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LETTERS, CMDRE STONE & STAFF
MAY – AUG. 1945
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31 August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I thank you for your letter dated 1 August 1945, replying to my communication of 31 July, and am taking this opportunity of replying to the various points which you raise.

With regard to paragraph 2 of your letter, I agree that, in the existing circumstances, it is not necessary to prepare a special procedure to govern exports in the territory at present under Allied military control.

Further, I am in agreement with the suggestion made in your paragraph 3 that a list of items, of which an exportable surplus exists, should be prepared. Therefore, I suggest that your Government submit such a list to this Headquarters, so that it may be reviewed and, if possible, an overall clearance given.

While you will be the first to appreciate, my dear Prime Minister, the necessity for maintaining control over the movement of those commodities which are in world short supply, I have every hope and reason to believe that, with the final cessation of hostilities, the list of such commodities will gradually be reduced.

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With reference to the question of transport raised in your paragraph 5 (b), a control has now been set up to deal with the very involved question of world transport facilities, in order that all nations may receive their fair share of the availability. This controlling body is known as the United Maritime Authority (U.M.A.).

All applications for shipping should be submitted by the appropriate Italian authority to the Shipping Employment Policy Committee, Berkley Square, London, with copy to United Maritime Authority Zone 5 Committee, Navy House, Naples. It is essential however, that all applications for shipping made on United Maritime Authority through Shipping Employment Policy Committee, London, should be coordinated by one Central Italian Organization.

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I am very gratified to learn of the plans which are being prepared by your Government for the furtherance and control of Italy's foreign trade and I shall be very interested to see these when they are completed.

In my letter of 31 July, I presumed that the Italian Government authority which would be responsible for carrying on export activities would be your Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero. Your letter to which I am now replying leads me to believe that perhaps this assumption was not entirely correct. In any case, I feel it my duty to draw your attention to the fact that the Istituto Commercio Estero has not been, in the past, as fully effective as might have been desired, due perhaps to the very heavy burden which was placed upon it. I am sure your Government will bear this in mind when considering its reorganization plans.

Rest assured, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, that any assistance or advice which the Allied Commission can render toward a happy solution of the foreign trade problems will be readily given.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

31 August 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

As per our conversation, I hand you herewith copy of opinion of my Chief Legal Advisor on the effect of Decree Law 151. When you have had an opportunity to consider it, I should be grateful for a meeting with you and the British Minister.

Very truly yours,

HENRY W. STEMM
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

Copy to: Mr Henry L. d'A. Hopkinson.
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Rear Admiral, USN
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American Ambassador,
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Rome.

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EWS/dfe

31 August 1945

Major General A. Vasiliev, Red Army
U.S.S.R. Delegate
Advisory Council for Italy

Sir:

I have received your letter number 309 of 30 August forwarding a copy of your letter number 308 of the same date addressed to Field Marshal Alexander.

In compliance with your request I am forwarding to the Field Marshal a copy of your letter number 308, and I have telegraphed him a summary of its contents.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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EMB/dfe

CC 1050

31 August 1945

Subject: Transmittal of Major General Vasiliev's Report of Incident Involving Allied Military Police

To: Supreme Allied Commander - Mediterranean Theater
Allied Force Headquarters
APO 512

There is forwarded herewith translations of letters received today from Major General A. Vasiliev, U.S.S.R. Delegate to the Advisory Council for Italy. My signal 4562 refers.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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cc: Exec. Comm/R.

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TRANSLATION

PLENIPOTENTIARY
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

No. 309

30 August 1945

5 Via Caeta, Rome - Tel 481389

TO: Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

Enclosed herewith is copy of a letter sent by me to the Supreme Allied Commander, Field Marshal Sir Alexander.

I would also ask you to send, through your channels, to Field Marshal Alexander the copy of my letter No. 308.

(Signed) A. Vasiliev
Maj. Gen. - Red Army

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TRANSLATION

PLENIPOTENTIARY
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

No. 308

30 August 1945

5 Via Gaeta, Rome - Tel 481-389

TO: Field Marshal Alexander

Returning to Rome the 29th of August 45 after a meeting with you along Route No. 7 at 1645 hours at a point marked 121.5 kilometers (location Fondi) I was unexpectedly shot at from a military police post and 6 revolver shots were directed at my car.

The occupants with me in the vehicle were General I. D. Basilov, Captain G. S. Bokrenov, Lieutenant M. A. Uraveski, and Driver E. E. Khrenov.

Colonel P. G. Iakovlev and Colonel A. E. Briukhanov, who were accompanying us and were following in another car, stopped at the police post from which we were fired upon and presented their documents, demanding an explanation from the police. The military police refused to give any explanation and even refused to give their names.

I wish to state that I, General I. D. Basilov, and the other officers accompanying me were completely uniformed in U.S.S.R. Army uniforms and my car had AC 2020 and diplomatic corps markings; it was also provided with a flag of the U.S.S.R. which should be easily recognisable to all the ranks of the Allied military police.

Communicating this to you, Sir, I also wish to express my indignation in connection with the above case, and I would appreciate it if you would let me know what measures you intend to take.

(signed) A. Vasiliev
Maj Gen - Red Army

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EMS/dfe

CC 100 31 August 1945

Subject: WMD/IPOW Sub-Commission

To: Executive Commissioner

Your memorandum, Ref: 9007/60/EC, dated 30 August 1945, is approved.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: VP, Econ Sec
VP, CA Sec
VP, Ext Sec
WMD/IPW Sub-Com

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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30 August 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 28 August 1945, enclosing a copy of Colonel Green's report on the Sardinian coal mines for the period August 6 - 11, 1945.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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30 August 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your secret letter of 28 August 1945. Thank you for the information contained therein.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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EJB/hjp

30 August 1945

Dear Professor Cocozza:

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

Sincerely,

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

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

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28 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Award of the Legion of Merit.

TO : HQ AC Decorations and Awards Board.

1. There are returned herewith for reconsideration four recommendations made by the Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region, for the Legion of Merit which have been downgraded by your board to the Bronze Star Medal.

2. I have reviewed these recommendations carefully and am not willing to forward them as prepared for my signature.

3. Colonel Poletti is probably my best regional commissioner and the greatest weight should be given to his recommendations. Analysis shows that the board has approved only one third of his recommendations for the Legion of Merit, whereas two thirds of the recommendations for the Legion of Merit for PIEMONTE were approved by the board, one half of such recommendations from VENEZIE were approved by the board, and two thirds of the HQ AC recommendations were approved by the board. If these four cases are approved it will equalize the LOMBARDIA Region's ratio with the VENEZIE ratio and still be under the HQ AC ratio.

4. I strongly recommend that the board approve the recommendations for the Legion of Merit as submitted by the Regional Commissioner. It is requested that the board reconvene in order that final action may be taken today.

/s/ Kilbourne Stone

KILBY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: ESTAB. SEC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

CC 5810

28 August 1945.

Referring to your letter of 21 August, I concur that the SARNELLA trial should take place before an Allied Military Government Court in Naples, provided the offences, or any of them, with which he is charged took place in Naples, and provided such a trial does not act as a barrier against admissibility of evidence of misconduct in areas outside of Military Government territory. In so doing, I do not wish the implication drawn that I agree that no Allied personnel have been implicated in the investigations to date. To the contrary, I think the report by Major Richardson gives quite a different impression.

I would suggest that it is most important that the trial be so conducted that no possible inference can be drawn that any Allied personnel are being shielded. I think you will agree that it would be most unfortunate if rumors should gain ground that SARNELLA can expect a light sentence if he refrains from involving Allied personnel.

I also recommend that both British and American judges sit and that the prosecution be Allied, rather than drawn from one nationality only at AFHQ.

Don't you agree?

By Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major General M. W. M. MacLeod, CBE, DSO,
Allied Force Headquarters, G-1(Br),
C.M.F.

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CC 1007

28 August 1945

Subject: Transfer to Italian Administration of North-west Border Provinces

To: G-5, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

Enclosed for your information is copy of letter dated 24 August 1945 received from the American Ambassador transmitting the State Department's views in regard to the withdrawal of Allied Military Government from Northwest Italy.

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
AG to CC

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cc: Exec. Comm.
CA Section

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27 August 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Substitution of Award of Legion of Merit for Bronze Star - Major Benson E.L. Timmons III (O 353 545).

To: HQ MTOUSA.

1. I write to request that the award of the Bronze Star to Major Benson E.L. Timmons III (O 353 545) be replaced by the award of the Legion of Merit. The Bronze Star award to him was made by MTOUSA General Order 193 dated 19 August 1945. The recommendation submitted by Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, in its letter of 5 June 1945 was that Major Timmons be awarded the Legion of Merit.

2. I have been personally familiar, for a considerable time, with Major Timmons' performance and qualifications. It would be difficult to find a more zealous and more effective and productive officer. I have been carefully following the awards of decorations to the officers of AC/AMG and it is my strong conviction that Major Timmons is fully as deserving of the award of the Legion of Merit as other officers who have recently received that decoration. His work has been of such a superior character, his efficiency so outstanding and his performance over and above the usual expectancy so well established, that I earnestly urge your reconsideration of the case and the amendment of the above mentioned order to the effect that Major Timmons be awarded the Legion of Merit.

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

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CC 4040

27 August 1945

Subject: Controlled Materials

To: Joint Chiefs of Section, AFLRS, AFHQ, RAAC

Reference your letter, subject as above, file LRS/233/214 of 22 August, the recommendations contained in this letter and as amended pursuant to telephone message received at 1015 hours, 27 August 1945, from Major S.J.B. Louden, Secretary AFLR(I)B, are approved.

"Para 1(a) amend to read as follows:

"That timber, except stock of form number previously drafted by 5th Army and later transferred to Penbase which are to remain available to Penbase, in that part of the Province of UDINE lying to the North of UDINE plus the area enclosed by map references B 8460 - B 7960 - B 8080 - C 0380 (sheet 3 Italy Road Map 1 : 200,000), and subject to local industry being maintained, be added to the list of controlled materials."

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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27 August 1945.

Replying to your letter of 20 August concerning the proposal that SACMED should set up a small office on a joint British-American basis in London, I concur with this proposal provided (a) that it does not operate to make for delay in securing action on matters which must be referred to higher authority, and (b) that such Italian observers as are attached should be provided by and depend from the Italian Embassy in London and not from ministries of the Government at home.

In explanation of (b) above, it is important that we not weaken the position of the Italian Embassy in London. The Embassy could be encouraged to increase its economic staff to the extent required, but if the observers were to be furnished directly by the Government at home, there is a danger that such appointments would become political plums for distribution to the various political parties.

I concur with your suggestion that Brigadier Anderson could well handle these duties and I should be able to relieve him here by about 1 October. But I will talk with you later on this point.

I have not discussed this matter with the Italian Government, first because I am certain they would approve, and second because I do not want to build up any hopes in advance until the project is somewhat further along.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major General A. C. Duff, CBE, MC,
Chief Administrative Officer,
Allied Force Headquarters,
C.M.F.

Copy to: Brigadier Lush
Brigadier Anderson

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

NAVY 720 - BOX 35
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(CC 521)

27 August 1945.

From: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Italy).
To : Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

Subject: Lieutenant Lawrence C. MOORE,(S) USNR (7383) - Request for Authority to accept Italian Decoration.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of ltr. 3866/A.G. from Italian Government, proposing award, with translation attached.
(B) Affidavit and request for authority to accept subject award, executed by subject officer.

1. Enclosure (A) is a copy of a letter received from the Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant General of the Realm proposing awards to certain officers of the Allied Commission in recognition of their efforts in recovering and arranging for the return of the numismatic collection of the King of Italy.

2. Enclosure (B) is an affidavit and a request for authority to accept the proposed award executed by subject officer in accordance with regulations issued by Headquarters, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

3. In the case of Army personnel nominated for awards in Enclosure (A), recommendations have been made to the Army Theater Commander.

4. It is recommended that permission be granted to subject officer to accept the proposed appointment as Knight of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR

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Translation

3866/A.C.

Rome, 5 June 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

the Allied Officers mentioned in the enclosed list have most efficiently contributed to recover the numismatic collection of H.M. the King.

His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom would be happy to give these Officers a token of his gratitude for the work they have done, granting them the Order of the Crown of Italy.

Will you kindly let me know whether you have any objection to make on this subject.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,

C.A. Infante

(Gen. Adolfo Infante)

Admiral Ellery Stone
A.C.

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Translation

Officers of the Allied Armed Forces

-Brigadier A.P. CRAFTSY-SMITH - (Br) - Grand Officer
Joint Director
Finance Sub-Commission
Headquarters Allied Commission

-Colonel Robert B. MENAPACE - (U.S.)- "
Joint Director
Finance Sub-Commission
Headquarters Allied Commission
(Commander of the Crown of Italy)

Lt-Col. E.P. WATERS - (Br) - Knight Officer
Finance Sub-Commission
Headquarters Allied Commission

Major B.E. TIMMONS - (U.S.)- "
Assistant to the Joint Directors
Finance Sub-Commission
Headquarters Allied Commission

Lt. Lawrence C. MOORE - (U.S.)- Knight
Finance Sub-Commission
Headquarters Allied Commission

Lt-Col. James H. PATRICK - (U.S.)- Commander
Chief of Allied Financial Agency

Major E.J. GITS - (Br) - Knight Officer
Deputy Chief of AFA

Major W.F. COOK - (Br) - " "
Allied Financial Agency

Major D.B. MATHIAS - (U.S.)- " "
Allied Financial Agency

Major S.L. ANDERSON - (U.S.)- " "
Chief of A.F.A. Rome Branch

Lt. Joseph A. CICALA - (U.S.)- Knight
Allied Financial Agency

Lt. Nicholas L. GIUNTA - (U.S.)- Knight
Allied Financial Agency.

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3866/A.C.

COPY

IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

Roma, li 5 giugno 1945.

Caro Ammiraglio Stone,

Gli Ufficiali Alleati segnati nell'accluso elenco si sono validamente interessati per il recupero della collezione numismatica di S.M. il Re.

Sua Altezza Reale il Luogotenente Generale del Regno sarebbe ben lieto di attestare agli Ufficiali in parola, in modo tangibile, il suo apprezzamento per l'opera da essi svolta, conferendo loro decorazioni dell'Ordine della Corona d'Italia.

Le prego di volermi cortesemente indicare se Ella ha obiezioni a riguardo.

La ringrazio fin d'ora e Le porgo con l'occasione i piu' distinti saluti.

(Signed), Generale ADOLFO INFANTE

Ammiraglio Ellery STONE
A.C.
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F.A. RACCA,
W.O. JG. AUS.

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UFFICIALI DELLE FORZE ARMATE ALLE

- Brigadier A.P. CRAFTTEY-SMITH (Br.) - Grande Ufficiale
  Joint Director
  Finance Sub-Commission
  Headquarters Allied Commission

- Colonel Robert B. MENAPACE (U.S.) - " "
  Joint Director
  Finance Sub-Commission
  Headquarters Allied Commission
  (Comm. della Corona d'Italia)

- Lt.Col. E.P. WATERS (Br.) - Cavaliere Ufficiale
  Finance Sub-Commission
  Headquarters Allied Commission

- Major B.E. TIMMONS (U.S.) " "
  Assistant to the Joint Directors
  Finance Sub-Commission
  Headquarters Allied Commission

- Lt. Laurence C. MOORE (U.S.) - Cavaliere
  Finance Sub-Commission
  Headquarters Allied Commission

- Lt.Col. James H. PENICK (U.S.) - Commendatore
  Chief of Allied Financial Agency

- Major E.J. GITS (Br.) - Cavaliere Ufficiale
  Deputy Chief of A.F.A.

- Major W.F. COOK (Br.) - " "
  Allied Financial Agency

- Major D.B. MATHIAS (U.S.) - " "
  Allied Financial Agency

- Major S.L. ANDERSON (U.S.) - " "
  Chief of A.F.A. Rome Branch

- Lt. Joseph A. CICALA (U.S.) - Cavaliere
  Allied Financial Agency

- Lt. Nicholas L. GIUNTA (U.S.) - Cavaliere
  Allied Financial Agency

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F.A. RACCA,
W.O. JG. AUS.

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AFFIDAVIT

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 33b, AR 600-45, as amended, and paragraph 11, Circular #73, Hq MTOUSA, dated 12 May 1945, permission is hereby requested for the undersigned to accept the award of the Order of the Crown of Italy (Knight) from the Italian Government.

"I have not participated in negotiations for Lend Lease Allocations, nor made any recommendations to any agencies authorized to act on such recommendations. I am not a member of any board, rearmament committee, or other agency charged with Lend Lease negotiations, recommendations for, or the allocation of Lend Lease materials."

Headquarters 2675th Regt.
Allied Commission,(Ovhd)
APO 394, U.S. Army.

S/ Lawrence C. Moore
T/ LAWRENCE C. MOORE
Lt USNR

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 2nd day of July 1945, at APO 394, U. S. Army.

Headquarters 2675th Regt.
Allied Commission, (Ovhd)
APO 394, U. S. Army.

s/ F.R. Wermuth.
t/ F.R. WERMUTH
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

25 August 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

This is in reply to your letter 23 August relative to Italian Government negotiations with Poland concerning the possibility of obtaining coal in exchange for certain Italian exports.

As previously indicated, the Allied Commission has requested ECO to express its observations on the subject. Attached is copy of Message 3620 of 16 August to TROOPERS for ECO. Also attached is copy of reply from TROOPERS (Message 66620 CA 16(Coal) dated 22 August. Your attention is directed to the following statement in TROOPERS' reply:

> "You should, however, make it clear to the Italian Government that any bids for coal from ECO or other sources will have to be accompanied by a statement showing the amount expected to be received from Polish sources."

Unless you inform me to the contrary, I will take it that you will convey the above information to the Italian Government.

With respect to paragraph 2(b) of letter (Ref. AC/5127/P/Commerce) dated 4 August 1945 from Commerce Sub-Commission to the Ministry of Foreign affairs, it is confirmed that only essential food oils, classified as Category "A" items on the Reserved Commodity List, such as those oils used for food flavoring are subject to allocation by the Combined Food Board (Examples: Lemon oil, bitters, orange oil, sweet orange oil and tangerine oil).

We concur that the Italian Mission be permitted to leave immediately in connection with the Polish coal negotiations.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: British Embassy

The Honorable Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
119 via Nomentana 216
ROME

Copies to: Chief Commissioner (2)
Commerce, Foreign Trade Div.
Commerce, Coal Division
British Embassy
Economic Section, AC

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24 August 1945.

Dear Dr. Smodlaka:

With reference to the request made by you at the last meeting of the Advisory Council for Italy, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Reserved Commodity List, revised as of 30 July 1945, for your information.

Very truly yours,

FILEEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Sloven Smodlaka,
Jugoslav Representative to the
Advisory Council for Italy,
Via Quinto Sella, 56,
Rome.

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cc: Exec Comm
Economic Sec.

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24 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference AVP Economic Section ltr. 105/74/m 1 of 22 August 1945, above subject, approval is given to the appointment of Colonel P.D.G. BUCHANAN as Deputy Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.

2. Request should be made through C-1(B) for his assignment to AC for this purpose.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: AVP Economic Section (Attention: Colonel Densmore)

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24 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Port Parties.

TO : Chief, Navy Sub-Commission.
Acting Vice President, Economic Section (for Transportation Sub-Commission).

1. At PACMED's conference yesterday, CINCMED stated that on a recent inspection trip, he had been informed by the Italian Captain of the Port of Savona that he had received no directive from the Ministry of Marine with respect to working of the port.

2. May this matter be followed up, please.

KELLEY M. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Executive Commissioner

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24 August 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

This is to remind you that a draft is to be prepared, again reminding the Italian Foreign Office, appopos of the recently announced commercial agreement with Switzerland, that pursuant to the Macmillan Aide Memoire, the Italian Government should keep us advised of all international negotiations and that no information has been received except from the press.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

24 August 1946

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am in receipt of your letter of 21 August informing us that Messrs. Lester L. Schnare and H. Colt MacLean are now in Genoa and Milan for the purpose of reopening the Consulates General.

I am glad to inform you that the reopening of the United States Consulates General in these two cities is welcomed by the Allied Commission.

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. Alexander Kirk
American Embassy
Rome, Italy

cc: Exec Commr
Pol. Adver. (A)
Pol. Adver. (B)
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23 August 1945

SUBJECT: Relief of Dandaraw, Edward J., EM3c

TO : Senior U. S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy

Edward J. Dandaraw, EM3c, is considered by Admiral Stone as a military necessity and cannot be released until proper relief is furnished.

J. LAMMIE
Lieut, USNR
Flag Lieutenant

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22 August 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister

I thank you for your letter of 7 August 1945 enclosing the draft of a proposed decree on the status of officials appointed by AMG to public offices, and of officials removed or dismissed by AMG in the process of epuration.

The principles of the proposed decree are entirely acceptable to this Commission and I agree that it will be most helpful if the decree is passed as soon as possible in order hat officials appointed or removed by AMG may have no doubt as to their true legal status.

Yours very truly,

k/ Ellery W Stone.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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22 August 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

For your information in preparing a reply to the attached secret letter, file C-5:014.12 of 11 August, and with particular reference to para 2(a) thereof, I discussed with Prime Minister Parri yesterday the question of the Italian reaction to an Allied Police Mission.

In brief, Parri's position is that, while he would welcome an Anglo-American Police Mission for the purpose of reorganizing the public security forces of Italy, including the Carabinieri, he does not feel that the Italian Government, as at present constituted from the six parties of the CLN, would be able to invite such a Mission to be sent by the U.S. and British Governments. He stated that the Communist Party would certainly be opposed to inviting such a Mission unless it included Russian members -- a proposal which he would not favor. He believes that after elections are held, the resulting Government will not comprise as many parties as the present Government, that it would probably have the Communist Party in opposition, and that with a more closely knit Government, such an invitation for an Anglo-American Police Mission could then be made by the Government.

He felt that if such a Mission were instituted now by AC or the Supreme Allied Commander, it would not be well received and would be considered as constituting an employment by the Allies of their powers under the armistice in conflict with the present policy of holding the armistice powers in reserve.

He did feel that the furnishing of an Allied Police Mission could be offered by the Allies and accepted by the Italians either as a condition of the peace treaty or as a separate arrangement made in connection therewith.

From the foregoing it will appear that the Prime Minister sees political objection to the furnishing of an Anglo-American Police Mission forthwith but is disposed to accept such a Mission at the time of execution of a peace treaty. He assumes that the peace treaty will be concluded before there is a new Government as a result of national elections.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Copy TO: US Ambassador
UK Ambassador
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

11 August 1945

FILE : G-5:014.12

SUBJECT: Allied Police Mission to reorganize the Carabinieri.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Paragraph 7 of NAF 1051 (of which you have an information copy) informed the Combined Chiefs of Staff that it was considered that an Allied Police Mission should be provided urgently to reorganize and train the Carabinieri. Paragraph 12(d) of the same signal stated that details in regard to the suggested Mission would be made the subject of a seperate signal.

2. It is now necessary, as a preliminary to the further signal envisaged, to determine at least the following points:

a. The Italian reaction to the suggested Mission.

b. The suggested composition of the Mission by nationalities (including staff, transport etc) and the organization on which its personnel should be held.

c. The suggested terms of reference of the Mission and its duration.

3. It is felt that the most expeditious way to arrive at conclusions on the above would be for a Senior Police Officer from your Headquarters, briefed by you and knowing the Italian viewpoint, to be attached to this HQ on temporary duty for a few days during which the staff work in connection with the proposed Mission could be worked out with all concerned.

4. It is requested that you will state the soonest date by which such an officer as above could be briefed and be made available. It is necessary that the supplementary signal to CCS should be sent with the least possible delay.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

/s/ F. G. A. PARSONS

Colonel, G.S.

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CC 511 22 August 1945

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Italian Government Decorations.

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission

1. Pursuant to the instructions contained in MTOUSA letter, from the Deputy Chief of Staff, dated 7 August 1945, it is recommended that permission to accept Italian decorations be granted to the American officers listed in the attached inclosure, as proposed by His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Realm.

2. Individual affidavits as required under the provisions of paragraph 33b, AR 600-45, as amended, and paragraph 11, Circular 73, Hq MTOUSA, dated 12 May 1945 are submitted herewith.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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CC 1008

22 August 1945

My dear Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 20 August 1945 regarding the deported Italians from Venezia Giulia by Yugoslav authorities. Lists you requested are being prepared and I shall forward them to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

cc. Ex Comm.

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Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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22 August 1945

Executive Commissioner:

Reference attached letter of 20 Aug 45 from American Ambassador, the Chief Commissioner requests that you please check with the Political Adviser (B), and if he concurs prepare letter (for CC's signature) to the Prime Minister and see that appropriate action is taken by Education Subcommission and others concerned.

/s/ L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
AG to CC

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22 August 1945

Dear Mr. Gamba:

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Severino Gamba
Via Antonazzo Romano, 11
Rome

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22 August 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I take great pleasure in forwarding to you the attached telegram from General Clark.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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21 August 1945.

301/159/EC

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I refer to your letter No. 3/1212 of 25 July 1945 in which you requested the substitution of a phrase in the agreement signed by you on behalf of the Italian Government on 22 June 1945.

I am pleased to inform you that authority has been received to amend the phrase "the Armistice and Surrender Instrument" to read "The Armistice and the Additional Conditions of Armistice of September 29, 1943."

Would you be good enough to forward to me a copy of the document as amended and signed by you.

Yours very truly,

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

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

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Pol Adver (A)
Pol Adver (B)
CA Section

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21 August 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 20 August giving the views of the Department of State regarding elections in the Compartment of Venezia Giulia and the Province of Bolzano.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Geo. M. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

Copy to: Exec Comm
VP CA Section

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21 August 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 14 August 1945 enclosing a summary of a message from the Department of State giving its views on the question of the disposition of German state property in Italy.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

Copy to: Exec Comm.
VP CA Section
VP Economic Section

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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21 August 1945.

Dear Prince Barberini:

Thank you very much for your letter of 20 August 1945 enclosing a copy of the first issue of the information bulletin published by your Association.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Prince Enrico Barberini, President,
Association for the Rehabilitation and
Development of Anzio and Nettuno,
13 Via Quattro Fontane (Palazzo Barberini),
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

18 August 1945.

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Addressing of Signals.

