was prepared to allow the Regional Seminaries of Molfetta and Benevento to be used as a convalescent home and hospital respectively, on condition that another suitable building could be found for the Seminaries.

The Holy See was moved to make this concession especially in view of the fact that at that time the Allied Military Authorities were in need of Hospitals near to the war zone where the wounded could receive the necessary attention without delay.

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Authorities have been able to open large hospitals in Rome and in other centres, the former necessity of occupying the Regional Seminaries no longer exists.

In fact it would seem that the Regional Seminary of Molfetta ~~it~~ has actually very few patients and the Regional Seminary at Benevento, if our information is correct, has not yet been used as a hospital.

On the other hand it has not been possible to find even moderately suitable accommodation for the students of these Seminaries.

In view of these facts I beg Your Excellency to make known the situation to the competent authorities.

I am deeply grateful to Your Excellency for the great help which you have given us in the past and for the interest which you have shown in the present difficult question.

With every good wish to Your Excellency, I remain, with sentiments of deep and affectionate esteem,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) J. Card. Pizzardo.

P.S. I have just received a letter from His Excellency Monsignor Mimmi, Archbishop of Bari, dated 16th June. He writes as follows: "If the messages that have been sent have reached their destination, Your Eminence will already know that the Pontifical Regional Seminary of Molfetta has been requisitioned, without the authorisation either of the Holy See or of myself, by the Allied Forces for use as a hospital. The students, after two months stay at home, are at present in the Diocesan Seminary of Molfetta in order to complete their studies and sit for their examinations. The situation however is impossible. The Apulian Episcopate is very preoccupied regarding the fate of the Clergy and trusts that the Holy See will approach the Allied Authorities in order that the Seminaries may be released."

With every good wish, I remain,

Yours devotedly,

(Sgd.) J. Card. Pizzardo.

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VATICAN OR OTHER RELIGIOUS PROPERTY WITHIN ITALY WILL ALWAYS BE SUBMITTED TO AFHQ IN
ORDER THAT IT MAY BE FURTHER REFERRED TO COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF, SAVE IN CASE OF
OVERRIDING OPERATIONAL NECESSITY WHEN REPORT WILL IMMEDIATELY BE SUBMITTED TO AFHQ
WHICH IS DIRECTED TO REPORT TO CCS. PARA CASE OF VILLA IFLINDA APPEARS FROM YOUR
CABLE TO BE "RELIGIOUS PROPERTY" AS USED ABOVE

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OF INVENTORY PREPARED BY ARCHBISHOP OF BENEVENTO WAS COMPLETED AT ELEVEN THIRTY HOURS
NINE JUNE PD FROM THAT HOUR ALLIED MILITARY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR SHIRAZ AND CONTENTS PD ARCHBISHOP HAS VISITED SHIRAZ

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HERE IT APPEARS THAT THE SUGGESTION MADE IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF FOX
FIVE DIVE EIGHT NINE TWO JUNE SIX WOULD BE UNNECESSARY FROM LOCAL
MILITARY AND POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS PD PARTN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE
AND ENGLA SUGAR POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER
FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE HEADQUARTERS ABLE ABLE ITEM HAS INS-
TRUCTED FIVE AND EIGHT ARMY COMMANDERS THAT ALL DEALINGS WITH
VATICAN SHOULD BE THROUGH ALLIED DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES AND
IN ABSENCE OF INDICATION FROM LATTER THAT THEY ARE UNABLE COPE
FURTHER PERSONNEL ESPECIALLY MILITARY IN ROME WOULD NOT APPEAR
DESIRABLE PD TITMAN AND OSBORNE ARE BOTH COMPLETELY FAMILIAR
WITH VATICAN PROCEDURE HAVING BEEN THERE THROUGHOUT AND ARE FUR-
THERMORE WELL KNOWN TO VATICAN AUTHORITIES PD UNLESS THEREFORE
FACTORS OUTSIDE ITALY OUTWEIGH I SHALL NOT IMPLEMENT/SUGGESTION
PARA TO IMPLEMENT PROPOSAL TWO I SHALL ASK THAT VATICAN AUTHORITIES
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MONUMENTS AND FINE ARTS SUBCOMMISSION FOR GUIDANCE OPERATIONAL
COMMANDERS AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS ITALY PD AS SUGGESTED
ABLE SUGAR FOX MANUEL MIKE THREE FIVE THREE DASH ONE SEVEN WILL
ALSO BE SUPPLIED TO VATICAN AUTHORITIES THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS

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REPORTED FROM AGAR THAT IN CONFERENCE WITH PROMINENT CATHOLICS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. ONE. THERE SHOULD BE AT LEAST ONE U S CATHOLIC LAYMAN WHO HAS AN UNDERSTANDING OF VATICAN PROCEDURES IN LIAISON PARTY BETWEEN MILITARY GOVERNOR IN ITALY AND THE VATICAN. CAPT DONALD SHERRAN HQ FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE PRESENTLY THOUGHT TO BE IN NAPLES HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AS SUITABLE. TWO. THAT VATICAN OFFICIALS SHOULD BE INFORMED OF EFFORTS OF ALLIED ARMIES TO SAVE CHURCH PROPERTY AND HISTORIC ARTS AND MONUMENTS IN ITALY FROM DAMAGE AND SURREPTION IS MADE THAT A COPY OF ITALIAN ATLAS AND MANUAL 353-17 SHOULD BE SUPPLIED TO VATICAN AUTHORITIES. PARA. REQUEST YOU CONSIDER ABOVE AND REPORT ACTION TAKEN

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ENTIRE IMMEDIATE DELIVERY BECAUSE NUMEROUS WOUNDED PD PAREN TO APPE FOR INC
CMA CCE FROM AGE MAIN SIGNED MAGFARLANE PAREN ARCHBISHOP CMA SUPERIORS CMA
STUDENTS CMA SISTERS OBLIGED TO LEAVE SEMINARY TRYING FOR REFUGE ELSEWHERE PD
STUDENTS WILL BE SENT IN FAMILY PD SIGNED AUGUSTIN MARTINELLI ARCHBISHOP

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LOOK AT MY FIVE FIVE FOUR ONE AND NAF ALE FOX SEVEN ONE ZERO WHICH SUMMARIZES STATUS
 BELIEVED SUMMARY AS OF MAY TWO SEVEN PD PAGE TO AMTR FOR GEORGE FIVE WHEAT SUGAR
POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER FROM ACC MAIN FROM WASHINGTON PD PARSE
 REVEREND FOX FIVE THREE FOUR NINE ZERO OF JUNE ONE ONE FOX NOW GEORGE EAST GEORGE PD
 REGION THREE COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN ASKED FOR REPORT ON ANY DEVELOPMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO
 DECISION TO OCCUPY THE SUMMARY AS A MILITARY HOSPITAL PD PARA PD IN NOTIFYING THE
 ASSEMBLY OF REVEREND OF THE DECISION THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION REPRISSED THE HOPE
 THAT THE USE OF THE SUMMARY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE PROSECUTED AND THAT MILITARY
 MEASURES PERMITTING IT MAY BE RELEASED BEFORE THE NEW SCIENTIFIC YEAR COMPLETES AT
 END OF SEPTEMBER PD IN INSTRUCTIONS OF MAY TWO SEVEN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER REASON THAT
 HE WAS ASKED IN RECOMMENDING THE SUMMARY TO PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN
 REVEREND TRANSFER OF SUMMARY PERSONNEL AS INDICATED IN MESSAGE REFERRED TO REASON PD
 PARA PD WITH REGARD TO CONDITION OF PREMISES FOR NINE SUGAR ALE ALE THEN REPORTED ON
 ONE MAYBEVEN THAT QUOTE FAIRLY EXCESSIVE DOGS DAMAGE IN CERTAIN PARTS UNQUOTE LIMITED AND
 CAPACITY PD DISTRIBUTION TO REGION THREE ALSO SAID THAT INsofar AS POSSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTION

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OFFICERS SHOULD COMPLY WITH REQUEST OF LOCAL VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE THAT NO
STRUCTURAL CHANGES BE EFFECTED IN SIGNANT FIREARMS WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION
WITH ARCHBISHOP PD DETAILED REPORT IS ALSO BEING ASKED FOR ON PRESENT CONDITION

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STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED REPORT ON PRESENT STATUS OF RESERVE TO SERVICEMEN AND GENERAL
CONDITION OF PROGRESS. REQUEST INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE REPLY, AT YOUR EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE. INCLUDE HOW FAR YOU HAVE PROCEEDED WITH REQUISITION, AND HOW SERVICEMEN HAVE
HAVE BEEN ACCOMMODATED.

