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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 489081, ext 442 & 254)

27 February 1946

20369/BEL/AFRA

My dear Sheldon,

Here's a mail packet of your's that seems to have had a rough passage - and to be as far from its destination as ever. As some bright boy has put a stamp across the address, no wonder! Anyhow I'm sending it back to you.

Well, how does it feel to be a civilised civilian again? And do you ever spare a thought for us far-flung soldier boys? I've always regretted missing you on your way home: we had many good times together, and in many a bookshop in Rome they still mention your name with awed reverence.

News since you left is of the ten little nigger boys variety. Pinsent, Deane, Ward-Perkins, Marriott, Enghoven all dropped off at various dates in the autumn and early winter. I went into hospital in protest and was an impatient for six weeks. It was a bit dicey for a time, but they now tell me I shall live.

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I am trying very hard to go home myself, and hope to do so in another month. A good thought that I'll be nearly on my way by the time you get this. Write to me at New College Oxford, Sheldon - I'd love to hear how you are.

F.B. sends her love .

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(Capt) A.S. Pennoyer Esqre,
c/o The Century Club
7 West 43rd Street
New York City

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14 February 1946

My dear Mr. Cain,

I have your letter and must write a line to send you my very deepest sympathy. That is a cruel blow of fate, and there is so little I can say about it. But if sympathy counts for anything, you certainly have all our's. Mrs. Bonajuto asks me to include her condolences, and Re will be writing to you separately - but, knowing civilian posts, it may take long to reach you.

Any news I can give you of this place is of small importance in comparison with your heavy tidings.

I expect that by now you will have got the Final Reports and drawn the conclusion from them that our work here is finished. You won't be far wrong.

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There have been tiresome delays about my demobilization, but it cannot be much longer now. Also the thing is complicated by my having developed a tiresome internal complaint, the seriousness of which the doctors have not yet determined. I much want to get back to England.

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I hope that the Reports will give you what you need for your article

Yours sincerely,

W.D. McCain Esq.
Department of Archives and History,
Jackson 105, Mississippi,
U.S.A.

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20369/BEL/MPAA

11 Feb 1946

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I hope a proportion of these has arrived.

Meanwhile to answer you four questions -

- (i) I've been keeping rather fitter and am very reluctant to return to hospital to report, which I have to do on Saturday.
- (ii) See A for my action on the UPHOLDER - I think that will be more profitable than Re, to whom I have mentioned the matter however (and I'll get him to ask inquiries if this inquiry of mine comes to a dead end). My naval friends also recommend that you phone Lt. Cond. DONOVAN, N.I.D.3, Admiralty, as he probably can give you the news you want. I suggest that you make this call as from W.O.
- (iii) By this time you should have the book list.
- (iv) See B for Re's information on FRASCATI.

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No news of when I leave for home .

Yours

Hilary Jenkinson Esq
Public Record Office
Chancery Lane, London.

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HEB/to

Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
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7 Feb 46

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TO: Office of the Flag Officer Italy, Via Lucullo 6.
FROM: Major H.E. Bell, A.E.C., A/Director, MFAA Subcommission,
H.Q., Allied Commission.

1. I have been asked if it is possible to obtain any information regarding the sinking of the British submarine UPHOLDER, this inquiry originating from a close friend of an officer who is understood to have been lost in this submarine.

2. It is emphasised that this query has been put on a personal basis and is of course unofficial. I shall nevertheless be most grateful if you are able to supply me with any information that will enable me to answer it.

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H.E.B.

H.E. BELL
Major, A.E.C.
A/Director

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(Tel. 439031, ext 142 & 254; 478480)

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20369/REL/ MFAA

21 Jan 1946

FROM: Major H.E. HELL, ABC

My dear Jenkinson,

I am sorry only just now to have got round to your letter 6193/H.J.
dated 19th October 1945.

The problem that you pose is not easy. The best work on Italian archives has a way of being obscurely placed in odd periodicals that are difficult, or impossible, to obtain, unless one is able to look for them on the ground. Along this line, the only answer I can see is that one day I should turn over my own collection to the P.R.O. Library. I hope you won't think it ungenerous if I don't do that immediately, however, because I expect to be using it a good deal myself in the immediate future.

