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| 25               | Ltr Talbot<br>305/36/COS | 27 Dec 44 | Presidency Council<br>of Ministers | Building as location for Hi Com-<br>missioner for Prisoners of War. |
| 26               | Chl, Parri, 17702        | 3 Jul 45  | AC                                 | Building now required to house<br>Ministry of Post-War Assistance.  |
| 27               | Ltr Stone 305/66/EC      | 12 Jul 45 | Gen Brown RAAC                     | Can Air Min Bldg be released?                                       |
| 28               | Ltr Low RAAC             | 16 Jul 45 | Stone                              | Cannot be released                                                  |

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| 1                | Ltr 6884/S/218<br>Piacentini           | 26 Aug 44 | AFSC ACC        | Fls have Air Min Bldg released                                         |
| 2                | Ltr AFSC/R/314<br>Bowen-Buscarlet      | 29 Aug 44 | Lush            | Fwdg copy of ltr fr Piacentini.                                        |
| 3                | Ltr 163/114/CA<br>Lush                 | 31 Aug 44 | Hq AAI          | Fwdg copies of (1) & (2) with<br>request to hand back to It Govt       |
| 4                | Ltr AAI 2030/14/2/                     | 1 Sep 44  | Buscarlet       | Re Lush's ltr. AFHQ have matter<br>in mind.                            |
| 5                | Ltr AAI 2030/12/02                     | 2 Sep 44  | Hq ACC          | All accommodation earmarked for<br>disposal by AFHQ                    |
| 6                | Ltr 163/116/CA<br>RC & MG Sec          | 6 Sep 44  | AFSC            | Atch ltr 2 Sep AAI for info.                                           |
| 7                | Ltr AFSC/R/314                         | 7 Sep 44  | Ital Air Min    | Encl is ltr 2nd Sept AAI                                               |
| 8                | Ltr 15448/10026-<br>10.8/1/1/16 Bonomi | 3 Oct 44  | Stone           | Request for Air Min Bldg for use<br>of Central Institute of Statistics |
| 9                | Ltr AFSC/314                           | 3 Oct 44  | AFHQ            | Request return of Air Min Bldg                                         |
| 10               | Ltr CCE ACC                            | 5 Oct 44  | Econ Sec        | Further efforts at getting Bldg                                        |
| 11               | Ltr 9324/S It Air                      | 7 Oct 44  | AFSC            | Fls reexamine return of Air Min                                        |
| 12               | Ltr Q 205 RAAC                         | 9 Oct 44  | HqACC           | Use elsewhere of equipment in<br>Air Ministry Bldg                     |
| 13               | Ltr Stone                              | 9 Oct 44  | Bonomi          | Air Ministry will be at your dis-<br>posal for about 2 months          |
| 14               | Ltr AFSC/314                           | 10 Oct 44 | AFHQ            | Encl request by It Govt for Bldg                                       |
| 15               | Ltr AFSC/R/314                         | 11 Oct 44 | Stone           | Fls support me in request for<br>Air Ministry Building                 |
| 16               | Ltr AG-600 RAAC                        | 12 Oct 44 | A/CC ACC        | Conditions of placing bldg at<br>disposal of Ital Govt                 |
| 17               | Ltr 305/5/CCS                          | 13 Oct 44 | Bowen-Buscarlet | Facts: bldg still frozen by AFHQ<br>but will be leased for 2 months    |
| 18               | Ltr 16645/10026.10.8<br>1.1.16 Bonomi  | 16 Oct 44 | Stone           | Request for return of Air Min<br>Bldg, with cogent reasons.            |
| 19               | Ltr CAC/1015<br>Clerk                  | 17 Oct 44 | AFSC            | 1783 Bldg now occupied by Itals for<br>census. Later release unlikely. |
| 20               | Ltr 305/CCS Stone                      | 19 Oct 44 | Bonomi          | Suggest arrangements be left as<br>are. Will work later for release.   |
| 21               | Memo A/CC 386.8-1                      | 23 Oct 44 | Econ Sec        | Ltr for dispatch. Levels too hi                                        |
| 22               | Ltr ES/7.00 Econ                       | 25 Oct 44 | Bonomi          | Details of present arrangements<br>for occupation of Air Min Bldg      |
| 23               | Cbl AFHQ IV8929                        | 6 Nov 44  | AC              | Air Min. Bldg will not be avail-<br>able for Italians after 1 Dec.     |
| 24               | Ltr, Stone<br>305/32/CCS               | 9 Nov 44  | Bonomi          | AFHQ inform building will not be<br>available after 1 Dec to Ital Govt |

