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ALLIED CENTRAL COMMISSION
APO 394

Subordination for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives

3 July 1944

Subject: Caserta Palace, Monuments & Fine Arts.

To : AFM Accommodation Control (attention Col. Garling).

1. In confirmation of our recent conversation I am submitting the following written recommendations arising out of the occupation of Caserta Palace by AFM. Letter-references to rooms are to a plan jointly agreed by Capt. Croft-Murray (AOC) and Capt. W.J. Horns (AFM), who holds a copy.
2. Responsibility. Recommended that one officer be made ultimately responsible for the condition of the whole Palace and grounds, and that some channel of approach to him be afforded to Signor Battaglia, the chief Palace Custodian. It is assumed that normal facilities for periodic inspection will be afforded to the Regional Fine Arts Officer.
3. State Chambers. Recommended that the Heads of Bureaux occupying the Appartamento Vecchio (B - III) and the Appartamento Nuovo (XI - NO) be asked to remind their staffs of the necessity for careful and respectful use.
4. Deposits of furniture, pictures, etc. Recommended that the deposits now established in the stables and at Capodimonte as a result be guaranteed against further removal.
5. Protection of occupied apartments. Recommended (as agreed verbally by Col. Murray) that necessary measures be taken to protect against damage walls and fittings in the Appartamento Nuovo and Appartamento Vecchio. The former is now unique of its kind and period and has never been occupied. The latter was occupied by the Germans, and no protective work has hitherto been possible. In no case is the work involved heavy, and Capt. Croft-Murray has technical experience of similar work in England. A detailed schedule is attached.
6. Palace Staff. Recommended (as agreed verbally by Col. Murray) that Signor Battaglia, the chief Palace Custodian, be provided nearly with accommodation equivalent to that from which he is now ejected, and be allowed to continue the general care of Palace and grounds with his existing staff.
7. The Park is an integral feature of the Palace. The most important features are:
 - a. Statuary.
 - b. Fountain of Diana and Acton - already damaged by the Germans.
 - c. Subterranean Portico and pool with bathing Venus in Giardino Inglese (1843 ornament).
 - d. The Castelluccio.

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3. State Gardens. Recommended that the Heads of Branches occupying the Appartamenti Vecchio (3 - XI) and the Appartamenti Nuovo (XI - 20) be asked to remind their staffs of the necessity for careful and respectful use.

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put OFF LINTS by AAI.
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- d. The Castelluccio.

8. General. It is clearly laid down that, when it is found necessary to occupy a historic building, the prevention of needless damage is the responsibility of the occupying unit or foundation. It is respectfully requested that this be brought to the notice of all concerned. The Regional Fine Arts Officer, Region 3, AOO, will at all times be ready to give any technical advice required.

David Lunn
J.B. WARD FRANKS
Major, R.A.
Deputy Director.

Copy to:
Fine Arts Officer, Region 3, AOO.

Appendix to Mr. AGC letter
2003/2/22/AA of 3 July 44

CARTEA PALACE

Specific recommendations with regard to protection of valuable brocades, chimney-pieces, and other permanent fittings in the Appartamento Nuovo (XI - 30; scheduled for occupation) and Appartamento Vecchio (B - 21; already occupied). Beaver-board to be used to a height of seven (7) feet on all walls affected.

Schedule 1. Rooms requiring protective treatment. 60A1

Schedule 2. Rooms of importance which do not require protective treatment but should be used with respect. 60A2

Schedule 3. List of important fittings which will remain in position. 60A3

Schedule 1,

Rooms requiring protective treatment.