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Meantime I send a short bibliography of books and periodicals that certainly should be secured for the Office Library. I have confined my choice to books describing the content of Italian archives, and have rigorously excluded those which illustrate or exploit that content for historical purposes. Which is, in some ways I suppose, a fine last gesture for me to make as a Wartime Emergency Archivist.

Incidentally, if you wish to expand the list, have a look at the excellent bibliography in Pecchiari - a book which my friend Cancetti does not regard as a first-class, but which I must say I found most helpful. It is a Hoepli Manual and should probably be available in London.

Yours sincerely,

Hilary Jenkinson Esq. C.B.E.,
The Public Record Office,
Chancery Lane,
London W.C.2.

1) GENERAL BOOKS

Gli Archivi di Stato Italiani

P. Pecchiai

Manuale per l'Archivista

Ad Alessandro Lucio gli Archivi
di Stato Italiani,
vols. 1 and 2.

G.B. Cavaretta

Manuale per gli Archivi Notarili

Nuovo Ordinamento degli Archivi
del Regno

Ministero dell'Interno
Zanichelli, Bologna,
1944

Hoepli, Milano

Le Monnier, Firenze,
1932

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1904.

Istituto Poligrafico
Roma, 1940

2) REGIONAL & SPECIFIC

ed. Schiaparelli	Guida storica e Bibliografica degli Archivi e delle Biblioteche d'Italia vol. 1 Provincia di Firenze Part 1 Prato vol. 2 Parts 1 & 2 Provincia di Pistoia vol. 6 Parts 1 & 2 Provincia di Aquila	R. Istituto Storico Italiano, Rome.
M.M. Bianchi	Notizie generali e numeriche degli atti conservati negli archivi giudiziari, amministrativi e finanziari del Regno d'Italia.	Botta, Rome, 1876
M.M. Bianchi	Le materie politiche relative all'estero degli archivi di Stato piemontesi.	Zanichelli, Bologna, 1876.
F. Bonaini	Le carte degli archivi piemontesi politici, amministrativi, giudiziari, finanziari, comunali, ecclesiastici, e di enti morali.	Bocca, Torino, 1891
A. Lodolini	Gli archivi delle provincie dell'Emilia.	Cellini, Firenze, 1861.
G. Mazzatinti (continued by Degli Asmi Vitolleschi)	L'archivio di Stato in Roma e l'archivio del Regno d'Italia.	Annales Institutorum Rome, 1932.
	Archivi della storia d'Italia	Capelli, Rocca San Casciano, 1900
	Gli archivi della regione Veneta, 1820-1880	R. Soprintendenza agli Archivi, Venezia, 1884

3) PERIODICALS.

Gli Archivi Italiani, 1914-1922

Archivi d'Italia (later called simply Archivi), 1932

Notizie degli Archivi di Stato (Ministero dell'Interno), 1941

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(Tel. 489081, ext 442 & 254; 478480)

20216/L/NEAA

21 Jan 1946

FROM: Major H.E. BELL, APO

Dear

Newton has shown me your letter of 31st December and, since British equipment is involved, he has asked me to handle it.

I am therefore sending off to you to-day two packets as under:-

- 1) contains Contax camera
- 2) contains films for 432 exposures and printing paper. I am sorry that we can't supply you with either printing frames or chemicals and hope that Haynes will be able to remedy this deficiency locally.

1052

The position about the Contax is a bit obscure, since it is apparently on charge to the Subcommission.. I should think it would keep our record straight, however, if you let me have the enclosed note of receipt at such time as the camera reaches you.

We are getting near the end of our labours here. There was indeed a moment yesterday when I was able to get round to reading Newton's monuments reports. Very good they are. I must say that the Commission owes a very great deal to his labours in these last months.

I hope you will have a good trip.

Yours

Lt. Col. Sir Leonard Woolley,
C/O The Antiquities Officer,
Military Administration HQ.,
TRIPOLI.

Letter by Lt Col Sir L. Woolley in 20560

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30 October 45

20369/BEL/MFAA

FROM: Maj H. E. BELL, A.E.C.

Dear Professor Stohlman,

Thank you very much indeed for letting me have
a copy of vol. IX of the memories of the American Aca-
demy. I have forwarded it to Prof. Cencetti of the
Archivio di Stato, Bologna, who will be most glad to
have it.

Yours sincerely, 1051

HEB

Prof. W. F. Stohlman,
United States Information Service
Rome Division
Via S. Basilio 45
ROME

30 OCT

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20905/14/NFAA

23 November 1945

FROM: H.E. BELL, Major, AEC.

