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CASE OF SIGNORE SCARAMUCCI (SEQUESTRATION OF PROPERTY)
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Chief Commissioner,

10 Jan 46

Please see folios JA and JB in reply to folio 2A

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[Signature]
JOHN. K. WEBER.
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Chief Legal Advisor.

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Chief Commissioner

13 December 1945

This is a matter in which I am afraid we cannot intervene officially. Sig. Scaramucci's property was sequestrated as he was alleged to have been a fascist. The letter alleges that he has been cleared of all charges, and that the Questura of Grosseto has no charges to bring against him. The obstacle to putting Sig. Scaramucci back into possession of his property is the fact that some of the CLN men are against it. As the whole question is one that has been left entirely in the hands of Italian authorities to deal with, I do not think we ought to take any action, but, I submit, there could be no objection to your calling the attention of the Prime Minister to the facts of the case, and asking him, if he is of opinion that Sig. Scaramucci has been cleared of all charges, whether Sig. Scaramucci's property might not be restored to him. A draft letter to the Prime Minister is enclosed, *should you decide to go further in the premises.*

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JOHN K. WEBER,
Col. Infantry,
Chief Legal Advisor.

Legal Sub-Commission.

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Approved
JOHN K. WELER,
Col. Infantry,
Chief Legal Advisor.

Legal Sub-Commission.

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Colonel Infantry
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TRANSLATION

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

Rome, February 14, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

Reference your letter dated 21 December 1945, on the SCARAMUCCI case, the Ministry of Finance, General Department for Financial Matters of an Extraordinary Character, informs me with letter no. 16, dated February 5, 1946, that, in regard to the charge made against Signor Scaramucci for having amassed a great fortune, - valued at nearly eighty million -, in a few years, with the backing of political personages, and by imposing on his important political appointments, the Special Session for the forfeiture of profits of the Fascist Regime of Grosseto, in the reunion of November 8, 1945, has deliberated a proposal of assurance for seventy-five million lire for profits which can be forfeited by the State.

With reference to the above, and considering the fact that the property of the person in question warrants any possible credit of the State to be forfeited, the Technical Committee has expressed the opinion that the order confiscating the property be revoked, inscribing in its place a legal mortgage on the real estate only, up to the present value of the same.

This has been communicated with note No. 9660 of 28 December 1945, for further action by the competent authority, to the Special Session, to the Provincial Finance Office of Grosseto, and to the District Attorney Office in Florence.

6 On February 5, 1946, this Ministry requested the Special Session of Grosseto to inform us whether claim has been made by the contributor to assess taxes contrary to the proposal here mentioned.

I will keep you informed on this case.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(s) De Gasperi.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone.
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission, ROME.

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*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, 14 febbraio 1946

Caro Ammiraglio,

5 in riferimento alla Sua del 21 dicembre u.s.
relativa al caso del sig. SCARAMUCCI, il Ministero
delle finanze, Direzione Generale per la finanza straor-
dinaria, con lettera n.16 del 5 corrente mese mi comu-
nica che in base all'accusa di essere riuscito in po-
chi anni ad accumulare, con l'appoggio di personali-
tà politiche, un ingente patrimonio - valutato a qua-
si ottanta milioni - sfruttando anche numerose cari-
che politiche ricoperte, la Sezione Speciale per l'a-
vocazione dei profitti di regime di Grosseto, nella
seduta dell'8 novembre 1945, ha deliberato all'unani-
mità nei confronti dello SCARAMUCCI una proposta di
accertamento per profitti avocabili allo Stato di li-
re 75 milioni.

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All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata
Via Veneto R O M A

In relazione a ciò, ed in considerazione del fatto che la consistenza patrimoniale del soggetto offre solide garanzie per l'eventuale credito erariale da avocare, il Comitato Tecnico, in relazione all'ultimo comma dell'art.30 del D.L.L. 31 maggio 1945,n.364, ha espresso l'avviso che possa revocarsi il sequestro dei beni, accendendo, in sua vece, l'ipoteca legale sui soli beni immobili fino alla concorrenza del loro valore attuale.

Tale deliberazione è stata comunicata con nota n.9660, del 28 dicembre 1945, per gli ulteriori adempimenti di competenza, alla Sezione Speciale, alla Intendenza di Finanza di Grosseto e all'Avvocatura Distrettuale di Firenze.

In data 5 corrente mese è stato richiesto dal detto Ministero alla Sezione Speciale di Grosseto se sia stato o no presentato ricorso, da parte del contribuente, verso la proposta di accertamento di cui sopra è cenno.

La terrò al corrente dell'ulteriore sviluppo della pratica.

Con i migliori saluti.

