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June 1945 - Feb 1946

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PART II

ARCHIVES - ROME CENTRAL MINISTRIES

DATE	TO	DATE	TO
11 July	CAFSA	13 Aug	CAS
			MEA

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11 July	CA Sec	~~13 Aug~~	~~CAS~~
		~~16 Aug~~	~~MFA~~
~~12 July~~	~~MFA~~	~~1 Sept.~~	~~CAS~~
~~20 July.~~	~~MFAA~~	4 Sept	CAS
~~26 July~~	~~CA Sec~~	~~5 Sept.~~	~~MFA~~
~~2 Aug~~	~~MFAA~~	18 Sept.	C.A.S.
~~9 Aug~~	~~CA Sec~~	~~19 Sept.~~	~~Leland AB~~
~~10 Aug~~	~~MFAA~~	~~26 Sept.~~	~~MFA~~
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~~29 Aug~~	~~MFAA~~	~~2 Oct~~	~~MFA~~
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		~~4 Oct~~	~~CAS~~
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~~22 Aug.~~	~~C.A.S.~~	~~23 Dec~~	~~CAS~~

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THIS FOLDER
CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM JUNE 41
TO FEB 46
CATALOGUE-

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C.A.S.

At the time when A.C. took over this building, all archives of the Ministry of Corporations were supposed to be moved. In fact, two deposits of M. of C. archives have been located on the premises.

(1) in Sub-Basement Room 7, opposite civilian canteen .

(2) in Air Raid Shelter below Sub-Basement.

I think the appropriate Italian office ought to be given a chance of inspecting these archives and of moving them.

H.Q.Commandant, whom I have seen, agrees that it would be well to have them out of the way.

May I have your authority please to arrange for inspection and removal ?

H E Bell
Major

MFAA S/C

23 | 1 | 46

1976

M.F.A.A. S/C.

Agreed. But you must satisfy yourselves that no other Allied body or screening commission are interested in these archives. and that they may safely be handed over.

J.H. Lesher, Maj.
CA Section.

24 Jan 46.

41

C.A.S.

At 67 is a letter for approval and signature please.
91 covers the Italian archives held by G2 and should therefor stop the only remaining gap in our arrangements for return to the Italian Government of their archives.

H.E. Bell Major
Archives Officer.

MFAA S/C
5 Nov. 1945.

42.

C.A.S.

We sometimes make progress! Please see 69. Do you agree to our handing these over the moment they arrive? We take it that, as A.F.H.Q. has released them, no one else is concerned. H.E. Bell Major
Archives Officer. 1975

MFAA S/C
23 Nov. 45

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Archives Officer. 1975

MFA S/C
23 Nov. 45

43.

MFA.

Good

CAS
27 NOV 1945
X 525.

44

CAS: Dr Major Bell's absence at hospital,
may we have approval and signature
please on this letter to AFHQ (at 70).

12 Dec 45
X 44 ~

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MFA

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VP, would like to meet LaV + H will you please arrange and send this file up so that he can refresh his mind a bit before the meeting

CAS
2 OCT. 1945
X-608

Ref: La Vista Villa at Caserta
300 45

C.A.S.

37

At 60 is a letter for signature please.

This is one of the many cases that will be handled by the Italian archivist as soon as he is appointed.

H.E. Bell Major for Director.

MFAA S/C 90ct. 45.

M.F.A.A.
Letter signed. J. Kleaton, Maj
Ca. Section.

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1974

C.A.S.

At 66 is a letter for signature please

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This is one of the many cases that will be handled by the Italian archivist as soon as he is appointed.

H E Bell major for Director.

MFAA s/c 9 Oct. 45.

m.s 7aa.
Letter signed.

J Kealey, Maj
CA Section.

C.A.S.

1974

At 66 is a letter for signature please

H E Bell major
for Director 17 Oct 45.

MFAA s/c

m7aa. Letter signed
18 Oct 45

J Kealey Maj
CA Section.

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at present has no assistance and has not started (exploitation). Kaynes' proposals for staff are still under consideration, + he is himself leaving shortly for another appointment. Promised microfilming facilities have not materialized. One disorder at present within the deposit has to be seen to be believed; and there was until yesterday (this I believe is being remedied) no guard, only a padlock + staple, within a building occupied largely by Italians.

The above comments are not made in criticism of the efforts of the La Vista-Kaynes organisation to do a difficult job under impossible conditions. I do wish however to state plainly that:

1. The work, began tardily, is through lack of backing progressing very slowly.
2. The records have suffered and are daily suffering from exploitation under pig-sty conditions.

I do not believe the appointment (and supervision) of an Italian archivist to present insuperable security-problems. If it does, an Allied archivist must be obtained. The present arrangements are disgraceful, and I should have thought constituted created unfavourable working conditions.

MFAA S/C
1 Oct. 45

Howard Peckham Lt. Col.

1979

VP.

The La Vista-Kaynes organisation has had these files some months - has done nothing or very little. We cross endeavouring

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Howard Peckham Lt. Col.

MFAA S/C
1 Oct. 45

1973

VP.

The La Vista-Haynes organisation has had these files some months and has done nothing. In very letter... We were endeavouring to arrange that the Italian Govt should have access to working files under supervision but in min 31 the Blad A says they are not to have any sort of access until the examination is complete and in min 34 the estimated time required to examine this material is two years. These estimates, further, seem both insufficient

The most "interesting" files from the political point of view are just the sort of file likely to contain evidence which the Italian Govt will want for prosecutions of fascists.

This veto does not seem reasonable unless there is an organisation capable of dealing with the matter within a reasonable time and this apparently is not proposed.

Min 34 gives some idea of the chaos already existing

C.A.S.
10 Oct. 1945

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C.A. Section.

I have no comments on flio 55A.

As regards minute 31 above, the views of the British Embassy is expressed in its memo. to you no. 293/66/41 of Sept. 12th. (which, incidentally, I cannot find on this file) - namely, that the British Foreign Office see no objection to the employment of an I.C. archivist in the manner desired by the MFAA S/C, provided that adequate supervision is in fact adequate to prevent destruction or abandonment of diplomatic documents, along with "Sefchaven" material.

21/ix/42

H.M. 12. (Bv).

32.

1972

MFA.

Refer 31. Will you please ascertain from the LV-H team how long they anticipate these files will be unavailable. It is the charcoal files which will be most likely to have evidence against Swedish criminals. If they are to be totally unavailable until [illegible]

[Copy now at 506/5.]

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supervision is inadequate to prevent destruction & concealment of diplomatic documents, along with "Sephora" material.

21/ix/72

A.K. Alford
Asst. M. 12: (Br.).

1972

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MFA.

Refer 31. Will you please ascertain from the LV-H team how long they anticipate these files will be unavailable. It is the classified files which will be most likely to have evidence against the fascist criminals. If they are to be totally unavailable until finished with it makes the commencing of their work all the more urgent. What progress are they making

C/A.S
21 Sept 1972

34.

CAS

La Vista reckons to be clear in two years time; Haynes in nine months; both provided they get adequate staff and facilities, which at present they have not got, and have no prospect of getting in the immediate future. La Vista himself

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(29)

No comment NB

To Civil Affairs Section.

At 55 draft letter for approval and discussion with Polads (A + B) please.

As agreed (Col. White — Bell) this letter has been made to cover action arising out of minutes 27 and 28 of the present file and minute 3 of the former file C/4/K. which is now enclosed at 54.

Howard Kemin Lt. Col.
Director
MFAA Sub-Commission.

18 September 1945

30.

Polad B. } In Succession
Polad X }

Have you any comments on 55A please

J. H. Lt. Col.

CA S,
19 SEP. 1945

31.

1971

C.A. Section:

I agree with the draft letter to AFHQ (folio 55A) with the exception of para No. 3 (b) which I believe is quite contrary to the plan worked out by the La Vista - Haynes organization with

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Polad B. } In Succession
Polad X }

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H.W.H. Jr. Ltd.

ZA S,
19 SEP. 1945

31. 1971

C.A. Section:

I agree with the draft letter to AFHQ (para 55A) with the exception of para No. 3 (b) which I believe is quite contrary to the plan worked out by the La Vista-Haynes organization with the Italians and which I believe has the approval of the State Dept. The Italian Govt. will not have access to the relatively small portion of documents retained for study until after the L.V.-H. Agency has finished with them & the Italian ~~Secretariat~~ archivist will not work in the Agency but will function purely as a liaison officer between Italian Govt & Agency.

J. Wesley Jones
Pol. Ad (Am)
Sept. 21/45

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(25.) To C.A. Section

Please see report on Italian ministerial archives at 45.

The length of this report is regretted; but having regard to the importance of the questions involved & to recent changes in personnel in C.A. Section, it seemed desirable to give full details of this complex negotiation.

H.E. Bell Major
for Director.

MFAA S/C
4th. Sept. 1945

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19.

Exec Comm:

Herewith a fairly full report on the present position as to the Archives of the Italian Govt, and of the Allied Research Organisation.

If you will read only the parts of the report marked marginally in red you will get a connected account of the principal points

It is not desired to hamper the work of this association, but it is our duty so far as regards the administration of the country is concerned to see that essential [illegible] do not remain unreasonably inaccessible

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MFAA S/C
4th. Sept. 1945

27.

197.

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It is not desired to hamper the work of this association, but it is our duty so far as regards the administration of the country is concerned to see that executive powers are not misused & do not remain unreasonably inactive. The organisation has complete micro-film equipment.

It is submitted that we press for quickest possible release of papers (some may be required for preparation of criminal trials - some for day to day administration):

That the Italian Government should have an archivist with the Organ.

That an inventory should be supplied with particulars of documents in permanently retained. That normally the Italian Govt. should receive a photostat copy of any document retained.

Encl 9/9.

C.C.S.
RSC 1945

9 agreed. Letter to Embassies + Ital. Govt. copy to CCS accordingly HH 10/9.

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(23) To V.P. CA. Section

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At 38 for approval and signature please is an answer to 34 bis.

Bell's notes on Thomson's visit are at 37.

J Boxall Peters Lt. Col
Director MFAA S/C 13 Aug. 45.

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(24) To C.A. Section.

Reference 39 A-B.

The arrangements for transfer are now far advanced. As a result of the meetings held in London during the past fortnight, the following details are fixed:

① The Joint State-Department – Foreign Office Research Organisation has provided a list of all items that they require & is arranging collection of these from the various depositi.

② The Ministerial Representatives have provided detailed estimates of tonnage
a) of archives ready for immediate transportation
b) of archives requiring packing and not yet ready for transportation. They have in hand the crating of these.

On the basis of ~~Article contained~~ the estimates mentioned in ② above, I shall see Transportation S/C and work out a programme of transfer with them.

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1960

Meanwhile 39 A-B requires no answer.

HE Bell major
for Director MFAA S/C 1 Sept. 45.

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(21) V.P. C.A. Section.

Requests for transfer of the archives of individual ministries continue to reach the Commission by roundabout routes — in spite of our specific request to Amendola to have them stopped, & his agreement to do so.

It must be added that the unconscionable slowness of the Italian Government in getting their representatives to Milan makes impatience on the part of individual departments natural & understandable.

We therefore suggest that You send no. 35 to the Prime Minister to endeavour to hasten these urgent transfers & also to make it clear that it is not the Allied Commission that is shutting the door on them.

Howard Peirce Lt. Col.
Director

MFAA Sub-Commission,
9 August 1945

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P leave consider my suggested amendt

9 Aug

(22) V.P. C.A. Section.

At 36 is amended letter for signature please

H E Bell Major for Director.

MFAA Sub-Commission,
10 August 1945.

Minute Sheet

(B) To V.P., C.A Section.

Please see 28 A-B-C and 29 A-B.

At 30 is a draft of proposed reply for your approval

re para (1). If you agree we will complete the authorisations in this S/C.

re para (2) This has been written after consultation with Transportation S/C (Maj. Worthington.)

re para (3) Finance S/C (Lt. Col. Beard) have advised this method of financing the project.

31 is for signature please.

M.T.A. S/C
3 Aug. 45

A/Dir. M.P.A.A. S/C

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(B) M.P.A.

Yes.
I think Sub-Commissions should be put in the picture as also you'll get Education and other Ministries acting on this one

3 Aug

G.D. Buchanan-Taylor
Lt/Col

Yes - M.F.A. to inform all Subcons - CC. Also will raise at next ~~Exec~~ meeting - Return file for this purpose on TUES

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re para (18) method of financing the proposal

31 is for signature please.

MFAA S/C
3 Aug. 45

Lt Col
A/D.G. MFAA S/C

1987

(19) M.F.A

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3 Aug

G.L. Buchanan Lt Col

Yes - MFA to inform all Sub-Commissions - CC. Also I will raise at next ~~Exec~~ meeting - Return file for this purpose on 10 FEB

X

20

V.P. C.A. Section

(20) File returned as requested; No. 33 is for signature please. S/Cs are being modified as requested in Minute (19).

HE Bell Major for Director

MFAA S/C
7 Aug. 45.

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(57) Director, MFAA Sub-Commission

To see letters from the Prime Minister at 28 A-B-C and 29 A-B.

Three things are now necessary :-

① To give the authorities requested at 28 A (the forms are left loose in the file.) There doesn't appear to be any difficulty about this, except perhaps for the Ministry of Popular Culture man: in view of 20 A I don't quite see what he's going to bring back. But perhaps there's no harm in having him on the party.

② To find out whether it is practicable to use the Ostiglia-Rome railway, & if so to decide at what point on the line the archives should be put on board. This is important because it may be necessary to find temporary storage accommodation at this point - for records waiting to be loaded.

Go and see Transportation &c

③ To unblock the funds referred to in the last para of 29.

Go & see Finance &c

Of these the really urgent thing is ①, because the sooner these chaps get north the better. Could we try to have them off by the end of next week?

HEBoelcke Major

2 Aug. 45.

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(15) Minute Sheet

To Political Officer (B)

Passed to you on instruction from C.A. Section. Request you return at earliest as action on 28 & 29 is outstanding. See particularly 21a, 26 for proposed disposal of G-2-held Italian archives. Also VoA.

Deputy Director H Cell
A/Director MFAA &c 2 Encs

A/Director, MFAA

Sen. Many thanks.

2/viii/45 for A.H. Hd. (Hist.)

1953

(B)

D

C.A. Section

Bell has seen Amendola & stood over him and his reply should be here tomorrow. In effect he promises

a. To get a commission up to Milan & work soon

b. To stop individual ministries wasting our ~~everybody's~~ time

Meanwhile Hein for Signature please.

Broad Pelvin

D/D-MFAA S/C. 30 July '45

1664

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(11)

B. C.A. Section (M. of Parliament Letter)

1) At 16 or 18 are documents to which you referred at meeting this afternoon. A "Leaflet" as you say is rather out of court, as we merely state intention. At 22 we have already implemented our promised action. Can 25 stand keep for talk in May

2) Was Draft at 23 approved?

Bernard Burrows MPAA S/C
27 July 45

(12)

M.F.A.

Draft at 23 - O.K.

I agree with Minute above.

Will you also deal with Att. Memorandum now enclosed. Tell Amendola to stop various ministries acting independently and get action according to our arrangement. Tell him we are fed up with the lack of co-ordination

Tell the Foreign Affairs people likewise.

Goodman can release the safe to a properly accredited representative going up under the agreed plan

28 July

R. D'Bonham Carter
Lt Col
CAS
1962

(13) of Major Ball

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27 July 45

(a)

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O. D Bonham Carter
C.A.S.
1962

(b) g Maja Bell.

For action in view of above minute, and chase Sir Ancendola please

(c) Chief Clerk.

Draft at 23 approved. Put up as area please

Bonham Carter 28/7.

(14) CA. Section

Stencil in accordance with approved draft at 23 for signature please

Bonham Carter 28/7. 28 July

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To C.A. Section.

Please see at 13 + 14 letters for approval and signature, arising out of 11 bis.

This action with cover archives said to be held by P.W.B.; those said to be held by O.S.S. 5th. Army can probably best be dealt with by Archives Officer, Lombardia Region (to whom we are writing), since apparently O.S.S. 5th. Army has no objection to their return to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

12th. July 1945.

M.F.A.

Action now required is

(a) Letter to the Government as indicated in para 3 of folio 18.

(b) A follow up on 20 A to AFHQ pressing - once simply - for the proposed plan 8(a)

(c) General agreement and information to all concerned

VP wishes you to chase Amendola in the Government. He is responsible and Pani is after him too.

24/7

C.A.S. 24/7

1962

To C.A.Section

Please see at 22 letter for approval + signature as required [illegible] of minute above.

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M.F.A.

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for the proposal para 8 (a)

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C.B. Buchanan Capt. CAS Lt Col

24/7

1362

To C.A Section

Please see at 22 letter for approval & signature as required at (a) of minute above.

– at 23 draft for approval as required at (b) of minute above; if this is approval, copies can be sent to all interested agencies to cover (c)

– at 24 Letter to Ministry of Foreign Affairs for approval & signature.

– at 25 Letter to G.S. A.F.H.Q. for approval & signature

Signed J.B. Hughes

J.B. Hughes Pearson Lt. Cdr.
for Director MFAA S/C

25th. July 45.

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MINUTE: 6

To : Director, M.F.A.A. Sub-Commission.

Please see folios 10 and 11 which are additions to the file.

The Italian Government has under consideration the whole question of transfer of ministerial archives. When we have the Prime Minister's reply to folio 9, we shall know what assistance they require from the Commission. It is probable that that will include aid in the provision of transport and, for some of the archives, of packing-cases; in addition we may have to help in the choice of premises for use as a central archive repository.

In the meantime, there seem to be two loose ends that should be tied up - (1) Regional Commissioners concerned should be kept informed of the situation relating to these archives, and warned not to allow transfers of a piecemeal character. That was the purpose of the draft at folio 8, which was prepared on Brigadier Upjohn's instructions:

The letter has not yet been issued, but the need for something of the sort is demonstrated by recent piecemeal transfers from Padova of the archives of the Ministry of Public Instruction.

(2) Even more important, there is the separate problem of those series of ministerial archives that have been carried off by Allied Intelligence agencies for exploitation.

Details of mishandling have not yet been received from Archives Officer Lombardia Region. In the meantime, however, folio 11 does suggest that we should take immediate action. The Commissary of State Archives, by whom it was brought to the attention of this Sub-Commission, is most anxious that, if possible, a member of the Italian archives service should be allowed to have access to, and put in order, Mussolini's papers; if agreement to this course was obtained, he could provide a suitable woman archivist to undertake the job.

In addition, the case of Mussolini's papers might be used to raise the whole question of policy regarding the eventual disposal of documents seized. It might be well for one of the Archives Officers to visit A.F.H.Q. in this connection. If a letter is despatched to AFHQ requesting permission for such a visit, the opportunity should be taken of stressing the Commission's point of view that, subject to over riding military or political objections, all Italian archives seized for intelligence purposes should, after exploitation, be returned to the appropriate Italian authorities.

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H E Bell Major
Archives Officer. 1961

10 July 45

To CA Section (at 12)
Letter for approval and signature
E. Edwards Hoe

4/7/45

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(2) Aide Memoire urging him to take very speedy action;
You inform all RCs of your action so as to enlist the fullest co-operation from them.

(3) G-2 be requested to co-ordinate its work with M.F.A.A. S/C who should hold a watching brief over all Archives which are temporarily taken over by G-2.

A.D. BONHAM-CARTER, Lt. Col..
CSO CA Section.

1 Jul 45.
Civil Affairs Section.

Since dictating the above Folio 87 has reached me. It shows that the Italian Government is ready and on the right lines, but we want co-ordination by the Prime Minister.
Folio 8 is proposed by MFA. I would prefer to send a letter of wider scope

C. MFA+A please despatch.

5/7/45

C.A.S.

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MINUTE SHEET.

TO: VP CA Section.

1. On 3 June 45 you addressed a memo to the Executive Commissioner (See Folio 1)

The main points that you made can be summarised as follows:

(a) Certain departments of the Fascist Republican Government were still in existence on the arrival of the Allies and in the interests of good administration it was very necessary that these departments should continue until such time as they could be properly taken over by the Central Government at Rome.

2. Col. Poletti had already appointed Commissari in some cases and I have reason to believe that he has appointed more since that date. These Commissari are intended to act as liquidators. As a result of your memo an Aide Memoire was prepared for the Chief Commissioner on 5 Jun 45. The Aide Memoire is shown at Folio 2. It was not left with the Government. I am not able to give you the reason as it was not returned until the 28 Jun 45 when it was merely marked "Not accurate - file".

3. As far as I can see, the situation is still unchanged though we are now in a position to submit a rather better Aide Memoire than our information at that time allowed us to do.

4. The main problems confronting us are:
(1) Dispersal of Archives.
(2) Dispersal of Personnel.

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(2) On the question of personnel, IV Corps have, to some extent, forestalled action by us as a party consisting of the families of the fascist Ministry of Foreign Affairs is arriving in Rome tonight. I consider that IV Corps have not taken the correct action, as unless these people are required by CIC/FSS they are entirely the responsibility of the Italian Government. Some of them may be required for Peoples Courts in the North but if not, then there is no reason why Allied Military Government should show any further interest in them unless it is argued that they should be removed for their own safety.

IV Corps have so far dealt with only one Ministry so far as I know. I recommend that the Italian Government deal with the remainder on the same basis as I have suggested for Archives, namely that each Ministry sends a representative to deal with the personnel of its late opposite number and that final decision and movement be co-ordinated under one authority.

6. This note would not be complete without reference to the interest which is being shown in Archives by G-2. Whilst there clearly may be some evidence which may be very useful to G-2 I feel it is essential that they co-ordinate their work with M.F.A.A. S/C. I therefore recommend:

(1) That you interview the Prime Minister and leave with him the enclosed

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Executive Commissioner

Aide Memoire for Chief Commissioner
Submitted in connection with Memorandum (Folio 1)
and on instructions of CC after his conversation with
V.P.
5 June

A.D. Benham Lieut Col
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So to Chief Commissioner.

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Put submit herewith

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Ministero dell'Industria e del Commercio

Roma 13-3-1946

Ref. N° 6311.6/V Allegati

Al Headquarter Allied Commission. APO 394. Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives

ROMA

Riferirsi al N° 20305/C/4/c/ del 14.2.1946 MFAA (Part II)

OGGETTO: 1) Who's who in America 1938-1939
2) Who's who 1937

Vi preghiamo di voler consegnare al latore della presente lettera i due volumi in oggetto che, come risulta dalla vostra lettera del 14.2.1946, erano rimasti presso di voi.

Con vivi ringraziamenti

IL DIRETTORE DELLA BIBLIOTECA

F. Lenzi

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APO 394
Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel.489081, ext 442 & 254)

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20905/0/4/c/MFAA (Part II)

14 February 1946

Dear Professor Tentori,

With reference to your letter 2.11.664 on the subject of books in this Headquarters originally forming part of the library of the Ministry of Corporations, it is pointed out that two consignments of such books were made to you in October and November last.

There is nothing to add to these except a copy of Who's Who in America 1938-1939 and Who's Who 1937.

These may be collected by your representative from room 28 Fifth Floor upon production of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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

Professor E.Tentori,
Biblioteca,
Ministero dell'Industria e del Commercio
Roma.

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Any books bearing the stamp "Biblioteca del

Ministero delle Corporazioni", which may still remain

in offices of this H.Q.building should be turned in to
5th. Floor Room 28,
MFAA Subcommission for disposal.

[Publications already handed over by Public Relations Branch
on 20 Nov. 1945.]
+ also 2 Art.

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Ministero dell'Industria e del Commercio

Alla Commissione Alleata
(Headquarters Allied Commission)
SEDE

Div. N.° 2.11.604 Allegati — Risposta al Foglio N.° del

OGGETTO Pubblicazioni della Biblioteca

Per circostanze varie dipendenti dalla eccezionale situazione venuta a crearsi in seguito agli avvenimenti di guerra, in parecchie stanze dei diversi piani di codesto edificio -già sede del Ministero delle Corporazioni e ora occupate dalla Commissione Alleata- sono rimaste un certo numero di pubblicazioni appartenenti alla Biblioteca precedentemente del Ministero delle Corporazioni, adesso del Ministero dell'Industria e Commercio.

Si tratta di raccolte legislative (annate della Gazzetta Ufficiale e della Raccolta Ufficiale Leggi e Decreti) e di altro materiale bibliografico vario, che mentre, isolatamente, non ha un particolare valore, accrescerebbe invece certamente il valore di questa Biblioteca, ove ad essa tornasse, colmandone le lacune. Tali pubblicazioni sono in gran parte rilegate e quasi tutte hanno, sul frontespizio o nell'interno, il timbro della "Biblioteca del Ministero

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Sarò pertanto grato a codesta Commissione 1954 Alleata se vorrà cortesemente disporre che delle dette pubblicazioni venga fatta ricerca e, dopo che saranno state tutte riunite, vorrà darne direttamente comunicazione a questa Biblioteca (anche per telefono, numero 480.147), la quale provvederà a farle portare nella attuale sua sede di via Aureliana, 12.

IL DIRETTORE DELLA BIBLIOTECA

L. Bertoli

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE CENTRALE DEGLI ARCHIVI DEL REGNO

Div. V 3770
Prot. N° 8945.2

Roma, 14 DIC.

Al La Sottocommissione Alleata Monumenti Belle Arti e Archivi

ROMA

Oggetto: Ricevuta di documenti. -

Nel dar ricevuta con la presente nota dei documenti provenienti dalnord Italia e contenuti in cinque sacchi e quattro cas= se, questo Ministero coglie l'occasione per porgere ancora una volta i suoi sentiti rin= graziamenti a codesta On.le Sottocommissio= ne.

IL COMMISSARIO AGLI ARCHIVI
DEL REGNO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NTN/to

20905/C/4/c/MFAA

13 Dec 45

SUBJECT: Italian archives seized for intelligence exploitation.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section

1. Reference your G-5: 619.3 of 20 Nov 45.

2. The seven (7) sacks of documents therein referred to have been received and have been turned over to the Italian Government by this HQ in accordance with your instructions.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

S.H.WHITE,Lt Col,
A/VP CA Section

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AILIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 619.3 20 November 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Archives seized for intelligence exploitation.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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1. Reference is made to your 20905/C/4/c/MFAA of 6 November 1945, subject as above.

2. Seven cases, containing military documents dealing with minor administrative matters, constitute the remainder of Italian documents held by this Headquarters for intelligence exploitation.

3. These cases are being dispatched to you under separate cover for return to the Italian Government.

See Doc 68

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEN,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 619.3

9 November 45.

SUBJECT: Italian Archives seized for Intelligence exploitation.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

W. J. [illegible],
Capt., C.E.F.

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[illegible] ARTS & ARCHIVES
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G-5 Section
APO 512

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For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

M.J. WEIL,
Capt. C.M.C.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

20905/C/4/c/MFAA 6 November 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Archives seized for Intelligence Exploitation.

TO: G-5, AFHQ.

1. This Headquarters has been informed by Mr. Vincent La Vista that Italian political archives seized for Intelligence exploitation have now been handed over by G-2, AFHQ to the Research Organisation of which Mr. La Vista is Joint Director. He states further, however, that documents of a strict military nature are still retained for processing by G-2.

2. It will therefore be appreciated if this Headquarters may be informed as to the main categories of Italian documents that are in fact held by G-2 at the present time. It would also be most helpful if it is possible to indicate plans for eventual disposition of these documents. This opportunity is taken of stressing the Allied Commission point of view that, except in individual cases where strong military reasons prevent it, return of Italian archives to the Italian Government should be effected as rapidly as possible.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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M. CARR,
Brigadier,
VP CA Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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20905/C/4/c/MFAA 18th October 45

SUBJECT: Request for Personnel Records.

TO : Sottosegretario per La Stampa, Spettacolo e Turismo, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, Italian Government.

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Further to this Headquarters letter reference 20909/C/4/c/MFAA dated 10th October 1945.

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The Allied Joint Diplomatic Research Agency has now stated that it does not anticipate any difficulty in arranging the return of the records mentioned.

Will you therefore please arrange for your representative to call on Capt Haynes, 56 Via Vittorio Veneto (second floor) to discuss arrangements for transfer. Capt Haynes's telephone number is 485524.

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
VP CA Sec.

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Maj Blunt

Vince Bell

maj Blunt agrees
would you ask it up
at the aforementioned
to call at
56 Via Vittorio Veneto
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mail us

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APO 394
Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 489081, ext. 442 & 254; 478480)

20905/C/4/c/MFAA 11 October 1945

SUBJECT: Personnel Records of Ministry of Popular Culture.

TO : Vincent La Vista Esq., American Embassy
Capt. D. Haynes, 56 Via Vittorio Veneto.

1. Attached please find copy of letter from Undersecretary for Press, Presidenza del Consiglio, about which we have already spoken (Mr. La Vista - Capt. Haynes - Major Bell.)

2. Pending the appointment of an Italian archivist to handle questions of this kind, this matter will be dealt with by this Sub-Commission.

3. It will therefore be appreciated if you will inform us whether you are prepared to release the archives mentioned. In this connection it is perhaps relevant to add that prior to his departure, Professor Bates stated that in your repository there were 118 packages of personnel records which, in his view, could be turned over to the Undersecretary for Press; presumably these are the documents for which formal request has now been made.