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CONFORMING TO LAST PARAGRAPH HAF 357, REPORT PROCEEDINGS BEING TAKEN FOR
 IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY PAPAL SEMINARY AT BENEVENTO AS MILITARY HOSPITAL.
 MESSAGE OF 27 MAY FROM ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION IS AS FOLLOWS: PARA
 ON ORDERS FROM CIRC, AAI, REGIONAL COMMISSIONER AND BEING INSTRUCTED
 THAT REQUIREMENTS OF OPERATIONS MAKE IT NECESSARY TO PROCEED TO
 ACQUISITION ENTIRE BENEVENTO SEMINARY FOR OCCUPANCY IMMEDIATELY AS
 MILITARY HOSPITAL. PARA THOUGH ARCHBISHOP DREW ALTERNATIVE ACCO-
 MODATIONS OF LOWER SEMINARY AND COLLEGIO LABALE TO BE INADEQUATE,
 IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT THEY CAN HOUSE THE 105 PERSONS, INCLUDING 20
 SISTERS AND 5 CIVILIANS, WHO MAKE UP THE ENTIRE PRESENT PERSONNEL OF
 BENEVENTO SEMINARY STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS. PARA INSTRUCTIONS TO
 REGIONAL COMMISSIONER ARE TO MAKE APPROPRIATE READJUSTMENTS SO THAT IF
 NECESSARY PERSONNEL OF LOWER SEMINARY (TOTAL 79, INCLUDING 10 SISTERS
 AND CIVILIANS) CAN ALSO BE ACCOMMODATED AT COLLEGIO LABALE AT
 BENEVENTO. PARA MONSIGNOR CARROLL, VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE, HAS REQUESTED
 THAT PAPAL SECRETARY OF STATE BE ADVISED OF PRESENT DEVELOPMENT
 AND THAT ARCHBISHOP, WHO HAD CONSIDERED THE ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATIONS
 UNSATISFACTORY, HAD OFFERED HALF OF REGIONAL SEMINARY. PARA MONSIGNOR
 CARROLL HOPES THAT IF ENTIRE COLLEGIO LABALE IS MADE AVAILABLE TO PAPAL

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SEMINARY, ACCOMMODATIONS WILL PROVE ADEQUATE. PARA MONSIGNOR CARROL WISHES PAPAL SECRETARY OF STATE TO BE TOLD THAT SEMINARIES AT PERUGIA, LATERO, CAMPOBASSO AND FORCIA, AND PART OF BENEVENTO BISHOP'S SEMINARY, HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES. PARA HERE ENDS PARAPHRASE OF AGO MESSAGE. PARA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER IS ASKING FOREIGN OFFICE TO TRANSMIT MONSIGNOR CARROL'S MESSAGE TO VATICAN. PARA ADVANCED SCHOOL APRIL REPORTED 12 JANUARY GREATEST DIFFICULTY FINDING HOSPITAL ~~ROOMS~~ ACCOMMODATIONS; BOUGHT AUTHORITY TO REQUISITION PAPAL SEMINARIES AT BOLIVETTA (600 BEDS) AND BENEVENTO (1400 BEDS). EACH CASE WAS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF VATICAN THROUGH BRITISH GOVERNMENT; WITH REQUEST ARCHBISHOPS BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE AVAILABLE. AFTER LONG DELAY BOLIVETTA STUDENTS WERE SETTLED ELSEWHERE AND PREMISES OCCUPIED. PARA 15 APRIL APRIL DELAYED MESSAGE FROM PAPAL SECRETARY OF STATE TO ARCHBISHOP OF BENEVENTO, TO FOLLOWING EFFECT: PARA BRITISH MINISTER REQUESTS BENEVENTO SEMINARY FOR HOSPITAL FOR SOLDIERS; ACCOMMODATION URGENTLY NEEDED AND CAN NOT BE FOUND ELSEWHERE. HOLY SEE FULFILLING ITS CHARITABLE MISSION IS ALWAYS READY TO GRANT SUCH REQUESTS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. SEE WHAT PROVISION YOU CAN MAKE FOR MOVING YOUR SEMINARY AND REPORT TO ME ^{URGENTLY}, TO ENABLE ME TO REPLY TO BRITISH MINISTER.

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UPON INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF ABLE ABLE ITEM ORDERS ARE
 BEING ISSUED TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER THAT REQUIREMENTS OF OPERATIONS
 MAKE IT NECESSARY TO PROCEED TO REQUISITION THE ENTIRE BENEVENTO
 SEMINARY FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY AS A MILITARY HOSPITAL PD PAREN TO
 AFHQ FOR MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION, U. GLE SUGAR POLITICAL ADVISOR
 AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER REQUESTED TO ABLE ABLE ITEM CMA HOW CURE
 WKE ABLE ABLE FOX FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACARLANE REFERENCE FOX FIVE ZERO
 THREE ZERO EIGHT MAY TWO FOUR PAREN ALTHOUGH ASCENDING CONSIDERED
 THAT ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATIONS OF LOWER SEMINARY AND COLLEGGIO LASALLE
 WERE INADEQUATE CMA IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT THEY CAN HOUSE ENTIRE
 PRESENT PERSONNEL BENEVENTO SEMINARY STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS WHICH AT
 PRESENT TOTAL ONE ZERO FIVE INCLUDING TWO ZERO SISTERS AND FIVE CIVILIANS
 PD REGIONAL COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RE TASK
 ADJUSTMENTS SO THAT IF NECESSARY PERSONNEL OF THE LOWER SEMINARY TOTALING
 SEVEN NINE CMA INCLUDING ONE ZERO SISTERS AND SIX CIVILIANS CMA CAN BE
 ALSO HOUSED AT COLLEGGIO LASALLE IN BENEVENTO PARA MONSIGNOR CARROLL CMA

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VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE CMA REQUESTS THAT THE CARDINAL SECRETARY OF STATE BE INFORMED OF THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENT AND THAT THE ARCHBISHOP ALSO HAD JUDGED THE ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATIONS UNSATISFACTORY CMA HAD OFFERED ONE HALF OF THE REGIONAL SEMINARY PD CARROLL HOPES THAT IF THE ENTIRE COLLEGGIO LASALLE IS PLACED AT DISPOSAL OF SEMINARY CMA ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE FOUND ADEQUATE PD CARROLL LIKEWISE WISHES CARDINAL SECRETARY OF STATE TO BE INFORMED THAT SEMINARIES FOGGIA CMA LARINO CMA TERNOLI CMA CAMPOBASSO AND PART OF BENEVENTO DIOCESAN SEMINARY HAVE ALREADY BEEN CEDED TO THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES

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REGION TWO HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO SUBMIT FULL REPORT CONCERNING PRESENT STATUS MOLETTA SEMINARY NOW BEING UTILIZED AS HOSPITAL PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE REFERENCE FOX FOUR SEVEN TWO TWO TWO MAY ONE SEVEN CITE FOX HOW MIKE GEORGE SUGAR PAREN SITUATION REGARDING REQUISITIONING SUMMARIZED IN FULL REPORT TO UNCLE SUGAR POLITICAL ADVISOR ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS FROM POLITICAL SECTION ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION MAY ONE ONE PD ARCHBISHOP STATES HE REPLIED TO VATICAN'S COMMUNICATION THROUGH MORSIGNOR CARROLL WHO REQUESTED ALLIED AUTHORITIES ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS TO FORWARD MESSAGE PD IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE REPLY NEVER REACHED VATICAN AUTHORITIES

