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ITALIAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(Rear Detachment)
ATO 394
Education Sub-Commission

RD/WHS/tjr

AME 8609/ED

28 December 1945

SUBJECT: Attached Correspondence.

TO: Allied Military Mission,
Brindisi.

Will you kindly forward the attached correspondence
to the Under-Secretary for Education.

For the Educational Advisor:

W. H. Sherwood
W. H. SHERWOOD
Major, RE.

Enclosure.

Petition from Hungarian students.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(Near Potomac)
APO 354
Education Sub-Commission

ED/WHS/tjr

AMG 3609/2D

28 December 1943

SUBJECT: Petition.

TO: The Undersecretary for Education.

1. The attached petition is forwarded for your information.
2. It seems that the petitioners have a case which merits consideration.

For the Educational Advisor:

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W. H. SHERRWOOD
Major, RE.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394, 21 December 1943.

TO: Education Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, Palermo.

Letter ECA/42/57 is herewith forwarded to you for action.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROGER B. DERBY
1st Lt, AGD
Adjutant General

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1. Letter ECA/42/57 AMG 11 Dec.
2. No. 5023/OTS. di prot.

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HEADQUARTERS, A.M.G. (Rear Detachment), APO 394, 28 December 43.

TO: Allied Military Mission, Brindisi.

Will you kindly forward the attached document to the Under-Secretary for Education.

For the Educational Adviser:

W. H. SHERWOOD
Major, RE

3 Incls:

- Letr ECA/42/57 AMG 11 Dec. *Reg. II*
No 5023/OTS. di prot.
Letr AMG 3609/ED 28 Dec.

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FINAL JAPANESE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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(Near Detachment)
APO 334
Education Sub-Commission
Education Sub-Commission

AMGOT 0073/A/ED
APO 334/AL/1943
28/December 1943

SUBJECT: Reintegrazione

26/ Dicembre 1943

TO : Prof. Azelio Benvenuto
presso l'Osservatorio Astrofisico,
Sottosegretario per la Pubblica Istruzione
Catania
1° Delicato del Tesoro
Vi inviamo i documenti allegati per vostra intel-
ligenza.

2° Vi preghiamo di richiedere alle Autorità interes-
sate di esaminare la situazione insieme ai competenti
Ufficiali del Governo Militare Alleato.

3° Sembra a questo Ufficio che la requisizione in
oggetto non sia necessaria e che debba essere revocata.



W. H. Sherwood
W. H. SHERWOOD
Major, FE

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(Rear Detachment)
APG 394
Education Sub-Commission

EL/WHS/tjr

AMG 8609/ED

27 December 1943

SUBJECT: Attached Correspondence.

TO: CC, HQ Allied Control Commission, Brindisi.

Will you please transmit the attached correspondence to Professor Guano, Undersecretary for Education in the Badoglio Government.

For the Educational Adviser:



W. H. SHERWOOD
Major, EE

Inclosure.

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Italian Ministry of Education*

MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE BETWEEN SIGNORE
CUOMO (UNDER SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION) AND THE
EDUCATIONAL ADVISERS, LT. COL. G. R. GAYNE AND
LT. COL. TV. SMITH: 25 NOVEMBER 1943

The Minister was asked:

- I. What were his plans for the Ministry? Answer: First of all he said that none were formulated. But later he made the points: that his purpose would be to re-establish the honest character of education, to get rid of fascist influence, and to return to where education would have been had Fascism not intervened.
- IIA. How soon would he have a Ministry capable of taking over the educational administration now being carried on from Palermo? 1st Answer: Only when he reached Rome. 2nd Answer: Nothing definite could be given before Wednesday, 1 December, when he would have had a chance to consult with the Marshal.
He was asked to make his answers under two headings -- How soon, etc. from now, and How soon after the move to Sorrento.
- II B. After further conversation he was asked to give at hazard a date, without binding himself till he had had time (till next Wednesday) to consult the Marshal, when he would have a Ministry. Answer: 25 December. His further talk at this point showed, however, that he did not mean a working Ministry, but an assemblage who would begin to plan with him.
- II C. On being further pressed to clear this point, he said that the whole matter was a vicious circle. He could not get his Ministry together until they had control of the territory, but they could not have control of the territory until they had a working Ministry! He then asked that we continue to run education until Rome was taken (despite the return of the King to power) in order to give him the opportunity of making a working administration. He was told that he must not assume that this request would be agreed to by us.
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- IID. When asked the number he thought would be needed to begin work in his Ministry, he answered 20 to 30 officials, perhaps rising to 40.
- III. When asked what were his plans for the internal working organization of the Ministry, he was unable to answer effectively. It seemed to us that he had given no adequate thought to the matter. He asked our advice, in the light

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of our experience, and he promised to give a more considered opinion on Wednesday, 1 December.

- IV. As to accommodations at Sorrento, he seemed to be most vague, and he left us with the impression that he had only looked upon the move as a merely alternative place to Brindisi -- but he had not estimate his accommodations for anyone than himself -- not for the 20 to 40 officials he required. I suggested he should make his view more concrete on this point. (I mention it here as it is possible that other ministers are equally hazy on other matters.) As a further indication of his confusion, he thought the government was moving first to Bari before going to Sorrento.
- V. The regional basis of A.M.G. organization had to be mentioned several times in passing and he did not express any distaste for the idea. I did not press him to an issue as it was outside my field.
- VI. He understood clearly that he could not legislate for A.M.G. territory.
- VII. He was told that the titles of Albania and Ethiopia could not be permitted on official diplomas and other documents. He replied that that afternoon the Marshal had abolished these titles.

VIII. The Minister discussed, at his own request, the arrangements we had made in the school and university system, and expressed himself as satisfied in principle. He, furthermore, asked to receive copies of any basic documents, as they reflected months of experience and talk with many prominent Italian educationalists. These, he said, would save him much spare work and he could apply these methods ready made in the territory already under his administration. He was particularly pleased to hear that so much work had been accomplished by the educational commission in Palermo on text-book revision. He promised to him him the results of all this work.

Conclusion:

He left us with the impression that his mind was not clear, and that he was anxious to have help from us, and that he had no sense of urgency. He stated that for 20 years he had been out of public life as an anti-fascist, and had only come back now as a patriot to serve his king and country.

He is clearly cooperative, but we shall have to force the pace all the time if anything is to be done. He is also certain that he will need to lean heavily upon us for some time so that he can gain from our experience and our accom-

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plishments.

It was arranged that Lt. Colonel Smith, permanently assigned to the Allied Control Commission, would continue the discussions on Wednesday, 1 December, when the Minister returned to Brindisi.

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