4. In the event of your deciding that your Agency does not require these archives, it will be appreciated if you check with Major Blunt that he does not wish the archives to be retained.

For the Director:

H.E. Bell major 1945

H. E. BELL
Major, A.E.C.
Archives Officer

12 Oct 45
Capt. Haynes -
I have no objection to the return of these and if you have no objection, you might contact Maj. Bell and have him arrange for their removal.
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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Sottosegretariato per la Stampa Spettacolo e Turismo

Prot. N. 5233 Pers. 26 Settembre 1945

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sezione Affari Civili

R O M A

OGGETTO: Richiesta di fascicoli personali.-

Questa Amministrazione si era rivolta al Comando Alleato del P.W.B. - Section Documents - di Venezia per chiedere in restituzione, per poterli esaminare, ai fini del giudizio di epurazione, i fascicoli personali dei dipendenti a suo tempo trasferitisi nell'Italia settentrionale al seguito del Governo Fascista Repubblicano.

Il predetto Comando ha pero' comunicato di non poter aderire alla richiesta suindicata in quanto il P.W.B. di Venezia e' stato, il 15 agosto scorso, disciolto. Pertanto, e dato che risulta che nel frattempo i fascicoli in parola sono stati depositati nei locali di Palazzo Balestra (Via Veneto 56), si prega vivamente codesta Sezione di voler cortesemente autorizzare lo scrivente a ritirare i fascicoli stessi.

p. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

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20905/C/4/c/MFAA

16 October 45

SUBJECT: Brevetti from the Ufficio Brevetti at Bergamo.

TO : Vincent La Viata Esq, American Embassy.
Capt D. Haynes, 56 Via Vittorio Veneto.

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Will you please supply information to enable this office to answer the attached request from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

In particular you will notice that 135 cases are mentioned, whereas the list supplied to this office by your organisation speaks of 130.

For the Director:

HEB.
H. E. BELL
Major, A.U.S.C.
Archives Officer

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Roma, 15 OTT. 1945

MINISTERO dell'Industria del Commercio e del Lavoro
UFFICIO CENTRALE DEI BREVETTI
PER INVENZIONI, MODELLI E MARCHI

Ministero [illegible]

Prot. N° 3482 Allegati

Risposta al foglio N. del

Al COMANDO SUPREMO ALLEATO
C A S E R T A

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
R O M A

OGGETTO Trasferimento di brevetti e pratiche in corso dall'Ufficio Brevetti di Bergamo a Roma.-

E' stato segnalato che per ordine di codesto Comando o Commissione Alleata, tutto il materiale riguardante i brevetti industriali degli ultimi cinque anni, sia già rilasciati sia in corso di esame, esistenti presso l'Ufficio Brevetti di Bergamo del cessato Ministero della Produzione Industriale, doveva essere tenuto a disposizione di codeste autorità alleate e più precisamente del Maggiore Cifarelli.-

Risulta, inoltre, che tutto il detto materiale contenuto in 135 casse contraddistinte con il numero progressivo dal 1007 al 1141 e dalla lettera C/2, è stato ritirato nella seconda decade dello scorso mese dal predetto Maggiore ed avviato a Roma.- 1942

Non conoscendo le ragioni che possono avere indotto le autorità in indirizzo ad adottare le disposizioni di cui sopra è cenno, questo Ministero prega vivamente

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da taluni Uffici della Commissione Alleata.-

La riconsegna richiesta appare quanto mai opportuna ed urgente per mettere in grado questo Ministero non solo di riavere il materiale d'archivio trasferito al nord nei primi mesi dell'anno 1944, ma sopratutto per accertare e controllare il rilascio dei brevetti avvenuto durante il periodo repubblicano ed infine per poter rispondere alle frequenti sollecitazioni che già pervengono da richiedenti delle provincie del nord circa lo stato attuale delle rispettive domande di brevetti.-

Nell'eventualità poi che codesto Comando o Commissione avessero interesse ad accertare l'esistenza ed il contenuto dei brevetti già rilasciati e di quelli da rilasciare riguardanti sudditi nemici ed interessanti sopratutto la difesa militare, questo Ministero fa presente che tale lavoro potrà essere espletato dal personale specializzato dell'Ufficio CentraleBrevetti di Roma alla presenza e con l'eventuale controllo di ufficiali o personale civile alleato.-

IL MINISTRO

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QUARTIERE GENERALE
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
REGIONE: LOMBARDIA
DIVISIONE MONUMENTI E BELLE ARTI
APO 394

Prot. n. 9 — 11 Ottobre 1945

OGGETTO : Archivio del Tribunale Supremo militare repubblicano

ALLA : Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri
(Att. Sottosegretario di Stato)

p.c. : Commissario Ministero dell'Interno, Milano
(Conte Armoni)

1. Rif. lettera Prot. n° 47489-1-1-2-10100/3 del 25 settembre 1945, indirizzata all'Ufficio di Collegamento Regionale, Governo Militare Alleato.

2. L'Ufficio di Collegamento Regionale del Governo Militare Alleato della Lombardia non esiste più.

3. Però secondo il consiglio dell'Ufficiale Legale del Governo Militare Alleato, questo Ufficio, Divisione Monumenti e Belle Arti dell'A.M.G., Regione Lombardia, dichiara che non ha nulla in contrario a che sia effettuato il trasporto a Roma dell'archivio del Tribunale Supremo militare repubblicano.

Per il Commissario Regionale :

13 OTT 1945
FILE No 2905/9

WTAA, AMG,
Regione Lombardia

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20905/0/4/c/MFAA 11 October 1945

SUBJECT: Personnel Records of Ministry of Popular Culture.

TO : Vincent La Vista Esq., American Embassy
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H. E. BELL
Major, A.U.S.C.
Archives Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Italian Archives held by the Joint Diplomatic Research Agency.

A meeting was held on the abovementioned subject on 4th. October 1945.

Present: Brigadier Carr, Lt. Col. White, Mr. La Vista, Lt. Col. Ward Perkins, Major Blunt and Capt. Haynes.

On the question of employment of an Italian archivist, it was agreed that the Italian Government should be requested to attach him to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs until such time as it is found possible to incorporate him directly into the Agency. His immediate duties will be -

(1) to act as a channel for all enquiries and requests regarding archives from individual Italian Ministries;

(2) to arrange for the collection and transfer to the appropriate Ministries of such files as are already available for disposal as of no further importance to the Agency. Some categories of archives are already available for transfer in this way - notably much material of the Ministry of Popular Culture.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

20909/C/4/c/MFAA

October 45

SUBJECT: Request for Personnel Records.

TO : Sottosegretario per La Stampa, Spettacolo e Turismo, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, Italian Government.

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Reference your letter 5233 Pers, dated 25 September 1945, the question of the return of the records mentioned has been raised with the Allied Joint Dimplomatic Research Agency, which at present holds them.

It is hoped that it will be possible to let you have their decision in this connection at an early date.

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
VP CA Sec.

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Italian Archives held by the Joint Diplomatic Research Agency.

A meeting was held on the abovementioned subject on 4th. October 1945.

Present: Brigadier Carr, Lt. Col. White, Mr. La Vista, Lt. Col. Ward Perkins, Major Blunt and Capt. Haynes.

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TRANSLATION No 928 7 OCT. 1946

Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Ref. 5233 Pers

SUBJECT : Request return of records.

This office requested the Headquarters P.W.B. - Section documents - of Venice to give us back the personnel records of the officials and employees who went north with the republican fascist government.

The above mentioned Headquarters replied that as the P.W.B. of Venice had been dissolved it could not comply with our request. We have since been informed that these records have been deposited in the Palazzo Belestra (Via Veneto N. 56) and therefore earnestly request you to kindly authorize the undersigned to withdraw them.

S/ The Undersecretary of State
Presidency of the Council of Ministers

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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO
PER LA STAMPA SPETTACOLO E TURISMO

Pers.
N. di prot. 5233 Pers.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
SEZIONE AFFARI CIVILI 26 SET. 1945
R O M A

25 SET 1945

OGGETTO Richiesta di fascicoli personali.=

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P. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

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In view of agreement reached at the meeting held on 4 Oct. it was agreed (Lt. White-Bell) that no purpose would be served by dispatching this letter. HEB 9/10

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

20905/A/2/MFAA

September 45

SUBJECT: Italian Archives seized for Intelligence Investigation.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

Despite the considerable measure of agreement reached at the meeting on the above subject held at this Headquarters on 16th August, the Allied Commission is not entirely happy about the position with regard to Italian archives seized for intelligence investigation.

These include records to which it is urgently necessary that the appropriate Italian Government Offices should have access, alike for the purposes of day-to-day administration and for the extraordinary needs of the present period of reconstruction (e.g. the gathering of evidence against Fascist criminals). If access for the purposes mentioned is denied, the process of hand-over of governmental control from this Commission to the Italian Government will be rendered more difficult than it need be.

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(1) It is urgently desirable that all Italian archives seized for intelligence use should now be concentrated in the repository of the Joint Diplomatic Research Agency without delay.

(2) Such archives should be subjected to an immediate examination by the Agency with a view to releasing to the Italian Government at once those archives which prove unnecessary for

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the Agency's purposes. It is stressed that this work of elimination should have absolute priority, and should precede any detailed studies that may later ce made of documents retained.

(3) With regard to the archives that the Agency, after a preliminary examination of this kind, decides to retain, ~~three~~ three things would appear to be necessary --

a. A ruling should be given at the earliest date possible as to which files, if any, the Italian Government is not to be allowed to inspect at all - even for the purpose of collecting evidence of Fascist crimes.

b. Detailed arrangements for consultation of those archives to which the Italian Government is allowed access should be the responsibility of the Italian archivist, whom, with the agreement of the Agency, this Headquarters has requested the [Presidente del Consiglio] [Ite Italian Government] to appoint to work under the Agency's direction.

c. Where experience shows that an Italian ministry has constant need to consult a particular series of archives, the Agency should consider the advisability of microfilming this series for its own use and releasing the originals to the Ministry concerned.

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Though the present letter is not primarily concerned with the question of the final disposal of these archives at such time as the Joint Diplomatic Research Agency completes its work on them, it is stressed that, in that connection, the view of this Headquarters remains as previously stated - that, subject to over-riding military or political necessity which will operate in a small number of cases only, Italian archives of every category should ultimately revert to the custody of the Italian Government.

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Meanwhile, if it should prove necessary to despatch originals of Italian documents out of the country to Washington or London, this Commission would appreciate having a detailed description of such transmissions. It would further be appreciated if a list of transmissions already made might be supplied.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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Brigadier,
VP CA Sec.

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The Fascist Republican authorities transferred to Venice the offices and the archives of the Ministry of Public Works and at the date of April 27,1945 date of the liberation of Venice such offices and archives were located as follows:

1.Palazzo Dieci Savi,Rialto.
1st Floor: Gabinetto Segreteria -Stampa-Ispettori Generali-Direzione Generale Affari Generali e Personale-Direttore Generale Acque ed Impianti Elettrici Consigliere della Corte dei Conti.
2nd Floor: Ministero e Cabinetto - Segreteria Particolare-Consiglio Superiore dei Lavori Pubblici- Ufficio Tecnico Centrale.
3rd Floor: Cassa.

2.Palazzo Ex Lotto,Rialto.
1st Floor: Ispettorato Nuove Costruzioni Ferroviarie e Viabilita Ordinaria - Economato.
2nd Floor: Corte dei Conti- Ufficio Controllo del Ministero LL.PP.

3.Casa Petrarca,Rialto.
Direzione Generale delle Acque ed Impianti Elettrici-Direzione Generale dei Servizi Speciali-Direzione Generale Edilizia e Urbanistica-Ragioneria Centrale-

4.Albergo Splendido.
Direzione Generale Opere Marittime-Ispettorato Servizio Escavazione Porti.

5.Albergo Bauer.
Azienda Autonoma Statale della Strada.

Following the liberation of the city the buildings containing the archives were put under armed guard by order of the National Liberation Committe in order to protect the archives and the other belongings of the Ministry from sacking.
On May 1st,1945 a British unit occupied and put its quarters into Casa Petrarca. The archives of the Ministry were segregated in one floor of the building,which is actually occupied by the PWB.
On May 14 the AMG Regional Public Works and Utilities Unit established its quarters into Palazzo Ex Lotto and the archives of the Ministry were stored into three rooms by personnel of the Ministry.
On May 19 the National Liberation Committee took over Palazzo Dieci Savi and the archives of the Ministry were hurriedly moved and stored into some rooms on the 1st and 2nd Floor of the building.

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The actual location of the archives is as follows:

1. Palazzo Dieci Savi.
1st Floor (In three sealed rooms).
Archives of the Gabinetto, Direzione Generale Affari Generali, Segreteria.
2nd Floor. (In sealed rooms).
Archives of the Ragioneria Centrale, Ufficio Tecnico Centrale, Casa and others.

2. Palazzo Ex Lotto.
Archives of the Corte dei Conti in one sealed room.
Archives of the Ispettorato Nuove Costruzioni Ferroviarie and others in one sealed room.

3. Casa Petrurca. (now occupied by the PWB).
Archives of the Direzione Generale delle Acque ed Impianti Elettrici-Direzione Generale dei Servizi Speciali-Direzione Generale Edilizia ed Urbanistica.
These archives are stored in ten rooms sealed and under a 24 hours guard.

4. Palazzo Franchetti, San Samuele.
The archives of the Azienda Autonoma Statale della Strada were moved from Albergo Bauer into this building. They are stored in rooms that have been sealed and put under a 24 hours guard. Dr. Mirto, is the Vice-Commissioner in charge of this administration.

5. Ufficio Escavazione Porti, Venice.
The archives of the Ispettorato Servizio Escavazione Porti were transferred from Albergo Splendido into the premises of the Venice Office of the Servizio Escavazione Porti. The archives are in cases and Ing. Somma is the custodian for the Ministry.

The above mentioned archives of the Ministry of Public Works consist of approximately 200 cases.

The Commissioner appointed by the Ministry is Avv. Bottari, Venice. In charge of the archives and custodian of same is Mr. G.G. Zille, Geometra Capo del Genio Civile who has his offices at the Genio Civile, Rialto, Venice.

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MINISTERO DELLA CULTURA POPOLARE
(Ministry of Popular Culture)
VENICE.

The following information will supplement our previous report on this Ministry.

The actual status of the archives of this Ministry in Venice, according to the information received from Avv.Buttaro Carlo, Calle delle Erbe,Corte Borella 6413,Venice,who is the custodian of the archives and delegate of the Ministry for the city,is as follows:

The archives of Palazzo Volpi (see our Report) consisting of approximately 400 bundles of files were removed to Palazzo Wiedman and stored together with the other archives existing there. In Palazzo Volpi there was also an armored room that contained approximately 200 bundles of files and documents. This room was opened by Mr.Buttaro for Capt.Blanchard W.Bates of the P.W.B.,who had a regular authorization from the AMG Headquarters. Capt.Bates took away approximately 120 bundles and left 76 in the safe.

Palazzo Franceschinis. No documents left there.What was found was moved to Palazzo Wiedman.

Istituto Veneto delle Scienze.
In this building are stored only 4 casescontaining documents of the Corte dei Conti (Auditing Dept).
The archives of the Direzione Generale Scambi Culturali were moved to Milan. It is understood however that a considerable amount of documents of this department had been destroyed by the republican administration prior to its evacuation.

At Palazzo Volpi remain only three or four cases of pictures, printed matters and similar documents.

It is estimated that the archives centralized at Palazzo Wiedman amount to 4 truck loads.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

DIREZIONE GENERALE PUBBLICA SICUREZZA.

VENICE.

A substantial amount of the archives of the Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza was transferred to Venice by the Fascist Republican Government. The archives actually in Venice are located in three different buildings, as follows:

1) School Building "Rosalba Carriera", Campo SS.Giovanni e Paolo.

Archives of the Divisione Affari Generali e Riservati.(General and Confidential Affairs Dept)	390 cases

2) Palazzo Labia, Campo San Geremia.

Archives of the General and Confidential Affairs Dept.	758 cases
Archives of the Political Police	181 cases
Archives of the Personnel Dept.	91 cases
Archives of the Frontiers and Transports Dept.	194 cases
Archives of the Contracts and Supplies Dept. (Div.Gestione Contratti e Forniture)	97 cases
Total at Palazzo Labia	1321 cases.

3) Ex-Abbadia di San Gregorio, S.Maria della Salute.

Archives of the General and Confidential Affairs Dept.	554 cases
Index Card Boards (some empty)	42 boards
General & Confidential Affairs Dept.	1 safe
Police: printed matters, publications, documents.	109 cases
Scuola Superiore di Polizia Scientifica (Police School)	236 cases

Dr.Pietro Capece, was formerly in charge of the archives. He is now in Rome and Mr.Cortellini Mario, a member of the Venice Questura, is the custodian of the archives. All the cases are stored safely in rooms that are sealed and the keys of which are in the custody of Mr.Cortellini at the Questura Offices. A 24 hours guard of police agents is kept at the three buildings.

A few days ago, according to the information given to us by Mr. Armellini, Lt.N.Bonavito of the OSS, accompanied by Capt.Bates PWB (?) had the seals of the rooms where the documents were kept, removed and examined a few cases. However he left without removing any document and the rooms were sealed again by Mr. Armellini. We left to Mr.Armellini a written statement that no documents should be removed from Venice or taken away except under authority of the C.C.AFHQ or of Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

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VENICE TARGETS.

1. Palazzo Reale.
Nothing of importance was found among the documents by PSS. The documents were sent to Hq Eighth Army. The building is actually occupied by AMG and PSS. No documents left in same.

2. Hotel Panada.
No documents remain in the building.

3. Platz Kommandatur. Palazzo Reale.
No documents remain in the building. What was found had been sent to Hq Eighth Army.

4. German SS and Gestapo Hq. Palazzo Assicurazioni Generali.
All documents found were removed by S Force. Nothing left.

5. Ortsgruppe NSDAP.
No documents left.

6. Milizia Fascista, CASERMA MANIN, Localita Gesuiti.
The barracks were occupied by partisans on liberation day and most of the documents were destroyed or disappeared. Nothing left in the building.

7. Sede del Fascio Repubblicano. Ca Matteotti.
Nothing is left in the building. The documents found were removed by PSS who has some lists of members of the fascist party.

According to the information we received from PSS only few documents of any importance were found in Venice. Most of such documents were sent to Eighth Army Headquarters. Only a few documents of local interest have remained with PSS, Venice.

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ARCHIVES OF THE R.U.K.

The complete archives of the RUK organization have been surrendered by the officials of the body and are now in the custody of the Finance Office of AMG,Bolzano,with the exception of the files that were stored in the stadium of Como. Such files were handed over by RUK officials to CIC Special Agent Vitello,who is actually in charge of the CIC office at Ponte Chiasso. Mr.Vitello informed us that all the RUK documents that filled a 2 1/2 tons army truck were sent by him to Captain Senne,G-2 Section,IV Corps.

Lt.Paquette,British Army,is the Finance Officer of the AMG, Bolzano,who has handled all the RUK archives. He informed us that all the books and documents are complete and that nothing was destroyed.They were very well kept and up-to-date and they give the complete story of the RUK organization. All documents,including the ones at Cortina d'Ampezzo have been moved to the AMG offices at Bolzano.The only records missing are the Como records and it is expected they will be soon reach Bolzano. Captain Ciforelli,Document Section AFHQ,is visiting the IV Corps G-2 Section,to make the necessary arrangements.

The RUK archives give full information of all the transactions of this organization that was taking care of all matters pertinent to all buyings from local sources and shipment to Germany, of the supply thru purchases of all materials needed by the Wermacht,the operation of factories in Italy,etc.

The documents existing in Bolzano consist of the equivalent of ~~three~~ five 3 tons trucks load.

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VISITED CENTERS WHERE FORMER GERMAN CP WERE LOCATED.

1. CORTICELLIA (province of Bologna)
area of the former 1st Parachute Corps.
Villa Salina. Via Galiera 2, Castel Maggiore. After the german withdrawl the villa was occupied by a Polish unit, then by italian civilians. Actually it is the Hq of the Italian 7th Compagnia Genio. TM 105. No documents were found in the villa.

Villa Osmo. Via Arcovaggio 184, Corticella. Formerly Hq of a german supply unit. CO Captain Kleman. Actually occupied by the owners. No documents were left by the germans.

Villa Rossi. Via Passo Pioppe 12, Castel Maggiore.
Hq of the German Parachute Units. Actually occupied by civilians.
No documents were found.

2. POGGIO RENATICO (Ferrara). Area of the 1st Parachute Corps.

Houses visited:
Casa Tibaldi, Via Matteotti 45.
Casa Franchi, Via Cavour 171. Headquarters of the SS.
Villa Biancomini. Hq AA Unit.
Casa Benfenati. Via Roma 269. Garrison Hq.
Casa Parecchi. Via del Popolo.

No documents were found in any of these houses at the time of our visit. We have been told that the germans burnt most of the documents before leaving. In other instances the documents left were destroyed by the civilians when they returned to their homes.

3. VILLA FONTANA. (Bologna). Area of the 1st Parachute Corps. 1924

Palazzo dell'Orologio, Via Olmo 39. Hq for a german tank unit.
House in Via dell'Istituto 4. Hq of a parachute unit.

No documents left in the premises that are actually occupied by civilians. According to local information the germans burnt the documents before leaving.

4. BASTIA. (Ferrara) Area of the LXXVI Panzer Corps.

The building formerly occupied by the german CP was found wrecked. No documents were left.

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5. CASTELFRANCO. (Modena). Area of the XIV Panzer Corps.

Villa Monti. German CP.
Villa Stagni a Canonica. Riolo.
Canonica, Manzolino.

No documents left.

6. COLA. (Area of the 14th Army CP).

Villa Soffiati. Former headquarters of 14th German Army. Occupied by Rommel, Kesselring and Graziani. It is occupied at present by 178 F.A.Group. Before them there was a British Unit. No documents were found.

7. PEGOARO.
Hotel Lelia where was located a german CP was destroyed by bombardment the 20th of April, 1945. Spoke with the Mayor of the town. No documents were found.

8. CORTINA D'AMPEZZO. (CP 10 German Army).

Visited several villas occupied formerly by german CPs, among them Villa Rita, Villa Cicogna, Villa Toniolo, Villa Nordisc, etc No documents were found.

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OTHER ADMINISTRATIONS TRANSFERRED TO VENICE DURING THE REPUBLICAN PERIOD.

1. DETACHED OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,that had its headquarters at Salo,had a detached office called "Ufficio Stralcio e Transito" at Venice. Such office was mainly taking care of the personnel of the Ministry that was returning to Italy from foreign assignments. It was located in the Albergo Manin. After the liberation the office moved to the building of the Ente Assistenza Comunale,Campo Manin. Some of the archives were sent to Rome and what is left consists mainly of personal and administrative files of the personnel of the office. In charge of the office is at present Count Giusti del Giardino.
After the liberation the activity of the office mainly consisted in the assistance of persons returning from Germany.

2. CAMERA DEI FASCI E DELLE CORPORAZIONI. (FASCIST PARLIAMENT) near Ridotto,Venice.
After the liberation,the Senate of Rome sent some personnel who removed what was found of the archives to Rome.

3. DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI MONOPOLI.
The offices and archives were transferred,after the liberation? to Milan at the Commissariato Nazionale Monopoli.

4. ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI STATISTICA. San Gregorio 187,Venice.
The arcghives of the office consist of documents relative to statistical information and data on the population increase, customs,industrial and economic statistics,etc. They amount to about one ton and half of documents. The office is actually under allied control. The allied officers in charge are: Colonel Stobber and Dr.Herrington of the Allied Commission.

5. ENTE STAMPA.
The archives of this organization or part of them were transferred from Rome to Venice on the 16 October 1943. They are actually stored at San Vio 870,Venice.

6. ISTITUTO LUCE. Bacino Orseolo 4488,Venice.
The General Management of the Luce was transferred from Rome to Venice in the month of October 1943. After the liberation the General Management and the archives were moved back to Rome.
The actual Chairman of the Istituto Luce (that is now called Istituto Nazionale Luce Nuova) is On.Olindo Vernocchi.
The offices of the Institute are located in Rome,Via Santa Susanna 17.

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MINISTERO DELL'EDUCAZIONE NAZIONALE.
(Ministry of Public Instruction)

The following information is a supplement to our previous report on the Ministry of Public Instruction and it was obtained in Padova from Prof.Lauro Ernesto,custodian of the archives and Commissioner of the Ministry for Padova.

The fascist republican authorities moved to ~~Sabb~~ Padova all the archives of the Ministry that concerned the administration of the territory north of Rome.

The archives of the following Direzioni Generali (Departments) of the Ministry were transferred:

Direzione Generale Personale (Personnel Dept)
Direzione Generale Ordine Universitario
Direzione Generale Ordine Classico
Direzione Generale Ordine Tecnico
Direzione Generale Ordine Medio
Direzione Generale Ordine Elementare
Direzione Generale Belle Arti
Accademie e Biblioteche.

After the liberation of Padova the following files were transferred back to Rome in 4 OI trucks by order of the Italian Minister of Public Instruction and of the Education Commisioner of the Allied Commission of Rome. Major F.F.Gregory,Education Officer of AMG,Padova,supplied the transportation.

Files of the Direzione Generale Ordine Classico
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Major Newton,AMG officer in charge of fine arts and monuments,removed three cases of documents concerning damages brought by the war to artistic monuments and other fine arts.

At the present time the archives of the following departments are still in Padova in the premises formerly occupied by the Ministry:

Direzione Generale del Personale
Direzione Generale Ordine Universitario
Direzione Generale Ordine Tecnico
Direzione Generale Belle Arti
Accademie e Biblioteche.

The transportation of these archives will require seven army trucks.

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The archives are located in three different buildings:

School Scarsella- Via S.Michele 6,Padova (actually occupied by Hq AMG Province of Venice).
Building at Via degli Obizzi 9-7,Padova.
University Building,Padova.

The offices of Prof.Laura Ernesto,Commissioner of the Ministry are located at Via degli Obizzi,7-9,Padova.

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CITY OF PADOVA.

1. GERMAN HEADQUARTERS.
All documents were removed and sent to CSI,Eighth Army. No documents were found left in the building.

2. PLATZ KOMMANDATUR.
The documents originally found in these headquarters by 263 FSS were left by them to 311 FSS unit that actually occupies the building. After exploitation of these documents 311 FSS destroyed the ones they considered of no interest to them. About 15 lbs of documents that still existed were taken by Sgt.Sabbadini,G-2 Document Section AFHQ on August 6th,1945 for transmission to AFHQ.

3. ARBEITSAMT.
No documents left in the building. The documents removed were disposed of by 263 and 311 FSS units.

4. SD HEADQUARTERS.
Nothing left in the building. From information received it appears that all documents were taken in custody by "S" Force personnel.

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, NAVY DEPT., [redacted]

Scuole Catullo, Via Loreto, Belluno.

Nothing left in the building. The Republican authorities moved the offices of the Navy Dept., several months ago, from Belluno to the Garda and Milan regions.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS.

This is a supplement to the Report previously sent on this Ministry.

On August 6,1945 date of our visit to Treviso,no documents nor offices of this Ministry had remained in this town. As a matter of fact,the offices and the archives were moved by the republican authorities since August 1944 from Treviso to S.Pellegrino (Bergamo). For all information see our previous report.

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MINISTRY OF WAR & REPUBLICAN ARMY.

ASOLO, TREVISO.

The archives of the War Department of the Fascist Republican Government were moved in September 1944 from Asolo (Treviso) to the Garda and Milan regions. In September 1945 also the existing archives and offices of the General Staff of the Republican Army were transferred from Asolo to Roma. In Asolo remained only an Infantry company that was disbanded by the Partisans after it surrendered its arms.

For all information concerning the Republican War Department see our previous report on this Ministry.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.

The authorities of the Fascist Republican Regime established the various departments (Direzioni Generali) of the Ministry after their transfer into Northern Italy in the following centers: Venice, Valdagno, Volzano, Desenzano, Maderno, Bogliaco, Cairgnano, Monza, Vadano al Lambro, Como, Gavardo, Milano. Offices of the other Direzioni (sections) at: Brescia, Treponti, Pavia, Como, Maderno, Manpiano, Virle Treponti, Carpenedolo, Roe Volciano.

The Commissioner of the Ministry for Northern Italy, Mr. Emilio Sereni, controls actually all the Departments of the Ministry with exception of those located in the areas under direct allied military control such as Venice, Lake Garda, Valdagno. Due to the dissemination of the archives and material of the Ministry in so many localities and small centers it is however difficult for the Commissioner to keep a close control of the offices and archives and he has requested the Allied authorities the authorization to move to Milan and centralize there all the archives. After this preliminary stage and when an inventory of the archives has been made a final tranafer could be made to Rome. Both the Italian Government and the AMG Regional Hq according to Dr Sereni are in agreement with this plan but it is necessary for him to obtain also the permission of the Allied Commi Commission of Rome. Dr. Sereni believes that it would be very convenient for the study and the safeguard of the archives to have them centralized in one place under a strict control of the Commissioners. With this intent he has already requisitioned an adequate building in Milan and obtained the necessary means of transportation for removing the archives and the material. No action can be taken, however, until the necessary authorization is given by the A.C.

The following is a list of the offices and departments of this Ministry:

1) GABINETTO - (Office of the Minister)- School Building-MADERNO.

