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LETTERS FROM STONE & STAFF
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3 day 1945.

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

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in this morning's GIORNALE DEL MATTINO.

H. J. Lannin
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Lieutenant, USNR
Aide

cc. Exec. Comm.

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.... GIORNALE DEL MATTINO, 5 May 1945.

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(THRU: Executive Commissioner)

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cc: Exec. Commr.

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Exec. Commr.

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SECRET

Ref: G-4/101/6/1.

4 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Transportation Requirements - Allied Commission.

TO: 1 Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. Reference is made to conference at AFHQ on 12 April 1945 when it was arranged that detailed survey of transport requirements of this Commission should be sent to Brigadier Benn, drawn up on a joint Anglo-American basis.

2. Enclosed are four copies of such detailed survey and the suggested needs of this Commission on the complete occupation of Italy.

3. I would like to emphasize that the important time for these vehicles is at the beginning of the occupation, and though the policy of requisitioning, which has been approved, will assist materially, I am afraid that the impressed vehicles will not stand up to the heavy work which they will have to do if my officers are to function adequately.

4. For this I do most strongly urge that these impressed vehicles be replaced at the earliest possible time by good WD vehicles.

5. This will have the added advantage of our then being able to make mobile the many civilian officials who will be working with us.

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WALTER H. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
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In any case, the message should have been repeated to you and I am very sorry that this was not done.

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Elbert W. Stone

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cc: Exec. Comm'r.

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CC 225-7

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Socialist	MORANDI Rodolfo PESTINI Sandro
Liberal	ARPESANI Giustino VOCHIERI Giovanni

It is also possible that only one member of each party will come.

Arrangements have been made for their transport and the party will be arriving at Ciampino Airport at approximately midday or slightly later tomorrow, so no doubt you will make arrangements for the transport and accommodation of the delegates.

I would be glad if you will note, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, that we shall make no arrangements for meeting the delegation at Ciampino and that our responsibility for the matter will end upon the arrival of the plane.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

CC. Ex. 1077/2
RSC ADV(A) His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
RSC ADV(B) Italian Government
CC FRES Rome

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CC. EX. COM/12
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POL. ADV. (B) His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
CC FILES Italian Government
Rome

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3 May 1945

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(per J.A.R.)

ELLERY W. STONE
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His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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SECRET.*Johnston*

Ref: 799/14/EC.

2 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Visits of Russian Officers to Army Areas and Prisoner of War Camps.

TO : Head of the Russian Military Mission,
130, Via Rosentana,
ROME.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander directs me to inform you that he has reviewed the existing arrangements for visits by Russian officers to 5th and 8th Army Areas and Prisoner of War Camps.

2. The Supreme Allied Commander has decided that all previous arrangements (including those set out in letters AG 091.112/480 A-0 of 30 March 1945 and OR/3491/2/G1(Br) of 31 March 1945, addressed directly to the Russian Military Mission, copies of which are attached for your information) be superseded and that the following procedure be complied with in future:

- (a) No Russian officer is to enter 5th or 8th Army Areas or any Prisoner of War Camp without the written permission of Allied Force Headquarters.
- (b) Applications for such visits are to be addressed by you through the Allied Commission to Allied Force Headquarters.
- (c) Such applications to visit either Army Area are to be made well in advance of the time of the desired visit, giving details of the purpose of the visit, proposed dates, itinerary, and names of personnel concerned. Allied Force Headquarters will then, if the visit is approved, arrange with the appropriate Army Headquarters for a liaison officer to meet the visiting Russian officer on the Rear Army Boundary and to escort and offer every assistance to him throughout his visit.
- (d) Visits shall only be for the purpose stated in the application.

3. I am further directed by the Supreme Allied Commander to inform you that the establishment of and compliance with this procedure will be of mutual benefit to all concerned in expediting the solution of questions arising from the urgent problems of repatriation.

Johnston
ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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CC 501

2 May 1945

Major Talbot:

1. With reference to Chief Commissioner's letters dated 1 May to the American and British Ambassadors in which he enclosed a pro-memoria from Prime Minister Bonomi, a favorable reply has now been received from both Sir Noel Charles and Mr. Alexander Kirk.
2. The Chief Commissioner now directs that your office make the necessary approach to Commanding General, 15th Army Group for his permission to implement the proposal contained in paras 5 and 6 of Signor Bonomi's pro-memoria.
3. It should be pointed out that the proposal has the approval of both ambassadors as well as of the Chief Commissioner.

/s/ J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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CC 2205

1 May 1945

My dear Magr. Carroll:

I have received your letter of April 30th together with its enclosure and I am writing to AFHQ recommending Major Dalmazzo's proposal, and as soon as I have a reply on the subject I will immediately let you know.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Rt. Rev. Magr. Walter S. Carroll
Segreteria di Stato
Di San Santita
Vatican City

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M. J. Stone

1 May 1945.

Dear Alexander:

Replying to your letter of the 26th,
I shall see that instructions are issued to my
Regional Commissioners to extend the fullest co-
operation to consular officers in the North. I
am sure you and the consuls will understand that
for some time AMG officers will have their hands
rather full, but we should be glad to assist them
in any way we can.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

CC: Executive Commissioner -- Grateful if you will pass the
word to R.C.'s.

E.W.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APC 394

Ref: 501/76/33.

155 MAY 1945.

SUBJECT: AWE Policy - Northern Italy.

TO :	DCAC, 15th Army Group.	(2)
	SCAC, 2nd 5th Army.	(10)
	SCAC, 1st 8th Army.	(10)
	Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region.	(25)
	" " " Piemonte Region.	(45)
	" " " Lombardia Region.	(53)
	" " " Veneto Region.	(73)
	" " " Emilia Region.	(45)
	" " " Toscana Region.	(48)

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7. The implementation of this policy will not be easy. The greatest tact, the greatest patience will be necessary. We should all remember that it is for the Italians to determine their own destiny, and that military government in circumstances prevailing now is necessary only for the protection of Allied troops and installations. A light rein with a firm hand should be the order of the day.
8. Above all, we must remember that it is our duty to administer rather than to intervene in the political future of Italy.

William Stone
WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner
April

Copy to:

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 US Ambassador
 British Ambassador
 US Poland
 British Remain
 G-5 AFM
 No. 1 Liaison
 No. 2 Liaison
 DAS
 Umbria-Marche Region

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 Pol Adv (4)
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 VP, CI Sec
 VP, Pet Sec
 Navy Sub-Com
 Land Force Sub-Com (MIL)
 Air Force Sub-Com
 Communications Sub-Com
 WFO & IWW Sub-Com
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30 April 1945

MEMORANDUM TO EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER:

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E.A.B.

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E.W.S.

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28 April 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Harold Macmillan, Acting President.

Thank you for your note of yesterday forwarding me a copy of "Hansard" for 17 April. I was glad to have the opportunity to read the Prime Minister's speech in full. It was a very moving tribute and is naturally appreciated by all Americans. I have passed it to Mr. Brown for circulation to other American officers.

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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28 April 1945

TO: Labor Sub-Commission, Hq A.C.

The attached copy of a letter to Col. Bain from Mr. Schevenels, General Secretary of the International Federation of Trade Unions, has been sent to the Chief Commissioner by the late Head of the Labor Sub-Commission and is now forwarded to you so that the thanks conveyed in the last paragraph may be noted by those concerned.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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Ltr. I.F.T.U.,
Ref SCH/MI/5318, 25 Sep 44

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JAQ/hjp

28 April 1945

My dear Bain:

I am directed by Admiral Stone to thank you for your letter of April the 23rd with its enclosed copy of Mr. Schevenels' letter to you. This last is being passed on to your old sub-commission so that the thanks and appreciation contained in the last paragraph may be referred to those concerned.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. QUAYLE
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Staff Officer to CC

J. T. R. Bain, Esq.
Asst. Regional Controller
Ministry of Labour and National Service
Regional Office
National Service Section
21 Lansdowne Crescent
Edinburgh, 12, Scotland

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JAQ/hjp

27 April 1945

Dear Montanari:

With reference to your letter of April 21st, I made careful inquiries to see whether this Commission ever received a letter from Gastone Galvani on the question of the requisitioning of his company's premises. I can not, however, find any trace of any such letter having been received either in the office of the Chief Commissioner, Executive Commissioner, or the Fisheries Division of the Agriculture Sub-Commission.

Sorry I can't help.

Sincerely,

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

Sig. Franco Montanari
Secretary to the President
of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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CC 4023

25 April 1945.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Nelson C. Brown, Chief of the Division of Forestry in the Agriculture Sub-Commission of this Commission, is leaving shortly for Washington. He has completed a long range forestry planning program for Italy.

We would like very much to have his report mimeographed or printed and given wide distribution to those agencies who may be interested in it in the United States, and we would also like to have a number of copies sent to us.