To : Executive Commissioner.

1. Your letter, reference 3626/107/X of 2 August, on the above subject addressed to Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region, and signed by Lieutenant Colonel Talbot was not in order and should not have been sent.

2. Colonel Marshall was entirely correct in sending me a personal message in response to my personal message to him.

3. I should be grateful if in the future I am consulted before instructions are sent to others affecting personal communications from me.

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

Copy to: Colonel Robert P. Marshall,
Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region.

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18 August 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 13 August enclosing a paraphrase of a telegram expressing the views of the Department of State on the holding of administrative (local) elections and national elections.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

Enclosure

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16 August 1945

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am seriously disturbed by the inability of your Government to reach, up to the present, an agreement with the Italians on the import of phosphate rock from North Africa and the export of Italian products to France during the year July 1945 to June 1946.

This delay is gravely prejudicing the shipping position in the Mediterranean. The demands on the available shipping are so considerable, and the quantities involved in your negotiations are so great, that it is essential that a definite program be prepared.

It will be clear to you that such a program cannot be arranged until agreement has been finally reached between your Government and the Italians.

The Allied Shipping Authorities may not be in a position to provide the facilities needed to lift the heavy tonnage involved unless your negotiations can be completed, and your decision communicated to the Allied Commission, not later than 25 August 1945.

I need hardly stress the grave consequences which would result from such a situation, and I now await advice from you that agreement has been reached.

I have written in identical terms to the Italian President of the Council of Ministers.

Very truly youre,

[illegible] Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E.
Couve de Murville
French Delegation
Rome

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16 August 1945.

My dear General Brown:

Thank you for your letter of 15 August 1945 and for your invitation to the members of the Allied Commission to participate in the services on VJ Day in commemoration of the cessation of hostilities.

Will you kindly reserve places for seven American and seven British members of the Commission who will attend the ceremonies.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Thoburn K. Brown, U.S. Army,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command,
APO 794, U.S. Army.

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Ref: 4735/200/27.

16 August 1945

Dear Marchese Luciforo:

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

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

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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16 August 1945.

Ref: 572/83/MC.

My dear Dr. De Gasperi:

I should be very grateful to have an early reply to my letter 572/80/MC, dated 30 July 1945, concerning the request that the French National Defence Technical Mission should operate in Italy, in order that I may inform the Supreme Allied Commander of the views of the Italian Government on this matter.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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14 August 45

My dear General:

Thank you very much for your letter of 11 August 1945 with reference to the safety campaign now being conducted.

I agree entirely with your remarks concerning civilian drivers and pedestrians and am taking steps, in accordance with your suggestion, to bring this matter to the attention of the Italian Government in order that corrective action may be taken.

Very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Brigadier General Thoburn K. Brown, U.S. Army
Commanding General
Rome Area Allied Command,
APO 794, U.S. Army.

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Copy to : Rome Comm - Please take appropriate action with Italian Government.

E.W.S.

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SECRET

14 August 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

With reference to your letter of 11 August 1945 requesting information with respect to the feeling of the people of the Province of Bolzano on the question of union with an independent Austria, the report requested will be submitted to you shortly, as soon as the information is received and compiled.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
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/s/ [illegible]

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Theodore A. Brown, U.S. Army,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command,
APO 794, U.S. Army.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner - Please take appropriate action with Italian Government.

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Brigadier General Thoburn K. Brown, U.S. Army,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command,
APO 794, U.S. Army.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner - Please take appropriate action with Italian Government.

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14 August 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 11 August 1945 with regard to the question of Italian representation in the European Coal Organization.

Very truly yours,

/s/ [illegible]

[illegible] W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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Ellery W. Stone
Vice Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

14 August 1945

CC 511

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Italian Decorations.

TO : See Distribution.

1. To avoid any misunderstanding, paragraph 2 of the Chief Commissioner's letter, subject and file as above, dated 8 August 1945, which begins "Because the status of the relationship" is amended so that this paragraph will read: "Because the status of the diplomatic relationship between the British and Italian Governments differs from that which exists between the U. S. and Italian Governments, British personnel, for the present, are not permitted to accept Italian decorations."

Elliott W. Stone

ELLIOTT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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SECRET

13 August 1945.

Dear General:

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11 August 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 7 August with reference to the question of coal for Italy which I note with great satisfaction.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rome, Italy
August 7, 1945

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

My dear Admiral:

With reference to the matter of Italian-Polish coal negotiations, I am pleased to bring to your attention the following paraphrase of a cable received from the Department of State:

"Combined Boards have jurisdiction of Polish coal. Combined Boards have for the period September through December 1945, allocated to Italy 367,000 tons of coal a month, all to come from the United States. However, the amount may be reduced depending on availability of shipping. As indicated in a previous cable and in view of obvious desirability of early restoration of trade with European countries, the Department is favorable to the Italians negotiating to obtain additional coal from the Poles and Czechs. Whether Polish and Czechoslavakia exports to Italy would result in an equivalent reduction of allocations to Italy by Combined Boards after December can not now be determined. Any arrangements should be subject to recommendations of ECO in order to assure equitable distribution of European coal resources. The Department does not contemplate that ECO would be concerned unless it seemed likely that purchases would decrease the amount of Czech and Polish coal that could be shipped to other countries of Europe. It is hoped that Czechs and Poles will become members of ECO shortly."

In accordance with the Department's instructions, the foregoing information has been communicated orally to the Director General of Economic Affairs in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Sincerely yours,

A. Kirk.

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File No. CC 511

11 August 1945.

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

Subject: Acceptance of Italian Decorations.

Enclosure: (A) 3 copies H. Alcom ltr CC 511 of 8 Aug 45.

1. Enclosure (A) was promulgated as a result of MTOUSA's modified policy permitting U.S. Army personnel to accept Italian decorations while still attached to this Commission, and is forwarded herewith for your information.

2. Any proposals to award Italian decorations to U.S. Naval personnel attached to the Allied Commission that are received from the Italian Government will be forwarded, with recommendations, to you for appropriate action.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR

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CC 511

11 August 1945

My dear General:

In reference to your letter 4892/A.G. of 6 August 1945 concerning a proposed decoration for Colonel R. P. MARSHALL, I shall be grateful if you will include his name in the list of officers whom you propose to decorate. I should like to review this complete list before any final list is submitted to M'OUSA for approval.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ELLERY W. STONE

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infente
Aide-de-Camp to H.R.H., the Lieutenant
General of the Realm
Italian Government
Rome

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11 August 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In view of reports from the northern Regions that the strike of state employees is being attributed locally to lack of action by Allied Military Government in failing to implement PBL 11c as from 1 May 1945, I consider that it is most necessary to review the history ofthis case with the object of demonstrating that such criticisms are unfounded.

You will remember that at the Allied Commission conference with the Ministers which you attended on 13 July, 1945, Minister Solari represented that the Italian Government wished Allied Military Government to implement in the north the provisions of PBL 11c of 13 March, 1945, with effect from 1 May, 1945. In his presentation the Minister imposed three stipulations:

(a) That no liberation bonus should be paid;

(b) Interim payments already made should be deducted;

(c) Civil Servants should not request any further increase of pay when the economic price of bread was instituted.

You will recall that in your closing remarks at the end of the morning session you endorsed Minister Solari's request and stressed the necessity of improving the position of state employees. This was the first invitation to the Allied Commission of the Italian Government's wishes in this matter; and after the meeting it was intimated to Minister Solari that he should submit the Italian Government's proposals in detail.

Shortly after the meeting Minister Solari left for the north of Italy in connection with the bond issue campaign; and as a result of his absence and his deplorable state of health no approach was made to the Allied Commission. The Italian Treasury stated that they were unable to take action in the absence of the Minister. Strenuous but vain efforts were made to make contact with Minister Solari in Piemonte; and on 25 July a letter, of which a copy is attached, was written to the President of the Council of Ministers. You will see from the third paragraph that the invitation to make an official approach was renewed.

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No reply has however received from the Italian Government and your secretary was telephoned on three occasions and requested to expedite the letter which has not been received up to the time of writing. The announcement made yesterday regarding the payment of the liberation bonus to all state

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employees may be the reason why the Italian Government was reluctant to communicate their wishes as requested. But it is not clear why the request was not made to make DLL 116 retroactive to 1 May, 1945, withdrawing the previous stipulation regarding the non-payment of the liberation bonus. I wish to urge most strongly that the Allied Commission be informed immediately of

(a) the Italian Government's wishes regarding the implementation of DLL 116 with any required stipulations;

(b) the details of the liberation bonus payment;

(c) whether you wish DLL 116 to be made retroactive in the north to 1 May, 1945, in addition to the payment of the liberation bonus.

Finally, it is reported from the northern Regions that Minister of Labour Barbarochi had stated repeatedly that DLL 116 was to be made retroactive to 1 May, 1945. You will observe from the foregoing that Allied Commission/Allied Military Government have not been officially approached in this matter and I should be grateful if you will take the necessary steps to prevent the recurrence of similar unauthorised statements which effect the result of causing disaffection.

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Professor Ferruccio Parri,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

25 July 1945

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SUBJECT: Effective Date of DLL 13 March 1945, No. 116.

TO : Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers.

1. It was represented at the Allied Commission - Ministerial conference on 13 July that the Italian Government wishes to implement the provisions of DLL 13 March 1945, No. 116, with effect from 1st May 1945, imposing three conditions, namely:-

(i) That no liberation bonus shall be paid;

(ii) Interim payments already made will be deducted;

(iii) Civil Servants will not request any further increase when the economic price of bread is instituted.

2. It was expected that Minister Soleri would communicate the Government's wishes in detail to this Sub-Commission following that meeting, but probably owing to circumstances connected with his state of health and his trip north, this was not done.

3. We shall be glad to receive a definite letter making the above proposal to Allied Military Government whereupon in accordance therewith prompt consideration will be given to the implementation desired by the Government.

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4. Referring to the three conditions (i), (ii) and (iii) mentioned in paragraph 1 above, would it be the wish of the Government that a statement embodying these conditions be issued by Allied Military Government to the Prefects and Intendenti di Finanza of the various provinces? If so it will be appreciated if you will recommend a draft of such a statement.

(Sgd) ROBERT B. MENAPACE,
Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission

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CC 4031 10 August 1945

SUBJECT: Workers Internal Commissions.

TO : Joint Chiefs of Section, AFLRS, RAAC.

With reference to your letter of 9 August 1945, file LRS/214R/7, the attached draft of a proposed AG, AFHQ, letter as modified by the insertion noted in paragraph 4 is approved.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Ref: 3604/193/130.

10 August 1945

Dear Marchese Lucifero:

I have received your letter of 27 July 1945 reference 4991/I. B.4 (7) regarding poaching in the Royal Shooting District of S. Anna di Valdieri.

I agree that such depredations are most regrettable and have requested the Regional Commissioner, Piemonte to investigate the report and to take such action as may be necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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Marchese Falcone Lucifero,
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8 August 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: American Officers' Promotions.

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2. Briefly, the situation may be summarized as follows: on the 30th of July, MTOUSA, file AG 221.02/500-CO, assigned a new Table of Organization to the Regiment without any prior consultation with AC. This new Table of Organization reverses the concentration of high rank as compared to the company grades that has always been allowed to the Regiment as an AC/AMG organization. For example, both T/O's that were approved by MTOUSA, 3 June 44 and 23 October 44, had 53% and 51% respectively, of the allotted grades concentrated in the field ranks (Major and higher) as contrasted with the new July 30th T/O which allows only 31% of the vacancies to the field grades. The effect of this reversal is to completely block all promotions in ranks above the grade of Captain. The promotion policy of the organization since inception has been based on a T/O in which the rank was concentrated in the higher grades.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

8 August 1945.

DPR/52/G-II(DP)Sup.

SUBJECT: Unauthorised movement into ITALY.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. Your signal FX 88327 dated 5 June 45, addressed to 8 Army AAG, information this HQ and 15 Army Group, requested that no further movement southwards from 8 Army area or over the Austrian border of displaced persons other than Italians, should take place. On 12 July 45 this HQ signalled you the belief that negotiations were taking place between representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and Military Government Staff, Salzburg, Austria, concerning the movement of some 3,000 Jews ex-Austria, to Italy. Your signal FX 22075 dated 13 July 45 addressed to SHAEF Main, information to GOC 8 Army, 5 Army and this HQ, stated that you have issued instructions to 8 Army for no movement southwards over the Austrian border of any displaced persons, other than Italians, and requesting SHAEF to ensure no movement of persons other than Italians into Italy without your prior concurrence.

2. On 17 July 45 in this HQ's signal 2008 we informed you that 1,400 Jews from Salzburg arrived by rail BOLOGNA on 17 July 45. Your signal FX 24,718 dated 18 July 45 to USFET for CINCAF and information GS GOC (A), 8 Army, 5 Army and this HQ, stated that 1,400 stateless persons arrived BOLOGNA from SALZBURG on 17 July 45, the movement not having been authorised by you and requesting enquiries to be made and that you be advised who was responsible; also that necessary action be taken to ensure that this did not occur again.

3. On 25 July 45 this HQ reported in our signal 2534 that the movement of Jews into Venezia Region continued and on 27 July 45 this HQ was informed that 300 Jews had arrived at MESTRE Camp (IT 13) Venezia Region. Instructions were issued that these 300 be returned from whence they came in Austria. Total unauthorised Jews in camps is now 4,204.

4. Mr. Resnik, Joint Distribution Committee, on his return to ROME, reported to this office on the afternoon of 27 July 45 and by the statement he made he clearly has had nothing whatever to do with these unofficial moves, and has by his actions in Austria done everything to discourage unofficial movement.

5. By such information as is at present available it seems clear that the body that is sponsoring, encouraging and assisting this unofficial movement by the use of its transport is the Jewish Brigade

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6. It is submitted that Italy may have been selected as the "dumping ground" for Jews for the following reasons:

a. Geographical convenience for onward transmission to Palestine.

b. To draw attention, under Italy's present difficult economic conditions, to a foreign population which Italy can do little to assist, and thereby compel the British Government to agree to increasing the quota of certificates to Palestine.

There is evidence that quite unprincipled promises of certificates to Palestine are being made to encourage Jews to move to Italy and that in the case of the move of 1,400 Jews from SALZBURG to Italy, the Italian Committee of the camp at SALZBURG agreed that they would send these Jews as Italians. It is understood that the Jewish Brigade have an unofficial refugee camp at PONTEBBA, near TARVISO, on the Austrian-Italian frontier to which they bring refugees by truck from Austria.

7. The future problem of the Jews in Europe needs very urgent consideration. In the American, British and French zones in Germany and Austria there are some 5,000 Jews who may leave these countries and move to Italy. In France there are many Jews who wish to go to Palestine; present French policy discourages it, but unofficial movement over the Italo-French border can easily involve large numbers. Hungary, Roumania and Poland have Jewish populations who wish to move out. No official exit is permitted by the Soviet from Roumania. The tendency is for the majority of Jewish movement to converge on Austria with Italy as the objective. The problem is intensely serious with large numbers involved.

8. It is recommended that:

a. Investigation be made into the activities of the Brigade and that if my information is correct that they be moved to some innocuous location.

b. Control on the frontiers be tightened up.

c. In the meantime any unauthorised persons entering Italy will be returned from whence they came.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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DPR/52/G-II(DP)Sup. 5 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Unauthorised movement into ITALY.

TO : Allied Forces Headquarters.
Attn G-5 Section.

1. Your signal FX 88327 dated 5 June 45, addressed to 8 Army AAG, information this HQ and 15 Army Group, requested that no further movement southwards from 8 Army area or over the Austrian border of displaced persons other than Italians, should take place. On 12 July 45 this HQ signalled you the belief that negotiations were taking place between representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and Military Government Staff, Salzburg, Austria, concerning the movement of some 3,000 Jews ex-Austria, to Italy. Your signal FX 22076 dated 13 July 45 addressed to SHAEF Main, information to GOC 8 Army, 5 Army and this HQ, stated that you have issued instructions to 8 Army for no movement southwards over the Austrian border of any displaced persons, other than Italians, and requesting SHAEF to ensure no movement of persons other than Italians into Italy without your prior concurrence.

2. On 17 July 45 in this HQ's signal 2006 we informed you that 1,400 Jews from Salzburg arrived by rail BOLOGNA on 17 July 45. Your signal FX 24718 dated 18 July 45 to G(OPS) for C-in-C and information US GOC (A), 8 Army, 5 Army and this HQ, stated that 1,400 stateless persons arrived BOLOGNA from SALZBURG on 17 July 45, the movement not having been authorised by you and requesting enquiries to be made and that you be advised who was responsible; also that necessary action be taken to ensure that this did not occur again.

3. On 25 July 45 this HQ reported in our signal 2534 that the movement of Jews into Venezia Region continued and on 27 July 45 this HQ was informed that 300 Jews had arrived at RESTEN Camp (PI 13) Venezia Region. Instructions were issued that these 300 be returned from whence they came in Austria. Total unauthorised Jews in camps is now 4,204.

4. Mr. Beardk, Joint Distribution Committee, on his return to ROME, reported to this office on the afternoon of 27 July 45 and by the statement he made he clearly has had nothing whatever to do with these unofficial moves, and has by his actions in Austria done everything to discourage unofficial movement.

5. By such information as is at present available it seems clear that the body that is sponsoring, encouraging and assisting this unofficial movement by the use of its transport is the Jewish Brigade

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6. It is submitted that Italy may have been selected as the "dumping ground" for Jews for the following reasons:

a. Geographical convenience for onward transmission to Palestine.

b. To draw attention, under Italy's present difficult economic conditions, to a foreign population which Italy can do little to assist, and thereby compel the British Government to agree to increasing the quota of certificates to Palestine.

There is evidence that quite unprincipled promises of certificates to Palestine are being made to encourage Jews to move to Italy and that in the case of the move of 1,400 Jews from SALZBURG to Italy, the Italian Committee of the camp at SALZBURG agreed that they would send these Jews as Italians. It is understood that the Jewish Brigade have an unofficial refugee camp at [illegible], near TARVISO, on the Austrian-Italian Frontier to which they bring refugees by truck from Austria.

7. The future problem of the Jews in Europe needs very urgent consideration. In the American, British and French zones in Germany and Austria there are some 5,000 Jews who may leave these countries and move to Italy. In France there are many Jews who wish to go to Palestine; present French policy discourages it, but unofficial movement over the Italo-French border can easily involve large numbers. Hungary, Roumania and Poland have Jewish populations who wish to move out. No official exit is permitted by the Soviet from Roumania. The tendency is for the majority of Jewish movement to converge on Austria with Italy as the objective. The problem is intensely serious with large numbers involved.

8. It is recommended that:

a. Investigation be made into the activities of the Brigade and that if my information is correct that they be moved to some innocuous location.

b. Control on the frontiers be tightened up.

c. In the meantime any unauthorised persons entering Italy will be returned from whence they came.

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Rear Admiral, [illegible]
Chief Commissioner

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8 August 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: American Officers' Promotions.

1. The Establishment Section is redrafting a letter for your signature protesting the inequality of the new Table of Organization which was set up by MTOUSA for the 2675 Regiment on 30 July 1945.

2. Briefly, the situation may be summarized as follows: on the 30th of July, MTOUSA, file AG 221.02/500-CO, assigned a new Table of Organization to the Regiment without any prior consultation with AC. This new Table of Organization reverses the concentration of high rank as compared to the company grades that has always been allowd to the Regiment as an AC/AMG organization. For example, both T/O's that were approved by NATOUSA, 3 June 44 and 23 October 44, had 53% and 51% respectively, of the allotted grades concentrated in the field ranks (Major and higher) as contrasted with the new July 30th T/O which allows only 31% of the vacancies to the field grades. The effect of this reversal is to completely block all promotions in ranks above the grade of Captain. The promotion policy of the organization since inception has been based on a T/O in which the rank was concentrated in the higher grades.

3. Accordingly, to rectify this situation it is proposed that the July 30th T/O be revised to conform, percentage-wise, with the T/O's under which this organization has continually operated since inception. A brief table of comparison is presented below:

	3rd June 44 T/O		30 July 45 T/O		Proposed		← Actual Strength 2nd Aug.
	41	5.4%	20	3.7%	27	5.0%	26
Colonel	100	13.0%	45	8.5%	64	12.0%	50
Lt Col	268	35.0%	100	18.8%	180	34.0%	140
Major	247	32.5%	175	33.0%	175	33.0%	155
Capt	82	(14.1%	192	36.0%	86	16.0%	155
1st Lieut	28	(	-	-	-	-	3
2nd Lieut							
Total	766	100.0%	532	100.0%	532	100.0%	529

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

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AC/4034/12/L. 8 August 1945.

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You'll have a lot of spares!

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILES:

AFHQ dispatch FX-30713 of 1 August 1945 states that Albanian forces, estimated as a complete brigade by Italian officer BALONA, have occupied the Italian island of SASENO on 22 July 1945.

G-2 has cabled the British Military Mission in Albania to approach the Albanian General Staff to ask them to confirm or deny this report.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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Copy to: Executive Commissioner - We should follow this up because it may be another case of postwar aggression.

E.W.S.

US Political Advisor
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Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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Very truly yours,

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7 August 1945

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5 August 1945.

Ref: 301/143/IC.

SUBJECT: Commitments signed by the President of the Council of Ministers.

TO : AFHQ.
G-5 Section.

1. Reference our CC-225-6 of 26 June enclosing original signed obligations of the Italian Government in respect to the Armistice and institutional questions. We have now received the attached letter from Professor Parri.

The Protocol of November 9th 1943 reads:-

"It is agreed that the title of the document signed at Malta on the 29th September 43 by Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Head of the Italian Government and General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, should be changed to "Additional conditions of Armistice with Italy."

2. I see no reason for not implementing this decision and I recommend acceding to Professor Parri's request.

3. After this recommendation is adopted I will obtain Professor Parri's signature to an amended document, which will be forwarded to you.

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

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cc: DIST:
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LMS/•JJ
4 August 1945

SUBJECT: Political Reviews Presented by Admiral Stone to the Advisory Council for Italy

TO : U. S. Political Adviser, AFHQ
British Resident Minister, AFHQ
G-5, AFHQ (for Brigadier Henn)
G-5 Section, AFHQ

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For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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(s) Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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Professor Ferruccio Parri
The Minister of the Interior
Italian Government
Rome

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cc: Executive Commissioner
VP, Establishment Section
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Aug 45.

Ref: 2605/EC.

Subject: Handback of Northern Italy.

To: Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5, AFHQ.

Reference your letter of 28th July 45.

1. The decision to retain Military Government in Venezia Giulia for an indefinite period has already been taken, so my remarks will be confined to the other two areas mentioned in FAN 536 of 28th April 45.

2. Both my Political Advisers take the view that it is undesirable to retain AMG in any part of Northern Italy West of Venezia Giulia after September unless there are overriding military reasons. They also consider that it is almost certain that, if Udine is singled out for retention under AMG for an indefinite period, Italian reaction will be to link up this retention with the Venezia Giulia problem and that this is politically most undesirable.

3. The Tarvisio area is important for two reasons: first, because the lines of communication for the British Forces in Austria pass through it and secondly, the area includes the only territory where the Italian/Yugoslav frontiers coincide. Both from the political and administrative points of view, however, I think it is undesirable to consider it separately from the whole of the province of Udine, of which it is a section. I therefore propose in answering your letter to consider the Province of Udine in place of the "Tarvisio area" referred to in FAN 536.

4. I understand that GOC Commanding XIII Corps, whose operational area includes the Province of Udine, feels very strongly that AMG must be retained there so long as he is responsible for the lines of communication of the British Army in Austria. His main reason appears to be the presence of the combined Italian/Yugoslav frontier to which reference is made above. The Regional Commissioner of Venezie Region, of which Udine Province is a part, has recommended that AMG be retained until December 1st. The grounds for this recommendation are that, since Udine was a particularly unsettled area containing a considerable number of Yugoslav and Italian pro-Yugoslav partisans, the normal Italian administration has not yet been sufficiently well organised to ensure effective administration in this area.

5. Balancing the points of view of the GOC XIII Corps, my Political Advisers and my Regional Commissioner in this matter, I

/recommend

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recommend that a modification of the Combined Chiefs of Staff instructions be obtained to allow of the retention of AMG in the Province of Udine until December 1st, but not longer, by which time the local Italian administration will be very much stronger and winter conditions will reduce the danger of lawlessness which may exist.

6. As regards the Province of Bolzano, there is no military or administrative reason why AMG should be retained in this area and, that being the case, I strongly recommend that a modification of the Combined Chiefs of Staff instructions should be obtained to return this Province to Italian Government control at the same time as the remainder of Venezie Region and other Northern Compartimenti.

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

Copies to:- American Ambassador,
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British Resident Minister,
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Pol. Ad. (B),
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Economic Section.

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31 July 1945.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

It is extremely important that Log.P.1X)/6 of 29 July, "Plan for the Administration of the Italian Army", be reviewed with Admiral Warren and AVM Brodie in view of the references made in connection with administration of the Italian Navy and the Italian Air Force.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Public Relations Branch.

Referring to yesterday's Daily Digest of the Rome Press, will you please check the source of the stories referred to in paragraphs 4 and 8 on page 1.

As you know, I did not clear the story on the transfer of additional territory to the Italian Government and have been holding it until all points have been cleared.

I am particularly interested in finding out who in A.C. stated that the investment of foreign capital in the Italian economy would depend on the results of the elections.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Exec. Commr.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

30 July 1945.

CC 2603

SUBJECT: Handover of Territory to Italian Government.

TO : The Secretary, Advisory Council for Italy.

Supplementing my letter to you of 26 July on the above subject, I have the honor to advise you that the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, has further agreed to hand back the Commune of ANCONA to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, effective 4 August 1945.

I shall be grateful if you will arrange to notify the various delegates to the Advisory Council.

(signed) HILLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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CC 511

30 July 1945.

Supplementing my letter of 23 July in further reference to your letter of 17 July concerning an award for Commander John J. Lawler, USCGR, formerly Joint Director of the Finance Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission, on reconsideration I think it would be in order for an award to be made to Commander Lawler to be sent to him at his present address,

Commander John J. Lawler, USCGR,
US Group CC,
APO 742, U.S. Army.