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COPY

Headquarters,  
Rome Area Allied Command

16th July 1945

DO/ACCM/115

My Dear Admiral,

I have just returned from leave, and your letter 305/56/EC dated 12th July addressed to General Brown has been handed to me. General Brown, as you may know, is away for the next few days.

The Air Ministry Building, which is at present occupied, as you know, by the Allied Commission for Austria, is under reserve by AFHQ who have, I understand, some ultimate purpose in mind for it. I am unable, therefore, to release it without reference to that HQ, but will refer the question to them.

I am instructing our Real Estate Section to examine the question of whether buildings which may be vacated in the near future are likely to be of any value for the purposes for which the Italian Government requires them.

Yours sincerely

/s/ ALLAN LOW  
Brigadier  
Deputy Commander  
Rome Area Allied Command

TW: Rear Admiral Henry W. Stone, U.S.N.R.,  
Chief Commissioner,  
HQ Allied Commission.

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Ref: 305/66/EC.

12 July 1945.

My Dear General:

With the creation of new Ministries the Italian Government is experiencing considerable difficulty in securing suitable additional office space. The Commission is, of course, concerned to facilitate the smooth working of the Government in every possible way and it is for this reason I bring to your attention the Government's request that consideration be given to returning to it the Air Ministry Building, at present under requisition by the Allies. In this building it is intended to house the new Ministry for Post War Assistance and also the Air Ministry itself, now a greatly reduced body, could be accommodated there.

I would appreciate your consideration of this matter and if the Air Ministry Building is not immediately available you might perhaps be able to suggest an alternative which could be released in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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

See (JH)

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H. G. B. 17702

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ROUTINE

ROME  
ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

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IN CLEAR.

With reference to the conversation the Secretary of State of this Presidency had to day with Admiral STONE, I beg you to take into consideration the returning to the Italian Government of the premises of the Ministry of Air in order to destine same as residence of the Ministry of post war Assistance, which principal task, the assistance of repatriating prisoners and civilian internees, must be carried out urgently

The President of the Council of Ministries  
PARMI

M/C NOTE:

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ACTION SO TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
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Ref: 305/36/008

27 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Air Ministry Building - Location for "Alto Commissariato  
Prigionieri di Guerra."

TO : The Presidency of the Council of Ministers,  
Italian Government,  
Rome.

(2) I refer to your letter of 20 December, reference 22303/19/5.  
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1. On 9 November, reference 305/32/008, the Chief Commissioner wrote the Prime Minister a letter in which he stated he had been informed by Allied Force Headquarters that the Air Ministry building would not be available for the Italian Government.

2. I regret to say there has been no alteration in this decision.

Major E. Tabor + 779

Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

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Ref. 305/32/003.

9 November, 1944

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With further reference to your letter, number 10615/10026, 10.8/1.16 of 16 October, on the subject of the Air Ministry building, I am now informed by Allied Force Headquarters that this building will not be available for the Italian Government after 1 December, 1944.

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I hope that by the time the work of the census is finished it might have been found possible to lift the requisition from the building too, I regret, not materialised. Should you wish to press this matter further I will be pleased to make another approach to A.F.H.Q.

Very truly yours,

(SdO) ELLERY W. STONE

WILLIAM W. STONE  
Comptroller, USAF  
Acting Chief Comptroller

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Copy to: Air Forces S/C  
Marchese Cittadini  
"A" Pilot

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi  
The President of the Council of Ministers  
Italian Government  
R. S. M. C.