This program has been adopted by the Director General of Forestry as well as the Minister of Agriculture.

You may be interested to know that a plan has been suggested by Mr. Brown to establish the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Forest by the Italian Government somewhere in Italy, to be planted with both Italian and American species of trees. This has also been approved by the Minister of Agriculture and Forests and Director General of Forestry.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Elery V. Stone

ELERY V. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Major General John H. Hildring, U.S. Army,
Director, Civil Affairs Division,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

cc: Executive Comm'r
Mr. Brown, Chief Forestry Div.
Agriculture Subcommittee
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Major General John H. Millöring, U.S. Army,
Director, Civil Affairs Division,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

cc: Executive Comm'r
Mr. Brown, Chief Forestry Div.
Agriculture Subcommission
CC Files

A/VP Econ. Sec.

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25 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Referring to your recent oral request for information on civil aviation data in respect to Italy, the Economic Section has assembled from the files of the Commission the following publications which can be made available to the Embassy whenever desired:

Aviazione Generale Dal 1926 Al 1942
(Ministero Dell' Aeronautica).
Statistica Delle Linee Aeree Civili
Italiane, Anno 1939.
Regolamento per la Navigazione Aerea,
Febbraio 1941.
Linee Aeree Transcontinentale Europa
(Lati) America Dal Sud.
A la Littoria, S.A., Relazione di Bilancio,
1938-39.
Prospettive Tecniche ed Economiche delle
Linee Aeree Secondarie, 1942.

Yours very truly,

Elery W. Stone

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

Copy to: Executive Commissioner
A/VP Economic Section

Stone

25 April 1945

Mr. R. L. Hosworthy
Ministry (Commercial)
British Embassy, Rome

Dear Mr. Hosworthy:

I am sorry to have delayed in filling your request for a telephone directory. However, at the present time our directories are undergoing revision and it is expected that a complete new edition will be issued within two or three weeks. Meanwhile I am having an old directory fully corrected and brought up to date and hope that this will answer your purpose for the time being.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Quayle
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, RA
Staff Officer to CG

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Quayle

25 April 1945.

Admiral:

The C.I.F. decree has been published and is in effect.

This, I gather, is not altogether satisfactory however for the following reason. As a measure of face-saving the Italians were allowed a certain latitude in the decree itself and these points were to be covered by an undertaking in writing by the Prime Minister to yourself.

This covering letter has not yet appeared, and is causing some anxiety.

You may wish to check with Mr. Antolini at the Vice President's meeting.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.

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CC 802

25 April 1945

Dear Mr. Goshie:

Your attention is invited to the alterations made by Admiral Stone to page 2 of the preliminary draft of the minutes of the Advisory Council's 34th meeting held April 29. The draft, with these alterations, is approved by the Chief Commissioner and returned herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, P.A.
Staff Officer to CC

Mr. John L. Goshie
Chief of Secretariat
Advisory Council for Italy
119 Via Vittorio Veneto
Rome

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CONFIDENTIAL

24 April 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Vice President, Economic Section.

1. At the meeting of the Advisory Council for Italy on April 20th, the Greek Representative, H.E. George Exintaris, expressed interest in the question of Category A and Category B Italian items available for export and asked if he could be furnished with a list of such items in order that he might notify his Government.

2. I replied that I should be glad to have the Minister of Industry, Commerce, and Labor get in touch with him for the purpose of supplying him with the required information.

3. For your confidential information, it is the policy of the Commission, under its new directive, to encourage the Greek and Yugoslav governments to establish direct relations with the Italian Government rather than, as in the past, through the medium of the Commission. Will you kindly, therefore, write Minister Bronchi advising him of the Greek Representative's interest in the question of Italian items available for export, requesting him to furnish such information directly to H. Exintaris, whose address is as follows:

H.E. George Exintaris,
Greek Representative to Advisory
Council for Italy,
Via Romagnu, 42,
Rome.

[s] Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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CC: Executive Commissioner

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24 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The Minister for Occupied Italy has approached the Psychological Warfare Branch and this Commission with a view to initiating a series of daily broadcasts addressed to Northern Italy. The matter has been referred to the Supreme Allied Commander, who has given his approval subject to the conditions which are set out hereunder:

(a) The subject of broadcasts will be confined to:

- (i) Activities of the Italian Government.
- (ii) Information from people in liberated Italy to relatives in the North. This will be worded to avoid exposing relatives to reprisals.
- (iii) Appeals for unity among Patriots.
- (iv) General appeals for action against the enemy.
- (v) Reviews of the Italian press.
- (vi) Criticisms of Fascist and German propaganda.
- (vii) News of Patriots.
- (viii) Reviews of the events of the week.

(b) The script, which will be strictly adhered to in the broadcast, will be subject to the approval of the Military Censor, Psychological Warfare Branch and this Commission.

(c) If the Psychological Warfare Branch are unable to agree to a particular broadcast which your departments wish to make, the broadcast will be withheld and the point at issue will be referred to this Commission for the decision of the Supreme Allied Commander.

The Supreme Allied Commander further considers that the broadcasts to occupied Italy should not be confined to the Ministry for Occupied Italy, but should be made by various Ministries representing the four parties in the Government. The Supreme Allied Commander also considers it desirable that Your Excellency, as Prime Minister, should personally open the series.

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I shall be glad to hear that you are in agreement with these proposals and to be advised in good time of the date on which Your Excellency proposes that the series should start in order that the necessary arrangements for the approval of the scripts may be organized.

Yours very truly,

/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.

Acting President
Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Political Advisor (A)
Political Advisor (B)
G-5 AFMC

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Ref: 3208/63/NO.

23 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I much appreciate your prompt reply of 20 April to my letter of 18 April on the subject of the publication "I.C.I.N. Bell 'Alta Italia - Formazione e Funzionamento."

Your re-statement of the relationship between the Italian Government and the CENAI makes the position abundantly clear but I am still somewhat concerned lest the the issue of this booklet should do harm. I therefore draw your attention to the observation in my letter of 18 April that I considered it would be a serious mistake to permit a further distribution of this document and my enquiry as to the steps you intend to take regarding it.

I would like to have your reply on this point as soon as possible.

Yours very truly.

13/ Larry G. Lane

WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

cc: U.S. Ambassador)
British Ambassador) - With copy of Prime Minister's
G-5. AFHQ) letter of 20 Apr 45
A/President
Chief Commissioner
VF, CA Section
Political Advisor (A)
Political Advisor (B)

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Ref: 3203/63/NO.

23 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I much appreciate your prompt reply of 20 April to my letter of 16 April on the subject of the publication of C.L.N. Melli "Alta Italia - Formazione e Funzionamento."

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Yours very truly,

/s/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

cc: U.S. Ambassador)
British Ambassador) - With copy of Prime Minister's
C-5, AFHQ) letter of 23 Apr 45
A/President
Chief Commissioner
VF, CA Section
Political Advisor (A)
Political Advisor (B)

Ref: 3283/65/RE.

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/s/ Elwyn S. Stone

ELWYN S. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

cc: U.S. Ambassador) With a copy of
British Ambassador) --- Prime Minister Bonomi's
C-5. AFHQ) letter of 20 Apr 45.
A/President
Chief Commissioner
VP, CA Section
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)

Ref: 3208/63/HC.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Italian Government
Rome.

cc: U.S. Ambassador) With a copy of
British Ambassador) --- Prime Minister Bonomi's
O-5, AFHQ) letter of 20 Apr 45.
A/President
Chief Commissioner
VP, CA Section
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)

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23rd April, 1945.

Reference No. 6/12.5/CA

AIDE MEMOIRE.

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2. Organised Bands working in the North appear to comply with the requirements of the Hague Convention referred to in Paragraph 1 above in every respect other than that of wearing a distinctive emblem. The Supreme Allied Commander has now ordered that such an emblem will be worn to conform with the Regulations of the Hague Convention.
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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

*Delivered 0915,
24 Apr 45
to P. M. Bonomi*

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23 April 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel L. D. Densmore.

Would you kindly put through a recommendation for Legion of Merit award to Commander John J. LAWLER, USCGR, for his services with the Finance Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission, with particular reference to his work on the Allied Anti-inflationary Board last year and his duty as Joint Director of the Finance Sub-Commission up to the time of his detachment.

It has been agreed between CG HQUUSA and COMNAVHAW that Naval Personnel serving with Army commands will receive Army awards for services performed, and vice versa. It will therefore be in order to make the above recommendation through our normal channels.

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ELLEN W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Executive Commissioner
A/VE establishments section

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

*Delivered 0915,**24/4/45**To H.E. Juanoe Bonomi**Mar*

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

*Delivered 0915,
24 Apr 45
to F.M. Bonanni*

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23 April 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion of Lt. Col. Arthur E. Sutherland, Jr.
Deputy

TO : Brig. Gen. C. E. Saltzman, Chief of Staff, Hq 15th
Army Group.