<u>Room</u>	<u>Relative</u> <u>Importance</u>	<u>Special Contents and Action Recommended</u>
D	++	Green brocade, gilt and white parallel dado; large De Mura and Baudouin paintings; chimney-piece
C	++	Mirrors; grey-blue brocade; carved decorations; parallel dado; chimney-piece
D	++	Mirrors; figured yellow brocade; carving and parallel dado; chimney-piece
E	++	Figured grey brocade; mirrors; parallel dado; chimney-piece
F	++	Dark olive painted walls with ornate beading
G	++	Dark figured flock wall-paper
H	++	Rose brocade; white and gilt panelling; chimney-piece
I	+++	Yellow silk; mirrors; carved and gilt-ornate decorations; <u>very important room</u> ; if possible, used by a Senior Officer
I 1	+++	<u>Maria Carolina's bathroom</u> ; if possible, to be used by a Senior Officer
J	+++	Very important carved and mirror decorations; if possible, to be used by a Senior Officer
J 1	+++	<u>Maria Carolina's lavatory</u> ; same remarks as for I 1
K	+	Watered silk brocade and large pictures
L	++	Blue watered silk; ornate fittings; mirrors
L 1		Small closet with mirror and ornate table in good condition; doors to be closed and boarded up
L 2	++	Striped silk; marble and ornate chimney-piece
M 1	++	Striped silk; gold beading; grimalle decoration
O	++	Enlaid book-press which should be covered if possible
Q	++	Book-presses with ornate racks; chimney-piece

Appartements Héros

Dark green brocade (in pristine condition)

Figured yellow brocade; carved and painted table;
chimney-place

Figured grey brocade; mirrors; paneled dado; chimney-place
Dark olive painted walls with ornate beading
Brown figured flock wall-paper
Roses brocade; white and gilt panelling; chimney-place
Yellow silk; mirrors; carved and gilt-metal decoration;
VERY IMPORTANT ROOM; if possible, used by a Senior Officer
Maria Cavallini's bathroom; if possible, to be used by a
Senior Officer
Very important carved and mirror decoration; if possible,
to be used by a Senior Officer
Maria Cavallini's lavatory; same remarks as for I 1
Watered silk brocade and large pictures
Blue watered silk; ornate fittings; mirrors
Small closet with mirror and console table in good condition;
doors to be closed and boarded up
Striped silk; marble and ornate chimney-place
Striped silk; gold beading; ornate decoration
Inlaid book-press which should be covered if possible
Book-presses with ornate racks; chimney-place

Appartamento Nereo

Dark green brocade (in pristine condition)
Blue brocade
Alabaster dressing table and granite bath
Brown striped brocade
Red brocade
Green and yellow striped brocade

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Schedule 2.

Rooms of importance which do not require protective treatment but should be used with respect.

<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Relative Importance</u>	<u>Special Contents</u>
M	++	Early sixth cent. yellow and flowered wall-paper
N	++	Early sixth cent. blue and flowered wall-paper
F		Book-presses of minor interest
R	++	Painted decoration on walls
U		Painted decoration on walls
W	+	Painted decoration on walls; altar
20(1)		Little Oratory; with altar and painted walls

Apartment House

21	+	Painted decoration about 4 ft. from floor
20	+	Painted decoration about 4 ft. from floor

<u>Room</u>	<u>Relative Importance</u>	<u>Remarks and Recommendation</u>
B		Candle Branches
C		" "
D		" "
E		" "
G	++	Chandelier and large Empire Buffet
I	++	Chandelier
J	++	Console Tables
K	+	Chandelier
S		Pictures and Settee
N		Remains of Chandelier
ZB	++	Chandelier
ZC	++	Chandelier
ZD		Remains of Chandelier
ZE	++	Chandelier
ZF	++	Ferdinand IV's barrel organs and cabinets containing cylinders; chandelier
ZG	++	Chandelier
ZH	++	Chandelier

Schedule 3.

List of important fittings which will, or may, remain in position.

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BEEN MADE WITH COASTAL AIR FORCE

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TO: AFHQ rptd AFHQ ACCOMMODATION CONTROL
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 7012
FROM: ACC MAIN
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PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
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DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JULY021600 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: Civil Affairs Br.

REFERENCE YOUR BOX XRAY SIX SIX FIVE SEVEN FIVE OF THREE ZERO JUNE PD
PAREN TO AFHQ REPEATED AFHQ ACCOMMODATION CONTROL FROM ACC MAIN PAREN PD AFHQ
ACCOMMODATION CONTROLS BX 13246
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OF TWO JULY IS JOINT

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FROM AFHQ ACCOMMODATION CONTROL. REFERENCE FX 66575 DATED 30 JUNE 44.