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Reference conversation TALBOT-LEWIN HARRIS. Have confirmed with Q that Air  
ministry building will not repeat not be available for Italians after 1 December

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
ECONOMIC SECTION  
APO 394

*Maj Quayle* A

*MCC*

ES/7.00

25 October 1944

To: The Presidency of the Council of Ministers

1. Further to the Prime Minister's letter of 3 October 1944 and to the Acting Chief Commissioner's reply of 9 October 1944 on the subject of procuring the Air Ministry Building for the Central Institute of Statistics.

2. Written authorization releasing certain portions of the Air Ministry Building is contained in a letter from the Commanding General Rome Allied Area Command of 12 October 1944.

3. The following conditions are set forth by the Rome Allied Area Command respecting the use of this property:

"The Air Ministry building in Via Libro e Moschatto is hereby released to you for use by the Italian Government engaged on the preparation of the Census for the National Reconstruction until the 15th November 1944, after which date it is assumed that you will make the necessary arrangements to hand it back to this Headquarters.

"Arrangements are being made for the withdrawal of guards forthwith, but it will be necessary for the Italian Government to allow those Sub-units now in occupation by authority of this Headquarters to remain and to avoid interference with their activities. These Sub-units are: -

- (a) Meteorological Section (R. A.)
- (b) No. 1 Canadian Base Signal Section.

"It is pointed out that it is not possible to release the Air Force Barracks, as suggested by you, because this building is in course of urgent conversion to a Military Hospital under orders from Allied Forces Headquarters.

"Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy obtained clearance certificate on the Air Ministry building to the effect that it was left in good condition and that the furniture contained therein was complete at the date of their departure.

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"It is obvious that the Allied Military Authorities can no longer be responsible for the condition of the building or for the custody of the furniture contained therein, once it is handed over to the Italian Government, though naturally none of the furnishings or fittings should be removed.

"It is suggested that suitable arrangements in connection with this latter matter should be made with the Italian Air Force."

4. May I suggest that you bring this information to the attention of the officials in your Government who will be concerned in these arrangements.

*aga*  
A. G. ANTOLINI *5*  
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff  
Economic Section

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Office of the A/Chief Commissioner

(22) Dispatch of Letter re Air Ministry  
Building  
Major Sullivan

A/CC 386.8-1

23 October 4

This letter can now go off, but as we agreed, the level is too high. It should be sent, not to the Prime Minister personally, but simply addressed to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and could be signed either by the Head of the Economic Section or by the Chief of Staff. The references in the first paragraph will have to be altered, and I have pencilled these in.

(21) J. A. QUAYLE  
Major, R. A.  
Staff Officer to A/CC

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ccr C of S Section, A File

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Ref 395/005

19 October 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have carefully examined the proposal made in your letter, number 16645/10026.10.8/1.1.16 of 16 October, on the subject of the Air Ministry Building.

As you know, this building is held under a requisition by the Allied Military authorities, who have temporarily rescinded the requisition so that the Census Staff may be housed in the building.

Now, even if at the request of this Commission the requisition were permanently to be lifted, this would take several days, and meanwhile authority has been given to the Census Staff to move into the building. Moreover the census documents are already flowing in, and completion of these cannot be delayed.

I therefore submit that in order to avoid confusion the matter should be allowed to proceed as arranged, and that the statisticians move in for their temporary occupation.

Your anxiety to have the Regia Aeronautica housed in its own building is well appreciated, and I hope that by the time the work of the census is finished it may have been found possible to lift the requisition permanently from the Air Ministry Building, and I shall continue to work to this end.

Very truly yours,

HERBERT W. STONE  
Commodore, RNR  
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

cc: C of S Section  
Air Sub-Com.  
Lt. Hicks, Industry Sub-Com.  
R.A.A.C.  
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
C.A.O. OFFICE.

CAO/1015.

TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.C. BARI.  
SUBJECT: ACCOMODATION ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

In reply to your AFSC/314/CRG of 3rd October 44.

1. It is noted that the ITALIAN Air Ministry has presented a formal request that they be allowed to re-take possession of the Italian Air Ministry Building in Rome.
2. This building is at present occupied by Italian civil servants who are occupied in taking a census of the population in Rome. The building has only loaned to the Italian Government for this purpose.
3. It is improbable that this building can be surrendered finally to the Italian Government as it is likely that it will be required sometime in the nearfuture by British and American forces.

/Sgd). J.G.W. Clark, **1233**  
Lieut-General, **1233**  
Chief Administrative Officer.

17th October 1944.

Pencil note:  
Original with Comdr Stone who will  
take up with Gen.Clark at Caserta  
on 24th Oct.

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Translation

THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 16 October 1944

B. 16645/10026.10.8/1.1.16

Dear Commodore,

I want to draw your attention on a fact which is particularly important, not only in itself, but also because it has political consequences and diminishes the prestige of the Government.

As you well know, when Rome was liberated, the building of the Air Department was occupied by the Allied Authorities which requisitioned it. Therefore, when the Italian Government came back to Rome, the Air Department couldn't reintegrate its own building, and had to install its offices in two or three buildings scattered through Rome.

Recently, the Central Institute of Statistics, which has been entrusted with the works relative to the census, requested and obtained the help of the Allied Authorities, which, as you have told me, put at its disposal the building of the Air Department for the duration of the census.

I don't need to explain why I should like you to take this opportunity for giving back its seat to the Air Department. This would put an end to the serious difficulties caused by the material separation and the distance between the buildings in which it is temporarily installed. On the other hand, the fact that this Ministry is still kept out of its seat puts it in a condition of inferiority towards the other Administrations; it gives a political aspect to the question and reacts unfavourably on public opinion, just when the Allies are showing their appreciation of the contribution of this arm to the common war, by mentioning the help it has given, and by hinting at greater possibility of employment in the future.

The Central Institute of Statistics let me know that it would be quite as satisfied if the three buildings now occupied by the Air Department were put at its disposal. From this point of view, there would be nothing to oppose the requested restitution.

Therefore, I beg you, my dear Commodore, to see whether you can possibly agree to my proposal. The Government attaches great importance to this restitution for political motives and also for reasons of prestige, and I know I can rely on your help.

I remain, my dear Commodore,

Truly yours,

/s/ I. Bonomi

Commodore Ellery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Control Commission  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
CHIEF  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

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Ref. 305/5/COS

13th October 1944.

Subject: Italian Air Ministry Building.

To: Air Vice-Marshal W.A.D. Bowen-Dassart,  
Air Officer Commanding, Air Forces Sub-Commission.

1. I am directed by Acting Chief Commissioner to reply to your AFSC/R/314/CSC of 11th October 44 on the subject of the Italian Air Ministry Building.

2. General Piacentini has misinformed you. The facts are that the Air Ministry building is still frozen by AFHQ for use by the Allies, but AFHQ have agreed to loan the building for a period of approximately two months to the Central Institute of Statistics for the purpose of the census.

3. I note that you have recently made two applications to AFHQ for the return of this building and I certainly support you in your contention that if the building is released it should be returned to the Italian Air Ministry.

4. Please let me know the result of these applications. I will certainly help when the time comes.

(Sgd). M.S. Lush,  
Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

(17)

ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND  
APC 794, US Army

AG-600

12 October 44

Subject: Air Ministry Building (GP 152)

To: Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission  
Corporations Building, Via Vittorio Veneto

1. Reference AFHQ letter 6170 (Q Maint) dated 4 October 44, addressed to this Headquarters with copy to you and enclosure (ACC letter DS/35 dated 15 Sep 44) contained therein.

2. The Air Ministry building in Via Libre e Moschetto is hereby released to you for use by the Italian Government engaged on the preparation of the Census for the National Reconstruction until the 15th of November 1944, after which date it is assumed that you will make the necessary arrangements to hand it back to this Headquarters.