I am directed by Admiral Stone to forward the attached
correspondence to you for you to note.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CO

1 Incl:
Ltr, Hq 2675th Regt A.C.
File 210.2, 20 Apr 45
(with 2 incls.)

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21 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador,

Brigadier Upjohn, Vice President of my Civil Affairs Section, held a meeting with the Minister of Public Instruction on 9 April to consider paragraph 2(f) of the Combined Chiefs of Staff directive for the Allied Commission (FAN 487). I enclose a copy of the Minutes of this meeting, and you will observe that the Minister expressed the hope that the United Nations would make known to the Italian Government their proposals for the reception of Italian professors and students in their countries.

I am, of course, taking appropriate action through the usual channels to communicate the Minister's expression to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, but, in view of the importance and interest of the matter, I thought you might like to communicate the Minister's wishes to your Government independently.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honourable Alexander Kirk,
American Embassy,
ROME.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG.,
British Embassy,
ROME.

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21 April 1945

TO: The American Ambassador, Rome
The British Ambassador, Rome
U.S. Political Adviser, AFHQ
British Resident Minister, AFHQ
A/President, Hq A.C.
G-5 Section, AFHQ

The attached letter from General Infante to the Chief
Commissioner, Allied Commission, referring to the move which
H.M. The King of Italy is making to Naples, is passed to
you for information.

15/ J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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21 April 1945

TO: CSO to Exec Comm'r, Hq AC

1. Please see attached correspondence.
2. Please inform Col. Pennington of this move and instruct him to take the matter up with the local military commander so that adequate guard and protection be provided for Their Majesties while they are residing in AMG territory.

1/s/ J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
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Staff Officer to CC

2 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Ltr Fr Gen Infante,
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Incl 2 - Ltr, Hq AC, CC 216
21 Apr 45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

AFO 394

20 April 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Vice President, Economic Section. ✓
Director, Air Forces Sub-Commission.

Would you be good enough to advise me if you have
available any studies on pre-war commercial aviation in Italy.

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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JAQ/hjp

20 April 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Marchese Cittadini-Cesi

SUBJECT: Request for an interview between Field-Marshal Alexander and H.E. Scoccimaro.

The Allied Commission has been instructed to inform H.E. Scoccimaro that Field Marshal Alexander cannot grant his request for an interview as he is fully occupied with pressing operational matters.

It should be further pointed out that any matters concerning Northern Italy which His Excellency may wish to discuss with the Allied Authorities should be routed in the normal way through the Allied Commission.

J. A. Quayle

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Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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A/President
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Civil Affairs Section
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
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20 April 1945

The enclosed memorandum was passed to me by the American Ambassador. I believe it emanates from G.S.S., Palermo.

It appears that the enterprising Miss Minelli is operating a sideline connected with COGNA. The attached notes may be worth looking into by the people you have assigned to the COGNA investigation.

[S] D. W. Stone

MILERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant General Sir Brian H. Robertson St.,
KCVO, CB, CBE, DSO, MC,
Chief Administrative Officer,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

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Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

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ACC/14041/12/PS

20 April 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Marchese Cittadini-Cesi.

Would you be good enough to hand the attached to the Prime Minister. In view of our new directive, I recognize that we have no right to protest the appointment of police officials at this level, but I should like to make certain that the Prime Minister is aware of their dossiers, for such action as he may consider advisable.

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

RE: EXEC. COMM
PUB. SAFETY S/C

1 Encl. - Aide Memoire for H. E. IVANCE BONCHI
Ref. ACC/14041/12/PS, 17 April 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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ACC/14041/12/PS

17 April 1945

Aide Memoire for His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi.

Two recent appointments in the Questura at Rome do not appear to be in keeping with the principles of the Italian Government regarding Fascism.

- 1) Commissario SCALI has been appointed Chief of Cabinet of the Questore (Capo Gabinetto). This Officer is alleged to have been most active in his operation against anti-fascists while he was Commissario of the Campo Marzio district. He is also alleged to have denounced a number of Jews. He held his office during the German occupation and is said to have given enthusiastic co-operation in finding forced labour for Germany.
- 11) Magg. MARCOCO has been appointed Chief of the "Squadra Mobile". This Officer is alleged to have taken the oath to the Fascist "Republican Government. He later joined Polizia Africa Italiana.

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AC/45/A/10

19 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Following the receipt of your letter of 27 February 1945, in which you gave me a general view of your Government's intention with respect to the holding of local elections, officers of the Local Government Sub-Commission conferred with officials of the Ministry of Interior in order to get a clarification and elaboration of your proposed plans. I cannot but feel that the voting methods intended to be used by the Italian Government based upon the 1915 Law do not provide sufficient controls and guarantees to ensure the possibility of holding an independent, free and secret vote. As described to us, the system lends itself too readily to corruption of the voters and electional officials, misuse of the ballot by the voters and unfair political party pressure.

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- (a) no formal nomination of candidates prior to the voting;
- (b) no official ballot paper;
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Since the Allies are greatly interested in the rehabilitation of democratic institutions in your country, I feel that I must most earnestly recommend to you that the present election law be amended prior to the holding of elections in territory under the control of the Italian Government.

Furthermore, the Allied Commission could not countenance the holding of elections in Allied Military Government Territory under the 1915 system. Substantial improvements and amendments to the existing law, tending to establish more truly democratic procedures, would first have to be made in AMG Territory. 320

I wish to reaffirm my interest in this subject and my readiness to have the Allied Commission available for any assistance and advice which your Government may deem desirable.

Yours very truly,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
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Italian Government
Rome.

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Ref: 4001/202/HC

19 April 45

To: A/President

From: Chief Commissioner

Report on the carrying out of the
new Italian Directive

In reference to your note of the 16th on this subject,
you will be interested to know that the completed report, as
called for by General Robertson in his letter on FAN 487, has
been sent forward this date.

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19 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Propaganda Directives for Italians.

TO : Major Ian Greenlees, Chief, D Section, PWB, AFHQ.

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3. Copies Nos. 10 and 11 have been retained, copy No. 12 is returned herewith.

Harry W. Stone

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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cc: Exec. Commr.

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19 April 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Vice President, Economic Section.

1. Prince Doria, Mayor of Rome, desires to visit the Firelli works in the Via Assisi in Rome. He has been informed that since this plant is working for the Allies, a pass from A.C. is necessary.
2. Can you advise me if such a pass is required, and if so, whether A.C. or R.A.A.C. is the issuing authority.
3. In any case will you take steps at once to see that a pass is issued to Prince Doria.

13/ May 1945

EMERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Exec. Comm'r.

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19 April 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Vice President, Economic Section.

1. In a meeting which I had yesterday with Prince Boria, Mayor of Rome, he informed me that a commission appointed to investigate the poor quality of bread baked in Rome has reported -- after sample bakings made under its direct supervision -- that the primary cause for the unsatisfactory bread is the poor quality of barley being mixed with the wheat flour. He is informed, but can not vouch for the accuracy of the report, that barley received from the Mid-East had actually been rejected as being unfit for consumption by animals. He reports that samples of barley taken at Civitavecchia after unloading were reported as worm-eaten and moist.

2. If these statements are correct, it seems to me that corrective steps should be taken at once.

3. Will you please advise me on the facts.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Executive Comm'r.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APC 394

Reference No.

18th April, 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

My attention has been drawn to a publication entitled "I.C.L.N. Nell 'Alta Italia - Formazione e Funzionamento" and headed "Documenti N.1" issued by the Ministry of Occupied Italy. From a number of statements made therein it would appear that the Ministry of Occupied Italy holds the view that the C.L.N.A.I. and local C.L.N.'s and not the Supreme Allied Commander, will be responsible for the government of territory now occupied by the enemy after it has been liberated.

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I desire to be informed: (1) whether my understanding is correct that no powers have been delegated by the Italian Government to the C.L.N.A.I. beyond those powers that I have

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mentioned above; if your Government has purported to delegate any additional powers when and by whom on behalf of your Government was this done? (2) If no other powers have been so delegated, does the Government confirm and endorse the action of the Ministry of Occupied Italy in issuing this brochure or cancel is it prepared to repudiate the document and recall all copies that have been distributed?

I must request an immediate reply in order that I may inform the Supreme Allied Commander of the ^{position} attitude of the Italian Government in this matter, so that he may take such steps as he may be advised to be advisable.

Yours very truly

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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41 Moreover, ^{Para. 4 of} the military agreement between SIME (ME) and CLVTH dated 27 of which you were furnished a copy is stated: "Immediately upon the signing of the Military Convention, a British Military Commissioning

been distributed?

I must request an immediate reply in order that I may inform the Supreme Allied Commander of the ^{Position} attitude of the Italian Government in this matter, so that he may take such steps as he may ~~be advised~~ ^{deem advisable}.