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VATICAN PROPERTY YOUR FOUR ONE NINE FOUR FIVE FIVE OF FIVE MAY REFERS PD PARA THREE SUB DASH PARA ABLE SAYS THAT VATICAN PROPERTIES LISTED IN PARAS ONE ONE THREE AND FOUR OF MESSAGE FOUR TWO FOUR EIGHT SIX ARE TO BE ACCORDED STATUS OF NEUTRAL TERRITORY ETC PD PARA FOUR OF MESSAGE FOUR TWO FOUR EIGHT SIX WAS AMENDED BY CABLE FROM CINC REF NUMBER FOUR NINE EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN FIVE OF ONE ZERO FEBRUARY FOUR FOUR WHICH CONTAINED REVISED AND REVENUED LIST AS FOLLOWS COLON PARA TO ADD FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FOR FAIRFAX FROM ACC REAR FROM REPORT SIGNED MARGARET PARR PARA ONE PARA BENEDETTE ABBEY ON MOUNT CA SING PARA TWO PARA BENEDETTE ABBEY AT SUBLACO PARA THREE PARA BASILICA OF HOLY HOUSE AT LORETO ONE APOCNA PROVINCE PARA FOUR PARA BASILICA OF ST ANTHONY AT PADUA PARA FIVE PARA BASILICA OF ST FRANCIS AT ASSISI PD PLEASE SIGNAL WHETHER THIS IS THE COMPLETE LIST OR WHETHER ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IS TO BE INCLUDED AS INDICATED IN PARA FOUR OF FOUR TWO FOUR EIGHT SIX WHICH REFERS TO LIST CONTAINED IN GEORGE DASH THREE SIX TWO EIGHT FIVE OF FOUR NOVEMBER AND TWO FIVE SEVEN TWO TWO OF EIGHT JANUARY PD LAST MENTIONED TWO SIGNALS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS HQ PD IF COMPLETE LIST UNDER PARA FOUR OF FOUR TWO FOUR EIGHT SIX NOT AS SET OUT ABOVE PLEASE RENDER COMPLETE LIST.

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STATUS NEGOTIATIONS UTILIZATION BENEVENTO SEMINARY PARA PAREN TO
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BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE REPEATED
TO AAI AND HEADQUARTERS MAAT PAREN PARA MESSAGE FROM HOLY ONE TO
ARCHBISHOP BENEVENTO SENT HIM BY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER APRIL TWO
TWO PD SUBSEQUENT CONFERENCES WITH THE ARCHBISHOP HAVE GIVEN RISE
TO THE FORMAL OFFER ON HIS PART, DURING MAY ONE ONE OF APPROXIMATELY
ONE HALF OF THE REGIONAL SEMINARY AT BENEVENTO FOR USE AS A MILITARY
HOSPITAL PD IN MAKING THIS DECISION THE ARCHBISHOP STATED THAT HE
MUST INSIST THAT CMA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE
CARDINAL SECRETARY OF STATE CMA THE SEMINARY BE PERMITTED TO FUNCTION
EFFICIENTLY AND CONSIDERS THAT AS FIVE SEMINARIES IN THE PROVINCE OF
BENEVENTO HAVE ALREADY BEEN CEDED TO THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES FOR USE
AS MILITARY HOSPITALS CMA HIS PROPOSAL TO GIVE HALF THE SEMINARY
REPRESENTS THE MAXIMUM CONCESSION POSSIBLE PD UPON THE RECEIPT OF A

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COMMUNICATION FROM MONSIGNOR CARROLL MAKING THIS OFFER IN THE NAME OF THE ARCHBISHOP IT WAS ARRANGED THAT MAJOR GENERAL SUTTON CMA CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER CMA ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY CMA SHOULD VISIT BENEVENTO ON MAY ONE FIVE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SEMINARY WAS REQUIRED FOR USE AS A MILITARY HOSPITAL AND IF SO CMA HOW MUCH AND WHETHER THE ARCHBISHOP'S OFFER COULD BE ACCEPTED PD IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT THE OFFER CMA SUBSTITUTE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE SEMINARY WILL BE OFFERED IN BENEVENTO WHICH CMA WHILE ADEQUATE TO HOUSE THE SEMINARY IF DIVIDED CMA ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES PD PARA AS SOON AS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION IS INFORMED OF GENERAL SUTTON'S DECISION CMA NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE AND ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS WILL BE INFORMED

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content and classification authenticated by:

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2nd Lieutenant, AGD
ADJUTANT

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REPORT ON BENEVENTO SEMINARY PROMISED IN YOUR 3763 OF 4 APRIL IS AWAITED.

REQUEST YOU EXPEDITE IN VIEW OF FILPOTS MESSAGE Q2171 OF 9 MAY

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FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN PD LAST SENTENCE SHOULD READ STUDENTS MOVED UNDER
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SUBJECT IS SEMINARY MOLFETTA PD FURTHER MY 2130 OF 15 MARCH PD ARCHBISHOP HAS GIVEN GRUDGING ASSENT TO EVACUATION OF SEMINARY PD PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR MGS FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN PS STUDENTS WERE MOVED BY M.T. TO BRINBISI LECCE TARANTO BARI BARLETTA 15 AND 16 MARCH PD MEDICAL ARE COMPLETELY SATISFIED AND READY TO MOVE IN FIRST WEEK APRIL PD STUDENTS MOVED UNDER SUPERVISION AND TO SATISFACTION OF ARCHBISHOP

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE GIVEN 3 DIRECTIVES ON TREATMENT OF VATICAN PROPERTY. PURPOSE OF PRESENT MESSAGE IS TO TIE THOSE DIRECTIVES TOGETHER FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE OF ALL CONCERNED. PARA. FIRST.

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CARDINAL MAGLIOR, VATICAN, FOR ARCH-
 BISHOP MANCINELLI, BENEVENTO. BRITISH MINISTER IN THE NAME HIS GOVERNMENT
 HAS ASKED FOR USE REGIONAL SEMINARY BENEVENTO FOR SOME MONTHS AS HOSPITAL
 FOR WOUNDED FOR WHOM ACCOMMODATION IS URGENTLY NEEDED AND WHO CANNOT BE
 SUITABLY ACCOMMODATED ELSEWHERE. AS YOUR EXCELLENCY KNOWS HOLY SEE IN
 FULLFILMENT ITS CHARITABLE MISSION IS ALWAYS READY TO GRANT SUCH REQUESTS
 WHENEVER POSSIBLE. I SHALL THEREFORE BE GLAD IF YOU WILL SEE HOW ITS
 POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR ACCOMMODATION OF SEMINARY AND WILL
 NOTIFY ME URGENTLY SO AS TO UNABLE ME TO REPLY TO BRITISH MINISTER.
 IN CASE OF CESSION YOUR EXCELLENCY SHOULD ARRANGE FOR PROPER ACT OF
 DELIVERY WITH FULL INVENTORY AND A GUARANTEE OF RESTITUTION

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REQUISITION OF PAPAL PROPERTY TO FOR PURPOSE OF ISSUING A GENERAL DIRECTIVE
 EMBODYING VARIOUS INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED DESIRE TO BE INSTRUCTED ON FOLLOWING
 POINT TO WHERE PAPAL PROPERTY IS REQUIRED FOR URGENT OPERATIONAL NEEDS WITHIN
 MEANING OF PARA FIVE OF YOUR FORM TWO FOUR EIGHT SIX ASSUME THAT REQUISITION
 MAY BE FOLLOWED BY USE OF SUCH FORCE TO SECURE POSSESSION AS MAY BE NECESSARY
 ORA OTHER USE RIGHT OF REQUISITION PROBABLY VALUELESS TO TO FREEDOM FOR USE
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TRANSLATION

THE BISHOP OF MOLFETTA

Molfetta, 9 March 1944

To: ALLIED COMMAND

BARI

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20 MAR 1944

Yesterday a group of Officers of the Allied Forces called at the Molfetta Bishops' Palace and in the name of the Allied Command in Bari they informed the undersigned that this Regional Pontifical Seminary would be occupied within eight days.

Having pointed out that H.E. Monsignor Mimmi, the Archbishop of Bari was in touch with General Taylor on the subject and had received instructions from His Holiness the Pope regarding the eventuality of handing over the Pontifical Seminary, the above officers stated that they had been to see H.E. The Archbishop of Bari, that they were cognizant of all the precedent facts and insisted that the given order be complied with.

Certain that these Officers were therefore acting in agreement with H.E. The Archbishop of Bari the undersigned took the liberty to make a few suggestions.