3. Arrangements are being made for the withdrawal of guards forthwith, but it will be necessary for the Italian Government to allow those Sub-units now in occupation by authority of this Headquarters to remain and to avoid interference with their activities. These Sub-units are:-

- (a) Meteorological Section (R.A.)
- (b) No. 1 Canadian Base Signal Section

4. It is pointed out that it is not possible to release the Air Force Barracks, as suggested by you, because this building is in course of urgent conversion to a Military Hospital under orders from Allied Forces Headquarters.

5. Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy obtained clearance certificate on the Air Ministry building to the effect that it was left in good condition and that the furniture contained therein was complete at the date of their departure.

6. It is obvious that the Allied Military Authorities can be responsible for the condition of the building or for the custody of the furniture contained therein, once it is handed over to the Italian Government, though naturally none of the furnishings or fittings should be removed.

7. It is suggested that suitable arrangements in connection with this latter matter should be made with the Italian Air Force.

/s/ Theoburn K. Brown  
THEOBURN K. BROWN  
Brigadier General US Army  
Commanding

Copy to: AFHQ (Q Maint).  
G-3, RAAC (Action on para 3)

cc: CofS, Lt. Hicks, "A" file

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF  
SIGNED ORIGINAL.

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COPY.

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
ROME.

TO: COMMODORE KENNETH W. STONE,  
ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER,  
HEADQUARTERS,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
ROME.

DATE: 11TH OCTOBER, 1944.

REF: AFSC/R/312/ORG.

General Macentini informs me that an attempt is being made by the Italian Bureau of Statistics to obtain, at any rate, a part of the Italian Air Ministry building. He has seen Bonomi about this and Bonomi agrees with him that if anyone at all other than the Allies goes into the Air Ministry building, it should be the Air Ministry.

2. I must say I agree with this entirely. The present situation in which the Air Ministry is split up among a number of buildings is most wasteful in efficiency, time and transport, and I do regard it as of the utmost importance that we should get back again into the building as soon as possible.

3. I have, in fact, made application twice within the last ten days to A.F.H.Q. for the return of the building.

4. If you are approached in any way, I should be very grateful if you could give us your support.

(SGD). W.A.B. BOWEN-BRECKENRIDGE,  
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,  
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
BARI.

TO: A.F.H.Q. C.M.F.

DATE: 10TH OCTOBER 1944.

REF: AFSC/312/CEG.

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Further to this Sub-Commission's letter of even reference of the 3rd October 1944, an additional request has been received from the Italian Air Ministry that they should be allowed to occupy their own building in Rome; a copy of this is attached.

2. It will be observed that it is suggested that even a part of the building would have a beneficial effect on Service and Public sentiment.

(SGD). W.A.B. BOWEN-MUSCARTER,  
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,  
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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A. F. Hall

9 October 1944

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Your written request of October 3 relating to the procurement of additional office space to be used by the Central Institute of Statistics has received favorable action from Allied Force Headquarters. Instructions have been issued to the Rome Allied Area Command to place the Air Ministry buildings at the disposal of the Institute for approximately two months.

I agree with you that the vital service on the Italian economy being conducted by the Institute should receive every possible assistance.

Sincerely yours,

(Sd) E. W. S.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Commodore, USNR  
Acting Chief Commissioner

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H. E. Ivanoe Bonomi  
President of the Council of Ministers  
Rome

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND  
APO NO. 794 U.S. ARMY.

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SUBJECT: Requisition of Equipment.

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C.  
A.F.S.C.

9th October 1944.

1. As you are aware, a proposal has been put forward that a Linotype and two sets of matrices in the Air Ministry Buildings, Rome, should be requisitioned for use elsewhere. It is understood, however, that consideration is now being given to the return of these buildings to the Italian Air Force.
2. Could you please say whether a decision has yet been reached, as it is desired to know whether the printing machinery will be available for requisition.

