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SCAO, AMG 5TH ARMY
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To V.P. ca Section.

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For your signature, please.

Chas. S. ...
Sergeant.

15 Jan 41

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To Ed. Ref. ...

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V.P. is not prepared to sign this letter. It seems a serious part of principle is the finding of the American Revolution personal with certain actions.

It cannot be settled in this way in by correspondence between V.P. and ...

If you wish to raise it, it should be done with by ...
... to the ...
... still at a V.P.'s ...
... conference.

CPS.

18 Jan. 41.

K. 608.

[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION

TO: Executive Officer, Hq. Fifth Army, G-5 Section.

1. All that can be done by the AC is being done toward getting destroyed schools in Italy rebuilt. No special consideration can be given to the one in Gaeta.
2. Correspondence is returned herewith in accordance with the last half of your para.2, 2nd Indorsement.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Lt. Col., A.U.S.
Director of Education.

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Encl
as above.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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Tel. 489081-236

TO : Brigadier General HUNT,
SCAG, 5th Army.

18 June, 1945

Dear General Hunt:

Thank you very much for your letter of 12 June with
enclosure to the Chief Commissioner, which I delivered personally
to his office.

With best wishes to you always,

Sincerely,

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Lt. Col., A. U. S.
Director of Education.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

28 May 1945

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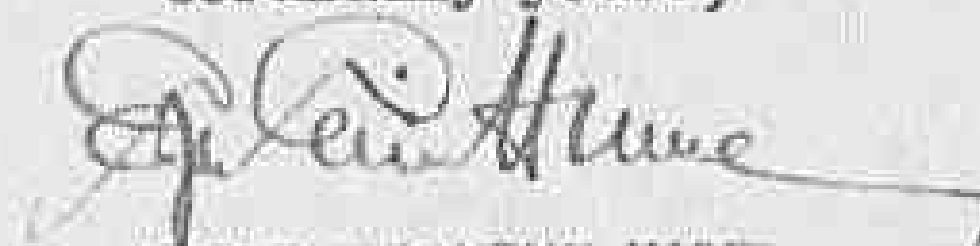
Lt. Col. Carleton W. Washburne, AUS
Director of Education
Education Subcommittee
Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394, U. S. Army

Dear Washburne:

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of May eighteenth telling me that at long last Professor Castellani has been given a clear bill of health. I felt all the time that he should not have been treated in the way that he was and I think that the Allied Commission in the end will have to answer for this. Such a well-known man as this has many friends in the United States.

I want to thank you for your interest in his behalf. Come up and see us at the Fifth Army CP, which is now on the side of this very attractive lake. We will give you a warm welcome.

Cordially yours,



EDGAR ESKINE HUME
Brigadier General, CSC
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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Tel. 489081-236

TO : General HUME,
SCAC, 54th Army.

18 May, 1945

Dear General:

You will be glad to know that at long last Prof. Castellani has been given a clear verdict, the Commission of Appeal having sustained the favorable verdict of the Expiration Commission and the Minister of Public Instruction.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Lt. Col., A.U.S.
Director of Education.

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Allied Military Government
headquarters Eighth Army
Rear
Education Division

WEP/lm

20 April 1945

reference: RIX/ED/100.31

Subject : Meeting of Education Subcommittee

To : Education Subcommittee

1. Ref your Ed/EO/AC of 7 April 1945, your Ed/EO/AC of 13 April 1945 and ED/EO/3.0/AC of 16 April 1945.
2. Unless I am called to Bologna before that time. I will be in attendance at the meeting to be held on 27-28 April 1945. Accompanying me will be Capt. Tilroe or Lt. Crichton or both.
3. For the agenda may I suggest the following:
 - a - Payment of Temporary Employees
 - b - School Calendars
 - c - Textbook Discounts
 - d - Continuance in Office of Provveditori
4. I am planning to appoint Prof. Ferri as a special assistant at Bologna and will bring him to Rome if at all possible. I expect to see him within a day or two.

Willis E. Pratt
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Captain A.U.S.
Education Officer
AMG, 8th Army Rear

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

AMS:SW:HDP

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5th April 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Education.

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission.
(Attn: Education Sub-Commission)

1. There is enclosed herewith, in duplicate, the report of the
Education Division, A.M.G. Fifth Army for the month of March, 1945.

For the Commanding General;

Arthur E. Sutherland, Jr.
ARTHUR E. SUTHERLAND, JR.
Lt. Colonel, G.A.C.,
Executive Officer.

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Allied Military Government
Headquarters Eighth Army
Rome

Reference : RHM/100/100.81

Subject : Situation for Period ending 1800 hrs, 19 March 1945.

To : C.O., Administrative Section, 6th Army A.A.C.

Ravenna Province

1. Permission granted to open "Ginnasio Diocesano" at S. Pietro in Campiano and S. Pietro in Vincoli, for secondary school students formerly attending at Ravenna.
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3. Other school heads appointed to replace suspended personnel.