To-day I hear from H.E. Monsignor Mimmi that approximately ten days ago, a group of Officers of the Allied Forces did call on him but that the only agreement that was come to was that a message be sent to His Holiness The Pope to request instructions and that the Officers would see to the forwarding of the message. In consequence the undersigned feels it his duty to declare that the suggestions he made have no more value, because:

- 1) he feels it improper to take a decision without having received the Holy Fathers' answer;
- 2) he wishes to affirm once again that the only delegate of His Holiness the Pope and therefore, the only competent person to make a decision in the matter, is, as you know, H.E. The Archbishop of Bari.

Reverently

Signed: Achille Salvucci
Bishop of Molfetta

Translators' Pool: L.E.Z.
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7th. March, 1944.

Reference your letter of 3rd. March regarding the Papal Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

2. I am doing my best and hope to let you know the answer very shortly.
3. The Italian Government do not come into the picture very closely. It is a question in which we have to deal direct with the Church. We are forbidden to use force but short of that I am having everything possible done.
4. I am hopeful in the case of Molfetta where I think we can find alternative accommodation for the Seminary in the Lecce area. I will know more about Benevento in a day or two. This again is largely a question of finding alternative accommodation.
5. Am doing my best as urgently as possible.

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NOEL MAISON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Mej-Gen. Sir Brian H. Robertson, Bt.,
A.C.M.F. Administrative Echelon,

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NOVEMBER THROUGH BRITISH GOVERNMENT ARCHBISHOP OF BARI WAS GIVEN SPECIAL
INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING MOLFETTA REGIONAL SEMINARY PD ARCHBISHOP WAS
AUTHORIZED TO GRANT USE OF BUILDING FOR HOME FOR CONVALESCENTS CMA PROVIDED
SEMINARIANS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED CONVENIENTLY ELSEWHERE AND A REGULAR
ACT OF TRANSFER WITH FORMAL PLEDGE OF RESTITUTION WAS DULY EXECUTED PD
NO ANSWER HAS REACHED HOLY SEE TO DATE PD PLEASE INQUIRE AND INFORM ME
WHETHER ARCHBISHOP HAS BEEN ABLE TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS PD THIS ENDS
PARAPHRASE OF MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL MAGLIONE TO MONSIGNOR MIMMI CMA
ARCHBISHOP OF BARI PD PARA PLEASE SEE ARCHBISHOP SOONEST AND INVITE HIM
TO GIVE YOU FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE VATICAN REPLY TO ABOVE MESSAGE AND ALSO
IF HE DESIRES TO OTHER MATTERS MENTIONED IN LETTER DATED TWO TWO DECEMBER
OF GENERAL TAYLOR TO ARCHBISHOP PD ACKNOWLEDGE THIS SIGNAL IMMEDIATELY

ON RECEIPT

AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. Chiocca
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Following telegraphic message dated 11 February from Vatican received here.
On 19 November through British Government Archbishop of Bari was given special instructions regarding Molfette Regional Seminary. Archbishop was authorized to grant use of building for home for convalescents, provided seminarians could be accommodated conveniently elsewhere and a regular act of transfer with formal pledge of restitution was duly executed. No answer has reached Holy See to date. Please inquire and inform me whether Archbishop has been able to carry out instructions. This ends paraphrase of message from Cardinal Maglione to Monsignor Mimmi, Archbishop of Bari.

Look at our message 45323 of 31 January and your 2270 of 5 February in connection with above.

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12 February 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 14 ;

To: All Regional Commissioners

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1. The following general principles of Papal property located outside Italy:

(a) Under international law, the property of the Papal States, which is recognized as independent of the Italian Government, is not affected by the Italian occupation of the area concerned, or by the Lateran Treaty.

(b) However, all requisitions of Papal property in territory administered by the Italian Government will be made by the Italian Authorities on behalf of the Allies.

(c) Although it is not necessary to secure the consent of the Vatican in advance, whenever Vatican property is requisitioned H.Q., A.C.G. must be notified at once.

(d) As a matter of policy it has been decided that Vatican property in Italy will be treated as having a certain extra territorial character. Accordingly, it is essential that force should never be used either by Allied military authorities, or by the Italian Government acting on behalf of the Allies, to eject any occupants of requisitioned Vatican property.

(e) In any case where the occupants of requisitioned Vatican property are found to be un-cooperative this fact will be reported to H.Q., A.C.G. at once.

2. It is essential that the spirit as well as the letter of this directive be scrupulously observed.

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By Command of Lieutenant General MASON MACFARLANE.

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M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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APO 594

12 February 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 11 ;

To: All Regional Commissioners and S.C.A. 5th and 6th Armies.

USE OF PAPAL PROPERTY BY THE ALLIES.

1. The following general considerations shall apply to the use by the Allies of Papal property located outside the neutral Vatican State.

(a) Under international law the Allies, by virtue of their military occupation of Southern Italy, are entitled to requisition any property located therein which is required for military or similar purposes. [This right exists independently of the rights conferred by the Armistice and is not affected either by the functioning of an Italian Civil Administration in the area concerned, or by the Lateran Treaty.]

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TO: FLAMBO FOR D

19 FEB 1944
M/C NO: 9/6

REF NO: 48057

FILED: FEB 061042A

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Reference DCAO 8800 of 12

1. You will have
for hospitals.

2. The following
(A) In virtu
to requisition any proper
independent of our rights
Italian Civil Administrat
in no way affected by the

Col. Upjohn says he talked to
General MacFarlane regarding
this matter. However, if you
wish to speak to him about it,
you can phone him at No. 67.

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the use of Papal Seminaries

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South Italy we are entitled
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(B) For political reasons it is desirable that in districts administered
by the Italian Government any requisition of Papal property should be effected by the
Italian authorities on our behalf.

(C) It is also desirable that the Vatican should be informed that a
requisition of their property in Southern Italy is being carried out. It is not however
necessary to obtain the Vatican's consent in advance.

(D) In view of the President's message of July 10, which amounts to an
undertaking that the Allied authorities will treat Vatican property throughout Italy as
having extra territorial character, it is essential that force should not be used either
by the Allied Military authorities or by the Italian authorities on their behalf, to
eject the occupants from requisitioned premises which are the property of the Vatican.

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TO: FLAMBO FOR D/CAO RPTD FATIMA REAR, FARGO ~~XXXX~~

Reference DCAO 8800 of 12 Jan.

1. You will have seen our 42202 of 24 Jan regarding the use of Papal seminaries for hospitals.

2. The following general considerations are operative:

(A) In virtue of our military occupation of all south Italy we are entitled to requisition any property required for military or similar purposes. This right is independent of our rights under the Armistice and is not affected by the fact that an Italian Civil Administration may be functioning in the district concerned; It is also in no way affected by the Lateran Treaty.

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3. In the case of the Molfetta Seminary, premises have been duly requisitioned by Italian Government (see Fatima 1958 of Jan 13), and Vatican have been notified by British Minister. Only obstacle is difficulty in finding alternative accommodation for occupants which is possibly increased by their unco-operative attitude. Instructions from the Vatican to the Archbishop of Bari to co-operate with the Allied Military authorities in arranging for the handover of the Seminary were contained in letter to Allied Control Commission MCS-386. 2 of 18 Dec. If further instructions to the Archbishop are to be sent it is essential that a reply from him to the Vatican's communication should first be obtained (see Freedom cable to Fatima rear 45323 of 31 Jan)

4. As regards Benevento Seminary, there is no reason why requisition should not be imposed forthwith. This Headquarters should be informed by cable of action being taken in order that arrangements may be made for British Minister to notify the Vatican. Alternative accommodation will have to be found for the inmates. If any message or instructions from the Vatican are required, this Headquarters will

endeavour to obtain them through the British Minister.

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YOUR FOUR FIVE THREE TWO THREE DATED THREE ONE JANUARY ARCHBISHOP OF BARI
STATES HE HAS REPLIED TO HOLY SEE BY HEAD OF MONS WALTER S. CARROLL OF
SECRETARIAT OF STATE VATICAN CITY WHO HAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO VATICAN
AFTER VISITING SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY PD TO FREEDOM FOR FARGO RPTD FARGO
CH. FLAMBO FROM FATIMA REAR STORER PACERLARE PD HOWEVER ARCHBISHOP WILL
GLADLY AVAIL HIMSELF OF ALLIED CHANNELS TO SEND A FURTHER MESSAGE THROUGH
US IN A FEW DAYS

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ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of Commission

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Letter of Molfatta Seminary. British Resident Minister refers to his letter
number 11/34/1501 of 16 December and requests following be transmitted to Allied
Control Commission: OK

"We have been asked by Foreign Office whether they may have
message for Holy See from Archbishop of Bari in reply to message
contained in memorandum under reference."