1. BULK OF MATERIALS AND FURNITURE AT PRESENT STORED IN CASERTA PALACE CAN BE MOVED AND STORED IN STABLES AT SOUTHERN END OF ACCOMMODATION ALLOTTED TO CAMP COMMANDANT (BRITISH) WHO IS PREPARED TO GIVE UP THIS SPACE. THIS WILL AVOID LIKELIHOOD OF DAMAGE THROUGH LONG JOURNEY IN TRUCKS TO NAPLES. ACC AGREE PROVIDED ACCOMMODATION IS MADE SECURE AND WEATHERPROOF. ENGINEERS CAN CARRY OUT NECESSARY WORK FORTHWITH. REQUEST YOU EARLY APPROVAL.

2. PROBLEM OF FINDING STORAGE SPACE FOR LARGE NUMBER OF 3 MAIL FRAGILE TERRACOTTA FIGURES REMAINS. ACC STATE, AND WE AGREE, THAT IF FIGURES ARE MOVED UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS GREAT DAMAGE WILL BE DONE. COASTAL AIR FORCE AT PRESENT UNWILLING TO PROVIDE SUCH SPACE. AS NO OTHER IMMEDIATE SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND REQUEST ORDERS BE ISSUED THAT COASTAL AIR FORCE PROVIDE 200 SQ FEET OF SPACE IN ONE OF THE ROOMS WHERE FURNITURE IS AT PRESENT STORED. THIS AREA WILL THEN BE BLOCKED OFF AND MADE SECURE.

3. THIS IS AGREED BY ACC AND IS OUR JOINT RECOMMENDATION.

F.E.B. GIRLING, COLONEL
CHAIRMAN AFHQ ACCOMMODATION CONTROL

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AFHQ ACCOMMODATION CONTROL

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TO : FREEDOM

INFO : ACC

FROM : FAIRBANKS.

*- BX 13 246*FROM AFHQ ACCOMMODATION CONTROL() Reference FX 66575 dated
30 June 44.

First. Bulk of materials and furniture at present stored in Caserta Palace can be moved and stored in stables at southern end of accommodation allotted to Camp Commandant (British) who is prepared to give up this space. This will avoid likelihood of damage through long journey in trucks to Naples. ACC agree provided accommodation is made secure and weatherproof. Engineers can carry out necessary work forthwith. Request your early approval.

Second. Problem of finding storage space for large number of small fragile terracotta figures remains. ACC state, and we agree, that if figures are moved under present conditions great damage will be done. Coastal Air Force at present unwilling to provide such space. As no other immediate solution can be found request orders be issued that Coastal Air Force provide 200 sq feet of space in one of the rooms where furniture is at present stored. This area will then be blocked off and made secure.

Third. This is agreed by ACC and is our joint recommendation

*F.E.B. GIRLING*F.E.B. GIRLING
Colonel.

Chairman A.P.H.Q. Accommodation Control.

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29 JUNE FROM ACC RPTD YOU PAREN REMAINS FIRM. NO JOINT RECOMMENDATION YET
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FX 65573

REFERENCE YOUR FX SIX FIVE FIVE SEVEN THREE OF TWENTY JUNE PD PAREN
TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE RPTD AFHQ FOR ACCOMODATION CONTROL FROM ACC
MAIN PAREN PD AFHQ ACCOMODATION CONTROL SIGNAL B ONE THREE ONE SEVEN
SEVEN OF TWENTY NINE JUNE AGAIN SENT WITHOUT PRIOR REFERENCE TO ACC
AND IS INACCURATE PD TWENTY TWO LOADS ONLY MOVED ON ORDERS ISSUED
DIRECTLY BY ACCOMODATION CONTROL BEFORE RECEIPT OF YOUR FX SIX FIVE
FIVE SEVEN THREE AND CONTRARY TO ADVICE OF ACC PD CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE
ALREADY INCURRED PD BEST MATERIAL HOWEVER STILL REMAINS AND STRONGLY
RECOMMEND THAT NO FURTHER MOVEMENT BY ROAD BE INCURRED PD AGREED PRO-
VISIONALLY WITH COLONEL GIRLING CMA REPRESENTATIVE ACCOMODATION CONTROL
CMA THAT PAREN A PAREN BULK OF MATERIAL BE STORED IN ADJACENT STABLES
SUBJECT TO THEM BEING MADE SECURE AND WEATHERPROOF BY AFHQ PD PAREN
B PAREN ONE SMALL ROOM TO BE RESERVED FOR VERY LARGE COLLECTIONS OF
SMALL FRAGILE OBJECTS CMA MOVEMENT OF WHICH IS IMPRACTICABLE