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Education Officer
AMC, 5th Army Recd

Headquarters Manila Region
 Allied Military Government
 APO 394
 Education Division

MEP/lm

15 March 1945

Reference: RIX/ED/ICO.31

Subject : Education Directive for Fifth Army C.A.A.'s

To : S.C.A.O., A.M.G., Fifth Army
 (Attention: Brig. Gen. Edgar Erskine Burns)

1. May I submit for your consideration copies of a proposed Education Directive for Civil Affairs Officers of the Fifth Army.
2. Ordinarily such officers do not find information about the reopening and reorganization of schools necessary in the early stages. However, we have found from experience that during static periods, information such as that included on the enclosed directive enables them to answer questions which public officials present to them.
3. This directive follows the policies pursued by the Education Subcommittee as well as the procedures which are followed during later phases when liberated areas come under the direction of the regional organization. On the other hand nothing is included, I believe, that will do violence to the civil affairs program in its early stages.
4. If you consider this advisable, may I respectfully suggest that this directive be included with others which you place in the hands of your civil affairs officers.

Willis E. Pratt
 Captain A.U.S.
 Regional
 Education Officer

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Education

1. The opening of schools covers two purposes: (a) To keep children under proper supervision and away from troops and (b) To enable the Allied Military Government to substitute able, professional leadership of the Italian school system for Fascist leadership during the time of occupation so that the former will persist after territory is returned to the Italian government.
2. Upon occupation, all asili (nursery schools), public and private elementary and secondary schools, and universities will be closed. The CMG will do all possible to protect school equipment especially in buildings occupied by troops.
3. All public and private asili, elementary and secondary schools will be under the direction of a Provveditore agli Studi (Provincial School Superintendent) who will be appointed on recommendation of the Education Officer.
4. The Provveditore agli Studi will be notified of the date when schools may reopen by the Education Officer. He will in turn notify local directors of asili and elementary schools and principals of secondary schools.
5. Programs of study will be distributed to all schools by the Education Officer through the Provincial School Superintendent.
6. Revised textbooks and supplies will be furnished to bookstores, centrally located, for the purchase by Italian children. All Fascist textbooks in schools and bookstores are to be confiscated by the sindaco.
7. As soon as the Bank of Italy has been re-established teachers will be paid through the Provveditore agli Studi. Local directors and principals must certify names to him of those to be paid on the 15th of each month.
8. The sindaco is responsible for school buildings or for finding alternate space to be used for school purposes, where all buildings are occupied and schools are ordered to reopen, teachers' homes will be used for holding classes, where possible.
9. Each school head must file a schedule personale with the Provveditore agli Studi. Fascist school heads will be suspended on recommendation of the Education Officer.
10. As soon as schools are operating, materials for school lunches will be provided. It is the responsibility of the sindaco to make such requests to the Prefect on forms provided by the Education Officer.
11. All activities of the ex-ML should be suspended. A commissario of all property will be appointed by the Provveditore agli Studi.
12. A directive giving instructions for the approval, sale, price and confiscation of books will be issued to each bookseller through the Prefect. Enforcement of this directive is a responsibility of the sindaco.
13. University classes will remain closed until orders are given by the S.C.A.G. for reopening. If possible, buildings and equipment should be protected.
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15. This directive will be placed on U.A.O.'s directive file and numbered _____.

Major Kristine Harbo
 Brig. Gen.
 S.C.A.O. A.M.C.
 Fifth Army

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

ED/JVV/rE

ED/7M/AC

7 March, 1945

SUBJECT : Attached Passes

TO : SCAO, AMG 5th Army

Reference this Subcommittee cable 2862 dated 3 March
and subsequent reply from your office cable 9811 dated 4 March.

1. Please have the attached Passes properly signed
and stamped.

For the Director of Education

1st Ind.

Expiry date Please before
issuing Passes Capt.

J.V. VELLA
Captain
Executive Officer.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

ED/JVV/ams

ED/74/AG

20 February, 1945

SUBJECT : Issue of Civilian
Passes.

TO : Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army,
APO 464.

1. Your letter of February 16, 1945 pertaining subject has been noted.
2. In future applications to cross the Rear Army Security line will be made to A.M.G., Fifth Army and passes submitted for your signature before issue to civilians.

For the Director of Education:

J.V. VERA
Captain
Executive Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. Army

EJB/ewp

16th February 1945.

SUBJECT: Issue of Civilian Movement Passes.

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TO : H.Q., Allied Commission.
Attn: Education Sub-Commission.

1. With reference to attached passes.
2. General permission has not been given to all and any students to cross the Rear Army Security line to enter Florence.
3. NAUMOVICH, Milan, is a citizen of Yugoslavia and states he wishes to study in Florence. His wife has no valid reason to visit Florence. She merely accompanied her husband.
4. Passes have been issued for both persons to return to Rome forthwith.
5. Attention is drawn to Executive Memorandum No. 77 which clearly lays down that permits to enter Army Area will only be given if such journey will directly benefit the war effort.
6. It is requested that in future application to cross the Rear Army Security line be made to A.M.G. Fifth Army and the passes submitted for signature before issue to civilians.