Yours very truly

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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4) Moreover, ^{Para. 4 of} the military agreement between SPIC (VE) and CLNFI dated 7 of which you were furnished a copy, it is stated: "Immediately upon the establishment of Allied Military Government, CLNFI will recognize Allied Military Government and will hand over to such Government all authority and powers of local government and administrative powers ^{properly assumed}."

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16 April 1945

Economic Section:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with respect to the reactivation of the Italian synthetic rubber industry.

The attached telegram of 11 April, which presents the current status of Italian tiremaking requirements, was received by the American Ambassador from Colonel G. A. Green in London.

/s/ J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

cc: Executive Commissioner
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROMCOL. G. A. GREEN.dated April 11, 1945.

Current status of Italian tiremaking requirements is as follows:

- 1) LAC airgram 114 dated April 4th formally requests items covered by cables addressed to you with exception of motor for 4 1/2 inch extruder, 8 inch extruder and certain chemicals, moulds, curing bags and/or drawings for same.
- 2) Total requirements reference drawings and machinery for Tivoli per your cable 83 dated March 28th not received by War Office. However it is unlikely that any of these items are available in Spain. Even if they were it is unlikely that Spaniards could be induced to part with them.
- 3) In discussing Italian tire situation with Ministry of Supply, it developed that major part of information on synthetic rubber usage is of American origin and is conveyed to rubber industry here only under certain conditions specified by American Rubber Reserve Company and when passing this information to other third parties, e.g. France, Holland, etc., it is necessary to have rubber reserve agreement. This is equally necessary with Italy.
- 4) In view of paragraph 3 above, Ministry of Supply cable BRAM Washington for necessary clearance per their cable TAMAR 2007 dated April 5th. We also cabled SECSTATE urging that request be promptly granted per Winant's cable 3543 dated April 7th. Ministry of Supply have now been advised per HMM Washington's cable RAMAT 2079 dated April 9th that textile bureau have refused to allocate tire cord for Pirelli Rome factory and that in accordance with policy of not shipping rubber until other component materials are available, Combined Rubber Committee has withdrawn approval for shipment of rubber.
- 5) Until decision per paragraph 4 above is modified, nothing can be done to advance Italian tire production program. See our cable SUMOC 228 dated April 11th addressed to Batt, Vice Chairman War Production Board Washington urging that decision be reconsidered. This cable has been repeated to you.
- 6) Reference cable from AFHQ to War Office F51871 dated March 29th requesting Barker's services. At a meeting with Ministries of Supply and Production yesterday it was agreed that Barker would leave for Italy this week, but due to action taken by Combined Rubber Committee his visit must be temporarily cancelled.

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997/69/EC

14 April 1945

Dear

Admiral Stone has asked me to send you the attached translation of a letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the same time requesting that you be good enough to endeavour to trace Senator Tolomei as soon as is conveniently possible and report back to this Headquarters so that Sig. De Gasperi may be informed of his friend's well-being.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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Brigadier J. K. D. Dunlop, OBE, MC, TD
Hq Venezia Region
Allied Commission

Dunlop

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997/68/ED

14 April 1945

Your Excellency:

I have received your letter of the 10th of April and am taking active steps to have Senator Tolossi located immediately our troops reach Trento. As soon as I have any information as to his well-being you may be assured that I will inform you at once.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

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JAG/hjp

14 April 1945

Dear

I have just received a request from Dr. Montanari, Private Secretary to Sig. Bonomi, that we examine the case of a certain Dr. Fago who has been a prisoner-of-war in Kenya since 1941. Dr. Fago, he states, is an excellent engineer whose services would be of great use to his country at the present time.

2. Here are the details of the case:

a. A request for the repatriation of Dr. (Ing.) Sigfrido Vittorio Fago (E/4992, N.3 Italian Evacuee Camp, Kenya) was sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the A.C. on Sept. 23, 1944. It was request again with note n. 210 of October 28, 1944.

b. Dr. Fago is a well-known engineer and has been in the evacuee camp since 1941. His wife is American and is living at present in America with her children.

3. I think that Montanari is only asking this favor out of friendship for Fago but it would be nice to help him if we can or at least furnish him with a reply.

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J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

Lt. Col. J. A. Campbell
W.M.D. & I.P.O.W. Sub-Commission
Hq A.C.

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14 April 1945

TO: Workers of Lupidi's Bakery
Via Salaria, 212
Rome

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We trust that your difficulties will thus be resolved.

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J. LAMMIE
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cc: Labor S/C

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

13 April 1945

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12 April 1945

NOTE TO: Chief Commissioner

1. Sir,

Reference attached letter HED/2067 of 10 April 1945, at 1630 hrs today. 12 April, Mr. Philip BROAD phoned from CASERTA to say that the Yugoslav authorities were threatening to make a 'cause celebre' out of this incident, as the man is alleged to have been wearing Yugoslav uniform at the time of his arrest. The court-martial is apparently due to open tomorrow, 13 April.

Mr. Broad strongly suggested that the Italian authorities be urged, in their own interests, to postpone the court-martial while a solution was being sought through diplomatic channels.

2. I spoke to Mr. Halford and Mr. Dowling, both of whom agreed with Mr. Broad's suggestion.

3. I informed Admiral Warren of the whole of the foregoing and he will at once place Mr. Broad's suggestion before the Italian Navy Minister.

J.A.Q.

1800 hrs.

Admiral Warren tells me that he has seen Admiral de Courten who has asked TARANTO postponing the court-martial but giving orders that the man is to remain in custody.

There the matter now rests till we hear more from Caserta.

J.A.Q.

cc: A/President
Exec Comm'r
Navy S/C

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11 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

This will confirm the approval already given by me orally to the adoption of the draft decree left with me by Dott. Montanari dealing with the reorganization of the Italian General Staff (formerly Comando Supremo).

The appointment of General Tressani as Chief of the Italian General Staff, vice Marshal Messe, is approved.

Yours very truly,

ELBERT H. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

cc. Executive Commissioner
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Navy Sub-Commission
Air Forces Sub-Commission
Political Advisor (A) 4(2)
C.A. Section

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

CG 4603-2

10 April 1945.

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Sincerely,

R. E. Stone

ALBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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

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10 April 1945.

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regarding the Army officers for Regions, I know
of no reasons to object to any of the appoint-
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Yours *Sincerely*

El. Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
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10 April 1945

Subject: Report of Advisory Anti-inflation Board

To: Mr. A. G. Antolini, Acting Vice President, Economic Section.

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same reference and subject as above, enclosed is a copy of the Aide
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AC/3069/6/PH

9 April 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

With reference to conditions in the Mental Hospital at Palermo, a report was asked for from the Regional Public Health Officer in Sicily and he has made the following points: -

(a) He has made frequent inspections of the Hospital during the past fourteen months and all his inspections were made without prior warning. He states that while conditions were bad, he never saw patients sleeping on piles of straw, there being no necessity for this as the institution has an adequate supply of beds and bedding. He suspects that a special performance was staged for the benefit of the Consul General, as in the case of the hospital at Potenza which was the subject of considerable correspondence with the Ministry of Interior during the winter of 1943-44.

(b) The number of inmates is 1472. Every ward has a full complement of bedsteads and the institution possesses:

Blankets	2948
Mattresses (Flock)	1890
Paillasse (Straw)	553
Sheets	2146
Pyjama Suits	1936

The American Navy donated a quantity of salvaged army clothing and in September 1944 the American Red Cross released 1956 pyjama suits. In addition, in January 1945 the following articles were given to the Hospital:

Sheets	625
Pillow-cases	500
Shirts	876
Underclothing	1004
Gowns	200
Pyjamas	120
Trousers	160
Stockings	200 prs.
Mattresses (wool-filled)	35

UNRSC distributed 100 tons of clothing to Sicily last month and the hospitals were included in the distribution list. Furthermore, it is hoped that 20,000 blankets will be sent to Sicily in the near future.

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9 April 1945

It is felt that while conditions in the Hospital were bad, they were not quite as bad as was represented to the Consul General and continued efforts have been made to alleviate them.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Honorable Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
119 Via Vittorio Veneto
Rome.

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CC 8770

9 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Information for Commercial Counsellors.

TO : Acting Vice President, Economic Section.
(THRU: Acting Executive Commissioner)

1. Messrs. Livengood and Nosworthy, as Commercial Counsellors of the American and British Embassies respectively, should be supplied with all information of an economic or financial character which might be of interest to their two governments.

2. This instruction will be given orally to the Heads of Sub-Commissions affected.

3. In the same manner, papers likely to be of interest to the two governments on these subjects should be made available normally to the Commercial Counsellors for information.

4. Whenever possible, notice should be given of important meetings which the two Commercial Counsellors should be asked to attend.

[s] Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Copy to: Acting President
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

7 April 1945.

CC 4603-2

SUBJECT: Report of Advisory Anti-inflation Board.
TO : Mr. A. G. Antolini, Acting Vice President,
Economic Section.