Cd. G. H. W. M. J. H. C.

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Cofy Signal AFHQ Accomodation Control to AFHQ. B 13177 of 29 June

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FURNITURE HALF REMOVED. THIS REFERENCES YOUR FX65573 OF 28 JUNE.
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH COL. NEWTON W.D. REPRESENTATIVE OF
MONUMENTS AND FINE ARTS AND COL. GRIFFS ACC. REMOVAL IS TAKING PLACE
UNDER SUPERVISION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF ACC.

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REFERENCE IS TO OUR FX64770 OF 26 JUNE. ACC UNNUMBERED MESSAGE OF 27 JUNE, COPY TO YOU, REFERRING TO OUR MESSAGE RECEIVED HERE BUT JOINT RECOMMENDATION AS ORIGINAL CALLED FOR MUST BE FURNISHED BEFORE DECISION CAN BE REACHED AND IN MEANTIME NO MOVEMENT IS TO TAKE PLACE

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AMHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE REPEATED AMHQ ACCOMMODATION CONTROL FROM ACC MAIN PAREN PD
AMHQ ACCOMMODATION CONTROL SIGNAL OF TWENTY SEVEN JUNE SENT WITHOUT PRIOR REFERENCE
TO ACC PD REMOVAL OF FURNITURE CASERTA PALACE PD PAREN ALSO PAREN REMOVAL OF ANY
PART WILL INEVITABLY RESULT IN DAMAGE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS PD PAREN BAKER PAREN
ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE BUT INVOLVES LONG HAUL ESTIMATED BULK ONE
HUNDRED TRUCKS PAREN TWO ONE HALF TONNERS PAREN CMA WHICH CANNOT REPEAT CANNOT BE
SUPPLIED BY ACC PD MORRISSES AND FIRM AREA SUBCOMMISSION REQUESTING THAT NO REMOVAL
BE AUTHORIZED PD IF OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS DEMAND REQUEST YOU ORDER TRANSPORT
BE MADE AVAILABLE BY ACCOMMODATION CONTROL

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✓ **Ms. P.A. (194)**

ROGER B. DERRY,
Capt. ASD
Deputy Adjutant.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: AFHQ Accom. Control Rto
AFHQ/ACC MAIN

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 16/27

FROM: AFHQ ACCOMMODATION CONTROL
CITE FHCAO.

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: FX64770

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUN261955B OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/FHGG
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UNDERSTOOD SPACE REFERRED TO IN YOUR BX13095 OF 25 JUNE OCCUPIED AS STORAGE FOR VALUABLE FURNITURE AND PICTURES FROM ROYAL PALACES NAPLES AND CASERTA AND THAT FURTHER REMOVAL WOULD INEVITABLY CAUSE DAMAGE.

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES NOT PREPARED AUTHORIZE REMOVAL UNTIL FRUTHER JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS BY YOU AND EXPECTS ACC STATING WHETHER(A) PARTIAL REMOVAL POSSIBLE WITHOUT DAMAGE AND (B) ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION SUCH REMOVAL AVAILABLE. PARA. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER WHETHER SPACE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR OCCUPATION. REPLY REQUIRED SOONEST

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TO: FREEDOM INFO ACC

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N36/25

FROM: FAIRBANKS FROM ACCOMMODATION CONTROL CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: BX13095 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUN 25 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/NONE