For the Commanding General:

E. J. Bye
E. J. BYE,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

WDH/jm

8 February 1945.

Ref. 52/1.

Subject: Messing of Civilian Specialists
and Officials.To : Headquarters Allied Commission.
(Ed. Sub-Commission).Reference your letter ED/7M/AC dated 19 January
1945 same subject as above.

1. Two questions of policy are raised in your letter:
 - (a) Whether it is desirable that Italian civilians should eat in military messes
 - (b) Whether military rations should be issued to Italian civilians.
2. As these matters affect all Sub-Commissions, Regions, etc., it is considered that the Allied Commission should direct what action should be taken.

For the Commanding General:

E. B. Mayne
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Colonel, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
ANG FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY

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23 October 1944

Subject: University of PISA, WPA.

To : SCAG ANG 6th Army

INAUGURATION OF UNIVERSITY OF PISA

1. Undersigned 23rd October talked with Professor Rettore Russo.

2. University of Pisa will be formally inaugurated 9 November 1944, 10:30 in the morning. This information was left in office of P.O. PISA Province 21st October 1944.

3. Opening will be held in the La Sapienza building in the smaller ceremonial room. There is little light there and Dott. Russo suggests a dynamo would help.

4. Dott. Russo suggests a procession from La Sapienza of the Allied Military Authority interested and the faculty in Academic gowns from La Sapienza and the Scuola Normale Superiore nearby. He feels such a procession will be welcomed by the Pisans.

5. At the Scuola Normale Dott. Russo wants to serve refreshments and therefore asks aid of ANG 5th Army in terms of coffee, wine, sandwiches, cake and whatever goes to make up such an entertainment. Food of this sort for 75 is requested.

6. The Scuola Normale will probably be occupied by military personnel. Dott. Russo would like to have the large rooms there put at his disposal at least for the ceremony.

7. Dott. Russo hopes that the Minister of Education, ²⁵¹Mod. De Ruggiero, may be informed as soon as possible, so that his impending visit may coincide with the date of the inaugural ceremony.

UNIVERSITY OF PISA, GENERAL

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 - b. The library of the Scuola Normale be locked and made inaccessible to the occupants. MPAA officer concurs in this request.
 - c. All students wishing to matriculate in the University be issued permits to circulate freely in Pisa and adjoining provinces. A list will be sent to the P.C. Pisa Province.

a. That the faculty be given permits the same as these in paragraph 3 section e. Except for the faculties of the medical school the professors in this University lived out of Pisa and commuted. When in Pisa they had rooms either in the Scuola Normale or in the Nettuno Hotel. This is known as a Railroad Faculty, occupied by Military Personnel.

9. As of 23rd October 1944 the institutes occupied are the following:

- a. Engineering School
 - b. Chemistry School
 - c. Scuola Normale Superiore
 - d. Physiology School.
- (threatened)

10. By 27th October the first list of faculty screened will be given P.C. Pisa Province. Dott. Russo states that at least four (4) Professors will be dropped and several assistants in the Medical School. Also says Dott. Parlezza, the head of the Chemistry School will be out when second category fascists are ousted. Under-signed believes Dott. Russo is sound and thorough in the Espionage business.

GENERAL

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12. MPAA officer believes that Dott. Russo has at last got the idea that this institution can function at a reduced rate in straightened circumstances, and that all must make the best of a situation which is far from perfect.

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/s/ Deane Keller

Copies to:

Chief of Staff

P.C. Pisa Province

R.O. Tuscany

P.C. Florence Province. (Attn. Lt. Hartt)

Director Sub-Comm. NPAA, AGC.

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/t/ DEANE KELLER, Capt. AUS
NPAA Officer
AMC 5th Army.

HEADQUARTERS
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APO 464 W. P. ARMY

207/9

1 October 1944.

Subject: LIVORNO, PISA, LUCCA.

TO : SACO., 5th Army.

LIVORNO

1. Labronia Library revisited. LIVORNO is still much depopulated and the center of the city appeared much as it did on first visit of MPAA Officer two months ago. The books undersigned piled up in safety have been removed to an adjacent building. Whereas the rooms in which books were first piled were left neat, all papers and documents carefully piled up, now they are all scattered about a ruin. There are some signs of activity - a scaffold here and there, and a plank access to upper rooms, but the books on the upper floors are still open to the weather and no one is paying them any attention.

b. Inasmuch as saving the books in the upper stories is first an engineering problem since walls are tottering and access is difficult, undersigned reiterates that he went to the Genio Civile, and secured their promise to save LIVORNO's exceptionally fine library. They have bogged down without this book collection LIVORNO will have no intellectual center. It is strongly urged that, when hunger is eliminated, housing is furnished and other prior claims on the Provincial Officers have been met, attention be turned to this important collection of books. Better still, if the P.O., LIVORNO Cityt could give a stimulating poke in the direction of the Sindaco and his Giunta, to get busy.

c. MPAA Officer strongly recommends that the substance of the above facts be placed before the proper Royal National Library Authorities by the MPAA Subcommission, ACC.