(Sgd). W.H. Hughes, Maj.  
For AIBAN LON, Brigadier  
Deputy Commander.

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COPY.  
TRANSLATION.

FROM: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.  
TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,  
DATE: 7th October 1944.  
REF: 9324/S.

1 Air Ministry Buildings. OK

Following our ref 6784/S of August 28th (Cabinet) and ref. your AFSC/E/344/Orig of 7/9/44.

I shall be obliged if the Sub-Commission could re-examine the possibility of restoring the Air Ministry building to the IAF as the present accommodation is provisory and inconvenient, its offices at a distance from each other, necessitating duplication of services, and a waste of organisation which could be better and more profitably used otherwise. In short a slowing up of every activity, operational, administrative and logistical.

Furthermore there is an aspect of morale involved which I think should be considered, and which prompts me to raise the question. The situation has, in fact, provided an unfavourable impression both with regard to public opinion and on I.A.F. personnel, for, as you know, of the three Forces' ministries only the Air Force has been deprived of its site.

In view of the above and the active participation by the Air Force during a year of co-belligerency plus the recent declarations by the heads of the United Nations concerning a wider undertaking by every branch of activity, I pray the Sub-Commission will use its good offices to impress upon Allied H.Q. in Italy the need for restitution, at least in part, of the Air Ministry as suggested in our letter ref 6784.

(Sgd). P. Piacentini,  
Minister.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
CMF  
Office of the Chief of Staff

5th October 1944

SUBJECT: Air Ministry Building, Rome.

TO : Economic Section  
Attention: Col. Densmore.

1. I return to you the copy of your letter of the 15th September to G-5 AFHQ on this subject.

2. Captain Morden rang up G-5 yesterday and was informed that G-4 AFHQ wrote to RAAC on the 4th of October, stating that the property referred to in para 3 of your letter is to be placed at our disposal. A copy of letter has been asked for.

3. Attached is translation of a letter from the Prime Minister to the Acting Chief Commissioner requesting the use of the buildings referred to for the censor services for a period of about two months. Would you please draft a reply to the Prime Minister for the Acting Chief Commissioner's signature. The matter will be discussed at the V.P.'s meeting this morning.

Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Chief of Staff.

COPY.

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
BARI.

TO: A.F.H.Q. C.M.F.

DATE: 3RD OCTOBER, 1944.

REF: AFSC/311/ORG.

The Italian Air Ministry has presented a formal request that they be allowed to retain possession of the Italian Air Ministry building in Rome which was, until recently occupied by A.A.I.

2. It is understood that the building is at present unoccupied, and the Air Minister has pointed out that the handing back of the building would be in accordance with the recent policy as expressed by Mr. Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt. Its return would have a very beneficial effect on the morale of the Italian Air Force, which is at present actively engaged in assisting Balkan Air Forces, and would have a happy effect on public sentiment.

(SIGNED). W.A.B. DOWEN-MUSCARLI,  
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,  
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
n. 15448/10026-10.8/1/1.16

Rome, 3 October 1944

Dear Admiral,

As you well know, the Italian Government, in agreement with the Allied Commission, has entrusted the Central Institution of Statistics with important investigations (demographical, agricultural, industrial, economical, and social) to obtain a full knowledge of the state of the Nation in the various sectors, and to know the needs.

It is necessary that this researches should be made without delay, so that the work of national reconstruction could be started soon. Therefore, and because of the obvious complexity of the researches, especially during the selection and classification of the informations, the Institution needs 8000 employees to be put in big rooms, each of which ought to hold 20 persons at least, with their respective tables.

The works of selection are impending and the Institute is worried about the arrangements which will have to be made for such a numerous personnel, a small part of which only can be put in the premises of the Institute. For the ~~carens~~ Services, for a period of about two months, it means ~~1322~~ use a part of the seat of the Air Ministry.

As this Ministry is at the disposal of the Allied Military Government, I ask you to see whether it would be possible to agree to the proposal of the Central Institute of Statistics.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours truly

/s/ I. Bonomi

Trans.E.O.

