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25 March, 1946

SUBJECT: Exchange of Professors.

TO: Prof. W.D. Keller,
 333 S. Main Hall,
 Columbia, Missouri.

Dear Prof. Keller:

Prof. Migliorini has just came to see me, disturbed at having had no word from you since December. He found his letters have not reached you and asks me to transmit the enclosed copies.

May I suggest that in replying to Prof. Migliorini you send a copy through Prof. G.R. Moray, Cultural Relations Attaché, American Embassy, Rome. I expect to leave for the United States shortly, to be gone a couple of months, and on my return will probably be working with Prof. Moray at the Embassy or its Milan Office. I am giving Dr. Moray all pertinent files.

Sincerely yours,

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

*Noted by Prof. Migliorini
 Via Calabris 56, Roma. 983277*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
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3 December, 1945

SUBJECT : Educational mission to the
United States.

TO : Dr. Carlo Antoni
Piazza Firenze, 27
ROMA

Dear Dr. Antoni:

Thank you for your letter of 28 November.

I fully agree with you as to the desirability of such a mission as you propose.

I will investigate the possibility of getting hospitality at one of our great Universities for such a mission. But there are two questions I would like to raise first:

1. Can a suitable group be found who have (a) a good understanding of spoken English; (b) a genuine interest in education; (c) sufficient prestige in Italy so that their report would have influence; and (d) freedom to absent themselves from their work here for a period of several months? Can you name any persons who conform to these criteria? How many?

2. Would your Institute or any other division of the Italian Government, be able to pay (a) their transportation costs to and in America; (b) their salaries, so that their families would live during their absence; (c) some money to cover personal expenses while in the United States - laundry, taxis, cigarettes, etc.?

If you can give me assurance on these points, I shall see what can be done about getting hospitality in America.

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

ISTITUTO NAZIONALE
PER LE RELAZIONI CULTURALI
CON L'ESTERO

Il Commissario Straordinario
XXXXXXXXXXXX

28 novembre 1945
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Piazza Firenze, 27

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Signor Colonnello WASHBURN
Commissione Alleata
Via Vittorio Veneto
R O M A - - -

Signor Colonnello,

Dopo le nostre conversazioni in casa del prof. De
Ruggiero ho riflettuto sull'opportunità che i metodi ed
istituti d'educazione degli Stati Uniti fossero conosciuti
da noi e quindi che alcuni nostri studiosi di problemi sco-
lastici potessero per qualche tempo studiare sul posto tali
ordinamenti.

Indipendentemente dalla concessione delle nostre
borse di studio sarebbe assai desiderabile che una grande
istituzione educativa americana offrisse ospitalità per
qualche mese ad una missione di nostri competenti, che do-
vrebbero fare una relazione da pubblicarsi al loro ritorno.
Ho parlato di questo col Ministro Arancio Ruiz, che è com-
pletamente del mio avviso. Senza dubbio non mancherebbe a
tale iniziativa l'appoggio del Ministero della Pubblica I-
struzione.

Mi creda suo devotissimo

Luigi Santoni

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ALLIED INFORMATION SERVICES
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14 December 1945

MEMORANDUM

To: Lt. Col. Carleton W. Washburne, A.U.S.
Director of Education
Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394, U. S. Army

From: Sydney P. Bates
Administrative Officer
HQ, AIS, Trieste
APO 88, U.S. Army

Subject: Professor Antonio Russi

1. I have just received a file concerning the above person and regret to inform you that all records which might provide the required information have been shipped to New York.
2. The undersigned recalls a Professor Russi employed in the Press Section of PWB Unit #15 Bologna, during the illness of Mr. Anthony Ellison which I believe is the same person. However, the exact dates you require are not available since Bologna records are likewise en route to the States.
3. It seems that I must refer you to our New York office and would suggest that you communicate with Mr. James A. Thomason, Outpost Service Bureau, Office of War Information 250 West 57th Street, New York (19), New York.

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S.P. Bates

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cc: Mr. Thomason

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MEMORANDUM

CARLO MIGLIORINI: Via Calabria 56, Roma, 483234
Via Masaccio 120, Firenze, (no phone)

Is wanted as visiting prof. U. of Mo. When word comes
officially inviting him send notice to Florence (but try
Rome address first)

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4 December, 1945

SUBJECT : Interchange of Professors.

TO : Prof. Borgesi,
University of Chicago.

Dear Prof. Borgesi:

Enclosed please find copies of my letters of 2 and 18 October to Prof. Eliot. I supposed you and he would be seeing each other, and since he had written direct to me I replied to him assuming that he would take the matter up with you.

Apparently you don't see each other, as a letter just received from him says: "Did you send Borgesi copies of your last letters? Since he is in control, why not ask him those questions?"

All right. They are hereby asked!

Best wishes.