PISA.

2. An estimate by Capt. (pro-tee) Cannoleesi for urgent repairs on the church of San Piero a Grado, and the church of the Cavallieri was approved and signed by MPAA Officer. There are the most serious repair problems in PISA after the Campo Santo. His Excellency the Archbishop has a particular interest in San Piero a Grado.

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b. The Leaning Tower. The Vigili del Fuoco will attend to the pumping out of the water around the base of the Leaning Tower when power for their pumps is returned to them - in a week

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or so. The removal of this water in the past has been a function of their department. During the days up until 29 Sept. 1944 when PISA was subject to bombardment at night from a long range enemy gun it was felt that the flag pole and indicators attached to it rising some 18-20 feet above the top of the tower might be attracting their attention. It was lowered. Daily visitors who climb the 252 steps to the top average 250-300 at a. 5 each.

2. Campo Santo. Work progressing well. Canvas covering, all new, has arrived. Most of the scaffolding is complete. It is believed that the most important problem of materials, personnel, etc., are in good order and that the work will be finished in another 10 days. PIAA Officer wishes to thank Capt. Foster and his men for a good job done. When the work of protection is done the Superintendency intends to continue with that of repairs and restoration. To this purpose Capt. (pro-tem) Saponcini has made estimates with the undersigned and these as well as back salaries and office expenses have been referred to the AGO Provincial team officers. It is hoped that the Italian Ministry will take the ball from the 138th Engineers and continue the work, for the money necessary must come from the Banca d'Italia with the approval of the Intendente and the Ministry.

3. i) A propos of the Ministry and Superintendence and AGO or AGO, undersigned believes that closer cooperation should exist between Officers and Italians in the field, and the Ministry. At the moment neither knows what the other is doing. The Ministry chooses a Superintendent or an official of some sort who has had nothing to do with the job in the field. Those in the field have no communication with the Ministry. It might be advisable for some PIAA Officer to visit Rome soon and get information on policy for the future.

ii) The above statements hold true for the University also. It may be that the Educational Officers know the situation. Since PIAA Officers are mobile and can help out on this work it would be well if they were better informed.

UNIVERSITY OF PISA.

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3. a. Repairs on the main building, La Sapienza, the University Clinics in the Hospital and the Agrarian school are most urgent. Window glass is out all over the University endangering books collections and apparatus. Some repair work is now in progress, but has been halted for lack of materials. AGO, 5th

2. George Sante. Work progressing well. Unvac covering, all new, has arrived. Cost of the scaffold is complete. It is believed that the most important problem of materials, personnel, etc., are in good order and that the work will be finished in another 10 days. WFAA Officer wishes to thank Capt. Foster and his men for a good job done. When the work of protection is done the Superintendency intends to continue with that of repairs and restoration. To this purpose Capt. (pro-tem) Sanpoclesi has made estimates with the undersigned and these as well as back salaries and office expenses have been referred to the AGO Provincial team officers. It is hoped that the Italian Ministry will take the bill from the 138th Engineers and continue the work, for the money necessary must come from the Banco d'Italia with the approval of the Intendente and the Ministry.

3. i) A pronouncement of the Ministry and Superintendencies and AGO or AGO, undersigned believes that closer cooperation should exist between Officers and Italians in the field, and the Ministry. At the moment neither knows what the other is doing. The Ministry chooses a Superintendent or an official of some sort who has had nothing to do with the job in the field. Those in the field have no communication with the Ministry. It might be advisable for some WFAA Officer to visit Rome soon and get information on policy for the future.

ii) The above statements hold true for the University also. It may be that the Educational Officers know the situation. Since WFAA Officers are mobile and can help out on this work it would be well if they were better informed.

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but the careful designs for the fresco have been found and a follower of di Jairoliis could reprint from them. Undersigned hopes that the work will begin now at the University may be continued as soon as possible.

b. Undersigned visited the Engineering school and talked with Lt. Col. Rook, executive officer of A.F.S.C. Airforce, about their occupation there. They requisitioned the building in the proper manner through 5th Army. They will stay until the end of their assignment in Pisa. The C.O. has given the Director of the Engineering School, Sig. Collo, the use of a room and free passage in and out of the building - at will. USA Officer was assured of interest in and care for the machines and instruments and books of the Institute.

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Copy to:

Chief of Staff,

P.O., LIVORNO Province.

P.O., PISA Province

P.O., LUCCA Province

Director MPAA S/C, HQ AGO.

/s/ Desmo Keller,

/t/ DEANE KELLER, Capt. AGO,
MPAA Officer, AGO V Army

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Subcommittee

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27 September 1944

SUBJECT : Request permission to proceed to Florence.

TO : S.C.A.O.
A.M.C.
5th Army.