Dear

I hope that by now you have carried Giovanna across the threshold and that Domestic Bliss envelopes the establishment.

When you go to Venezia Giulia (which latest reports put at early in December), I should be most grateful if you'd include the attached amongst your inquiries. Roddy Enthoven may have done all that is necessary about it; but as I'm not sure from his last letter, I've asked him to leave a note as to what action he has taken, to be picked up by you at S.C.A.O.'s office Venezia Giulia.

1050

I do very much hope that you will be able to make this V.G. trip soon. The battle continues here, and I particularly don't want to leave it. On the other hand, I am anxious, as I told you, about these loose ends in V.G. I shall be more than grateful if you'll keep me posted with your date of departure - and, of course, you'll no doubt let me know in due course how you've got on there.

Yours

Captain H. Brooke, K/R/R/C/,
Military Government Austria,
Gau Steiermark.

20369/BEL

ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

80 AGO 1945

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

TO :

Major W. B. Bell
(Conservation)

Archives Office
The Commonwealth Region

1945

Herewith find copies of your request for
the book on Archives. One copy has been returned
here.

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20369/BEL/MTAA

14 July 1945

FROM: Major H.E. Ball, A.S.C.

Dear

I have heard to-day that Captain B.L. Ciferelli, whom you mentioned in one of your reports, is on his way to your part of the world. I think you may like to have this information.

Sorry I didn't see you on the tour. At Re's request I'm staying here for the time being, and will endeavour to push on anything you recommend. One point that is rather important at your end is to get CANALI to Bolzano as soon as possible, now that he has been officially asked for. I am a little anxious about the Bolzano deposits which I have not had a chance to see.

Hope all's well with you.

Yours

HEB.

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Capt. W.D. McCain,
Archives Officer,
Lombardia Region, A.M.C.

14 LUG 1945

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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
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20369/EE/AFMA

11 July 1945

FROM: Major H. E. FREL

Dear

The way things are working out, I fancy I'm going to have to remain in ROME for some considerable time, and the dear knows when I'll get back to AFMA or VARESE Regions.

Under the circumstances I'm bound to saddle you with a few archive responsibilities. I'm sorry to do so, but I know you will do what you can to help. May I summarise the outstanding points?

(1) ARCHIVIO DI STATO, PAVIA.

I enclose a report that I have had from the Director. I should be most grateful if you would take up with P.C. PAVIA the question of expenses necessary in connection with adapting the new premises. The Archivio Pavesiano, which is the chief part of the Archivio di Stato, has become doubly important since the Germans destroyed its counterpart at NAPLES. It is most important that it should be adequately housed before the coming winter.

No doubt the best thing would be to talk to Rums, if you have the chance; but if you have no opportunity of that, perhaps you would drop him a line stressing how important the project is and enlisting his aid.

The point raised in the last para. of the report will be for Comandatore Re, and you need not worry about it.

(2) LIBRARY AND ARCHIVIO GENERALE, PIACENZA.

I enclose a report from the Director. On the question of the return of his deposits, I'm afraid that, once again,

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It will be necessary to speak, or write, to the Provincial Commissioner. The usual thing is to obtain his agreement in principle to the use of transport from the Autotrasporti Office and to necessary expense and then instruct the Director to obtain an estimate from Autotrasporti and submit a request for funds through the Prefect to Provincial Finance Officer. It is important that the last-named should know that the project has the P.C.'s blessing.

All this sounds pretty complicated; but, as you know, where deposits are satisfactory (and these are) I haven't given them a very high priority. So this is something for you to tackle when opportunity arises.

I really don't think that we can help the Capuchins with their library.

(3) EXOTUS RE.

I return John's letter about this. It should refer not to your D.O. letter of 1st June but to mine of 28th May! The position is that I got Pava to send a letter to the owner which I despatched through Allied Commission ANOCIA; you'll find the story on ARO/1. If Pava hasn't got a satisfactory reply, we shall have to try talking to the owner instead of writing. It won't be easy to get Pava down to ISBI to do this, and I suggest that he could delegate the Librarian of ANOCIA or someone nearer to do it for him.

(4) ARCHIVIO DI STATO AND SOPRINTENDENZA, BOLOGNA.

