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22 Dec 45

FROM: Maj N.T. Newton, AC

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GAU KARSTEN

BMP

26 June 45.

28 LUG 1945

Dear John

I wonder if 2 semi-official reports of mine reached you, one relating to the archives of Udine and the other to the missing archivio storico of Gorizia; probably it was a frightful breach of military etiquette to take cognizance of anything not within this beautiful Gau?

Ever since I first wrote to you on May 13. I have been doing everything possible to obtain permission to cover such archives in the N E corner of Italy as are within easy range of Mil. Govt. Staff Hq., but Goodison, who approves of the idea, now writes to say that it has been turned down on the grounds that I have too much to do here (he does not say by whom).

As I explained to Lt Col Campbell of A.C.A., who was here the other day, one work here has now reached the routine stage, bringing back deposits etc.; and so far as archives are concerned I am just marking time until we move into Steiermark. It would therefore be an excellent moment to make a tour of Venezia Giulia.

I would be very glad to know your views on this matter, without which I naturally cannot move. Bell wrote to me sometime ago welcoming the idea, but of course since then either he or McCain may have covered the ground or be about to do so, and I do not want either to duplicate their work or butt in on any future plans of theirs.

It would be important for someone to visit Trieste before long as my information here is that there were considerable removals from the Archivio di Stato there to Vienna. The same sort of thing may have taken place elsewhere. As I may be the person eventually responsible for tracing and restoring such material there is a case for my being after to get the story first hand while there is the present opportunity.

Transport may be a snag as usual. Tomorrow we lose our cars in favour of one of those bloody pool systems. 3 miles from Klagenfurt several thousand civilian cars are literally rotting away in an Army Disposal Unit; but that's the way we won the war!

Saluti

Yours ever,

E.C.M

for Humphrey Brooke

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28 LUG 1945

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Col John Ward Perkins
Deputy Director
I.P.A. E.A.
Allied Commission, Rome

Ca 19 May 18
Cape May

Capitulum

[ca. 19 May 45]

With my Govt (Austria) British Element
% HA 8" Army (Rain) COTF

Dear Father,

A time in great haste as in less than an hour time
Teddy & I start off for our first home of inspection into
Austria, reporting back to this Hq in 3 or 4 days time.

At Padova, where we stayed a night en route here, we met Basil and Harry, & by agreement with the latter, I who is expecting to return to America almost immediately to finish off that region, I herewith report on the archives of Adria. It is rather an important place from our point of view & some of the points will be of interest to Com. Re, so I wd be glad if you wd let him have a copy as soon as possible.

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It becomes more evident daily that the establishment of 4 Five Arts & Archives offices (2 more are being asked for in addition to Self & ECHR) for the military Govt Stage in the Reich is quite ludicrous in our miserable tract of the Reich to be done in Northern Germany particularly from an archive point of view.

I was very sorry not to be able to say goodbye to you personally the other day & to thank you for all your invaluable assistance. Though now attached to your organization, my Hq. are likely to remain for a new organization, & I could therefore probably carry out some small jobs in this area if necessary, if Bell & McLean cannot conveniently get so far afield.

Will you kindly arrange for Bell to get a copy of his report (I write to him personally by this post) ? 1063

Naturally I'd be most grateful sometimes to receive word of how the work on those ministerial archives in the North proceeds.

Sincerely to all.) our ever

Humphrey B. B. 20369/PRD

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

Dear

I'm passing this to Goodison for delivery in due course to you.

You'll probably want to read an unsigned article by Re contained in the copy of the Tribuna del Popolo accompanying this. Re himself brought a copy here for us to read and ponder.

Re was in on 12 May 45 for a longish session with Sgt Peebles and arrangements have been set up for Re (or his representative) to receive archives reports from N. Italy as they come in and, in general, to be kept in the picture on all archives problems, including the present one of getting him up to the north to advise on the Fascist Gerarchica and older deposits up there.

Best wishes to you and Teddy.

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Yours

Capt. T.H. BROOKE
A.C., AUSTRIA

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4 May 1945

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Dear Humphrey,

I understand your disappointment that I ^{am not} have ~~not~~ yet further north, and I don't want you to think I'm unmindful of the urgent problems of your ministerial archives in Venezia.

Only I don't see how it was possible to cover the four important centres - Bologna, Modena, Reggio and Parma, each with an Archivio di Stato and a Library with important mss. collections - in less than the week that I took over them. Particularly since I had to take an over-all M F A view with regard to the jeep - without which Teddy would have been unable to make his urgent preliminary inspections.

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Then came the disaster to the jeep, which suddenly developed serious engine trouble, and the 5th. Army Garage said that, short of a new engine being fitted, there was nothing to be done. So I have divided the last few days between the Garage, spurring them on to greater efforts, and hitch-hiking on the road.

The moment the jeep is ready I shall, of course, be off in it.

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If I don't see you before that happens, good hunting !
and keep up the standards of archivists' Italian !

Yours ever,
Harry

Capt. H. BROOKE

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