It is requested that permission be granted for Captain
H.R. BEARD 244359 to proceed to Florence on or about October
2nd on duty connected with the preparation of elementary
school text books.

HENRY T. ROWELL
Lt. Col., C.M.P.
A/Director of Education

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HEADQUARTERS
AM3 FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

207/9

26 September 1944

Subject: MPAA PISA, University of PISA.

To : SCAG, 5th Army.

CAMPO SANTO

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e. Undersigned has felt his presence on this job necessary to settle most of minor problems and a few big ones. Pay, rations, permits, policy, the line of demarcation between protection and restoration, expenses both as of now and in the past, ordering materials, etc., are some of these. Relations with the CAC, Major Waldron, and later with the Provincial Team have been of the best. Lt. Col. Walters has gone out of his way to be helpful.

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i. Biggest hole in roof of Cathedral is mended. Sgt. Voder of the 338th Engineers in spite of being harrassed by shrapnel in his billet at night is doing a good job of supervision and Capt. Pervers of the Italian Engineers the same. The latter is going to move his men from the encampment outside the wall at Porta Mucca since he feels it safer in Piazza Catterina, some distance from the piazza dei Miracoli. A shell fell near the encampment, killing a woman in an adjacent building.

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3. A number of small things such as getting the firemen at the earliest moment to pump the stagnant water from the base of the Leaning Tower, the only menace in which is the smell, (an good authority), the rerouting of traffic if AMG authorities agree, to prevent the rumble of heavy trucks from shaking the Tower; the transplanting of the offices of the Superintendentency of Monuments

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for Pisa, Livorno, Apuניה and Lucca from their present use as an Allied Army Dance Hall to their former use, plans for the transfer of the University Library Catalogue from Calci to Pisa, estimates for repairs on other important monuments in Pisa have been tackled by undersigned. Plans for disposal of mines and booby traps have been made and personnel has appeared. The menace is still grave along the Lungarno and in south Pisa.

/s/ Deane Keller,

/t/ DEANE KELLER,
Capt., AUS,
WFAA Officer,
AUS, Fifth Army.

Copy to:

Chief of Staff.

P.C., FISA.

R.C., Region VIII.

Director WFAA S/C, HQ ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 304
Education Subcommittee

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ED/3-25/403

9 June 1944

SUBJECT: Protection of Educational and Scientific Property.

TO : COM, 5th Army.
(Att: Colonel BOWELL, Education Officer)

1. The Ministry of Public Instruction is anxious to have these enclosed letters delivered. Perhaps you will be good enough to arrange the delivery if you see no difficulties other than what have occurred to us.
2. The letter also enclosed may suggest further steps in the protection of scientific and school property. We had earlier ourselves suggested to the Executive Officer Directives and letters to the same effect. Your presence has superseded such directives.

F. V. SMITH
Lt. Col., MC
Director of Education

Enclosures.

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May 1944

SUBJECT: Care of the property of the Institutes depending from the Ministry of Education.

The Ministry of Education has pointed out to the Allied Control Commission the opportunity of taking some action in order to preserve the scientific, artistic and didactic material of the Institutes depending from the Ministry. In fact, as soon as a town is liberated from the Germans, such a material is running a serious danger of robbery and damage, mainly because the personnel in charge with it often is not on the place, for various reasons, and cannot take care of it.

Therefore it has been suggested to deliver to all the chiefs of the Institutes having artistic, literary or scientific importance the letter here-with enclosed. Lt. Colonel T.V. SMITH has already given his approval to this program.

The Ministry would appoint, for this purpose, some men of its staff, who know the town which are going to be taken, and who are well known in the cultural "milieu" of the city. They should deliver the letter mentioned before and take care personally of the artistic, literary and bibliographic material which might eventually be found lacking the necessary care.

The Ministry should give to those men official letters introducing them as inspectors to the Italian Authorities of the cities to be taken by the Allies.

The A.M.G. should supply them with:

- 1) A letter explaining what the man is in charge of, recommending to anybody who might be concerned to facilitate his task as far as possible.
- 2) A letter authorizing him to travel in any direction on the Allied Military vehicles, eventually with another person (e.g. some employee found in the liberated city, who should come along with the bearer for short trips).

The former documents must be considered as absolutely necessary. Furthermore it would be advisable to get:

- a) A pass to enter the public buildings, museums and schools occupied by the troops;
- b) A pass to move freely as far as possible in the country;
- c) To be connected to the suite of some authority who is going to reach immediately the occupied town.

The Ministry is able now to appoint the following men:

Dr. Silvio RANZI, professor of Zoology in the R. University of Milano, now teaching at the University of Naples;

Dr. Giuseppe MONTALENTI, Second Director of the Zoological Station of Naples, and professor of Genetics in the R. University of Naples, who might be charged to carry on some action in Central Italy;

Dr. Alessandro ROSSI, professor of Biochemistry in the R. University of Pavia, now teaching at the University of Naples; who might be charged to carry on the work in Northern Italy.

Later on the Ministry could indicate some other people.