FROM: A.F.S.C. A.C.C. ROE.  
TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.  
DATE: 7th September, 1944.  
REF: AFSC/R/314/OPC.

ACCOMMODATION - ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

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JL  
Enclosed herewith copy of letter 2030/12/Q2 dated 2nd September 1944 from H.Q. A.A.I. to H.Q. A.C.C. on the above subject.

2. This completely shatters all hopes of moving the Air Ministry back into the Ministerial Building.

(Sgd). J. Walton, S/Ldr,  
Air Vice-Marshal,  
Air Officer Commanding.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO.394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 163/116/DA.

6th September 1944.

Subject: Accommodation - Italian Air Ministry.

To: Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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Reference your letter AFSC/P/344/ORG dated 29th August 1944.

I attach herewith copy of letter 2030/12/02 dated 2nd September from AAI on the above subject, for your information.

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(Sgd) P. W. Shipp, Lt/Col  
for Brig.  
Executive Commission.

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SUBJECT: ACCOMMODATION - ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Tel Filepot 209.

2030/12/02.

2nd September, 1944.

H.Q.  
Allied Control Commission.

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Reference your 163/114/CA dated 31st August 1944.

1. Instructions have been received from AFHQ that all accommodation occupied by this H.Q. and its auxiliary units will be earmarked for disposal by AFHQ.
2. In these circumstances you will appreciate that the question raised in your letter will not arise.
3. Will you please notify the Italian Air Ministry of this decision by AFHQ.

(sgd). W.H. Ritchie, Brigadier,  
for Major General,  
Chief Administrative Officer.

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2030/11/2/02.

Brig W.H.D. Ritchie,  
D.Q.H.C.  
H.Q. Allied Armies in Italy.

1st September, 1944.

Dear Air Vice-Marshal.

ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY ACCOMMODATION.

I have just received a letter from Brigadier Lush dated 31st August forwarding a copy of a letter from you referring to the above.

We have received instructions from AFHQ that all accommodation at present occupied by this H.Q. will be earmarked for disposal by A.F.H.Q. I have told A.F.H.Q. that you are expecting the Air Ministry accommodation to be surrendered to the Italian Air Ministry on departure of this H.Q. so they are fully aware of the position. I have informed AFHQ of your request via Brigadier Lush and wanted you to hear from me that there may be some difficulty in this matter since I think you would prefer it this way to receiving a bald official communication from this H.Q. via Lush.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgt) W.H. Ritchie.

A.V.M. W.A.B. Bowen-Buccharlet,  
A.F.H.Q. H.Q. A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
APO. 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 163/114/CH.

31st August 1944.

Subject: Italian Air Ministry.

To: H.Q. A.A.I. (Main).

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The attached correspondence is passed to you for information and necessary action. It will be appreciated if the Air Ministry building can be handed back on bloc to the Italian Government.

(Sgt). M.S. Lush,  
Brig.  
Executive Commissioner,  
for Acting Chief Commissioner.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
ROME.

TO: BRIGADIER M.F. DASH, C.B.E., M.C.  
HEADQUARTERS,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
ROME.

DATE: 29th AUGUST 1944.

REF: AFSC/R/314/ORG.

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With reference to the query as to how much correspondence the Italian Air Ministry would be able to give up should they have the original Air Ministry building returned to them, herewith a copy of a letter received from the Chief of the Cabinet.

2. In my view the Italians have been quite reasonable about this, and the amount of accommodation which they can give up is considerable.

(SND) W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCAFRET,  
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,  
AIR OFFICER COMMISSION.

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FROM: AIR MINISTER, CABINET OF THE MINISTER.  
TO: A.F.S.C. A.C.C.  
DATE: August 25th, 1944.  
REF: 6884/S/243.

Subject: Accounts taken for the Air Ministry.

With reference to the verbal request from your Sub-Commission.