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

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7 January, 1945

Correspondence (19 Nov. 45 from Education Subcommission, 24 Dec. 45 from U. of Mo.) regarding sending Prof. Carlo Migliorni and Cedriano Valdaga to U. of Mo. given to Prof. Morey, U.S. Embassy, 5 January 1946.

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18th October 1945.

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

Dear Colonel Washburne,

Thank you for your letter of October 11th.

Dr. O'Brien is at present on the Continent, and in his absence I am forwarding a copy of your letter to our office in New York. You will in due course be hearing either directly from New York, or from Dr. O'Brien.

Yours truly,

H. B. Lynn

H. B. Lynn
Secretary to Dr. D. P. O'Brien

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18 October, 1945

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SUBJECT : Cultural Interchange, Professors.

TO : Prof. Thomas Eliot,
Dept of Sociology,
Northwestern University,
Evanston, Illinois.

Dear Tom;

Your letter of 5 October, enclosing Borgesi's, crossed my recent one to you, but does not modify it.

Borgesi is right in saying that you need a powerful, or at least representative organization to back your efforts. I thought that that was what you planned to find or set up. Of course you two, single handed can't do the whole job.

I don't in the least understand why Borgesi thinks this should wait for the signing of the Peace Treaty - nor do I think it should.

Best wishes,

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

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The University of Chicago
Department of Romance Languages and
Literatures

October 1st, 1945

Dear Professor Eliot:

I am not sure whether or not
I wrote to you. These days have been too busy.
A duplicate will be better than silence.

Much thought and considerable
time have been given by me to our plan. I
do not think we can reach any substantial
result unless there is: 1) peace with Italy; 2) a
powerful, or at least representative organiza-
tion behind our personal efforts.

Something of this kind ^{would} ~~might~~
come up during my stay in the East
(10 Berkeley Lane, Riverside, Conn. - from the
middle of this week to end of December).

If, however, you think that your personal
initiative, supported as it is by Mr. Hasbroune
(to whom please give my regards), can achieve

He has not
vouchsafed
any details
These months

some measure of success, I shall be glad to
applaud and to add, whatever may be its value,
my help.

Believe me meanwhile,

Cordially yours,

A. Borge

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11 October, 1945

SUBJECT: Fellowships in Psychology.

TO: Dr. O'Brien, Royal Society
Darlington House,
Piccadilly, London.

Dear Dr. O'Brien:

Recently I was at the International Bureau of Education in Geneva with the Minister of Public Instruction from Italy. In conference with Prof. Piaget, we were all agreed as to the urgency of the need to send seven university professors from Italy to the Jean Jacques Rousseau Institute to study psychology and child psychology for a year.

As perhaps you know, Gestile abolished psychology and pedagogy (except courses in the history of the subject) from universities and teacher training schools in 1923. Not only do teachers in Italy have no psychological and pedagogical preparation, but the professors in the so called teacher training schools have none, and there are no professors in the universities prepared to give the training to fill this gap.

The Italian Minister of Public Instruction desires to reestablish psychology and pedagogy in the teacher training schools, but is unable to do so without seven university professors being trained to teach the subjects to teacher-training-school professors.

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There probably is no place in the world where the desert is so arid in the field of psychology and pedagogy.

The dire poverty of the Italian Government and its lack of foreign exchange make it impossible for the government to finance the year of study in Switzerland for a group of professors.

It is therefore earnestly requested, by the Minister and by the Allied Commission, that the Rockefeller Foundation furnish seven one-year fellowships to professors selected by the Minister, to study under the guidance of Prof. Piaget at the University of Geneva. We will give us one prepared professor in each of the major universities having a faculty of "Magistero" - the faculty which prepares professors for teacher-training schools and prepares inspectors and directors of elementary schools.

The need is so very urgent, and the potentialities of spreading the knowledge gained are so great, that we hope you will give this request high priority.

CARLTON E. WAINBURN
Lt. Col. A. S.
Director of Education.

Cy:
Prof. Piaget
Minister of Public Instruction.

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION
49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK 20

THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
JOSEPH H. WILKINS, DIRECTOR
RICHARD F. EVANS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
ANNE ALANSON

CABLE ADDRESS:
ROCKFOND, NEW YORK

December 4, 1945.

Dear Colonel Ashburne:

Your letter to Dr. O'Brien in London has been forwarded here and has just recently come to my desk. I am sorry not to be able to give you any encouragement of Foundation aid for your proposal. At the moment a representative of the Social Science Division is in London and will visit several European countries before returning to report to the officers here in the States. There will be many demands upon us from organizations which have been previously assisted and which have been partially destroyed. We feel we cannot make any plans for a European program until we have had his report. There is no doubt of the importance of your project. The field, however, is so far on the periphery of Foundation interest in the Social Sciences that I do not feel I can hold out any hope of Foundation aid. I trust that some means may be found to carry it out.