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19 January 1945

MEMO:

SUBJECT : Messing of Civilian Specialists
and Officials.

TO : SCAO, 5th Army AMG.

1. When you met with the Education Officers in Florence recently the problem of messing for Italian civilian specialists and officials, on official trips for AC or AMG, was discussed and you suggested that the sense of the meeting be incorporated in a letter to you.
2. To an increasing degree with the taking on of new territory and with no increase in number of Education Officers, Italian civilian specialists have to be used to assist the Education Officers in the opening and organization of the schools. This need will be acute when the four northern regions open, each with one-third the officer personnel heretofore found necessary to open a region.
3. A similar situation is likely to apply to other Subcommissions.
4. To use such specialists it is necessary to provide for their lodging and messing when on trips. As you are aware, in many cities civilian accommodations are unavailable.
5. It is believed an order from you permitting civilian representatives of AC or AMG officers to eat in officers' messes of AMG would be of material help.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Major, AUS
A/Director of Education.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

ED/7A/AG

15 January 1945

SUBJECT : Messing of Civilian Specialists
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TO : SCAG, 5th Army. AMG

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For the Chief Commissioner:

G.R. UPJOHN, Brigadier
V.P., CA Section
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APO 394
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30 September 1944

SUBJECT : Permit for Italian officer
to enter 5th Army Territory.

TO : SWAO Fifth Army.
(Attention : Education Officer).

1. The Provveditore agli Studi in Rome has a wife in Lucca. His son, a reserve officer in the Italian Army, now on active duty, wishes to go to her and render her much needed help, her house having been bombed.

2. I enclose a movement permit. If it is permissible for this young officer to go to Lucca, will you please have it properly endorsed and returned to me.

3. I will personally vouch for the integrity of the Italian Officer concerned.

For the A/Director of Education:

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Major, AUS
D /Director of Education.

HEADQUARTERS
 AMC FIFTH ARMY
 APO 464 U.S. ARMY

207/9

16 September 1944.

Subject: MFAA - University of Pisa.

To : SCAG, 5th Army.

UNIVERSITY OF PISA.

1. MFAA Officer visited the main building of the University 3 Sept. 1944. Though the heart of the University lies in this building with its Administrative and Executive offices including that of the Rector, and the Aula Magna or main ceremonial hall, the departmental buildings are scattered around the city north of the Arno. The main building was visited 4 Sept. 1944 by Brig. Gen. Hume whose interest in the University is keen; he wishes it open at the earliest possible moment. In as much as the University and the Piazza dei Miracoli are the two places most dear to the hearts of the Pisans, the General's concern is an inspiring factor in the life of the Community at this time.

2. Undersigned has visited all the institutes of the University and here below renders a brief account of their present status.

Institute of Physiology. One of the finest in Europe. Germans sent a specialist from Berlin to supervise the taking of 23 cases of books and publications. Practically all instruments were taken by the Germans and those that remain have been tampered with and will need mending or adjustment. The library is in bad shape and though not damaged from explosives, the institute is in a sad state of disorder.

Institute of Medicine. Not damaged much. Italians claimed their Red Cross kept the Germans out. All departments not seen, but MFAA Officer believes the above conclusions to be correct. Instruments and books hidden and are safe.

Institute of Engineering. Some bomb and shell damage. As in all the Institutes the director's return is anxiously awaited to make inventories and find what has been stolen or mined. Germans took some instruments and machinery from here. Now occupied by American troops who are doing no harm.

Agrarian Institute. This place heavily mined. From the general view little damage caused here. All doors and gates locked and no one around so MFAA Officer could not enter. Germans are said to have taken some things.

Institute of Archaeology and Clottology. Damage not bad. Libraries scattered around some, but apparently little sacking. These are new and not so highly developed as the other institutes.

Institute of Chemistry and Physics. According to Director Porlezza who was on the spot and knew some German with which he prevented a degree

of stealing and destruction, the damage could have been worse. The SS troops who came here to live had orders to destroy what they could not take away. They took some instruments and books, messed up many more. As usual they took typewriters. The place had been shelled. Director's office a mess. One of worst losses was some radium belonging to Forluzzi.

Orto Botanico, or experimental laboratory, devastated and sacked by Germans. Americans followed them and threw things around some and moved furniture about from the private sleeping quarters of the Director. Some instruments gone. No shell damage.

Natural History Museum.

1) Mineralogy and Geology. - Books and instruments taken by the Germans. The south side of the building was hit by a bomb in June and is wide open. Nothing done by the Italians to clean up the mess, collect articles of the museum, or to put the books and pamphlets in out of danger. This is serious damage, as the museum is a very fine one. It's library and collection seriously damaged.

2) Paleontology. - Bomb hit and some damage.

3) Stuffed bird and animal sections are in pretty good shape, though there is a hole in the roof in the animal section.

This whole museum is exceptionally fine and needs attention. In all cases of institutes, museums and libraries of the University MFAA Officer has tried to get the names of those responsible, present them to the authorities for political screening, so that they may be got back on the job at the earliest possible moment.