In charge of this department, under the republic, was State Counsellor, Dr. Giuseppe Avian (who moved to Milan). The offices of this department were transferred on April 24, 1945 to Milan. Among the employees that remained at Maderno the highest in rank is Counsellor Dr. Giovanni Parisi, who according to the Commissioner, developped a high spirit of initiative for the protection of the archives and of the material. Twelve cases containing all the confidential files and a few files of the ordinary correspondence had been moved to Milan by the republicans. The archives left in the school were in good order and intact. They were visited by a Colonel of the

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Allied Forces who removed a few files and subsequently by the Document Section of the 8th Army. The archives were stored part in a room on the top floor of the building and the remaining,about 40 cases,containing documents of the Police Dept. in the basement of the building. An american signal unit is actually occupying the building. No documents of the Private office of the Minister and of the Undersecretary were found and it is believed that they were destroyed by the republican prior to their departure. The private Secretary of the former Undersecretary,Inspector Dr.Lorenzo Rolandi Ricci is still in Maderno with two former employees of his office.

2) DIREZIONE GENERALE AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE.
(Department of General Affairs and of the Personnel)
Location: VIRLE-TREPONTI (near Brescia).

Incharge of this department under the Republic was Dr Guido Cortese,actually under arrest at Maderno. On April 25,1945 Dr.Alfredo Correra took charge of the department and secured the protection of the archives. All archives containing,among others,the confidential files of all civilian employees, ~~including all prefettizi~~ are safe and in good order. From this department depend also the administrative and financial offices of the Ministry.

3) DIREZIONE GENERALE AMMINISTRAZIONE CIVILE. 1917
(Department of Civil Administration).
Location: School building,MONTICHIARO (province of Brescia).
All archives are safe and in good order. There is a large amount of files and some of them are of particular importance. This department dealt with all matters pertaining to the administration,financing,etc of the municipalities;supervised the provincial and municipal secretaries of all the provinces of Italy;took care of the quartering of the german army and of germans civilians.

4) DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI CULTI.
(Department of Religious Affairs).
Location: School Building,MONPIANO,Brescia.
In charge of this department under the Republic was Dr Carlo Mistrumzi,who is under police control at his residence in Maderno. All archives are safe and in good order.

5) DIREZIONE GENERALE FONDO CULTO.
(Department Funds for the Church).
Location: CARPENEDOLO,near Brescia.
In charge of this department under the republic was the Prefect Dr Giovine Giuseppe,actually under police arrest at his house in Carpenedolo.
All archives are safe and in good order.

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6) DIREZIONE GENERALE DEMOGRAFIA.
(Department of Demography)
Location: School Building at COSTALUNGA, prov. Brescia.
On April 26, 1945 the offices of this department were sacked by the local population and most of the archives were destroyed. Almost all of the citizenship matters files is lost.

7) DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI DI GUERRA.
(Department of War Services)
Location: ROE VOLCIANO, province of Brescia.
In charge of this department was Prefect Oliveri, who is still at large. The personnel of the department had on a first instance secured the safety of all the archives and material. However in the morning of April 30, 1945, elements of the SS that took shelter during the night in the offices of the department that were located in an isolated villa, killed Vice-Prefect Mastrovich, Accountant Chinelli and Usher Pisani who had gone to the villa for a survey of the offices. Following this patriot units occupied the place and there was some disorder put in the archives. However the only employee surviving, Councillor Ciro di Milia, took charge of the building and put in good order the archives.

8) GABINETTO UFFICIO II ALIMENTAZIONE.
This department supervised the issue of ration cards, all expenses connected with it, etc.
All archives are safe and in good order.
Location: School Building, Via del Moretto, Brescia.

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9) GABINETTO UFFICIO III ALTO ADIGE.
Location: Maderno.
In charge of the office under the republic was Dr. Aristodemo Bevilacqua, who is still in Maderno. There was no other personnel. The archives are in order and in the Municipal Building. The AMG of Salo has instructed Dr. Bevilacqua that all documents are at the disposal of AMG and should not be handed to anybody unless by order of the Allied authorities.

10) INTENDENZA
(Administration Dept).
Location: Via Ambaciaro 32, BRESCIA.
All archives are safe and in good order. The Intendenza is the only department of the Ministry that is regularly operating. The Delegate of the Commissioner for Northern Italy, Dr. Libero Dardini, has his offices in the building.

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11) DIREZIONE GENERALE SANITA (DEPT OF HEALTH).
School Building Moretto, Via Santa Chiara, Brescia.

Councillor Dr. Giuseppe Giordano a former employee is in charge. Archives are complete and safe.

12) ISTITUTO SUPERIORE DI SANITA.
Via Pisacane, Brescia.
Incharge of the office was Dr. Umberto Valeri, who disappeared prior to the liberation of the city. In the premises of Via Pisacane are the administrative offices and a laboratory.
Other laboratories are at Pavia and Como.
The archives are in order. The highest civilian employee is Counsiller Dr. Uberto Crisco.

The Department of Health and the Institute have also a technical staff (doctors, veterinary personnel, lab staff, etc) who directly administers the departments.

13) RAGIONERIA CENTRALE (Accounting and auditing dept)
Brescia.
This office depends from the Ministry of Finance but a considerable amount of documents refer to matters of high interest for the Ministry of Interior. Archives are complete and in good order.

14) DIREZIONE GENERALE DI POLIZIA.
The Direzione di Polizia had sections at: Valdagno, Voberno, Gavardo and Undermo.

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a) VALDAGNO, Hotel Pasubio.
The archives transferred by the republican authorities from Rome to Valdagno had been removed from the home office of the Minister of Interior, Palazzo Viminale, Rome.
Custodian of these archives and in charge of the Valdagno office was Dr. Guido Leto, who has been arrested on or about June 10th, 1945. The keys of the building are in the custody of the Italian Carabinieri and no access to documents is allowed without permission of the Public Safety Director of Vicenza Province, Captain Baker.
The personnel at Valdagno consisted of 250 employees.
The archives are packed in 1900 cases, plus 13 index file cases, each weighing approximately 200 lbs.

The archives consisted of the following:

1) Police political records
2) Police criminal records
3) Italian passports issued between 1940 and 1945
4) Police personnel records

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5)Transportation
6) General Affairs
7) Contracts;Ministry's expenses,etc.

It seems that other records were sent to Venice,Milan and Brescia.

b) VOLTARNO.

At Volterno had been transferred the following sections:
a) Divisione P.A.P. Forze Armate di Polizia
b) Direzione Affari Generali Riservati.

The archives are complete and untouched.Commissario aggiunto Liver Alfonso is in charge during the absence of Lt.Colonel Musolino Domenico who is in Milan for service reasons.

The archives are located in the Municipal Building, Piazza Ferrari,and they consist of the following:

a)Divisione P.A.P.
1) Officers Personnel 25 cases of about 175 lbs each
2) Ufficio Disciplina 8 cases " " " " "
)Ufficio Corrispondenza 4 cases " " " " "

b) Divisione Affari Generali Riservati.

11 wooden file card boxes small
1 " " " " large 1911

c) CAVARDO

At Cavardo was located the motor pool of the Police Department that included a large number of trucks, cars and stores of tires and other material. A complete inventory of such material is kept by Mr.Salvini Antonio who was in charge of the motor pool. Most of the material is in Cavardo,other was sent by the Fascists on 25 April 1945 to Como.

d) TOSCOLANO-MADERNO.

About 40 cases of documents were stored in the basement of the school building at Toscolano-Maderno,actually occupied by an american signal unit. See Item 1,GABINETTO, of this report.

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POLITICAL OFFICE OF THE QUESTURA.
Corso Vinzaglio 10, Turin.

All archives are safe and in good order. They fill 7 rooms and contain around 200.000 folders. Italian Police and Personnel of the CLN are working there and Dr.Velardi Antonio is in charge of the archives. The files contain information on matters of local political interest such as:
Personal records of the anti-fascist persons
Files on anti-fascists and comunists
Confidential files with information on persons,etc.

REPUBLICAN FASCIST PARTY.
Via Carlo Alberto 10, Turin.

The premises are occupied by the Partisan Division "Campana" commanded by Prof.Guido Usseglio. The division was to be disbanded on July 31st and the premises turned over to the University of Turin.
The only documents left in the building were about 15 lbs of papers concerning lists of members of the Fascist Republican Party and they were under the custody of Prof.Usseglio, whose address is Corso Vittorio Emanuele 58.
The old folders concerning the membership to the Partito Nazionale Fascista had been previously remitted to the Comitato di Epurazione per l'Ordine dei Medici, Via Alfieri 17. They filled two trucks.

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GERMAN CONSULATE.
Via Covone 6, Turin.

List of documents removed from the German Consulate by 315FSS and actually at FSS Hq:

1) Two sets of card indexes of Germans in Turin
   a)with passports and pictures
   b)with details only
2) File of local persons suspected by S.D.
3) Vinatzer Otto: 2 files of loose documents of personnel and business correspondence including certificate of membership to S.D.,family history,application for german citizenship.
4) Riether Anton: One passport
5) Alwens Lucho]: Personal and other documents including tessera Tribuna della Stampa,copy of his divorce,Photo,2 MSS of books on case Peters byrons Alwens.
6) E.Vogel: (former Consulate Kanzler) three files of personal documents and business correspondence.
7) Families of german servicemen in Turin: files of allowances paid and financial documents.
8) Passport Cizer Case
9) Sundry official correspondence including report on death sentence on Dr.Perrero Carlo,name of informer,etc.
10) Sundry private correspondence.
11) Telephone register with notes on long distance calls
12) Zengerle Richard: correspondence with reference to Dr.Franco Serruti
13) Alwens Ludwig (documents taken by Capt.Zimmerman S Force)

The following documents were taken by Capt Zimmermann "G"Force:

1) File of Radio Station BAITA Torino with reference to SS personnel and italians connected with it.
2) Four files of getting of persons in the province(some with special reference to peasants suspected of partisan activity)
   a)Report of partisan activities
   b) Partisans correspondence and pamphlets
   c) Partisan-German counter propaganda
   d) Copies of comunist clandestine papers
   e) Reports on partisans publications.
3) Personal documents of the Consul.

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The files actually at 315 FSS Hq amount to about 20 lbs of documents.

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GUARDIA NAZIONALE REPUBBLICANA.
Caserma Cernaia, Via Cernaia, Turin.

The files found at the GNR barracks were removed by 315 FSS and are actually at the FSS offices. Nothing has been left in the building.

The files contain the following documents:

1. List of members of the Fascist Party
2. Circulars of the Fascist Black Brigades (lists of volunteers, etc)
3. List of Republican Fascists in the Genio Militare di Torino
4. Buoni di prelevamento (list of names).
5. Reports and book of outgoing phone-cables.
6. Sundries letters and documents.
7. Books and list of names of volunteers.

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COMANDO DEL I CORPO D'ARMATA
Corso Oporto 18,Turin.

The premises of this building were formerly occupied by two german headquarters: the Rustung Kommando and the Militar Kommandatur 1005. These commands were dealing with all questions connected with the recruiting,regulation,etc of Italian labor,of italian factories control,recruiting for the republican army under training in Germany,etc.
At present the building is occupied by AMG HQ for the Piemonte province.

The archives still existing in the buildings are stored in a room at the ground floor on the left aisle of the building. It consists of 13 cases of an total approximate weight of 1 ton.

The cases contain documents on the following matters:

Lists and files on persons of Turin and province called up for military service.
Registers of correspondence.
Italian army manuals and handbooks.
Files and scattered documents dealing with: Requests from business concerns for the release of some of their employees on grounds of the importance of their work to the German war effort.
Requests from individuals to be released from the Army.
List of employees of union business concerns.
Request of information concerning Italian soldiers or italian civilians interned by the germans.

The following documents and files were removed from the building by 315 FSS and is actually in their offices. It consists of about 50 lbs of documents dealing with the following matters:
a) General correspondence file IN & OUT (including reference to partisan activity).
b) Documents of private correspondence of office staff 1947
c) Reference documents on X Flotilla Mas.
d) Details of individuals and business firms cooperating with the germans.
e) Files of personal case histories (Military courts)
f) List of names with telephone numbers.
g) Details of Polizia Urbana
h) Details on the staff of the newspaper "Gazzetta del Popolo" Turin.
i) Details on members of the Union of Fascist Forces.
j) Details on members of the Intendenza di Finanza.
k) Map of Turin showing control posts with lists of italian officers
l) General orders and regulations for german and Italian commands
m) Location maps of german and italian troops in the Turin area and of

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AA defenses. Mobilization statistics of Italian Army (marked Secret).

n) Letters from italian soldiers stopped by the censor for anti-german comments.

The items under l,m,n were given to Captain Zimmerman, of the "g" Force.

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THE PREFETTURA BUILDING.
Piazza Castello, Turin.

The Archivio Generale (General Archives) of the Prefettura are untouched and in good order. They contain the files and administration records for the Turin province. The personnel is working under the supervision of allied troops. The archives contained 28 categories of documents; of these 17 were sealed by 315 FSS and are under allied military guard and not accessible to the Italian personnel. The other 11 are open to the personnel of the Prefettura who works under guard.
The 17 sealed categories of files contain the following documents:

Cat.1. Casa Reale (King's Palace matters)
" 2. Duce del Fascismo.
" 3. Governo (Gran Consiglio del Fascismo, Ministri e Sottosegretari di Stato, Senatori del Regno, Consiglieri Nazionali.
" 4. Partito Nazionale Fascista.
" 5. Accademie ed Istituti Scientifici.
" 6. Rapporti con gli Stati Esteri.
" 7. Rapporti fra Stato e Chiesa.
" 8. Africa Orientale, Albania, Possedimenti Egeo.
" 9. Prefetto.
" 10. Rapporti con le Autorita Governative locali.
" 11. Personale delle Amministrazioni Statali.
" 12. Difesa dello Stato.
" 13. Autarchia.
" 14. Politica Demografica.
" 15. Difesa della Razza.
" 16. Difesa Valuta e Risparmio.
" 17. Attivita Sindacale.

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In addition to the above the following documents were at the Prefettura and removed by 315 FSS to their offices:
a) Documents of local interest removed from General Grazioli personal safe:
   1) Documents relative to the murder of Major of the Milizia Giardina
   2) List of addresses of Jews in the province of Turin.
   3) Memorandum on the Jews of Turin.
b) Several documents of possible local intelligence value taken from the files of "General Documents" found behind a furnace in a cellar of the Prefettura.

The following documents were given to Capt. Zimmerman, HQ 5 Force: 12 private files kept by Grazioli, former Prefect of Turin, in his personal safe. These documents are what is left of a large amount of documents burnt by Grazioli and they were taken from the Archivio di Gabinetto files. They mostly deal with partisans activity, correspondence with the Duce, etc.

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1 Railways Freight car with documents for the Corte dei Conti (Auditing and Control Body for the Railways)
1 Railway Freight car with documents of the Servizio Lavori e Costruzioni. (Construction and Works Service).

All documents and files of the former Direzione Generale delle Ferrovie dell Stato di Verona (Direction General of the Railways) are delivered only to the Direzione Generale of Roma.

The offices of the Delegate for Verona of the Commissioner are in the premises of the Railways Department, Piazza Santa Anastasia 2, Verona.

COMPARTIMENTO DELLE FF.SS.DI MILANO.
(Railways Deprtment of Milan)
Corso Magenta 24, Milan.
On May 2, 1945 a Captain Oras (?), of the Bombing Survey Unit RAF, CMF, left a written order that no documents were to be removed from the building without consultation with Bombing Survey Unit, RAF, CMF. It seems that this mostly refers to certain cases of documents that the Captain had put into a separate room and that are supposed to contain orders of the former Verona Direction of the Railways for the transfer of material to the germans. Since May 2nd these cases have remained untouched and under custody by Railways personnel but no request or instructions have come from the Bombing Survey Unit.

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

Trasporti e Ferrovie. (Transportation and Railways Department)

The archives of the former Direction General of the Railways that were moved from Rome to Verona by the republican authorities have remained intact and in good order due to the fact that all employees stayed at their posts during the days of the fascist and german retreat from Verona and the Allied occupation.

A Commissioner for Northern Italy was appointed, with the approval of AMG Headquarters. He is Mr. Mario Pliets, with offices in Milan Corso Magenta24. The Commissioner appointed as his delegate for Verona Chief Inspector of Railways, Ing. Mario Fiachetti.

Ing. Fiachetti, in agreement with the Commissioner, had all the archives packed in cases and kept at the disposal of the Commissioner. The cases have been numbered and a list of the content of each one of them has been prepared. One copy of such list has been put in the cases and the second copy remained in the files of Ing. Fiachetti.
Some of the cases have already been shipped to Rome by railway freight cars attached to trains bound to that city. Some documents that could be of value for special investigations and precisely those documents concerning political matters connected with the railway personnel in Northern Italy have remained at Verona. These documents fill approximately fifty cases.

Up to August 3,1945 the following shipments of documents to Rome have taken place:

1 Railway freight car of cases containing documents of the Personnel and General Affairs Department.
1 Railway Freight car of documents of the Commercial and Traffic Department.
2 Railway freight cars of documents of the Supply (Approvvigionamenti) Department.
1 Railway Freight car of documents of the Servizio Movimento (Traffic Dpt)

The Department of the Material (Servizio Materiale e Trazione) that is located in Florence, Viale Principessa Margherita, has already transferred all the documents of its services that were in Verona back to Florence.

The following shipments are on way: 1943

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi. (Dept of Posts and Telegraphs).

Part of the archives of the Ministry were moved by the Fascist Republican authorities from Rome to Verona and from there to Milan. Some of the documents were destroyed during the air raid on Verona that destroyed the building that sheltered the Ministry.

The remaining archives that contain documents pertaining to the Accounting Department, Technical Dept, Telephone Dept, Transportation Dept, etc fills 1300 bags that are stored at the Railways Post Office of Milan waiting shipment to Rome.

There are also 150 bags of the Stamps (phylatelic) office stored in the safes of the Railways Dept of Milan.

Commissioner for the Posts and Telegraphs for Northern Italy is Dr. Valerio Fadda. His offices are located in the Milan Post Office Building at Piazza Cordusio.

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MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
(Air Ministry)

A large amount of the archives of the Ministry were transferred to Northern Italy by the republican authorities. Some of these archives were destroyed during the riots that followed the ousting of the fascists from Milan, some were taken by the Allied ICU when they entered Milan, some were handed over by the officers of the Ministry to the Allied authorities and a considerable amount of documents were stored at Bassano del Grappa and are still there.

Among the documents found in Milan were most of the personal records of the officers. These documents were kept in Milan ~~were~~ and have been studied by the officers of the Ministry.

A certain amount of documents mainly technical ones have been handed over by the italian officers to the Allied Liaison Commission, composed of officers of the RAF.

Some other documents were also handed over to the Allies by the Italian Intelligence Office.

Several cases of documents were removed by M I ICU of the 5 Force when they entered the premises of the Ministry.

Some cases containing documents of the Gabinetto were shipped to Rome, particularly containing documents concerning high officials of the former fascist republican ministry.

An allied intelligence unit removed also two cases of documents that the italian officers believe dealt with studies on air rockets and plans on similar weapons.

All the archives of the section "Armamenti" is at Bassano del Grappa except 8-10 cases that are in Milan ready for shipment to Rome. The archives existing at Bassano have all been put in cases and ~~labelled~~ are ready for shipment. There are approximately 400 cases and they are under the custody of two officers of the air force.

Commissioner for the Ministry is General Giuseppe Biffi and he has his offices at the Aeronautica Building, Piazza Balbo, Milan.

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COMMISSARIATO PER I PREZZI ALTA ITALIA
C.L.N.A.I.

(Commissioner for the Prices Northern Italy)

This office was formerly the Undersecretary's Office for the Prices.(See Report on the Labor Ministry). This office of the Commissioner for the Prices in Northern Italy has been recently put under the Committee for the Prices In Northern Italy (Comitato Prezzi Alta Italia),a body created by the Central Economic Commission of the National Liberation Committee in Northern Italy. The Prices Committee has been now reorganized on the basis of agreements made between the Italian Government and the Allied Authorities. The Commissioner stated that the offices of the Prices Commissariato will remain in Milan and will not be moved to Rome.

The archives would fill 50 cases size m 3 x 18.25.

The offices of this department are located at Milan, Piazza Belgioioso 2ö.

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MINISTERO DEL LAVORO.
(Labor Ministry)

This Ministry was created by the Republican Government on 19 January 1945.Legislative Decree N 2. The same decree announced the creation of a Sottosegretariato di Stato per i Prezzi (Under secretariate for the Prices) which was attached to the Ministry. The former Commissariato Nazionale del Lavoro and the Commissariato Nazionale dei Prezzi were abolished,and all matters dealt by these offices were transferred to the Labor Ministry. Also transferred to this Ministry were all matters concerning labor,relief,syndicates and corporations that were until then controlled by the Ministero dell'Economia Corporativa. The latter took the name,after this new organization,of Ministero della Produzione Industriale.
Among the main attributions of the new Labor Ministry was the socialisation of the industries.

The services of the Labor Ministry were subdivided into Direzioni Generali (Departments) as follows:

1) Gabinetto e Segreteria Particolare del Ministro (Office of the Minister).
2) Direzione Generale Personale e Affari Generali (Dept of the Personnel and General Affairs).
3) Direzione Generale Ordinamento Sindacale (Syndicates Dept.)
4) Direzione Generale Lavoro,Previdenza e Assistenza Sociale (Dept of Labor,Relief and Labor Assistance).
5) Socializzazione (Socialisation)
6) Fixing of the prices (Formazione dei Prezzi))Undersecretary
7) Vigilanza sui Prezzi (Price Control))for the Prices.
8) Ispettorato Centrale del Lavoro (Central Inspectorate of the Labor).

The existing archives of the Ministry would fill 100 cases of the following size: m 1 x 0.80 x 1.

The Commissioner of the Ministry is Dr.Antonio D'Ambrosio
The Ministry is located at Corso Venezia 40,Milan.

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MINISTERO DELL'EDUCAZIONE NAZIONALE.

(Ministry of Public Instruction).

The archives of the Ministry were transferred by the fascist republican authorities from Rome to Padova, Palazzo Papafava.

They included the archives of the following depts:

Direzione Generale Istruzione Media-(Primary College Instruction)
Direzione Generale Istruzione Elementare-(Elementary Schools dept)
Direzione Generale Istruzione Superiore (Colleges and Universities)
Direzione Generale delle Belle Arti - (Fine Arts Dept)
General Archives and Library.

All archives were found in order and complete. Commissioner in Padova is Prof.Laura. Major Gregory, British Army, Regional Education Officer gave the authorization for the transport of the archives to Rome and supplied AMG transportation for same. All archives were therefore shipped to Rome where they actually are.

Commissioner of the Ministry for Northern Italy is Dr.Mario Apollonio whose offices are located in Milan, Via Vivaio 1.

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO.
(Office of the Prime Minister)

CORTE DEI CONTI.
(Court of Audits)

ARALDICA.
(Heraldry)

These three departments after their transfer from Rome were established in the premises of the Villa Bettoni at Boglaco, near Cangreno.

A large part of the documents is in cases, the remaining is piled up in two rooms at the ground floor of the Villa. An american unit had occupied the villa for a couple of months and removed the documents from the various offices of the villa in the ground floor rooms.

A guard of italian military police, under Fifth Army AMG, has been installed now in the building with orders not to allow any removal of document without orders from AMG.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

This is a supplement to the report previously sent to AFHQ.

A delegate of the Ministry,Dr.A.Crescini,is now in Salo,Villa Gioconda to take care of the material and documents of the ministry that are still in this town.

SALO-VILLA SIMONINI.
There are five cases and eleven bags of documents stored in the building and their content is the following:

Case 1. Files of the personnel.
Case 3. Archives of the consulates and correspondence with same.
Case 6. Files concerning clerks personnel in offices abroad.
Case 7. Internal administration files.
Case 8. Full set of the Italian Encyclopedia and other books.

Bag 3. Accounts of the Budapest consulate.
Bag 8. Records of subordinate staff,clerks,accountants,etc
Bag 13.Personal records of junior staff,clerks,etc
Bags 14,15,16. Records of diplomatic pouch courriers.
Bags 17,18. Accounts of the Budapest consulate.
Bags 19,20,21. Private files of the Undersecretary of State.

In addition to the above there is a closed safe that is supposed to contain private personal records of foreign office personnel stationed abroad.

BARBARANO - VILLA SANTAMARIA.

In this villa are stored 19 cases containing documents of the accounting department of the Ministry.

Dr.Crescini informed us that three cases of documents,N°2,4,5, containing records and files of the finance department,cashiers receipts were sent to Rome.
Also shipped to Rome were ten bags containing documents on the internal administration of the ministry,personnel records,documents of the cypher office,matters pertaining to payement of war damages,etc.
These documents were requested by the Enquiry Office of the Ministry and by the Investigation Committee on former fascist personnel.

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MINISTERO DELLA CULTURA POPOLARE

A large part of the archives of the Ministry were transferred by the fascist republican authorities to Northern Italy. The official location of the Ministry was established at Salo but there were departments operating in Venice and Milan. The various departments were established as follows:

SALO. -
Villa Amadei- Gabinetto (Office of the Minister)
- Direzione Generale Stampa (Press Dept)
-Ufficio Intercettazione (Interception and Monitoring Dept)
All documents found in those premises were handed over by the Document Section 5th Army to PWB and it is understood that they were sent to Rome in order to complete the archives existing there.
Villa [illegible] opposite to Villa Amadei contained some of the archives of the accounting and administration Depts of the Ministry.

VENICE.
Palazzo Volpi - Direzione Affari Generali (General Affairs Dept)
- Personale ed Amministrazione (Personnel and Administrative Depts)
Direzione Generale dello Spettacolo (Dept of theaters, movies and other shows)
- I,II Divisione Direzione Generale Stampa Italiana (I,II sections of the Italian Press Dept)
- Ufficio del Sottosegretario (Office of the Under-Secretary).
- Ragioneria Centrale (Central Accounting Dept)
Palazzo Wiedman-Direzione Generale del Turismo (Tourism Dept)
- Ente Nazionale Industrie Turistiche ed Alberghiere (National Organization for the industries of Turism and Hotels)
Palazzo Istituto Veneto delle Scienze- Ufficio Corte dei Conti (Legal Dept).
Palazzo Franceschinis- I Divisione Stampa Italiana (I Section of the italian press dept).

All the archives of the Ministry existing in Venice have been put in cases and stored at Palazzo Wiedman. They are kept at the disposal of the Document Section of the Allied Headquarters.

In an armored room at Palazzo are kept some documents. It is believed they refere to files of personnel and some other confidential matters. Custodian is Avv. Buttaro Carlo Calle delle Erbe, Corte Borella 6413, Venezia. His phone number is 20816.

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MILAN.

Via Clericis-
Via Francesco [illegible]sforza 43.-
Piazza Castello 4.-

In these premises were established offices of the Liason Office with the Minister (Ufficio Collegamento Gabinetto) and of the IV Divisione, Radio Eritrea and part of the Interception and Monitoring Depts)
The archives of the Liason offices were destroyed by the fascist authorities prior to their evacuation.

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MINISTERO DELLA PRODUZIONE INDUSTRIALE

Part of the archives were transferred by the fascist republican authorities from Rome to Bergamo-Palazzo degli Uffici Statali. Such archives contain documents of the following departments:

Direzione Commercio (Commerce Dept) documents concerning the distribution of raw materials,etc

Direzione Industria (Industry Dept) control of the production

Direzione Miniere (Mines)

Direzione Nuovi Impianti Industriali (new industrial plants)

Direzione Brevetti (Patents)

Economato (Administration)

Personale (Personnel)

Gabinetto (Office of the Minister)

Ragioneria (Accounting)

It is intended to move some of these archives to Milan for the [redacted] requirements of some urgent business of the Ministry. However only a minimum of documents will be moved and all the remaining archives will remain in Brescia for shipment to Rome. Practically all of the Brescia archives are already been packed and they fill 1.000 cases.

Commissioner of the Ministry for Northern Italy is Prof.Roberto Trimelloni and his offices are located in Milan,Piazza San Sepolcro 2.

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CENTRO RACCOLTA INFORMAZIONI DI BRESCIA.
(Information Collecting Center of Brescia)

The office of the Security Military Police (Polizia Militare di Sicurezza) has changed its name into Centro Raccolta Informazioni,(Information Collecting Center). The office was organized on April 29,1945 by Lt.Aldo Gamba,Italian Army, with those elements that during the republican fascist regime had collaborated with him in the Military Intelligence Service that cooperated with the Allies (Reseau Rex V.FARREL,Geneve). The office does not represent therefore a newborne organisation since it is the continuation of the underground activity of the group.
In addition to the Brescia office, there are the following ones: Bergamo,Sondrio,Tirano,Milano,Pavia,Torino,Aosta,Cuneo,Lodi.

The main duties of the office are; collaboration with the Allied Headquarters and particularly with FSS in the detection of war criminals and of german and italian individuals responsible for the actual situation;collection of documents and other material from the offices of the former republican regime and from german sources that may give valuable information to the italian authorities for the capture of dangerous fascist elements;collection of information concerning secret depots of arms and ammunition established by the germans or the fascists as well as all information leading to the discovery of abbandoned war material (german); detection of Fifth Column activities;information on the military and political situation in the province,on the feelings of the population towards the Allies and the Italian Army.
Starting May 5th,daily reports have been prepared on the situation in the province and copies of such reports were sent to the FSS Headquarters,to the local Questura (Police),to the Prefettura and to the Carabinieri Headquarters.

