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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 489081, ext 442 & 254; 478480)

20485/2/MFAA

12 Dec 45

SUBJECT: Release re Munich Collecting Centre.

TO : Director, Public Relations Branch.

1. In the issue of Sunday, 9 Dec 45, "Risorgimento Liberale" carried an article to correct which the undersigned, after consultation with you, sent to the Editor of that paper a letter of which a copy was sent you.

2. As "Risorgimento Liberale" did not make the correction in either yesterday's issue or today's, it is suggested that the attached release be issued to all papers.

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NORMAN T. NEWTON
Major, Air Corps
Director.

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FOR RELEASE 12 DEC 45

E' apparsa la notizia che le autorità alleate del governo militare della Germania avrebbero chiesto al Governo Italiano, tramite la Commissione Alleata (Sottocommissione per i Monumenti e le Belle Arti), l'invio di un esperto italiano al centro stabilito a Monaco per la raccolta di opere d'arte recuperate.

La Commissione Alleata comunica che questa notizia non è esatta. La Sottocommissione per i Monumenti, Belle Arti, ed Archivi ha domandato ai colleghi in Germania se essi permetterebbero che un rappresentante italiano fosse inviato a Monaco. Finora la Commissione Alleata non ha ricevuto nessuna risposta a tale richiesta.

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10 Dicembre 1945

Direttore del "Risorgimento Liberale"

ROMA

Signor Direttore:

Sul Suo giornale del 9 Dicembre è apparsa la notizia che le autorità alleate del governo militare della Germania avrebbero chiesto al Governo Italiano, tramite questa Sottocommissione, l'invio di un esperto italiano al centro stabilito a Monaco per la raccolta di opere d'arte recuperate.

Questa notizia non è esatta. Abbiamo domandato ai nostri colleghi in Germania se - e sotto quali condizioni - essi permetterebbero che un rappresentante italiano fosse inviato a Monaco. Finora non abbiamo ricevuto nessuna risposta a tale richiesta.

Ringraziando per la pubblicazione

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Norman P. Newton

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Major, Air Corps,
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NORMAN T. HEWTON
Major, Air Corps,
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— File: 20485/2

Document : Letter

Subject : Books & Apparatus from University
of Penn

To : Office of Military Government, Economic
Division, Restitution Branch, APO 742
US Army

Date : 24 Nov 45

File : 20409/20/R

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20909/20/5/MFAA

20 Nov 45

SUBJECT: Tolomei collection and archives.

TO : Regional MFAA Officer, Venezia Region.

1. Ref your MAIL/MFA/B12 of 12 Nov 45.
2. We have now received from Prof Tolomei a letter of which a copy is attached hereto. Capt Keller, who happens to be here, has no further knowledge of the matter.
3. Will you please determine whether the books referred to are in fact at Novacella and, if so, what recommendations Supt Rusconi wishes to make regarding them.
4. In view of Senator Tolomei's reference to Kramsach, which is in the French Zone of Austria, we are referring that portion of the enquiry to the French Representative here at HQ AC for such action as may be possible.

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NORMAN T. NEWTON,
Major, Air Corps,
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20 Nov 45

SUBJECT: Tolomei Collection and Archives.

TO : French Representative, HQ AC.

1. Attached are two certified copies of Senator Tolomei's letter of 15 Nov 45, and two copies of an appunto of 27 May 45 from Ing. Antonino Rusconi, Superintendent of Monuments and Galleries in Trento.

2. We have asked the Regional MFAA Officer to determine whether in fact Senator Tolomei's books are at Novacella (Bolzano) as the Senator says, or at Kramsach, Austria, with the documents referred to.

3. Meanwhile, since at least the documents - and perhaps the books as well - are said to be at Kramsach, in the French Zone of Austria, we are referring that portion of the inquiry to you for such action as you may deem appropriate and possible.


NORMAN T. NEWTON,
Major, Air Corps,
Director.

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Regl MFAA Officer, Venezia Region

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20909/20/S/MPAA

16 Nov 45

Dear Professor Arangio-Ruiz:

We have your letter 5913 of 14 November, regarding the material from the GROTTA DI POSTUMIA, but the documents therein referred to as attached did not accompany the letter.

Please refer, however, to our letter 20909/20/S/MPAA of 22 August, which replied to your inquiry 3902 of 31 July and requested a more accurate list for purposes of identification.

Although no reply to the latter request has ever been received from the Ministry of Public Instruction, Dr Franco Ancilli, Director of the Grottoes, came in to see us on 21 September. At our suggestion, he wrote on 24 September to the Direzione Generale delle Accademie e Biblioteche, with a copy to us, listing as well as he could do from memory the articles believed to be missing.

Acting solely on the copy of Dr Ancilli's letter, this office prepared a translation of his list and transmitted it to the military authorities in Germany for investigation. No reply has yet been received. When it does arrive, you may rest assured we shall pass to you the fullest available information.

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NORMAN T. NEWTON,
Major, Air Corps,
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Professor Vincenzo Arangio-Ruiz
Minister of Public Instruction
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20909/20/3/MFAA

16 November 1945

SUBJECT: Material from Italian Institute of Speleology,
Grottoes of POSTUMIA.

TO : Office of Military Govt (U.S.), Economics
Division, Restitution Branch, MFAA Section,
APO 742, U.S. Army.

1. On 10 Oct 45 this office wrote to Chief, MFAA Branch, RDR Division, USFET, with copy to RDR Division, USGCM Germany, a letter on the above subject. Last imperfection of address may have caused non-delivery, a copy of that letter is now attached.

2. A further inquiry has now been received from the Italian Government, who say they have been informed that the present Yugoslav administration of Eastern Venezia Giulia are also attempting to obtain the material in reference.

3. The Italian Government point out that, although the material was formerly in territory now administered by Yugoslav military government, the library, records, etc., herein referred to were and still are the property of the Istituto Italiano di Speleologia, an Italian scientific institution. The statement would surely appear to be a fair one.

4. In renewing request for such information as may be available, this office accordingly invites attention to the legal and moral question raised by the Italian Government with respect to the property under inquiry.

MORRIS I. NEWTON,
Major, Air Corps,
Director.

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Division, Reconstitution Branch, WFAA Section,
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HQ USFET, G-5 Section, WFAA Branch,
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20909/20/D/MFAA

15 November 1945

SUBJECT: German Libraries.

TO : S/L E.C. Morris, Advanced HQ, Control
Commission Germany (British Element).

1. Herewith we hand you, for the information and guidance of your MFAA Branch, copies of the following documents, to be taken back to Berlin by yourself:

a. Letter 20909/20/D/MFAA, 27 June 45, from VP Civil Affairs Section, HQ Allied Commission, to American and British Political Advisors, HQ AC.

b. Letter 20909/20/D/MFAA, 19 July 45, from VP Civil Affairs Section, HQ AC, to Prof Carlo Ragghianti, Undersecretary of State for Fine Arts, (Italian) Ministry of Public Instruction.

c. Notes 20909/20/D/MFAA of 7 Aug 45, by Acting Director, MFAA S/C, HQ AC, with attached Minute of 3 Aug 45, by Chief Legal Advisor, HQ AC.

d. Letter 20909/20/D/MFAA, 9 Nov 45, from Chief Commissioner, HQ AC, to the British and American Ambassadors in Rome.

2. These represent our present position in the matter. We shall be glad to have any comments that you deem appropriate. Direct communications between your HQ and our have been sanctioned, so far as we are concerned, by Allied Force Headquarters (which is the HQ of Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean).

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Major, Air Corps,
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Main HQ, CCG (Brit MI), BUNDE
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