1. The draft letter of 4 April to the Prime Minister forwarding interim report of the Advisory Anti-inflation Board has not been and will not be signed. Instead, I conferred with the Prime Minister yesterday setting forth our concern over the inflationary trend of wages, specifically as to its effect on the employment of civilians by Allied Armed Forces. I stated that the question of wage control was but one of the factors involved in the general inflationary trend; that for the purpose of giving advice and assistance to the Italian Government pursuant to the new directive under which the Commission operates, I had established an Advisory Anti-inflation Board which had submitted to me an interim report; that I should be glad to make this interim report available to the Prime Minister in the form of an Aide-Memoire for his consideration if he so desired. The Prime Minister stated that he would be glad to receive the Aide-Memoire and welcomed our continued assistance.

(S) Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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British Embassy
U.S. Political Advisor
British Political Advisor

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7 April 1945

cc 965

Your Excellency:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter from Admiral Stone to H.E. Ivanoe Bonomi, which covers the points raised in your letter of 28 March 1945 regarding the delay in delivery of newspaper to Sicily.

Yours very truly,

/s/ L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, A.C.D.
Staff Officer to
Chief Commissioner

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H. E. Avv. Francesco Libonati
Undersecretary of State for
Press and Information
Italian Government
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NOTE: Inclosure is letter WS/12.02 of 6 April 1945 .
from Chief Commissioner to Prime Minister Bonomi.

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CC 951

9 April 1945

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Thank you for your letter of April 6th which enclosed a copy of the telegram from the Department of State announcing that the Italian troop pay account has been set up in the United States Treasury and that the certification of an additional fifty million dollars to this account has been made by the War Department.

Sincerely yours,

Is/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Honorable Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
119 Via Vittorio Veneto
Romecc: Exec. Commr.
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7 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.11103 dated 4 April 1945 and note with satisfaction the instructions which you have issued to your Ministers with regard to close cooperation in matters concerning planning for the North.

I have instructed various Sub-Commissions of Allied Commission concerned and informed them of the contents of your letter.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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33/12.02

6 April 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your letter Number 257, dated 25 March, concerning shipping of newsprint to Sicily, I am informed that consignments of newsprint were made to the Italian Press Commission in the following amounts and on the following dates:

100 tons - 6 March
100 tons - 9 March

This newsprint was stored in warehouses in Naples.

In accordance with established procedure concerning imported articles, I.C.E. is responsible for obtaining disposition instructions from the Italian Press Commission for newsprint and for entering shipping bids with the transportation authorities. I am informed that the Italian Press Commission issued these disposition instructions to I.C.E. about a week ago and that railway bids were then placed. The pressure of rail traffic requires that all bids must be entered two weeks in advance of shipment.

I have just been informed that the following car loads of newsprint were dispatched from Naples on 5 April for Sicily:

2 car loads destined for Catania
2 car loads destined for Palermo
3 car loads destined for Reggio for

further dispatch into Sicily.

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Yours very truly,

/s/ Elery V. Stone

ELERY V. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

Stone

6 April 1945

Memo:

To : Acting President, Allied Commission

From: Chief Commissioner

Regarding your inquiry concerning the French hold-up of phosphate shipments from SFAX due to price difficulties, the Economic Section has been directed to take this matter up with the French representative to the Allied Commission and express in strongest terms the gravity of the situation. The French Embassy cabled their Government for full explanation as to the cause of the delay (no reply has been received).

Previous demands for phosphate rock have been dealt with by AFHQ on a requisition basis, and accordingly the Italian Government was not consulted on the price question. This policy has now been changed and imports of phosphates are cleared through the regular Foreign Trade channels.

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Mr. Antolini will try to bring the problem to a head at Economic Section's regular weekly meeting (6 April) with the Italian Ministers.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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CC 216

4 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In view of your assurances of agreement between party leaders and that there will be no newspaper comment, His Majesty the King may remove his household from Faite to the Villa Maria Pia in Naples.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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4 April 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

Please keep in touch with Infante to determine the approximate date when the King will be moved. I think III District might well provide an escort for security purposes. Upon the King's arrival at Naples, Pennycuik should arrange to see that the property is adequately guarded, both as regards the neighboring streets and the bay.

You will realize that if anything should happen to the King, the change in the Prince's position from Luogotenente Generale del Regno to that of King would have the gravest political repercussions. It is therefore important to ensure that there is no possibility of untoward interference by Extremists.

*incident**/s/ Eilery W. Stone*

EILERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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3 April 1945.

Subject: Yugoslav Nationals in Italy.

To : Dr. Sloven Grodaka,
Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to
the Advisory Council for Italy.

1. With further reference to your letter 218/45 dated 4 March 1945 and also your letter 247/45 dated 7 March 1945, stating your intentions with regard to Yugoslav subjects in Italy, I am instructed by the Supreme Allied Commander to inform you that it is his policy to assist your Government in every way in the apprehension of deserters from the Yugoslav Armed Forces. In the process of apprehension it will be necessary for the Yugoslav Forces to establish the identity of each deserter, which requires that the following particulars be secured in writing from the Commanding Officer of the deserter:

- a. Name and rank of deserter.
- b. Military unit from which deserted and location thereof.
- c. Date of enlistment or induction.
- d. Date and circumstances of desertion.
- e. Full description of deserter.
- f. Probable whereabouts.

The foregoing information must be submitted within 90 days from the date of desertion. When this identity has been established, it is the policy of the Supreme Allied Commander to return deserters who have been apprehended to formation from which they have deserted, whether naval, military or air force.

2. In paragraph 3 of your letter of 4 March 1945, you group all Yugoslavs in Italy under three headings. With regard to Group 'A', it is, and will continue to be, the policy of the Supreme Allied Commander to detain, pending further investigation, any person suspected of committing or intending to commit any act hostile to the Allied Forces or engaging in any political or other activity in the interests of the enemy. As to your proposal for the internment of persons referred to in your letter under Group 'A' and Group 'B', the Yugoslav Government may take appropriate steps through diplomatic channels.

3. Referring to Group 'C' in your letter, which embraces those Yugoslav nationals, who, not belonging to Groups 'A' or 'B', do not desire to return to Yugoslavia, it is the policy of the Supreme Allied Commander that relief will be furnished in accordance with need and without discrimination by reason of race, creed or political belief.

4. In conclusion, I am to inform you that it is the understanding of the Supreme Allied Commander that the Yugoslav nationals now serving in

regard to Yugoslav subjects in Italy. I am instructed by the Supreme Allied Commander to inform you that it is his policy to assist your Government in every way in the apprehension of deserters from the Yugoslav Armed Forces. In the process of apprehension it will be necessary for the Yugoslav Forces to establish the identity of each deserter, which requires that the following particulars be secured in writing from the Commanding Officer of the deserter:

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- b. Military unit from which deserted and location thereof.
- c. Date of enlistment or induction.
- d. Date and circumstances of desertion.
- e. Full description of deserter.
- f. Probable whereabouts.

The foregoing information must be submitted within 90 days from the date of desertion. When this identity has been established, it is the policy of the Supreme Allied Commander to return deserters who have been apprehended to the formation from which they have deserted, whether naval, military or air force.

2. In paragraph 3 of your letter of 4 March 1945, you group all Yugoslavs in Italy under three headings. With regard to Group 'A', it is, and will continue to be, the policy of the Supreme Allied Commander to detain, pending further investigation, any person suspected of committing or intending to commit any act hostile to the Allied Forces or engaging in any political or other activity in the interests of the enemy. As to your proposal for the internment of persons referred to in your letter under Group 'A' and Group 'B', the Yugoslav Government may take appropriate steps through diplomatic channels.

3. Referring to Group 'C' in your letter, which embraces those Yugoslav nationals, who, not belonging to Groups 'A' or 'B', do not desire to return to Yugoslavia, it is the policy of the Supreme Allied Commander that relief will be furnished in accordance with need and without discrimination by reason of race, creed or political belief.

4. In conclusion, I am to inform you that it is the understanding of the Supreme Allied Commander that the Yugoslav nationals now serving in or with the Allied Forces will not be classified as deserters and are not subject to the call-up. If it is desired to ascertain the identity of Yugoslav subjects in this class, this may be arranged through the appropriate military channels.

Copy to:

G-5, A.F.H.Q.
Political Adviser (Br)
Political Adviser (A)
Civil Affairs Section (for Displaced Persons
& Repatriation Sub-Commission)
Liaison Division

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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3 April 1945

SUBJECT: Dr. Croce and Printer "La Terza" in Bari.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. The attention of the Acting President, Allied Commission, has been called to the fact that Dr. Croce is having difficulty in getting his books reprinted because his printer, "La Terza", in Bari is wholly requisitioned by the Allied authorities. It was suggested that if the print plant is not working to capacity it might relinquish a certain amount of time to reprinting some of the more important of Dr. Croce's books.