Reggiani

Translation

The president of the Council of Ministers

56412/1.7

- 9 GEN 1946

Rome, 5 January 1946

JAN 8 1946

Dear Admiral,

I received your letter dated December 21st,
in relation with the case of Mr. Scaramucci of Casteldel-
piano (Grosseto) and I at once got in touch with the
Ministry of Finance.

As soon as possible, I shall forward to you
the information which is to be supplied to me.

Sincerely yours,

s. De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Via Veneto
Rome

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*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

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Roma, - 5 GEN 1948

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Caro Ammiraglio,

ho ricevuto la Sua del 21 dicembre u.s.
relativa al caso del Sig. Scaramucci di Casteldelpia-
no (Grosseto) ed ho subito interpellato al riguardo
il Ministero delle Finanze.

Sarà mia cura tenerla al corrente, ap-
pena possibile, delle notizie che mi verranno fornite.

Con i migliori saluti

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All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo della
Commissione Alleata
Via Veneto

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AC/4034/14/L.

21 December 1945

My dear Prime Minister,

I should like to bring to your knowledge the case of Signore Scaramucci of Casteldelpiano, Grosseto. When the Province was under Allied Military Government upon the allegation of having been a fascist all his property was sequestered by a Prefect's decree and he had to leave Casteldelpiano in consequence of threats and upon being given to understand that his presence was unwelcome to certain people there. Sig. Scaramucci is an officer in the Bersaglieri, and I am informed that he has been cleared of all charges by the Ministry of War, and also that the Questura of Grosseto has no charge against him. If the facts brought to my knowledge are correct, it would appear that Sig. Scaramucci has been cleared of any accusation of improper conduct. All the papers and files of this case are, I believe, at the Ministry of Finance in Rome.

Yours very truly

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/s/ Elery W. Stone

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

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME

La Spezia , 1 December 45. (1A)

Sir :

I have been with AMG/AC for the past two years and am aware of the efforts made by the Allied Commission towards the rehabilitation of the Italian people, effort sometimes hampered by the Italians themselves.

I am asking your help in a matter which should probably be dealt with by the Italian authorities, but I am writing to you because fear sometimes makes certain Officials slow. It is usually, as this is the case, CLN interference, in matters which have nothing to do with them, which hampers the course of justice.

I will be as brief as possible.

This is one of many cases now taking place in Italian Gov't territory. A man is said to have been a fascist, his property is sequestered, and even after he has been discriminated, nothing is done to restore his property to him. CLN's approval is apparently required before any action can be taken by the Italian authorities. I know that this would not be allowed in AMG territory and it seems quite strange that it should be allowed in Italian Government territory.

Signore Scaramucci of Casteldelpiano (Grosseto) was said to have been a fascist. When the Province was under AMG, a Prefect's decree (approved by Lt. Col. Hamilton) sequestered all of Sig. Scaramucci's property. He had to leave Casteldelpiano, leave his family not because he wanted to, but because he was threatened, his presence was not wanted by certain individuals because he was "politically unsuitable to the Allies". He is an Officer of the Bersaglieri and has been discriminated by the Italian Ministry of War. His property could have been de-sequestered: a commission was formed but later dissolved. Nothing was, therefore, done. The Grosseto Questura has no charges against this man but the CLN's approval is still required. Some CLN men are in favour of clearing Sig. Scaramucci but others are not, and the matter is still pending after all these months. All papers, the files, are at the Ministry of Finance in Rome and it should be a matter to be decided between the ministry and the Intendenza di Finanza. Does everything that the Italian Gov't wants to do have to bear the CLN's approval? He still has to live away from his family because until he has been thoroughly discriminated and his property de-sequestered he cannot return to Casteldelpiano. Some people say that "he is unsuitable to the Allies" probably because PC Grosseto approved the sequestration decree but that was the normal administrative procedure followed and has no bearing on the Allies' views. If all those who might really be considered unsuitable, politically, were to have their property sequestered, a fascist type regime would start again. It is easy to say that so and so is unsuitable,

politically, it is just like saying that he is not wanted or liked. Personal feelings should have no bearing on such judgments. Proof is what is necessary before a man can be condemned and that is what is lacking, totally, in this case.

Sir, Christmas comes only once a year and, after what Sigre Scaramucci has been through, it might yet be possible to let him spend the coming Holiday with his family at Casteldelpiano, by a fireside he may call his own, with a family which really loves him ~~and for~~ ^{and for} fear for his personal safety. Might it again be proven that the Allies have brought "freedom from fear" and might Sig Scaramucci begin the New Year in a spirit of democracy and not fear.

Sincerely Yours,

Aldo Ippolito

aldo IPPOLITO
Allied Military Government
Liguria Region
La Spezia Province
A.F.O. 394.

