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FASCIST DIPLOMAS

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V.P. My view, as you know, is not so strong. But I am assuming that they are not printing new stocks. I do think it might well be saved by the C.C. but suggest that we do not press the matter if the award was gazetted before September 43 and they are using up old supplies. After all, it is correct!

G. D. B. Humphreys 1.6.61.
25 April.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/645.01

24 April 1945

SUBJECT : Fascist Diplomas

TO : V.P. CA Section

1. With further reference to your 9/15.1/CA of 15 April 1945 to Naval S/C regarding the above named.

2. A further twelve of these diplomas have come into our possession issued by the Minister of War, with covering letters dated 16th February 1945.

3. I think that it would be advisable to have the Chief Commissioner raise this matter with the Prime Minister, with a view to the Chancellor of the Order of the Crown of Italy, who is responsible for the execution of the decree granting the awards, being advised to discontinue the use of such documents, which tend to maintain Fascist sentiments by their adherence to obsolete titles.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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THE GENERAL OF THE COMMANDING CORP

DE STEFANIS Gr.Uff. Giuseppe

GENERAL OF THE BRIGADE

COCILOVO	Comm. Francesco
GUGLIELMI	Comm. Michele
BONETTI	Comm. Carlo
RUSSO	Comm. Umberto
BARBATO	Comm. Domenico
LIETO	Comm. Pietro
CORDONE	Comm. Leonardo
PUCCI BONCAMPI	Comm. Vittorio Emanuele

MAJOR GENERAL (Medical)

TURILLI	Comm. Antonio
SALEM	Comm. Alessandro

MAJOR GENERAL (Commissioner)

CATALANO	Comm. Alfredo
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H. M. VITTORIO EMANUELE III

By the Grace of God and the Will of the Nation

KING OF ITALY AND OF ALBANIA

EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA

Grand Master of the Order of the Crown of Italy

In consideration of special benefits:

On proposal of the Duce of Fascism, Head of the Government
Minister of War

By Decree dated - Rome, 18 March 1943 - XXI - has conferred
the honour of:

GRAND OFFICER

of the Order of the Crown of Italy, with authority to adorn
himself with the established insignias for such an honourable
rank on

General Commanding Corp

GIUSEPPE DE STEFANIS

The Chancellor of the Order of the Crown of Italy, in charge
of the execution of the Decree, states that it has been registe-
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THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ORDER

The Chief Director of the 1 Division

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2296
29 April 1945.

FASCIST DIPLOMAS

Dear Admiral de Courten:

The Military Commission, Sotoglimento Milmar, Regia Marina, under cover of Prot. 7354/A of 30 March 1945, forwarded six diplomas to Ufficio Stralcio Milmar, Reggio Calabria, signed by A. Bono, President of the Commission, conferring "the honour" of CAVALIERE or UFFICIALE of the Order of the Crown of Italy" on the officers named therein for delivery.

2. The Diplomas show the title "KING OF ITALY AND ALBANIA, EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA" and are for special services performed in the present war and in previous wars from 1915 to 1940. The honours are conferred on the proposal of "the Duce of Fascism, Chief of Government, Minister of Marine" and are dated 27 June 1942 - XX.

3. Notwithstanding the fact that the Diplomas are dated 27 June 1942, and the delivery thereof might conceivably be construed as a mere ministerial act, provided the diplomas were executed on that date, the perpetuation of Fascist organizations and honours by the Ministry of Marine of the Italian Government is considered to be wholly inconsistent with the provisions of the Armistice, which specifically require that all Fascist organizations be disbanded, and which further provide for the suppression of Fascist ideology and teaching.

4. The recognition of Fascist organizations and honours is contrary to the policy of the Allied Nations and presumably the Italian Government.

5. It is requested that I may have your early assurances that the Ministry of Marine will take strong measures to insure that all stocks of Fascist literature and diplomas or forms under Italian Navy jurisdiction and control are destroyed and that the Ministry of Marine does not foster Fascist practices and customs.