Dr.Aldo Gamba is in charge of the Brescia office that is located Piazza Martiri di Belfiore,4,Brescia.

A list of documents actually in exam at the Centro Raccolta Informazioni is here attached.

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DOCUMENTS AT THE CENTRO RACCOLTA INFORMAZIONI

Individual Files of the Officers of the Guardia Nazionale Repubblicanna.

Files of the U.P.I. (Investigation Police Dept of the GNR).

AWOL records of members of the Regiment "Volontari della Morte".

Enlistment cards, family status and list of members of the Black Brigade "TOGNU"

List of files at the Fascist Party Section of Brescia.

Identification documents issued to enlisted men and officers of the Republican Army

List of Permits to carry weapons issued by the German SS to republican fascists

Three Velox boxes containing the individual cards of the heads of the fascist party sections in the province of Brescia.

Pay vouchers for the employees of the Republican Fascist Party section of Brescia.

Cards found at the UPI, Via Cossera.

Cards of the women fascist section of Brescia.

List of all members of the Republican Fascist Party of Brescia and Province.

List of the members of the Fascist Black Brigade "TOGNU".

Individual cards of the members of the Italian SS

Files of the UPI

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Individual cards of the officers of the GNR

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Photo documents concerning the following provinces: Brescia, Milano, Venezia, Savona, Piacenza, Vicenza, Alessandria, Cuneo, Varese, Mantova, Novara, Genova, Vercelli, Torino, Treviso, Verona, Padova, Pavia.

Negatives of pictures taken from the photo-shop Allegri.

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MINISTRY OF WAR.

The Ministry of War has organized and office for the collection of the material and documents of the disbanded Under-Secretary of State for the Republicam Army. (Ufficio Raccolta Materiali e Carteggio del disciolto Sottosegretariato di Stato per l'Esercito Repubblicano). This office is in charge of Dr.Corsetti and it is located in Turin, Caserma San Paolo, Via San Paolo.

The office has already sent to Rome 100 cases of documents each case of the approximate weight of 400 lbs. The documents sent to Rome dealt mainly with the following matters: central accounting office, part of official correspondence concerning the military personnel, all files concerning the civilian personnel, part of the General Staff files.

The remaining archives are contained in about 500 cases (approx weight 400 lbs each) and are stored in the warehouses 3 and 7 at the above mentioned address. The content of these cases is as follows:

	Numb of cases
Documents of the Direzioni (Departments: Gabinetto del Sottosegretariato Esercito (Office of the Undersecretary for the Army)	42
Direzione Generale Commissariato (Quartermaster Dept)	164
Direzione Generale Leva Sottuff.e truppa (Induction Offices for Enlisted Men)	51
Direzione Generale Servizi Amministrativi (Administration Services)	46
Cassa Ufficiali (Officers Payrolls)	22
Rewards	34
Pensions	17
Recruiting	5
Direzione Central Servizio Chimico (Chemical Service)	39
Direzione Centrale Stato Avanzamento Ufficiali (Officers'promotions Dept)	29
Direzione Centrale Personale Ufficiali (Officers Personnel Dept)	11

An additional 200 cases have been collected around Monza and they bring the total amount of cases still to be shipped up to 700.

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MINISTERO DELL'AFRICA ITALIANA

Part of the archives of the Ministry were removed by the Fascist Republican Authorities to Northern Italy. The selection was made, according to the information received from the personnel of the Ministry, on the basis of the immediate importance of the documents to the new government. The shipment included mainly the files of the personnel, payment of war damages etc. Only the documents concerning the personnel and persons connected with war damages north of Rome were removed. The archives removed from Rome filled three railway freight cars and were shipped to Cremona that had been indicated as the headquarters of the Ministry. However only one of the cars reached its destination and the other two went by mistake to Germany and could not be traced.

From Cremona the various sections of the Ministry were moved in August 1944 to the following places:

MILAN
Ufficio Assistenza per i Militari- Via Capuccini 6.
Direzione Generale dell'Africa Italiana-Viale Bianca Maria 21.

LUINO
Direzione Affari Economici e Finanziari (Economic and Financial Affairs).
Direzione Affari Civili (Civilian Affairs Dept)

PALLANZA
Direzione Danni di Guerra (Payment of War Damages)
Ufficio Assistenza Profughi dell'Africa (Assistance to the refugees from Africa)
Direzione Affari Politici (Dept of Political Affairs)

At a second stage the Direzione Generale Affari Economici was transferred from LUINO to Pallanza where it is actually located. Also the Ragioneria (Accounting Dept) and the Corte dei Conti (Legal Dept) were transferred from PALLANZA to MILAN.

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CITTIGLIO (VARESE)
Ufficio Studi. This office was taking care of the studies and publication of books and information concerning Italian Africa. Only a small fraction of the archives was moved north, the bulk remaining in Rome.

The documents actually at Milan, Luino, Pallanza and Cittiglio are estimated at about 400 cases and an approx weight of ~~xxx~~ 50 tons.

Commissioner of the Ministry for Northern Italy is Mr. V. Vanso and his offices are at Milan, Viale Bianca Maria 21.

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

The Ministry of Finance, under the republican regime, included sixteen main sections (Direzioni Generali) that were located in Brescia. Some of these sections, during the last period of the fascist regime, were moved to Milan. Their actual location is the following:

1. GABINETTO E SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE.
(Office of the former Minister and Office of the Private Secretary of same). Milan. Piazza S.Alessandro 6.

2. DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL PERSONALE ED AFFARI GENERALI.
(Personnel and General Affairs)
Istituto per Geometri, Corso del Popolo, Brescia. There is also a small detached section in Milan.

3. DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE IMPOSTE DIRETTE.
(Taxes)
Liceo Arnaldo, Corso Magenta, Brescia. There is a detached section in Milan.

4. DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE TASSE ED IMPOSTE INDIRETTE SUGLI AFFARI.
(TAXES on business and others)
Liceo Arnaldo, Corso Magenta, Brescia for all matters pertaining to the Division I (Personnel). All other offices are in Milan.

5. DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE DOGANE ED IMPOSTE INDIRETTE.
(Direction General of the Customs and other taxes).
Istituto Tecnico per Geometri, Corso del Popolo, Brescia.

6. DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL TESORO.
(Treasury). School Building "Maltoni", Via dei Mille 6, Brescia.

7. DIREZIONE GENERALE SCAMBI E VALUTE.
(Foreign Exchange and Foreign Currencies matters)
Located at Milan, Piazza S.Alessandro 6.

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8. DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA CASSA DEPOSITI E PRESTITI E DEGLI ISTITUTI DI PREVVIDENZA.
(Savings Bank and Social Welfare financial institutions).
School Building "Maltoni", Via dei Mille 6, Brescia.

9. DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL DEBITO PUBBLICO.
(National Debt). Seminario Vescovile, Via Gezio Calini, Brescia.

10. DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL DEMANIO PUBBLICO E MOBILIARE.
(Real Estate properties).
Palazzo Sigismondi, Via Tosio, Brescia.

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11. DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA FINANZA LOCALE.
Milan with a detached section at Brescia, Via Mantova 9.

12. DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL CATASTO E DEI SERVIZI TECNICI ERARIALI.
(Technichal services of the Finance Dept and registry).
Milan with another section at Brescia, Palazzo Demaniale Intendenza di Finanza, Via delle Grazie.

13. DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE PENSIONI DI GUERRA.
(War Pensions) Istituto Pavoni, Via Nicostrato Castellini, Brescia.

14. RAGIONERIA GENERALE DELLO STATO.
(National Accounting Dept). Milan.

15. PROVVEDITORATO GENERALE DELLO STATO.
(Government Supply Office) Milan with a detached section at Brescia, Istituto Pavoni, Via Nicostrato Castellini.

16. COMANDO GENERALE DELLA GUARDIA DI FINANZA.
(Headquarters of the Financial Police Corps). Milan.

Other Offices:

RAGIONERIA CENTRALE, MINISTERO INTERNI.
(Central Accounting Office for the Ministry of Interior).
Istituto Tecnico per Geometri, Corso del Popolo, Brescia.

TESORERIA CENTRALE DELLO STATO.
(Central Treasury Office of the State).
Contrada Cavalletto 15, Brescia.

AMMINISTRAZIONE AUTONOMA MONOPOLI.
Located at Regoledo, Corso.

The archives of all these departments of the Ministry are complete and most of the personnel, except those employees discharged for political reasons, is present.
The amount of archives and material existing in the various sections of the Ministry at Brescia and Milan is the following:

Offices at MILAN	100 tons
Stores of the Provveditorato Generale dello Stato at Milan.	500 tons
Offices at Brescia	80 tons
Amministrazione Autonoma Monopoli, Regoledo.	40 tons

There is in Milan a Commissioner for Northern Italy appointed by the Ministry of Finance. His name is Professor Mario Osti and he has his office at the Finance Ministry, Piazza S. Alessandro 6, Milan.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS

The archives of the Ministry were moved from Rome to Treviso by the Fascist Republican authorities. Subsequently they were sent from Treviso to San Pellegrino (Bergamo), where they actually are, by the same authorities.

Part of the archives have been moved back to Rome, with the agreement of the Allied Military Government, and it is expected that another shipment should take place around August 15th. The archives of the Ministry are complete and in order except for that part of them that was destroyed during the air bombing of Treviso.
The documents concern mainly all matters connected with: agricultural production, land reclamation, price protection of the agricultural products, general affairs of the Ministry, personnel, food and alimentation, fascist militia for the protection of the forests.

All documents are crated in wood cases and ready for shipment

The number of the cases is 500.

The Commissionar of the Ministry for Northern Italy is Prof. Paolo Albertario and his offices are located at Milan, Via San Clemente 1.

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UFFICIO NAZIONALE STATISTICO ECONOMICO AGRICOLA (U.N.S.E.A.)
(Statistical & Economics office for the Agriculture)

The offices and archives of this department are located in Urba (Como) as follows:

a) Villa Clerici
Direzione del Personale (Personnel)
Direzione della Organizzazione (Organisation)
Direzione della Zootecnica (Animal stock)
Direzione dell'Ortoflora (Fruits, vegetables and flowers)
Direzione dell'Olivicoltura (Olives production dept)
Direzione della Viticoltura (vine-growing dept)

b) Villa Todeschini.
Direzione della Cerealicoltura e Fibre Tessili. (Cereals)
(Culture of cereals and Textile fibres)

c) Istituto della Previdenza Sociale
Direzione Amministrativa.

The archives of this department will fill approximately 500 cases.

The Commissioner for Northern Italy for this Department is Dr. Amor Tartufoli, who has his offices in Milan, Via della Moscova, 16 .

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ISTITUTO NAZIONALE PER I CAMBI CON L'ESTERO.
(National Institute for the Foreign Exchange)

Location: Via dalle Grazie 6, Brescia.
The archives of this organization are complete. They are in process of being moved to Rome. The Italian Government sent for this purpose two railway freight cars to Brescia and these cars were being loaded at the time of our visit 24 July 1945.

Bart L. Giforelli
Captain, Infantry
Document Section.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Direzione Generale Affari Generali . (Department of General Affairs)
Direzione Generale Affari Commerciali.(Department of Commercial Affairs
These two departments had their offices at Villa Vighenzi,Salo.
When the first survey was done by the Document Section during the first week of May 1945 the archives were found in order.
Subsequently the villa was occupied by an american unit and it has been reported that the archives were removed by truck to Rome by the Italian authorities.

Ufficio Collegamento (Liaison Office).

Via Magenta 74,Brescia.
No documents left in the premises. An italian custodian reported that the few documents left by the fascist authorities were removed by PSS and the Italian P.M.S. (Polizia Militare di Sicurezza).

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GOVERNMENT AND FASCIST ORGANIZATIONS IN BRESCIA.

1. HEADQUARTERS BLACK BRIGADE "TOGNU".
   List of members of the Black Brigade and other documents removed by FSS. Actually with 421 FSS, Piazza della Vittoria 12 and with the PMS Polizia Militare di Sicurezza, Piazza Martiri di Belfiore 4, Brescia.
2. GUARDIA NAZIONALE REPUBBLICANA.
   Service records, administration files, units files, etc removed by FSS and actually at ~~SS~~ 421 FSS and PMS quarters as above indicated.
3. ITALIAN SS HEADQUARTERS.
   List of members of the Italian SS. Actually with the PMS.
4. GERMAN SS HEADQUARTERS.
   Personal documents and correspondence of Col. Standartenfuhrer Hartmann and other documents at the 421 FSS, Brescia.
5. GHQ REP. FASCIST PARTY.
   Files of Fascist Groups in Europe and in France, correspondence, lists of party members, etc. Removed by FSS and actually part at ~~SS~~ 421 FSS Brescia and part at PMS Brescia.
6. RESIDENCE TULLIO TAMBURINI.
   Documents removed are at 421 FSS Brescia.
7. HEADQUARTERS X FLOTILLA MAS.
   Documents were removed by FSS. They include documents and files of personnel of the X Flotilla MAS. Most of these documents are under study at the PMS, Brescia.
8. GERMAN AMBASSADOR S VILLA.
   Documents removed by FSS are at 421 FSS quarters.

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Ministry of Communications, Verona.

The above Ministry was located in the Palazzo DaLisca, Via Scipione Maffei. After its destruction by aerial bombardment, the offices were moved to the Palazzo Castellani, Corso Castelvecchio, Palazzo Canossa, Corso Cavour, Collegio Stimmate Via Carlo Montanari and Istituto Don Bosco, Via A. Provolo. However, before the entry of the American troops in Verona, all documents were removed from Verona to Milan.

One Fadda Valerio, who is a Commissioner of the Ministry is in charge of all the archives and documents now in Milan.

Bart L. Ciforelli
Captain, Infantry
Document Section.

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ISTITUTO COMMERCIO ESTERO (ICE).

(Institute for the Foreign Trade)

Location: Via Sanctinretto 6, Brescia.

This Institute was controlling all matters pertinent to the trade with foreign countries. It was particularly entrusted with the supervision and control of all exports and most particularly of fruits, vegetables and similar export products.

All archives are complete and the personnel is present and working.

Bart L. Ciforelli
Captain, Infantry
Document Section.

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Istituto Pavoni, Via Nicostrate Castellini, Brescia. The functions of this section are to recuperate all the Government property brought to Brescia by the Fascist Government.

All the archives of these sections are complete and all personnel, except those employees dismissed for their political background, is actually present and working.

The offices of the TESORERIA CENTRALE DELLO STATO will probably be moved in a near future to Milan in the premises of the Bank of Italy. This step will be taken in full agreement with the Allied Military Government.

Bart L. Ciforelli
Captain, Infantry
Document Section.

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ARCHIVES IN CREMONA

The archives transferred from Rome to Cremona by the Fascist Republican regime include documents and records pertaining to the following administrations: Ministry of Justice, Corte dei Conti, Avvocatura Generale dello Stato, Consiglio di Stato, Ragioneria Centrale presso il Ministero della Giustizia. Upon the occupation of the city by the Allied troops these archives were located and protected by Capt. Sylvestre, AMG Legal Officer for Cremona. On May 30, 1945, Capt. William D. McCain, Archives Officer, Lombardia Region, visited the archives and addressed a report on same to the AMG Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region.

On 11 August 1945, time of our inspection to these archives the situation was as follows:

1. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.

Part of the archives of the Ministry of Justice were moved to Cremona by the republicans while it seems that the bulk of the documents remained in Rome. Archives of the following departments of the ministry were sent to Cremona:

1. Gabinetto.
2. Economato.
3. Personale.
4. Direzione Generale Istituti di Previdenza e Pena.
5. Direzione Generale Affari Civili e del Notariato.
6. Direzione Generale Affari Penali.
7. Ufficio Pubblicazioni Leggi.
8. Corte dei Conti-Ufficio Controllo Giustizia.

The offices of the Ministry were located in two buildings one in Via Botti Binda 9 and the other in Corso Garibaldi 62, as follows:

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a) Istituto Tecnico "Eugenio Beltrami", Via Botti Binda, 9.
In this building we found archives pertaining to the following departments:
Direzione Generale Istituti di Previdenza e Pena.
Direzione Generale Affari Penali.
Direzione Generale Affari Civili e del Notariato.
The archives are located in several rooms in the ground floor and Second floor of the building. They consist of loose papers, files etc in good order and in library shelves. It is estimated that two trucks would be sufficient for their transport. The keys of the building are in the custody of Capt. Sylvestre. All the rooms containg documents are locked and the keys are with the Captain.

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b) Corso Garibaldi,62.
The archives located in this building mainly belonge to the following sections of the Ministry:

Capo degli Uffici
Economato
Personale Cancellerie.
Ufficio Stampa-Biblioteca
Ufficio Pubblicazioni Leggi.

Cav.Severini,an employee of the Justice Administration of Cremona,who has his office at the Justice Building and his residence at the Case Folli is the custodian of these archives. Cav.Severini informed us that with the assistance of some personnel of the local Tribunal he has packed most of the documents in cases. He estimates that the documents will fill thirty cases and would require for their transportation two small trucks. Cav.Severini mentioned also that from an hasty survey he made of these documents it seems that they mostly refer to matters of internal administration of the ministry and that only those documents of an urgent nature were transferred from Rome.

3.RAGIONERIA CENTRALE PRESSO IL MINISTERO DELLA GIUSTIZIA.

The offices of the Ragioneria Centrale presso il Ministero della Giustizia,Ragioneria Generale dello Stato,Ministero delle Finanze,are located ~~at~~ Via Manzoni 5. The offices contain about 12 cases of packed or loose records and other documents. The keys of the offices are in the custody of Capt.Sylvestre.

S. AVVOCATURA GENERALE DELLO STATO.

The offices of the Avvocatura Generale dello Stato were located in Palazzo Scotti,Corso Umberto 7. A small number of books and records was found in place in the various offices.

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4.CONSIGLIO DI STATO.

Some of the offices of the Consiglio di Stato were located in Palazzo Mainardi,Via Ugolani Dati 5.
In the ground floor we found a small library consisting of 24 book shelves and 12 cases in a closed room.
In the first floor there is a book case containing some books and files concerning the transfer to Northern Italy of the personnel of the Consiglio di Stato.

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The keys of the ~~building~~ offices are in the custody of Capt.Sylvestre.

5.CORTE DEI CONTI.

The main offices of the Corte dei Conti are located in the Scuola Realdo Colombo,corner of Via Realdo Colombo and Via XI Febbraio. The archives contain 82 unopened boxes of records that were evacuated from Rome. A room in the basement contains 10 unopened cases and several large piles of records tied in bundles. The various offices,each of which is locked, contain current records in use the last day the employees worked.

In the offices of the Corte dei Conti,Giurisdizionale,located at the Istituto Agrario "Stanga",Via Palestro 22,were found nine boxes of records. These records are in the custody of Prof.Giuseppe Antonelli.

With further reference to the Ministry of Justice we shall mention that while the various sections of the Ministry were moved from Rome to Cremona,as indicated here above, the Minister himself established his Cabinet and office at Brescia,Via Panzicche 33. This was apparently due to an old rivalry and bad feeling that existed between the Minister and Fascist Party leader of Cremona,Roberto Farinacci.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

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1. The Ministry of the Interior is again in possession of the archives of the Fascist police. (CRS16)

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IL RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE

22 Settembre 1945

LE "LISTE„ SI AGGIORNANO

Gli archivi segreti dell'OVRA arriveranno prossimamente a Roma

Gli archivi del Ministero dell'Interno con tutti i carteggi segreti dell'Ovra sono stati in gran parte ritrovati al nord e sono già in viaggio per Roma. Agenti fiduciari si sono recati a prelevarli. All'indomani dell'armistizio gli archivi erano stati in fretta e furia inviati nell'Alta Lombardia, al seguito della cosidetta repubblica di Salò. In un suo interrogatorio il capo della Ovra Guido Leto ha dichiarato che gli elenchi completi dell'organizzazione spionistica dovranno trovarsi al nord. Si è saputo anche di aver impedito la distruzione degli incartamenti. Nuove sensazionali rivelazioni sono quindi da attendersi non appena i documenti dell'archivio stesso siano esaminati.

Dato il rinvenimento degli archivi si spiega perchè il Presidente dell'Alta Corte di giustizia abbia deposto presso il tribunale dell'Ovra gli atti messi lasciati per il momento sedere.

Anche gli archivi del Tribunale speciale sono stati rintracciati e, raccolti in apposite casse, sono in viaggio per Roma. Dopo l'8 settembre tutto ciò che si riferiva al cosidetto tribunale della rivoluzione fu in gran fretta imballato e trasportato a Parma. Non si sa con precisione in quali condizioni gli archivi del Tribunale Speciale siano stati trovati se cioè i repubblichini del governo di Salò, nell'avvicinarsi della resa dei conti abbiano distrutto i documenti più compromettenti.

Il processo contro i membri del Tribunale Speciale rimane intanto fissato per il 15 del prossimo ottobre, ma non è da escludere che esso possa subire un breve rinvio per consentire ai magistrati e ai difensori di prendere visione dei nuovi documenti che eventualmente potranno essere acquisiti al processo.

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO - ISTAT

Istituto Centrale di Statistica del Regno d'Italia

Prot. N. 324/S.P. Allegati —

Al Mr. J.B. Ward Perkins
Lt. Col., R.A. Sottocommissione alleata per i Monumenti, le Belle Arti e gli Archivi
R O M A
Via Veneto (A.C.)

Risposta al foglio N. 20905/C/4/6 - 13.9.'45

OGGETTO Recupero archivi dell'Istituto Centrale di Statistica.-

Nel prendere atto della comunicazione di cui al foglio sopradistinto, questo Istituto ringrazia vivamente la S.V. per il cortese interessamento dimostrato nell'accogliere la richiesta di cui all'oggetto.

IL PRESIDENTE

A. Lanzalotta Sandrini

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
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18 Sep 45

TO : H.Q, Allied Commission (attention of Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives, Sub-Commission)

SUBJECT : Archives of Ministry of Interior.

FILE NO. : RXII/PS/6.12

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1. Reference your 20905/C/4/C/MFAA of 13 Sep 45.

2. Having regard to your letter 20905/C/4/c/MFAA of 3 Sep 45 addressed to Provincial Commissioner, Vicenza, (copy to this H.Q.) and specifically para 2 in which you point out the necessity of removing these documents immediately, your request of the 13th for a report as to the circumstances necessitating the removal of these archives is not understood.

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3. Would you please clarify ?

A complete mess - requisition book not worth following up. Just back let it ride.

Tapp 25/9/45

F.G. GREEN
Lieut.Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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

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18 September 45

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SUBJECT: Access to Archives of Ministry of the Interior and to Archivio Ordinario of Mussolini.

TO : Commissary of State Archives, Ministry of the Interior.

1. Reference is made to letter of the Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri 49488/10100 - 5/1/1.2 dated 12th September 1945.

2. It will be appreciated if you will arrange for the bearer, MAJOR A. BLUNT, to have access to the archives formerly at VALDAGNO and also to the Archivio Ordinario of Mussolini.

3. Any assistance you can give him in the prosecution of his researches will also be appreciated.

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for J. B. WARD PERKINS
Lt. Col., R.A.
Director

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Ministero dell'Interno

UFFICIO CENTRALE DEGLI ARCHIVI DEL REGNO

Roma 17 settembre 1945

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Al Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto di S.E. il Ministro
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Alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri
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OGGETTO **Archivi dei Ministeri: ritorno da Nord.**

Con la fine del mese corrente avrà, come è noto, principio il ritorno sistematico degli Archivi dei Ministeri da Nord, alla quota - come viene assicurato - di due treni di 35 vagoni ciascuno per settimana; e si ha quindi ragione di sperare che, se quella quota verrà mantenuta, esso possa aver fine nel termine di due o tre mesi.

Si presenta così fin d'ora la questione della conservazione, della sistemazione, della destinazione definitiva di quegli Archivi.

Grosso modo è facile prevedere che questo ingente materiale risulterà, in ogni caso e per ogni ufficio, formata di tre parti:

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2° - la seconda costituita degli atti che, pur non avendo più importanza per l'Amministrazione, ne conservano una eventuale dal punto di vista storico,

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Evidentemente in un primo momento questa massa di documenti tornerà, e non potrà che tornare, "indiscriminata" alle rispettive sedi originarie, ma in tutte - e cioè in tutti gli uffici e Ministeri - si presenterà, ed è opportuno sia quanto prima possibile affrontato e risolto, il problema della loro ricognizione, revisione, disposizione.

Verrebbe infatti ad essere completamente frustrato lo scopo che l'Amministrazione si è proposta, affrontando il carico d'un così considerevole trasporto - e delle spese relative - se a quel lavoro non dovesse seguirne

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immediatamente un'altro destinato a mettere il primo in valore e ad estrarne tutto l'utile possibile. Un lavoro che eviti il pericolo - tutt'altro che improbabile - che quegli atti rimangano chi sa per quanto tempo, abbandonati nelle casse dove sono arrivati, e che, in rapporto alla tripartizione che abbiamo prospettato innanzi, si proponga il seguente programma:

a) eliminare tutto quello che risulti inutile ad ogni effetto,

b) riconsegnare agli uffici epurato e quindi snellito, e più utilizzabile, quanto può avere valore per l'Amministrazione corrente,

c) versare in fine negli archivi dello Stato quello che, pur avendo cessato d'avere interesse per l'Amministrazione, è destinato a seguitare ad avere invece un suo valore permanente ai fini della storia del Paese.

Per tutto questo sarebbe opportuno che venissero impartite norme uniformi, e richiamate immediatamente in vita le ordinarie Commissioni di scarto, previste dall'art.69 del vecchio Regolamento degli Archivi, dove, a lato di sperimentati funzionari delle singole amministrazioni, figurasse sempre - come di regola - anche un rappresentante della stessa Amministrazione degli Archivi, per la valutazione dell'eventuale importanza storica dei documenti.

Tra i minori, ma non trascurabili vantaggi risultanti dall'attuazione di tale programma, non va poi dimenticato quello di liberare, da una parte, i locali, quasi sempre congestionati, dei singoli Ministeri di ciò che può considerarsi inutile ingombro, e di fornire, dall'altra, alla Croce Rossa Italiana un considerevole gettito di carta da macero.

IL COMMISSARIO AGLI ARCHIVI DEL REGNO

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H.E. Bell Major
for Director M.F.A.A. S/C

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To Civil Affairs Section.

At 4, for approval and signature please, is an answer to 1, 2 and 3. Previous correspondence on this topic is on 20905/C/4/c/MFAA 1st. Extract, which is in action with the Chief Commissioner. The principal letters are, however, noted below.

Ref. 1 - This question was first raised by the Ministry on on 24th July and again on 2nd August. On both occasions we told them to wait until after the Milan meetings.

Ref. 2 - The Ministry first asked for these on 10th July and subsequently on 19th July and 2nd August. We represented their needs to A.F.H.Q., but the documents remain at Caserta (except possibly those of the cypher section, which one report states have been transmitted to London). Mr La Vista intends to bring all documents from Caserta to the repository of the Joint Diplomatic Research Agency within the next few days: he thinks they have not yet been examined, although it is more than 3 months since they were seized.

Ref. 3 - This is a new point. The archives concerned are at the J.D.R.A. repository.

It cannot be pretended that 4 is more than yet another interim answer to these questions. Before the position can become at all satisfactory, the following are necessary.-

(1) The new J.D.R.A. should get down to the work of examination and decide what categories of archives the Ministry can be permitted to see and use. Late in the field anyhow, the J.D.R.A. appears to have got off to an extraordinarily slow start.

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(2) The Italian archivist proposed in our recent report should be appointed without delay to act as liaison officer in questions of this kind.

(3) A decision is necessary on the policy with regard to ultimate disposal of Italian archives.

The second and third of these questions are, in fact, under consideration on 20905/C/4/c/MFAA 1st. Extract; it is suggested that the importance of the first might well be brought to the notice of the two Embassies. I stress two above if AC is not to be swamped with liaison business of a routine character

J. B. WARD PERKINS
Lt. Col., R.A.
Director

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1. Our political intelligence people want the opportunity of examining certain Italian State Papers. For this purpose they have removed whole blocks of working files to which the Italian Govt need to refer for day to day work. MFA feels that this work is being done with unreasonable want of consideration and with unreasonable delay. For instance it is alleged that certain working files were seized over three months ago and have not even been unpacked. These files were taken to Caserta. It has now been recognised that it is reasonable for the Italian Govt to want to refer to files in the Allies possession and a undertaking for that purpose has been taken in Rome.

2. It may not be possible to allow the Italian Govt to browse at will over these files. It is recommended therefore that an Archivist is appointed to deal with enquiries for the Italian Govt and to produce files for perusal under reasonable safeguards.