Commander Lawler can then take the necessary steps with the Navy Department to secure individual permission to accept the award.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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General Adolfo Infante,
Aide-de-Camp to H.M.H., the Lieutenant General of the Realm,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Chief Com. First only

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30 July 1945.

Dear Dr. Montanari:

As requested, I forward you herewith the original letter from the President of the Council of Ministers, dated 25 July 1945, requesting the appointment of Mario Cavallari as Prefect of the Province of Ferrara.

I am informed that the earlier request for a career prefect, already nominated by the Italian Government, by name FORNI, is now in hand and he should soon be in Ferrara.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Franco Montanari,
The Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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30 July 1945

Dear Mr. Morey:

The application of Signor Nestore Leoni for a circulation permit to drive his vehicle is returned herewith.

The issuance and control of Italian civilian circulation permits is entirely at the discretion of the Italian Government. This application, therefore, should be referred directly to the Chamber of Commerce on Via Del Burro.

It is not the policy of the Commission to make any recommendations on such matters to the Italian authorities.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Mr. C. R. Morey
American Embassy
Rome

cc: Maj. Bellamy, Public Safety Sec

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30 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Hanlover of territory to Italian Government.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

CC 3605

28 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Handover of Territory to Italian Government.

TO : The Secretary, Advisory Council for Italy.

I have the honor to advise you that the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, proposes to hand back the Provinces of APUGLIA and LUCCA and the Compartment of EMILIA to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government effective at 2359 hours, 3 August 1945.

I shall be grateful if you will arrange to notify the various delegates to the Advisory Council.

(signed) KILLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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27 July 1945

Dear Mr. Bandini:

I wish to thank you sincerely for the volume "ROMA O BRETTON WOODS" which you so thoughtfully sent to me. I shall read it with great interest.

Very truly yours,

/s/ E. W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
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Corso Umberto I, No. 4
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Chief Commissioner

Major General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, G.S.C.,
Deputy Chief of Staff, AFHQ.

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Please refer
to file: A15-33

Serial 8281

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CNO ltr. Op-13-1-I/bbb
ser. 380513 of 11 July
1945.

From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.
To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Italy).

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

Subj: Proposed Italian award to Rear Admiral Albert W. Stone, USN.

1. Forwarded.

/S/ W. T. MACKIE,
By direction.

cc: C.O.
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NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to Initials
and No.

Serial 380513
Op-13-1-1/bbb

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11 July 1945

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Italy).

Via : (1) Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.
(2) Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Northwest African Waters.

Subj: Proposed Italian award to Rear Admiral Allery W. Stone, USNR.

Ref: (a) CCAC (Italy) ltr 11405 to ComNavWAW dated 8 June 1945.

1. Reference (a) indicates the desire of the subject officer to obtain the approval of the United States Navy of his acceptance from the Italian Government of the Order of Grand Cordon of the Order of St. Maurizio and St. Lazzaro.

2. The acceptance of the award under discussion is agreeable to the Navy Department.

/S/ F. J. HOUDE
Vice Chief of Naval Operations

cc: Bd. of Decs. & Meds.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

23405 8 June 1945

From: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USN,
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Italy).
To : Commander, U. S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

Subject: Award from Italian Government - request for authority to accept.

Reference: (a) Bureau ltr Pers-32k-AM/ASC of 1 Mar 45 to Adm. Stone.
(b) Bureau ltr Pers 32k-AM of 22 May 45 to Adm. Stone.
(c) U.S.N.Navy Circular No. 72 of 27 May 45, subj: Awards and Decorations.
(d) Public Law 671 approved 20 July 42.

1. Reference (a) stated that the Bureau of Naval Personnel had been informed by Department of State letter to Embassy of 24 February 1945 "that Italy is not considered a co-belligerent nation and, further, decorations conferred by this country with the exception of those bestowed during the Badoglio Government, would meet the requirements of Public Law 671 and therefore may be accepted by Naval personnel."

2. Reference (b) stated that Public Law 671 approved 20 July 1942 authorized me to accept the award of honorary Commander in the Order of the British Empire.

3. Reference (c) requires that offers of decorations from co-belligerent governments to United States Army personnel be forwarded through channels to the theater commander for concurrence in their acceptance, containing the statement appearing in this letter as paragraph 2. No provision is made in reference (c) for the procedure to be followed for U.S. Naval personnel, but the Chief of Staff of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, U.S. Army, has advised that such offers to Naval personnel attached to Army units should be forwarded to you for your concurrence in their acceptance.

4. I was advised on 5 April 1945 that the Italian Government desires to award me the Grand Cordon of the Order of St. Maurizio and St. Lazzaro. Permission is requested to accept this award in accordance with the authority contained in reference (d).

5. I have not participated in negotiations for Lend Lease allocations, nor made any recommendations to any agencies authorized to act on such recommendations. I am not a member of any board, rearmament committee, or other agency charged with Lend Lease negotiations, recommendations for, or the allocation of Lend Lease materials.

Ellery W. Stone

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Serial: 3605

15 JUN 1945

FIRST ENDORSEMENT to:
C.Adm. Stone ltr.
11403 of 8 June 1945.

From: Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.
To : The Secretary of the Navy.
Via : Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

Subject: Award from Italian Government - request for authority to accept.

Reference: (a) SecNav instr. ltr. Instructions Relative to Decorations and Medals dated 18 December 1944.

1. Forwarded recommending that the acceptance of the subject award be authorized.

/s/ WILLIAM GLASSFORD

Copy to:
...Adm. Stone

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

8 June 1945

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Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Italy).

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

Subject: Award from Italian Government - request for authority to accept.

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(b) OpNav Ltr Ser 32E-A16 of 22 May 45 to Adm. Stone.
(c) U.S. Navy Circular No. 73 of 12 May 45, subj: Awards and Decorations.
(d) Public Law 7671 approved 20 July 42.

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ELLERY W. STONE

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27 July 1945.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of 23 July 1945, I have referred your letter to the President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Government for an expression of his views.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Sante Garibaldi,
Movimento Garibaldino Antifascista,
Via Antonio Salandra, 1A,
ROMA.

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Very truly yours,

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

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NC/45/TS/LC

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Yours very truly,

/s/ [illegible]

MARK W. CLARK
Four Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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LWS/ejj
25 July 1945

CC 579

SUBJECT: Discipline - Civilian Employees.

TO : Vice President, Establishment Section.

Reference: Letters, G-1 (B), file G-1(B)/36/A of 21 July and 24 July 1945.

1. The Chief Commissioner directs that this case be thoroughly investigated. The reply as indicated in G-1 (B) letter of the 24th does not satisfactorily answer the reasons for the actions of Signora Solari. For example:

a. Did Major Price actually issue a pass to Signora Solari?

b. Is it a regular function of Major Price's duties to issue passes of this character to civilian employees?

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3. It is requested that you submit to this office together with the action called for in paragraph 1 above, the report referred to in paragraph 4 of G-1 (B) letter of 21 July as well as the original or duplicate of the certificate issued to Signora Solari.

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

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CC 3402

25 July 1945.

Dear Prince Barberini:

With further reference to your memorandum of 10 July on the subject of equipment for a 40-bed hospital to be located in Nettuno, I have been advised by Dr. Behn of UNRRA that at the moment equipment for 40-bed hospital units has not been received in Italy but some is expected within the next two months. This equipment will be allocated to the most urgent cases and UNRRA believes that the Anzio-Nettuno hospital needs will come high on the priority list.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Prince Enrico Barberini,
President of the Association for the Rehabilitation
and Development of Anzio and Nettuno,
Via Quattro Fontane 13, (Palazzo Barberini),
Rome.

Copy to: Director Public Health Sub-Com.
Executive Commissioner

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25 July 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 23 July enclosing copy of the Note Verbale in connection with the extension of limited parcel post facilities to Italian prisoners of war and members of Italian Service Units now in the United States.

Very truly yours,

/s/

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Embassy,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

cc: Exec. Comm'r.
Communications S/C

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rome, July 23, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

I am enclosing for your information copy of a Note Verbale in which the Minister of Foreign Affairs is informed that limited parcel post facilities have been extended by my Government to Italian prisoners of war and members of the Italian Service Units now held in continental United States.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. Kirk

Enclosure

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
R o m e.

cc: EXEC. COMMR.
COL. SCUDDER (COMMUNICATIONS S/C)

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Copy for AC

F.O. No. 164

N O T E V E R B A L E

THE AMBASSADOR of the United States of America has the honor to refer to the Note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated January 4, 1945, in which permission is requested for the shipment of relief parcels by Italian prisoners of war and members of the Italian Service Units held in the continental United States to their families in Italy.

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Rome, July 21, 1945

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CC 4045 24 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Commissario, Beryllium Plant at Chivasso (Turin), (owned by S.A.P.P.I., Milan).

TO : Colonel Robert E. Marshall, Regional Commissioner, PIEMONTE Region.

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(C) Copy memo from Adm Stone to Gen McKinley, 21 July 45.
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Copy (less Incls. (A) & (B) to: Gen. Mario Infante
3 Via Reggio Calabria
Rome

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Translation

Rome, July 6th, 1945.

To H.E. the Minister of the Italian Air Force.
R O M E

Subject: Berryllium Industry - State Management.

On December 22nd, 1945, on the request of the Ministry for War Production, and after an interministerial inquiry, which ascertained the bankrupt conditions of the S.A.P.P.I. of Milan, the R.Air-Force Ministry proceeded to requisition the plant for the production of beryllium, in Chivasso, which belonged to the S.A.P.P.I.

Required by the R. Air-Force Ministry to assure the production of beryllium, and having assumed the charge of Commissioner for the Italian Beryllium Industry, State Management, the undersigned set to work and mangged this industry according to the Commerce Code and with the funds supplied by the R. Air-Force Ministry.

Among the various regulations which the undersigned had to enforce, the most important ones were:

1) the elimination of all technical and administrative directors of the S.A.P.P.I. who had brought about the bankrupt situation of the concern.

2) technical and administrative reorganization, and improvements of all kinds introduced in the plant and in the working process.

3) cancelling of all contracts for supplying Germany with beryllium. Germany had cleverly managed to get hold of most of the beryllium production, at the detriment of Italy and at prices which were greatly inferior to production costs.

4) complete separation of the S.A.P.P.I. from that of thenew management which was called for this reason "Beryllium Industry - State Management".

The S.A.P.P.I. which still existed as a concern, and which had kept its juridical personality, appealed against the requisition order and claimed a large sum for damages; besides, it tried to intimidate and blackmail the Commissioner who was charged with sabotaging the plant and the Axis war production, for he refused to supply Germany with beryllium. This brought about a long series of political and technical inquiries, up to September 8th 1943.

After this date, the directors of the S.A.P.P.I. (at present denounced by the undersigned to the Attorney of the Corte d'Assisi Straordinaria of Turin) took advantage of the German occupation to offer their collaboration to the invader, and renew to the authorities of occupation the charges against the Commissioner and against Comm. Francesco Tucci of the R. Air Force Department. This to obtain the restitution of the plant and the payment of the very large indemnity asked for the supposed damages.

The Germans then sequestered the plant as well as all the material (mineral beryllium alloy, finished and half finished products, etc) and issued a warrant for the arrest of the Commissioner and Comm. Tucci. The latter was arrested by the SS during his attempted flight towards the South. The Com-

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missioner was submitted to a new and sever investigation on the part of the S.S., but he managed to save himself and remain in Rome until the arrival of the Allies.

During German occupation the plant was partly transformed and produced cast iron for the civilian population. This was to prevent the technicians and workers of the plant from being deported to Germany. This production is still carried on.

The undersigned went North a short time ago and was asked by the C.L.N. of the plant to answer for the funds and for the industrial plants which had been entrusted to him; he also felt he had to do this; he found that the plant was intact, and that the funds still existing made it possible to pay the workers for about four months. The authorities of occupation forbid to dismiss the workers before 31 July and - legally speaking - they seem to consider the plant as booty. The undersigned pointed out that it was necessary as well as advisable to hand back the plant to its former owners, after making the necessary arrangements to prevent the carrying on of the action for damages formerly brought against the Italian State by S.A.P.P.I

The Allied Authorities seem willing either to solve the situation directly or to leave the It. Air Force Ministry solve it.

In the present situation, the State Management is paying the workers with funds which should go in the total debit-credit account between the Air Force Department and the S.A.P.P.I. Besides there is no longer any reason for the requisition. The undersigned suggests to issue a derequisition decree, and to start at once making an inventory to make it possible to hand back the plant to its former owners.

The necessary action will of course have to be taken to prevent more attempts at extortion to the detriment of the State.

(General Mario Infante)

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Dr. Ing. Mario Infan.
Roma-Via Reggio Calabria 3

Rome July the 16th 1945.

To the Allied Commission,
ROME

Subject: Berillium Industry.

On the 22nd December 1941 the Air Ministry took measures for the requisition of the whole plant for the production of Berillium in alloys situated at Chivasso (Turin) and belonging to the S.A.P.P.I. of Milan; and gave over the management to Gen. Ing. Mario Infante, as Extraordinary Plenipotentionary Commissary.

The Commissary thus created a firm called "Berillium Industry - State Management" which worked as a private firm, completely disconnected from the S.A.P.P.I. which, however, still retained its own juridical position.

After the liberation of the North of Italy the Commissary went North, and found that the whole plant, as well as the accountancy had been saved and that the plant was still working for the production of pig-iron and that the funds were sufficient to cover workmen's wages for about four months.

The Commissary made a report to the Allied Commission at Turin, and proposed handing back the plant to the original owners, under certain conditions in order to avoid a repetition of blackmailing, such as had already been attempted on the Italian Government. The Allied Commission in Turin declared itself favorable to resolving the question directly or allowing it to be resolved by the Italian Government.

On his return to Rome, the Commissary presented a copy of the enclosed letter to the Air Ministry and conferred with the Air Minister and his Officers; but at the Air Ministry it seems to prevail the idea that after the German occupation, neither the Commissary nor the Ministry have any responsibility whatever with anything concerning the Plant.

The Commissary feels answerable to the Italian Government for his management as far as regards his employment of the funds; but considers himself to depend actually on the Allied Command of Turin, the Plant being situated in occupied territory; he therefore begs for information as to mode of action.

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(Gen. D.A.M.O. Ing. Mario Infante)

/S/ Mario Infante

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

21 July 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Brigadier General Edward B. McKinley, U.S. Army.
Acting Vice President, Economic Section.

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General Infante has been well known to me personally for many years as a man of the highest integrity.

With reference to the attached, I strongly recommend that Colonel Marshall be advised to appoint him as Commissario for the purpose of liquidating the state of affairs of this company in order to derequisition it and return it to the owners and thus to the control of the Italian Government should there be any question of Fascist profits involved.

If you concur, I shall write Colonel Marshall to this effect.

Will you kindly treat this matter as urgent.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. ES/12.05

23 July 1945

SUBJECT: Appointment of General Infante

TO : Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

1. I have checked with Brigadier Anderson, who concurs that Economic Section sees no objection to the appointment of General Infante as suggested.

2. It is possible, however, that Colonel Marshall may have already taken some action in this connection.

/S/ E. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President

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IRS/e33
24 July 1945

SUBJECT: Labor and Wages Control Committee.

TO : The Chiefs of Section, A.F.L.R.S., Rome Area
Allied Command, C. M. F.

In reference to your letter, IRS/214D/316 of 21 July 1945, approval is given to your recommendation contained therein.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copies to:- D/CAO, AMG
Chairman, Labor & Wages Control Committee

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23 July 1945.

AFSC/39/AIR

SUBJECT: Italian Civil Aviation.

TO : Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater,
APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. Now that the war in Europe is over it is requested that consideration be given to amending the directive issued by you in your FX 25720 of 13 February 1945, copy to MAAF. That directive stated that Civil Aviation was not to be discussed with the Italians on the grounds that it would be impossible to find resources either in equipment or in suitably trained personnel without detriment to the war effort; and that until further notice the Italians should confine their air transport activities to the use of such aircraft of the Italian Air Force as may be approved for this purpose by the Air Forces Sub-Commission.

2. Under the direction of the Air Forces Sub-Commission, the Italian Air Force is now operating an Air Courier Service throughout Italy and to Sicily and Sardinia for the purpose of transporting Allied Commission, Allied, and Italian Government personnel on official business. Each Ministry of the Italian Government reimburses the Italian Air Ministry on an interdepartmental basis for passage furnished.

3. The future of Civil Aviation in Italy is, of course, not known at present, but several groups of individuals and firms, at least one of which operated pre-war air transport, are extremely interested in making plans providing a policy is laid down by the Allies. I have recommended in my memorandum "Future Policy Toward Italy", CC 1001 of 23 June 1945, that civil aviation domestically and in the Mediterranean should be encouraged.

4. A number of aircraft factories and considerable materials are available in Northern Italy at the present time. An attempt has been made to keep these factories busy by authorizing completion of unfinished transport/bomber aircraft, modified for use by the Italian Air Force Courier Services, and by the modification and repair of the similar aircraft based in southern and central Italy. Facilities remain for considerable increase in the output of these factories. A policy regarding civil aviation, if at all favorable, will surely result in reduction of unemployment in the aircraft industry and provide Italy with improved transport facilities when the Allies depart.

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3 July 1945.

AFSC/39/AIR
Subject: Italian Civil Aviation.

5. An Allied Interim Policy without prejudice to anything the Peace Terms may lay down is recommended, and it is suggested that a letter substantially as follows be sent to the Italian Government:

"(a) If it is the desire of the Italian Government to prepare for future Italian Civil Aviation, the following interim policy which is published without prejudice to the provisions of the peace treaty, is for your information. This policy does not imply in any way, however, that action may be taken to commence operation of Civil Air Transport until further specific approval is obtained.

"(b) Your preparations should include the following provisions:

(1) For the present, at least, Civil Air Transport routes are to be restricted to the Mainland of Italy, to Sardinia and Sicily, and the water routes thereto, using only those airfields approved by the Allies.

(2) Governmental control of the air transport operations insofar as safety and economic stability are concerned is essential.

(3) The designs and specifications of the civil aircraft to be used must be approved, for the present, by the Allies. Military types, or those quickly convertible to military types are not considered suitable.

"(c) If desired, a limited amount of factory space and material can probably be allotted to the manufacture of civil type aircraft in Italy. Decision upon this question depends upon the availability of facilities over and above that required for the overall rehabilitation of Italy or for Allied military purposes."

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIC
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

23 July 1945

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SUBJECT: Naples Sorting Office

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

Reference your letter 322.6-? of 13th July 1945.

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

2. The importance of these premises to the restoration of the Italian Civil Postal Services has been stressed by this Commission many times and it is considered that the continued denial of their use to the Italian Government is now entirely inconsistent with the policy expressed in Tel 595.

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

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

H.D'ARCY W.STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

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EMS/ejj
23 July 1945

SUBJECT: Allied Civilian Travel.

TO : Vice President, Establishment Section

1. It has been noted that the Commission is publishing numerous orders authorising travel, both by government motor transport and military aircraft, for various Allied and Italian civilians on trips which the military necessity thereof my be quite open to question.

2. I cite for example:

a. Paragraph 5 of Special Orders #95, this hq, dated 5 April 1945 in which three American civilians of the Economic Section were authorised to proceed to the Isle of Capri on five (5) days temporary duty in connection with activities of the Allied Commission. It is not exactly clear what official activities that the Allied Commission was engaged in on the Isle of Capri at that time.

b. Paragraph 46 of Special Orders #96, this hq, dated 6 April 1945 two American civilians were directed to proceed to Foggia on temporary duty for two (2) days on an assigned mission. In this particular case travel was directed by military aircraft and indicating that all charges and expenses incidental to travel would be chargeable to the War Department. Again it is not clear what the exact mission on the weekend of April 8th that Miss Wolfe and Miss Carter had in Foggia.

c. Your attention is also invited to paragraph 3 of Special Orders #142, dated 22 May 1945 in which Miss Sheppard and Miss Assante of the Economic Section were sent on seven (7) days temporary duty to Venice in connection with activities of the Economic Section. It is not understood what official mission this personnel was assigned to in Venice during this period.

You are accordingly directed to institue an official inquiry, immediately, as to the exact nature of these and any other similar trips.

3. The use of military facilities for personal pleasure trips that are covered by official orders under the guise of official business is a court-martial offense. Further, the use of military aircraft

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for personal pleasure trips has been specifically forbiddened by AFHQ directive. Accordingly every effort will be made to eliminate this practice and you will take such steps as may be appropriate to prohibit any reoccurrence.

4. You will report to this office the action taken.

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

cc: G-5, AFHQ (for MTOUSA)
Exec Commissioner

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23 July 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

It is with profound regret that I have just learned the sad news of the death of Minister Soleri; and I hasten to convey to you and his colleagues our sincere condolences on the loss that the country has sustained.

My Financial Advisers have always told me of the cooperation and friendship they enjoyed with Minister Soleri. They regard his passing with a feeling of personal loss; and I realise the difficulties which you will have in replacing him at a time when it is essential for the firmness of Italy to be guided by a strong hand.

Yours very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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13 July 1945.

Dear Mrs. Solari,

I am writing to express my deepest sympathy on the great loss which you and Italy have suffered.

I had the privilege of meeting your husband on several occasions and was always impressed by his desire to serve the interests of his country and the enthusiasm with which he approached his most difficult task.

It is perhaps a matter of some consolation that he passed away in the beloved Piedmonte which he loved so well.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Mrs. Marcello Solari.

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Quartermaster

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIC
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

23 July 1945

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SUBJECT : Entry of Film Representatives into Italy

TO : Director, Public Relations Branch:

Following is an extract of para 7 from the minutes of Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political) held 19 July.

SUBJECT: ENTRY OF FILM REPRESENTATIVES INTO ITALY.
(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 15th Meeting, Minute 8)

MAJOR GENERAL LIMITZER reported that a signal had recently been despatched to the Allied Commission requesting them to inform representatives of foreign film agencies that their entry into ITALY was now approved in principle, and that applications for entry should be made individually to this Headquarters.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE pointed out that the minute of the previous conference, to the effect that responsibility for distribution of films could pass to foreign Film Representatives on 1 August, was inaccurate. The Film representatives could enter ITALY by that date but it would be some considerable time thereafter before they could assume responsibility for the distribution at present made by PWB. In reply to a question by Mr. Kirk, he stated that the legislation, abrogating Fascist laws regarding the prohibition of business transactions by foreign film representatives in ITALY was expected to be passed within the next few weeks.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above.

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The Chief Commissioner directs that a follow-up be made on notification to representatives of foreign film agencies.

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

cc: EX. CORR.

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23 July 1945.

My dear General:

Replying to your letter of 17 July, file 4500/A.G., the State Department has advised the Navy Department that naval officers may accept decorations from cobelligerent governments. However, the State Department has requested that all cobelligerent nations clear contemplated awards, with the exception of immediate combat awards, through diplomatic channels before offering them to the recipient. There has also been a Theater policy prohibiting officers of the Allied Commission from accepting such decorations during their tenure with the Commission.

As Commander Lawler is no longer connected with this Commission, I may inform you that it will be in order for you to clear the contemplated award through your Ambassador in Washington.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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General Adolfo Infante,
Aide-de-Camp to H.R.H., the Lieutenant
General of the Realm,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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23 July 1945

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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23 July 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

With reference to TAM 626 and MAT 729, Brigadier Henn of G-5 informs me that CAO, AFHQ, agrees as to the necessity for the derequisitioning of personal living accommodations so that commercial representatives desiring to come to Italy may be accommodated, and also to enable the Italian Government to have greater facilities, particularly in Rome, for its officials, including members of the Consulta, and subsequently the Constituente.

G-5 desires to receive from us as urgently as possible a schedule of facilities which we desire to see derequisitioned. It should be made up by cities with an estimate of bedrooms. The schedule for Rome should include the requests recently made by the Italian Government for the Consulta membership. I suggest the following cities at least be included:

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CAGLIARI
TARANTO
BRINDISI
BARI
NAPLES
ROME
SIENA
FLORENCE
BOLOGNA
GENOA
TURIN
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and smaller cities of commercial importance.

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On receipt of this list, CAO will be able to bring further pressure to bear on derequisitioning of hotels by Army formations.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

NOTE IN ADMIRAL'S HANDWRITTING:

"Please consult
VP - CA Sec
VP - Econ Sec"

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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PERSONAL

21 July 1945.

Dear General:

Attached is a copy of the proposed draft directive to the Italian Air Ministry. I have marked some of the paragraphs of particular interest.

Very truly yours,

(s)

EMLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, GSC,
Deputy Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512, U.S. Army.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

20 July 1945

Subject: Dispute at Office of 'LA STAMPA'

To: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

Following is telephone message from Captain Hatcher, AMG Leoberding; 1630 hours:

"I am relaying message from Colonel Selby, Regional Commissioner of Piemonte, and he is referring to message from Admiral Stone.

"Admiral Stone addressed two questions to the Regional Commissioner of Piemonte.

1. How much damage was occasioned by the dispute at the office of 'LA STAMPA'?

Answer: No damage to plant or property, but a number of archives of the paper were thrown into the street and burned. There are no other public disturbances.

2. Has publication been resumed?

Answer: No, as the matter is under consideration by Regional Commissioner.

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
GO to CC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

20 July 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Recent news dispatches from the United States indicate that submarines of the Italian Navy have been employed against the Japanese prior to Italy's declaration of war against Japan.

I am requested by the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean, to inform you categorically that such reports are completely without foundation.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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Copy to: Vice Admiral Raffaele de Courten,
Minister of the Navy,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Chief, Navy Sub-Commission
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HEAD UARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

18 July 1945

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SUBJECT: Financial Directive for Italy.

TO : Distribution below.

1. Herewith, for your information, is copy of letter 13242/F dated 18 July 1945 addressed to the President of the Council of Ministers.