APPROXIMATELY 10,000 REPEAT 10,000 SQUARE FEET OF CASERTA CASTLE SPACE URGENTLY REQUIRED AT ONCE FOR COASTAL INSTALLATIONS IS OCCUPIED BY ART OBJECTS FROM NAPLES AND CASERTA AREA IN STORAGE BY ACC WHO ARE LOATH TO MOVE THEM. REQUEST ACC BE INSTRUCTED TO LOCATE SUITABLE STORAGE SPACE AND CLEAR THESE ITEMS FROM CASERTA AREA BEFORE 1ST JULY 44 IN ORDER THAT ESSENTIAL COASTAL INSTALLATIONS MAY BE MADE AND PLACED IN OPERATION BY D DAY

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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives

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23 June 1944

Subject: Royal Palace, Caserta.

To : Vice President, Adm Section.

Items 11, 19 bis, 28, 35A and 35B of the attached file specially refer.

1. This Subcommission has been informed that a portion of AFHQ is proposing to move into the Appartamento Nuovo (or 'di Murat') at CASERTA, which is at present used as storage-space for the best surviving furniture and paintings from Caserta Palace and from the Royal Palace at Naples, and that all the contents have to be moved within a fortnight. (Major Gardner, MFAA Officer, Region III, verbally from Col. Ramsay, i/c Accommodation, Adv. Party of AFHQ.) Col. Ramsay had no knowledge of the action taken by Col. Spofford (35A, attached file) on our behalf.

2. The only space allocated for storage-space is now the chapel, which is quite insufficient. It is moreover in use by the Catholic S.C.F., admittedly with the proviso that if needed it can be used once more for storage (see item 41).

3. In view of the existing orders and in particular of the Supreme Allied Commander's recent strictures on past happenings at CASERTA itself (item 28), there can be no question but that these furnishings should remain in store and that every additional move under wartime conditions means further damage and delapidation.

4. In case, however, it should be necessary to move them, the Subcommission is trying to arrange storage-space at CAPODIMONTE, but it will be necessary also to obtain:

- a) transport: approximately ²⁵ 3-tonners
- b) additional labour, to work under MFAA supervision.

These will have to be supplied by AFHQ.

ERNEST T. DE WALD
Major, Spec. Res.
Director.

Copy to MFAA Officer, Region III.

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Copy to MFAA officer, Region III.

Ernest T. De Wald
ERNEST T. DE WALD
Major, Spec. Res.
Director.

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Ref/340/44/CA.

SUBJECT: Royal Palace at CASERTA.

TO : Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission.

*Letter
Signed by Capt.
Hammond and
subsequently destroyed.*

13 April 1944.

*This was put up through R.C.
Region III 10 and forwarded
to AA1 by Executive Commission*

Reference your 20031/MFAA dated 29 Feb 44.

1. The Royal Palace at CASERTA is to be occupied eventually by A.F.H.Q., who have now agreed that the Chapel and rooms at present housing the Archives and books from the library shall be reserved.
2. The Appartamento Nuovo and Appartamento di Murat are to be utilised as offices and it is not therefore possible to reserve them for storage.
3. The Town Major, CASERTA, has been made responsible for safe custody of the Royal Palace.

W. S. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.
R.C. Region III - Your letter dated 5 Mar 44 refers.

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HQ AAI (ADM ECH),
C.M.F.

2030/22/02.

5 Apr 44.

HQ,
Allied Control Commission.

Reference your 340/15/CA dated 7 Mar., 44.

1. Since the Royal Palace at Caserta is to be occupied eventually by AFHQ, it has been necessary to refer the questions raised in your letter under reference to that HQ.
2. AFHQ have now agreed that:-
 - a) The Chapel
 - b) The rooms at present housing the Archives and books from the library.should be reserved as requested.
3. The Appartamento Nuovo and the Appartamento di Murat are, however, to be utilised by AFHQ as office accommodation, and in consequence it is not possible to give the undertaking for which you ask.
4. In accordance with HQ Administrative Instruction No.2 dated 7 Mar., 44, the Town Major, Caserta, has been made responsible for the safe custody of the Royal Palace.

(signed) _____ Brig.Genl
for Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- Commanding Officer, Det. No. 1, HQ Comd AFHQ.
Town Major, Caserta.

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