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SAFETY CAMPAIGN
AUG., SEPT. 1945

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To CPA Section - for 95 nature please -
21 August 45.
For H.H. Hobbs
for John W. Chapman Colonel MCD

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To Public Safety SC.

Safety Campaign

This letter is not considered suitable for sending
to the Italian Government. Does this campaign
apply only to Rome? ~~in~~ are the Italians to assist
throughout Italy?

Please submit new draft.

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H.H. Hobbs
Col
22 Aug 45

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7 CA Section. For signature. For
23-6-45
For John W. Chapman Colonel MCD.
signed H.H. Hobbs
22 Aug

To Public Safety SC 4.

Exec Comm's office has removed two copies of this letter on
Safety Campaign for this file and the C.S.'s files.

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Noted 21-8-45 MCD. PS 96.

H.H. Hobbs
Col
24 Aug 45

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ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE
R.A.A.C. QUESTURA BUDG. VIA S. VITALE

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To : Commanding General R.A.A.C.
: Director Public Safety S/O - A.C./H/Q/
From : Lt.Col. R.A.A. Millhouse, I.O.
Subject : Miscellaneous of traffic.

Roma, 19th sept. 45.

Attached translation copy of letter from the
Sindaco of Rome to the Questore on above subject is forwarded
for your information.-

Edward J. G. G. G.
for R.A.A. Millhouse, Lt.Col.
A.C. Public Safety, I.O.

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Enclosures: 1 -

TO	for
DATE	19/9/45
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To : Commanding General R.A.A.C.
 : Director Public Safety S/C - A.C./H/Q/
 From : Lt. Col. R.A. Millhouse, I.O.
 Subject : Discipline of traffic.

Rome, 19th sept, 45.

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 Sindaco of Rome to the Questore on above subject is forwarded
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Under inquiry
 for R.A. Millhouse, Lt. Col.
 A.C. Public Safety, I.O.

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Enclosures: 1 -

TO	
DIRECTOR	<i>20/9/45</i>
DEPUTY	<i>20/9/45</i>
SA	<i>20/9/45</i>
Police	<i>20/9/45</i>
ADM.	
Secy.	
Chief	

TRANSLATION

Letter from Comune di Rome n.30443 dated 15/9/45 -

to : R. Questura - Roma

Subject: Safe driving campaign.-

As a first step for the safe driving campaign the traffic signs have been reviewed and modified according to present regulations.-

Contingent and experience reasons stand against the maintenance of some prohibitions and limitations such as : the passage of pedestrians on left-hand sidewalks in certain streets; prohibition of transit for bicycles and horse-drawn carts existing in pre-war time for many streets.-

The proper Office has been directed for the enforcement of the prohibitions and limitations still in effect and as a matter of fact numberless of fines are being inflicted daily.- The fines however are scarcely effective, because the amount established by Royal Degree n.1740 dated 8/12/43 approving the regulations for the preservation of the roads and for the traffic, is quite irrelevant, due to the fall of the money.- It is therefore necessary that the Public Work Ministry issue more adequate dispositions as soon as possible.- Up to now it has not been possible to reactivate the traffic lights first for lack of electric power and later for lack of material, mostly bulbs.- We have invited traffic lights factories to submit offers for running and taking care of a/m sets.-

In a first period 11 traffic lights will be set working as an experiment, which requires an expense of L.1.632.000.- It will be however necessary to obtain a strict and exact advance by the people or else they could be causers of an increased number of accidents instead of bringing about any benefit.-

On the other hand questions of safety in traffic is to be considered in connection with means of transport.-

The shortage of buses made old motor lorries with worn out tyres to be put in circulation and simultaneously increased the number of pedestrians and mostly of cyclists. The latter caused most of the traffic accidents or remain victims of them.-

As there is no authorized taxi-cab service it has been necessary to cancel the prohibition for horse-drawn carts to pass by some narrow and busy streets and therefore now and then

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As there is no authorized taxi-cab service it has been necessary to cancel the prohibition for horse-drawn carts to pass by some narrow and busy streets and therefore now and then accidents take place when quicker vehicles try to overtake the slower ones.--

Furthermore we are studying the possibility of laying again in some squares concrete platforms to help pedestrians cross them, but lack of materials still stands on our way.--

Sgn. THE Sindaco
F.G.Doria Panphili

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AC/14359/PS

25 August 1945.

SUBJECT : Safety Campaign.

TO : Ministry of Interior
Director General of Public Security.

1. Allied authorities are greatly concerned over the number of accidents involving motor vehicles and are now engaged in a serious campaign among Allied Military drivers in an effort to educate them in more careful and cautious driving. In order to insure the best results it is desired to have the cooperation of the Italian Government and Italian authorities.

2. Investigations reveal that the cause of the accidents is not always the fault of Allied drivers but that civilian drivers and pedestrians are often to blame. For this reason, the Italian authorities could render valuable assistance by also instituting a campaign of education and publicity designed to reach civilian drivers and pedestrians.

3. It may also be desirable to review the regulations controlling the driving of motor vehicles throughout the country with a view of correcting some dangerous driving practices such as exceeding reasonable speed, entering main highways from side roads or streets without stopping, driving in the middle or on the wrong side of the road and taking curves on the wrong side.

4. Pedestrian control is also important especially in the cities. The practice of walking in middle of the street and crossing streets indiscriminately is particularly dangerous.

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3. The assistance of Italian authorities will be greatly appreciated.

For the Chief Commissioner :

H. H. Shultz, Col
for M. CARR,
Prigadier,
VF 34 Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

20 AUG 1945

Ref: 3604/209/EC.

Tel : 735

18 August 45

SUBJECT: Safety Campaign.

TO : Civil Affairs Section (for Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

1. Enclosed is copy of a letter dated 11 August 1945 received by the Chief Commissioner from Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, and a copy of the Chief Commissioner's reply.

2. Will you please prepare a letter to the Italian Government on the subject, bringing up the points raised by Brigadier General Brown.

for Kennedy Major Gen.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

TO	IND	DATE
X DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER	<i>MA</i>	<i>21-8</i>
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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, Postmaster New York City
Office of the Commanding General

11 Aug 45

My dear Admiral:

For some time this Headquarters has been conducting a safety campaign under policies announced by the Theater Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations. This campaign has comprised unit instructions of all drivers, publicity, and a tightening up of Military Police control.

Accidents still occur and many times the fault lies with civilian drivers and pedestrians. As you have probably observed, civilian drivers exceed reasonable speeds, come into main thoroughfares from side streets without stopping, drive in the middle or on the wrong side of the road, and invariably take curves on the inside when they should be on the outside of the curve. Pedestrians appear to prefer the middle of the street to the sidewalks, cross streets indiscriminately without even looking in either direction for approaching cars, bicyclists hang onto the rear of trucks, invariably on the outside, etc.

I believe that drastic steps should be taken to correct this situation, and I am writing you hoping that you will be kind enough to bring the matter to the attention of the proper authorities.

Very sincerely yours,

THOBURN K. BROWN
Brigadier General, US Army

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission
APO 394, US Army.

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14 August 45

My dear General:

Thank you very much for your letter of 11 August 1945 with reference to the safety campaign now being conducted.

I agree entirely with your remarks concerning civilian drivers and pedestrians and am taking steps, in accordance with your suggestion, to bring this matter to the attention of the Italian Government in order that corrective action may be taken.

Very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Brigadier General Thoburn K. Brown, U.S. Army
Commanding General
Rome Area Allied Command,
APO 794, U.S. Army.

Copy to : Exec Comm - Please take appropriate action with
Italian Government.

E.W.S.

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