2. This communication is based on FAM 583 of 3 July, 1945, which supplements the directive contained in FAM 487 of 13 January 1945.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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Office of the Executive Commissioner (2)
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V.P. Civil Affairs Section (10)
V.P. Establishment Section (10)
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Director, Communications Sub-Comm. (2 - one for CCG)
Director, War Materials Disposal & IFF Sub-Comm.
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" " Ancona Commune (5)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

13242/F

18 July 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

1. I write with reference to the Aide-Memoire of 24 February, 1945, which was communicated by the Acting President and the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission to the President of the Council of Ministers, outlining certain steps taken by the Allied Governments to hand over an increasing measure of control to Italian administration.

2. In order to implement further the declaration of 26 September, 1944, by the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain regarding Italy, I am now directed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to inform your Government that the intervention of the Allied Commission in Italian fiscal matters and other internal financial affairs will in future be confined to cases involving Allied military necessity. The Allied Commission will assist or advise your Government on financial matters in territory under your jurisdiction only when your Government specifically requests such advice or assistance, which will be given at a high level between the senior officers of this Commission and appropriate officials of your Government.

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(b) submit fortnightly reports in triplicate to the Allied Commission listing all external financial transactions permitted or undertaken by the Italian Government during the period covered by the report, indicating the names of all parties to the transactions, a detailed statement of the nature and purpose of the transaction, the amount thereof, the currencies involved, the rates of exchange utilized, and any other relevant information.

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6. In conjunction with the relaxation of control indicated in this letter, the Combined Chiefs of Staff have directed me to inform your Government that it will be expected to take the following steps:

(a) to establish and maintain an effective foreign exchange control agency

(b) to adopt measures in support of the economic warfare objectives of the Allied Governments.

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7. I would also request that you give assurances that you assume responsibility for ensuring that remittance payments are not made to undesirable persons in Italy.

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Yours very truly,

/s/ Lincoln C. Stone

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PERSONAL

18 July 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Major General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, G.S.C.,
Deputy Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512, U.S. Army.

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Interim Policy.

I think you have a copy of my memorandum of 14 July to the Director of the Air Forces Sub-Commission on the above subject.

I have received a reply, of which the attached is a copy. You will note that it is stated that the proposed directive follows "British Air Ministry policy", which confirmed the impression I had already formed.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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18 July 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Professor Pietro Nenni,
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government,
Rome

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American Embassy, Rome
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British Embassy, Rome
Executive Commissioner
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
Acting Vice President, Economic Section
G-5 Section (Financial Adviser), AFHQ

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17 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Special Information Campaign Prior to Italian Elections.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

Referring to PRB's memo of 12 July, file 100/PRB, on the above subject, I approve the recommendation made in para 6 that the Executive Commissioner's Office transmit copies of PRB's memorandum of 12 July, together with attachments, to all Regional Commissioners.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: PRB

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Surplus

17 July 1945.

Dear Mr. Hopkinson:

Early last week, you promised to give me a full memorandum on the coal offer of the Polish Government. May this serve as a reminder, please, as I am most anxious to receive it.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. H. L. d'A. Hopkinson, C.M.G.,
British Political Advisor.

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CC 9251

14 July 1945.

Dear Arch:

Thank you for your letter of 12 July in reply to my letter PRB/66 of 10 July forwarding a draft copy of A Review of Allied Military Government and the Allied Commission in Italy and requesting your clearance of the proposal to issue it for general informational purposes.

In my letter of 10 July I stated that I was then engaged in reading the Review. I have now completed this, and although I have made a number of minor modifications, I am prepared to endorse the manuscript completely and to take full responsibility for its issuance. In contrast to an earlier effort along this line, I am satisfied that the present manuscript raises no controversial questions.

Because the need for the issuance of such a publication, particularly to Allied journalists and others, is very great, I should be grateful if you would authorize me to proceed with its issuance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

Copy to: Exec Comm
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14 July 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. G. Stewart Brown, Director,
Public Relations Branch.

I have reviewed the attached copy of A Review of Allied Military Government and the Allied Commission in Italy and have written G-5 as per the attached in an effort to get an early clearance.

I think you have done an excellent job. I should be glad to look over the photographs which you intend to insert. Some of the photographs taken by the Commission's former photographer, particularly of refugee operations at the time of the Vesuvius eruption, would be excellent for this purpose.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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CC 2205

LMK/cjj
14 July 1945

Dear Monsignor:

The Holy Father's appeal in behalf of Luigi Aloisi, is sincerely appreciated by the Chief Commissioner.

For the past months the Chief Commissioner has been approached by several high Italian officials with a plan to intervene with the Albanian government on Aloisi's behalf. He has had this entire matter very thoroughly investigated and has personally made a direct appeal to AFHQ, the American and British missions, to have everything possible done to effect Aloisi's release.

Due to the international political complications surrounding this case, the Chief Commissioner regrets that he cannot press the matter any further.

Sincerely,

L. T. EVANS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

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Monsignor Joseph F. McCoughlin
Via Ville Gabrielli, 16
Vatican City

cc. EASC Comm Sec
CA SEC
POL ADVSR (M)
POL ADVSR (B)
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JL/hjp

14 July 1945

Dear Reverend Mother:

Efforts are being made at this time to place a certain amount of transportation at the disposal of organized charity which would then assist the various charitable institutions by furnishing transportation when it is needed.

It is impracticable to allocate single vehicles to various institutions, therefore we must decline your request.

In the future it is hoped that ENSA could be supplied the sufficient transportation to increase its services to various charitable organizations and at that time your request will properly be made through them.

We fully realize the good work you are doing and the necessity of your request. We hope that within the next several months transportation may be made available.

Sincerely,

J. LANNIN
Lieut, USNR
Flag Lieut

S'Eletta Emilia Caprio
Sup. Gen. delle Suore di Maria SS. Della Purita
Via S. Croce in Gerusalemme, 96
Roma

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11 July 1945.

Dear Mr. Keeney:

This will confirm the matter which I discussed with Governor Lehman and you on 10 July, namely, the need for hospital equipment for a 40-bed hospital which Italian residents of Anzio and Nettuno desire to activate in the latter town.

I understand that a building has been set aside for this purpose, but that the inhabitants are in great need of hospital and other medical equipment which, it would seem to me, UNRRA is best able to provide.

However, I shall be glad to offer the collaboration of my Public Health Sub-Commission if there is anything we can do to assist.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery N. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Mr. S. M. Keeney,
Chief, UNRRA Italian Mission.

Copy to: Exec. Comm'r.
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson, M.S.O.,
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

Prince Enrico Barberini,
President of the Association for the Rehabilitation
and Development of Anzio and Nettuno,
Via Quattro Fontane 13, (Palazzo Barberini),
Rome.

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14 July 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Air Forces Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Interim Policy.

1. Your letter of 9 July 1945, file AFSC/46/AIR, submitting a proposed letter to the Italian Government for the approval of M.A.A.F., refers.

2. Before any final letter is sent to the Italian Government, I should like to have it submitted to me for approval.

3. In the meantime, will you inform me whether some of the proposals contained in the draft letter, such as paragraph 2 thereof, are the result of a directive or other instructions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Executive Commissioner

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CC 115

LWS/ejj
14 July 1945

Dear General Anders,

The Chief Commissioner has directed that I express to you his sincere appreciation for your action in sending Major WOGRIK of your staff to act as special Polish Liaison Officer with the Allied Commission.

Major WOGRIK will work very closely with both the Liaison Division and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of this headquarters.

Sincerely,

/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

Lieutenant General Wladyslaw Anders
Commander
2 Polish Corps
Bologna

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LWS/ejj
14 July 1945

CC 115

Dear General Anders:

The Chief Commissioner has directed that I express to you his sincere appreciation for your action in sending Major WOCHNIK of your staff to act as special Polish Liaison Officer with the Allied Commission.

Major WOCHNIK will work very closely with both the Liaison Division and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of this headquarters.

Sincerely,

/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

Lieutenant General Wladyslaw Anders
Commander
2 Polish Corps
Bologna

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CC 115

LWS/ej
14 July 1945

Dear General Anders:

The Chief Commissioner has directed that I express to you his sincere appreciation for your action in sending Major WOCIECH of your staff to act as special Polish Liaison Officer with the Allied Commission.

Major WOCIECH will work very closely with both the Liaison Division and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of this headquarters.

Sincerely,

/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

Lieutenant General Wladyslaw Anders
Commander
2 Polish Corps
Bologna

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13 July 1945

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Major F. E. WEIDMAN, AFHQ G-5 Press Officer, and party of Mr. SEYMOUR FRIEDIN of the New York HERALD-TRIBUNE and Mr. PHILLIP HAMBURGER of the NEW YORKER magazine, will depart on or about 14 July 1945 for Trieste and other AMG areas for the purpose of obtaining news and magazine stories. It is a desire of this Headquarters that everything be done to facilitate this mission.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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12 July 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Vice President, Economic Section
ATTENTION: Requisition Branch.
(THRU: Executive Commissioner)

It is requested that two copies each of your memorandum of 9 July enclosing copies of CAL Airgram 39 and COM airgram 38 and of your memorandum of 11 July enclosing MOC Airgram 77 be forwarded to Mr. S. M. Keeny, Chief, UNRRA Italian Mission.

This request is made because of the fact that UNRRA may be called upon to make an even greater contribution to the relief program in Italy than it now makes.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: EXEC. COMMR.

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JCR/ejj
11 July 1945

CC 579

SUBJECT: Request for Per Diem Authority.

TO : CG, AFHQ, APO 512, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of Section II, War Department Circular 356, 1944, request that authority be granted for per diem allowance for nine (9) days temporary duty performed per attached travel orders, from 26 June 1945 through and including 4 July 1945.

2. Owing to the exigency of the mission performed it was not possible to apply for subject authority prior to issuance of orders.

JOSEPH C. RIVELY,
Major, Infantry

Incl:
Ltr Orders, this hq,
Adj: 300.4, 24 June 45.

CC 579 1st Ind. LWS/ejj

HQ ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER, APO 394, U. S. ARMY,
11 July 1945.

TO: CG, AFHQ, APO 512, U. S. Army.

Recommend approval.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ L. W. Stearns 1916

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

Incl:
n/c

cc: Exec. Comm'r.

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LNB/ejj
11 July 1945

CC 590

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Property.

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

1. The Chief Commissioner has just received from Professor Bonomi, the former Prime Minister, the attached letter which brings up the question of derequisitioning property in Ostia.

2. The Chief Commissioner recommends that if there is no positive military necessity for holding this property under requisition, all possible steps be taken to have it released.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

Incl:
Translation of Ltr from
Professor Bonomi

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LWS/ejj
11 July 1945

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/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

Incl:
Translation of Ltr from
Professor Bonomi

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LMB/ejj
11 July 1945

CC 590

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

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For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ L. W. Steanne

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

Incl:
Translation of Ltr from
Professor Bonomi

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EWS/ejj
11 July 1945

CC 590

My dear Professor:

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

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ivanoe Bonomi
Piazza della Liberta, 4
Roma

Levi.

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KMS/ejj
11 July 1945

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Sincerely,

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KELLY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ivanoe Bonomi
Piazza della Liberta, 4
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KMB/ojj
11 July 1945

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Sincerely,

KENNETH N. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ivanoe Bonomi
Piazza della Liberta, 4
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LMS/ejj
11 July 1945

CC 590

SUBJECT: Housing for Italian Government Officials.

TO : Headquarters, Rome Area Allied Command, APO 794, U. S. Army
(Attn: Lt Col R. S. McMURTRAY)

1. We have just received a communication from the Vice President, of the Council of Ministers, Signor Brosio, concerning the housing, etc., of the Consulta, a copy of which is enclosed.

2. We have instructed Signor Brosio to contact your office direct concerning this problem.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

Incl:
Ltr Council of Ministers,
The Vice President, 7 July 45,
File: C.200.1 (Translation)

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cc: Ex. Comm R.

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LWS/ejj
11 July 1945

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

Incl:
Ltr Council of Ministers,
The Vice President, 7 July 45,
File C.200.1 (Translation)

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cc: Exec. Comm R.

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CC 590

LMS/ejj
11 July 1945

Dear Mr. Brosio:-

Reference your letter, file C. 200.1, of 7 July concerning the housing of the Consulta.

The Chief Commissioner has directed that this matter be referred to the Real Estate Section, Rome Area Allied Command, Lt Colonel McMURTRAY. This office has complete charge of such matters and accordingly you will make all arrangements direct with Colonel McMURTRAY.

Very truly yours,

/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

Signor M. Brosio
The Vice President
Council of Ministers
R o m e

cc: Exec. Comm.

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LMS/ejj
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L. W. STEARNS,
Major, AGD,
Staff Officer to CC.

Signor M. Brosio
The Vice President
Council of Ministers
Rome

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cc: Exec. Comm'r

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10 July 1945

To: Brigadier General Charles M. Spofford
General Staff Corps
Assistant Chief of Staff
G-3, AFHQ
APO 512

Dear Chuck:

Your letter of 27 June 1945 signed by Colonel Mitchell in your absence in which you return enclosures to my letter of 15 May, File ES/2.05 has been received and studied.

I must agree that the various loose ends concerning personnel must be cleaned up rapidly but I feel that my official request should receive an official answer and therefore am returning herewith the enclosures withdrawn from my letter in order to permit you to process the original document in proper form.

Upon receipt of the reply of AFHQ to my basic letter, further action will be forthcoming in regard to the matters contained in your personal letter of 27 June 1945.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Encs. 1 Organization Chart
1 Requirements of Production Division
1 Requirements of Supply Division
1 copy letter from AFHQ, G-5
1 Tabulation

cc: Establishment Section
Economic Section - Attn: Brigadier General McKinley
EXEC. COMM'R.

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APPROVED (sgd) E.B. McKinley
E.B. McKinley
Brigadier General, USA
AVP/Economic Section

RETURN TO
Chief Commissioner

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

10 June 1945

Dear Dr. De Gasperi:

This will acknowledge receipt of your 1/1755 of 6 June 1945 bringing to the attention of the Chief Commissioner the case of Sig. Luigi Aloisi's arrest in Tirana by the Albanian Government.

Admiral Stone has taken a personal interest in this case and immediately communicated with AFHQ giving them all pertinent information and impressing upon them the extreme urgency of the present situation as it affects Sig. Aloisi's life.

As soon as a reply is received, the Chief Commissioner will communicate with you.

Sincerely,

/s/ L. W. Stearns
/t/L.W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

H.E. Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

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cc: Exec Commr.
CA Sec.
Pol. Adver. (A)
Pol. Adver. (B)
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Incl. #1

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject: Luigi ALICCI.

British Military Mission to Albania,
c/o HQ 54 Area,
CMF.

BMM/152

To: G-2, AFHQ. 31 May 45.

Reference your MTP/3 dated 19 May 45.

The following information has been obtained:-

1. From the Legal Section of the Albanian Government: ALICCI was a personal friend of General PARIANI and organized pre-fascist resistance in Albania prior to the Italian invasion in April 1939. He was also mainly responsible for organisation of Albanian resistance for the Italians in the war against Greece in 1942.

He has been a SIM agent and Manager of the Italian firm AGIP. His politics, activities and past statements have been Fascist. ALICCI will be brought up for trial by the Albanian Military Courts in Tirana in the near future. He is at present held by the partisans in the new prison Tirana.

2. Right Wing Albanian circles in Tirana have in every case confirmed the statements of the Albanian authorities given above.

3. An informative Italian source states that ALICCI, who fought in the last war, was a well-known high official of the Banca Italiana di Sconto. In 1928 he came to Albania as an official of AGIP. He obtained the post through his cousin, Doctor QUARONI, now Italian Ambassador in Russia. In 1932 ALICCI became manager of AGIP. During the war he did not take an active part in politics and limited his work to his consular activities. After the Italian occupation in Sep 43 ALICCI became President of the Italian Comitte of Assistance in order to protect Italian property and interests in Albania. He opposed the German attempts to export Italians from Albania for forced labour in Germany. Source states that ALICCI has assisted the partisans by providing transport and money. Following the confiscation of AGIP by the Albanian administr[illegible] ALICCI went into retirement and was arrested about two months ago by the partisans while in a poor state of health.

4. It is hoped that the above information is what you require.

(Sgd) C.A.S. PARKER,
Lieut.Col.

for Brigadier.

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(Sgd) C.A.S. WALKER,
Lieut.Col.

for Brigadier,
Commanding British Military
Mission, ALBANIA.

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Ref: 2213/75/SC. 20 June 45.

Dear Dr. De Gasperi,

With further reference to your letter No: 1/1755 of 5th June, I attach hereto a copy of the report received from the British Military Mission to Albania concerning Sig. Lulgi ALICCI as a result of my urgent communication to AFHQ.

In view of the report I do not think that any further intervention is desirable and I propose therefore to let matters take their course.

Sincerely,

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

H.E. Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
Minister fro Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
R O M E.

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Encl # 3.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

CC 115 10 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Proposed Jugoslav and Greek Members on Allied Commission.

TO : The Secretariat, Advisory Council for Italy.

I have the honor to inform you that on 7 July I received advice from the Headquarters of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, that the Combined Chiefs of Staff concur in the recommendation put forward by the Headquarters of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, that in present circumstances neither proposal be approved.

(signed) ELLERY W. STONE
Vice Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

10 July 1945.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Italian press accounts report a series of incidents which occurred in the Minervino-Andria-Spinazzola areas in Puglia late last month which, if correct, would appear to be cause for serious concern, particularly if the reported disturbances should spread into the Bari area where substantial Allied installations still exist.

I should be grateful, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if you could give me at the earliest possible moment an official report of these incidents, together with a statement as to what steps the Government is taking or intends to take to prevent a repetition.

Very truly yours,

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

DISTRIBUTION:
American Ambassador
British Ambassador
Exec Commr
VP, CA Section
Public Safety S/C
Pol Adver (A)
Pol Adver (B)

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

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: American Ambassador
British Ambassador
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
Executive Commissioner

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Chief Commissioner

cc: American Ambassador
British Ambassador
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

SOVX

Ref: 526/150/IC. 9 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Russian Military Mission in Greece.

TO : Russian Military Mission,
via Kaserterna, 130,
Villa Thai,
R o m e.

I am instructed to inform you that the Supreme Allied Commander has decided that, in view of the fact that all Soviet Citizens have now been repatriated from Greece and Crete, the Russian Mission in Greece, Captain MILLET and the staff of the repatriation camp, have completed their work. In the circumstances it would be appreciated if arrangements could be made for their return to Russia as soon as possible.

/s/ ELLIOT B. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner.

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Gen. Infante did not
+ will not get a
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correct our file
copy accordingly.

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9 July 1945.

My dear General:

The bearer of this letter, the Princess Maria Jose di Piemonte, wife of Crown Prince Umberto, accompanied by the Marchesa Solaro del Borgo, is proceeding to Switzerland by the fastest possible means to see one of her children who has been reported very seriously ill.

G-2 AFHQ is wiring the border authorities at Chiasso to allow immediate clearance of the party. Swiss passports, visas, etc., are all in order. I am sending on this letter in the event that the clearance cable which G-2 AFHQ is sending out this evening does not arrive in time.

Any help which you can give to facilitate passage of the Princess across the border will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

MILEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commisoioner

Brigadier General L. K. Ladue, U.S. Army,
Chief of Staff,
U.S. IV Corps.

Copy ~~for~~ to Gen. Infante
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9 July 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Legal Advisor.

Thank you for your memorandum AC/4092/1/L of 7 July 1945, with which I concur.

My only concern is with the delays which you are experiencing in securing the opinions of the Minister of Justice. Because of the inevitable result of such delays, I think it extremely important that this question be brought urgently to the attention of the President of the Council, and for this reason I should like you to draft a letter for my signature explaining our position in the matter and the need for securing more prompt action from the Ministry now headed by Minister Togliatti.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Exec. Commit.

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CC 4027

9 July 1945.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

With further reference to your letter of 2 July enclosing a report by Colonel Green on the Sardinian coal situation, I have received from the Economic Section an interim report, copy of which is forwarded herewith. As further information is received I shall, of course, forward it to you.

I am informed that the question of the use of German prisoners of war is not yet resolved by AFHQ. We are following this up both with AFHQ and, as pointed out by Brigadier Anderson, with the Italian Government.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

cc: Chf. Commissioner
Exec. Commr.
Econ. Sec.

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Tel. 406

HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

Ref. ES/15.12

6 July 1945

SUBJECT: Sardinian Coal Mines Report

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. Reference report by Colonel Green of the American Embassy on the Sardinian Coal Mines.

2. On the 19th of April, the Italian Government took over complete responsibility for the coal production in Sardinia and the Allied Comission has confined itself with giving of advice and assistance only. Considerable pressure has been almost continuously exerted on the Government to increase production.

3. Production in May exceeded the average for the previous 17 months by 19 percent and for the month of June, production has again risen and is equal to about 31 percent above the average of the 17 months ended April last. The fact remains, however, that the amount of coal being produced is less than half of what could be produced if adequate labor and efficient supervision were available.

4. I have spoken to Prof. Gronchi about the introduction of mechanical equipment which would increase production and he has promised to let me know whether the Government is prepared to purchase that equipment after he has had a discussion with his mining experts, whom he has called to Rome from Sardinia, in the course of the next week.

5. When I receive Sig. Gronchi's views, I will address another minute to you on this subject.

/S/ D. L. Anderson

D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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8 June 1945.

CC 511

SUBJECT: Awards by Italian Government to Allied Commission officers.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

1. In compliance with paragraph 11, Circular 73, HQ MTOUSA dated 12 May 45, and other pertinent regulations, the attached correspondence from the Lieutenant General of the Realm is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The Chief Commissioner recommends that the proposed awards be given favorable consideration.

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

Incl.-ltr 3866/A.G. from Luogotenente
-translation of above ltr.

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Translation

3866/A.G.

Rome, 5 June 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

the Allied officers mentioned in the enclosed list have most efficiently contributed to recover the numismatic collection of H.M. the King.

His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom would be happy to give these officers a token of his gratitude for the work they have done, granting them the order of the Crown of Italy.

Will you kindly let me know whether you have any objection to make on this subject.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,

S.A. Infante

(Gen. Adolfo Infante)

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Admiral Ellery Stone
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Translation

Officers of the Allied Army Forces

- Brigadier A.P. GRAFFTEY-SMITH — (Br.) - Grand Officer
  Joint Director
  Finance Sub-Commission
  Headquarters Allied Commission

- Colonel Robert B. MENAPACE — (U.S.) - "
  Joint Director
  Finance Sub-Commission
  Headquarters Allied Commission
  (Commander of the Crown of Italy)

- Lt. Col. B.P. WATERS — (Br.) - Knight Officer
  Finance Sub-Commission
  Headquarters Allied Commission

- Major B.E.TIMMONS — (U.S.) - "
  Assistant to the Joint Directors
  Finance Sub-Commission
  Headquarters Allied Commission

- Lt. Laurence C. MOORE — (U.S.) - Knight
  Finance Sub-Commission
  Headquarters Allied Commission

- Lt. Col. James H. PENICK — (U.S.) - Commander
  Chief of Allied Financial Agency

- Major E.J. GITS — (Br.) - Knight Officer
  Deputy Chief of A.F.A.

- Major W.F. COOK — (Br.) - " "
  Allied Financial Agency

- Major D.B. MATHIAS — (U.S.) - " "
  Allied Financial Agency

- Major S.L. ANDERSON — (U.S.) - " " 1867
  Chief of A.F.A. Rome Branch

- Lt. Joseph A. CICALA — (U.S.) - Knight
  Allied Financial Agency

- Lt. Nicholas L. GIUNTA — (U.S.) - Knight
  Allied Financial Agency.

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EWS/hjp
7 July 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Military Vehicles

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission, Hq., A.C.

I am informed that Colonel Kerr has made an agreement with the Economic Section that the Transportation Sub-Commission would have local civil contractors return Italian military vehicles in their possession to the Italian War Ministry. In furtherance of this agreement, the War Ministry was instructed by AMIA not to repossess these vehicles directly but to await action by the Transportation Sub-Commission. To expedite their return, you may advise the War Ministry that they are at liberty to repossess these vehicles as directed by AFHQ Circular #5, 1945.

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

cc: Ex Comm
Econ Sec

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7 July 1945.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of 3 July, since Miss Jessel is a British subject, I should think she should more appropriately contact the British authorities. However, if you feel that I should, I shall be glad to receive her, and you may telephone my Aide, Lieutenant Lannin, telephone number 478736, for an appointment.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Avv. Gino Marghieri,
Via Parma 22,
Rome.

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7 July 1945.

My dear General:

I just wanted to send you a note to tell you how happy I am, as indeed are all your friends, to learn of your confirmation as a Lieutenant General.

You have my warmest good wishes and heartiest congratulations on your promotion.

Very sincerely,

/S/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenberger, USA,
Commanding General,
U.S. IV Corps.

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My dear General:

I want to send you this little note to tell you how happy I was to learn of your well deserved promotion to the grade of Brigadier General which, in my opinion, was long overdue. I am delighted, and so are all your other friends.

My heartiest congratulations.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely,

KELLEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General L. K. Ladue, U.S. Army,
Chief of Staff,
U.S. IV Corps.

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7 July 1945

In 1933 I knew a Miss Luigina Ferraris in the Italian Consulate at New York. Although she was born in Canada of Italian parents who later became naturalized Canadian citizens, and although she has spent most of her life in the United States, she is nevertheless an Italian citizen. I believe she was in the Consulate at Lisbon when you were in the Legation.

She is anxious for duty in the Embassy or in one of the Consulates in America but seems to be having difficulty in presenting her case at the Foreign Office.

Perhaps you would be good enough to receive her. Her address is Via Antonio Musa 8, and she can be reached by telephone at either of the following numbers: 863389 or 857409.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Renato Prunas,
Secretary General,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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7 July 1945.

Dear General:

Thank you very much for your courtesy in sending me photographs of the presentation ceremony at Salo. I was very glad to receive these photographs as a memento of a most pleasant day.

If your photographer could send me duplicates, I should be grateful.

Very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Edgar E. Hume, U.S.C.,
AMG, HQ. FIFTH Army,
APO 464, U.S. Army.

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LWS/ajj

6 July 1945

CC 581

SUBJECT: Repatriation from Switzerland of State Officials and their families.