3. It is believed that files in excess of actual requirements have been seized as a matter of precaution

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a. That all seized files should be lodged at one place in Rome and any not there should be forwarded.

b. That an Archivist be appointed to take custody under the Allies of the Archives, store them and produce them as required and to conduct enquiries.

c. That the intelligence officers concerned be pressed to conduct their investigations as rapidly as possible and in particular to conduct a preliminary survey

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d/ That a complete micro film outfit ~~if files~~ if any files of the Italian Govt are frequently required. It should be arranged that the complete file should be photographed and the file of exceptional importance released and the research work conducted later.

e/ A ruling should be given as to what files if any the Italian Govt is not to be allowed to inspect at all. not even for the purpose of procuring evidence to convict of crimes. Also instructions as to the safeguards under which inspection may be allowed.

Very little if anything appears to be being done. I have for signature please. It is merely stalling off the Italian Govt: because we are not in a position to give an immediate satisfactory answer

J.H.Wild Lt/Col.

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Please draft reasoned letter to AFHQ recommending action as in para 4 of min 2.

The remark at the foot of min 2 is not intended to apply to MFA

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In action see main file C/4/c Part II

H.E. Bell
18/9/45

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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17 September 45

SUBJECT: Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

TO : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Office of Marchese Cittadini-Cesi, representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Room 39, 3rd. Floor.

Reference is made to memoranda recently received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(1) 6/3162/1484 dated September 5th 1945.

Present information is that there are two unopened safes at the Villa Simonini at Salò. It is not known whether these contain archives of the Ministry or simply papers of the Simonini family. Neither safe has a key and so far it has not been possible to open either, though it is believed that the maker's advice has been sought in this connection. An officer of the Allied Joint Diplomatic Research Agency is charged with the task of opening these safes and examining their contents. Unless he decides that these are of interest to the Agency, the Ministry's representatives may have access to them at once.

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The appointment of an Italian archivist to act as liaison officer between the Agency and the Ministries is at present under consideration. Until a decision on this

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point is reached, requests of the kind made in the above-mentioned memoranda should be made by the Ministry to the American and British Embassies.

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri 6/322/1516

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Archives of the Foreign Ministry of the Fascist Republican Govern= ment at Bellagio and Cadenabbia.

1. When the Offices at Bellagio and Cadenabbia of the Ministry for Foreign Af= fairs of the Fascist Republican Government were closed, the archives existing there were forwarded by the Allied Authorities to Caserta, from where they should have been sent on to Rome.

2. The contents of said archives are of great importance to this Ministry and they feel the necessity of recovering them, or at least of being allowed to consult them, as early as possible.

3. Therefore it will be greatly appre= ciated if the Allied Commission will kindly cause an inquiry to be made to locate such archives and inform this Ministry of its result.

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4. To this purpose, some information could be supplied by Capt. GRAY (Document Section - G-2 - A.F.H.Q. - A.P.O. 512 -

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Rome, September 7th, 1945

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Rome, September 7th, 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Recovery of Documents of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

1. Reference is made to the Allied Commission's Memorandum nº 20905/C/4/c/MFAA, dated 25 July,1945.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs thank the Allied Commission for the information as to the archives taken by the P.W.B., consisting, as it is known, of the files of the Commercial Section and documents from the files of the Overseas Section.

3. However, the urgent necessity has arisen for this Ministry to consult some documents in the Archives taken by the O.S.S., namely: Current files of the Minister's Cabinet and files of the Political and Cypher Sections.

4. While it is felt that all the afore mentioned Archives should be returned as early as possible, it will be greatly appreciated if the Allied Commission will kindly inform the Ministry for Foreign Affairs where they could consult the files taken by the O.S.S.

5. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be very grateful for an early reply on the matter.

Held until La Vista's return as his keeps count to open the safe. Personally I believe it's empty. HEB. 7/9

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Safe of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

1. With Memo. 30905/C/4/c/MFFA, dated August 9th, 1945, the Allied Commissi on has informed that it was not possible to authorize the transfer to Rome of the safe, containing records of the personnel of this Ministry, now placed in the Villa Simoncini at Salò, until the Commission appointed by the Italian Government had met at Milan.

2. As it is known the meeting of such Commission took place on August 22nd. Therefore the Ministry for Foreign Affairs will appreciate it greatly if the Allied Commission will take all the steps that may seem fit in order to prevent furtner difficulties being raised against the transfer of the safe, the contents of which are of essential impertance to this Ministry.

3.It appears useful to point out that the removal of such safe has been, thus far, opposed by Capt. Mc.Keen - Archivist Section - Lombardy Region- Milan.

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Rome, September 5th, 1945

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Present information is that there are two unopened safes at the Villa Simonini at Sald. It is not known whether these contain archives of the Ministry or simply papers of the Simonini family. Neither safe has a key and so far it has not been possible to open either, though it is believed that the maker's advice has been sought in this connection. An officer of the Allied Joint Diplomatic Research Agency is charged with the task of opening these safes and examining their contents. Unless he decides that these are of interest to the Agency, the Ministry's representatives may have access to them at once.

Meanwhile, it is also pointed out that amongst the archives at Villa Simonini are many personnel records that have not been selected by the Allied Joint Diplomatic Research Agency for examination. Access to these is entirely free to the Ministry, but their transfer to Rome should be arranged through the Presidenza del Consiglio.

(2) 6/3279/1511 and 6/3280/1514 dated September 7th. 1-62

Inquiry by this Commission reveals that the bulk of the archives dealt with in these memoranda is held by the Allied Joint Diplomatic Research Agency. The urgent needs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for access to these archives have been represented to the Agency, and a promise secured that work on these papers will be given first priority, so that early consideration may be given to the question of access by the Ministry's representatives.

The appointment of an Italian archivist to act as liaison officer between the Agency and the Ministries is at present under consideration. Until a decision on this

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point is reached, requests of the kind made in the above-mentioned memoranda should be made by the Ministry to the American and British Embassies.

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VP CA Sec.

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13 September 45

SUBJECT : Archives of Ministry of Interior at VALDAGNO.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.

May a report please be furnished as to the circumstances necessitating the removal on 13th September 1945 of the abovementioned archives.

J. P. WARD PERKINS
Lt. Col., R.A.
Director

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13 September 1945

Al Presidente dell'Istituto Centrale
di Statistica del Regno d'Italia
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OGGETTO: Ricupero di Archivi.

In riferimento alla Sua lettera in date 8 settembre u.s., La informiamo che il problema del trasferimento degli archivi del Suo Istituto è stato discusso col Commissario degli Archivi del Regno, al quale spetta la responsabilità di stabilire il trasferimento coordinato di tutti gli Archivi governativi che si trovano nell'Italia Settentrionale.

Egli è d'accordo nel comprendere gli archivi nel suo programma di trasferimento e, quando sarà il momento, si occuperà del loro ritorno a Roma.

J. B. WARD PERKINS
Lt. Col., R.A.
Director

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ISTITUTO CENTRALE DI STATISTICA

DEL REGNO D'ITALIA

Roma, 8 settembre, 1945

Prot.n. 291/S.P.

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione per i
Monumenti, Belle Arti e Archivi
via Veneto
R O M A

e p.c.

- Al Commissario degli Archivi del Regno
Ministero degli Interni
R O M A

OGGETTO: Ricupero Archivi, materiale statistico e macchinari relativi giacenti a Venezia.

Questo Istituto, in seguito alla ripresa delle sua normale attività, per poter assicurare lo svolgimento dei lavori ordinari e per poter fronteggiare le frequenti richieste di lavori straordinari da parte del Governo, si trova nella stretta necessità di dover sollecitamente recuperare tutto il materiale di archivio ancora giacente presso la sede di Venezia.

Detto materiale è costituito da carteggio e relativo macchinario, già imballato, giacente in magazzino, ove è, pertanto, soggetto

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(Ord. 502/11-bis del 28-2-940) Ind. Graf. Abete (5000)

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Roma, 5 settembre 1945

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Per ovviare a tale pericoloso inconveniente e per poter soddisfare, soprattutto, le accennate esigenze, questo Istituto prega vivamente codesta Commissione di voler sollecitare l'assegnazione, con precedenza assoluta su altre, dei 5 carri ferroviari, per il trasporto del suddetto materiale, dei quali fu fatta richiesta

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al Comando del XIII Corpo di Trieste, che, con telegramma n. 175 inviato al dipendente Ufficio Trasporti di Padova, ne comunicava, recentemente, l'accoglimento.

IL PRESIDENTE

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The Undersecretary of State
Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Ref No. 47488-1-1-2-10100/5

Rome, 25 Sep 45

Dear General,

I am pleased to hear that all documents and records belonging to Italian Ministries come into the hands of the Allied Forces have been collected and filed in one single office here in Rome, where they will be examined by a single body specially organized for the purpose by the two Allied Governments.

I am very grateful to know that an official of the Italian Files Administration has been appointed to the staff of this organization, and that it is understood that he will act not only as liaison official between the office and the various Ministries but will gradually be permitted to take an active part in the care and reordering of the documents.

We have chosen Direttore 2a classe Leopoldo Sandri, feeling certain that he will carry out satisfactorily this delicate and honourable task of collaboration, and thank you for your courtesy in asking our choice.

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Yours respectfully,

S/ The Undersecretary of State

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Presidenza
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Risposta al Foglio del

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Alla Commissione Alleata
Ufficio del Commissario Capo
R O M A
Via V.Veneto

OGGETTO : Archivi dei Ministeri

In relazione alla lettera del 26 luglio u.s. n.20905/G/4/C/ MFAA, si informa di aver dato disposizioni a tutte le amministrazioni perchè sia consentito agli Ufficiali Alleati autorizzati l'accesso agli archivi e, compatibilmente con le esigenze di funzionamento dei servizi, la consultazione di tutti gli atti e documenti di cui facciano richiesta .

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ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

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September 6, 1945

From: Italian Documents Section
P.W.B. Unit 12

Subject: Return to Italians of Cinema files

1. Pursuant to an understanding made with Mr. La Vista, I proposed to the competent Italian body, Ufficio Spettacolo, the transference to them of all the Rome files of the Cinema Direction of the ex-Ministry of Popular Culture. The proposal was accepted by the Ufficio Spettacolo, September 5, 1945.
2. As of this date, the files which have been in the custody of P.W.B. on the second floor of 56 via Veneto are being transferred to the offices of the Italian Cinema bureau, which is located in the adjoining building.
3. These files include only the cinema files that existed in Rome prior to the transference of the Fascist government to northern Italy; the material of the Fascist Italian Socialist Republic does not form a part of these files.
4. It was originally impossible to make a complete inventory of these files; the part which was classified and put in working order was found to be, to all appearences, complete. In view of the lack of an original inventory, the files have been turned over en masse to the Ufficio Spettacolo with merely a general receipt to acknowledge the transference to the aforementioned of all the cinema files of the ex-Ministry of Popular Culture in the possession of the Italian Documents Section of P.W.B.

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5. These cinema files were stored in room 20.

6. There is attached the Italian receipt for the transference.

Blanchard W. Bates

Blanchard W. Bates
Italian Documents Section

Distribution:

Mr. La Vista, Director Joint Diplomatic Research Group
Capt. Haimes, Deputy Director " " "
√ Major Bell, Allied Commission, sub-commission Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives.

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Si accusa ricevuta delle pratiche rimaste giacenti nell'archivio della ex Direzione Generale della Cinematografia del soppresso Ministero della Cultura popolare.

IL CAPO DELL'UFFICIO SPETTACOLO

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August 28,1945

From: Italian Documents Section
P.W.B. Unit 12

Subject: Documentary material contained in the offices of the Italian Documents Section, P.W.B., 56 via Vittorio Veneto, 2nd floor.

At the completion of all operations of the P.W.B. Documents Section, its offices, consisting of 18 rooms on the 2nd floor of 56 via Vittorio Veneto, Rome, contain the following documentary material which is summarised here below.

I. Old Material.

The old material is made up of files left in Rome by the Ministry of Popular Culture at the time of its transference to northern Italy, October,1943 - May,1944. These files have, for the most part, been re-filed by the Documents Section and are in working order. The Documents Section has completed some 160 reports on these documents; a collection of these reports, together with the original documents, is available in the office safes.

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1. Cabinet files of the ministry (room 21)
2. Special funds and subsidies files (room 16)
3. Press files, Italian (room 18)
4. Press " , Foreign (rooms 15 & 16)
[illegible] files (room 20). These documents have been

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5. Theatre and Cinema files (room 20). These documents have been only partially classified and re-filed.
6. Radio Inspectorate files (room 30)
7. Propaganda files (rooms 27,29 & 30). A group of these documents has not been put into the cabinets prepared for them.
8. Files of persons to whom honors were granted, Onorificenze, (room 16)
9. Cabinet files of inter-ministry papers (room 16)
10. Files of statutes concerning the ministry (room 16)
11. Collaborators files (room 15)
12. A body of Administrative files (wall cabinet, main hall)
13. Administrative files, for the various divisions of the ministry, including reports from Italian embassies and legations

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(ground floor, three rooms at the far end of the main corridor of the left wing of the building.). These administrative files have been used jointly by the P.W.B. Documents Section and the Italian Undersecretary of State for Press, according to an understanding made by Mr.Gnudi when he was directing the Documents Section. An Italian archivist is working in these rooms. This agreement for joint use was made to facilitate the resumption of Italian press operations, but since these files contain useful information about Ministry of Popular Culture expenditures abroad, the arrangement is far from being satisfactory; at present the removal of two dossiers on South America - unexplainable on the part of the archivist - has been a handicap to the completion of a statistical report on Min.of Pop. Culture subsidies to Latin-American press. The security of these files cannot be assured.

14. Indices to documents:

a. Cabinet files index cabinet
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c. Press files index cabinet
d. Radio " " "
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f. Honors granted " " "
h. Inter-ministry " " "
i. Theatre (personnel) files index cabinet

Room 23

j. Press files(second group) index cabinet
k. Religious publications files index cabinet
l. Theatre (works) files index cabinet
m. Personal records of 1943-44 payments to

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m. Personal records of 1943-44 payments to employees and collaborators of ministry

Room 26

n. Propaganda files index cabinet

Room 30

15. Safe (room 23), contains some material left by the ministry; set of plates for Italian 10 £ notes, set of plates for Ital. Treasury notes, confidential correspondence concerning Cursio Malaparte.

16. Office archives of PWB Italian Documents Section (room 23)

a. Strongbox contains one set of PWB Special Reports on Documents Found in the Ministry of Popular Culture, Rome,

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one set of P.W.B. Special Reports on Documents Found in the Offices of the Fascist Italian Socialist Republic, extra copies of a report on Ezra Pound, copy of P.W.B. Documents Section Report on documents deposits that it inspected in northern Italy, April 27 - June 14, 1945.

b. Wall cabinet contains: 1) original documents for each P.W.B. Special Report and also the originals of the reports of the Italian Commission for the Armistice with France; 2) some duplicate copies of P.W.B. Special Reports ; 3) file of receipts for P.W.B. Special Reports sent to American and British authorities; 4) records of receival of documents sent from G-2, AFHQ.

17. Documentary material gathered and arranged for projected reports: the termination of the Documents Section work brought to a close a project of producing statistical reports on the expenditures, especially direct subsidies, made by the Min.of Popular Culture to influence public opinion throughout the world. A report on Latin-America, P.W.B. Special Report no. 137, was the only one completely finished. The others remain in dossiers in room 18.

18. Dossiers on the Italian press. (room 26) 1849

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1. Ministry of Popular Culture files:

a. Cabinet files, from the villa Amadei, Salò.

These documents have already been re-filed in room 27; they are in working order. (Permission has been given to the authorized representative of the Alto Commissario aggiunto per l'epurazione to consult certain of these records in our offices according to the understanding by which and in the same manner in which the older files of the Ministry of Popular Culture have been consulted by the Italian commission.) Some old cabinet files, that had been removed north, have been brought back and placed with the others in room 21.

b. Few propaganda files, from the propaganda nucleus at Milan, 44 via Francesco Sforza. (room 31)

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c. Personnel files, villa Amadei, Salò. (room 31)

Four small packages.

d. Administrative files, from the Palazzo Volpi, Venice. From a vault in the Volpi palace P.W.B. obtained a collection of administrative documents which are now stored in room 27. There are 118 packages of a varied administrative nature. The most numerous are those devoted to personnel records and to the "Ragioneria Centrale", about 67 packages; there are also administrative files for the cinema, theatre, tourism, hotels, press, Stefani, commercial enterprises ("ditte"), propaganda nucleus and varied. (For lack of transport P.W.B. left in the vault, from which these documents were removed, 76 registers of the ministry; it did not touch the contents of two strong boxes within the vault, one of which is supposed to be the property of the Salucci family and the other to contain a number of ministry papers.)

2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs files: 1848

a. Transoceanic Affairs files, from villa Simonini, Salò. In volume these documents filled half a cupboard. (room 25A) (The political files and cipher in villa Simonini were removed by O.S.S. There remained in the villa some personnel files, which included consular and legation records, registers of foreign service, partial collection of the records of diplomatic careers, secret papers pertaining to personnel and some telegrams. The remaining documents were placed under lock in a basement room and entrusted to the

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b. Commercial and General Affairs files, from villa Vighenzi, Salò. P.W.B. has the following documents (room 25A)

1) a cupboard of ordinary Commercial Affairs files
2) " " " " General " "
3) two small strongboxes of confidential and secret papers (agreements with German authorities etc.)

c. Personnel file index, from palazzo Martinengo, Salò. Personnel index of the Office of the Intendenza. This is is placed in one of the safes referred to above in b., 3.

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3. Ministry of the Interior files:
From the town hall of Vobarno, P.W.B. has in custody 5 small packages of files of a varied nature of the Ministry of the Interior (cabinet, personal secretary of the under-secretary of the ministry, commission for Piedmont). (These files were remnants salvaged from a truck abandoned on the highway late in April.) Room 25A

4. A small amount of documents, Balilla and Ricci, collected by P.W.B. Personalities Section. Room 25

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5. Documents received by P.W.B. Documents Section from G-2, AFHQ:
Pursuant to the agreement of July 6, 1945, the Documents Section of PWB received on July 11 for custody a car-load of documents from G-2, AFHQ; since these documents were, in large part, from the ministries of Foreign Affairs and of the Interior, they must be considered along with the above documents that the P.W.B. Documents Section collected from the ministries of Foreign Affairs and of the Interior:
a. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 44 cases, 2 armadi, 6 schedari, 5 packages (from Cadenabbia & Bellagio). Room 31 & main corridor & room 29. The relevant keys and a list of the cases prepared by Italian officials are contained in an envelop in the wall cabinet of room 23.
b. Ministry of the Interior, Race Office, 37 cases and 8 packs, marked with green cross. Cases are in the main hall

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G-2, AFHQ:

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b. Ministry of the Interior, Race Office, 37 cases and 8 sacks, marked with green cross. Cases are in the main hall and the sacks in room 29.

c. Farinacci files, from Cremona, 10 sacks. Room 29.
(The G-2 lading notice listed 9, but 10 sacks were received.)

d. Condition of material: some cases and cabinets were badly damaged in the shipping from Caserta. See letter of receipt of documents, B.W.Bates to Capt. I.D.Gray, G-2, Doc.Section, July 17,1945.

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Italian Documents Section
P.W.B. Unit 12

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Director, Education Sub-Commission.

Reference attached.

1. There is no justification for the Secretary of Professor Laura's committee visiting Rome about the disposal of the Archives of the Ministry of Education. He can do nothing here if he comes.

2. Like most of the other Ministries, the Ministry of Public Instruction has agreed to move the archives as part of the co-ordinated transfer, which is being carried out by the Presidenza del Consiglio. To make preparations for this transfer, a representative of the Ministry was sent to Padova for the period 23-30 August. He found that, for the large part of the archives, no packing chests were available; the manufacture of these is understood to be in hand, but you will understand that, until they are ready, it is extremely unlikely that the Presidenza will authorise transfer of the archives, for which rail transport is to be used.

3. Incidentally, with regard to those archives transferred by the ministry two months back, it is to be noted that the conditions under which the move was made were very bad indeed. The energy displayed by the ministerial representatives concerned could have been more properly directed towards the intelligent preparation and packing of material than to the premature transfer of what was in no state to be moved.

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H.E. BELL
Major, AEC
Archives Officer,
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SUBJECT: Italian Ministerial Archives in Northern Italy.

TO : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section.

I. BACKGROUND AND SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM.

During 1943 and the early part of 1944 the Fascist government transferred to various places in Lombardia and Venezie the great part of the archives of the principal ministries and other government departments of the kingdom of Italy. The location and protection of these archives, and plans for their eventual disposal, have been a major preoccupation of this Sub-Commission.

(a) LOCATION.

The first step, taken a year ago, was the preparation of a list of the addresses to which the archives of the various ministries and other offices had initially been evacuated; this was based on information obtained from the Italian Government.

In fact, when the liberation of Northern Italy made possible inquiries on the ground, this list was found in some respects to have dated. In the months immediately preceding the German-Fascist collapse, further transfers had taken place from the localities originally selected, and in particular there had been a tendency towards concentration around Milan. Nevertheless, the list provided a starting-point for the inspections carried out by Archives Officers, May-July 1945. It was also made available, in its original and revised form, to Allied intelligence

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(b) PROTECTION.

The protection of deposits of archives, often situated in unsuitable buildings and sometimes in remote villages, presented a sufficiently difficult problem. Those which had been given a high priority for intelligence examination and exploitation were placed, at least in the initial phase of Allied occupation, under military guard. Others again became the responsibility of A.M.G. Public Safety Officers or C.A.O.s.

For the great bulk of archives, however, the only practicable method of organising protection was to delegate responsibility to Italian officials, and the existence of the C.L.N.A.I., which appointed commissaries to wind up the affairs of the offices concerned, facilitated this solution of the difficulty. With the exception of the categories mentioned in the para above,

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Italian ministerial archives have been looked after by Italians; and it must be added that they have done the job well.

(c) DISPOSAL.

On the question of disposal, the main efforts of this Sub-Commission have been directed towards the prevention of dispersion and loss that inevitably accompany hasty transfer -

(1) Intelligence Exploitation.

Eighteen months ago the Archives Advisors to the American and British Governments (Mr Shipman and Mr Jenkinson) worked out with the responsible officers of G-2 Document Section, A.F.H.Q., a system whereby intelligence seizures were to be made on an orderly basis. Under the terms of A.F.H.Q. Intelligence Instruction Nº 38 of 4th June 1944 all documents removed for exploitation were to pass eventually to G-2 Document Section A.F.H.Q. During the initial phases this procedure was amplified by registration with G-2 Advanced Document Section at H.Q.S. Forces.

Wherever possible, Archives Officers have stressed the importance of a rigid observance of these rules. There is some indication that they have not always been carried out, but the bulk of material seized by intelligence agencies is accounted for.

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(ii) The presence in the North of a host of representatives of individual ministries, all playing a lone hand and seeking assistance for the transportation of their archives, would have proved a serious embarrassment to the Regional and Provincial Commissioners concerned.

(iii) It was felt that the time lag involved in preparing a co-ordinated plan of transfer would give Allied intelligence agencies a reasonable chance to complete their study and selection of documents while deposits remained in the North.

A meeting of representatives of Italian ministries concerned, held on 26th June, agreed this policy, and also the outlines of the co-ordinated plan described in II(a) below.

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Since it was found, however, that individual ministries were breaking the agreement, on 11th July a letter was despatched to Regional Commissioners, Lombardia and Venezie Regions, stating that no further transfers were to take place prior to the co-ordinated transfer. Consequently, though there have been some cases where archives have slipped through the net, the bulk remain in deposit in the North.

II. FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISPOSAL, August 1945.

(a) THE ORIGINAL PLAN.

The following arrangements were made between Brigadier Upjohn, then V.P., Civil Affairs Section, and Professor Parri, President of the Council of Ministers, and (so far as administrative details were concerned) by Major H.E. Bell, Archives Officer of this Sub-Commission, in consultation with Commendatore Emilio Re, the Commissary of State Archives.

It was agreed that a representative of each ministry and office concerned should proceed to the North to see to the packing and crating of archives and to provide estimates of the tonnage involved and the railway stations most convenient for loading. These representatives were to be accompanied by a delegate of the High Commissariat for Epuration, who was to earmark those archives that it was necessary, for the purposes of epuration, to leave temporarily in the North.

On the basis of the information received from these representatives, the President of the Council was to provide this Sub-Commission with a list of priorities, which would in fact be a programme of transfer. This list would have regard to:

(1) The state of preparedness of the material.
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When arrangements outlined in (a) above were in an advanced stage of preparation, information was received from A.F.H.Q. that a new Allied intelligence agency, under the direction of Mr La Vista of the U.S. State Department and Lt Colonel Thomson of the British Foreign Office, was being set up to exploit Italian archives. It was represented that G-2 Documents Section and Political Advisors (A. and B.) A.F.H.Q. did not, therefore, welcome the transfer proposed and were unhappy at the handover to Italian control.

On 16th August a meeting was held under the joint chairmanship of Colonel H.H.S. Hartley, Civil Affairs Section, and Lt Col Hoffmann, A.F.H.Q., and attended by Political Advisors (A. and B.) Allied Commission, Mr La Vista, Capt Haynes (representing Lt Colonel Thomson), Professor Bates, P.W.B., Lt Col J.B. Ward Perkins, Director M.F.A.A. Sub-Commission, and Major H.E. Bell, Archives Officer.

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At this meeting agreement was reached as follows--

(1) The policy of organising protection through the Italians had, in fact, been the only practicable possibility.

(2) Of the archives remaining in deposit in Northern Italy only a very small proportion (perhaps between 5 and 10 per cent of the total) would interest the new intelligence agency.

(3) Prior to transfer of archives to Rome the agency was to have an opportunity of examining those series likely to be of interest, seizing what it regarded as strictly necessary; this work was to be carried out while the ministerial representatives were in the North, and was to be so arranged as not to interfere with the transfer of archives not earmarked for intelligence use.

The question of the ultimate disposal of Italian archives was raised by Major Bell, who stressed the importance of their being handed over eventually to the Italian Government, except for the very small number of cases in which there might be an over-riding military or political objection to this course. In the meantime, he suggested that the appointment of an Italian archivist to work in the new intelligence organisation would be of great value. Capt Haynes reported that Lt Colonel Thomson accepted this proposal; Mr La Vista, however, did not and Political Advisor (A.) felt that it must be referred to Higher Authority.

These matters, therefore, which are of very considerable importance, were left unsettled at this meeting.

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Broadly speaking there were three parties to the negotiation.

(1) Representatives of the La Vista - Thomson organisation (Mr La Vista, Capt Ciforelli, Capt Haynes, Capt Hall, Capt Pio.)

(2) Representatives of the Italian ministries and High Commissariat of Epuration (listed at Appendix A.)

(3) Local Commissaries of the Italian ministries, who have had control of the great bulk of the archives since the liberation (listed at Appendix A.)

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Administration and co-ordination of the work of these three groups was the joint responsibility of Archives Officers of this Sub-Commission, Capt W.D. McCain and Major H.E. Bell, of Commendatore Re and Dr L. Sandri of the Italian Archives Service, and of Conte P.M. Annoni di Gussola, Vice-Commissary of the Presidenza del Consiglio. In particular, Archives Officers had the somewhat delicate task of attempting to reconcile the needs of the new intelligence agency with those of the Italian ministries.

Work done, and progress made during this last period can best be summarised under two heads:-

1. <u>The La Vista-Thomson Organisation</u>.

A series of meetings between the representatives of this organisation and Archives Officers was held on 21st and 22nd August.

At these meetings it was found possible, on the basis of reports of Archives Officers, and of Captain Ciforelli, to eliminate many deposits of ministerial archives that clearly held nothing of interest for the organisation. Indeed, it became apparent that examination of a comparatively small number of archives was contemplated. It was arranged that this should be carried out during the following week, and that on chests etc. that it was intended to seize there should be placed a distinguishing mark.

On 23 August members of the intelligence agency left Milan, armed with paint-pots, for the examination and marking of archives. They were able to complete this work during the week following. In some cases they actually removed archives, where bulk required was small, this was not within the terms of the original agreement; but since it saved further visits was a commonsense procedure, and unexceptionable since receipts were left. For the rest, documents wanted were marked and put on one side; it will be the responsibility of the La Vista-Thomson organisation to collect them before the transfer of the remainder to the Italian ministries commences. Lists of documents taken and earmarked are at Appendix D.

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Mr La Vista expressed himself as very pleased with the work accomplished. That the documents required were still in place was due to the policy of refusing to allow piecemeal transfers. In only one case did any difficulty arise. Three freight trucks of archives of the Istituto Nazionale per i Cambi con l'Estero are said to have been transferred to Rome at the end of July. This move, which was contrary to instructions set out in A.C. letter 20905/C/4/c/MFAA, dated 11th July 1945, is alleged to have been made with the consent of Finance Division, A.M.G. Lombardia Region. Since the archives concerned may be required by the La Vista - Thomson organisation, an effort is being made to determine whether the freight cars have reached Rome and, if possible, to divert them for examination by Mr La Vista.

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2. Work of the Ministerial Representatives and Local Commissaries.

Meetings were held on 21st and 22nd August, at which administrative details were fixed and the duties of representatives were defined. In addition to obtaining details of tonnage of documents in separate deposits and furnishing names of stations most convenient for loading, representatives were also instructed to give an eye to the security of deposits and to make all arrangements for packing. At the second meeting, they were informed of the procedure that would be followed by representatives of the La Vista-Thomson organisation.

Minutes of these meetings are at Appendix B and C.