1046

I would be most obliged if you'd give Gambetti any help he asks - in particular extending his pass to go on AAI couriers or, if they want it, getting a similar one for Mascelli. The A. di S. phone no. is 1389.

(5) MISC.

I enclose two papers for filing on ARO/1; neither requires any action.

I'm sorry to leave you with all this - and indeed sorry enough to leave you at all. I hope there's no return of the internal upset. All's well here. I'd a grand tour with Jenkinson. Thank you and Paul so much for the arrangements you made for your part of it.

Yours

Capt. C.R. Pincent
MEAA Officer,
HQ., EMILIA Region, AMG

11 LUG 1945

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20369/MSG/MFAA

11 July 1945

FROM: Major H.E. BELL

Dear

I shall be most grateful if, as soon as it is issued, you let me have a copy of the letter that I drafted for the Brigadier telling P.C.s to make their Prefects responsible for the custody of ministerial archives.

All well here - but up to the eyes in work and the dear knows when I'll get back to you.

Yours

HEB

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Capt. Basil Marriott,
MFAA Officer,
HQ. VESTERLE Region AMG

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20369/BEL/MFAA

14 June 1945

FROM: Lt. Col. J. B. WARD PRESCHS, R.A.

Dear

Many thanks for acting so promptly about that Jeep. I had a letter calling it in from Establishments Section (who appeared to have believed Teddy had taken it to Austria), and as they had expressly stated it must be signed for by an American Officer and used in 5 Army area, I had to act at very short notice. It must have inconvenienced you a lot. I'm sorry.

I shall hope to see you down at the end of the month. You will be pleased to hear that R_e and I are in close and constant rapport and that I talk Archives in my sleep.

What about the new areas of VERMONT? I tried to get Humphrey's services to help out, so far without success.

Yours

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Major H. R. Bell
Archives Officer
MILIA Region

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14 JUL 1946

HEADQUARTERS

EMILIA REGION AMG

14th. June 1945

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Dear John,

I have heard again from Jenkinson and so am writing to add a few more details to those in my letter of 28th. May.

Jenkinson says that he is trying for a passage out here on or about 20th. June, and adds that he relies on me to act as an advance agent. As I'm so far away from the centre of things, that isn't very easy, and I'm sorry to have to burden you with some preliminary arrangements.

First and foremost, there's the question of where he's to be put up. I suggest the reservation of rooms for a week at the Grand. He will need at least that time for discussions with Re on the subject of ministerial archives. Perhaps, as soon as you have a definite date, you will make the reservation.

Then there's the further question of a short tour. Initially I should be inclined to confine that to two nights at Florence, from which he can see the Toscana repositories, and four nights at Bologna to have a look at Emilian archives. Whether he goes any further north - to Milan or Padova - depends on the amount of time that he can spend here.

By the time he comes out, Toscana Region, I suppose, will have closed down; but I imagine that the Excelsior will still remain a transit hotel and I suggest booking rooms there for the first and second night of the tour. I will mention to Colonel Bowman or Colonel Hartley the possibility of his staying here, and all that will be necessary for you to do will be to send a signal when you know the exact date.

I think I should accompany him on any tour he makes, and we should need transport for at least eight days.

One other thing - will you please send me a signal to Venezia Region, where I go again to-morrow, the moment you have a date for his arrival. I will then get to Rome as rapidly as I can. If, as I rather hope, he doesn't arrive before 2nd July, I shall be in Rome anyway.

My apologies for passing on all these tasks; but, as I say, I can't see the alternative

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Yours even

Harry Bell

Lt. Col. J. B. Ward-Perkins, MEAA, Sub-Commission,
HQ, Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
LILIA REGION A.M.G.

28 MAG. 1945

ARC/1

28 May 1945

Dear John,

I have a letter from Jenkinson in which he says he hopes to be able to arrange to come out here quite soon.

a) As soon as anything like a definite date for his arrival is fixed, will you please let me know, as I want to be in Rome when he gets there.

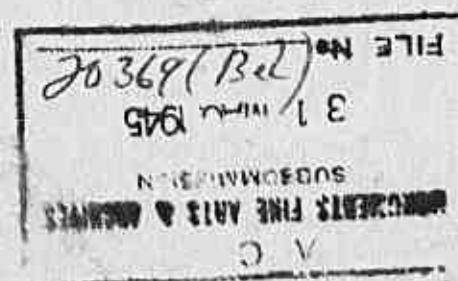
b) On another matter altogether - I have done your bidding and asked Fava (the Soprintendente Bibliografico) to write the Conte Baldeschi - Balleani about the Tacitus ms. He is not hopeful that a letter will produce a satisfactory reply. If it doesn't, I'll despatch Fava to Jesi to sleuth on the spot. Meanwhile, you'll no doubt let me know if the Vatican is able to give you any definite information.