TO : Executive Commissioner (For Brig. Upjohn, Civil Affairs Section)

1. The attached correspondence from Prunas is that which the Chief Commissioner mentioned at the VP meeting this morning.

2. Will you please prepare, as soon as possible, an appropriate acknowledgement for the Chief Commissioner's signature. This letter should be ready for signature this afternoon. If necessary, interim reply will do.

L. W. STEARNS,
Major, AGD,
SO to CC.

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LWS/eJJ

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SC to CC.

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Major, AGD.
SC to CC.

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JL/hjp

5 July 1945

SUBJECT: Request for two lifeboats

TO: Ministero Marina - Gabinetto
Liaison Office

1. We are requesting two lifeboats, possibly one with an outboard motor, for use of the Allied military beach at Fregene which is under the control of Rome Area Allied Command. The Army officer in charge of this activity is Lieut. Joseph O'Brien, Special Service Officer, RAAC, who will make any necessary arrangements in this matter.

2. Three days ago an officer drowned at this beach due to the lack of facilities for reaching him in time. For this reason we are anxious to have the life saving facilities of two boats to prevent further loss of life.

J. LANNIN
Lieut, USNR
Flag Lieut

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5 July 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In reference to your letter No. 533 of 3 July, full clearance for Prince and Princess Caracciolo to travel immediately to Switzerland was given directly to the Prince on 4 July. I am informed that they departed at once for Lausanne.

If there is any further assistance that you may require, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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CC 581

4 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of members of the Italian Royal Family.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, G-5, APO 512, US Army.

1. I have just received a request from the Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant General of the Realm for permission for the Royal Princes who are still abroad to return to Italy. I am enclosing a copy of this communication.

2. Your recommendation as to the action to be taken is requested.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner

cc: Ex. C.
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3 July 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter of 3 July, file No. 532, in which you suggested a conference next week between the Inter-ministerial Committee for Reconstruction and the Regional Commissioners and Economic Section representatives.

I shall be happy to make arrangements to hold this meeting next week. Due to long scheduled previous engagements it will not be possible to hold the suggested meeting on Thursday, 12 July, so I am therefore making arrangements so that the meeting may be held on Friday, 13 July. You will be informed as to the exact hour and place of the meeting.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
n. 532

Rome, 3 July 1945

Dear Admiral,

Considering the very serious problems in Northern Italy, which have to be dealt with at once, to prevent unfortunate developements, the Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction thinks it would be advisable to have next week, and if possible on Thursday 12th, a conference with the central and regional representatives of the Economic Section of A.C.

I shall be most grateful if you will agree to this proposal, and issue the necessary orders.

I remain,

Yours truly,

s/s: Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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3 July 1945.

Dear Alexander,

Thank you for your personal letter of 2 July enclosing a report by Colonel Green on the Sardinian coal situation. I have read the report with great interest and am taking it up with my Economic Section, after which I shall be able to reply specifically to the question asked in your letter.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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30 June 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter of 27 June informing me of the appointment of Mr. Mario Zanc as Undersecretary for Communications. His appointment is, of course, approved.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

[illegible] H. HOOD
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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

cc: American Ambassador
British Ambassador
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
Executive Commissioner
Communications Subcommission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref: 310/11/EC. 30 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Institutional Question.

TO : Supreme Allied Commander,
Allied Force Headquarters.

1. In discussing the question of the method of determination of the future form of government of Italy, it is assumed that the primary consideration is the maintenance of the pledges of the Governments of the United States and Great Britain toward the Italian people of a free and untrameled choice of the permanent form of their Government, and the guarantee that, insofar as possible, the will of the majority of the Italian people shall be carried out (Aide Memoire of British Embassy in Washington to Department of State on May 15, 1945 and Department of State's reply of May 26).

2. Under present conditions in Italy, it would appear that the ultimate decision affecting the institutional question might be most justly brought about by means of a referendum rather than by entrusting the decision to the constituent assembly. Although it is the opinion of the Legal Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission that Decree Law 151 of June 25, 1944 precludes the Government from deciding this question by a referendum (ACC/4005/L of 6 Oct 1944), paragraph 4 of the same opinion points out that this Decree Law can be at any time abrogated by the enaction of a subsequent similar piece of legislation. Furthermore, since the original legislation was passed without consultation with the Allied Commission, it would appear to be not out of the question to suggest to the Italian Government that a revision of this legislation might be desirable as an expression of the will of the Italian Government to assist the Allied Governments in carrying out their commitments regarding the free and untrameled choice by the Italian people of their permanent form of Government. The revised legislation might provide that the referendum should be held as soon as the lists of voters for the whole of Italy other than Venezia Giulia have been completed - in other words, that it might take place at the same time as the provincial and communal elections and not await the elections for the Constituent Assembly.

3. Were an effort of this nature to be undertaken, it would be important to review the reasons, not necessarily those of a legal nature, why a referendum would ensure to the Italian people, in practice, a freer and fairer choice in this important matter. In this connection, the

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3. Were an effort of this nature to be undertaken, it would be important to review the reasons, not necessarily those of a legal nature, why a referendum would ensure to the Italian people, in practice, a freer and fairer choice in this important matter. In this connection, the President of the Council, Signor Bonomi, expressed to the Chief Commissioner subsequent to the Yalta Conference, the hope that the Allied Governments would require in the peace treaty or otherwise that the Italian institutional question be determined by referendum rather than by constituent assembly "in order to avoid the danger of having this question decided by less than a majority of the Italian people" (6506/COS, CC200 of 31 March 1945) while as early as July 3, 1944, the Chief Commissioner, in commenting to the Supreme Allied Commander on Decree Law 151, stated that it was clear to him and to his advisers that a referendum offered the best chance of a fair decision on the institutional question since it was unrealistic to expect that no attempt would be made to interfere with the result and since it would be immeasurably more difficult to interfere with a referendum (see ACC memo of July 3, 1944 to SACMED). It should further be pointed out that the same memorandum contains the result of conversations between the Allied Commission and members

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of the Italian Government in which the latter offer assurances that Decree Law 151 does not, in its intent, offer any closed solution to the method of determination of Italy's permanent form of Government. It is hardly necessary to add that events and public statements over the past year have shown that if the institutional question were to be decided by the constituent assembly, strong political interests would undertake a concerted campaign to ensure the result desired by them, perhaps without sincere reference to the needs of the Italian people. Without in any way whatsoever taking sides in this question, it would seem that these utterances seriously prejudice an impartial solution thereof.

4. Therefore, it would appear that only through a properly supervised referendum can the Italian people be assured of the fairest expression of their will, and that this would be the most desirable line of action, given the present circumstances and conditions in ITALY.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: US Ambassador
Br Ambassador
US Poland, AFHQ
Br Resmin, AFHQ
G-5, AFHQ(2)(Your G-5: 091.4 ITALY of 26 June 45 refers).
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30 June 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your secret letter of 25 June 1945 concerning the present plans for the supply and financing of Category "A" imports in Italy.

Very truly yours

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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AMG/033

CC 1008

27 June 1945

Dear Nelson:

Thank you for your letter of 18 June in which you enclosed a report on your organization of AMG XIII Corps. I am looking into the situation that existed prior to your taking over.

I have followed very closely AMG activities of Venezia Giulia, and am aware of and entirely sympathetic with the difficult task which confronted you during this initial phase.

In accordance with our understanding, I am planning to send Colonel Bowman as your relief and will do so as soon as I hear from Eighth Army which I assume will be within the next few days.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel Nelson W. Monfort,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
AMG XIII Corps.

cc: Ex. Comm.
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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel Nelson W. Monfort,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
AMG XIII Corps.

cc: EX. COMMR.
ESTAB. SEC.

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26 June 1945

CC 225-8

Subject: Transmittal of Two Signed Commitments Received from the President of the Council of Ministers.

To : 1 G-5, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. In accordance with instructions contained in your cable F 98519 of 24 June, the original signed obligations of the Italian Government with respect to the Armistice and the institutional question as executed by Signor Parri are transmitted herewith.

2. It is understood that these documents will be sent to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for purposes of record.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

2 Encls:
1--Ltr, 22 June 45, accepting obligations towards Allies
2--Ltr, 22 June 43, undertaking not to re-open the institutional question, etc.

cc: Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles
Executive Commissioner
Political Advisors
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Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

To: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USN,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 394.

On behalf of the loyal Italian Government I accept all obligations towards the Allies entered into by the former Italian Governments since the conclusion of the Armistice signed on the 3rd September, 1943. It is understood that the rights under the Armistice and surrender instrument with respect to control of the Italian Government will be held in reserve in the matter of day to day administration, subject to overriding military needs.

I declare that every member of the Government has acquainted himself personally with the terms of all such obligations including the terms of the Armistice signed on the 29th September 1943.

Two members, now absent, will acquaint themselves with them as soon as possible.

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Rome 28 June 1945.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS

/s/ Ferruccio Parri

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Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

To: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USN.
Chief Commissioner.
Allied Commission.
APO 394.

Without the prior consent of the Allied Governments the Royal Italian Government undertakes not to re-open the institutional question until such time as Italy has been liberated and the Italian people have the opportunity of themselves determining the form of government.-

Rome, 22 June 1945

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

/s/ Ferruccio Parri

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CC 5806

25 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Impounded Vehicle.

TO : Provost Marshal, Rome Area Allied Command, APO 794, U. S. Army.

1. Allied Commission vehicle, number M4 2065, is assigned to Commander Apostolo, Italian Navy, Liaison Officer to the Chief Commissioner.

2. It is understood that this vehicle was impounded by the Military Police on 24 June while it was returning from an authorized trip. Commander Apostolo is taking disciplinary action against the Italian Army driver for the unauthorized transport of the Italian civilian.

3. It is desired that this vehicle be released to Commander Apostolo as soon as practicable.

For the Chief Commissioner:

L. W. STEARNS,
Major, AGD,
AO to CC.

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SO to CC.

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23 June 1945

My dear General:

The Duke of Acquarone, Personal Finance Minister to the Royal Family, accompanied by Lieutenant Luca Dainelli of Prince Umberto's staff and Major Joseph C. Rively of this Commission as consulting officer, is proceeding to Switzerland for approximately one week in connection with the settlement of the personal finances of the Royal Family.

Any assistance which you can give to the Duke in accomplishing his mission will be sincerely appreciated. I am informed that Colonel Ladue of your staff is cognizant of the purpose of this trip.

Sincerely yours,

MILTON W. STOUT
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenberger
Commanding General, IV Corps

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LWS/hjp

22 June 1945

TO: Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.
VIA: Establishments Section

Will you kindly have this entire situation investigated and submit a report on the findings.

/s/ L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, A.U.S.
Staff Officer to CC

1 Incl:
Ltr fr Dr Emilio Tarn
21 Jun 45 (with 3 incls)

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21 June 1945

Dear Mr. Brandt:

The Chief Commissioner sincerely appreciates your kind letter of 11 June in which you brought to his attention the excellent relationships which existed between the American Consulate and the Allied Financial Agency.

Very truly yours,

/s/ L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to Chief Comm'r.

Mr. George L. Brandt
American Consulate General
Naples, Italy

cc: AC file
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21 June 1945

Dear General:

The sincerity of your letter of 12 June recommending the promotion of Captains Willis Z. Pratt and Sam J. Rice is appreciated. I assure you that everything possible is being done to speed up the promotion of deserving officers and men.

As you know, promotions of all officers and enlisted personnel in the 2675th Regiment, AC, have been temporarily suspended in accordance with WD letter, file AG 210.2(8 May 45) OB-S-A-M, subject: Promotions, dated 10 May 45, and MTOUSA first indorsement, AG 210.2/130-P, dated 19 May 45.

The readjustment of suspension, insofar as it affects the Commission, I personally took up with AFHQ as recently as 13 June. It was requested that the 2675th Regiment be designated as "Category One," which covers troops remaining on duty in this theater and is accordingly free from the promotion suspension. I have just now received a negative reply to this request, in which I am informed that the 2675th Regiment, AC, is considered a theater overhead unit and for that reason cannot, at least for the present, be placed in "Category One." Thus, American promotions must wait until the restriction is lifted on all overhead units.

However, despite this ruling, I shall continue on every possible occasion to emphasize the prime importance of promotion, at the earliest opportunity, of the deserving personnel of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Edgar E. Hume
Senior Civil Affairs Officer
Fifth Army

cc: Col. Parkin

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

21 June 1945

SUBJECT: Awards from Cobelligerent Nations

TO : Establishment Section

1. On 9 June this office forwarded to G-5, AFHQ, correspondence from the Lieutenant General of the Realm concerning correspondence covering a list of Allied officers of this Headquarters to whom it is desired to grant the Order of the Crown of Italy as a reward for the recovery of the King's coin collection. Copies of this correspondence are enclosed.

2. In accordance with telephone conversation between Major Thompson (G-5, AFHQ) and M/Sgt Giuliano (of G-1A, this Hq), it will be necessary that all officers mentioned in this list submit individual affidavits in accordance with paragraph 11c of MTOUSA Circular No. 73, dated 12 May. Please take appropriate steps to have individual affidavits submitted by all the officers concerned in this matter and upon completion forward them directly to G-5 AFHQ.

/s/ L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
AO to Chief Comm'r

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cc: Exec. Comm'r.

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21 June 1945

Dear Colonel Marshall:

Thank you for your letter of 12 June regarding Howard K. Norton's discordant article published under a Turin, May 15. dateline in the "Baltimore Sun."

I am forwarding your letter to General Spofford with the notation that in view of your explanation I feel certain that no officers of Piemonte Region were responsible.

Very truly yours.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel R. P. Marshall
Regional Commissioner
Piemonte Region
Allied Commission

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21 June 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Czechoslovak Units in Italy

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. I am attaching a letter from the Czechoslovak Minister, Vladimir Vanek, concerning the repatriation of Czechoslovak units in Italy.

2. This problem merits the serious attention of the Allies, and I personally discussed its various ramifications with Brigadier Henn during one of my recent trips to Caserta. At that time he agreed to give me full advice on the problem as soon as possible. It would be appreciated if this information could be given without delay.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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cc: Exec. Comm'r
CA Section

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21 June 1945.

Dear Chuck:

On 30 April I sent you for your information a paraphrase of a message from Antolini to the State Department in which he asked for advice as to his responsibilities as Special FEA Representative in relation to disposal of surplus property by the Army-Navy Liquidation Commissioner.

A reply has been received via the American Embassy and I am enclosing herewith a paraphrased copy.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

cc: Exec. Comm't.
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PARAPHRASE

Sent: June 14, 5 p.m., 194
Recd: June 15, 9 a.m.

From: State Department Signed [illegible] Acting
From Reedall, Cleveland, and Hunt, FEA

To : American Embassy Rome for FEA Special Representative

Ref : 990

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References are your 1006 dated 30 April; 963 dated 14 April, and P-35089 from McNarney to CANLC, Washington May 31.

1. Still under discussion here is the proposed aide memoire to Italian Govt. on surplus property.

2. Disposal of all surpluses outside U.S. to be taken over by CANLC.

3. Following are responsibilities FEA Special Representative on surplus property:

A. FEA property in Italy should be reported to Field Commissioner in case it becomes surplus.

B. Prior to disposition in any manner, CANLC required clear all surpluses with U.S. Govt. agencies. Therefore it is your responsibility at this stage to insure most complete utilization of surpluses in fulfillment of programs for which FEA has U.S. procurement responsibility.

4. Three types of programs are involved under paragraph 3 (B):

A. FEA has procurement responsibility, to be financed out of troop pay account, for U.S. share of category B program. Surplus property can be applied against such requisitions where surpluses can be used in fulfillment of requisitions notified by CMAB to AF as being actually in procurement. FEA, Rome should determine substitutability of surplus item for item in actual B procurement program.

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B. Administration of U.S. contribution to UNRRA is FEA responsibility. Where UNRRA wishes this done, U.S. contribution can be used to procure surplus property. To enable surplus property up to given dollar amounts to be acquired in field by UNRRA through FEA Special Representative, without reference to Washington, procedures are now being developed. In developing agreed procedures in handling this part of your responsibility, you should work closely with UNRRA, Italy. Property should be reported to Washington for debiting U.S. contribution to UNRRA administered by FEA, when it is turned over to UNRRA.

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From: State Department Signed GREW Acting
Fro.. Reedall, Cleveland, and Hunt, FEA

Ref: 990 dated 14 June 45

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C. FEA is procurement Agency for FEA programs in areas other than Italy (for example the Land-Lease programs to France, Belgium and Holland). Of instances in which you should clear with FEA, Wash. before stating FEA has no interest in items on surplus list, from time to time you will receive notification.

5. Policy and procedure on surplus property being discussed by Cleveland with FEA, Army-Navy Liquidation Commissioner and Livingston Short, and Cleveland will, therefore, be familiar with handling of surplus property in field.

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CC 1052

21 June 1945.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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PARAPHRASE CONFIDENTIAL

Sent: June 14, 5 p.m., 1945
Rec'd: June 15, 9 a.m.

From: State Department Signed CAMC Acting
From Reedall, Cleveland, and Hunt, FEA

To : American Embassy Rome for FEA Special Representative

Ref : 990

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2. Disposal of all surpluses outside U.S. to be taken over by CAMLO.

3. Following are responsibilities FEA Special Representative on surplus property:

A. FEA property in Italy should be reported to Field Commissioner in case it becomes surplus.

B. Prior to disposition in any manner, CAMLO required clear all surpluses with U.S. Govt. agencies. Therefore it is your responsibility at this stage to insure most complete utilization of surpluses in fulfillment of programs for which FEA has U.S. Procurement responsibility.

4. Three types of progress are involved under paragraph 3 (B):

A. FEA has procurement responsibility, to be financed out of troop pay account, for U.S. share of category B program. Surplus property can be applied against such requisitions where surpluses can be used in fulfillment of requisitions notified by CMAC to AC as being actually in procurement. FEA. Rome should determine substitutability of surplus item for item in actual B procurement program.

B. Administration of U.S. contribution to UNRRA is FEA responsibility. Where UNRRA wishes this done, U.S. contribution may be used to procure surplus property. To enable surplus property up to given dollar amounts to be acquired in field by UNRRA through FEA Special Representatives, without reference to Washington, procedures are now being developed. In developing agreed procedures in handling this part of your responsibility, you should work closely with UNRRA, Italy. Property should be reported to Washington for debiting U.S. contribution to UNRRA administered by FEA, when it is turned over to UNRRA.

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From: State D[illegible]rtment Signed CREW Acting
Fr[illegible] Reedall, Cleveland, and Hunt, FEA

Ref: 990 dated 14 June 45

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5. Policy and procedure on surplus property being discussed by Cleveland with FEA, Army-Navy Liquidation Commissioner and Livingston Short, and Cleveland will, therefore, be familiar with handling of surplus property in field.

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June 15, 9 a.m.

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From Reedall Cleveland and Hunt, FEA for FEA Special Representative.
Your 1086 April 30; 963 April 14, F-85089 from McNarny to OANLC, Washington May 31.

1. The proposed aide memoire to Italian Govt. on surplus property still under discussion here.

2. OANLC to take over disposal of all surpluses outside U.S.

3. Responsibilities FEA Special Representative on surplus property are:

A. In case of FEA property in Italy becoming surplus, it should be reported to Field Commissioner.

B. OANLC required clear all surpluses with U. S. Govt. agencies prior to disposition in any manner. It is therefore, your responsibility at this stage to insure most complete utilization of surpluses in fulfillment of programs for which FEA has U. S. Procurement responsibility.

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B. FEA responsible for administration of U. S. contribution to UNRRA. U. S. contribution can be used to procure surplus property where UNRRA wishes this done. Procedures now being developed enable surplus property up to given dollar amounts to be acquired in field by UNRRA through FEA Special Representative, without reference to Washington. You should work closely with UNRRA, Italy, indeveloping agreed procedures in handling this part of your responsibility. When property is turned over to UNRRA it should be reported to Washington for debiting U. S. contribution to UNRRA administered by FEA.

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5. Cleveland discussing policy and procedure on surplus property with FEA; Army-Navy Liquidation Commissioner and Livingston Short, and will, therefore, be familiar with handling of surplus property in field.

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cc: FEA

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21 June 1945

Dear Chuck:

In regard to your letter of 28 May concerning Howard K. Norton's discordant article published under a Turin, May 15, dateline in the "Baltimore Sun." I have had the matter investigated and have just now received Colonel Marshall's reply which I enclose herewith.

In view of the anonymous circumstances surrounding the sources of the article, I feel satisfied with Colonel Marshall's report and am certain that the Colonel is doing everything possible to prevent the publication of such thoughtless material.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Charles M. Spofford
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5
Allied Force Headquarters

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20 June 1945

General McKinley:
VP Econ Section

The Chief Commissioner invites your attention to the attached memorandum from Maj.-Gen. Winberg, British Economic Mission, detailing those items which the British Government wishes to obtain directly or by manufacture in Northern Italy.

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

cc: American Ambassador
Exec. Comm'r.

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LWS/hjp

19 June 1945

TO: Colonel Charles Poletti
Regional Commissioner
Lombardia Region

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

This letter has been placed in your 201 file.

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

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Ref: DF/5.17/CA

18 June 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I refer to your letter of 14 June 1945 regarding the decree concerning the forfeiture of unlawful profits to the State.

The Allied Commission has no objection to the decree becoming law in its present state.

Yours very truly,

by M. S. Fish
for ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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cc: American Ambassador
British Ambassador

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIC
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

CC 225-8

18 June 1945.

Dear Professor Parri:

In view of the announcement that you have been given the task of forming a new government, I feel that I must notify you of the obligations which the Allied Governments require of any government which may be formed. Accordingly, I hand you herewith a copy of my letter of 12 June 1945 to H.E. Bonomi, together with copies of the documents which you would be required to sign on behalf of all the members of any government formed by you.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
Rome.

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12 June 1945

SUBJECT: Tires for Italian Government

TO : Economic Section

1. In regard to Prime Minister Bonomi's letter, file 20/19, dated 6 June 45, copy of which was sent to you on 9 June, this letter requested tires for the Interior Department, Italian Government.

2. The Chief Commissioner directs that every possible effort be made to fill this order satisfactorily with the least possible delay. Accordingly, please draft reply letter for the Chief Commissioner's signature stating when it may be expected to make these tires available to the Italian Government.

cc - Ex Comm
cc File

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to the Chief Comm.

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DF/4.14/CA

8 June 45

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I refer to Decree DLL No 149 of 26 April 1945, "Application of Sanctions against Politically Dangerous Fascists".

My advisors inform me that contrary to the usual practice with proposed decrees dealing with defascistization and democratization, a subject in which the Allies are vitally interested, they were not consulted before the decree was passed and published.

I regret that this should have been so for the decree in question is not, in my opinion, satisfactory.

Not only does the decree duplicate, to some extent, the existing provisions on this subject, rendering the state of the law quite confusing, but its wording is so vague as to make it impossible for the subject to know with any clarity for what offences he may be punished.

Furthermore, yet another Central Commission is set up to consider appeals instead of leaving such matters to the Court of Cassation as under the former legislation, surely an unwise provision; and finally the powers of arrest granted by Art. 5 are so wide as to lead to the belief that there may be grave abuses in its use.

I regret to have to inform you, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, that because of the foregoing objections I am not prepared to implement this decree in A.M.G. territory.

Yours very truly,

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

His Excellency Ivanoe BONOMI
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government
ROME

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

His Excellency Ivanoe BONOMI
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government
ROME

cc: Pol. Advsr. (A)
Pol. Advsr. (B)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

CC 225-8

16 June 1945

Dear Professor Parri:

In view of the announcement that you have been given the task of forming a new government, I feel that I must notify you of the obligations which the Allied Governments require of any government which may be formed. Accordingly, I hand you herewith a copy of my letter of 12 June 1945 to H.E. Bonomi, together with copies of the documents which you would be required to sign on behalf of all the members of any government formed by you.

Very truly yours,

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

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
Rome.

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cc: American Ambassador
British Ambassador
G-5, AFHQ
Executive Commr.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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18 June 1945

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Very truly yours,

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

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
Rome.

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cc: American Ambassador
British Ambassador
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18 June 1945.

Dear Mr. Sikes:

As promised, I hand you herewith copy of the Allied Commission's paper on the coal situation for Italy.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Robert Sikes,
Chairman of Delegation,
House Military Affairs Committee,
Grand Hotel,
Rome.

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18 June 1945.

Dear General Brown:

With reference to our telephone conversation of this morning, I am enclosing a copy, which you may retain, of the Italian Armistice "long terms".

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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16 June 1945.

Dear Dr. De Gasperi:

Replying to your letter of 11 June, the enclosed is a copy of the agreement as I understand it was signed at Belgrade on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, and Marshal Tito. If there were any last minute changes in the text, I am informed that they were of a minor nature.

There is also returned herewith your map with a rough indication of the military line so far as it is possible to reproduce it on your map. This, too, may be subject to minor adjustments. In addition, there is an area of four or five miles around Pola (a semi-circle of four or five mile radius with the center at Pola) which is also under the command of the Supreme Allied Commander.

As soon as I receive an official copy of the agreement as signed I shall be glad to forward it to you.

Very truly yours,

ELLIOT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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cc: Exec. Comm.

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1. The portion of the territory of Venezia Giulia west of the line on the attached map which includes Trieste, the railways and roads from there to Austria via Gorizia, Caporetto and Tarvinio, Pola and anchorages on the west coast of Istria will be under the command and control of the Supreme Allied Commander.

2. All naval, military and air forces west of the line on the attached map will be placed under his command from the moment at which this agreement comes into force. Jugoslav forces in the area must be limited to a detachment of regular troops not exceeding 2,000 of all ranks. These troops will be maintained by the Supreme Allied Commander's administrative services. They will occupy a district selected by the Supreme Allied Commander west of the dividing line and will not be allowed access to the rest of the area.

3. Using an Allied Military Government, the Supreme Allied Commander will govern areas west of the line on the attached map, Pola and such other areas on the west coast of Istria as he may deem necessary. A small Jugoslav mission may be attached to the Headquarters of the 5th Army as observers. Use will be made of any Jugoslav civil administration which is already set up and which in the view of the Supreme Allied Commander is working satisfactorily. The Allied Military Government will however be empowered to use whatever civil authorities they deem best in any particular place and to change administrative personnel at their discretion.

