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TRANSLATION

Rome, 25 October 1946.

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Villa Musella - San Martino Buonalbergo (Verona)

Villa Musella, belonging to the Duchess Maddalena d'Accorone Trenza di Musella, including various annexes (Main Building, Stables and personnel lodgings, Garages, Garden, large Park etc.), requisitioned and occupied already during the German occupation, was again requisitioned and occupied by Allied Troops Commands and namely:

- a) - From 15 May 1945 until 31 August 1945 by the Transportation Section, APO 496, U.S. Army, with requisition paper Zone III A.N. 00617 sup. Reference GMI 730;
- b) - From 5 September 1945 by the British Command 61 Brigade, with letter No. 72 TM/7/170 until July 1946, on which date said Command left the Villa.

In this last circumstance, said Command gave written and verbal assurances that a final derequisition paper would be drawn up, but to this day no official communication about the derequisition has been made, as requested by the owner.

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The Villa and annexes were completely furnished with antique luxury furniture; the garden and the park (under the protection of the law about particular historical valuables) had many prized old trees and rare plants, kept in a perfect condition.

Everybody knows that requisitions by troops are inevitably a cause of considerable damage and therefore it will not appear surprising to hear that the furniture has been seriously damaged and some pieces are missing; that the installations (water, light, heating, electrical motors etc.) are almost unusable (burnt boilers, electric installations etc.); that the garden and the park have also suffered considerable damage (more than hundred tons of wood have been cut and consumed.) All this is proven by the inventory made when the place was requisitioned.

The Villa has been recently returned to the owner who had some repairs made in order to avoid greater damage and in order to make her ancestral house partly inhabitable. The Duchess Maddalena Accorone has therefore requested the Allied Command in Italy to issue to her a derequisition certificate for the Villa, but having received yesterday a telephone communication that a new requisition by the Allied Military Command was threatening, she appeals to the Allied Commission so that the issuance of the requested derequisition order be hastened and that the Allied Commission anyways intervene so that in the meanwhile she may be allowed to inhabit the Villa together with her family.



TRANSLATION

Rome, 25 October 1946.

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Villa Musella - San Martino di Soverzano (Verona)

Villa Musella, belonging to the Duchess Maddalena d'Acquarone Trezza di Musella, including various annexes (Main Building, Stables and personnel lodgings, Garages, Garden, large Park etc.), requisitioned and occupied already during the German occupation, was again requisitioned and occupied by Allied Troops Commands and namely:

- a) - From 15 May 1945 until 31 August 1945 by the Transportation Section, 470 498, U.S. Army, with requisition paper "One ITT A.M. 0081" n.p. Reference GSI 730;
- b) - From 5 September 1945 by the British Command 61 Brigade, with letter no. 78 TM/V/170 until July 1946, on which date said Command left the Villa.

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