Yours ever,

Harry Bell

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Lt. Col. J.B. Ward-Perkins,
Monuments Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission.



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HEADQUARTERS

EMILIA REGION A.M.G.

ARC/1

16 May 1945

Dear Ward Perkins,

I write a few lines- first to keep you in the picture about my own movements, and second to suggest various modifications in our plans, made necessary by Humphrey's departure.

You'll have gathered from my reports something of my recent itinerary. In view of the urgency of this business about the ministerial archives, I got R.C. Emilia to let me go on temporary duty to Venezia. I think it was worth while, for apart from the ministerial stuff I was able to see the best things at any rate in the southern part of Venezia Region. After this first, and rather rushed, survey I've returned to Bologna, where (unless called up by Venezia, to which I am of course assigned) I propose to remain for the next three weeks or a month. 1041

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I hope all this doesn't sound like teaching granny... certainly it's not meant that way. Only Humphrey's going does seem to make these extra details necessary. Actually though, things are so much better up there than we expected that I don't think one need be too worried.

I'm sorry to have missed you here and further north. I hope that if you get to Padova, Basil will show you our War Damage to Monuments Archive; it really does seem good to me.

Yours ever

Harry Bell

Lt. Colonel J.B. Ward-Perkins,
MFAA Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.

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20369/BELL/MFAA

14 May 1945

FROM: Lt.Col. ERNEST T. DE WALD, Spec. Res.

Dear

I am sending you herewith copy of the letter we have just sent to Sopr. Cecchini in reply to his of 19 Apr 45, forwarded by your ARC/1 of 29 Apr 45.

Also copy of article (unsigned) by Comm. Re on the Archives of the Fascist Gerarche. This HQ. is doing what it can to get Re north as soon as possible to advise on the disposition of there collections. Comm. De Gregori (Inspector General for Libraries) will presumably be up shortly too. 1040

Re was in today and was given copies of your recent reports on archives and all others which touch archives incidentally.

Yours

Major H.E. BELL
Archives Officer
EMILIA Region

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26 March 1945

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FROM: Corporal EDWARD N. WILLARD, B.L.

Dear

I am forwarding your book, The Civilization of the
Renaissance in Italy, to you.

Lt. Webb, a British Officer, returned it to me on 1039
19 March.

Incidentally, did you see my latest article in
"Yank"; subject, Real American History?

Sincerely,

E.N.W.

Major H.L. Bell
Archives Officer
HQ. AMM, EMILIA Region

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17 March 1945

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HQ. AMG, EMILIA Region

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12 March 1945

FROM: Lt.Col. ERNEST T. DE WALD, Spec.Res.

Dear

Herewith copies of the order reassigning you
to EMILIA Region and a subsequent correction.

Your recent detailed reports on certain archives
in EMILIA and in TOSCANA have been received and are
most welcome. It is a comfort to hear of the
discovery of the Biccherna Tavollette.

Yours

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Major H.E. Bell, Archives Officer
c/o Lt. Hartt, MFAA Officer,
TOSCANA Region, FLORENCE

Signed by
Col DeWald.
B. M. Puhler
S/Sgt

12 MAR 1945

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20369/HEM/AFAA

31 January 1945

FROM: ERNEST T. DE WALD, Lt.Col., Spec.Res, Director.

Dear

Capt. Collins (Archives, ALCOM) has informed^{mc} that there will be an Archives meeting at this HQ. on 8 Feb 45 at which it is highly desirable that you be present. Will you kindly let me know what your intentions are in this matter so that Capt. Collins may be held.

Enclosed are a letter addressed to you and one which should be passed, via Lt. Hartt, to Mr. Berenson.

Sgt. Peebles asks too that you ask the clerk in Lt. Hartt's office, determine the date and source of the attached clipping from a Florence newspaper, kindly forwarded in several copies to this office.

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Yours

E.T.D.

Major E.E. Bell
c/o Lt. F. Hartt
MFAA Officer, TOSCANA Province
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