4. Marshal Tito will withdraw Jugoslav regular forces now in the portion of Venezia Giulia west of the line on the attached map by (date to be inserted) 1945. Arrangements for retention of Jugoslav detachment referred to in paragraph 2 will be worked out between the Supreme Allied Commander and the Jugoslav High Command.

5. Any irregular forces in this area will, according to decision of the Supreme Allied Commander in each case, either hand in their arms to the Allied Military Authorities and disband, or withdraw from the area.

6. The Jugoslav Government will return the residents of the area whom they have arrested or deported with the exception of persons who possessed Jugoslav nationality in 1939, and make restitution of property they have confiscated or removed.

7. This agreement in no way prejudices or affects the ultimate disposal of parts of Venezia Giulia west of the line. Similarly the military occupation and administration by Jugoslavia of parts of Venezia Giulia east of the line in no way prejudices or affects the ultimate disposal of that area.

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15 June 1945.

CC 1018

SUBJECT: Redeployment of Allied troops in Italy.

TO : Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater.
Attention: Chief of Staff.

Confirming the position taken by me at your operational conference yesterday on the subject of redeployment of Allied troops in Italy, I desire to place formally before you the following recommendations:

1. In examining the question of the redeployment and distribution of Allied troops in Italy, consideration must be given to external and internal security and the undoubted duty of the Allied Governments to ensure so far as possible that free elections are held so that the population may express its opinion on (a) the institutional question; and (b) the constitutional government of the country, without fear.

2. Consideration must also be given to the size and location of the Italian land forces.

3. If the proposals for the maintenance of an interim Italian Army of 140,000 submitted in HQ AC memorandum 8251/180/EC of 7 June 1945 are approved, then the following distribution of the troops is recommended:

Combat Groups:	One each in TURIN, MILAN, BRESCIA, UDINE and BOLOGNA.
Internal Security Divisions (Strength 2500 each):	2 Divisions in SICILY. 1 Division in SARDINIA. 1 Division in each of the Military Regions; viz, PALERMO, BARI, NAPLES, ROME, FLORENCE, BOLOGNA, GENOA, TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, UDINE.

4. The primary functions of the Combat Groups are for frontier defence and control. The Group at BOLOGNA could be used as a reserve.

5. If the above distribution of the Italian Army is approved, then the maintenance of five Allied Divisions is recommended in addition to the administrative and service units employed in redeployment of personnel and material and exclusive of any Allied forces in

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15 June 1945.

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Subject: Re. ployment of Allied troops in It..y.

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

cc: U. S. Ambassador
British Ambassador
Exec Commissioner
CA Section
Col. Fiske (2)

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CC 1018 15 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Redeployment of Allied troops in Italy.

TO : Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater.
Attention: Chief of Staff.

Confirming the position taken by me at your operational conference yesterday on the subject of redeployment of Allied troops in Italy, I desire to place formally before you the following recommendations:

1. In examining the question of the redeployment and distribution of Allied troops in Italy, consideration must be given to external and internal security and the undoubted duty of the Allied Governments to ensure so far as possible that free elections are held so that the population may express its opinion on (a) the institutional question; and (b) the constitutional government of the country, without fear.

2. Consideration must also be given to the size and location of the Italian land forces.

3. If the proposals for the maintenance of an interim Italian Army of 140,000 submitted in HQ AC memorandum 8251/180/PC of 7 June 1945 are approved, then the following distribution of the troops is recommended:

Combat Groups:	One each in TURIN, MILAN, BRESCIA, UDINE and BOLOGNA.
Internal Security Divisions (Strength 2500 each):	2 Divisions in SICILY. 1 Division in SARDINIA. 1 Division in each of the Military Regions; viz, PALERMO, BARI, NAPLES, ROME, FLORENCE, BOLOGNA, GENOA, TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, UDINE.

4. The primary functions of the Combat Groups are for frontier defence and control. The Group at BOLOGNA could be used as a reserve.

5. If the above distribution of the Italian Army is approved, then the maintenance of five Allied Divisions is recommended in addition to the administrative and service units employed in redeployment of personnel and material and exclusive of any Allied forces in

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Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

cc: U. S. Ambassador
British Ambassador
Exec Commissioner
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COL. FISKE (2)

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EWS/dfe

19 June 1945

CC 567

Subject: Promotions

To: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. In accordance with the provisions of War Department letter file AG 210.2 (8 May 45)OB-S-A-M, subject: Promotions, dated 10 May 1945 and MTOUSA 1st Ind. AG 210.2/730-P dated 19 May 1945 promotions of all officers and enlisted personnel not classified as Category I or II are temporarily suspended. It is understood that the 2675 Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd) has not been designated as Category I.

2. With the cessation of hostilities in Italy in contrast to other units the work of the Allied Commission has not been reduced. It has in fact been increased. The responsibility of maintaining efficiently the Supreme Allied Commander's Civil Affairs commitment in Italy during this most trying period of readjustment between war and peace is more difficult than ever.

3. It is essential that the morale of the officers and enlisted men of the Commission be maintained at the highest possible level. This is most difficult when American promotions are suspended and British advancement continues uninterrupted. For example, since 12th May British promotions in the Commission have been made as follows: two to Colonel and eight to Lieutenant Colonel, with 21 promotions to Major and five to Captain not yet effective.

4. Accordingly it is desired that the 2675 Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd) be placed in Category I.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Chief of Intelligence
Col. Packard

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LWS/hjp

CC 2602

13 June 1945

Dear Sig. Lucifero:

In reference to your letter No. 5760 of 3 June to the Chief Commissioner relative to the liberation of Cesare Spiszichino, who is confined in Florence on the verdict of an Allied Court, the Admiral's Chief Legal Adviser is having the entire record of this case investigated and as soon as the proper information is received, Admiral Stone will communicate with you directly.

Sincerely,

/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

His Excellency F. Lucifero
Minister of the Royal Household
Rome

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cc: Exec. Commr.

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LWS/hjp

CC 581

13 June 1945

Dear Signora Padoa:

This will acknowledge your letter of 11 May 1945 regarding the repatriation from Switzerland of your son and his family.

Admiral Stone is sincerely sympathetic with your case and has directed me to inform you that in order to get the most rapid action on this repatriation, you should write to either one of the following two Allied Force Personnel Officers: Mr. Purcell, British Vice Consul, Geneva; Capt. Kutzinos, U.S. Assistant Military Attache, Berne.

Sincerely,

/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

Sig.a Emma Padoa
Piazza Adriana, 12
Roma

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CC 225-8

12 June 1945.

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

cc: American Ambassador
British Ambassador
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PERSONAL

12 June 1945.

Dear Norman:

I was a little surprised to see Adj: 300.4, Travel Orders, of 7 June 1945, by which you detached Captain Montant from the Establishment Section without discussion with me. You will recall that you yourself pointed out that the work of the Establishment Section would be better handled when you returned him to Parkin from his previous duty with you when you were on the German POW assignment. I do not see why Montant is necessary to you in the North and he certainly is very necessary down here.

I should be grateful, therefore, if you would detach him and send him back.

In this connection, with Kirkwood shortly to be unassigned, what would you think of putting him in charge of the Establishment Section which does need and will continue to need good staff work? He is senior to Parkin, which might make for less difficulty than my original idea of putting Densmore in charge. I should be grateful for your unofficial comments.

I saw Ladeu last Wednesday, as you no doubt know, and made clear to him my keen desire to do nothing in connection with your appointment which might cause General Crittenberger to feel I had not carried out my promise. He assured me that the letter I had drafted would fully meet the situation, and from a signal and letter which I have since received from the General, this is apparently the case. I am sure that you have had a hand in "selling" this and I am grateful for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Colonel Norman E. Fiske, Cav., U.S. Army,
Deputy Executive Commissioner, A.C.,
c/o A.M.G., IV Corps.

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Italian Government,
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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

ENCLOSURE "A"

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

On behalf of the Royal Italian Government I accept all obligations towards the allies entered into by the former Italian Governments since the conclusion of the Armistice signed on the 3rd September, 1943. It is understood that the rights under the Armistice and surrender instrument with respect to control of the Italian Government will be held in reserve in the matter of day to day administration, subject to overriding military needs.

I declare that every member of the Government has acquainted himself personally with the terms of all such obligations including the terms of the Armistice signed on the 29th September 1943.

ROME, June 1945.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS.

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

ENCLOSURE "B"

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

Without the prior consent of the Allied Governments the Royal Italian Government undertakes not to re-open the institutional question until such time as Italy has been liberated and the Italian people have the opportunity of themselves determining the form of Government.

ROME, ____ June 1945.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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ENCLOSURE "C"

Minister of War

Minister of Marine

Minister of Air

Any other Minister of Armed Forces who may be created

Under Secretary for Telecommunications

Director of Railroads

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12 June 45

CC/2295

My dear Minister:

Thank you for your letter of June 8th enclosing particulars concerning the position of Czechoslovak citizens at present in Italy.

This matter is being taken up with higher headquarters and as soon as we receive the proper information you will be immediately informed.

Yours very truly,

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to Chief Commr.

His Excellency Vladimir Vanek
Czechoslovak Legation
Via Luisa di Savoia 18
Rome.

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cc: Exec. Commr.

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12 June 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR CC FILES:

At the request of the Consul General of San Marino, Signor Marescalchi, I received him and the Foreign Minister, Signor Gino Giacomini, at 1130 today. The purpose of the Foreign Minister's call was to discuss the question of claims against the Allied Governments for the bombing of San Marino in 1944 and separately for alleged damage due to Allied operations and occupation in the Republic.

I stated that as Chief Commissioner I was prepared to receive any claims which the Government of the Republic of San Marino desired to submit but that I was not authorized to take any action on such claims. Instead, I would forward them to SACMED, who in turn, I believe, would forward them to the British and U.S. Governments. I pointed out more than once that I was unable to judge whether or not favorable consideration would be given by the Allied Governments to such claims, either in their full or any partial amount and that the only role which the Commission would therefore play would be to receive their formal claim and to forward it to SACMED, who in turn would forward it to the Allied Governments concerned.

The Foreign Minister expressed himself as satisfied with this reply, stating that a commission had been appointed by the Government of the Republic of San Marino to assess the alleged damage and that it would be the findings of this commission which would constitute the basis for the Government's claim.

E.W.S.

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Copy to: Executive Commissioner
(ref file 6525/EC)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

12 June 45

SUBJECT: Record of Awards Recommended by AC

TO : HQ, 2675th Regt, Allied Commission, (Ovhd), US Army
(Attention: Mr. Nemmith)

1. Reference telephone conversation Stearns-Nemmith, this date, the Chief Commissioner desires to make a visual record (tabulation) for his personal use to show exactly what recognition AC is giving to its officers whose services justify such awards. Accordingly, a tabulation in the form as shown below should be made (separate tabulation for British officers recommended):

AWARDS RECOMMENDED BY ALLIED COMMISSION (2675th REGT)

Name (American)	Assignment	Award	Date Recommended*	Approved by WD
(British)				

2. The attached tabulation previously submitted is confusing in that it shows all awards now held by American personnel of this Headquarters.

(*) NOTE: Actually sent forward to higher hq; recommendations that have not received the CC's approval should only be shown as Recommendations Pending CC Approval.

/s/ L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to Chief Commissioner

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CONFIDENTIAL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

11 June 1945.

Dear Lyon:

It may interest you to know the impressions formed by Brigadier Lush, Executive Commissioner of the Allied Commission, from meeting the Regional Commissioners of Piemonte and Liguria and after attending a meeting of the Provincial Commissioners of the Cuneo, Turin and Aosta Provinces of Piemonte Region at Turin under the chairmanship of Colonel Marshall, the Regional Commissioner.

In Piemonte, A.M.G. is established right up to the border, with the exception of a very small area less than a Comune. The French make difficulties, but in spite of General Doyen's letter and subsequent telegram, the situation on the spot as reported by the Provincial Commissioners is one of the representatives of two nations obeying the orders of their military superiors and they get on with each other with courtesy and a certain amount of good humor. A.M.G. functions and courts are held, Italian lire is the only legal currency, Allied and Italian flags fly and French flags are limited as far as possible to military headquarters. Lush gained the impression that there was not the actual tension in the field which has been caused at higher levels by the intemperate tone of General Doyen's letter and telegram but there is a local fear that when the little St. Bernard Pass is opened, the French may push in more troops and take affirmative action to insist on the withdrawal of A.M.G. The present orders are that incidents of any kind are to be avoided, even to the extent of withdrawal.

In Liguria the position is quite different. Here the French have established French Military Government in 14 Communes. In each Commune there is a platoon of troops and a French administrative officer. French currency is used and the area is regarded as French territory. After the initial stages no attempt has been made by A.M.G. to establish itself or infiltrate into these 14 Communes. On the other hand, so far there has been no further infiltration into A.M.G. territory by the French. Courtesies are observed and relations between French and Allied officers are correct. This is not to say that the position of the provincial commissioners concerned and their C.A.C.'s is not extremely difficult, but Lush reports that their handling of the matter appears to be admirable and this is especially so in the case of Colonel Marshall, who works in the closest consultation with the U.S. and British (South African)

Major General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, G.S.C.,
Deputy Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512, U.S. Army.

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military commanders on the spot. Colonel Marshall has taken the very wise line of insisting that the French representatives do not interview him or the military commanders alone, having regard to their undoubted quality of playing one nation off against another.

I am reporting this to you under D/O letter because you obviously must receive the official reports through IV Corps and 5th Army. I realize, too, that discussions now under way at A.F.H.Q. may soon resolve this situation, but in any case feel you should have this information as it existed last week.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Ex. Comm R.

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Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

cc: Ex. Comm R.

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KENNETH N. STRONG
Major General, USA
Chief Commissioner

cc: EXEC, COMMR.

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11 June 1945.

Your Excellency:

I wish to express to you my sincere appreciation of the excellent work which Vinigi L. Grottanelli, Lieutenant, Artillery, has accomplished during his association with me as special Italian Liaison Officer from October 1943 to date.

The present volume of work does not justify retaining this fine officer. I accordingly make him available for reassignment as of 15 June.

It is suggested that a special commendation be awarded and an appropriate rest leave be granted to Lieutenant Grottanelli prior to his release from the Army.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Sen. Conte Alessandro Casati,
Minister for War,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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cc: Lt. Grottanelli
Commander Apostolo
Land Forces S/C
Stato Maggiore Generale

Chief Commissioner

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Ref: 537/76/E

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LWS/hjp

10 June 1945

Dear Dr. De Gasperi:

This will acknowledge receipt of your 1/1755 of 6 June 1945 bringing to the attention of the Chief Commissioner the case of Sig. Luigi Aloisi's arrest in Tirana by the Albanian Government.

Admiral Stone has taken a personal interest in this case and immediately communicated with AFHQ giving them all pertinent information and impressing upon them the extreme urgency of the present situation as it affected Sig. Aloisi's life.

As soon as a reply is received, the Chief Commissioner will communicate with your.

Sincerely,

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

H.E. Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

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cc: Exec. Commr.
CA Sec.
Pol. Advsr. (A)
Pol. Advsr. (B)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A P O 394

9 June 1945

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I attach hereto a copy of a communication I have received from the President of the Council of Ministers, and a copy of my reply thereto.

The Italian Government, through the Italian Embassy in Washington, is apparently making a formal request for a long-term of credit of 300 million dollars to be granted by the Government of the United States to Italy.

As you know Italy has already been granted a credit of 100 million dollars, representing net U.S. troop expenditures in Italy. The figure of 100 million dollars covers only the period through 31 December 1944. A further amount is therefore due to Italy for the period 1 January to 31 May, 1945, which will presumably be credited to the Italian account after the necessary calculations have been made in Washington. Bearing in mind that all liberated countries will make heavy demands upon the productive capacity of the U.S. for reconstruction supplies, and the fact that the place of Italy in the scale of priorities is not high, it is difficult to know whether the U.S. Government would be prepared to grant further dollar credits unless they were related to a programme of rehabilitation supplies approved and available during the next six months or a year.

Italy has been receiving, since July, 1943, what in effect has been a substantial continuing loan - the civilian supplies essential to prevent disease and unrest. These supplies, consisting of foodstuffs, medical supplies, coal, and petroleum products, represent a value for the U.S. share alone of over 200 million dollars to the present time. The "Category A" supplies, as they are generally known, have been purchased, for the most part, from War Department funds. Should the period of military responsibility end, and if no U.S. civilian agency were then to carry future "Category A" supplies in its budget, such supplies would thenceforth have to be paid for from existing Italian funds which would presumably have already been committed for reconstruction supplies. Such a development would raise, in a most immediate and serious form, the question of long-term finance for Italy. We have not yet had a decision from the Combined Chiefs of Staff on duration of the period of military responsibility.

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The requests in para 4 of the memorandum for lend-lease and a revision of the financial clauses of the Armistice are a repetition of former requests made some time ago to the U.S. Government.

I should be most interested to learn whether the formal request for the long-term credit has in fact yet been made, and, if so, the preliminary views of the U.S. Government thereon.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk,
U.S. Ambassador,
U.S. Embassy,
R o m e.

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9 June 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Civil Affairs Section for Patriots Branch

1. The Chief Commissioner directs that the attached cable be delivered without delay to General Roberto Benoivenga.

2. Will you kindly notify this office when delivery has been made?

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Signal SGS 523, 8 June 45,
fr 15 Army Gp

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JL/hjp

9 June 1945

Dear Dr. Montanari:

With reference to the Prime Minister's letter of 8 June 1945, No. 474, and our conversations on this subject, we are informed on authority that there are 500 refugees in Naples and that they are well situated in a camp adequately suited to take care of them. The cruiser "Garibaldi" has been placed on a priority run up to the North and since our commitments for transport of refugees are about twice our allocation of shipping, this delay is understandable. However they assume that every effort will be made to move them as soon as practicable.

Sincerely,

J. LANWIN
Lieut, USNR
Flag Lieut

Dr. Franco Montaneri
Private Secretary to the
President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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per distribution - per JL

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Ref: 589/7/EC.

3 June 1945.

My dear Mr. Kirk:

You may be interested to know that I have received a memorandum from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the "Status of the Juridical Relations between France and Italy" and I am attaching a copy of this memorandum for your information.

Yours very truly,

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
U.S. Ambassador,
American Embassy,
Rome.

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Incl:
memo fr Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, 6/1495/685 dtd 30 May 45

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8 June 1945

Ref 9/6 B/CA

SUBJECT : Handover of Territory to the Italian Government

TO : The Secretary,
Advisory Council for Italy

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LIVORNO

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3 Will you bring this decision on the part of the Supreme Allied Commander to the notice of the members of the Council before the next meeting on 15 June 1945.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner.

Ref: 8251/180/EC. 7. June 1945

SUBJECT: Use of Italian Army.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attention: Chief of Staff.

1. With reference to my letter of 24 May 1945, 8251/170/EC, I have now received a memorandum on this subject from CCS, Land Forces Sub-Commission (M&IA), a copy of which I enclose.

2. I am in general agreement with this memorandum and make the following recommendations:

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(iii) receiving full and advance information of consultations on Italian Army projects and plans.

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Your early consideration of the above recommendations is requested.

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Land Forces Sub-Com (MMLA)
CA Sec
Econ Sec -do- (For action in accordance with para 3 above).
WMD & IPW Sub-Com
File
Float
Spare (3)

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TOP SECRET

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Relaxation of Control of the Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
G/3
30 May 45

PREAMBLE

1. Chief Commissioner, A.C. envisages the handing over of all ITALY to the Italian Government in due course, tentative date being 1 Sep 45. In order that the Italian Government may then be able to fulfil its functions, it is to be assumed that it must control its own Army.

OBJECT

2. The object of this Memorandum is to examine to what extent and how the control of the Italian Army maybe handed over, subject to the Allied interests involved.

FACTORS

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4. Peace Treaty. The Peace Treaty will define the size, composition, armament and conditions of service of the Italian Army. But the Peace Treaty may not be worked out and signed for many months. We therefore have to consider the organization and distribution of an "interim force" which the Italian Government may control and which would be adjusted and merged in due course into the Army authorized by the Peace Treaty.

5. Interim Force. This falls into two broad subdivisions:-

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(b) There are, therefore, two aspects of this:-

(i) what steps can the Italians take by 1 Sep (and there after to make their Army self-supporting ?

(ii) what will or can the Allies provide or leave with the Italians to make up the deficiency ?

On this will depend the size and composition of the Interim Force. It is also bound up with the Peace Treaty matter as to whether the Italians shall maintain any armament industry or whether they shall be dependent on the Allies for such armaments as are necessary.

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7. Type of Control.

(a) The administration of the Italian army is carried out by the control plan and procedure produced by the Ministry of War, under Allied direction (through M.M.I.A.) and depending (see para 6) on the supplies made available by the Allies. Administratively therefore it would be impracticable to hand over to the Italians complete Administrative Control or responsibility for their own supply or part of their Army, while the Allies retained such functions for the remainder. This would result in complications such as separate supply depots, a different ration scale for the two parts and difficulties in allotment of personnel; officers removed for delinquency or inefficiency from the Allied part could be transferred to the Italian part, comparison would be drawn by the troops between the two parts etc. etc. In fact the actual working of two parallel yet different systems within the same army is a possibility and a complication in an already difficult situation that we can NOT contemplate. Any relaxation of control therefore must be applied in respect of the Army as a whole and NOT of parts of that Army.

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secondly, as to what rights of information and advice or powers of veto the Allies will retain, if such Operational Control is handed over.

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thirdly, as to what rights of information and advice or powers of veto the Allies will retain if such Administrative Control is handed over.

7. (c) In any event, it seems clear that no matter what degree of relaxation of control is granted, the Allies must retain the power to ensure that ITALY carries out the terms of the Peace Treaty without evasion.

8. Phasing.

(a) If the reasoning outlined in para 7 is accepted and decisions are in the affirmative, it follows that either operational control or administrative control or both must be handed over complete on a given date. That is the only phasing possible.

(b).....

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(b) The date or dates depend on:

(i) the speed with which the Peace Treaty is signed. If this is before 1 Sep., presumably the hand over takes place then, subject to safeguards such as continuing the existence of Italian service units so long as the Allies require the assistance of these.

(ii) the speed with which the necessary decisions can be given and the plan thus worked out, particularly as regards the supply aspect.

(iii) the internal conditions in ITALY and the general international situation on her frontiers, e.g., TRIESTE, BOLZANO and AOSTA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner.

Ref: 8251/180/EC. 7. June 1945

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TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
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MEMORANDUM

Subject: Relaxation of Control of the Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
G/3
30 May 45

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(ii) what will or can the Allies provide or leave with the Italians to make up the deficiency ?

On this will depend the size and composition of the Interim Force. It is also bound up with the Peace Treaty matter as to whether the Italians shall maintain any armament industry or whether they shall be dependent on the Allies for such armaments as are necessary.

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(a) The administration of the Italian army is carried out by the central plan and procedure produced by the Ministry of War, under Allied direction (through M.M.I.A.) and depending (see para 6) on the supplies made available by the Allies. Administratively therefore it would be impracticable to hand over to the Italians complete Administrative Control or responsibility for their own supply or part of their Army, while the Allies retained such functions for the remainder. This would result in complications such as separate supply depots, a different ration scale for the two parts and difficulties in allotment of personnel; officers removed for delinquency or inefficiency from the Allied part could be transferred to the Italian part, comparison would be drawn by the troops between the two parts etc. etc. In fact the actual working of two parallel yet different systems within the same army is a possibility and a complication in an already difficult situation that we can NOT contemplate. Any relaxation of control therefore must be applied in respect of the Army as a whole and NOT of parts of that Army.

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8. Phasing.

(a) If the reasoning outlined in para 7 is accepted and decisions are in the affirmative, it follows that either operational control or administrative control or both must be handed over complete on a given date. That is the only phasing possible.

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EWS/hjp

6 June 1945

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Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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PERSONAL

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

28 May 1945

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In our weekly press summary from CAD appeared a photostat of the attached article in the Baltimore Sun. Obviously, it is the sort of thing that does the cause no good as I am sure you will be the first to agree.

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Sincerely,

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
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Incl:
Article from
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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
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Headquarters, Allied Commission
A.P.O. 394

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Ref: 37002/15.5

Very truly yours,

[illegible]
Major General, USA
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
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119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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cc: EX. C.
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PERSONAL

6 June 1945

SUBJECT: Procurement of Tires

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region, AC

1. The Chief Commissioner directs that necessary steps be taken to secure the tires requested in the attached communication from the Prime Minister.

2. It is understood that Dr. Montanari, Secretary to the Prime Minister, discussed this problem with you during his recent trip to Milan.

3. Please make every effort to fulfill this commitment as soon as possible and notify this office directly of the action taken. The tires should be consigned directly to the Chief Commissioner for the Prime Minister.

L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to Chief Commissioner

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1 Incl:
Translation of ltr 469/I/17,
4 June 45, fr the PM, and 1 incl
thereto (list of tires)

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SECRET 6 June 1943

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/s/ L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to Chief Commissioner

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1 Incl:
Translation of ltr 460/1/17, 4 June 43, fr the PM, and 1 incl thereto (list of tires)

(Translation-Copy)

List of tires and inner tubes) needed for the Automobiles in service for the Presidency of the Council.

Number of tires and inner tubes		measure (in order of preference)
5 each	Bianchi S.9	" 6.00 X 16
"	Lancia Aprilia	" 140 X 40 or 14 X 40 or 165 X 400 or 6.00 X 16
"	Lancia Aprilia	" 165 X 400 or 140 X 40
"	Lancia Augusta	" 140 X 40 or 14 X 40 or 165 X 40 or 6.00 X 16
"	Lancia Augusta	" 140 X 40 or 165 X 400
"	Fiat 1100	" 5.00 X 15 or 5.50 X 15
"	Fiat 1100	" 5.00 X 15 or 5.50 X 15
"	Fiat 1500	" 6.00 X 15
"	Alfa Romeo 2500	" 600 X 16
"	Lancia Astura	" 16 X 45
"	Fiat 1100 (~~con cerchio pilota~~ "PILOTA" RIM)	" 140 X 40 or 165 X 400
"	Fiat 1100 (~~con cerchio normale~~ NORMAL RIM)	" 5.00 X 15 or 5.50 X 15
"	Lancia Aprilia	" 165 X 400
"	LANCIA AUGUSTA	" 140 X 40 or 165 X 400
"	LANCIA ARDEA	" 145 X 40

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

CC 9254

5 June 1945

SUBJECT: Entry of Foreign Film Representatives into Italy.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, U.S. Army.
Attention: Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat.