Institute of Hygiene. Not much damaged. Library in good shape.

Main University Building. In previous report see condition of this place - La Sapienza. The Aula Magna is the worst damaged part. With some effort and drive this building can easily be put back to normal with the above noted exception. Library intact.

Domus Galileiana. A good deal shaken and some damage. Important manuscripts and books had been taken to the Deposit at Calci. Needs attention.

Institute of Fine Arts. Important exhibits fortunately removed. Will need some rebuilding from shell damage. Not bad. This place was well taken care of during the shelling.

University Clinics in Hospital. Report kindly made out for MFAA Officer by Wilbur C. Dickson, ARC, and is enclosed. He will take up repair situation with the proper authorities.

3. As far as personnel in the University is concerned the situation is still unclear. MFAA Officer made connections with Avv. Colle, Administrative Director of the University, on 3 Sept. 1944, who served as guide to the building on

several occasions. The Rector was not in town. The Pro-Rector showed up 5 Sept 1944. Neither of these men have been screened. Avanzi, the supposed Rector, and holder of the job under the Fascists, turned up a few days later as did Russo, another Rector chosen by the Badoglio govt, with a British FWD Officer a few days after that. Lt. Col. Walters called a meeting with the Prefect, Sig. Eraguena who is sharing the job of Sindaco and MFAA Officer present. After some discussion in which the name of Mancini, favored by the prefect and Benoni in Rome, was mentioned, it was decided to make Russo, acceptable to all, Pro-Rector and leave the choice of Rector to the University Faculty as laid down in the AOC Directive. Avangi was found not acceptable for political reasons. At the present writing Russo is in Florence, but is expected momentarily. Russo was selected because he is younger than Mancini and is felt possessed the energy needed in this very tough time in the History of the University.

4. MFAA Officer had Avangi and Colle prepare complete lists of faculty members and turned them over to P.C., Pisa Province.

5. MFAA Officer has daily talked someone connected with the University in the hope of breaking the natural lethargy born of disaster in those concerned, and getting them to look to the future and begin to pick up the pieces. The work has been a bit delicate because of the political inclinations of those involved. No commitments outward or tacit have been made to anyone.

6. The present condition of Pisa is such that students could not return to work immediately. There are no trattorie, few lodgings and there are mines thickly sown through the business district. A few urgent repairs should be made in certain of the University Buildings first. But after the personnel is screened it appears that the University could open nominally and little by little each department could get reestablished, inventories of material and books made and all got in readiness for the student. It would be a good thing for a liberated University to be functioning in this City.

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DEANE KELLER,
Capt., AUS,
MFAA Officer,
AMG Fifth Army.

Copy to: Chief of Staff.
P.C., Pisa Prov.
Director MFAA Sub-Commission,
HQ AOC.
R.O., Region VIII (attn. Lt. Hartt).

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September 15, 1944

Report on Civilian Hospital Clinics:

Clinic	Operating Theater	School+ Room	No. Beds	Condition
1 Medical Pathology	1	None	50	No damage
2 Surgical Pathology	1	1	50	Slight "
3 Medical Clinic	1	1	100	Damaged
4 Surgical Clinic	1	1	80	Damaged
5 E.N.T. Clinic	1	1	60	Little Damage
6 Oculist Clinic	2	1	120	Damaged
7 Dermatology Clinic	1	1	-	Damaged
8 Podiatric Clinic	1	1 (1st Aid)	50	Slight Damage
9 O-B Clinic	2	1	120	Much Damage
10 Neurology Clinic	1	1 (1st Aid)	50	Damaged
11 X-Ray Institute				Slightly Damaged

+ School room is the room in which the students observe operations. They can and are being used as operating theaters.

All of these clinics have a number of treatment rooms, well equipt.

/s/

Wilbur C. Dickson.

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Wilbur C. Dickson
American Red Cross
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394
Tel. 269

2 Sept. 44

TO : 5th Army. Attention SGAO
SUBJECT : Pro Rector, University of Florence.

1. Col. Fiske has reported upon the scholar appointed Pro Rector of the University of Florence by you, Professor Gretti.
2. Though the Minister of Public Instruction and I had agreed upon another scholar who had held the Rectorship during the previous Badoglio inter-regnum, Professor Gretti seems satisfactory.
3. The difference between the good and the better -- even if it could be proved -- is hardly worth insisting upon in a hurry-up operation such as the Pro Rector performs.
4. Let me therefore thank you for your solicitude for the University and assure you that I am happy with your selection.

T.V. SMITH
Lt. Col. AUS
Director of Education

Copy to Col. Fiske.

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HEADQUARTERS
A.M.G., FIFTH ARMY (C.A.S.)
A.P.O. 464, U.S. ARMY

18 May 1944

Lt. Col. T. V. Smith,
Director of Education,
H.Q., A.C.C.,
Education Sub-Commission,
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army.