Unless you have good reason to the contrary will you invite Archbishop to respond
to the Holy See.

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FROM : FLAMBO

REC'D : Jan 25 0800A

TO : AFHQ INFO FATIMA DISTWO

Unable accept view in Fatima 2011 of 16 Jan that it is not responsibility of ACC to find alternative accommodation. Consider this should be done by them through Italian Government in King's Italy and by AMG in AMG territory. Our DCAO/8800 of 12 Jan also refers this subject. K. Reply awaited. Matter is urgent.

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 VARIOUS DEPTS PD FALLS IN PRISON APTD FLORIS DISTIC FROM L. ITM. SIGNED
MACFARLANE PAPER SEE ENCL 100 NINE THREE AND ONE DATED ONE FIVE JANUARY PD
 COMMISSION IS NOT EQUIPPED WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AND FURTHER IT IS NOT
 REPEAT NOT FUNCTION OF THIS COMMISSION TO SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION
 FOR OCCUPANTS OF REGISTRATIONED PROPERTY PD BELIEVE THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF
 ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS FULLY REPEARED THE POSITION WITH SEMINARY ACTIVITIES IN
 GOOD FAITH WITHOUT SATISFACTORY RESULTS

AUTHENTICATED:

ALBERT S. STONE
 Captain, USMC
 Acting Chief of Staff

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SVC/RELAY NO. 7001 M/C NO : 13/16
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PREC : IMPORTANT FILED : JAN 152045A
FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FFMOS REC'D : JAN 160440A
TO : FATIMA RPTD FLAMEO AND DISTWO

Use(ing) force at Molfetta Seminary presents question of principle. Situation presented in your 1958 has been cabled to British Government in order that it may, if it thinks proper, approach Holy See for direct order to Seminary authorities. Present directives of Vatican agree premises may be used for convalescent home if Seminary can continue to function and find other premises. Will you confirm such alternative accommodations exist, even though not necessarily equivalent in convenience. Desire establish that such condition has in fact been met.

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To His Grace Monsignore Minni
Archbishop of Bari

My dear Archbishop:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Grace's communication of 5 January 1944, addressed to General Taylor and I must apologize for the delay in answering it. General Taylor left this Headquarters a few days ago and your letter only reached me this morning.

No doubt Your Grace has been informed of the fact that His Excellency Marshal Badoglio himself appointed His Excellency the Prefect of Bari to be the representative of the Italian Government at the meeting held on the 5th of January.

I sincerely appreciate the spirit which has prompted Your Grace to propose the appointment of a small committee with a view to settling the long delayed question of the Seminary of Solferina and also the constant efforts made by you to meet our requirements.

On the other hand, it appears to me that at the present juncture no useful purpose could be served by the nomination of a committee as suggested by Your Grace, as I understand that Your Grace is of the opinion that no alternative accommodation for the occupants of the seminary is at this time available.

However, if on reconsideration of the whole problem Your Grace is of the opinion that the proposed Committee may succeed in finding the required accommodation, I shall be happy to meet Your Grace's wishes in every way possible.

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For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MILBY B. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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FATIMA FROM STONE

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DROC FLAMBO DISPLACED PERSONS SUBCOMMISSION

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IN REPLY TO YOUR A ONE ZERO SIX DATED ONE ONE JANUARY I HAVE SUBMITTED QUESTION
OF USING FORCE TO EVACUATE OCCUPANTS OF ECCLESIASTICAL PROPERTY FOR DECISION TO
FREEDOM PD TO DISTWO REFD SEVEN ONE SUB AREA COL MORTIMER DROC FLAMBO DISPLACED
PERSONS SUBCOMMISSION FROM FATIMA FROM STONE SIGNED JOYCE PD MY ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT
DATED ONE THREE JANUARY REFD TO YOU REFERS PD UNDERSTAND THAT IN ANY EVENT TEMPORARY
ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION HAS BEEN FOUND

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PREVIOUS MSG RTD FLAMBO DISTWO

MOLETTA SEMINARY ONLY REQUISITIONED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PAREN SEE YOUR THREE
SEVEN FOUR NINE OF TWO ONE NOVEMBER FOUR THREE PAREN BUT SEMINARY AUTHORITIES
REFUSE TO MOVE OUT STATING THAT THEY CANNOT COMPLY WITH ORIENTATION LAID DOWN IN
MESSAGE FROM POPE PAREN SEE YOUR MSG THREE EIGHT SIX POINT TWO OF ONE EIGHT
DECEMBER FOUR THREE PAREN BECAUSE THEY SAY THEY CANNOT CONTINUE TO FUNCTION OR
FIND OTHER PREMISES PD TO PREVIOUS MSG RTD FLAMBO DISTWO FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE
PD PROLONGED NEGOTIATIONS HAVE FAILED TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF BRITISH MILITARY
AUTHORITIES OR OF SEMINARY AUTHORITIES IN REGARD TO POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE
ACCOMMODATION AND FURTHER NEGOTIATION WOULD BE USELESS PD POSITION NOW IS SEMINARY
AUTHORITIES WILL ONLY MOVE OUT UNDER PRESSURE OF ACTUAL FORCE PD BELIEVE THAT
NOTHING SHORT OF ABSOLUTE AND UNCONDITIONAL ORDER FROM POPE WOULD CAUSE AUTHORITIES
TO ALTER THIS ATTITUDE PD PARA AS SEMINARY IS IN THE PROVINCE OF BARI WHICH IS NOT
REPEAT NOT OCCUPIED BY ALLIED FORCES IT APPEARS THAT FORCE SHOULD ONLY BE USED
THROUGH AGENCY OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY EXERCISE
THE NECESSARY FORCE IF SO ORDERED CMA BUT THEY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE IT CLEARLY
EVIDENT THAT THEY WERE ONLY ACTING UNDER COMPELSION OF ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AND AGAINST THEIR BETTER JUDGMENT PD URGENTLY REQUEST YOUR IMMEDIATE DECISION
WHETHER I AM TO ORDER ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO USE NECESSARY FORCE TO EXPEL OCCUPANTS
FROM SEMINARY PD REQUEST YOUR REPLY BE REPEATED TO FLAMBO AND DISTWO

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FROM : FLAMBO

TO : ACTION FREEDOM INFO DISTWO, AMG 15 ARMY GROUP,
FATIMA, REGION III

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REF NO: DCAO 8800

FILED : JAN 122250A

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Greatest difficulty being experienced finding accommodation for hospitals.
Negotiations have been proceeding for long period to secure two Papal Seminaries
MOLFETTA, 600 beds, BENEVENTO, 1400 beds. Marshal Badoglio has agreed requisition
former, AMG prepared requisition letter. Archbishops of Bari and Benevento
respectively refuse vacate small number religious students accommodated in each.
Shall I proceed with requisition independently or can you approach Vatican.

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DCAO 8800

12 Jan

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Subject: Requisitioning of Collegio Argentento.

CAO/RC/56.

12 Jan'44.

Lt-Col. N.W. Monfort,
Chief Liaison Officer,
Allied Control Commission,
ADVANCED COMMAND POST.

1. With reference to our conversation of yesterday concerning the requisition of the Collegio Argentento at Lecce for the purpose of establishing a hospital for the Yugoslav Refugees, I enclose herewith a complaint, which the interested authorities intend sending to London, if they do not obtain satisfaction from A.M.S. They also submit a list of localities which they claim to be suitable for a hospital.
2. No. 4 Breach Group who control the Yugoslav Refugee Organisation at Lecce declare that the above mentioned localities are unsuitable for a hospital, and they insist on taking over the Collegio Argentento.
3. The A.D.M.S. at Brindisi has been informed of the circumstances, and those concerned are awaiting further instructions from higher authorities.
4. I would like you to give this request your consideration so that you might instruct me as to what action I am to take in this matter, because if immediate action is not taken, I feel quite certain that it might create Diplomatic difficulties with the Vatican.

V.E. Simcock
Major V.E. Simcock,
Liaison Officer,
Allied Control Commission,
Prefecture, Lecce.