On 23rd and 24th August representatives proceeded to their various deposits. Two cars for this purpose were furnished by Allied Commission, Milan Office; six by Italian authorities - supply of petrol for the latter being arranged through A.M.G. Lombardia Region.

On 25th August Commendatore Re and Major Bell left for an extended tour of deposits (Brescia, Lake Garda, Valdagno, Padova, Venice, Cremona), with a view to straightening out difficulties as they arose. Capt McCain and Dr Sandri remained in Milan during this period to take care of any matters that cropped up there. On 28th August Capt McCain left Milan for Rome.

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For these a further 3,900 chests are still necessary, but arrangements for the manufacture of these are going ahead rapidly. They will be paid for out of a credit of 5 million lire opened at Milan by the Italian Government for expenses in connection with the transfer.

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III. FURTHER ACTION NECESSARY.

(a) TRANSFER.

This is now a straightforward transportation problem. Commendatore Re, as the representative of the President of the Council charged with co-ordination, has full details from which he is working out a proposed programme. When this is complete, within the next few days, he will accompany Major Bell to transportation Sub-Commission, which has promised to make the necessary bids for rail transport.

Road transport to loading points will be arranged by Conte Ammoni, and paid for out of the 5 million lire credit opened by the Italian Government. Road transport in Rome will

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be the responsibility of individual ministries concerned.

It should be stressed that, except for those records seized by Allied intelligence agencies, and in the last period by the La Vista - Thomson organisation, all ministerial archives now become the responsibility of the Italian Government.

Allied Commission's commitment in this connection is limited to the securing of rail transport and advising when this will be available.

(b) ARCHIVES SEIZED BY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

There remains the question of the disposal of archives seized for intelligence exploitation, both in the months immediately subsequent upon liberation and more recently by the La Vista - Thomson organisation.

This Sub-Commission welcomes the setting-up of that organisation since it is understood that in its premises (the old P.W.B. building, Via Vittorio Veneto, Rome) will be housed all documents seized since the occupation of Northern Italy. That concentration is, from a technical archivist's standpoint, most desirable, since most important series of archives (notably Ministry of Popular Culture and Ministry of Foreign Affairs records) are involved.

On the question of final disposal, however, no decision appears yet to have been reached.

This Sub-Commission reiterates strongly the opinion expressed throughout all these negotiations that ultimately Italian archives should be returned to the Italian Government, saving only the very exceptional case where political or military reasons render such return imprudent. These archives record a part of Italy's history, and as such their proper place is in Italy.

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(2) The La Vista - Thomson organisation should be asked to inform this Sub-Commission of all documents which it is found necessary to move out of this country to Washington or London.

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H.E. Bell Major

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Major, A.E.C.
Archives Officer.

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ELENCO DEI COMMISSARI CONSERVATORI DEI VARI MINISTERI, DEI DELEGATI E FUNZIONARI GOVERNATIVI

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO

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Vice-Commis. "	Conte P.M. ANNONI di GUSSOLA
Delegato Governativo	prof. BERTOLINI
Funzionari	comm. TOGNOLO
	comm. EREO

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AVVOCATURA DI STATO

Delegato Governativo :	dr. DE MARTINO

Località: Cremona

MINISTERO AFFARI ESTERI

Commissario Conservatore :	avv. PAVESI DIONIGI
Delegato Governativo	cont. PESCIA di COSSATO

Località: Salò - Cadenabbia -

1837

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Delegato Governativo	dr. PIGNATARO	
Funzionari	dr. GALASSO	(P.S.)
	rag.ESPOSITO	(Antincendi)
	sig.LO PRINZI	(Sanità)

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Funzionario cav. GUERCILENA

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Località: Milano

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Località: Milano

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Funzionario cav. DE BLASI FEDERICO

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Vice-Commis. " comm. PASCOLI

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1836

MINISTERO DEL LAVORO -

Commissario Conservatore : avv. D'AMBROSIO ANTONIO
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" " avv. SALETTI
" " avv. RAVIDA'

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Località: Cremona

ALTO COMMISSARIATO PER L'EPURAZIONE

Delegato Governativo avv. ALFANO FRANCESCO

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MINISTERO

Località	Numero casse pronte	Numero casse da approntare	Totale casse

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V E R B A L E N° 1

Allo scopo di predisporre quanto opportuno per la organizzazione del ritorno negli uffici di Roma degli archivi dei Ministeri a suo tempo trasferiti al Nord dal Governo repubblicano, il giorno 21/6/45 si sono riuniti in Milano presso la sede del C.L.N.A.I.: Piazza Giardino, 2 - Milano.

Il Prof. Emilio Re - Commissario per gli Archivi del Regno
Il conte Pier Maria Annoni di Gussola per il C.L.N.A.I.
Il Magg. Bell e il Cap. Mc. Cain per la Commissione Alleata
I Rappresentanti della Presidenza del Consiglio, Avvocatura dello Stato, Alto Commissariato per le Sanzioni contro il fascismo
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Il Prof. Re ringrazia delle parole rivolte e mette in luce il contributo che viene dato dal C.L.N.A.I. alla soluzione di un problema nè semplice, nè facile.

Ricapitola i compiti dei Delegati Governativi e chiarisce la portata e i limiti della loro missione.

Dopo ampia discussione alla quale partecipano tutti i componenti, vengono fissati e definiti i seguenti punti:

1833

a) <u>Compiti dei Delegati Ministeriali</u>

Fornire gli elementi per rispondere ai seguenti quesiti posti dall'A.C.:

1) Quale sia il tonnellaggio complessivo, approssimativo, del mate

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Dopo ampia discussione alla quale partecipano tutti i componenti, vengono fissati e definiti i seguenti punti:

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a) Compiti dei Delegati Ministeriali

Fornire gli elementi per rispondere ai seguenti quesiti posti dall'A.C.:

1) Quale sia il tonnellaggio complessivo, approssimativo, del materiale da riportare.

2) Quale sia il tonnellaggio da portare per settimana.

3) Comunicare per gli archivi di ciascun Ministero la stazione più vicina ove si potrebbe eseguire il carico per il trasporto ferroviario.

Oltre a ciò i detti funzionari debbono curare di:

riscontrare gli atti di archivio e il materiale di pertinenza di ciascuna amministrazione (carta, oggetti di cancelleria, libri, macchine);

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riscontrare per la spedizione gli atti ed il materiale di cui sopra, contrassegnando tutte le casse con un segno, una sigla, una dicitura comune, nonchè un numero progressivo, in modo di facilitarne il riscontro all'atto dell'arrivo a Roma;

concentrare gli atti e il materiale così preparato nel numero di stanze strettamente indispensabile in modo da liberare e riconsegnare le altre che abbiano cessato di essere necessarie (di tali criteri viene redatto estratto a parte da distribuire ai predetti incaricati).

Inoltre i funzionari suddetti vengono pregati di segnalare le attuali condizioni di sicurezza del materiale di che trattasi.

b) Consegne.

Il sopraluogo che, insieme coi Commissari, i predetti funzionari effettueranno attualmente ha solo carattere ricognitivo. Alla formale riconsegna degli atti sarà provveduto successivamente e cioè quando i funzionari stessi avranno effettivamente compiuto il lavoro. Viene per altro precisato che ove il lavoro di raccolta e di sistemazione delle casse e chiusura delle medesime sia stato effettuato in precedenza, il funzionario prenderà in consegna soltanto il numero di casse relative.

c) Nelle casse da trasportare ciascun Ministero oltre ai propri atti comprenderà anche quelli dell'ufficio distaccato della Corte dei Conti

per il numero delle casse sarà opportuno tenere presente anche l'eventuale fabbisogno per il trasporto di materiale di cancelleria, macchine e altro materiale di ufficio di pertinenza di ciascun Ministero.

d) Precedenza

La precedenza nelle spedizioni a Roma verrà fissata in una prossima riunione tenendo conto in primo luogo:

dello stato di approntamento del materiale
dell'urgenza ratione materiae del materiale conservato.

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e) Mezzi per raggiungere le Sedi e mezzi di trasporto a Roma.

Si comunica che per il raggiungimento delle Sedi dei rispettivi Ministeri ove i Delegati non abbiano mezzi idonei propri, il Comando

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- L'avviamento a Roma del materiale avverrà per ferrovia, previa concessioni di carri ferroviari per la linea Verona-Ostilia-Roma.
- L'affluenza del materiale da caricare alle stazioni che saranno indicate avverrà tramite automezzi gestiti da una società con la quale è in corso relativo contratto da parte del C.L.N.A.I.

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- La Presidenza del Consiglio, per le spese in relazione di quanto sopra, ha assegnato la somma di £. 5.000.000.=

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Il Prof. Bertolini fa constatare l'assenza di un rappresentante dell'ex Ministero Cultura Popolare e poichè i relativi servizi sono passati al Sottosegretariato per la Stampa il Teatro e il Turismo, dipendente dalla Presidenza del Consiglio propone di richiedere l'invio urgente di un funzionario competente. (E' stato inviato alla Presidenza del Consiglio il seguente telegramma, tramite la Prefettura)

"Il Commissario Archivi Re rappresenta necessità di disporre subito "invio a Milano funzionario scopo ricognizione et trasporto atti ex "Ministero Cultura Popolare alt Pregasi telegrafare C.L.N.A.I. nome "funzionario incaricato et data arrivo alt".

Su proposta del Conte Annori vengono raccolti i nomi dei funzionari venuti da Roma e redatto un elenco con le indicazioni di tutte le località nelle quali debbono recarsi.

Il Conte Annoni presenta e viene approvato uno schema di tracciato per la comunicazione da parte dei funzionari dei dati loro richiesti (vedere in allegato entrambi i documenti).

Il Prof. Re comunica infine che gli Alleati si riservano di partecipare domattina con quali modalità intendano prendere visione degli atti prima del loro invio a Roma.

Prossime sedute

- Viene deciso che i Delegati Ministeriali si riuniranno alle ore 11 del giorno 22 in questa Sede per prendere visione di quanto verrà comunicato dagli Alleati e proseguire eventualmente nella discussione di argomenti inerenti la materia.

- Viene stabilito infine che la prossima seduta ai fini della raccolta dei dati ed elaborazione del piano definitivo dei lavori avrà luogo in Milano presso questa Sede giovedì 30 agosto alle ore 9.

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Dopo di che la seduta è tolta.

Allegati N° 2.

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APPENDIX C

V E R B A L E N° 2

Il giorno 22 Agosto 1945 ore 11, come stabilito nella Seduta precedente, si sono riuniti i Delegati del Governo e i rappresentanti del C.L.N. per la prosecuzione dei lavori.

Sono presenti, come nella precedente seduta, il Magg. Bell e il Cap. Mc. Cain per la Commissione Alleata.

Il Prof. Re, completando quanto aveva anticipato nella seduta di ieri, comunica che gli Alleati si riserrano nei prossimi giorni:

a) di visitare i depositi degli Archivi dei vari Ministeri, ad esclusione di quelli strettamente tecnici,

b) di contraddistinguere con un loro segno particolare le casse di documenti che intendono di ritirare in Roma per esaminarle.

Il Magg. Bell dichiara che per ora non può precisare di quali archivi prenderanno visione gli Alleati, nè quale itenerario essi seguiranno.

Il Prof. Re rileva che la visita ai singoli archivi dei Rappresentanti Alleati dovrebbe essere compiuta contemporaneamente e nel medesimo termine di giorni di quella dei Delegati.

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Il Magg. Bell prende atto acconsentendo.

Il Dr. Alfano Ispettore del Commissariato per l'Epurazione chiede che gli vengano indicati i luoghi dove si trovano gli atti ed i fascicoli personali di ogni Ministero per poter procedere ad una ricognizione, ricognizione che dichiara potere compiere per tutti prima del

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Viene assicurato dai varî Delegati che forniranno al più presto i dati richiesti.

Il rappresentante della Corte dei Conti, quello del Ministero delle Comunicazioni, dichiarano di avere mezzi propri per potere mandare a Roma il materiale di archivio.

Il Prof. Re avverte che le partenze non potranno verificarsi se non dopo la seduta fissata per la mattina di giovedì 30, e secondo

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un ordine di precedenza che solo allora potrà essere stabilito.

Il Magg. Bell conferma che durante la prossima settimana non deve trattarsi di "avviare trasferimenti ma solo di prepararli e che questi potranno cominciare solo dopo la seduta del 30."

Il Dr. Re avverte però che, dove è possibile, il lavoro di incassamento potrebbe incominciare subito.

Il Rappresentante del Ministero del Lavoro chiede se deve mandare a Roma tutto il materiale o se ha facoltà di conservare qui quelle che può servire nel caso che continuasse a funzionare un ufficio stralcio.

Il Prof. Re fa osservare che ciò è di competenza del relativo Ministero, ma che se un ufficio rimane è logico che anche gli atti debbano rimanere.

Il Conte Amoni richiama l'attenzione sulla questione finanziaria e ritiene opportuno chiedere direttamente l'appoggio della Prefettura ed a tale scopo avrà domani un colloquio col Prof. Re dal Prefetto Lombardi.

Il segno che gli Alleati apporranno alle casse che ritengono di loro interesse è:

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APPENDIX D

I. DOCUMENTS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

1. From the Regio Prefettura, Turin.

a. Dimissioni di S Ecc B. Mussolini da Capo del Governo (1 folder)

b. Discorsi del Duce (1 folder)

c. Gran Mufti di Palestina (1 folder)

d. Ciano Conti di Cortellazzo (1 folder)

e. Rapporti con Stati Enti o Personalità e Stranieri (1 folder)

f. Pasci Svizzera (1 folder)

g. Partito Falangista Spagnolo (1 folder)

h. Gruppo Nazista Torino (1 folder)

2. From the Direzione Generale Amministrazione Civile, Ministry of Interior, School Building, Mompiano, Province of Brescia.

a. Commissione Mista dei Delegati della Santa Sede e del Governo Italiano per predisporre l'esecuzione del Concordato (25 folders)

b. Azione Cattolica (1 folder)

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c. Attività politica del Clero di Fiume (1 file #232 L2 (a)bis)

d. Ex Jugoslavia (1 folder)

e. Dalmazia (1 folder)

f. Provvedimenti di Polizia a carico del Clero (1 file # 232 L 2 B)

g. Clero della Venezia Giulia (1 file #232 L 2)

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i. Attività del Clero a ½ di Stampa (1 file # 232 L 20)

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j. Attività politica del Clero (1 File #232 L 2 a)

k. Ministry of Popular Culture now at PWB - 56 Vittorio Veneto Rome.

II. ~~WWW~~, Documents marked and set aside for removal to Rome and where located at present time.

1. Ministry of Interior, Gabinetto Ufficio III Alto Adige, located in the Municipio, Maderno, Lake Garda.

Three bags weighing approximately 200 lbs.(policy affecting German nationals; transfers of Land and property to Italian Govt.)

2. Ministry of Interior, Direzione Generale di Polizia, located at the Albergo Pasubio, Valdagno, Province of Vicenza.

Applications for Italian Passports issued between 1940 and 1945. There were 46 cases; each weighing about 180 lbs.

3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Villa Simonini, Salò on Lake Garda.

a. Bags 17 and 18. Accounts of Budapest Consulate.

b. Bags 19 and 20. Private files of the Undersecretary of State.

Each bag weighs about 50 lbs. 1827

4. Istituto Nazionale per i Cambi con l'Estero.
Two freight cars of documents from the Brescia Office and one freight car of documents from the Milan Office were transported with the permission of Colonel Tubb, AMG Lombardia, to Via Umiltà 43, Rome.

5. Ministero dell'Africa Italiana, Direzione Affari Politici, Pallanza, Albergo Maestoso.
App. 4 sacks of documents regarding Middle East countries.

6. Direzione Generale Scambi e Valute.
Foreign Exchange and Foreign Currencies matters } 12 cases inclose
located Piazza S.Alessandro 6, Milan } "4"

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1. Ministero della Produzione Industriale, Via Francesco Crispi, Bergamo.
130 cases, each weighing about 150 lbs, lose 5 years,
Direzione Brevetti (Patenti).

III. SAFES.

Approximately nine safes were located at the Villa Simonini, Salò on Lake Garda. Five of the safes were opened by Colonels Howell and King of AMG and their contents were removed to the Bank of Italy, Brescia. On or about the 28 June 45, they were subsequently moved to the Agenzia Finanziaria Alleata, Rome.

It is not known whether or not the two remaining safes were the property of the owner of the premises, Simonini Family or of the Ministry.

They have not been opened. They are located on the top floor of said premises.

Have asked Capt Goodman, AMG Officer for Salò to try to get me any information concerning the said safes.

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APO 394
Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts & Archives
(Tel. 489061, ext. 442 & 254; 478420)

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2039/FIV/MFAA

3 September 1945

FROM : Major H.S. BELL, AUS, MFAA Officer

My dear Cecil,

I write a line of apology about three official matters I am sending you to-day (my two letters reference 2090/C/4/a/MFAA). I have no alternative but to put these on you now that McCain is off.

1. CERVARIA is a straight forward case, simply a note which Sylvester asked me to provide authorising transfer of keys and responsibility to the Italian authorities of the various offices involved.

2. SALO' (and surroundings) also straight forward; what is needed here is a definite instruction to Goodman, who may otherwise refuse to permit the Italians to do the work that they are now authorised to carry out.

3. VALDAGNO. It is most important that Conte ARNERI (who is to be communicated with at the C.L.N.A.I., Milan) should be got to VERONA on 10th September. If you or Sheldon cannot go with him - and I can well imagine you have many other things to do - then maybe you'd send Paul, as the P.P.S.O. was most anxious to have a witness to the proceedings.

I am sorry indeed that the tail of MFAA should give you this final flick so soon before your departure.

It was so nice to see you again, and I got much satisfaction out of the thought that our next meeting will probably be in England.

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Yours ever,

Harold

(Bell)

Capt. C.R. Pinsent
MFAA Officer,
HQ LOMBARDIA Region

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20905/C/1/c/MFAA

3 September 1945

SUBJECT: Transference of Records of Italian Ministries.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region (attn. MFAA Officer).

1. In view of the approaching termination of A.M.G. responsibility, it is urgently necessary that all Italian ministerial archives should be handed over immediately to the appropriate Italian authorities, with the exception of those marked , which will be collected during the present week by Capt. CIFORELLI or other officer of the Allied Intelligence agencies, who will give a suitable receipt for documents taken.

2. So far as is known, A.M.G. control over deposits of such archives now only exists in two localities, as specified in paras 3 and 4 below.

3. Will you please instruct Capt. COCKMAN, C.A.O. Salo', that he should now allow accredited Italian officials access to the records at present in his charge; with the exception noted in para 1 above, these officials are also authorised to transfer records to Rome under arrangements made by the Presidenza del Consiglio.

4. Provincial Legal Officer, Cremona Province (Capt. Sylvester) has in fact handed over the keys of all deposits to the appropriate Italian officials; but for the sake of completeness of his record, it is requested that you give him written authority for the handover. The offices concerned are the Avvocatura di Stato, the Ministero Grazia e Giustizia, the Consiglio di Stato, and the Corte dei Conti, all located in Cremona.

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For the Director:

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H. E. BELL
Major, AUS
Archives Officer.

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For the Director:

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H.L. BELL
Major, AUS
Archives Officer.

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20905/G/4/c/MFAA

3 September 1945

SUBJECT: Transference of Records of Ministry of Interior, now at VALDAGNO, to Italian Charge.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region (attn. MFAA Officer).

1. Attached please find copy of letter to Provincial Commissioner, Vicenza Province.

2. Conte ARRIGHI has already signified that the date proposed for the handover will be convenient for him.

3. It will therefore be appreciated if you can arrange to have Conte ARRIGHI transported to Vicenza on the morning of 10th September 1945. It will be most helpful if you can arrange that he is accompanied, on that occasion, by an officer, since P.P.C.O. Vicenza Province is anxious that the handover should be witnessed.

For the Director:

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H.E. BELL
Major, AUS
Archives Officer.

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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts & Archives
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2090/0/1/6/MFAA

5 September 1945

SUBJECT: Transference of Records of Ministry of Interior, now at VALDAGNO, to Italian Charge.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Vicenza Province (attn. Capt. Baker, P.P.S.O.).

1. The appropriate Allied Intelligence agencies have had the opportunity of examining the above mentioned records, and have indicated by the mark ◒ those that they desire to retain. These will be collected by Captain CIFORELLI or other duly authorised officer during the present week; a suitable receipt for documents taken by such officers will be given.

2. It is urgently necessary, in view of the approaching termination of AMG control of Vicenza Province, that the remainder of these records (i.e. all those chests that do not bear the distinguished mark) should be handed over immediately to the appropriate Italian authority, the Conte ARRIGHI, the Vice-Commissary of the Ministry of the Interior.

3. For this purpose, RC Lombardia Region has been requested to arrange for Conte ARRIGHI to call at your P.P.S.O.'s office during the morning of 10th September 1945 to proceed to VALDAGNO for the handover. It has also been suggested, at your P.P.S.O.'s request, that, if possible, Conte ARRIGHI be accompanied by an officer to act as witness of the handover.

4. It is requested that your P.P.S.O. arrange for the maintenance of the Carabinieri guard over these records even after transfer of responsibility to Conte ARRIGHI.

5. This letter has been written after consultation with the Public Safety Sub-Commission this H.Q.

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For the Director:

HEB.
H.E. BELL
Major, AUS
Archives Officer.

Copy to:
Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region
(attn. Regional Public Safety Officer.)
Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region (attn. MFAA Officer).

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APO 394
Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts & Archives
(Tel. 489031, ext. 42 & 234; 473480)

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3 September 1945

SUBJECT: Transference of Italian Ministerial Archives

TO : Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region (attention of Regional Transportation Officer).

1. During 1943-4 the Fascist Government evacuated to many places in Northern Italy the archives of most of the principal Italian ministries. Some records are now urgently required by the Italian Government for the purposes of efficient administration.

2. Rail transport to Rome of these archives is being arranged by the Transportation Sub-Commission of this H.Q. There remains, therefore, only the question of road transport from existing deposits to rail loading-points.

3. For this purpose the Italian official who has charge of the work (Conte ARUCCI, Ordinary of the Ministry of the Interior) will require the use of 100 trucks, for which he proposes to apply to R.T.C., Piazza Carlo Felice, Turin, giving precise details of his requirements.

4. In view of the urgent importance of the work of transfer, it is requested that you assist Conte ARUCCI to obtain the vehicles needed.

5. This letter is written after consultation with Transportation Sub-Commission this H.Q.

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For the Director:

H.E.B.

H. E. BULL
Major, AUS
Archives Officer.

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To MFA. 39 A

28 AGO 1945

UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE OF THE PRESIDENCE OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Dear General,

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in replying to your letter addressed to the President of the Council of the 5 inst., I feel I must thank you for the constant interest shown for the transportation to Rome of the Archives of the Ministries and the particular assistance given to the officials incharged of the task.

As it is well known, Prof. De and the various ministerial commissions are already ~~ready to proceed to the packing and sending the files~~ packing and sending the files since the 20th of this month.

I am awaiting communication of the decisions adopted for the procedure of the said work.

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Meanwhile I have received by wire the following particulars on the quantity of material and the means required for the transport:

a) The quantity of the filing material of all the Ministries is of about 450 trucks;

b) The availability of transport, is ~~maximum~~ one train per week;

c) The localities where the material will be loaded are Venice - Vicenza - Verona - Padova - Brescia - Cremona - Bergamo and Milan.

A special fund has been consituted in the R. Prefecture of Milan to support the expenses of tranportation from the ware-houses to the rail-road goods station.

Yours sincerely

/s/ Arendola

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30 AGO 1945
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8 AGO 1945
NARA, FINE ARTS Sec.
34 Box 977

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 313.5-1

8 August 1945

SUBJECT: Examination and Disposal of Italian Archives.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to your 20905/C/4C/MFAA of 29 July, this Headquarters G-5: 313.5-1 of 4 August and to this Headquarters G-2 memo of 4 August (copy to you) all on the above subject.

2. In the light of the last quoted memorandum have you any further comments on the matter?

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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T. B. JACKSON
Lt. Colonel.

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APO 394
Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts & Archives
(Tel. 439081, ext. 442 & 254; 474130)

20905/C/14/c/FMAA 7 August 1945

Subject: Archives of Italian Ministries.

To : Directors, All Subcommissions.

1. Final arrangements have now been made for the despatch to MILAN of representatives of Ministries of the Italian Government and of the Epuration Commission in order to arrange return to ROME of archives at present in deposit in the North of Italy. It is expected that these representatives will proceed to MILAN within the next week.

2. They will examine conditions locally and meet to determine priority and method of transfer. In the meantime, therefore, the Italian Government has been asked to allow no individual ministry to take separate action with regard to the return of its archives.

3. The Vice President, CA Section, has instructed that the information contained in parms. 1 and 2 be circulated to Subcommissions.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

20905/G/A/c/AFA 7 August 1945

Subject: Records of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Fascist Republican Government.

To : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Office of Marchese Cittadini-Cesi, representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Room 39, 3rd Floor.

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1. Reference your memorandum G/2534/1165 dated 2nd August 1945.

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2. In view of the circumstances indicated in Allied Commission Letter, referred to above, dated 31st July 1945, it is not possible to authorise the transfer requested. Nor can any other proposals for transfer be entertained until the commissioners appointed by the Italian Government have met at Milan and examined the situation.

3. The Allied Commission is aware of the importance that you attach to the early return of archives at present in the hands of various Allied intelligence agencies. This point of view will be represented in the appropriate quarter.

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C.A. IRVING, Brig.
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 29905/C/1/c/ASA 5 August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to your two letters dated 31st July 1945 regarding the transference of ministerial archives from Northern Italy to Rome, there would now appear to be three points on which you desire the Allied Commission's assistance and advice.

(1) Authorisations for officials proceeding to Milan to arrange preliminaries of transfer. These are enclosed herewith, and the importance is stressed of getting the officials concerned up to Milan at the earliest possible moment. This is essential, not only in connection with the eventual transfer of archives, but also to effect a check on the security of the various repositories in which they are at present located.

(2) Use of Verona - Ostiglia - Rome Railway. Before acceding to your request to use this line for transport of archives, it will be necessary to know:

a. approximate total tonnage involved;

b. estimated weekly tonnage that it is desired to transport;

c. points at which you would desire to effect loading. It is pointed out that, as economy in the use of road transport will be necessary, you may think it well to propose loading at separate points in accordance with the present position of the various deposits of archives; nor need such loading-points necessarily be on the main line, Verona - Ostiglia - Rome.

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(3) Financing of the Transfer. The Finance Sub-Commission suggest that, to cover estimated expenses, the Italian Government should issue a new credit with the Tesoro, Milan.

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Yours very truly,

G.R. DRAPER, Brig.
VP CA Section

Professor Ferruccio PARRI
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff,G-2
(OI Document Section)

31 Jan

4th August 1945

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SUBJECT:- Examination and Disposal of Italian Archives.

TO:- A.C. of S.,G-5

1. Reference Allied Commission Civil Affairs Section circular letter of 29th July and that of A.F.H.Q. (P.W.B.) of 23 July 1945.

2. Direct representatives of the U.S.State Department and the British Foreign Office have just arrived in ITALY for the purpose of exploiting Italian Government archives and other documents on behalf of the U.S. and British Governments.These representatives are Lt/Col.THOMSON (British) and Mr.LA VISTA (American) and they are presently located at the British and American Embassies respectively at ROME. They plan very shortly to set up a joint office at ROME.

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For the A.C. of S.,G-2

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Il Sottosegretario di Stato
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

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Roma, 25 OTT 1945

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Al Brigadiere Generale G.R. Upjohn
Sezione Affari Civili della Commissione
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Per coprire le spese di trasporto dai depositi agli scali ferroviari ed accessorie, è stato già costituito un apposito fondo presso la R. Prefettura di Milano.

Mi creda, con viva cordialità, suo

Giuseppe Meda

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: AG/2095/3/h/a/TAA. 25 AUG 45

SUBJECT: Evacuation and Disposal of Italian Archives.

TO: G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1 Reference your G-5: 313.5-1 dated 8 Aug 45.

2 Lt. Col. TIXIER, the Foreign Office representative has visited this Headquarters and had conversations with the officers concerned.

3 He understands that the Allied foundation policy of turning archives over to the Italian government, reserving to Allied Agencies full rights of access and search, has in fact been the only practicable way of securing the protection, and indeed, continued existence of these archives.

4 Further, Lt. Col. TIXIER is of opinion that the great mass of these archives is unlikely to be of interest to his organization.

5 The outstanding question is therefore regarding the disposal of those Italian archives (whether at present in Allied hands or still in deposit in North Italy) which are the concern of Lt. Col. TIXIER's and Mr. LAVISTA's organization.

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6 In this connection, the Allied Commission is anxious to reconcile the needs of that organisation with the legitimate administrative needs of the Italian Government. The best way to achieve this would seem to be by the establishment of a separate repository for such archives. This repository would be under the control of the TIXIER-LAVISTA organisation, but would have an Italian archivist on its staff. Access to archives would be allowed alike to Allied agencies and to Italian ministries.

7 Lt. Col. TIXIER, for his part, agrees in principle with the suggestion outlined in para 6. He is consulting Mr. LAVISTA and, within the next day or so, hopes to make a definite proposal to Allied Commission.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Brig despatched by W Lee
25 Aug 45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts & Archives
(Tel. 489061, ext 394; 478480)

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14 Aug 45

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Subject: Exploitation of Italian Archives.