Dear Colonel Smith:

I wish to thank you for your letter of 10 May 1944; reference ED/1.5/ACC. Your observations on elementary education in Rome are very much to the point and I appreciate your courtesy in making them known to me. Colonel Rowell, however, has made plans to implement the wishes of the Area Commander in this regard and I prefer to leave matters as they stand until we are in a position to ascertain the actual situation and the measures which it imposes. General Macfarlane has assured me that additional civil affairs officers from Allied Control Commission will be made available for duty with the Fifth Army in Rome when need of them arises, and shall keep Major Washburne in mind in this connection.

It is understood, of course, that if Major Washburne comes to Rome, he would be assigned to the Education Division of Allied Military Government, Fifth Army (C.A.S.), under Colonel Rowell who is chief of that division. I know Major Washburne and think very highly of him, and respect his qualifications.


EDGAR ERSKINE HUME,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
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10 May 1944

TO : S.C.A.O. - Fifth Army

Dear General Hume:

It was the good fortune of this Subcommittee, as I told you at the last Regional meeting but one, when you got Colonel Rowell as your Educational Adviser. I suspect that Colonel Rowell's hands will be full during the early days in Rome with the University and cultural societies and I know of no man better qualified than he to handle that side of the matter. The elementary and secondary school problem is so different, however, and of such magnitude, that Colonel Rowell may feel, as I a university-experienced man would feel, that it should be treated as a problem all its own.

Perhaps you would let us share with you some of our hard won experience in this larger field. We have had to learn it the wasteful way, for we had no advance guidance from the Bible and little help from other sources save painful hit-and-miss. What follows, follows almost equally whether we find the school system in Rome disrupted or not. If it is disrupted, we need to pull the personnel together before the organization further disintegrates. If it is functioning fairly well, we need a hand at the helm to prevent disruption.

Immediately on entering Rome the Ministry of Education and the Provveditorato agli Studi will have to be taken over, lock, stock and barrel. Not only are the archives and files invaluable, but the whole corps of civil service employees should be momentarily retained, rapidly screened, and as many as possible kept on the job.

A man will have to be found who will be qualified to act under you as director of the Ministry of Education, to keep the machinery moving and in order.

A competent, trustworthy acting Provveditore agli Studi will have to be found, vetted, and put in charge of Rome City and a corresponding person put in charge of the balance of the province. Their staffs of inspectors will have to be vetted and reorganized. The Presidi of all secondary schools and Directors of all elementary schools will have to be checked, and the active fascists eliminated and replaced.

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Since the schools are now operating under a highly Fascistic program, revised programs of study will have to be immediately distributed to all school heads - these we have printed here for the purpose, but additional copies will have to be printed in Rome for distribution to individual teachers.

The text books in use in Rome are full of Fascism. The new elementary school text books will have to be reprinted there from mats which we have prepared here. Meantime, we must distribute to all teachers concerned lists of older books, both elementary and secondary, which can be used as they are or after removing specified pages.

Certain decrees will have to be issued at once regarding:

- a) procedure for opening schools;
- b) confiscation of specified fascist text books and the disposal of them for later use as paper pulp;
- c) various technical authorizations to Provveditori agli Studi in regard to powers previously exercised by the Minister of Education, but which now must be, for the time, exercised by Provveditori.

The problem of school buildings is always urgent - to try to keep as many as possible free from troops or refugees, to see that those which have to be occupied are first cleared of scientific and shop equipment, etc., and to find substitute locations when necessary - all this needs to be done as early as possible.

You doubtless recognize fully that from the stand-point of getting children off the streets, checking begging and thieving, and upholding civilian confidence and morale, the reopening of the schools in Rome should be as immediate as humanly possible. Many of the above mentioned matters have to be taken care of before schools can reopen, and many can and should be begun as soon as our troops enter the city.

It was this conception of the complexity and seriousness of the public school problem which led to my original suggestion that Major Washburne accompany you into Rome. He is the main carrier of the Subcommission's experience in the field, having served all our regions in turn while directing the school work at Headquarters from our beginning in Sicily.

If you are impressed with the special problem, and wish to discuss the suggestion, I will be at your service upon my return from an inspection trip in the south about 20 May. If action should ensue meantime, Major Washburne is at his desk and is Deputy Director of this Subcommission. He will be glad to talk with you, and is ready to move forward if and when you want him.

Cordially

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T.V. SMITH, Lt. Col. A. U. S.,
Director of Education

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Subject: Netherlands Historical Institute, Rome.

To : S.C.A.O., HQ AMG 5 Army (C.A.S.)
Attn: Director of Public Safety

1. We have just been advised of the following property and ask that you place it on the priority list we furnished you. It should be placed in the No. 5 priority group.

2. Netherlands Institute for Research of History and History of Art (Netherlands Historical Institute) and the house for Arts and Sciences, —Valle Giulia, Rome.

PAUL D. SHRIVER
Major, Spec. Res.
Controller of Property

Distributions:

1 - Public Safety Division
1 - Education "
1 - Fine Arts "
1 - File

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