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12 Jan

A. E. ecc. al Primo Ministro di GRAN BRETAGNA

W. CHURCHILL

-All'Ufficio di Collegamento presso la Città di Lecce.

L O N D R A

-Al Comando Anglo-Americano, Brindisi.
-Al Comandante del Presidio Milit. Lecce.
-Le autorità inglesi, preposte alla città di Lecce, (Italia), hanno ordinat

l'immediata requisizione di tutto il Collegio Argento, Istituto Pontificio d educazione, alle immediate dipendenze del Sovrano Pontefice, e diretto dall' dine della Compagnia di Gesù.

Il presetto ordine di requisizione ci pare del tutto illegale per le seguenti considerazioni:

- 1) Quale Istituto Pontificio, sotto il controllo cioè e la dipendenza di uno Stato neutrale (Città - Stato del Vaticano), esente da requisizione.
- 2) Il Collegio Argento è sede di una Chiesa, aperta al pubblico culto e che è un Santuario in quanto conserva il Corpo di S. Bernardino Realino, Patrono della Città.
- 3) Il Collegio Argento è l'abituale dimora di circa 50 tra Padri Gesuiti e Fr. lessari.
- 4) Il Collegio Argento ospita un rilevante numero di studenti di diversa età tra esterni e convittori, dei quali ultimi molte famiglie si trovano in località disagiate o sotto il controllo nemico. Sarebbe per tale motivo impossibile rendere libera anche quella parte dei locali occupata dai convittori.
- 5) Il Collegio Argento costituisce l'unico ospite per il sostentamento dell' Ordine Religioso che per le attuali condizioni di vita non dispone, in questo momento, di alcun risparmio.

6) I pochi locali di cui potevano disporre i PP. Gesuiti, sono stati già di fatto concessi a un reparto militare britannico.

Ricorriamo pertanto a V. E. , memori del messaggio che Ella in occasione della invasione della Sicilia, diramò per Radio, dichiarando che "insieme con la Persona del Pontefice sarebbero stati protetti e rispettati tutti gli Ordini e gli edifici religiosi" perchè V. E. dia immediata revoca dell'ordine di requisizione.

Con gran fiducia e con rispetto e stima

Per l'Ordine d. G. d. G., il Rettore -del C; Argento: Vinc. Scarano

P. Vincenz. Scarano

ELENCO DI LOCALI ADATTI PER OSPEDALI

- 1) R. Deposito Tabacchi (nella via di Novoli) X

Si consta che questo era stato già scelto.

- 2) Collegio orfani di guerra della G. I. L. (sulla via di Arnesano),

completamente attrezzato.

- 3) Istituto tecnico agrario (sulla via di S. Pietro in Lama)

è anche convitto.

- 4) Castello del Duca Gaetani in Martano.

- 5) Castello di Vernole.

- 6) Colonia Marina in S. Maria di Leuca. X X

- 7) Edificio scolastico in S. Donato, grande e moderno.

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TO : INFO 71 SUB AREA, COL MORTIMER DPSC FLAMCO, DISPLACED
PERSONS SUB-COMM.

Reference telephone conversation this afternoon Capt. Stone - Col. Johnston.
Attempt to requisition Collegio Argento for sick and wounded Yugoslav Partisans has produced refusal on part of Rector. Instruct Italian Government to oblige Rector of Collegio Argento to make available 300 beds for immediate use by British authorities for accommodating sick and wounded Yugoslavs.

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*Discussed with Capt Stone
left message for
Col Kirkwood asking
him to take no action*

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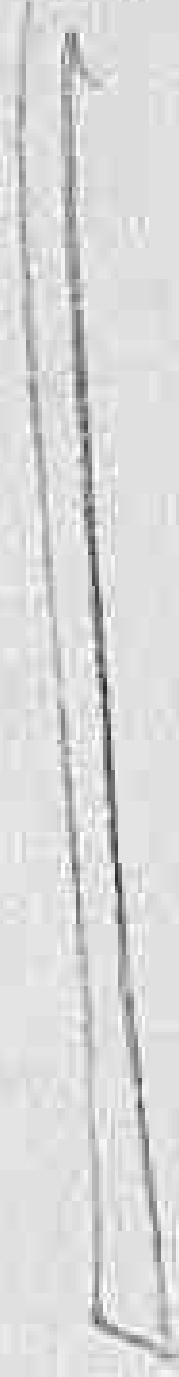
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12 January 1944.

MEMORANDUM for Proposed Telephone Conversation with Col. Johnston.

TO: Captain Stone, U.S.N.R.

1. Ref your 222A dated 5 Jan 44. ^{OK}
2. In reference to para 2, have the authorities vacated the premises at Molfetta?
3. If not, this Commission strongly deprecates the use of force without express order from higher authority. Any action by force taken by Allied troops in unoccupied territory will in the opinion of ACC be illegal.
4. As this point is one of major policy which may arise also in the future, a signal is being sent today (copy to you) asking for a definition of the attitude which should be taken in the event of a refusal by the church authorities to obey a requisitioning order.

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To: Gen Taylor

Molfetta Seminary

Note: The accommodation is required for a full-size General Hospital (1000/1200 beds) and not for a Convalescent Home.

1/ In Bari yesterday I saw Col Johnston & the Prefect. The Prefect and I, with Maj Leach of ~~the~~ 2 District & Lt. Col Carew-Johnson(?) of 6 Sub Area then visited the Archbishops of Bari & Molfetta.

2/ In brief, the Archbishops explained that the Seminary was the only one of its kind, with ~~US??~~ chapels, farms, special quarters, library, conference accommodation etc. etc., ^{- a sort of university -} & that to move it would

be the death of ecclesiastical life in Southern Italy. Instead, they offered to give up any or all of the Diocesan Seminaries.

3/ At Molfetta & Andria there were such Seminaries. The one at Molfetta with two or three

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other large buildings would accommodate 1000 beds. Andria had been a German hospital of some 400 beds.

4/ Finally they proposed that a representative of the Italian Government and a representative of the Military Authorities form a committee to find a solution.

5/ The Prefect, ~~in addition~~ could only suggest, in addition, that there was suitable accommodation ^{for a hospital} available in two buildings in Lecce, ~~which could be made available~~.

6/ ~~Outside~~ ^{that} the Archbishops clearly are making no move to vacate the Seminary & which, in any case, they say would take a long time.

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No doubt they also fully realize that mistreating them at the butt of the rifle would ~~represent~~ be such bad policy on our part that we are unlikely to turn them out by force.

EB Mayr Lt. Col.
6 Jan 43

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ARCHDIOCESE OF BARI

Brigadier General Taylor.

Brindisi

Having awaited in vain the arrival of a representative of the Italian Government, according to assurances given by members of your Commission, and, on the other hand, urging a quick and definite conclusion in regard to the requisitioning of the Regional Pontifical Seminary of Molfetta, we propose that this matter be settled by a representative from your Commission, by one from the Central Government of Brindisi and by His Rev. Excellency Monsignor Francesco De Filippis, Archbishop of Brindisi, delegate of His Excellency, the Archbishop of Bari.

Trusting that our proposal may be accepted, etc.

Bari, 5 January 1944

Signed Marcello Mimmi, Archbishop
Signed Achille Salveni, Bishop

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Brigadiere Generale TAYLOR

Brindisi

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Avando atteso invano la venuta di un Rappresentante del Governo Italiano, come da assicurazione dei Sigg. Rappresentanti di codesto On. Comando, e d'altra parte urgendo di venire rapidamente ad una conclusione definitiva circa la requisizione del Pontificio Seminario Regionale di Molfetta, proponiamo che la questione venga trattata e risolta da un Rappresentante di codesto On. Comando, da un Rappresentante del nostro Governo Centrale di Brindisi e da S.E. Rev.ma Mons. Francesco De Filippis, Arcivescovo di Brindisi, delegato di S.E. l'Arcivescovo di Bari.

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CONFIDENTIAL

IN No 2 District CTF

SUBJECT: MULPETA Seminary

ACC
"6" 6 Base Sub Area
"6" (Major Leach) 2 District

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5 Jan 44

Reference visit by Lt Col HAYES of ACC, rep of Italian Govt, rep 6 Base Sub Area and Major LEACH of this HQ, to the Archbishop of BARI, fixed for 5 Jan, regarding the requisitioning of MULPETA Seminary.

