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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The transference of the Ufficio Informazioni (formerly S.I.M.) to the Ministry of War has just been approved by AFHQ.

Accordingly, I am pleased to inform you that you may now take the necessary action to effect the plan as detailed in the amended copy of Inclosure I to your letter 234 of 21 March 45. This amendment was passed to your Chief de Cabinet, H.E. Signor Flores, on 27 March 1945 (file 1011/30).

Yours very truly,

to PS 6  
21/3.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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

cc. U.S. Ambassador  
British Ambassador  
G-5, AFHQ  
Political Adviser (A)  
Political Adviser (B)  
Land Forces S/C (MMA)  
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SUBJECT: Transference and Renaming of S.I.M.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, 470 512

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.

ELBERT 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 (R), AG  
Land Forces H/C, AG  
Civil Affairs Section, AG

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers  
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Rome, 21 March 1945

In reference to our conversation of this morning, I want to emphasize my point of view about the passage of the Ufficio Informazioni (ex I.I.P.) under the dependence of the War Department.

- 1) This passage which was decided in the Council of Ministers of March 7th, was, as you know, approved on general principle by the Allies, who asked for some conditions to be respected, so that they could give a final approval.
- 2) I sum up these conditions which I have no difficulty in accepting:
  - a) the elements forming the Ufficio Informazioni appear in enclosure n. 1, and were drafted in agreement with U.S.I.P.I.
  - b) the office will depend directly from the Chief of Staff of the Army;
  - c) the organization and the functions of the elements of the Ufficio Informazioni, at present 'under Allied operating command' (c.f. enclosure 1) will remain unchanged;
  - d) when the passage will have taken place, the organization and personnel of the remaining elements of the Ufficio Informazioni will be examined in view of a possible reorganization; nevertheless, no changes or transformations will be made without the previous approval of the Allies for any proposal that ever on this subject presented by the War Ministry;
  - e) the passage under the dependence of the War Ministry will have to take place as soon as possible; in no case later than April 1st;
  - f) these various conditions give the guarantee, required by the Allies, that the Ufficio Informazioni will not be used as a political instrument.

I shall be most grateful, my dear General, if you will kindly send me an answer on this subject.

/s/ I. Tassin

General Henry H. Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
E.C.M.C.

1 Encl.

ALBUQUERQUE: U.S. Ambassador  
British Ambassador  
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Reference 1 to R. 20A of 21.3.44

UNITS OF THE ITALIAN OFFICE OF INFORMATION (OX-SIM)

| Unit                                                                                                  | Offices | Strengths | Total       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------|
| I. Italian Admin Troops (Category 1).                                                                 |         |           |             |
| 1. Central Office - coordinating and directing office SAG under general direction of Minister for War | 30      | 30        | 30          |
| 2. Zurette Sec.                                                                                       | 75      | 75        | 75          |
| 3. Tech Sec (incl 155 Special Wireless Coy)                                                           | 156     | 156       | 156         |
| 4. Personnel Sec                                                                                      | 11      | 11        | 11          |
| 5. M.T. Unit (incl Internal Adm)                                                                      | 110     | 110       | 110         |
| 6. Adm Sec.                                                                                           | 8       | 8         | 8           |
|                                                                                                       |         |           | <u>390</u>  |
| II. Internal Security Troops (ITI-ITI) (Cat 5)                                                        |         |           |             |
| (Under Allied Command for Operations)                                                                 | Offices | Strengths |             |
| 7. Italian Increment to C.S.D.I.C.                                                                    | 42      | 174       | 216         |
| 8. 808 C.S. Pn (Bonaignore Sec)                                                                       | 69      | 931       | 1000        |
| 9. 810 Service Sqn (Calderini Sec Op No. 1)                                                           | 11      | 57        | 68          |
| 10. Press and Radio Censorship Unit                                                                   | 11      | --        | 11          |
| 11. 4th Sec (Codes and Ciphers) - see Note 1 below.                                                   | 13      | 30        | 43          |
| 12. Intelligence Censorship Unit                                                                      |         | 160       | 160         |
| 13. Unallotted                                                                                        |         | 2         | 2           |
|                                                                                                       |         |           | <u>1502</u> |
| III. British Service Troops (BRI-ITI) (Cat 3)                                                         |         |           |             |
| (Under Allied Command for Operations)                                                                 |         |           |             |
| 14. Italian Increment to No 1 Special Force (Calderini Sec Op 2 and 3)                                | 72      | 382       | 454         |

## Unit

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1. Central Office - coordinating and directing office SAG under general direction of Minister for War
2. Zurette Sec.
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4. Personnel Sec
5. M.T. Unit (incl Internal Adm)
6. Adm Sec.

II. Internal Security Troops (ITI-ITI) (Cat 5)  
(Under Allied Command for Operations)

7. Italian Increment to C.S.D.I.C.
8. 808 C.S. Pn (Bonaignore Sec)
9. 810 Service Sqn (Calderini Sec Op No. 1)
10. Press and Radio Censorship Unit
11. 4th Sec (Codes and Ciphers) - see Note 1 below.
12. Intelligence Censorship Unit
13. Unallotted

III. British Service Troops (BRI-ITI) (Cat 3)  
(Under Allied Command for Operations)

14. Italian Increment to No 1 Special Force (Calderini Sec Op 2 and 3)

6. Adm Sec.

II. Internal Security Troops (ITI-ITL) (Cat 12)  
(Under Allied Command for Operations)

|                                                     |    |     |      |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----|-----|------|-------------|
| 7. Italian Instrument to C.S.D.I.C.                 |    |     |      |             |
| 8. 808 C.S. Bn (Bonsignore Sec)                     | 42 | 174 | 216  |             |
| 9. EIO Service sqn (Calderini Sec Op No. 1)         | 69 | 931 | 1000 |             |
| 10. Press and Radio Censorship Unit                 | 11 | 57  | 68   |             |
| 11. 4th Sec (Codes and Ciphers) - see Note 1 below. | 11 | --  | 11   |             |
| 12. Intelligence Censorship Unit                    | 13 | 30  | 43   |             |
| 13. Unalotted                                       |    | 160 | 160  |             |
|                                                     |    | 2   | 2    |             |
|                                                     |    |     |      | <u>1502</u> |

III. British Service Troops (BNI-BTL) (Cat 3)  
(Under Allied Command for Operations)

|                                                                        |     |     |             |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------|--|
| 14. Italian Increment to No 1 Special Force (Calderini Sec Op 2 and 3) | 72  | 382 | 454         |  |
| 15. Nucleo I.                                                          | 250 | 300 | 550         |  |
|                                                                        |     |     | <u>1000</u> |  |

NOTE 1 : NOT under Allied Command for Operations.

NOTE 2 : Above personnel may have been detached from Army, Navy, Air Force or CC NF. All are carried on Army strength while a member of I.A.I. and S.P. Unit.

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