To : Director, M.F.A.A. Sub-Commission.

1. I have to-day seen Lt. Colonel THOMSON, the British Foreign Office representative appointed to set up an organisation for the exploitation of Italian Archives. Lt. Colonel THOMSON was accompanied by Capt. HAYNES, one of four British officers earmarked for the new organisation. Lt. Colonel THOMSON will set up an office in the old P.W.B. (Rome) office, Via Vittorio Veneto.

2. At Lt. Colonel THOMSON's request, I outlined measures taken by A.C. for the disposal of ministerial archives. He was disappointed to find that these archives were, in fact, in Italian hands, but readily understood that there had been no alternative means of organising protection. He admitted that the Foreign Office was late in the field.

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6. The problem may thus be stated in two ways:-

(a) From Lt. Col. THOMSON's point of view it is a question of maintaining control of those papers already held, and of obtaining control of anything of interest still in the North.

(b) From the Italian Government's point of view it is a question of not losing sight of archives of present administrative utility and future historical importance.

7. To attempt to reconcile these points of view, I suggested the establishment of a single repository to receive archives of

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type mentioned in para 5; that this repository should be under Allied control, but that archives in it should be open to Allied agencies and the Italian ministries alike, and that an Italian archivist should be on its establishment.

8. From the technical, archivist's, standpoint, this solution is not ideal, since it involves at least the temporary removal of series from their proper provenance to the artificially-created repository. The plan does reconcile divergent needs, however, and appears to be in keeping with the A.C. tradition of securing the fulfilment of Allied requirements and at the same time encouraging legitimate Italian aspirations.

9. Lt. Colonel THOMSON agreed in principle the solution proposed in para 7, explaining that of course he could not commit Mr. LAVISTA, whom he will see to-night at CASERTA.

10. In the event of Mr. LAVISTA agreeing the solution proposed in para 7, Lt. Colonel THOMSON will make a formal request to A.C. through Political Advisor (S) for agreement that this policy be implemented.

11. Details involved in implementing the policy would include

(a) Site of Repository - the offices already earmarked for Lt. Colonel THOMSON's organisation with, if necessary, an additional floor.

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12. Mr. PATES (formerly of P.W.B., and, I understand, likely to be part of the American side of the new set-up) called on me this afternoon. The scheme was outlined to him and he expressed warm approval.

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H.E. BELL, Major A.D.C.
Archives Officer.

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Ref 20905/C/4/c/MFAA

11 August 1945

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Under these circumstances, I write to suggest

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Yours very truly,

Signed by Brig. Upjohn

C.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 313.5-1 4 August 1945

SUBJECT: Examination and Disposal of Italian Government Archives.

TO : P.W.B., A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference is made to HQ. Allied Commission 20905/C/4/c/MFAA of 29 July (copy to you) referring to your circular letter of 23 July on the above subject.

2. So far as this Section is concerned the suggestions made by HQ. Allied Commission are acceptable.

3. It is assumed you will be taking up the matter with G-2. Will you please confirm this and let this Section have copies of your correspondence in the matter.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

5 AUG 1945

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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20905/C/W/C/CAA

3 August 1945

Subject: Archives of Ministries evacuated from Rome to the Regions of Lombardia and Venezie.

To : Regional Commissioners, Lombardia and Venezie Regions.

1. Please refer to Allied Commission letter numbered as above dated 11th July 1945, para. 2a. (12)

2. Ministries will despatch north within the next two weeks the commissioners referred to. Upon presentation of credentials, these officials should be allowed to enter, examine and, if necessary, arrange for packing of the archives of their respective ministries.

By Command of the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

G.R. HAIGH, Brig.
VC CA Section

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

- 4 AGO 1946

SUBJECT: Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. Reference is made to Memorandum S/2375/10?2 of July 24th and preceding Memoranda on the subject/ presumably 25 bis.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs have now been informed that Lt.Col. CLARK and Captain GOODMAN of the AMG, Salò have again refused to release the safe mentioned in the Memorandum in reference, on the grounds that they whish to previously examine its contents.

It is furthermore reported that the safe, together with the records still at Salò, will be transported to the Document Section at Caserta who will subsequently return them to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

3. As regards the first point, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs wish to newly draw the Allied Commission's attention to paragraph 4 of the Memorandum in reference, in which it is stated that the aforesaid safe does not contain political documents but solely records concerning the Ministry's personnel, and that the Ministry will be happy to open it in Rome at the presence of a person designated by the proper Allied Authorities, who could have the safe sealed before forwarding it to Rome. Up to now it has been impossible to open the safe only because of the mislaying of the Keys.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs feel that if a less disperate treatment were afforded these archives, it might be possible to hasten their restitution to the Ministry, who, as already stated, has urgent need of consulting them.

5. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be therefore very grateful if the Allied Commission would kindly interest the proper Authorities in granting that all the records belonging

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 20905/C/4/c/MFAA

August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to your two letters dated 31st July 1945 regarding the transference of ministerial archives from Northern Italy to Rome, there would now appear to be three points on which you desire the Allied Commission's assistance and advice.

(1) Authorisations for officials proceeding to Milan to arrange preliminaries of transfer. These are enclosed herewith, and the importance is stressed of getting the officials concerned up to Milan at the earliest possible moment. This is essential, not only in connection with the eventual transfer of archives, but also to effect a check on the security of the various repositories in which they are at present located.

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b. estimated weekly tonnage that it is desired to transport;

c. points at which you would desire to effect loading. It is pointed out that, as economy in the use of road transport will be necessary, you may think it well to propose loading at separate points in accordance with the present position of the various deposits of archives; not need such loading-points necessarily be on the main line, Verona - Ostiglia - Rome.

It is appreciated that the details required under the present head cannot perhaps be given until the officials referred to in para. 1 have had an opportunity of examining the situation in the North and have met to co-ordinate their requirements.

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3. Financing of the Transfer. The Finance Sub-Commission suggest that, to cover estimated expenses, the Italian Government should issue a new credit with the Tesoro, Milan.

Yours very truly

G.R. URJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Section

Professor Ferruccio PARRI
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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G-5: 313.5-1

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SUBJECT: Archives of Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference is your 20905/C/4/C/MFAA of 25 July 45.

This enquiry has been passed to Mr. LAVISTA (c/o USPOLAD) of the Joint Anglo-American political section which will be dealing with queries relating to Italian Archives.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

C. J. MACNAMARA
Major, PC

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TRANSLATION NO. 868

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ROME, 31 July 1945

Dear General,

In a letter to you having today's date I have confirmed the Government's intention of shipping back to Rome all the papers of the various Ministries which are at present in Northern Italy.

Of the various means of transport the railway seems the most suitable considering the great amount of material to be shipped, the time available, the lower cost and greater safety offered. Thus trucks would be used only to haul the material from the storage depots to the railroad stations; and for this a small allotment of gas would be sufficient.

It is to be borne in mind that this should be done during summer; one of the reasons is that the schools which were requisitioned for the storage of the papers must be free for the beginning of the school year.

Will you then kindly let me know if the Allied Authorities, who are interested in this matter, would consent to the use of the Verona-Ostiglia-Roma line, and furnish the necessary cars.

I also wish to point out that the government should be allowed to withdraw sums which would be needed to cover expenditures for packing, transport, etc. from the liquid funds available to the various Ministries and deposited in the North, which are at present frozen by order of the A.M.G.

Sincerely Yours
/s/ Ferruccio Parri

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TO: GENERAL G.R. UPJOHN
Chief of the Civil Affairs Section
ALLIED COMMISSION
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Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

Roma, 31 Luglio 1945

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Caro Generale,

con lettera in data odierna Le ho confermato l'intendimento del Governo di provvedere a che gli atti dei diversi Ministeri, tuttora giacenti in Alta Italia, siano al più presto riportati a Roma.

Dei diversi mezzi presi in considerazione per effettuarne il trasferimento, solo la ferrovia appare idonea, in relazione alla ingente mole dei materiali e al tempo disponibile, al minore costo ed alla maggiore sicurezza che presenta in confronto al trasporto su strada ordinaria. L'impiego degli automezzi verrebbe così limitato agli spostamenti dai luoghi di deposito agli scali ferroviari, per il che sarà sufficiente disporre una modesta dotazione di carburante.

E' da tener presente che le operazioni dovrebbero auspicabilmente effettuarsi entro la buona stagione, anche perchè le molte scuole requisite per la conservazione del materiale dovranno essere lasciate libere per l'inizio dell'anno scolastico.

La prego pertanto di volermi cortesemente informare se le Autorità Alleate - che tanto interessamento dimostrano al buon esito della questione - consentirebbero all'impiego della linea Verona-Ostiglia-Roma, fornendo i carri necessari.

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Al Generale G.R. UPJOHN
Capo della Sez.Aff.Civili della Commissione Alleata 1802

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Permetta che accenni altresì alla opportunità che venga consentito il prelievo delle somme localmente occorrenti per imballaggio, trasporti, ecc. dalle disponibilità liquide risultanti a favore dei diversi Ministeri presso la tesorerie del Nord, attualmente bloccate per disposizione dell'A.M.G.-

Mi creda, con viva cordialità, Suo

Thomas Lamont

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Roma, 31 July 45

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

~~1 August 1945~~

Dear General,

I fully agree with you on the necessity set out in your letter dated 4 inst. to ship back to Rome as soon as possible the files that the so-called republican fascist government brought to the North because of the needs of the various departments and to restore to their original use the many public buildings (especially schools) in which the files are stored.

Therefore, orders have already been given, in conjunction with the C.L.N.A.I., to begin immediately checking and preparing the material, which will be collected and shipped. The Government is now interested in seeing to it that the material collected is forwarded and that important papers connected with the epuration proceedings will not be scattered and jumbled.

For this purpose, an official for each Ministry together with a representative of the High Commissioner for epuration will go as soon as possible on the spot in order to receive files from the trustee appointed by the C.L.N.A.I. They will list and seal the papers which they deem to be of special importance and will forward all the material in good order. Prof. Emilio RE is charged by this Presidency to supervise and coordinate all the operations, in conjunction with the Sub-Commission for Fine Arts and Monuments.

To enable the afore-mentioned officials to perform their tasks under the best circumstances, the enclosed reference have been prepared. Will the A.C. kindly furnish them with the authorization seal so that the officials mentioned in them may obtain through them freedom of movement and facilities of transport, gas, etc. from the Allied Authorities.

The Government has already taken into consideration the uncertain situation of the employees who moved to Northern Italy with the republican fascist administration.

Generally, I have no objection to those employees returning to their original offices, if no evidence against them is found in the epuration proceedings, and provided they were not trustees of files of property belonging to the Administration, and if they are in a position to provide for their own transportation. However, for the majority, who have no such possibility, it is necessary to plan for their transfer en masse which, because of the number of employees and families and the amount of luggage, can be effected only by railway. I should like to know therefore if the Allied Authorities would consent to the use of the Verona-Ostigliano-Rome line, and furnish the cars necessary for the persons and material.

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TO: GENERAL G.R. UPJOHN

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Roma, 31 luglio 1945

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Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

Caro Generale,

convengo pienamente sulla necessità prospettata con la sua lettera del 4 corrente, che gli archivi trasportati al Nord dallo pseudo governo fascista repubblicano siano al più presto riportati a Roma, sia per le esigenze dei servizi delle varie amministrazioni, sia per poter restituire alla loro destinazione i numerosi edifici pubblici (specialmente scuole) in cui gli atti trovansi attualmente depositati.

In conseguenza è stato già disposto perchè, in collaborazione col C.L.N.A.I., si dia subito inizio ai lavori di riscontro e preparazione del materiale, che verrà quindi concentrato in alcune località opportunamente utilizzate per la spedizione. Le cure del Governo sono ora rivolte ad assicurare che il trasporto si effettui colle dovute garanzie, sia contro la dispersione, che contro l'eventuale manomissione di atti specialmente rilevanti ai fini del giudizio di epurazione.

A questo scopo, un funzionario per ciascun Ministero, affiancato da un rappresentante dell'Alto Commissariato per l'epurazione, si recherà al più presto sul posto, per ricevere la consegna del rispettivo archivio dal Commissario conservatore nominato a suo tempo dal C.L.N.A.I.- Essi procederanno quindi con reciproca intesa, all'elencazione e suggellazione degli atti che riterranno di speciale interesse e cureranno l'ordinata spe

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Al generale G.R. UDJOHN
Capo Sezione Affari Civili della Commissione Alleata

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dizione di tutto il materiale. Il prof. Emilio RE resta incaricato da questa Presidenza della direzione e del coordinamento di tutte le operazioni, d'intesa con la Sottocommissione Belle Arti, Monumenti e Archivi.

Per mettere in condizione i predetti funzionari di ricevere le consegne e di svolgere nelle migliori condizioni le relative incombenze, sono state predisposte le accluse lettere di accreditamento, che si prega di voler munire del visto di convalida di codesta A.C., affinchè i rispettivi titolari possano valersene per ottenere dalle Autorità Alleate libertà di movimento e le possibili facilitazioni nel procurarsi i mezzi di trasporto, carburante, ecc.-

Per quanto riguarda gli impiegati trasferitisi in alta Italia a seguito dell'amministrazione fascista repubblicana, debbo avvertire che la precarietà della situazione che si è venuta determinando per detto personale e le rispettive famiglie ha già formato oggetto di considerazione da parte del Governo.

In massima non ho difficoltà a consentire che, restando impregiudicato il giudizio di epurazione, i predetti impiegati facciano ritorno alle sedi originarie, purchè non siano stati costituiti consegnatari di archivi o beni di pertinenza dell'Amministrazione e siano in grado di provvedersi individualmente dei mezzi di viaggio. Ma per la grande maggioranza, cui manca tale possibilità, si ritiene urgente organizzare il trasferimento collettivo, che, per il numero degli impiegati e relative famiglie e la massa dei bagagli, non può essere effettuato che per ferrovia. Sarebbe quindi mio vivo desiderio poter conoscere, per Suo cortese interessamento, se le Autorità Alleate consentirebbero a prestare fin d'ora l'uso della linea Verona-Ostiglia-Roma, mettendo a disposizione le carrozze occorrenti per le persone e le merci.

Mi creda cordialmente Suo

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is charged by the Italian Government to supervise the transfer to ROME of the files of the ----------

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---------- previously appointed by the Government, in agreement with the Allied Regional Authorities, to recover and keep the files, to settle the affairs, and administer any other belongings of the said Ministry.

The Allied and Italian Authorities in Northern Italy are asked to give the above-mentioned all the assistance necessary to carry out rapidly the tasks entrusted to them.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS & ARCHIVES DIVISION
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

20111 31 July 1945

Subject: Records of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Fascist Republican Government.

To: Liason Division, Office of the Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. In compliance with your request of 24 July 1945 (385/MC(L)), the Regional Archivist today visited the Fifth Army G-5 section.

2. Col. Michie's office stated that transportation had once been provided for the records of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Apparently Signor Crescini had been unable to prepare the records for shipment in the time given him. The facts are that the records were not packed and ready when the trucks were available. American and Italian officers concerned with the problem were quite irritated with Signor Crescini and were not inclined to be of further assistance.

3. The Regional Archivist was unable to get a definite statement as to whether Col. Michie's office would provide transportation at a later date. 1798

William D. McCain
Capt., CAC
Regional Archivist,
Lombardia Region.

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Executive Officer, Lombardia Region
MFAA, Allied Commission.

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See office note over.

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1. Memorandum 6/2339/1074 dated 21 July 45 from Ministry of Foreign Affairs asked to interest Cmd. of 5 Army in providing for forwarding to Rome of records of Ministry held at Salò, pursuant to agreement in principle reached with Colonel Wichie.

2. Forwarded by Liaison Division to R.C. Lombardia to investigate & inform whether transfer desirable. 395/EC (L) Dated 24 July 45.

3. Mr. Cairn's letter as above.

4. Lacon Div. reporting Mr. Cairn's saying "it is not possible to ascertain whether transportation will be provided at a later date".

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

20905/0/4/c/MFAA 31 July 1945

Subject: Records of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Fascist Republican Government.

To : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Office of Marchese Cittadini-Cesi, representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Room 39, 3rd Floor.

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Reference your memorandum 6/2375/1092 dated 24th July 1945.

As you are no doubt aware, it is proposed very shortly to despatch to Milan a commission to arrange the transfer to Rome of Italian ministerial archives. Meanwhile, no further transfers are to take place.

It will therefore be for the representative of your Ministry to raise the question of the above-mentioned archives at meeting of the commissioners in Milan, and for him to endeavour to secure a good priority in the matter of transfer.

Signed by Lt Col Bonham Carter
for C.R. UNION, Brig.
VP CA Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

29 July 1945

20905/C/4/a/MFAA

Subject: Examination and Disposal of Italian Government Archives.

To : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. Reference AFHQ (PWB) circular letter dated 25 July 1945 (copy attached).

2. It is agreed that, as proposed by ADD, PWB, the most suitable arrangement for the disposal of Italian government archives, seized for intelligence purposes, would be the return of all these to the Italian government on the express condition that Allied agencies are permitted full rights of access and search.

3. So far as archives of Ministries still functioning are involved, it should be pointed out that the early return of these to the offices concerned is urgently necessary in the interests of efficient administration; arrangements for Allied access and search would, at the time of the transfer, be made the clear responsibility of each separate ministry.

4. For the archives of defunct ministries, e.g. the Ministry of Popular Culture, the best solution would appear to be transfer to a single Italian authority, the Commissary for State Archives. This transfer would be conditional upon the Italian Government's agreeing to instruct the Commissary to organise all necessary facilities for Allied exploitation.

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For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

SC.A. Sec.
6/2375/1072
24 July
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Records of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Fascist Republican Government.

1. Reference is made to Memorandum 6/2339/1074 of July 21st.

2. Besides the cases containing the records of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Fascist Republic now deposited at Salò with Signor Crescini, there is also a safe containing the records of the personnel which cannot be opened for lack of the proper keys and which was sealed in order that it might be transported in its present state to Rome and there opened and its contents examined with all possible guarantees.

3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs have now been informed that Captain Goodman, Chief of the Salò AMG, wishes to examine the contents of the safe before authorizing the transport.

4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to point out to the Allied Commission that the aforesaid safe does not contain political documents but solely records concerning the Ministry's personnel.

They therefore warmly request the Allied Commission to direct the AMG at Salò to remove this difficulty which had not been formerly raised; it may be recalled that the two delegates of the PWB (Prof. Bates and Prof. Costes) , had stated that the documents contained in the safe held no interest for the Allied Authorities.

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Rome, July 24th 1945.

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Rome, July 24th 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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25 July 1945

Subject: Archives of Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

To : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. A request has been received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for assistance in arranging the return of certain archives (specified below), which were taken from deposits at Salo' and elsewhere by O.S.S. 5th Army:— 14A 14B

Current files of the Minister's Cabinet;
Files of the Political Department;
Files of the Cypher Department.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is under the impression that O.S.S. is prepared to make the transfer requested. It is understood, however, that the archives concerned were recently moved from Milan to Caserta.

3. Will you please confirm that these archives are, in fact, held at A.F.H.Q. and, if so, let me know whether their transfer to the Ministry (which is a matter of some urgency) is practicable.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Signed by Lt Col Pawlowski Canada
for G.R. HAYTER, Brig.
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

20305/C/1/2/MFA

25 July 1945

Subject: Archives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

To : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Office of Excheno
Ch'ien-Ming-Yen, representative of Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Room 39, 3rd Floor.

Reference your memoranda No. 6/2427/91 dated 10th July 1945 — 11A
(19) - and No. 6/2424/1009 dated 16th July, it is regretted that the return to you of the archives therein mentioned is not at present possible.

So far as the documents taken by P.W.B. are concerned, however, these archives have now been transferred to Rome and, if you have urgent need to refer to them, could be made available for consultation by your authorized representatives.

Should you wish to arrange for consultation in this way, will you please communicate with Professor B.M. Bebo, Via Vittorio Veneto 56.

for Signed by Lt Col Norton
C.A. UNION, Belg.
Chief
By direction.

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Copy to:
Professor B.M. Bebo, Via Vittorio Veneto 56.
(PWB, AOD ltr, dated 21 July refers) — (20)

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Subject: Examination and Disposal of Italian Government Archives.

to : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. Reference AFHQ (PWB) circular letter dated 23 July 1945 (21) (copy attached).

2. It is agreed that, as proposed by ADD, PWB, the most suitable arrangement for the disposal of Italian government archives, seized for intelligence purposes, would be the return of all these to the Italian government on the express condition that Allied agencies are permitted full rights of access and search.

3. So far as archives of Ministries still functioning are involved, it should be pointed out that the early return of these to the offices concerned is urgently necessary in the interests of efficient administration; arrangements for Allied access and search would, at the time of the transfer, be made the clear responsibility of each separate ministry.

4. For the archives of defunct ministries, e.g. the Ministry of Popular Culture, the best solution would appear to be transfer to a single Italian authority, the Commissary for State Archives. This transfer would be conditional upon the Italian Government's agreeing to instruct the Commissary to organise all necessary facilities for Allied exploitation.

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5. In view of the pending dissolution of P.W.B., the present is a matter of considerable urgency and it is therefore important to know whether you are prepared to accept the solution of the problem suggested by P.W.B. and amplified in paras. 3 and 4 above.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 20905/C/4/c/MFAA

26 July 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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Further to my letter AC/20905/C/4/c/MFAA dated 4th July 1945, I wish to make it clear that Allied access to the ministerial archives referred to will be necessary for research purposes.

I shall therefore be grateful if you make it clear to the Ministries concerned that, when the archives are returned to Rome, they will be expected to give reasonable search facilities to approved Allied agencies, as the need may arise.

Yours very truly

Signed by Lt Col Botham Capt
for G.R. UEJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

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Professor Ferruccio PARRI
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 313.5-1

23 July 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Archives, Seized for Intelligence Exploitation.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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Reference is your 20905/A/2/AFAA of 12 July 1945.

1. At the moment G-2 holds or controls a large number of Italian documents, but the archives in North Italy have not all been located as yet.

2. The disposal of these records is for the decision of the Foreign Office and State Department who are sending out representatives to deal with the question. Therefore your kind offer of an archivist must be refused.

3. At present this Headquarters has located only a small fraction of the Italian Defence Ministry records. Rumoured to be at Treviso, enquiries yielded nothing; only a report of removal to an unknown destination. If the Italian Authorities could throw any light on their whereabouts, the information would be gratefully received here.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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C. J. MACNAMARA
Major, P. C.

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~~SECRET~~ Lt Col

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

23 JUL 1945

TO: See Distribution List below.

FROM: Assistant Deputy Director, PWB AFHQ.

SUBJECT: EXAMINATION AND DISPOSAL OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ARCHIVES

1. PWB, as the result of the requisitioning of the Ministry of Popular Culture, obtained custody of the archives of that Ministry. The checking of PWB employees necessitated recourse to these archives and such recourse brought to light facts of interest to other Allied organisations. Subsequently, PWB issued a series of reports on these archives which were distributed to AFHQ and to the US and British Embassies for onward transmission to Washington and London.

2. On the liberation of North Italy, PWB arranged through the competent Military Authorities for the seizure and transfer to Rome of those files of the Ministry of Popular Culture which had been sent to North Italy by the Fascists. These files, as far as available to PWB, have been incorporated with the archives already in Rome.

3. It became clear at an early stage that a fuller examination of these archives would reveal material of considerable interest to the US and British Governments but it was felt that neither PWB nor its parent bodies, OWI and PID, were the most suitable organisations to undertake this research.

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6. It has not yet been found possible to set up the Joint American and

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British organisations on the lines originally suggested. Since PWB has completed its mission, the transfer of the archives in question is becoming one of urgency.

7. Two possible courses have already been discussed informally:

a) The return of all Italian archives to the Italian Ministries concerned on condition that free access is allowed to all American and British Military or Civilian agencies.

b) The transfer of custody from PWB to the AC MONUMENTS AND FINE ARTS SUB-COMMISSION.

In my view the former is the most suitable solution but informal discussion with American and British officers concerned leads me to think that my view is not generally shared.

The second solution should in my view entail the provision of a suitable custodian so that these archives may be consulted by Italian officials who have need of access to them. This is now done by PWB and the archives have been used by Italians, particularly by the Epuration Commission. In my view any curtailment of the facilities at present granted to these and other Italian officials is to be deprecated.

It would also be possible to hand over custody to G-2 AFHQ but I understand that this would be inconvenient as they have no permanent organisation in Rome and the transfer of the archives to Caserta would be inconvenient both for Allied and Italian authorities who desire to use them.

8. PWB is only custodian of these documents and can only transfer them on instructions from the A.C. of S. G-2 AFHQ. This letter is therefore addressed to the organisations principally concerned, with the request that their views may be expressed in order to enable PWB to put forward for the consideration and approval of the A.C. of S. G-2 a plan which will meet the requirements of the Allied organisations concerned.

9. An early reply would be appreciated as PWB will shortly have transferred all Intelligence officers to other areas and those officers who are fully

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For C.A Harold Badham
Assistant Deputy Director,
PWB-AFHQ.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

Confidential

21st July, 1945

TO: Allied Commission, (Civil Affairs Section)
copy to: Monuments and Fine Arts Division (AC)

FROM: Assistant Deputy Directorm PWB AFHQ.

SUBJECT: Records of Italian Ministries.

1. The receipt is acknowledged of your letters 20905/C/47c/MFAA of 28th June and 13th July, 1945, and regret is expressed for the delay in answering the former.

2. All the documents therein referred to are held by PWB by agreement with G-2 AFHQ and PWB can only release to the Italian authorities with the consent of the AC of S G-2.

3. The records of the Ministry of Popular Culture which have been in Rome from the beginning were in some confusion when the building in which they were stored was requisitioned by PWB. They have since been put in order by PWB and have been made available for use and consultation by Allied Military organisations. They have also been made available for use by the Italian Government, more particularly by the epuration commission, and it is not thought that the retention in Allied hands of these archives seriously inconveniences the Italian Government.

4. Other files of the Ministry of Popular Culture recovered by PWB in the North have been or are being brought to Rome and are being incorporated in their correct place in the Ministry of Popular Culture Archives, where they will automatically be available for consultation in the same way as the files already in Rome.

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5. The files belonging to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs referred to in Para 2 of your letter of 13th July have recently been transferred from Milan to Rome. They are now stored in crates in Via Veneto 56 and are therefore not available for consultation. If their consultation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is a matter of urgency, arrangements could be made for these crates to be opened and the files made available.

6. In addition, PWB has/arrangements with the Documents Section, G-2 AFHQ, taken charge of one railway wagon full of documents from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Interior, and nine sacks of FARINACCI files. These have not been examined either by

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G-2 or by PWB. At the time of the transfer it was agreed that PWB would only act as an agent to hold these files pending further disposition to which I refer below. I regret that it is not possible with the space and the staff at present available at PWB to open and make available these particular files, and I made this point very clearly to G-2 when agreeing to take temporary custody.

7. PWB is no longer working on these archives and it has been agreed that it is not within the competence of PWB to undertake the large scale research which is understood to be desired by the State Department and the Foreign Office. I was informed by the offices of the US Political Advisor and the Resident British Minister at Caserta that arrangements were being made for a joint examination of these and other Italian archives, and it was agreed that, pending such arrangements PWB was the most convenient organisation to hold these archives. It was then thought that the arrangements in question would take shape before July 15th and that PWB would have been able to hand over by that date. In view of this I did not press my own informal suggestion that the Italian archives in charge of PWB should be returned to the Italian Ministries concerned under an arrangement which would allow for full consultation by the American and British Governments. This suggestion, which I had put forward in conversation, did not seem to meet the desires of the Political and Security Officers of the US and British organisations and I did not therefore proceed with the matter.

8. In view of the impending dissolution of PWB arrangements for the transfer of these documents are in my view a matter of urgency. Some days ago I discussed this matter informally with the Deputy Director of the Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission and with a member of his staff. As this Sub-Commission seemed to me the most suitable Allied organisation to hold these archives pending a final decision as to their disposal. Both were sympathetic with this view but did not feel able to agree, without further consideration. In my view the following courses are open.

a) the return of all archives to the Italian Ministries concerned subject to a guarantee of free access by all Allied organisations. 1785

b) the transfer of custody from PWB to the AC, allowing Italians access as at present.

c) the transfer to G-2 AFHQ with similar access by Italians

My personal view is that the first named course is the most desirable as the agreement for Allied access could be made to apply not only to Allied controlled archives but to all Italian archives considered necessary, but I do not wish to press this point of view.

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9. I am addressing a circular letter to the US and British Political Advisors at AFHQ, the two Embassies in Rome, to G-2 , AFHQ, and to the Chief Commissioner AC, asking for a decision on this question so that PWB may be in a position to obtain from AFHQ a formal instruction as to the disposal of these archives either in accordance with one of the suggestions made above or in any other way desired. A copy of this letter will be sent directly to you for information and I shall appreciate any assistance which you might be able to give in hastening the decision. I would point out that at the present moment there is only one responsible officer in PWB dealing with this matter, that the whole Intelligence organisation of PWB has closed and that I am likely to be repatriated at an early date. I should therefore prefer to see this matter settled while trained Intelligence officers of PWB are available in Rome rather than see it left for settlement by the Administrative Officers who will have to deal with the liquidation of PWB.