1 It is the responsibility of the ACC and Italian Govt to find suitable alternative accommodation and it is requested that immediate arrangements be made to find this and to arrange the move of the present inmates of the seminary as near to the target date, 5 Jan 44, as possible.

2 The latest date which can be permitted for completion of this move is 12 Jan.

3 The advance party of the hospital which is to utilise this site will move in on arrival, probable date 10 Jan.

TOO 0930

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Colonel,
Col 1/c Adm.

Handed in 1230 hrs
5 Jan 44
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3 Jan.

Col. Johnston called
Re-Seminary at
Moffetta.

Present occupants
have made no preparation
to move, claiming that
no other place is available
for them. He suggests
that some army barracks
might be made available
for them. He also requests
that you send an officer
up tomorrow with powers
to force the move if
necessary.

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Subject: Requisitioning of Seminary, MOLINETTA

Hq No.2 District C.M.F.

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3 Jan, 1944

The Archbishop of BARI

I have received your letter of 27 December, 1943, regarding the requisitioning of the Seminary of MOLINETTA.

In accordance with instructions received by me it is essential that you should arrange for the premises to be vacated by 5 January, as arranged at a previous meeting.

It is of vital operational necessity that this building is functioning as a hospital within one week of to-day's date.

Will you, therefore, please ensure that this building is vacated not later than 5 January.

CP. D. D. D.

Major-General
Comd No.2 District

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Copy to: A.C.C. ✓
6 Base Sub Area
Medical

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3 Jan

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THE ARCHBISHOP OF BARI

Bari, 30 December 1943.

Risp/ a N.385/3

To: Brigadier Maxwell Taylor

I am most grateful to you for your kind letter of the 22 inst. from which I understand that the British Minister to the Holy See on instructions from the Government of Allied Military Authorities had suggested the use of the Pontifical Seminary at Molfetta as a convalescent home for the military, and that His Holiness has given His consent provided that other locales are found for the Pontifical Seminary to continue to function in.

Wishing eagerly to second the august and charitable instructions of His Holiness, and to co-operate in providing a suitable convalescent home for the valorous sick and wounded soldiers of the Allied Forces, I have again sought a way of finding alternative premises which will allow the Seminary to continue its functions.

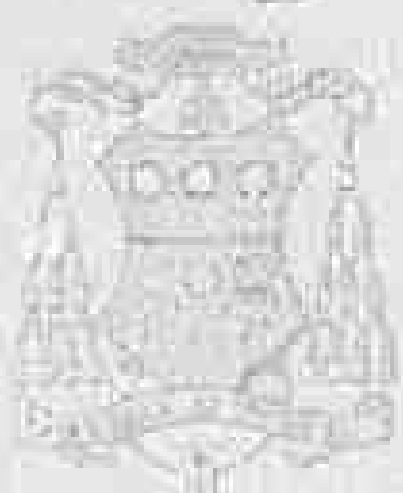
Unfortunately there are no ^{suitable} premises in the entire region, notwithstanding every restriction and sacrifice which we were ready to ~~support~~ ^{endure}, ~~suitable~~.

I therefore beseech you, General, to examine with kindness this painful situation, and not to attribute it to unhelpfulness if I consider that the Requisitioning of the Pontifical Seminary of Molfetta can not be carried out.

with reverence

Signed: Marcello Mimmi.

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L'ARCHEVESCOVO DI BARI

Risp/ a N.386/8

Ereg.mo Signore

sig. Brig. Gen. Maxwell Taylor

Vi sono particolarmente grato della Vostra gentile lettera del 22 c.m. da cui rilevo come il Ministro Inglese presso la S. Sede, su istruzioni ricevute dal Governo di stato delle Autorità Militari Alleate, abbia avanzato proposta di usare il Pontificio Seminario di Molfetta quale Casa di Convalescenza per militari, e come il S. Padre, abbia dato il Suo gradimento purché si trovino altri locali ove il Seminario Pontificio possa continuare a funzionare.

Nel vivissimo desiderio di secondare, le, auguste e caritatevoli istruzioni del S. Padre, e di cooperare, da parte mia a procurare ai valorosi, feriti e malati, delle Forze Alleate, una casa di convalescenza, sono tornato, di proposito, a studiare la possibilità di trasferire, il predetto Seminario, in altri locali che consentano di poter continuare, il suo funzionamento.

Purtroppo in tutta la Regione non v'è locale alcuno adatto alle scopo, sia pure con le necessarie restrizioni e i sacrifici che si sarebbero dovuti affrontare.

Io Vi prego pertanto, sig. Generale, di voler considerare con benevolenza questa penosa situazione, e di non voler attribuire a mancanza di buona volontà se ritengo che la requisizione del Pontificio Seminario di Molfetta non possa effettuarsi.

Con distinti ossequi

Marcello Simonini
per

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

To His Grace Monsignore Mimmi
Archbishop of Bari

My dear Archbishop:

I have been asked to transmit to Your Grace herewith the following message from His Holiness the Pope:

"British Minister to the Holy See on instructions from the Government states that Allied military authorities propose to use seminary of Molfetta (presumably the regional seminary, the property of the Holy See) as a military convalescent home.

Your Excellency is directed to settle this question with the appropriate authorities in accordance with the following instructions: (1) The Holy See agrees that the premises of the said seminary may be used as a convalescent home if the regional seminary can continue to function and find other premises. (2) You should ensure that a regular act of transfer is drawn up with a detailed inventory and corresponding pledge of restitution. (3) You are further directed to refer any other similar cases which may subsequently arise to the Holy See, giving your opinion about them and making such proposals as appear necessary.

The Holy See regret to have as yet no news of Southern Italy. Your Excellency should endeavour to convey some information on the subject to the Holy See, if necessary by means of the kind offices of the military authorities. News is particularly desired of Cardinal Ascalesi; of the Bishop of Cava and Sarno and of the Abbot of the Holy Trinity at Cava Dei Tirreni who are reported to be no longer at their posts; and of the Diocese of Campobasso whose Bishop is reported to have met a tragic death.

His Holiness blesses Your Excellency and charges you to convey his paramount blessing to all the Bishops and to the faithful."

I am taking steps to inform the appropriate Allied Military authorities of the contents of this message so that they may be prepared to discuss the matter further with Your Grace at the earliest opportunity. I

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shall of course be glad to transmit through Allied channels any reply
which you may wish to send to questions raised by His Holiness the Pope.

Faithfully yours,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, AUS

cc: His Excellency Dr. Innocente
GOC Number 2 District Bari

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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18 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Requisition of Molfetta Seminary.

TO : Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission.

There are herewith transmitted two communications from the office of the British Resident Minister:

11/34/1501 of 15 December, for your information.

11/34/1501 of 16 December, for appropriate action by you.

Incl:
As above.

J. C. HOLMES,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Chief, Military Government Section.

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Office of the British Resident Minister at A.F.H.Q.
5, Rue Professeur Curtillet
Algiers

11/34/1501.

To: Military Government Section.
From: British Resident Minister's Office.
Subject: Requisition of MOSCETTA Seminary.
Ref:- Freedom cable No.3749 of November 21st to Fatima
(MC OUT 6319)

The British Minister to the Holy See has informed the Papal authorities of the intentions of the Allied Command as regards the requisition of the seminary at Moscetta in the manner indicated in S3 of this Office's memo. No.11/34/1501 of November 16th. He has made it clear that the Vatican was being informed solely as a matter of courtesy.

2. The Vatican has replied that, since the seminary is the property of the Holy See, the latter's consent is necessary before it may be used for other purposes. The Italian Government have always sought the prior consent of the Holy See in such cases and, in fact, when they proposed to requisition this seminary in 1940, they abandoned the proposal at the request of the Holy See. The Vatican further pointed out that President Roosevelt's message to the Pope of July 10th, 1943, contained an assurance that papal property in Italy would be respected.

3. The Vatican, however, agrees to the use of the seminary as a convalescent home, if the inmates can continue their work in other convenient premises. Instructions on this subject for delivery to Monsignore Mimmi, Archbishop of Bari, are being telegraphed to this Office and will be passed on to the M.G.S. in due course for transmission.

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15th December, 1943.

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Letter received at Milgov protesting against requisition of Seminary. Last paragraph indicates decision taken that no one will leave except by force and states that "violence should be evident and public." Letter will be forwarded your Headquarters by first available courier.

