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LETTERS FROM STONE
JAN. - MAR. 1947

IRAS/8003/CS

4 March 1947.

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

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Italian Military Affairs Section

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IMAS/8003/CS

24 February 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Replying to your memorandum of 14 February, D.G.A.P.
Uff. IV^o, No. 15/04518/33, on the question of the arrest of Com-
mander Luigi PODESTA' and M.C.O. Arturo BERGERA of the Italian
Navy, your memorandum has been forwarded to Allied Force Head-
quarters for appropriate action.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

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Basic: G-5 Section AFHQ ltr G-5: 994.20 dated 20 February 1947,
subject: Tugboat "BIANCHI".

IMAS/8253/CS 1st Indorsement

AFHQ, Italian Military Affairs Section, APO 794, 25 February 1947.

TO : Director, Land Forces Sub-Section.

Forwarded for investigation, compliance, and report to
this office.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
APO 794

IMAS/116/CS

20 February 1947.

SUBJECT: Control of Production of Armaments in Italy.

TO: Chief of Staff, AFHQ, APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. Paragraph 2 of FAR 711 authorizes the establishment of IMAS, to be charged with the control functions of supervision and direction of the Italian Armed Forces heretofore exercised by the Land, Naval and Air Force Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission and the control of the production of armaments.

2. Paragraph 4 of Acting Chief of Staff's letter, G-3 AFHQ/131/1 of 26 January states that "IMAS and its Sub-Sections will continue to operate in accordance with existing directives for, and practices of, the Service Sub-Commissions."

3. Since AFHQ Staff Memorandum No. 3 dated 31 January 1947 excludes from the responsibilities of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ, control of the production of armaments in Italy, and since existing directives and practices of the former Service Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission did not include responsibility for Italian armament production control, instructions are requested as to whether this function should be assumed by IMAS. If so, it is recommended that this function be added to those of the Land Forces Sub-Section, with authority to co-opt services of the Naval and Air Forces Sub-Sections when necessary. 32-5

4. In this connection, it is the view of Director, Land Forces Sub-Section, with which I concur, that if the responsibilities of his Sub-Section are to include supervision and inspection of factories and arsenals, it may become necessary to augment the staff of his Sub-Section with personnel having technical qualifications beyond those at present available.

MILERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief

Italian Military Affairs Section

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British Embassy Rome

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Chief IMAS

INAS/8502/CS

18 February 1947.

SUBJECT: Italian Internal Civil Aviation Plan.

TO : Mr. Homer Byington, American Embassy, Rome.
Mr. Angus Malcolm, British Embassy, Rome.

1. There is enclosed herewith draft letter which I propose to send to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers approving the enclosed plan for Italian civil aviation lines.

2. My draft letter and the plan itself are concurred in by the Director and Deputy Director of the Air Forces Sub-Section and by the American and British representatives of I.A.I. and A.I.I. respectively.

3. I should be grateful if you will advise me if you have any objection to the dispatch of my proposed letter.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief

Italian Military Affairs Section

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NOTE: The one copy of the enclosures to Dr. Cappa's letter that is available is forwarded to Mr. Byington with the request that it be returned to this office as soon as possible in order that it may be made available to Mr. Malcolm.

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IMAS/561/CS

17 February 47

My dear Mr. Klein:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the
"HIAS-ITALY Annual Report for 1946" which I
have read with great interest.

Very sincerely yours,

[c/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

Mr. Alexander Klein
Italian Representative
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society
10 Viale Parioli
Roma

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IMAS/116/CS

15 February 1947.

SUBJECT: Coordination with US/UK Embassies.

TO : Director, Naval Sub-Section.
Director, Land Forces Sub-Section.
Director, Air Forces Sub-Section.

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent by Acting SACMED to the American Ambassador, dated 12 February. A similar letter, appropriately modified in the first paragraph, has been sent to the British Ambassador.
2. Such letters were not forwarded to the Russian and French Ambassadors.
3. In order that appropriate working procedures can be established, you will be advised further of any arrangements which may be concluded pursuant to the last paragraph of the enclosed letter.

MILERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief

Italian Military Affairs Section

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DIAS/8502/CS

15 February 1947.

MEMORANDUM TO: Air Vice Marshal I. E. Brodie, OBE,
Director, Air Forces Sub-Section.

SUBJECT: Italian Civil Aviation - Scheduled Services Rome-Tripoli.

1. With reference to the draft letter, reference DIAS/39/Air/A.F., on the above subject, I do not see how we can receive an application from a private company. It seems to me that the request must be made by the Italian Government, with appropriate references to the question of exclusivity which was, as you will recall, so long a subject of dispute arising out of the original TWA concession for internal operation.

2. I should be glad to meet with you and the Deputy Director on this subject.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief

Italian Military Affairs Section

Copy to: Deputy Director AF S/S

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Chief IMAS ✓

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IMAS/8003/CS

13 February 47

My dear Dr. Smolaka:

The Supreme Allied Commander has directed me to advise you that the decision given in the case of the SS "Karsen", communicated to you by letter G-5: 912.20, dated 30 August, (copy enclosed), is applicable in the case of the SS "Neti".

Very sincerely yours,

Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

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Dr. Sloven J. Smolaka,
The Yugoslav Representative to the
Advisory Council for Italy,
Rome.

Copy to Ministry for Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government, Rome

Copy: Chief LACAB
Navy S/S
Chief IMAS

13 February 1947.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Homer M. Byington, Jr.,
Deputy U.S. Political Adviser.

This will acknowledge your memorandum of February 6th re the complaint of certain Albanian military personnel in the Italian Army. A copy of the same complaint was received directly by this Section and is being dealt with informally and unofficially with the Italian Government.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

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DAS/116/CS

12 February 1947.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to my letter to you dated 31 January 1947, Ref: 2622/67/EC, I desire to avoid any misunderstanding which might arise from the language used in the penultimate paragraph of my letter. This paragraph begins, "Any military matters"

The word "Italian" should have been inserted before "military", in the same sense that it is used in the third paragraph of my letter as relating to the Italian Armed Forces.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
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Italian Military Affairs Section

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Dr. Alcide DeGasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Rome.

Copy to: C-5 AFHQ
Polad A
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Chief LACAB
Chief DAS files
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10 February 1947.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Based upon the outline of their duties set forth in the letter of Undersecretary of State Cappa, no. 1996, dated 5 February 1947, the Supreme Allied Commander has no objection to the appointment of the following military undersecretaries:

Undersecretary of Defense -- General Gattis
 Undersecretary for Navy -- Mario Staschele
 Undersecretary for War -- Francesco Morandini
 Undersecretary for Air -- Giuseppe Brusasca.

If in the future any basic changes are made in the duties of the four military undersecretaries from those set forth in Undersecretary of State Cappa's letter of 5 February, I should be grateful if you would advise me.

Very truly yours,

EMERY A. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USN
 Chief

Italian Military Affairs Section

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

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 Colonel Hamilton, AGCS G-5 AFHQ
 Chief IMA

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31 January 1947

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your letter dated 22 January 1947 requesting the use of an Allied hospital ship for the evacuation of hospital patients from Pola, I am directed by the Supreme Allied Commander to inform you that there is no Allied hospital ship at present in this area and that none is expected in the near future. Should your Government nevertheless wish to obtain the use of a British or American hospital ship, there appears to be no alternative but for your Government to approach the governments concerned through diplomatic channels with a view to chartering such a vessel.

In view of the expense and time which would be involved in obtaining a ship by the above means, however, your Government may wish to consider the practicability of using the "VULCANIA" on her return from her present mission for the evacuation of hospital patients from Pola.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE 32
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APC 794

Ref : 2622/67/EC

31 January 1947

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As soon as the Allied Commission is abolished, all matters presently handled by the Commission will be dealt with by Allied Force Headquarters.

In order to facilitate liaison with the Italian Government in all but Italian military matters, there will be set up in Rome a Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch which will be a branch of Allied Force Headquarters. All such matters should therefore be referred to the Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch which will be located in the same building now occupied by the Allied Commission.