1. In the building of the Air Ministry, all the offices of the Ministry itself and all the Directorates General depending therefrom can be accommodated, leaving at the disposal of your Sub-Commission 200 rooms.
2. The sub-division of the premises of the Ministry to be allocated to the I.A.F. and those to be used by the Allies could be made by floors or else by wings as desired and can be agreed upon.
3. The I.A.F. would furthermore vacate the following premises:  
100 rooms in the Palazzo Caprara.  
70 " in the War Ministry.  
40 " in No. 2 Via Umbria I.N.A. building.  
30 " in the Collegio Pontificio Latino.  
  
260 rooms in all.

4. Accommodation for troops and motorpark.

At present the I.A.F. holds the Casermatta M.A.C.A.O. accommodating 350  
bodies and a pavilion serving as garage. These premises too could be utilized  
if 2 floors of the Romagnoli barracks and some garage space in the school  
of the Ministry were at the disposal of the I.A.F. the latter for some 40/50  
vehicle.

Sgt. Chief of Cabinet.

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| 20<br>20a     | Ltr Chief of Staff<br>Ltr Poletti, R/2466         | 9 Oct 44<br>10 Oct 44  | RC Lazio Region<br>CC ACC                 | Comment on reports by Judge Marchisio and Mr. Barr.                                                                                           |
| 21            | Ltr Commo Stone                                   | 10 Oct 44              | Gen Wilson                                | Thanks for your letter inclosing letters 5 Oct to Mr Taylor.                                                                                  |
| 22            | Ltr Mr Taylor                                     | 10 Oct 44              | Commo. Stone                              | For info copies of ltrs:<br>Incls 1 & 2 ltrs 5 Oct fr Wilson;<br>3 - Ltr fr Gen Clark, CAO.                                                   |
| 22a<br>23     | Ltr Kirk<br>Ltr 592/12/COB                        | 11 Oct 44<br>12 Oct 44 | Stone - President's release<br>Mr. Taylor | On reports by Judge Marchisio and Mr. Barr.                                                                                                   |
| 23a<br>24     | Ltr, Alex Kirk<br>Ltr Commo. Stone<br>A/CC 400.38 | 11 Oct 44<br>12 Oct 44 | Commo. Stone<br>Mr. Taylor                | President's release US dollars relief.<br>Extract of cable to SAC re imports necessary to keep up bread ration and feeding program in general |
| 24a<br>25     | Ltr Kirk<br>Memo Commo Stone<br>A/CC 400.38       | 12 Oct 44<br>12 Oct 44 | Commo Stone<br>Brig Parkinson             | US program provide dollars for relief<br>Forwards copy of letter from Gen Clark to Myron Taylor.                                              |
| 26            | Ltr Commo Stone<br>A/CC 400.38                    | 12 Oct 44              | Mr Taylor                                 | Thanks for your letter 10 Oct 44 am passing copies to Parkinson.                                                                              |
| 27            | Ltr A/CC 100<br>Commo Stone                       | 13 Oct 44              | Kirk                                      | Tnx ltr 11 Oct, question raised on making available in US Am dollars on basis of Lire circulated in Italy, for purchase of supplies           |
| 28            | Ltr Kirk                                          | 13 Oct 44              | Stone                                     | Should be no delay in telling It Govt of US dollars available for purchase of relief supplies.                                                |
| 29            | Ltr Stone 400.38                                  | 13 Oct 44              | Bonomi                                    | US program of making available dollars for purchase relief.                                                                                   |
| 30            | Ltr Stone, 400.38                                 | 13 Oct 44              | G-5 AFHQ                                  | US program making available dollars for purchase relief supplies.                                                                             |
| 31            | Ltr Stone A/CC 100                                | 13 Oct 44              | Kirk                                      | Await instructions from AFHQ before implementing program with Ital Government.                                                                |
| 32            | Memo, Grafftey-Smith                              | 13 Oct 44              | Commo. Stone                              | Gen Spofford personally in agreement with comments on State Dept Communique.                                                                  |

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