1. In reference to the minutes of SAC Political Conference, 8th Meeting, file SAC(P)(45) 26th April, minute 4(b) thereof directed that I raise the question of entry of film representatives in a month's time.

2. The entire matter has been carefully reviewed and in this respect I invite your attention to the enclosed copy of a report from my Public Relations Branch on the situation. I am in agreement with the recommendations contained therein.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Encl.

Copy(with enclosure) to: U.S. Ambassador
British Ambassador
Ltr to
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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3 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Entry of Foreign Film Representatives into Italy.

TO : Chief Commissioner, A.C.

1. With reference to the request of foreign film companies to send representatives to Italy, I would like to report to you that the Temporary Film Board is making satisfactory progress on the revision of the Fascist film legislation.

2. A draft of the new legislation has been submitted to the Temporary Film Board and recommended by it to the Italian Government for adoption. The draft laws are now in the hands of the various interested ministries for review and comment. This review may take several weeks and if important revisions are proposed then the whole matter will have to be referred back to the Temporary Film Board. The current Government crisis is also retarding the work of getting the legislation through.

3. The representatives of the Italian Government and the Italian film industry on the Film Board seem anxious to get the legislation through as early as possible and we are hopeful that there will not be too much delay.

4. A meeting was held June 1 between representatives of the British and American Embassies, P.W.B. and PRB. It was the recommendation of the group that foreign film representatives be permitted to come to Italy immediately on the signing of the new legislation or at the latest by August 1 even if the legislation has not been signed by that date.

5. In this connection PRB would like to turn over the distribution of films in Italy 90 days after the arrival of foreign representatives. It will take that long for the foreign representatives to make the necessary private arrangements.

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/S/ G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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5 June 1945.

My dear General:

I attach a draft letter which I am proposing to send to Regional Commissioners regarding the appointment of Colonel Fiske as my representative in Northern Italy. I believe your desire was that I should establish an Advance Head Quarters of the Allied Commission in the North. Although Colonel Fiske will be my representative in the North, I think it may be impolitic to give too much official standing to an advance H.Q. because, in the interest of political unity, I am most anxious that the North should look towards Rome; therefore, administratively, and, through the Regional Commissioners, should coordinate directly with Rome. Otherwise there is the danger that the establishment of an official Advance H.Q. might be used abroad as a lever by the political parties as an example of separatism in some form or other from the Allied Commission in Rome--a separatism which might be developed by the tendencies of National Liberation and other extremists themselves.

I therefore seek to avoid the official establishment of an Advance H.Q. and would prefer, if you agree, to follow the line, which has so often to be followed in these difficult political and administrative situations, of giving a very broad and unofficial directive to the officer filling an important appointment and leaving it to him and to those with whom he works, and to the circumstances of the case, to evolve the actual functions which he will perform. In addition to Colonel Fiske, various members of my Headquarters staff will of course be in the Northern sections almost constantly, but not with permanent assignments except to meet specific needs, such as, for example, the handling of displaced persons and transportation.

Because of his experience and complete knowledge of my views, I am sure that with the cooperation and help you have always given him and me, Colonel Fiske will evolve his position vis-a-vis yourself and the Regional Commissioners and the Italians in the best possible manner. I trust, therefore, that you will allow me to leave, at any rate for the present, my directive to him as open as possible.

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If the foregoing proposal, however, is not satisfactory to you, I hope you will write me fully and frankly.

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Major General Willis D. Crittenberger, U.S. Army,
Commanding General,
IV Corps.

Copy to: Lieutenant General Lucian K. Truscott, U.S. Army,
Commanding General, FIFTH Army.
Exec. Comm., AC

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DRAFT

___ June 1945.

TO : Regional Commissioners,
LOMBARDIA Region,
PIEMONTE Region,
LIGURIA Region.

In the interim period before Phase II comes into operation, I am sending Colonel FISKE, Deputy Executive Commissioner, as my representative to interpret the policy of the Allied Commission to the Commanding Generals of 5th Army and IV Corps, and to assist them in every way possible in connection with the coordination of civil affairs in the Army area.

He will work in close contact with the Regional Commissioners but the channels of communication will be from the Allied Commission direct to Regional Commissioners and vice versa, with copies to 5th Army and IV Corps.

Until Phase II is established, AFHQ in North Italy will be in the same position as AMG 5th and 8th Armies; that is to say, they will be under the military command of the Commanding Generals, 5th and 8th Armies and will receive their functional directions from the Allied Commission through the channels of communication set forth in the preceding paragraph.

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ELLIOT W. STORMS
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: SCAO, AMG 5th Army
SCAO, AMG IV Corps

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Yours

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Commanding General,
FIFTH Army.

Copy to: Major General Willis D. Crittenberger, U.S. Army,
Commanding General,
IV Corps.
Exec. Comm'n., AC

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June 1945.

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PIEDMONT Region
LIGURIA Region

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: SCAO, AMG 5th Army
SCAO, AMG IV Corps

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Gl Eggstaff - 8th Floor Rm 15'
Fwd to CC

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/s/ Harry W. Hilone

HARRY W. HILL
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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Commanding General,
IV Corps.

Copy to: Lieutenant General Lucian K. Truscott, U.S. Army,
Commanding General, FIFTH Army.
Exec. Comm., AC

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This was offered as Acct outline final for [illegible]

DRAFT

11 June 1945.

TO : Regional Commissioners,
LAZIO Region,
TUSCANY Region,
LIGURIA Region.

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Chief Commissioner

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SCAO, AMG IV Corps

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

CC 9254

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Encl.

Copy(with enclosure) to: U.S. Ambassador
British Ambassador
Chief Commissioner
EXEC. COMMR.
PRB

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APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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/S/ C. STUART HUNT,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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LWS/hjp

CC 9254

5 June 1945

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Work of Temporary Film Board

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, U. S. Army
(Attn: Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat)

1. Reference is made to letter, this HQ CC 9254, 5 June 1945, subject: "Entry of Foreign Film Representatives into Italy," and also to the minutes of SAC Political Conference, 8th Meeting, file SAC (P) (45) 26th April, minute 4(b).

2. Enclosed for your information is a copy of a progress report on the work of the Temporary Film Board.

L/L W Stevens

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

1 Incl.

cc: U.S. Ambassador
British Ambassador
Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Public Relations Branch - w/o incl

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CC 5806

5 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Automobile Release.

TO : Regional Commissioner, LUNEBURG Region.

1. The Chief Commissioner directs that you take immediate steps to release one new Alfa Romeo car recently purchased by Dr. Mario Fano of the Ministry of Communications and now being blocked at the Alfa Romeo plant in Milan by Colonel Fitzgerald of your headquarters.

2. Please notify this office as soon as action has been taken.

/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

cc: Exec. Commit.
Lieut. Grotfanelli

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GC 571

4 June 1945.

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

TO : H.Q. 47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV), APO 520, U.S. Army.

1. Your AG (Mail Letter, AAF/47) above subject, was forwarded to the commanding officer of Commodore Hirsh through official channels. It would, the original page 1, bearing the signatures of Brigadier General Hunt on the basic letter and Major General Ewing on the first endorsement, becomes detached and has been lost. A copy of page 1 is forwarded herewith for your ready reference.

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

3. In the event that the action requested in para 2 cannot be taken, will you please notify this office by telephone (Ross 278736).

By direction of Rear Admiral Harry W. Stone, USN, Chief Commissioner

JOHN LAWTON
Lieutenant, USNR
Aide

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EWS/dfe

4 June 1945

Dear Chuck:

I agreed to provide the Kilgore Committee with the attached copy of our Executive Memorandum No. 67 of 5 July 1944 concerning the treatment of Italian officials encountered in the advance northwards. Would you kindly see that this is turned over to them.

Thank you for this favor with which I am troubling you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl.

Brigadier General Charles M. Spofford, U.S.A.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5
Allied Force Headquarters
APO 512

Note: A copy of revised Civil Affairs Agreement dated 7 April 1945 was also enclosed.

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2 June 1945.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 30 May in connection with the proposed decree of forfeiture of fascist profits.

I have just received from my Civil Affairs Section a letter, a copy of which is enclosed, calling attention to certain passages in the proposed decree which possibly would affect Allied commercial interests. You may, therefore, wish to give the matter further consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

Ellery W. Stone
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Encl.

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : DF/5.17/CA. 1 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Decree on Forfeiture of Fascist Profits.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

Reference my DF/5.17/CA dated 25 May 45.

1 I feel that your attention should be drawn specifically to Article 6 of the above mentioned Decree. You will observe that by sub-para (b) of that Article, companies who have common interests with the persons on the proscribed lists set out in Articles 1, 3 and 4, will suffer confiscation to the degree that their increase in wealth has been the result of such association or co-interest.

It seems to me that this might hit Allied companies, e.g. oil or silk companies who have been associated with prominent fascists in the course of their business dealings and that they are, therefore, laid open to attack under Article 6.

This is not a matter which affects Allied Commission as such, but is one upon which I feel the Chief Commissioner would desire to consult the Embassies before giving his permission to the publication of the decree.

2 I should also draw your attention to sub-para (c) of Article 6, which lays open to attack a company wherein nine-tenths of the investments or interests belonged to fascists on the proscribed lists. It follows that an Allied holding of the remaining 10% would be open to serious harm and this also is a matter which the Embassies may care to consider although it is not so important from an Allied point of view as the provision of Article 6 (b) which I have discussed above.

/s/ C.H. BROOKE, Brig.,
AF CA Section

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Copy to: Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
Legal Sub-Commission.
Finance Sub-Commission.
Chief Commissioner

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

Robert N. Gross
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Encl.

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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CC 502

2 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Visits of Italian Radio Officials to North Italy - Mr. Rossini, Managing Director of the R.A.I.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region. (Attn: G-5 IV Corps)

1. The Prime Minister has just informed me that Mr. Rossini, Managing Director of the R.A.I. (Italian Radio Broadcasting Company), is going to Milan to hel, straighten out the commercial affairs between the radio companies of Northern Italy and those of Central and Southern Italy.

2. It would be appreciated if the usual courtesies were extended to Mr. Rossini.

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Ellery W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

cc: EX. C.
COMMUNICATIONS S/C
C[illegible] Commissioner

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1 June 1945

Executive Commissioner:

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

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

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

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R.C. VENEZIE REGION RPTD 210 SUB AREA

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A.L. BONHAM CARTER LT Col

NICHOLAS PIGGOTT
CPO. USA
Asst Adjutant

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GG 2602

30 May 1945

Subject: Commutation of Death Sentences

To: Deputy Chief Legal Advisor, Legal Sub-Commission.

MEI Ugo Ezio
BENDANDI Leopoldo
VASUONI Giorgio
FALCONI Mario
LO VASTO Vincenzo

1. The above named persons have been convicted by Allied Military Courts and sentenced to death for espionage committed before the conclusion of hostilities in Italy.

2. I have decided that in all such cases the death sentences should be commuted and I accordingly authorise you to review these cases, commute the death sentence and, if you affirm the conviction, impose an appropriate term of imprisonment.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Ex. C.

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100/PRB

30 May 1945

Dear Col. Nappi:

Admiral Stone, Chief Commissioner, has asked me to inform you that he would be happy to see you if his time were not so taken up with other engagements.

If your interest is in some materiel about the Allied Commission and its work I am sure the Public Relations Branch would be glad to assist you. In the event you are interested please see Mrs. Oxilia in room 26 on the 3rd floor of the Headquarters, Allied Commission building.

Yours very truly,

L. W. STEARNS
Maj. AGD
Staff Officer to Chief Commissioner

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Col. S. A. Nappi
Via Carissimi 37
Roma

Copy to: CC Files (2)
Mrs. Oxilia (1)
PRB Files (1)

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LWS/hjp

CC 1020

28 May 1945

TO: Lt. Col. Fothergill, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

Reference attached correspondence the Chief Commissioner directs that you give this matter your most immediate attention. The extract received by Mr. Macmillan from General Airey, G-2 AFHQ, together with Mr. Halford's (British Political Adviser) comments, explains the situation briefly. It is understood that you have at hand personnel list of all Yugoslavs that should be given priority attention should the emergency arise.

Would you please return the attached together with your answer not later than 1430 hours today.

/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

Incls.

Delivered by hand of Shenfield at 1110 hours, 28 May.

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CC 1007

28 May 1945

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I have had this entire matter thoroughly investigated and am advised that there is no basis for such a report to have been published. I am advised also that while the Val d'Aosta delegation made representations for autonomy to CLN Turin, the CLNAI received these and tabled them in each case, and that no declaration, proclamation, or other effort has been made in Val d'Aosta to assert autonomy or separation.

You will appreciate, of course, that the territory in question is under Allied Military Government and will therefore be administered as such.

Yours very truly,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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Rear Admiral, USNR
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Italian Government,
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CC 1112

28 May 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your letter, file 407, of 15 May 1945 concerning the employment of German prisoners of war on reconstruction work in Italy, I should like to have at your earliest opportunity the estimated number of units which you feel that you might usefully employ and the localities in which they should be concentrated.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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cc: Ex. C.

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CC 1112

28 May 1945.

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Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Major General, USA
Chief Commissioner

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

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LWS/hjp

28 May 1945

SUBJECT: Decorations and Awards Board

TO : Colonel Parkin, Executive Officer (US), Hq A.C.

Reference your memorandum 157/EST of 26 May, the last paragraph of this memorandum mentions that a number of other recommendations have been received and acted on by the Board. The Chief Commissioner directs that all recommendations received and acted on by the Board be submitted to him for review and information.

/s/ L. W. Stearns

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

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28 May 1945.

Dear Duke d'Acquarone:

In reply to your letter of 20 May, you probably have read that it is not possible to travel to areas south and west of the Piave without special permission.

The only special arrangements that can be made for the return of civilians from Switzerland to Italy are made at the request of the Office of the Presidency of the Council.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Duke Piero d'Acquarone,
Palazzo Massimo-Colonna,
Piazza Aracoeli I,
Rome.

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26 May 1945.

Dear Duke d'Acquarone:

In reply to your letter of 20 May, you probably have read that it is now possible to travel to areas south and west of the Piave without special permission.

The only special arrangements that can be made for the return of civilians from Switzerland to Italy are made at the request of the Office of the Presidency of the Council.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Duke Piero d'Acquarone,
Palazzo Rospigliosi-Colonna,
Piazza Arcoeli 1,
Rome.

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Aide Memoire

1. The Allied Commission much appreciates the co-operation and assistance of the Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, in keeping the requisition of schools in the City to a minimum.

The present position is that no new schools have been taken over by the Allies since 25 November 1944, and a Summary indicates that the greater part of occupied schools are in the hands of various Italian bodies (see Para 6). This is a matter on which the Italian Government is constantly being urged to take action.

2. The present school year ends in June and the autumn session will not open until the beginning of October. It is therefore pointless to press for the release of schools at this stage as they would, at best, only be used for a few weeks and then remain empty for three months.

3. It is, however, much to be desired that all schools can be made available for use in the autumn. This would mean vacating them early in September. Strong representations will be made to the Italian Government to see that all school buildings occupied by Italians are vacated by then and the continued co-operation of the Commanding General with this end in view would not only be a direct contribution but also enable stronger pressure to be placed on the Government.

4. It is believed that, on the cessation of hostilities, schools for Allied personnel will be opened in Italy. It is to be hoped that, if it is found impossible to use other than school buildings, the number requisitioned in any area will be kept to a minimum.

5. It is considered that this request is in line with the most recent directives to this Commission from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

6. The position in Rome today is :

Allies :	Schools wholly occupied	9	Partly occupied	5	
Italian:	" "	41	"	23	1786

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26 May Original sent with personal note to Gen Brown.

/s/ E.W.S.

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26 May 1945.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

On Friday, 25 May 1945, a copy of the decree on the forfeiture of Fascist Profits was sent over to your Embassy.

I would very much appreciate your comments on this document and recommendations as to whether or not any representations should be made by this Commission.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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26 May 1945.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of 23 May forwarding enclosures on the revitalizing of the Italian Red Cross. The enclosures were particularly interesting and I have turned them over to my Public Health Sub-Commission, who will follow this entire problem very closely.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Honorable Myron C. Taylor,
The Personal Representative of the President
of the United States to His Holiness the Pope,
2 Via Boncompagni,
Rome.

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Copy to: CA Section for Public Health Sub-Com.

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26 May 1945.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your note of 25 May concerning the meeting of the advisory group of American Relief for Italy and EUSAI on Monday, 28 May, at 10 a.m. I shall make every effort to attend.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

LWS/hjp

25 May 1945

TO: Colonel Parkin, Executive Officer (US), Hq A.C.

1. The Chief Commissioner desires to know exactly what steps you are taking to inform all Regions, Sections and Sub-Commissions that such a Board has been constituted and that recommendations for these awards should be forwarded to the Board for appropriate action. Your announcement should list and detail requirements for the awards and decorations being considered.

2. What recommendations are now being held in suspense?

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

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25 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Promotion of Major Thomas E. Bergin.

TO : Acting Vice President, Establishments Section.

1. Will you please take up at your first opportunity the question of promoting Major Bergin to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel. This officer has been in grade twenty-two months, of which eighteen have been served overseas.

2. It is understood that at the present time there is a so-called "freeze" on in this theater. However, I would appreciate it if you would send forward his papers as soon as this situation is clarified.

KELLEY M. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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25 May 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

I should be glad to have you investigate and report on the possibility and desirability of having the American Red Cross go into the North on a larger scale than they are now engaged. Actually, I am not certain whether they have any teams working in the North now or not. Would you be good enough to investigate this?

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

23 May 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Vice President, Establishments Section.

Will you please advise me of the composition of the Decorations and Awards Board which you have established in accordance with MTOUSA ltr. AG 200.6/028 A-O dated 12 May, subject - Awards and Decorations.

It appears from para 5 of referenced letter that those recommendations for the L of M that are now held in suspense should be resubmitted.

I am attaching a copy of the MTOUSA letter for your ready reference and request that you return it with your reply.

ELLIOTT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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23 May 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Adjutant, A.C.

It is requested that an R.A.A.C. permanent pass authorizing the bearer to be out after the hours of curfew and to transport civilians in government vehicles in pursuance of official business be issued for the below named person:

JOSEPH B. DORAN, CY, USNR.

J. LANNIN,
Lt., USNR.

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23 May 1945.

My dear General:

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to attend the Memorial Service to be held at the Anzio Cemetery on 30 May 1945. I am very sorry that I will not be able to attend as I have a previous engagement with the Wheeler Committee.

Commodore Zirolli and Brigadier General McKinley will represent the Allied Commission at the Service.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Brigadier General Theburn K. Brown, U.S. Army,
Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command,
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23 May 1945.

Thank you for your letter of 16 May. Count Tibaldi was in the office today relative to his trip North. Arrangements have been made for him to proceed at once to Florence.

I am glad to have been able to help you in this matter and hope to see you on your next trip to Rome.

EARLY W. STONE.
Rear Admiral, USCG
Chief Commissioner

Colonel R. Mould Graham,
Hq. 14 Sub Area,
C.F.

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/s/ Emory W. Stone

EMORY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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22 May 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

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

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

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

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

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HILARY W. HOWES
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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22 May 1945.

TO : Army Commanders and All AC/AMG Officers.

This will introduce to you Dr. Umberto Zanotti-Bianco, officially recognized as President of the Italian Red Cross, who is accompanied by Dr. Francis Schlinzaghi, Delegate of the President to northern Italy. These gentlemen are traveling throughout northern Italy to effect the consolidation of the Italian Red Cross, and I shall be grateful if you will extend them every possible assistance.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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cc: Ex.C.

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21st May 1945.

AIDE MEMOIR FOR THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

The Economic group, headed by the Acting Vice President, has just returned from an initial survey of conditions in Northern Italy and have brought the following urgent points to my notice:

(1) Food Supplies. The implementation of that part of Log Plan 177 regarding the lifting of 500 tons per day of civilian food supplies to PARMA has not taken place. There is a shortage of food in some of the large towns as a result of this. It is essential that food should be lifted to PARMA and the other centres defined in Log Plan 177 on the demand of the Food Supply Officer, AMG Fifth Army (see note from Director, Food Sub-Commission attached).

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(4) Railway Rolling Stock. It is recommended that close scrutiny be made by AFHQ railway and movements services to ensure that railway trucks, wagons and locomotives are not retained outside Italy if they have to cross the frontier for haulage purposes.

(5) Employment of Italian industry for War Production. It is considered that certain Italian industries (e.g., rubber, silk, etc), could be employed for the furtherance of the Allied war effort but it is emphasised that coal and raw materials for such employment must be supplementary to the needs of Italian industry for rehabilitation and reconstruction of Italy. In the Italian economy, rehabilitation must come first and Allied war production second.

(6) Programme "B". The situation in the North will necessitate a modification of requisitions under Programme "B". This has already been started.

(7) Factories. The satisfactory state of industry in the North applies only to the physical state of the factories. The operation of these factories depends entirely on coal and raw materials and unless sufficient quantities of these are introduced immediately, we shall be faced with a vast unemployment problem running probably into 6 million people.

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JAQ/hjp

13 May 1945

Dear Frank:

The other day you asked me to transmit a message from the President to the Patriot Brigade which bore his name. Attached is the reply which we have just received from the Brigade.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. A. Quayle

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

Encl.

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

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17 May 1945

Office of the Executive Commissioner
Attention: Major Stearns

Subject: Night Club

For some time past a night club has been operating next door to the Barberini Place, residence of the American Ambassador. This place has already been raided several times by the police. The American Ambassador now informs Admiral Stone that in order to give the place a cloak of respectability the proprietors have announced that it is being offered to the Allied Commission as a night club.

Will you please investigate the truth of this allegation and note the Chief Commissioner's direction that no further night clubs are to be taken on by, or in the name of, this Commission, and especially these premises next to the Barberini Palace.

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

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EHS/hjp

17 May 1945

Your Excellency:

I am very sorry that the only reply that I can make to your letter of 14 May is to refuse permission for you to go north. I attach a copy of a letter which I have sent to H.E. Bonomi and I am sure that after you have read this, you can understand the reasons which prompt me to refuse the request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Encl.

H.E. Antonio Pesenti
The Minister of Finance
Italian Government
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

41a/PRB

17 May 1945

SUBJECT: P.W.B. Functions in North Italy

TO : Chief of Staff
AFHQ

1. Reference is to the paper of May 10 on the above subject submitted to the Chief of Staff by P.W.B.

2. In the opinion of the Allied Commission and its political advisers the proposed cessation of P.W.B. control of news and radio in north Italy should not take effect unless and until P.W.B. has set up a system to exercise some control on what the newspapers may publish and the radio may broadcast. The reasons are:

a) The Allied Commission and AMG are responsible for the administration of north Italy until it is turned over to the Italian Government. Administration and control of this territory will be made more difficult if private agencies, both Allied and Italian, are permitted completely uncontrolled distribution of news and information in this territory;

b) AMG is not organized to exercise this control of news and information which is a responsibility of P.W.B. operating under directives from AFHQ.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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CC 9251

16 May 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from the Allied Publications Board regarding the Italian Press Decree of 5 January. With reference to paragraph 5 of the letter, may this Commission be advised what remedial action is proposed by the Italian Government in implementation of Your Excellency's statement to the National Press Federation.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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Office of the

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

62 Via Veneto, Rome

Telephone 489171 Extension No. 178

CONFIDENTIAL

7 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Press Decree

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

FROM: A.P.B.

1. The Allied Publications Board at its meetings on 3rd April and 7th May considered the resolution passed by the Italian National Press Federation on March 13 protesting against the Decree of 5th January (Gazzetta Ufficiale No 15) which accorded to the Italian Press Commission a consultative capacity.

2. The A.P.B. further took notice of Premier Bonomi's statement to the National Press Federation to the effect that he proposed to take remedial action.

3. The A.P.B. was of the opinion that the decree in question, though consonant with the Italian Press licencing law enacted on January 14, 1944 was contrary to the spirit of that law, to the informal instructions then issued to Prefects, to grant licenses in accordance with the decisions of the A.P.B. and to the previous practice both of A.P.B. and of the Italian Press Commission.

4. The A.P.B. was further of the opinion that the decree in question if not modified by subsequent legislation might constitute a threat to the democratic freedom of the Press.

5. The A.P.B., to which, as constituted by AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No 50, is reserved the right of intervention in cases involving undemocratic practices, feels it necessary to report this matter to the A.C. with the request that these views be forwarded to the Italian Government and that the Board be informed of the remedial action taken by the Italian Government in accordance with the promise made by Premier Bonomi.

/s/ C.A. Raleigh Redford
CHAIRMAN

/s/ J. Barnes
For: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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THE ITALIAN NATIONAL PRESS FEDERATION

Rome

The Directive Council of the Italian National Press Federation, in its meeting of 13th March 1945 examined the problems of greatest interest to the Press and to journalists at this time, and reached the following conclusions:

1. The Federal Directive Council had already passed a motion in its sitting of 24 Nov. 1944 that the Undersecretariat for Press and Information should be gradually suppressed.

During the subsequent ministerial crisis which led to the formation of the second Bonomi Ministry, the Government accepted this motion and the Undersecretariat for Press and Information was transformed into the Undersecretariat for Press, Theatre, and Tourism, with the explicit declaration that the "General Directorate of the Press" would be speedily liquidated.

Later, on 18 December 1944, the Federal Directive Council was received by the Prime Minister, who confirmed the assurances recorded above.

However, it being ascertained that up to this moment the Government has not put into execution their proposals and promises, the Federal Directive Council renews the motion expressed by it and, in particular, that for the suppression of the General Directorate of the Press, an organ which, in the ambiguity of its character and the uncertainty of its functioning, has revealed itself as not being helpful to a free and democratic Press regime.