2. Inquiries here indicate that La Terza is under requisition by the British Military Press which uses the plant to print forms stationery and other printed matter for the British Army.

3. It is suggested G-5 inquire into the matter to see if the suggestion in para 1 is feasible.

H/ Norman E. Fiske

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

: 3298

cc. A/President.
Chief Commissioner.
Exec. Commissioner.
P.R. Branch.

Stone

13053/P

3 April 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

It has been brought to my attention that certain highly-placed officials of insurance companies in Rome are corresponding with insurance offices and companies in foreign countries that are on the proscribed lists of the Allied Governments. Such correspondence has been conducted through the medium of the ordinary postal services, which are liable to Allied censorship, and excerpts made by the censorship authorities disclose use by these same companies of telegraphic and other facilities at the exclusive disposal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The conditions under which my advisers have agreed to the active functioning of the Italian insurance companies, which have been confirmed by a communication from the Allied Governments made known to the Ministry of Industry, Labor and Commerce, have precluded the resumption of such contacts. The only foreign correspondence now permissible is limited commercial correspondence to certain Allied countries under conditions already known to you.

It is a matter for some concern that certain interests are endeavouring to evade restrictions well known to them by facilities of this nature, and I shall be grateful if you will ensure that all the companies are warned that such evasions are regarded most unfavourably by the Allied authorities.

Yours very truly,

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/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY 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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3 April 1945

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ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief CommissionerHis Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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CC 5805

3 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Import of U.S. trucks.

TO : Vice President, Economic Section
(THRU: Executive Commissioner)

1. Will you kindly advise me of the details for distribution of the 1700 trucks now arriving in Italy.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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WFO/afm

3 April 1945

CG 1040

Subject: Yugoslav Nationals in Italy

To: Mr. S. E. Keary, Chief, USNA Italian Mission

1. Your attention is invited to the inclosed copy, in particular paragraph 3, of my recent letter to Dr. Smolke outlining the Supreme Allied Commander's policy in regard to Yugoslav Nationals in Italy.

2. Inclosures 2 and 3 are copies of the Yugoslav Delegate's correspondence as referred in paragraph 1 of my letter.

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNA
Chief Commissioner

3 Incls.

cc: Executive Comm'r
CC Files

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KWS/afg

CC 1090

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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2 April 1945

SUBJECT: Terms of Reference for Advisory Anti-Inflation Board

TO : Mr. A. G. Antolini, Chairman

1. Since the issue of the Anti-Inflation Committee report, there have been many changes in the economic conditions in Italy. It is now necessary to consider anew what measures should be adopted both by the Italian Government and this Headquarters to check the continued tendency towards inflation.

2. It has been decided therefore to form an "Advisory Anti-Inflation Board" composed as follows:

Chairman: - Vice President, Economic Section

Members : - Vice President, Civil Affairs Section
Joint Directors, Finance Sub-Commission
Director, Labor Sub-Commission

Advisors to be

co-opted as

required:

Treasury Attache, American Embassy

Treasury Attache, British Embassy

A representative from the Italian Government.

Secretary: To be appointed by the Chairman.

3. Terms of reference:

a. Report to the Chief Commissioner measures and policies which should be recommended to the Italian Government for immediate action to check and control the existing tendencies towards inflation. In particular, this report will deal with the bearing of the Board's recommendations on production and procurement for the military.

b. Apart from preparation of the report mentioned above in paragraph (a), the Board will:

- (1) Consider what advice should be given to the Italian Government with respect to future measures for the control of wages and prices in Italian Government territory (with particular attention given to the bearing of such advice on problems of military production and procurement).

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- (2) Consider and recommend policies appropriate for Military Government territory and for territory which later will be liberated.
- (3) Consider questions involving or having a bearing on inflation which may be submitted to it from time to time.

4. The Board will meet at such times and places as the Chairman may direct.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copies to:

Brig. G. W. Upjohn, GCS
Brig. Griffithy-Smith, Finance S/C
Cmdr. J. J. Lawler, Finance S/C
W. H. Braine, Labor S/C

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CC 567

2 April 1945

Subject: Promotion - Lt. Col. Howard E. Baldrige, Air Corps

To: Commanding General, AFMMA, APO 512

1. The attached recommendation for the promotion of Lt. Col. Howard E. Baldrige, Air Corps, is forwarded with the strong recommendation that it be considered by your Headquarters at the earliest opportunity.

2. This officer is now performing duties commensurate with the grade of a Brigadier General, U.S. Army. As Deputy Director of the Air Force Sub-Commission of this Commission, his promotion to the grade of Colonel is necessary in the interest of the United States.

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

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cc: Ex. Commr.
 Estab. Sec.
 CC files
 Air Forces S/c

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

COPY

31 March 1945

Ref: 723.1/EC(L)

Dear Minister de Gasperi:

Further to my letter No. 1/723.1 of the 14th March, I have pleasure in informing you that no objection is seen by the appropriate Allied authorities to the carriage of sealed diplomatic bags by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who occasionally proceed abroad. It would be desirable as you suggest in your letter No. 3/355 of March 3rd that such officials should be furnished with a courier passport to protect their bags from investigation by the Allied military authorities at the place of departure and subsequent points en route to their destination. I should accordingly be grateful if you would be so good as to let me have a specimen of such a document in order that the Allied military authorities may be notified in advance of its existence and be able to familiarise themselves with its appearance.

As regards the question of the granting of undeposited cypher facilities, I much regret that for the time being we must accept the decision of the Allied military authorities that the Italian Government may communicate with their missions abroad only in cyphers of which copies have been deposited with this Commission. I would emphasise that this decision is based exclusively on grounds of military security and assure you that henceforth the only control which will be exercised on telegraphic communications between the Italian Government and Italian diplomatic missions abroad will be military in nature. In other words, there will be no political censorship of the contents of such telegrams. These cypher communications will of course continue to be necessary so long as military operations are being conducted in this theatre.

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Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Alcide de Gasperi
Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome, Italy

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JAQ/hjp

30 March 1945

Dear General Infante:

In reply to your letter Number 2014/AG of 13 March 1945, I would be most grateful if you would inform His Royal Highness that the repatriation of Engineer Mayer and his family has been recommended to the appropriate Allied authorities.

May I be informed of Engineer Mayer's present address in Switzerland, if it is known to you.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to GC

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Generale Adolfo Infante
Il Primo Aiutante di Campo Generale
Di S.A.R. Il Luogotenente Generale del Regno
Roma

cc: Exec Comm (Liaison Div)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APC 394

WIS/hjp

1011/EC

30 March 1945

SUBJECT: Transference and Renaming of S.I.M.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. Reference is made to my signal 3108 of 7 March 1945.
2. I have now received from the Prime Minister a letter containing his proposals for the transference of S.I.M. and I forward them to you with the recommendation that they should be accepted.
3. It would be appreciated if this matter could be dealt with urgently since the Italian Government are anxious to put the transfer into effect as quickly as possible.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Encl.

cc: U.S. Ambassador
British Ambassador
G-2, AFHQ
Executive Commissioner, AG
Political Adviser (A), AG
Political Adviser (B), AG
Land Forces S/C, AG
Civil Affairs Section, AG

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Affair

31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Transfer of Files

TO: Archives Branch, Office of the Executive Commissioner

1. In accordance with the provisions of Hq AC Establishment Memorandum No. 3, dated 20 March 1945, the following information not heretofore made of record is herewith transmitted.

2. On 1 October 1944, subsequent to the reorganization of the Commission, the 'B' Files of this office (list attached) were transferred to the Office of the Chief of Staff (now Executive Commissioner) and formed the basis for that office's new files. Documents removed from them for this purpose have been so indicated on the 'B' File cover sheets, and the files closed as of the above date. No 'B' Files have been transferred to any office other than the above, with the following exceptions:

014.331	Passes	To Liaison Division	5 Oct
321	General Orders	To Establishment Section	5 Oct

3. The following 'A' Files of this office were transferred to the Liaison Division, Office of the Executive Commissioner, on 1 October:

014.331-1	Pass Policy
014.331-2	Passes (Volumes 1 & 2)

4. The following 'A' Files of this office were transmitted to Archives in December, 1944:

091.711-5	Coordination of Accommodation for Service	3281
	Sub Commissions	
094	Rome and Rome en Open City	
231.8	Deck Employees	
321-4	Field Trips	
321-11	Local Government Course	
370	Movement of Troops, ACC & Ital Army & Navy	
383.6-3	POW, Italian, Special File, Chaplain Nemi	
565.7-1	Special Movements, Ital Govt	
565.7-2	Italian Government, Rome Move	

J. A. Quayle
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, RA
Staff Officer to CC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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cc: U.S. Ambassador
British Ambassador
C-2, AFHQ
Executive Commissioner, AG
Political Adviser (A), AG
Political Adviser (R), AG
Land Forces S/C, AG
Civil Affairs Section, AG

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30 March 1945.