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SPECIAL SECRETARIAT OF THE
CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

No. 1367 of Prot.

15 December 1943

General:

I have been directed by His Excellency Marshal Badoglio to forward to you the enclosed copy of a letter from the Archbishop of Salerno, His Excellency Nicola Monterisi, relative to the requisitioning of the Regional Pontifical Seminary of Salerno.

Cordially yours,

THE SPECIAL SECRETARY OF THE
CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT
(Lt. Col. G. Valentano)

(Sgd) Valentano

To General Kenyon A. Joyce
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Headquarters

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TRANSLATIONcopyREGIONAL PONTIFICAL SEMINARY
SALERNO

Salerno, 12 December 1943

TO THE AUTHORITIES, WHOMEVER THEY MAY BE,
WHO WISH TO OCCUPY THE REGIONAL PONTIFICAL SEMINARY PIUS XI
OF SALERNO.

I must remind the authorities that this Seminary's buildings are the property of the Roman Catholic Church; and that as an institution of ecclesiastical study, now in full operation, the Seminary relies on the Vatican.

It would be most improper to occupy the Seminary at the present time because the Vatican, besieged by our common enemy, the Germans, knows nothing of what is happening here and I have no way of getting news through to Rome.

The Vatican is the great moral force, unique in the world, with which Italy maintains diplomatic relations; and the majority of Allied Powers, even those not maintaining diplomatic relations with the Vatican, accord the Roman Catholic Church their utmost friendship and respect.

If this act of seizure were committed against any other armed power, it would today be the equivalent of a declaration of war. Germany has been denounced for having denied that 'right makes might', and for having substituted the doctrine that 'might makes right'. And to be sure, the contemplated occupation of this Seminary is an application in miniature of that very principle. Large or small, the doctrine remains the same.

If the Seminary were empty, some sort of Res Nullius might be claimed. But the Seminary is instead in full operation, with students, Mother Superior, professors, and with classes in progress.

To help you understand the importance of this Institution, I am enclosing a copy of the Year Book for the last scholastic year, 1942-43, from which it will be seen that students have come here from the provinces of Naples, Littoria, Salerno, Avellino, Potenza and Matera, and that nearly thirty bishops have a material interest in it.

This Seminary is the only institution of its kind in the entire Tyrrhenian area, which extends from the Gulf of Gaeta to the Gulf of Taranto. Unable to communicate with the Vatican, I have been obliged to manage its affairs myself. I was responsible for repairing the damage caused by air raids, at a cost of some half million Lire; and to be all the more sure of my authority before undertaking these repairs and inviting any bishops interested to send me their students, I asked and obtained written permission to open the Seminary from the local authorities of the Allied Nations.

And finally, knowing I am in the right, I declare that no one, neither students nor teachers, will leave the Regional Pontifical Seminary unless the armed forces resort to violence.

(4) Any use of force should be made public.

(Sgd) Nicola Materisi
Archbishop of Salerno

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Archbishop of Bari states no notification received by him prior to 10 December for requisition of Seminary at Galfetua. Delay appears to have been due to failure to notify prefect of Bari in time to enable evacuation to take place. In view of delicate situation in regard to this building and fact of appeal being made to highest authorities orders have been issued by this Hq to delay date of requisition to 5 January. Details of form of appeal following by letter.

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To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

OK

Thank you for your note of 9 December indicating that orders have been issued to the Prefect of Bari for the requisitioning of the Molfetta Seminary. I am informed by the Allied Authorities in Bari that they have no present need for the furniture. I am sorry that the Commission has been slow in informing Your Excellency on this latter point.

Most sincerely,

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Letter to Badoglio #4004

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TRANSLATION

HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT
No. 1299/Prot.

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P. M. 151 9 December 1943

Dear General Joyce:

OK
I have received yours of 8 December, and as I stated in my note No. 4024 dated 1 December, negotiations were in progress with General Dowler in trying to use other equally available quarters in substitution to the Seminary at Molfetta.

In the same note I asked you to inform me whether the requisition was limited to the building or whether the furniture was to be included, in which case a tentative list should have been given us, so that we could take proper action.

I have not received as yet any answer to my suggestion.

Nevertheless, acknowledging your haste in this matter, I have given immediate orders to the Prefect of Bari to start legal proceedings for the required requisitioning of the premises on or before 13 December.

I still deem it advisable to know urgently your decision in the matter of including, or not, the furniture contained in the Seminary, for the purposes of the requisition.

Very cordially,

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8 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

May I recall to Your Excellency that by a note of 26 November, I invited attention to the urgent need for the Seminary located in Molfetta for the establishment of a convalescent home. I regret to inform you that the Allied Military Authorities in Bari have been unable as yet to obtain the property. The reported difficulty is the fact that the local Italian authorities have not received authorization from Your Excellency's Government to execute the requisition. In the meantime, because of the urgency of the requirement, the Allied Military Authorities have been obliged to set the date of 13 December for the final evacuation.

May I request the prompt intervention of Your Excellency to direct the requisitioning in order to permit the occupancy of the property on the scheduled date?

Most sincerely,

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AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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Personal for General Taylor. Reference requisition Seminary at Molfetta. Understand appeal being made through Archbishop of Bari by Head of Seminary. An insistent building to be cleared by December 13.

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CAPTAIN STONE

Military desire to requisition SEMINARIO REGIONALE SALERNO for military personnel. What is present position regarding property. 1. Is it required by you. 2. Is it Vatican property.

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THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT
No. 4024 Pres. Cons.

P.M. 151 1 December 1943

Dear General Joyce:-

In reference to your memorandum on the subject of requisitioning the Seminary of Molfetta, I inform you that I am in process of negotiations with Gen. A. B. Dowler, by studying the possibilities of substituting these premises with other property equally suitable for the purpose.

If that cannot be done, I assure you I will immediately issue orders to requisition the Seminary.

I beg you to inform me, meanwhile, whether the requisition is limited to the building only, or whether it should include the furniture existing therein. In the latter case, it would be practical to give us even a general idea of your needs, so that adequate dispositions may be taken.

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26 November 1943.

To His Excellency Marshal Pietro Badoglio.

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

The Allied Armies in Italy have urgent need of the Seminary located in Molfetta in the Province of Bari for the establishment of a Convalescent Home. It is requested that this property be requisitioned as soon as possible by the Italian Government and assigned to the Allied Armies for this purpose.

An examination of the Lateran treaty and Concordat has been made and I am advised that there is no provision prohibiting the desired requisition.

As a matter of courtesy the British Minister is informing the Vatican that the Italian Government is being asked to requisition.

I should be grateful if you would advise me as soon as the requisition is effectuated.

Most sincerely,

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Reference conversation this morning Wilcox-Johnston. You will proceed with the requisition of the Seminary at Melfetta through normal channels.

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Seminary at Moschettis desired for convalescent home. See your 759 of 4 Nov. 43 and 797 of 6 Nov. 43 and our 8624 of 9 Nov. 43. Our right to requisition is undoubted. Lateran treaty would not effect that right.

On grounds of policy however it is desirable Italian Government make the requisition. Seemingly nothing in Lateran treaty or Concordat to prevent. Therefore you will require them to procure the use of the property for us.

British Minister is informing Vatican as matter of courtesy that Allied Military authorities propose to act as above. Will make it clear we are not asking permission. Will suggest that Vatican issue directives to authorities in charge Ecclesiastical property to co-operate with Allied Forces in such cases.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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10 November 1943

SUBJECT: Seminary at Beri Province.

TO : Headquarters No. 2 District (Q), Beri.

The following telegram received from AFHQ is passed on to you for information: "Convalescent home at Beri. Without doubting legal power of Allied Forces to requisition seminary by whomsoever owned, it seemed expedient to invite Pope to give direction generally that religious institutions comply with military requirements. This consultation will take a little time."

For the Chief of the Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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Convalescent home at Bari (TO FATIMA FOR MACFARLANE SIGNED BISHOPDOR CITE HOUSE
 REFERENCE YOUR 759 AND 797). Without doubting legal power of Allied Forces to
 requisition seminary by whomsoever owned, it seemed expedient to invite Pope to give
 direction generally that religious institutions comply promptly with military
 requirements. This consultation will take a little time.

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TIME OF WAR PD AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS

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ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Mission

W. J. B.

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MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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