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Sincerely yours,

Joseph H. Wilkins

Lt. Col. Carleton W. Ashburne
Headquarters Allied Commission
A. P. O. 394
New York, New York

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Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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2 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Cultural Interchange:
Professors

TO : Prof. Thos. D. Eliot
Northwestern University,
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Tom:

Your letter of 17 September received. I am distressed at the stalemate regarding the job you and Prof. Borgesi undertook toward raising funds for the interchange of professors between Italy and the United States.

Can you not see Prof. Borgesi and one or both of you give me an immediate report on the following questions?

1. Are you organizing any fund-raising campaign toward fostering such interchange?
2. If so, what is the present status?
3. If not, what are your specific plans and by what date do you plan to put them into operation?
4. Have you organized a committee to select professors to come here?
5. If not, do you plan to do so, and when?
6. Have you organized a committee to explore possibilities in American universities for accepting professors, in exchange, from Italy?
7. If so, in what fields and what universities do these possibilities exist?
8. If no committee has been organized, do you plan to do so, and when?

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In short, Tom, I need definite information as to what you have done, are doing, and plan to do. Thinking that Prof. Borgesi and you were handling these matters, I have taken no action, as I did not want to set two groups to work on the same thing. You, because of your interest in getting the work done, and Prof. Borgesi because of his interest in Italy seemed to be the ideal team to get something started, and I understood from the earlier correspondence that the two of you had taken on the responsibility. Yet many months have gone by and I have received no indication of concrete activities or results.

We have lost so much time already that I hope you will immediately make an appointment with Prof. Borgesi, and that you two will either decide to relieve yourselves of the responsibility, or undertake effective action at once.

Naturally, I hope you will decide to act. But if you decide that you cannot go forward with the project, I will greatly appreciate your letting me have suggestions as to persons who have the necessary interest and ability to do it.

With cordial personal greetings to you and Jean - and best of luck in the coming event, I am

Sincerely yours

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

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16 August, 1945

SUBJECT : Exchange of professors.

TO : Prof. Theo. Elliott
Northwestern University.

Dear Tom:

What, if any, progress have you and Prof. Borgesi made toward making provision for interchange of professors between the United States and Italy? Don't you think that even if we can only provide for one or two persons for the coming academic year, it would be a good plan to get started now?

There are some Allied Military personnel already here who are professors in civilian life, and certain ones of these might be willing to stay on as civilians to give courses. Prof. Morey, Cultural Relations Attache' in our embassy here, knows, for example, an able young man who could give a much needed course on American law at the University of Milan, and who would be glad to stay over here if he could be financed. The cost of the trip would thus be saved and all he would need would be a living salary for nine months. Have you funds for such a modest expenditure?

Viceversa, there are Italian professors in the prisoner of war camps in the United States. If you have some funds to give a lectureship to one or two of these, it would be a very economical beginning of our major plan.

I am reading a copy of this letter to Prof. Borgesi - I am not sure which of you is the one to write to. But I hope one or both of you will let me know as soon as possible how things stand.

Cordial greetings to you and Jean

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

Copy:
Prof. G.A. Borgesi,
5124 Hyde Park Blvd
Chicago, Illinois.

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MEMORANDUM

GUIDI POGGIOLI - Lectures of English Literature (s.c.)
Castrezzato (Brescia) - (during the vacations)

The above named professor of English literature wants to be sent to America as exchange professor - has translated Franklin's autobiography, etc. into English and conducted many classes in English.

Called at office 25 June 1945. Showed old letter of praise from Croce and said De Ruggiero knew him well. Speaks English fluently but with Italian imperfections and accent. Seedy looking - not impressive.

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Lt. Col., A. U. S.

Director of Education

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24 January 1945

TO: Dr. Alfons Bason, M.D.,
2333 North Cleveland Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Alfons:

Thank you for your letter of 6 December.

As to Madi's doing any work here for the Allied Commission, it's completely out of the question. We aren't manning Italian Schools or supervising their methods. Furthermore, no more personnel is to be added to the Allied Commission.

If foundations or others in the United States would finance some exchange professorships, or give grants to persons invited here as consultants to the Italian Government, I can see where Madi might ultimately fit in. If you and she can explore possibilities for getting individuals or foundations interested in giving travel grants to persons invited by the Italian Government to come as consultants or visiting professors, I'll be glad to follow up with an official request. Once we get the funds, we can explore which are the fields where the Minister of Public Instruction finds the greatest need. If music is one of these (and the need for good teaching of public school music is very great here, I can assure you), we could consider inviting Madi.

With this in view, it would be a good idea for Madi to send me, in triplicate, in Italian, an offer covering the following points:

- a) Her availability as consultant or visiting professor in Italy.
- b) The types of contribution she could make.
- c) A curriculum vita showing her training, experience, etc.

Best wishes to you all,

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Major, A.U.S.
A/Director of Education

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