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(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUP-COMMISSION, AC.

H.E. ADMIRAL R. DE COURTEN
MINISTRY OF MARINE
ROME

Copy to:
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
V.P. CA SECTION
PUBLIC SAFETY SC.AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

9/15.1/45

15 April 45

SUBJECT : Fascist Diplomas

TO : Naval C/C.

- 1 I enclose letter SE/645.01 dated 11 April 45 from Security Division to Director Public Safety sub-Commission and attachments which are self explanatory.
- 2 I entirely agree with the comments of the Security Division in paras 2 and 3 of their letter and in addition would point out:
 - (a) From the earliest days following the execution of the Armistice the Allies have been very insistent on the dropping of the title "King of Albania Emperor of Ethiopia" and to continue to issue documents so headed (although in respect of pre Armistice matters) is a breach of faith.
 - (b) To permit recognition of fascist merit is not merely ridiculous but is contrary not only to Allied Policy but to that of the Italian Government itself.
- 3 Unless you think the matter should be taken up by the Chief Commissioner with the Prime Minister I suggest that you raise the matter with the Ministry of Marine and ask them to destroy all stocks of these documents and to discontinue their issue.

G. R. Upjohn
G.R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

Copy to Pub Safety S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF : SD/645.01

11 April 1945

SUBJECT : Diplomas granted by the Regia Marina
TO : Director, Public Safety Sub Commission

1. Please find attached six diplomas from the Ministry of Marine, to various officers at Reggio Calabria, which have been intercepted when being sent by post. They were transmitted under a covering letter dated 30th March, 1945 from the Ministry of Marine, signed by A. BONA, President of the Commission.

2. A translation of one of the diplomas is also attached. It shows the title of "KING OF ITALY AND ALBANIA, EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA" and confers the honour of CAVALIERE on a Lieutenant of the Fascist Militia for the special benefits he has acquired in the present war and in previous wars from 1915 to 1940. The honour was conferred by decree dated 27th June 1942 on the proposal of the DUCE OF FASCISM, Head of the Government.

3. Although one cannot interfere with honours granted in 1942, it does seem ridiculous that a department of the Italian Government, supposed to be fighting Fascism should send out at the present time diplomas "on the proposal of the Duce", granting awards to former Fascists.

SJH
S.J. HARVEY,
Major,
Security Division.

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EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA

Grand Master of the Order of the Crown of Italy

In consideration of special benefits acquired in the present War and in the previous wars fought by Italy from 1915 to 1940.

On proposal of the Duce of Fascism, Head of the Government,

Minister of the Marine

By Decree dated - S. Rossore, 27 June 1942 - XX - has conferred the honour of

C A V A L I E R E

of the Order of the Crown of Italy, with authority to adorn himself with the established insignias for such an honourable rank, on

"Capomanipolo" (Lt. of the M.V.S.N.)

C A R M E L O M A N I S C A L C O

The Chancellor of the Order of the Crown of Italy, in charge of the execution of the Decree, states that it has been registered at the Chancery of the mentioned Order and that:-

Capomanipolo Carmelo MANISCALCO was inscribed in the List of the National Cavalieri (Knights), No. 111625 (Serial 3.)

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ORDER

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THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ORDER

The Chief Director of the I Division

TRANSLATION

REGIA MARINA

Military Commission
Scioglimento Milmart.

Rome 30 March 1945

UFFICIO STRALCIO MILMART

Prot. 7354/A

REGGIO CALABRIA

SUBJECT: Concession of honorary diplomas.

We transmit herewith the attached honorary diplomas
for consignment to the below mentioned Officers:

Major.	CUZZOCREA	Filippo
Capt .	GUARNA	Girolamo
"	PAULETTA	Fran.Saverio
"	FOTI	Gaetano
"	BOVI	Attilio
Ten.	MANISCALCO	Carmelo

A reply will be appreciated.

THE REAR-ADMIRAL
President of the Commission
/s/ (A.BONA)

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