2. The Federal Directive Council refers to the motion passed on 24 November 1944, in which was demanded the reconstruction of the National Press Commission. This was presented, together with a memorandum, on 18 December 1944, to the Prime Minister, who declared his agreement with the ideas therein expressed.

The Federal Directive Council records:

that the said memorandum, presented and explained in the presence of the National Press Commission on 20 December 1944 by colleagues Azzarita and Vernocchi, chosen for that duty by the Federal Council, was accepted by the Commission;

that on 7 July 1944, the Undersecretariat for Press and Information, in its request to the Press Federation for the appointment

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that, in contrast to the resolutions of the Allies and to the constant practise referred to above, on 5 January 1944 a decree was issued by the Prime Minister, published in the Official Gazzette of 3 February 1945 No 15, which suddenly, and for the first time, attributes to the National Press Commission a <u>consultative</u> function;

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that the National Press Commission, in agreement with the Undersecretariat, after having opposed and refused the said peremptory request for the revoking of the authorizations of the new dailies, (granted 22 January 1945) voted on 19 February 1945 the measures for the suspension of the paper allotment and publication of the new dailies, forced to take that action by the paper crisis unexpectedly re-

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vealed, which morally invalidated the said authorizations of 22 January 1945;

that the Commission's measures of 19 February 1945 were revoked following the intervention of Admiral Illery Stone, Chief Commissioner of the A.C., with the Prime Minister, and that it was officially communicated to the Press Commission that the paper crisis had been overcome for the moment;

It results that no responsibility can be attributed to the representatives of the Federation on the National Press Commission for the contradictory measurds of the executive bodies, which, with their uncertain and disordered action, have embaressed the proper functioning of the said Commission.

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62 Via Veneto, Rome

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CONFIDENTIAL

7 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Press Decree

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

FROM: A.P.B.

1. The Allied Publications Board at its meetings on 3rd April and 7th May considered the resolution passed by the Italian National Press Federation on March 13 protesting against the Decree of 5th January (Gazzetta Ufficiale No 15) which accorded to the Italian Press Commission a consultative capecity.

2. The A.P.B. further took notice of Premier Bonomi's statement to the National Press Federation to the effect that he proposed to take remedial action.

3. The A.P.B. was of the opinion that the decree in question, though consonant with the Italian Press licensing law enacted on January 14, 1944 was contrary to the spirit of that law, to the informal instructions then issued to Prefects, to grant licenses in accordance with the decisions of the A.P.B. and to the previous practice both of A.P.B. and of the Italian Press Commission.

4. The A.P.B. was further of the opinion that the decree in question if not modified by subsequent legisletion might constitute a threat to the democratic freedom of the Press.

5. The A.P.B., to which, as constituted by AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No 50, is reserved the right of intervention in cases involving undemocratic practices, feels it necessary to report this matter to the A.C. with the request that these views be forwarded to the Italian Government and that the Board be informed of the remedial action taken by the Italian Government in accordance with the promise made by Premier Bonomi.

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/s/ C.A. Raleigh Redford
CHAIRMAN

/s/ J. Barnes
For: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

C O P Y

THE ITALIAN NATIONAL PRESS FEDERATION

Rome

The Directive Council of the Italian National Press Federation, in its meeting of 13th March 1945 examined the problems of greatest interest to the Press and to journalists at this time, and reached the following conclusions:

1. The Federal Directive Council had already passed a motion in its sitting of 24 Nov. 1944 that the Undersecretariat for Press and Information should be gradually suppressed.

During the subsequent ministerial crisis which led to the formation of the second Bonomi Ministry, the Government accepted this motion and the Undersecretariat for Press and Information was transformed into the Undersecretariat for Press, Theatre, and Tourism, with the explicit declaration that the "General Directorate of the Press" would be speedily liquidated.

Later, on 18 December 1944, the Federal Directive Council was received by the Prime Minister, who confirmed the assurances recorded above.

However, it being ascertained that up to this moment the Government has not put into execution their proposals and promises, the Federal Directive Council renews the motion expressed by it and, in particular, that for the suppression of the General Directorate of the Press, an organ which, in the ambiguity of its character and the uncertainty of its functioning, has revealed itself as not being helpful to a free and democratic Press regime.

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EWS/hjp

15 May 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your letter of the 13th of May (No. 2310/Segr), I understand that you have now arranged to take H.E. Soleri and his wife in the ministerial party to Milan on Thursday, as a representative of his party. Of the other names submitted in your letter I am recommending to the military authorities that for technical reasons H.E. Einaudi, accompanied by his wife, should be permitted to go north and also, for the same reason, Dr. Giuseppe Del Vecchio. I am not however able to recommend any one else on the list for the time being.

Further details of Professor Einaudi's trip north with his wife and Dr. Del Vecchio can be arranged if His Excellency will get directly in touch with the Finance Sub-Commission.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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cc: Exec Comm'r
Poland (A)
Poland (R)
Finance S/C

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JAQ/hjp

15 May 1945

TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.

1. Attached is a memorandum received by the Chief Commissioner from the President of the Council of Ministers.

2. The Chief Commissioner directs that a copy of this memorandum should be sent to G-5 Section AFHQ pointing out that it appears that political censorship is being exercised and that if this is the case, prompt action should be taken to stop it.

/s/ J. A. Quayle

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Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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JAQ/hjp

14 May 1945

TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.
(Attn: Captain Arnoldy)

Reference attached correspondence the Chief Commissioner directs that the following action be taken:

a. A letter to be sent to G-5 AFHQ recommending that the "National Association" be permitted to direct and administer the "ESPERO" exclusively of COORA, as requested in the President's letter of April 27th, and

b. That a letter be sent to Sig. Trellini telling him that we are recommending his proposal which has our sympathy, and that therefore for the time being a personal interview would be unnecessary.

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

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JAQ/hjp

14 May 1945

TO: SO(M) Liaison Staff, c/o R.A.A.C., Rome (Attn: Maj Gibson)

In reply to your letter of the 14th of May, I attach copy of a letter which is being sent to the Italian Government Liaison Officer with the Allied Commission.

Will you now please dispatch a signal to your BLO along the following lines:

"Bonomi and members of his government should be in Milan towards the end of this week. Suggest Val d'Ostani representatives visit him there. Exact date of Bonomi's arrival Milan uncertain but possibly Thursday or Friday."

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

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cc: Exec Comm'r, AC
Pol Ad (A), AC
Pol Ad (B), AC

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EWS/hjp

14 May 1945

My dear General:

I have to acknowledge and thank you for your letters of May 12th and 14th, and I am very glad to welcome you back to Rome to continue your work in the Advisory Council.

Your request to make a visit north is being forwarded immediately to Allied Force Headquarters and I will inform you immediately as soon as the necessary formalities have been arranged.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major General A. Vasiliev, R.A.
USSR Representative to the
Advisory Council for Italy
Rome

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cc: Exec Com'r
Liaison Division

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14 May 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 11 May enclosing certain documents from the Department of State giving its views on the reorganization of local government in Italy.

I am returning the enclosures herewith.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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By NARS, Date

14 May 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.
Vice President, Civil Affairs Section.

The attached document for reorganization of local government in Italy is being submitted to the British and Soviet Governments by the U.S. Department of State for consideration. In the event of their concurrence, official action will be taken to urge the plan upon the Italian Government.

The attached is for your information, particularly with respect to communications which the Commission has had recently with the Italian Government looking to the resumption of its local electional procedure.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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September 26, 1944

ITALY: RECONSTRUCTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Views of the Inter-Divisional Committee
On Italy

The Inter-Divisional Committee on Italy regards as the preferred solution for the reorganization of local government in Italy: the establishment of A Quasi-Federal State, Composed of Regions, the Regional Governments to have Only Specified Powers, all Other Powers Being Vested in the National Government.

The Regions

Under this recommendation the fundamental units of local government would be the regions, historical-cultural areas approximately like the compartimenti or regioni which hitherto have been used only for statistical purposes.

Within each region the provinces might be retained as administrative areas. The provinces, as heretofore, would be divided into communes.

Powers of local units

This plan is not federal, but only quasi-federal. Ultimate political authority or sovereignty would pertain to the central government. No region would have power to separate from Italy or to overrule the national law.

The regions, however, would have power, through their own organs, to legislate on and to administer those affairs which the future constitution would specify as regional matters. The precise delimitation of regional powers and functions would be determined by the future Italian constitution. At the same time the constitution would define the powers of communes or municipalities. Once the boundaries of a region were established, they would be subject to change only with its consent. Some organ of the central government, independent of the national legislature, should be established to maintain the observance of the constitutional powers both by the central government and by the regions. This organ might be the Court of Cessation (Supreme Court), which could be endowed with the function of interpreting the constitution, or it might be the Council of State, which could be provided with somewhat broader powers as a court of administrative law.

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The regional governments would be entrusted with (1) supervision of all elections, national, regional, and communal; (2) supervisionof the communes regarding their limits of indebtedness and observation of their powers and functions. The regions would also be entrusted with all those powers which by the law of February 4, 1915 (No. 148) were conferred on the provinces. Precise delimitation of regional powers in legislation, taxation, and administration would, of course, be left to the Italian people to determine. In general, however, it would be essential for the region to have control over regional roads and communications, regional waterways, most aspects of agriculture, local commerce and industry. Most police functions would be performed by the regions and communes. Other functions such as relief, social welfare, education, sanitation, public works and reclamation, might be divided between the central government and the regions.

Form of Regional Government

Each region would have its elective council which would have ultimate authority to make laws or regulations within its sphere of powers. The executive authority within the region would be an executive committee, chosen by the council from among its own members, and responsible to the regional council. One member might be chosen as regional governor or president. Regional administrative officials would be responsible solely to the regional executive. If the office of prefect be retained for administration of the province, the prefect would be responsible solely to the regional executive.

The Communes

Supervision of the communes would devolve essentially on the regions. The national constitution would make general provision for communal powers. Cities should be given control over their own affairs as defined by the functions assigned them, and their elected organs should not be subject to recall, dissolution, or any process except judicial, on the part of a higher unit of government. Cooperative arrangements among small rural communes should be encouraged. Communes unable to exercise fully the functions of local government would be permitted only a limited autonomy, and would be subject to the supervision of regional officials.

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Powers of the Central Government

Ultimate political power or sovereignty would pertain to the central government. All powers not specifically conferred on the regions would be vested in the central government. Some organ of

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the central government (such as the Court of Cassation or the Council of State, but not the national parliament), would determine, on the basis of the constitution, the limits of competence of national and regional officials.

National law would be administered within each region by national officials dependent on the various ministries, and by regional officials.

Simplification of Areas of Administrative Jurisdiction

The regions would constitute the fundamental units of local government and would also be used as units of administration by the national government. The government would, after the establishment of the regions, and their minor units (provinces and communes), procede to a simplification of the areas of administration used by the various ministries at home, Finance, Agriculture, Public Works, etc., in order to bring the various fiscal, sanitary, road, public works, judicial and other areas into harmony.

The Committee recommends this solution because:

1. While in no way would it threaten the national unity of Italy, it would provide the basis for local self-government, a necessary predicate for a democratic regime;

2. It would permit a widespread variation in governmental regulations on matters which are essentially local;

3. It would tend to focus the attention of the Italian people on their immediate problems of reconstruction and amelioration, thereby diminishing the appeal of imperialism;

4. It would remove certain great defects under which the national government formerly suffered: concentration of local problems in the ministries at home; and the power of the central government to manipulate parliamentary elections.

Prepared and reviewed by the Inter-Divisional Committee on Italy:

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CC 501

14 May 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 12th of May in which you enclose a list of the members of your Government who have been chosen to go north.

This proposed visit has the approval of the Allied military authorities but only on the following condition, which I take this opportunity to restate.

They are to hold no public meetings, including addresses to assemblies of factory workers, but confine themselves to such political activities as are unlikely to endanger the peace and quiet of the areas in which they find themselves.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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14 May 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Brigadier A. P. Grafftey-Smith,
Joint Director, Finance Sub-Commission.

With reference to your memorandum of yesterday regarding Signor Governor Luigi Einaudi's letter on Trieste, he should be informed that the Commission will not be able to take action unless a request is received from the office of the President of the Council.

Governor Einaudi may be informed, however, that I have brought the substance of his letter to the attention of SACMED's headquarters.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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13 May 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADIER LUSH:

The Admiral does not wish to take the responsibility of changing the name of CORRIERE DI SERA which would be in violation of their Four-Party agreement; futher he does not wish PWB or ourselves to originate the motion for a change but says that it should properly come from the Italians.

No word has been passed to Colonel Munro.

Chief Commissioner."

J. LAURIE
Lt., USNR
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JAQ/hjp

14 May 1945

TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.
(Attn: Major Norden)

1. On May the 8th Bonomi wrote a letter to the Admiral enclosing a photographic copy of the pass issued by the military authorities to Minister Tupini which enabled him to proceed to Pesaro. It was passed for action to C.A. Section on 10 May.

2. Would you please give a push to this letter on its way up to the Chief Commissioner as I am sure he would be anxious to see it.

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

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JAQ/hjp

14 May 1945

TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.
Attn: Miss Llewelyn (Welfare and Whereabouts Dept.)

The Chief Commissioner directs that inquiries be made as to the welfare and whereabouts of the following:

a. Marchese and Marchesa Pallavicino Mossi, of 11 Via Santa Teresa, Turin, in-laws of Marchese Visconti Venosta.

b. The family of Minister Antonio Pesenti: Romeo - Amalia Pesenti - Via S. Vitale 19, Verona.

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

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

11 May 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel Charles Poletti,
Lombardia Region.

I duly received your letter of 4 May and both Colonel Monfort and I (by phone) discussed the subject matter of your letter with General Gruenther at some length.

My original agreement was made with General Gruenther through General Waltzman and was to the effect that, notwithstanding earlier objections, you and the other two Regional Commissioner Designates would be permitted to enter your respective areas with the Fifth Army forces (in your case, IV Corps). The agreement was that you were to function under the direction of the Senior Civil Affairs Officer of the Army. The original message sent 27 April read "to function as Regional Commissioner under authority of Senior Civil Affairs Officer Army". This telegram was in error and as soon as I had seen it I caused it to be corrected to read "to function under direction of Senior Civil Affairs Officer Army", which was in accordance with the arrangement I had made with General Gruenther. I do not know whether you received the second message or not. But in any case, there should have been no misunderstanding that you were subject to the orders of the Army Civil Affairs Officer.

Moreover, I had informed Colonel Monfort of the arrangement, which was the reason that he, as D.C.C.A.O., wanted to take you to Milan himself under conditions that would have prevented the embarrassment which has been caused me by your entering Milan alone. Both of my telegrams read that you were "to accompany the Civil Affairs Officer of Armies into the territory of your Region".

In view of this failure to comply with your orders, I was able to secure your readmission to Milan only by myself apologizing for this breach of the agreement which I had personally made with the Chief of Staff, since such a violation of discipline, of course, could not be overlooked. And I must reiterate that until control has been released by the Armies to our Regional Commissioner setup, you will be expected to function under the direction of the D.C.C.A.O. Fifth Army, in accordance with your orders. 2685

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

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11 May 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

Subject: Memorandum report of Assistant Naval Inspector General and Inspection Group in Rome, 7 May 1945.

1. With reference to the memorandum report of the Assistant Naval Inspector General dated 7 May 1945, I have the following comments:

(a) I concur with paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, if rewritten as follows (changes and additions are underlined):

"1. The principal U.S. naval activities in Rome are concerned with the Allied Commission, which is engaged in the enforcement of the armistice terms and the direction of Allied Military Government in Italy and the general supervision of all phases of the Italian Government's military and civil affairs. The Chief Commissioner is Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR, and his principal U.S. naval assistant is Commodore H. M. Ziroli, USN, who is Deputy Chief of the Naval Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission. Commodore Ziroli is also the Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer.

"2. The Office of Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy, and Deputy Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, has on board 19 officers and 41 enlisted men against a ComNavNAW allowance of 22 officers and 44 enlisted men. Another group of naval personnel, not charged against this complement, is the Civil Censorship Group, which conducts the censorship of civilian communications. There are 18 officers and 23 enlisted men assigned to this duty. It is understood that this Civil Censorship Group (Telecommunications Section) was set up by Op-16-B and was originally charged against the 500 cable censors in Navy uniform, who are not counted in the Navy's authorized strength. The group is under the Communications Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

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"3. In view of the changed status since the termination of the war against Germany, it appears that there is no longer need or justification for the continuance of the above mentioned Telecommunications Section. Their functions should be abolished forthwith and the personnel transferred out of Italy. This view is concurred in by Rear Admiral Stone, Chief

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MEMORANDUM 11 May 1945.

Subject: Memorandum report of Assistant Naval Inspector General and Inspection Group in Rome, 7 May 1945.

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Commissioner, Allied Commission, who is making similar recommendation to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater. Even though no direct gain might accrue in the Navy's authorized quota by the reassignment of this Censorship Group, there would be an indirect gain in that other personnel, within the Navy's quota, engaged in providing services of one kind or another for the Censorship Group would no longer be required in Rome if the Censorship Group itself were transferred."

(b) I am not undertaking to pass upon the reduction in personnel involving the Office of the Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy, proposed in paragraph 4, since this office is not under my jurisdiction. Commodore Ziroli informs me, however, that the work of my Naval Sub-Commission will not be affected by the proposed overall reduction in complement. However, I concur with Commodore Ziroli that that part of his overall complement now assigned to the Naval Sub-Commission should not be reduced.

(c) Paragraph 5 seems sound to me and I have made similar recommendations to SACMED for coordination of all intelligence activities in this theater.

(d) With reference to paragraph 6, an Army relief will be necessary if the Public Relations Officer's services are not made available to the Allied Commission. Since the Chief Commissioner is a naval officer and other naval personnel are assigned to the Commission, it has been felt desirable that the U.S. Navy have some representation in the Public Relations Branch of this Commission.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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// May 1945

My dear General:

In response to your cable of 9 May requesting information on Colonel Baldrige's accomplishments, the following will serve as a resume.

Colonel Byard M. Baldrige, O-130799, Air Corps, representing MAAF at this Headquarters during the period 7 March 45 to 1 June 45, contributed immeasurably to the work of the Allied Commission in Italy by:

1. Assisting our Air Force Subcommission with exceptional efficiency in supervising the operations of the Italian Air Force in its combat missions over Yugoslavia.

2. Supervising and planning the change-over of the Italian Air Force from combat missions to transport and courier service for the Allies.

3. Quickly and efficiently selecting and delivering to various Air Force units 6500 Italian specialists and soldiers for special work.

As Deputy Director of the Air Force Subcommission and the representative of MAAF, Colonel Baldrige displayed exceptional tact and diplomacy in a highly important assignment that reflected credit upon himself and the Allied Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

Ellery W. Stone
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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Lieutenant General JOSEPH T. CANNON
MAAF
APO 650, US Army

cc: ESTAB. SEC.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

11 May 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 7 May enclosing a copy of the Note Verbale which you submitted to the Italian Government with respect to its petroleum policy.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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CC 501

10 May 1945

My dear Marchese:

In that the Chief Commissioner is informed by his Communications Sub-Commission that Dr. Petronio, whom Sig. Cevolotto wishes to send to Northern Italy, is in no way a technician, it is much regretted that permission for him to travel north cannot for the moment be granted. It is to be hoped that this period of restriction will not, however, last indefinitely.

Yours

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

Marchese Cittadini-Cesi

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

9 May 1945

"TO: Colonel French.

"On the transfer of the administration of Lazio-Umbria Region to the Italian Government tomorrow, I wish to send a message to all officers, EM/ORs, Red Cross and other welfare personnel, and the Italian officials who have worked for AMG, of my deep appreciation of the work done by them. By their diligence and patience, and their unflagging efforts they have assisted the combat commanders, they have made possible the furtherance of Allied policy in this country, and they have helped the Italian people in their difficult task of reconstruction. They may feel proud of a job well done. Good luck to them all in their new assignments.

Chief Commissioner."

Above message delivered by telephone at 1620B 9 May 1945.

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J. LAHNIN
Lt., USNR
Aide

cc: Ex. Com.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

CC 502 8 May 1945

My dear General:

In reply to your letter of May 7th, would you please explain to His Royal Highness that for the present there are the most rigid rules, imposed by the Army, restricting the travel of civilians, and for this reason it is impossible for me to facilitate the journey of either Count or Countess Sforza.

This is a state of affairs which is not likely to last very long and I am sure His Royal Highness will understand that, though I would be most willing to help, there is nothing for the time being that I can do.

Sincerely,

[signature]

HILLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
First Aide-de-Camp General to
HRH The Lieutenant General of the Realm
Royal Palace, Rome.

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cc: Ex. Com.

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Ref: 9/15.1/CA.

8 May 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I think I should bring to your notice the fact that on 16th February 1945 the Minister of War forwarded to various officers 12 diplomas conferring on them the honour of the Order of the Crown of Italy. I attach specimen of one of the diplomas. You will notice that the diplomas bear the title "Re d'Italia e di Albania Imperatore d'Etiopia".

You will also notice that the diploma states "Sulla proposta del Duce del Fascismo".

Although the diplomas are dated prior to the overthrow of the Fascist regime and although the delivery might therefore be construed as a mere act of routine, nevertheless the perpetuation of honours proposed by the Head of the Fascist State would seem to be inconsistent with the provisions of the Armistice Terms, contrary to the policy of the Allies, and presumably contrary to the policy of the Italian Government.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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CC 501

7 May 1945

I have received your personal note of May 3rd requesting permission to visit your parents in Verona. Believe me that I have every sympathy with your natural wish to go forth, but unfortunately the orders of the Army Commander cannot permit it at this time. As soon as permission may be granted, I shall be happy to advise you.

In the meantime, I should be glad to ask my AFO officer at Verona by telegraph to make inquiries. If you will give me the address of your parents, it is possible that I may be able to get word of your relatives to you in a short time.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Antonio Pesenti,
Minister of Finance,
Italian Government,
Rome.

cc: Exec. Commsn.

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CC 501

7 May 1945

I have received your personal note of May 3rd requesting permission to visit your parents in Verona. Believe me that I have every sympathy with your natural wish to go South, but unfortunately the orders of the Army Commander cannot permit it at this time. As soon as permission may be granted, I shall be happy to advise you.

In the meantime, I should be glad to ask my G2 officer at Verona by telegraph to make inquiries. If you will give me the address of your parents, it is possible that I may be able to get word of your relatives to you in a short time.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Antonio Fosciti,
Minister of Finance,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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cc: Exec. Comm'r.

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7 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Banca d'Italia officials for Northern Italy.

TO : Brigadier A. P. Draffey-Smith,
Joint Director, Finance Sub-Commission.

In reply to your letter of 3 May requesting permission for three Banca d'Italia officials to proceed to North Italy, Admiral Stone has directed me to advise you that as far as this Headquarters is concerned he has no objection to the travel by any of the officials named in your letter.

H. J. A. Lovegrove
J. A. LOVEGROVE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

cc: Exec. Comm'r

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/s/ J. A. Ingle
J. A. GAILE
Major, A. A.
Staff Officer to CC

cc: Exec. Commr.

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CC 502

7 May 1945

My dear Dr. Krek:

I am directed by Admiral Stone to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of May 3rd and 4th.

The Admiral wishes to thank you for your very thoughtful congratulations on the end of the war in Italy. While sympathizing with your desire to travel into Venezia Giulia, the Admiral is sorry that he is unable to grant your request at the present time.

Sincerely,

H. J. A. Quayle

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

Dr. Miha Krek
Via Paganini 24/3
Rome

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CC 585

5 May 1945.

Dear Chuck:

I am sorry that I did not hand the attached cables to you yesterday and ask you to return them to Major Seagrave with my apologies for inadvertently taking them with me from AFHQ.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Charles W. Spofford, U.S.A.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

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RECEIPT FOR CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

TO: Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, APO 394

Receipt is acknowledged for following messages:

AFHQ	INCOMING	WX 7445, 28 April 45
AFHQ	OUTGOING	WX 68316, 30 April 45
AFHQ	OUTGOING	WX 66282, 26 April 45
AFHQ	INCOMING	584, 2 May 1945
AFHQ	OUTGOING	WX 68387, 30 April 45
AFHQ	INCOMING	BX 13546, 27 April 45 (CORRECTED COPY) From 6th Army Group
AFHQ	INCOMING	O-5459, 27 April 45 From 15 Army Group
AFHQ	INCOMING	6481, 30 April 1945, from ALCOM
AFHQ	INCOMING	254, 30 April 45, from SCMTO
AFHQ	OUTGOING	WX 68420, 30 April 45, to SHAEF
AFHQ	OUTGOING	WX 68419, 30 April 45, to SCMTO
AFHQ	INCOMING	BX-13846, 1 May 45, from 6 Army Group

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Orig. receipt to be signed by AFHQ & returned.

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5 May 1945.

My dear Dr. De Gasperi:

I have received your letter of April 30th in which you speak of the desire of the Knights of Malta to send a delegation to the United States.

I understand from the American Embassy that they have the whole of this matter in hand and therefore, besides assuring you that the project has my sympathy, there is nothing more that I can do in the matter.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Harry W. Stone

Harry W. Stone
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

H.E., Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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CC 5810

5 May 1945

I am returning herewith the interim CCS 334 report and am bound to confess that I was disturbed to learn from paragraph 3 that officers and NCO's were back on duty. I had understood when I released the A.C. representative, Captain [redacted], that the other two were likewise being removed. I should imagine that you would want to take steps in this connection.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant General Sir Brian H. Robertson Bt.,
KCVO, CB, CBE, DSO, MC,
Chief Administrative Officer,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

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PERSONAL

CC 5820 5 May 1945

I am returning herewith the interim CCSRSA report and am bound to confess that I was disturbed to learn from paragraph 8 that WILLIAMS and SACKVILLE were back on duty. I had understood when I released the U.S. representative, Captain SMITH, that the other two were likewise being removed. I should imagine that you would want to take steps in this connection.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Lieutenant General Sir Brian H. Robertson Bt.,
KCVO, CB CBE, DSO, MC,
Chief Administrative Officer,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

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