Dear Admiral de Courten:

I have just learned of your promotion to the rank of Vice Admiral and want to extend to you personally and on behalf of all my officers our warmest and sincerest congratulations.

It has been a pleasure to have been associated with you this past year and a half in our joint efforts against the enemy, and your promotion comes as a fitting tribute to the cooperation which the Allies have had from you at all times since the Armistice.

With warm personal regards,

Very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNA
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Vice Admiral Raffaele de Courten,
Minister of the Royal Italian Navy,
Ministero della Marina,
ROME.

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30 March 1945

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OUR WARMEST AND SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PROMOTION FE
PAREN TO FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP FOR GENERAL CLARK PERSONAL FROM HET ALCON
CITE ACSCC FROM ADMIRAL STONE PAREN

WE SHARE WHAT MUST BE YOUR GLATIFICATION IN THIS FITTING TRIBUTE TO YOUR
SPLENDID RECORD AND PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES

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Chief Commissioner

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HARRY R. STONE
Rear Admiral
Chief Commissioner

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AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

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30 March 1945

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL PD

ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY RELEASED STORY IN ENGLISH LAST EVENING FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS THAT ITALIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY HAD CONFERRED WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR HERE POINTING OUT SERIOUS CONCERN OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF NEWS THAT DEGAULLE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARING OCCUPY PARTS NORTHWEST ITALY AT

PARIS TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM HQ ALGER SITE ACROSS HIGHWAY STONE PARK

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Distribution:

Acting President
U.S. Ambassador
British Ambassador
U.S. Political Advisor
British Political Advisor
Executive Commissioner
CC Files

ELLIOT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Chief Commissioner

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AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

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Executive Commissioner
CC Files

ELIENY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Chief Commissioner

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LWS/dfs

CC 950

29 March 1945

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of 28 March forwarding
a copy of a letter from Allied Force Headquarters
dated 25 March relative to surplus war materials.
I have read with interest this reply to your letter
of 16 March.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Myron C. Taylor
Personal Representative of the
President of the United States
To His Holiness the Pope
2 Via Boncompagni
Rome

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Ref: 8752/31/EC

28 March 1945

My Dear General,

In October last I wrote to General WILSON asking for an aeroplane to be made available for the use of the Commission and received a reply from Air Vice-Marshal MCINTOSH that the communication aircraft supply position was such that it was not possible to accede to my request.

On 17 October 1944 at SAC's Political Committee 29th Meeting, SAC directed thatAir Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, consider sympathetically the request of the Allied Control Commission for a Dakota for their exclusive use, and that he make one available as soon as circumstances permitted.

Now that we are coming close to a time when the distance from my Headquarters to my forward Regions will be doubled I am writing to ask you to reconsider this question. The large centres of population which may shortly fall into Allied hands, for the Military Government of which this commission will be responsible, will give rise to many political and other problems which can only be handled satisfactorily by my officers being able to make frequent and speedy visits to the Northern Regions. The allocation of an aircraft to the Commission for this purpose seems to me to be essential to the proper discharge of those responsibilities with which this Headquarters will shortly be faced.

Yours sincerely,

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ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major-General John K. Cannon,
Air Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.

cc. Air Forces S/C
Exec. Comm'r
CC Files.

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DPR/24-1/G-2 (DP)

28 March, 1945.

My dear Doctor Smolaka,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th March, and wish to inform you that I will issue instructions that the furniture which belongs to the Delegation will be returned.

The premises at 10 Corso Trieste, Rome, are in no way an official institution and cannot be handed over as such.

I consider that the question regarding these premises should in no way delay the handing over of the Royal Yugoslav Mission at M. PLES at 1000 hrs. on Friday 30 March, 1945, and BARI at 1000 hrs. on Sunday 1 April, 1945.

I should be grateful for an early reply to allow for handing over to proceed according to plan.

Very truly yours,

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Is/ Henry W. Stone

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

Dr. Sloven Smolaka,
Yugoslav Representative to Advisory Council, Italy,
Via Quintino Sella, 56,
ROME.

cc: Dispatched Persons & Dept. Spc

24/3/45 15:11 on 15.3.1945

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13/ EMERY W. STONE

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Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

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Via Quintino Sella, 56,
ROME.

cc: *Displaced Persons & Refugee. 5/6*

EMERSON SECTION (F.Y. CORNELL)

C.A. SEEREN

AMER. EMBASSY

BRITISH EMBASSY

POW. DIV. (A) 12007

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C.C. FILES

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EWS/hjp

8251/EC

28 March 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(Attention: Chief of Staff)

1. Reference is made to your letter of 28 February and this Headquarter's reply--8251/100/EC of 11 March.

2. In view of the possible cessation of hostilities in Italy in the near future I am taking steps to have re-examined the decision contained in this Headquarters reply--8251/100/EC of 11 March, and will shortly communicate to you further on this subject.

[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissionercc: G-5 AFHQ
GOC Land Forces S/C, AC
Exec Comm, AC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

28 March 1945

CC 4045

MEMORANDUM

TO: Economic Section, Hq Allied Commission
(~~Attention: Mr. H. Cleveland~~)

Following is paraphrase of telegram received at American Embassy
from Colonel G. A. Green in London:

"Dated 23 March 1945.

"1. With certain exceptions Pirelli here possesses drawings
for all tire sizes listed in paragraphs 9 and 10 of LAC airgram 93.

Exceptions are as follows:

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140 x 40 12.75-20

15 x 45

165 x 400

"2. It is stated by Pirelli that when they know AC's exact
requirements for moulds and curing bags it may be possible for them
to provide certain sizes from their stock and they will make enquiries
from their usual suppliers for remaining sizes. 32.8

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J. A. Quayle
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

cc: Executive Commissioner
CC Files

Approved

JAQ/hjp

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27 March 1945

Your Excellency:

As you will have already been informed by Marchese Cittadini-Cese I am sending to you for your approval a slightly amended copy of Enclosure 1 to letter 234 of 21 March 1945 from His Excellency The President to Admiral Stone on the transference of the Ufficio Informazione (ex-S.I.M.).

The amendments are very slight and arise from the following considerations:

1. Elements which are part of the Truppe di Sicurezza are also "under Allied operating command".
2. Serial 11, "Codes and Cyphers" is NOT "under Allied operating command" but IS part of Category 5.

As it is urgent to have Sig. Bonomi's proposals cleared by the Allied military authorities with the least possible delay, I would be most grateful if Your Excellency would inform Marchese Cittadini by telephone that the new "Enclosure 1" has your approval. I would be obliged if Your Excellency would confirm, at the same time, if the Ufficio Informazioni is definitely now the new title which it is intended to employ.

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Sincerely,

J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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H.E. Signor Flores
Chef de Cabinet to the
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

EWS/hjp

CS 2610

27 March 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In the course of the conversation which we had at my villa on the 23rd of this month, you stated that E.E. Pasenti had agreed to withdraw from his draft decree any reference to corporations (Società Anonime).

Such proposed legislation, both in its effect upon present military production and also--looking at the matter from a longer point of view--upon foreign investments, is of extreme importance to Allied interests, and I should therefore be most grateful to receive from Your Excellency, in writing, confirmation of this withdrawal.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

cc: A/President, AC
American Embassy
British Embassy
Political Advisers, AC
Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section (Legal S/C)
Finance S/C

my file

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26 March 1945.

You may find the enclosed of interest.

At least he is an economist!

[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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26 March 1945

TO: CSO to Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.

I suggest that a letter should go out today over the A/Executive Commissioner's signature somewhat along the following lines:

To: Commander, No. 1 Special Force

At the time of the liberation of Rome, No. 1 Special Force afforded signal facilities between Rome and Hq. of the Allied Commission at a time when no other communication was possible. This communication was of the utmost use in setting up quickly Allied Military Government, and in dealing with many political situations which might otherwise have got out of hand.

The Allied Commission would be very grateful if similar facilities could be provided when the collapse comes in the North, so that close and continuous touch may be kept by Hq A.C. with the major northern Italian towns.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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26 March 1945.

CC 1007

SUBJECT: Concentration of French troops at the French-Italian
border.

TO : Chief of Staff, AFHQ.

1. The attached report on the above subject has been received from the Italian Government, which continues to express its concern over the possibility of French troops moving into the Valle d'Aosta.

MELBY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Copy to: American Ambassador
British Ambassador

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Rome, March 24, 1945.

SUBJECT: Concentration of French troops at the French-Italian border.

From a most reliable source we learn that the appearance of opposition to Italy on the part of the French authorities has recently been notably accentuated.

An anti-Italian organization has been created in Paris. Its head, Mr. Soustel, of the "Studies and Research Offices", is directly responsible to General DeGaulle.