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Questions affecting the Italian Armed Forces will after the abolition of the Allied Commission be handled by me as Chief of the Italian Military Affairs Section of Allied Force Headquarters.

Ministers of the three Service Ministries, or of any Ministry which succeeds those Ministries should deal direct with the head of the Land Forces, Naval and Air Force Sub-Sections, under the same procedure which was applied in the case of the three Service Sub-Commissions.

Any military matters which arise on a governmental level or which the Italian Government desire to have taken up with Allied Force Headquarters should be referred to me as Chief of the Italian Military Affairs Section.

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*Corrected by Dan Stone's
on 15 Feb. 47*

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Polad A
Polad B
G-5 AFHQ

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31 January 1947.

SUBJECT: Heading of Correspondence for the French Representative
after the close of the Allied Commission.

TO : Capitaine de Vaisseau Peron de Villefosse,
French Representative to the Allied Commission.

1. Replying to your letter of today on the above subject,
may I suggest that it might be more appropriate to use as a letter-
head:

"French Representation to the Allied Military Authorities
in Italy".

2. I suggest the insertion of the word "Military" because
I assume this more specifically designates what you have in mind.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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CC 1030

31 January 1947.

My dear Mr. Minister:

In accordance with the request contained in paragraph 4 thereof, I am forwarding to you herewith a copy of the Yugoslav Representative, a.i., to the Advisory Council for Italy letter no. Dr.177/47 dated 31 January 1947 in connection with the Yugoslav ships "BRODAR" and "BETI".

Very truly yours,

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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Dr. Pietro Nenni,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

Copy to: Dr. Steven J. Smolke,
Yugoslav Representative a.i. to ACI.

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31 January 1947

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SUBJECT: Yugoslav ships SS KARNEN and SS HEMI

TO : C-5 Section,
A.F.H.Q.

1. There is forwarded herewith letter No. Dr.177/47 of 30 January 1947 from Dr. Sloven J. Smolaka, Yugoslav Representative a.i. to the Advisory Council for Italy, addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander.

2. A report on the searching of the SS KARNEN was submitted to you in my letter of 26 September 1946, Ref. 5601/118/IC.

3. The Navy Sub-Commission of this HQ is investigating the case of the SS HEMI and a copy of their report will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received. It would appear, however, that this case may be covered by paragraph 4 of my letter of 26 September 1946.

4. In compliance with the request contained in paragraph 4 thereof, a copy of Dr. Smolaka's letter has been furnished the Italian Government as per the attached copy of my letter of this date to the Foreign Minister.

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/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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30 January 1947

SUBJECT: Abolition of Allied Commission.

TO : The Director, Allied Financial Agency.

1. There are forwarded herewith for your information and guidance copies of the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, letters dated 20 January and 28 January and of G-5 AFHQ letter dated 15 January regarding the abolition of Allied Commission effective 2359 hours 31 January 1947 and the setting up of the TMS section of AFHQ and the LACAB branch of G-5 AFHQ.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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Rear Admiral, USN
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25 January 1947.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of PMA - Italian request for assistance.

TO: Chief of Staff, A.P.M., SPO 512, U.S. Army.

1. I enclose herewith letter received today from the President of the Council of Ministers on the above subject. In the meantime, I have communicated to him the contents of your letter of 24 January 1947.

2. There is also enclosed a translation of the communique issued by the Italian Government on 24 January. I requested the Italian Government to telegraph its Venice office to make certain that the communique was published in both Trieste and Pola.

3. As stated in paragraph (d) of the enclosed letter, a prospectus or manifesto will be drafted for publication in Pola within the next few days.

4. With reference to paragraph (e) of the enclosed letter, the "PACOM" is ready to depart from Venice for Pola upon receiving clearance from CINCPAC. I have requested POLI to endeavor to expedite this clearance. **3200**

5. The attached communications and the contents of this letter have been communicated to SACMID in Rome today who has expressed his satisfaction with the progress being made.

W. L. Williams

WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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