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FERDINANDO FLORES, CHIEF OF CABINET
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Present position - Chief of Cabinet of the Presidency of the Council. Born at CHIARO IRPINO (Avellino) 2 April 1904. Educated at University of Rome where he received degree in Law. Speaks French.

Took part in World War I, during which he fought both on the Italian and French fronts. Was awarded the War Cross. Was CHIARO's secretary at the Peace Conference in Paris.

Entered the administration of the Interior on 14 March 1920.

Joined the Fascist Party in 1935 when it was necessary to become a member of the Party in order to serve at the Presidency of the Council. He never served the Party in any special capacity nor did he ever receive any Fascist favors or honors.

Served at the Prefecture of ROVERETO, 1935-36, and 1938. Was for some time attached to the office of the President of the Council of the Ministers. From 1939 to 1940 was attached to the Universal Exhibition of Rome as Acting Vice-Chief of the General Secretariat. Prior to 25 July 1941, he held, for fifteen days, the office of Prefect of Trento. On 18 August 1941, he was assigned to FIRA where he was exposed to German occupation and the Fascist-Republican Government. He strongly resisted both the German and the Fascist demands and defended the prestige of his office and the lives and property of the population. As a result, on September 30, 1943, he was discharged from his office and was later completely dismissed from the administration. On 5 June 1944, he was designated by Bonomi to restore the offices and services of the Presidency of the Council. On 20 July 1944, was appointed Chief of Cabinet of the Presidency of the Council, which position he holds at present.

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