The newly formed French 2nd Army, composed of the 27th and 1st Alpine divisions and the 4th Moroccan division, is drawn up on the French-Italian border between Switzerland and the Ligurian Sea. Numerous contingents of recruits, well-armed and equipped largely with American material, are flowing into the adjacent rear areas.

There is definite information that French officers have been designated to fill pre-established posts in Italian districts. For example, a Captain has been designated "Chief of Military Security in Aosta". A few score Italian extremists in French service have already entered Italian territory with the task of causing trouble at the proper moment and supplying pretexts for intervention. 32.1

Several plans of the city of Turin have been seen with the hotels and buildings to be requisitioned by French headquarters and troops indicated thereon.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

23 March 1945

CC 2610

My Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of the 19 March in reply to mine of the 15th enclosing a copy of the Pasenti Decree.

In a call which I had from the Prime Minister at my house two days ago, he informed me that Minister Pasenti had agreed to the deletion from his proposed decree of all references to corporations. The Prime Minister added that many other changes would be made before the Council would favorably consider the proposed decree.

I think you will agree that if the decree is amended to exclude all references to corporations, cause for Allied objections for military and economic reasons is substantially removed.

I shall keep you informed of any further developments.

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., K.C.M.G.,
British Ambassador,
84 Via Settembre,
Rome.

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION

Exec. Commissioner
Economic Section
U.S. Political Advisor
Br. Political Advisor
Vice President, Civil Affairs S.
Finance Sub-Commission.

Copy to: American Ambassador
G-5 AFHQ (our letter of 19 March refers)

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CC 2401

23 March 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Vice President, Civil Affairs Section.

I was waited on today by women representatives of the "Centro Italiano Femminile" and the "Unione Donne Italiane" to discuss the question of de-requisitioning of some schools. They estimated that approximately half of the school population from the ages of five to twelve are receiving no schooling.

You will recall that on 28 December I wrote the Prime Minister drawing his attention to the failure on the part of the Italian Government to de-requisition schools. Will you please have an up-to-date survey prepared so that I may send another letter to the Prime Minister. I am informed that the refugees, both Roman and out-of-town, now quartered in schools could, without great difficulty, be accommodated in space now available in Rome.

In view of our new directive, I propose to justify my returning to the attack with the Prime Minister on the grounds that I have been asked to do so by these Italian women's agencies.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: EXEC. Comm'r.
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Centro Italiano Femminile
Via dell'Unità, n. 36

Unione Donne Italiane
Via IV Novembre, n. 144

Signora A.M. Gillet
Marchesa Theodoli
Signora Gemma Russo
Signora Faustina Cossu

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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CC 4032

23 March 1945

My dear General:

Owing to his assignment to other duties, Colonel Junius R. Smith is resigning from the chairmanship of the Labor and Wages Control Committee of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board.

I am advised by the Acting Vice President of my Economic Section that his most suitable successor would be Mr. W. H. Braine, Director of the Labor Sub-Commission. If this suggestion meets with your approval I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the necessary appointment made.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Lieut. Gen. Sir Brian H. Robertson,
Bt., KCVO, CB, CBE, DSO, MC
Chief Administrative Officer
Allied Force Headquarters
APO 512

cc: Exec Comm
A/VP, Econ Sec

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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23 March 1945

CC 507

Subject: Lieutenant Grottenelli

To: Land Forces Subcommittee (LMA)
Attention: Colonel Kerr

1. Attached is a copy of Italian General Staff letter 31352/AV from General Mancinelli to the Chief Commissioner (LMA was on previous distribution, but letter appears to have been mislaid).

2. It is understood from conversation with Major Stearns that the arrangement confirmed in this letter by General Mancinelli does not conform to LMA's T/C provisions for the Italian General Staff. At the same time the status which has now been apparently achieved is very satisfactory to the Chief Commissioner.

3. It would accordingly be very much appreciated if the matter could be allowed to stand in accordance with General Mancinelli's letter.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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cc: Executive Commissioner

JAQ/hjp

21 March 1945

TO: Marchese Cittadini-Cese

In a letter dated March 18th, H.E. Spataro requested authorization for a small military parade which would take place on March 24th at the ceremony to be held in commemoration of the first shooting of the Ardeatine Caves.

I am directed to inform you that this authority is gladly given and the concurrence of Rome Area Allied Command has also been obtained.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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19 March 1945.

The Chief,
Division of Foreign Service Personnel,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

This is to certify that William W. Schott, a Foreign Service Officer, reported for duty in the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission to Lieutenant General Mason MacFarlane, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission, in Naples on June 12, 1944. Upon the transfer of Mr. Samuel Heber, Mr. Schott was appointed to his position as Vice-president of the Political Section and reported to me in Rome on July 21, 1944. He served in this capacity until March 1, 1945, when the Political Section was abolished and subsequently until March 10 as Political Advisor to the Allied Commission, when he was relieved by Mr. Walter C. Dowling, Second Secretary of the American Embassy, Rome.

I wish to record my deep appreciation of the splendid work performed by Mr. Schott. His services were invaluable to me. If he were a naval officer under my command, I would rate him 4.0 in all respects, would recommend him for promotion, and would certify that I should like to have him serve under me again.

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[s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

myself

CC 511

19 March 1945.

TO : Vice President, Establishments Section.

1. I should like to put in a recommendation for the Legion of Merit for Colonel Richard H. Wilmer, former Deputy Director of the Legal Sub-Commission.

2. I should also like to put in a recommendation for the Legion of Merit for Colonel D. S. Adams, formerly Acting Vice President of the Economic Section and Director of the Transportation Sub-Commission. In this case, I think the award might probably be for his services as Acting Vice President of the Economic Section.

3. Will you please prepare the necessary recommendations and citations for my signature.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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19 March 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Because of its possible effect on enterprises engaged or to be engaged in production of services for the Allied military effort, the draft decree submitted by H.E. Minister Pesenti at the last meeting of the Council of Ministers has been referred to the Supreme Allied Commander, Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, for his views.

It is therefore requested that the Council defer the adoption of this decree, either in its present or modified form, until approval to its adoption has been given.

Yours very truly,

/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.

Copy to: U.S. Ambassador
British Ambassador
AFHQ
U.S. Political Advisor (ALCON)
British Political Advisor (ALCON)
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Civil Affairs Section
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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

19 March 1945.

Ref: 567/12/EC.

Subject: Italian Draft Decree

To: G-5 Section, AFHQ

1. The Italian Council of Ministers at their last meeting considered a Draft Decree proposed by Minister PIRELLI. It is understood that at their next meeting further consideration will be given to this Draft Decree.

2. Attached are:

- (a) Copy of the full Decree in Italian.
- (b) A brief synopsis of the Articles.
- (c) Full translation of the more important of these Articles, namely Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 17, 30, 31, 32 and 40.
- (d) Copy of letter to the Prime Minister requesting ^{him} to defer adoption of the Decree pending approval.

3. The possibility of socialization of big industries such as PIRELLI and FIAT may well hamper the Allied war effort. The Council of Ministers has appointed a Committee of Ministers to consider the draft. Instructions are requested as to whether the AC should take any position in this matter from the military point of view.

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4. May this matter please be treated as urgent.

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

Copy to: Economic Section
American Ambassador
British Ambassador
CA Section
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JAQ/hjp

19 March 1945

Dear Nelson:

Subsequent to our telephone conversation this morning I found that we have already gotten hold of a copy of the recommendation made to NATOUSA dated 24 November. We have therefore no need to resort to the devious method which we discussed on the phone, the Admiral's letter plus the enclosure going straight to General Gruenther.

I attach a copy of the Admiral's letter to the Chief of Staff, 15th Army Group.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CG

Colonel Nelson W. Monfort, G.S.C.
Civil Affairs Section
Hq 15th Army Group
APO 777

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19 March 1945

PERSONAL

My dear General Gruenther:

Colonel Nelson W. Monfort during his assignment with the Allied Military Mission and later with the Allied Commission has always done a magnificent job.

On 1 October 1944, at the request of the Commander-in-Chief, I sent him to Hq. A. A. 1. as my Deputy with the title of Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer. There he organized the Civil Affairs Section with such skill and tact that on 24 November 1944 I recommended him for promotion to the rank of Brigadier General.

A copy of this recommendation, which was disallowed by MTOUSA "pending the demilitarization of the Allied Commission" is enclosed.

The demilitarization of the Allied Commission is, in the case of Colonel Monfort, no longer pertinent since he has subsequently been relieved from duty with the Allied Commission and assigned to Hq. 15th Army Group. On the other hand I cannot, for the same reason, resubmit a recommendation for his promotion. I think you should know the facts, however, and I am also advising you for any action you may care to take.

Sincerely,

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EMERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Major General A. W. Gruenther, G.S.C.,
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