C. A. Richards Rumford

Assistant Deputy Director,
PWB AFHQ.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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(Kind attention of Major Morden)

Ref.:Memo nº6/2127/966 of July 10th.

1. Both the O.S.S. and the P.W.B. are being withdrawn from Italy. The necessity of recovering from Milan the files of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs becomes therefore extremely urgent.

2. The majority of the files mentioned in Memo under reference should be still with the Milan branch of P.W.B. -

Rome, July 16th 1945

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Mayor Bell
Designate wishes
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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AC/20905/C/4/a/MFAA 18 July 45

SUBJECT : Location of Italian Official Records in N. Italy.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section.

Reference your letter G-5: 313.5.1 of 15 Jul 45.

1 It is considered by this Commission that the letter from G-2 is contrary to the spirit of FAN 487. Many of the Archives to which reference is made are required by the Italian Government for day to day work and, after considerable negotiations, arrangements have been made to transfer them down to Rome.

2 In fact, with the exception of a certain number which are in the possession of G-2, they have already been handed over to the Italian Government. Had this present intention been notified to the Commission some considerable time ago it would have been possible to have made arrangements to meet the wishes of the Specialist Mission, but it is felt very strongly indeed that the matter has now progressed too far to take a step which is so retrogressive.

3 On the other hand, we do not anticipate that there will be any difficulty in arranging with the Italian Government for the Mission to have access to the Archives, and a letter to that effect will be dispatched to the Italian Government forthwith.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

G.H. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Division of Monuments Fine Arts and Archives

RXII/MFA/ARC 16 July 1945

SUBJECT: Archives of Ministries evacuated from Rome.

TO : Director, MFAA Subcommission, HQ AC.

1. Pursuant to paras 3 and 4 of 20905/C/4/c/MFAA of 11 July 1945, Major Gregory, Regional Education Officer, has cahceled the arrangements he had completed for transferring to Rome the archives of the Fascist Ministry of National Education impounded in the rooms of this HQ by Major Bell. Two officials of the present Ministry of Public Instruction had been here from Rome, the material was being bound for transit, and transport had been laid on for shipping five or six each week.

NORMAN T. NEWTON,
Major, Air Corps,
Regional MFAA Officer.

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Copies to:
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G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 313.5-1

15 July 1945

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SUBJECT: Locating of Italian Official Records in North Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Attached is copy of self-explanatory AFHQ G-2 letter dated 11 July 1945.

2. Forwarded for your appropriate action with reference to para 4.

3. Request copy of directive be sent to this Section.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES
Major G.S.C.

Encl: As above.

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11 July 1945.

TO :A.C.of S.,G-5.
(att.Lt/Col.T.B.JACKMAN)

SUBJECT:Locating of Italian Official Records in NORTH ITALY.

1. It is known that before the surrender of ITALY,a portion of the official records of various Italian Ministries were moved North of ROME for safe keeping. The bulk of these were later transferred by the Fascist Republican Government to the area North of the PO. Depositories have in fact been located in small lakeside or mountain villages as well as in the larger towns. Such depositories may be quite small and consist of 10-12 cases of documents,or be very extensive like the Ministry of Interior Police Record Files at present at VALDOGNA.

2. The British and U.S. Governments propose to organise researches into certain of these documents,and for this purpose a party of specialists is en route to ITALY.

3. The present lists of depositories are not regarded as accurate or complete,and it is desired that the fullest information be available for the specialists when they arrive.

4. It is requested therefore that the Allied Commission in ROME be asked to issue instructions to all AMG headquarters and local offices in NORTH ITALY on the following lines : -

a. To report the existence of any depository of official documents or archives which are not of purely local interest. The report should as far as possible state :

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(i) Ministry or organisation concerned.
(ii) Quantity,e.g.60 cases,20 filing cabinets,etc.
(iii) Subject matter,in general terms.
(iv) Exact location,including street address where applicable.
(v) Whether or not Italian officials are at present working on the material.
(vi) Whether there is any reason why the documents should not be removed.

b. To ensure that any such depository is safeguarded,and documents not removed,either by the Allies or the Italians, until a clearance has been obtained from A.F.H.Q.

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Of major interest, for example, are records from : -

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Ministry of Interior.
- War Ministry.
- H.Q. Fascist Militia.

and similar organisations.

5. It is suggested that reports, queries and requests for clearance all be passed to G-2 Document Section, A.F.H.Q., which will deal with them until the special political section is established.

For A.C.of S., G-2

M.C. HOFFMAN
Lt./Col.

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NORTH APENNINES ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 48081, ext. 442 & 254; 47480)

20905/C/4/a/MFA 12 July 1945

Subject: Archives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

To : Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region (attn. of Capt. R.D. McLain, Archives Officer).

1. Please find (Attachment A) copy of letter of 10 July 45 received from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. So far as archives said to be held by P.W.B. are concerned, a letter as at Attachment B has been written to AGO, PWB, AFHQ. Since the archives are alleged to be in MILAN, it is possible that you may also be able to take up locally the question of their return.

3. With regard to the files reported held by G.S.S. 5th Army, it is felt that, since G.S.S. has apparently no objection to their return to the Ministry, the matter of their transfer will be one for you to arrange locally. Pending a report from you, therefore, no further action in this connection will be taken by this Headquarters.

For the Director:

Signed by Maj Kelly
H.R. KELLY
Major, AUS
Archives Officer

Copy to:
File 20905/A/2/MFA

Office note: Lt. Col. Sinclair
G.S.S. 5th. Army no longer in Milano. Prof. Bates says these archives are, he thinks, at A.F.H.Q.
HEB. 25/7/45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

20905/C/A/c/ZEA

13 July 1945

Subject: Recovery of Documents of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

To : Ministero degli Affari Esteri.

Reference your memorandum dated 10th July 1945, the question of return of records said to be held by O.S.S. 5th Army and by F.S.S. has been taken up with those authorities.

G.A. DAVIES, Brig.
VP CA Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

20905/C/4/c/HFAA

13 July 1945

Subject: Records of Italian Ministry of Popular Culture.
and of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

To : AMG, F.W.B., APO.

1. It will be appreciated if an answer can be given to my letter reference as above dated 22 June 45, requesting information as to arrangements made for the return to the Italian Government of the records of the former Ministry of Popular Culture. This question is regarded as one of considerable urgency.

2. May similar information also be given please regarding the following archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:-

files of the Commercial Department;
documents of the Overseas Department.

It is understood that these are now in the custody of F.W.B., Via Cesare Cantu' n. 3, MILANO.

For the ALLIED COMMISSION:

G.H. BIGGS, Brig.
VP CA Sec

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Copy to:
File 20505/A/2/HFAA
HQ, LOMBARDIA Region (attn. Capt. T.H.
McCain, Archives Officer.)

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

20905/A/2/CPAA

12 July 1945

Subject: Italian Archives Seized for Intelligence Exploitation.

To : G-5 Section, APHQ.

1. The Commissary of State Archives of Italy (Commendatore Emilio Re) has brought to my notice a statement in "Stars and Stripes" of 3rd July 1945 that personal papers of Mussolini are at present being examined under Allied supervision at CASERTA. These are presumably the records of Mussolini's Segretario Particolare, which I understand were removed from Viale della Vittoria 16, CARIMATE, and transferred successively to G-2 Fifth Army, G-2 Fifteenth Army Group and finally G-2 A.F.H.Q.

2. While fully realising the necessity of intelligence exploitation of these important archives, I am anxious that so far as possible their dispersal may be avoided and that, finally, unless there is over-riding military or political objection to this course, they may be handed over to the Italian Government. I need hardly stress the enormous historical significance that these archives will have.

3. In particular I should like to suggest that, as soon as possible, a member of the Italian archive service be allowed access to these papers, and to assist in any sorting, or arrangement of them, that may be necessary. In the event of your agreeing to this, Commendatore Re can provide a suitable woman archivist to undertake the work.

4. I take this opportunity to stress the Commission's very great interest in all Italian archives seized for intelligence use. In this connection, two things appear to me to be necessary:-

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of these important archives, I am anxious that so far as possible
dispersal may be avoided and that, finally, unless there is over-riding
military or political objection to this course, they may be handed over
to the Italian Government. I need hardly stress the enormous historical
significance that these archives will have.

3. In particular I should like to suggest that, as soon as possible, a member of the Italian archive service be allowed access to these papers, and to assist in any sorting, or arrangement of them, that may be necessary. In the event of your agreeing to this, Commendatore Re can provide a suitable woman archivist to undertake the work.

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6. There remains the question of ultimate disposal of Italian archives after exploitation is complete, and on that point I wish to repeat in general terms what I have said in para. 2 above regarding the Mussolini papers - that, short of over-riding military or political objections, they may finally be handed over to the Italian Government.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

/s/ G.R. Upjohn, Brig.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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" July 1943

Subject: Archives of Ministries evacuated from Rome to the Regions of Lombardia and Venezia.

To : Regional Commissioners, LOMBARDIA and VENEZIA Regions.

1. The Italian Government has at present under consideration the question of the transfer to Rome of ministerial archives evacuated to LOMBARDIA and VENETIA Regions during 1943-44, and remaining there, either in offices still functioning or in deposits. A complete register of each office and deposit has now been compiled.

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2. I attach copy of a letter that I have addressed to the Italian Prime Minister on this subject, and to which I am awaiting a reply. In the meantime, however, it appears likely that transfer will be arranged along the following lines:-

a. Each Ministry concerned will prepare a list of those archives most urgently required in Rome, and will also despatch north one or two commissioners to examine precise requirements for eventual complete evacuation.

b. Co-ordination of requirements for immediate transfer and also of priorities for bulk transfer will be the responsibility of a single authority.

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3. Pending definite notification of procedure thereafter, no further transfers of archives from the Regions concerned will be allowed to take place, without previous reference to the Education, Fine Arts and Archives Subcommission of this Headquarters.

4. Local removals, made to free premises for other uses, will also be avoided. Where premises housing archives are urgently required for A.M.G. or vital civilian purposes, however, it should be possible to find alternative premises for the archives. This factor will be given due weight

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By Command of the Allied Commander:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: AC/20905/C/4/c/MFAA

4 July 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

As, of course, you yourself know very well, there exist in Northern Italy, the remnants of several departments of the Fascist Republican Government. In some cases a Commissario has been appointed by the Allied Military Government and this official has been charged with the task of liquidating the department.

The appointment is a temporary expedient and it is clearly desirable that it should be brought to an end as early as possible so that the administrative work of these departments be absorbed in the normal channels of your Government. It would appear to me that there are two main headings under which the work of liquidation should be divided:

(a) Archives - It is necessary to make arrangements for the proper packing and transportation of the Government Archives which, at this moment, are located in various places in Northern Italy.

I understand that a meeting was called on 26 June by your Capo di Gabinetto del Presidente del Consiglio and attended by a number of representatives of your Ministries and also by Commendatore Re, your Chief Archivist. I further understand that, at that meeting it was agreed to send to the North a small group of Commissioners to survey the situation and examine the eventual requirements for complete evacuation.

The co-ordination of the requirements of each Ministry would have the attention of Commendatore Re.

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(b) Personal - I would recommend to you that action on similar lines be taken with regard to the personnel of the various Fascist Republican Departments. It may well be that there are minor officials whose training will be valuable and whose position was of such minor importance that, after screening, you may wish to re-employ them.

As at this stage this Commission is very much concerned in the matter, I would be very glad to know that action is in fact being taken as suggested on the Archives and that you will consider action on similar lines regarding personnel. The Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission and the Local Government Sub-Commission are particularly interested and are ready to give every possible assistance.

I am sure it is unnecessary for me to point out the urgency of this and ask you to let me know your intentions so that I may inform all Sub-Commission in this Head-quarters and the Regional Commissioners in the field.

Yours very truly,

/s/ C.R. Upjohn

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The President of the Council of Ministers,
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

11 LUG 1945

Subject: Recovery of documents of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. After the liberation of Northern Italy it was decided, with the concurrence of the Allied Commission, to send from Rome a small Italian Mission with the purpose of locating and recovering the archives of the fascist government.

2. The archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were found at Salò and elsewhere: they consisted of the files formerly in Rome which had been taken to the North of Italy after the Armistice of September 8th. 1943, and of the documents concerning the activities of the fascist Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

3. While part of the material in question has already been forwarded to this Ministry through the courtesy of the Allied Military Authorities, it is reported that the O.S.S. 5th. Army is still in possession of ~~XX~~ certain files, which were examined by them immediately after the liberation of the area. It is understood that the same files are already in Milano and that the O.S.S. are prepared to send them to this Ministry.

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Rome, July 10th. 1945

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1. Current files of the Minister's Cabinet
2. Files of the Political Department
3. Files of the Cypher Department.

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Examined At AFHQ

By a Staff Correspondent

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

GABINETTO

Il 26 giugno 1945, sono stati convocati alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri i rappresentanti di tutti i Dicasteri e dell'Alto Commissariato Aggiunto per l'Epurazione per trattare del recupero degli atti di archivio trasferiti al Nord dallo pseudo governo fascista repubblicano. Assistono i rappresentanti della Commissione Alleata ed il prof. Emilio Re Commissario per gli Archivi del Regno.

Il Vice Capo di Gabinetto, Consigliere di Stato PETRILLI, che assume la Presidenza, accenna all'importanza della questione e all'urgenza di definirla, sia perchè alcune Amministrazioni non sono in grado di attendere al proprio lavoro in difetto di atti e documenti indispensabili, sia perchè grave è il pericolo che il materiale archivistico possa subire esportazioni o distruzioni.

D'altronde il problema è piuttosto complesso, trattandosi di reperire gli atti nei diversi luoghi in cui sono stati depositati, concentrarli in uno o pochi locali idonei, prepararli con adatte operazioni di imballaggio alla spedizione e, infine, trasportarli a Roma.

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DONATI) invitato ad illustrare tale proposta negli effetti pratici cui è
preordinata, spiega che l'Alto Commissariato non ha difficoltà a consen-
tire che venga subito trasferito a Roma il materiale che riguarda il la-
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Roma potrebbero essere trasportati, se pure con speciali garanzie e cau-
tele e in colli particolarmente contraddistinti o, come egli si esprime,

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"fuori sacco", per essere esaminati con priorità dall'Alto Commissariato per l'Epurazione; quelli del personale trasferitosi al seguito dello pseudo governo repubblicano e dei funzionari in servizio nelle sedi settentrionali dovrebbe restare sul posto per essere ivi esaminato, nell'ambiente stesso in cui si svolse l'attività del funzionario, e ciò anche nella previsione che - a suo dire - il giudizio di epurazione nei riguardi dei predetti funzionari possa essere effettuato al Nord. Lo stesso trattamento dovrebbero subire gli archivi dei Gabinetti. Per effettuare queste operazioni, un rappresentante dell'Alto Commissariato per l'Epurazione dovrebbe seguire i funzionari delle singole Amministrazioni che verranno incaricati del trasferimento degli atti.

A questo riguardo il rappresentante del Ministero dell'Interno osserva che la posizione dei funzionari ai fini dell'epurazione si rileva non solo dai fascicoli personali, ma anche, e sopratutto dalle ordinarie pratiche dell'ufficio, onde non gioverebbe all'intento dell'Alto Commissariato, il lasciare al Nord le sole pratiche personali. Viene inoltre prospettato il pericolo che rappresenta per la conservazione e l'integrità degli atti il fatto della loro ulteriore permanenza al Nord, dato che sono affidati alla custodia delle stesse persone che, compromesse per avere seguito il Governo illegittimo ed avergli prestata collaborazione, sono le più interessate ad alterarne la consistenza. Lo stesso rappresentante affaccia qualche dubbio sulla possibilità di far svolgere il procedimento di epurazione al Nord, sia perchè molti dei funzionari hanno abbandonato la residenza, sia perchè, dipartendosi dal sistema della Commissione unica per il personale di ogni singola Amministrazione, si verrebbe a mancare quella unicità di criterio, che costituisce una evi-

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Il prof. Re aggiunge alcune considerazioni d'ordine tecnico, avvertendo, che per diretta conoscenza, che gli atti e documenti da recuperare si trovano sparsi in moltissimi uffici, che hanno sede precaria in edifici pubblici (scuole, befetrofi, ecc.) che devono al più presto essere restituiti alla loro normale destinazione. Tanto più che si avverteno pressioni locali, più o meno controllabili, per la restituzione di detti immobili, il che dà adito al timore che le carte possano andar disperse o distrutte in seguito ad irruzioni o manifestazioni violente. Accenna

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altresì che, poichè le operazioni di trasporto dovranno auspicabilmente effettuarsi nella buona stagione, il poco tempo disponibile non consentirà di procedere all'esame sopraluogo delle carte, alla scelta preventiva, ecc. ma sarà appena sufficiente alle operazioni di imballaggio vere e proprie.

Il Cons. PETRILLI dà quindi lettura della lettera del Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici del 2 corrente dal quale risulta, sia la urgenza di disporre per il lavoro ordinario delle pratiche esistenti al Nord, sia l'impossibilità di far svolgere al Nord i giudizi di epurazione dato che (anche in esecuzione di un'ordinanza del Prefetto di Venezia che ingiunge loro di lasciare la città entro il 30 giugno) i funzionari stanno tornando a Roma, circostanza questa comune al personale di tutte le Amministrazioni che, non sentendosi più legalmente vincolate a mantenersi in sede, abbandona gli uffici per far ritorno alla precedente residenza.

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- dal rappresentante del Ministero dell'Aeronautica:

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- dal rappresentante del Ministero dell'Agricoltura:

che i fascicoli del personale esistente al Nord, riguardano unicamente i funzionari trasferitisi al seguito dello pseudo governo fascista, mentre tutti gli altri atti trovansi a Roma;

- dal rappresentante del Ministero dei Trasporti:

che tutto l'Archivio del personale delle FF.SS. è stato trattenuto a Roma, mentre al Nord è stata spedita una semplice copia del fascicolo degli impiegati che hanno seguito il governo repubblicano. Comunque, tale materiale è stato già raccolto e preparato per la spedizione.

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Anche l'Ispettorato della Motorizzazione civile e dei trasporti in concessione, ha spedito i soli atti del personale trasferitosi a Verona.

- dal rappresentante del Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione:

che è molta sentita la necessità di disporre al più presto degli atti allontanati dalla propria sede e che trovansi attualmente sparsi in otto diverse località, in ambienti requisiti e di cui viene reclamata la restituzione. La custodia è in atto affidata al Commissario destinatovi dal C.L.N.A.I. Un modesto quantitativo di atti di particolare urgenza e delicatezza, è stato già riportato a Roma;

- dal rappresentante del Ministero delle Finanze:

che sono stati spediti al Nord tutti i fascicoli del personale dell'Amministrazione centrale (tranne quelli degli impiegati a riposo) e delle sedi provinciali a settentrione di Roma. Tale situazione è comune all'Amministrazione del Tesoro, che, all'epoca del trasporto degli atti formava tutt'uno con quella delle Finanze. Il rappresentante del Tesoro raccomanda vivamente che siano restituiti con assoluta precedenza gli atti relativi al Debito Pubblico, alla Cassa Depositi e Prestiti e alle Pensioni di Guerra;

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- dal rappresentante del Ministero della Guerra;

che pochi fascicoli riguardanti il personale trovansi al Nord e di essi è qui conservato il duplicato.

Viene anche avvertito che, mentre una parte del materiale è stata artatamente data alle fiamme, il rimanente è stato già raccolto a Monza ed imballato per la spedizione;

- dal rappresentante del Ministero delle Poste e Telecomunicazioni:

che sono stati trattenuti a Roma tutti i fascicoli del personale, tranne i rapporti informativi che, per esigenze di servizio, dovrebbero essere al

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più presto recuperati e restituiti;

- dal rappresentante del Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici:
che tutti i fascicoli del personale trovansi tuttora a Venezia in locali ora occupati da militari, il cui comportamento risulterà gravemente pregiudizievole alla conservazione degli atti, se non si provvede al più presto a metterli in salvo;

- dal rappresentante del Ministero dell'Industria Commercio e Lavoro:
che i fascicoli del personale sono tutti a Bergamo e si desidera di averne al più presto la disponibilità.

Avuto così un quadro della situazione del personale e del materiale presso le sedi del Nord, il Cons. PETRILLI invita l'avv. DONATI ad esporre il proprio punto di vista conclusivo.

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privare addirittura le singole Amministrazioni del possesso dei loro atti a favore dell'Alto Commissariato.

In ciò è indubbiamente una innovazione ed una contraddizione colle disposizioni vigenti, le quali prevedono che siano le stesse Amministrazioni a fornire agli organi di epurazione le notizie ed elementi in loro possesso ed a comunicare, se richieste, ogni altra informazione e documento.

D'altronde l'azione cautelare dell'Alto Commissariato appare per lo meno superflua, perchè tardiva, in quanto che, dato il tempo trascorso dallo sfacelo del regime mussoliniano, gli interessati hanno ben avuto agio di portare a compimento eventuali propositi di alterazione e soppressione di atti; ciò sarà invece impossibile - e nessun dubbio può esistere in proposito - da quando i documenti ritornino nel possesso delle rispettive Amministrazioni.

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Anche il Prof.RE fa presente che è assolutamente preferibile un trasporto globale di atti, che non uno frammentario o parziale per le evidenti difficoltà di custodia, trasporto ecc.

Per quanto più particolarmente attiene al trasporto, si conviene che per il momento non può essere effettuata la spedizione di tutta la massa

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Viene anche richiamata l'attenzione dei convenuti sul problema inerente al collocamento degli archivi che saranno restituiti, dato che molti Ministeri hanno perduto in tutto od in parte la propria sede od accusano una diminuita disponibilità di locali per la creazione di uffici nuovi, ecc.

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4 July 1945

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As at this stage this Commission is very much concerned in the matter, I would be very glad to know that action is in fact being taken as suggested on the Archives and that you will consider action on similar lines regarding personnel. The Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission and the Local Government Sub-Commission are particularly interested and are ready to give every possible assistance.

I am sure it is unnecessary for me to point out the urgency of this and ask you to let me know your intentions so that I may inform all Sub-Commissions in this Headquarters and the Regional Commissioners in the field.

Yours very truly,

C.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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20905/C/4/c/MFAA 28 June 1945

Subject : Records of Italian Ministry of Popular Culture.

To : ADD, PWB, AFHQ.

1. It is understood that P.W.B. is at present holding the complete records of the former Italian Ministry of Popular Culture. These are in part in ROME, in part at VENICE.

2. It would be appreciated if you would notify the Allied Commission what arrangements have been made for the return of these records to the Italian Government, and when this is likely to take place.

3. Could this please be treated as a matter of urgency.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 489081, ext. 442 & 254; 478430)

20905/C/4/c/MFAA 27 June 1945

Subject: Notes on Situation with Regard to Ministerial Archives in North.

To : Vice President, CA Section.

Meeting held 1800 hrs. 26 June, called by Capo di Gabinetto del Presidente del Consiglio. Twenty or thirty representatives of ministries and Commendatore Re, Chief Government Archivist. Purpose, to agree procedure for return of ministerial archives from north. Following agreed:

1. Submission by Ministries of categories of archives urgently desired in Rome for which special and early transport arrangements will be needed.

2. A small group of commissioners to be sent north to survey situation and examine practical requirements for eventual complete evacuation to Rome, such as packing, bulk etc. The basic information for this is already being prepared.

3. Coordination of ministerial requirements by a Committee in Rome under Comm. Re.

Pending notification of procedure as a result of 1. no records should be allowed to leave the north as result of unilateral action by ministry.

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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
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20905/A/2/1FAA 22 June 1945

Subject: G-2 Exploitation of Archives.

To : VP, CA Section

1. The modern Administrative Archives of Italy, removed to the north in 1943, are scattered in a great number of scattered deposits, mainly in LOMBARDIA and VENETO. Loss from deliberate destruction has been slight; and damage due to occupation by troops limited to a very few instances near Lake Garda, which are now in hand. The general condition is good, thanks in no little degree to vigorous patriot action.

2. The only cause of uneasiness is the conditions of exploitation of some of these archives by G-2. Under the terms of AFHQ Intelligence Instruction No. 38 of 4 June 44 all documents removed for exploitation pass eventually to G-2 Document Section AFHQ. During the initial phases this procedure was amplified by initial registration with Advanced Document Section G-2 at Hq. S-Forces. This registration, though not always observed and in almost all cases summary ("two truck-loads of documents"), has afforded a useful control.

3. It has been hoped that, prior to the dissolution of S-Forces, all important repositories would be under guard. This intention was defeated by the unexpected multiplicity of repositories. All are under organized Italian supervision, but there is no guarantee against Allied misuse other than the observance of AFHQ instructions and the vigilance of the [illegible] Archives officers of the Subcommission. 1755

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a. That AFHQ enforce strictly the regulation that all documents taken for exploitation pass through G-2 Document Section and in no case leave the theatre through any other channel.

b. That, if practicable, subordinate G-2 agencies be required to register locally all documents removed.

c. That policy be declared as to the eventual disposal of the documents siezed. It is the opinion of this Subcommission that, subject to overriding military or political objections, all such documents should in principle be destined for eventual return, after exploitation, to the Italian Government.

5. Archives Officer, LOMBARDIA, has reported personally on the matter to this Subcommission, and an extract of his report of 1 June to Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA, is appended. He has been requested to furnish forthwith a list of specific instances of mishandling known to himself.

Ernest T. De Wald
ERNEST T. DE WALD
Lt.Col., Spec.Res.
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EXCERPT FROM Monthly Report of Archives Officer, LOMBARDIA Region,

dated 1 June 1945

3. Problems in regard to archives of the Ministries.

The appointment by the Regional Commissioner of Receivers for the various ministries and other government agencies has done much to solve the problem of taking care of the records and will make detailed reports on them by 30 June 1945. The Italian government presumably will use these reports to make detailed plans for transporting the records to Rome. The Italians have done an excellent job in safeguarding these records and the losses appear to have been small. The real problems arise when Allied troops move in and requisition buildings housing the records. The Archives Officer will continue to give special attention to deposits in villages on the shores of Lago di Garda. Apparently nothing can be done at the moment in regard to the vast amount of records carried off by innumerable intelligence and semi-intelligence agencies. Some definite policy should be determined for handling these records, great masses of which obviously have no permanent intelligence value. The Allied Nations might remind themselves at this point of the fact that they have been extremely critical of the Germans when they carried off contents of art galleries, museums, libraries, and archives. Their intelligence agencies should be careful not to do the same thing in Italy.

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/s/ William D. McCain

/t/ William D. McCain
Capt., CAC
Archives Officer,
Lombardia Region.

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RC/2159

27 June 1945

SUBJECT: Police Documents in Northern Italy.

TO : Civil Affairs Section, Hq AC

1. A Receiver has been appointed for the Ministry of Interior which existed in Northern Italy. The Receiver is making an inventory of all documents in his possession and a report will be made to this Headquarters at the end of the month.

2. Before the formation of the new government, there was fear in Northern Italy in turning over documents which contained so much about the fascist past of many people. I am sure that this fear will be dissolved now.

3. For this reason, it would be well for the Director General of Public Security to clear with the President of Council before attempting to take over the documents in Northern Italy.

Maurice F. Neufeld

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Captain, QMC
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RC/2161

27 June 1945

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SUBJECT: Disposition of Archives of Ministries in North Italy.

TO : Executive Commissioner, Eq Allied Commission.

1. Captain William D. McCain, Regional Archivist, has submitted a report to the Regional Commissioner, and also to MFAA, Allied Commission, concerning this subject. The proposal is sufficiently important to bring to your personal attention.

2. The archives of the Ministries are scattered all the way from Milan to Venezia. For example, the records of the Director General of Public Security alone fill some 4,000 packing cases. Various officials from the Ministries in Rome have been coming into Northern Italy to make use of records or to attempt to carry them back to Rome.

3. In order to avoid confusion, the Italian Government should immediately set up a committee or agency to coordinate the activities of the Italian Government officials who come up to exploit or transport these records. Furthermore, the government in Rome should seriously consider setting aside a large building in Rome and concentrate in it all of the archives brought back from Northern Italy. Much of the material is historic, and could be the beginning of a National Archives for Italy.

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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
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Subject: Ministerial Archives in the North.

To : VP CA Section.

1. Following report from MFAA Officer, LOMBARDIA and conversation with Comm. Re, Commissario agli Archivi del Regno it is now possible to summarize the position in respect of modern ministerial archives in the north.

2. The bulk is enormous and individual groups very scattered. The archives of Public Safety alone comprise 4,000 metres in 4 separate deposits. Those of the Interior are in 15 separate deposits in the neighbourhood of MILANO.

3. Thanks to effective action by C.M.F.A.A.I. the condition is generally good. Deposits are mainly in Italian charge. The two exceptions are a) archives stored in buildings since occupied by troops, notably those on the shores of Lake Garda b) archives exploited by G-2, who have removed large quantities of material. MFAA Archives Officer, LOMBARDIA, is tackling these two problems.

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a. There will not be physically room in many of the ministries for the evacuated archives, thanks to new developments and accretions.

b. Many of the archives will have ceased to be administrative and will have become historical. This is notably true of defunct ministries, but applies in many other cases too. Comm. Re is proposing the establishment of a single great deposit comparable to the British Record Office or the American National Archives.

7. A possible exception to the above stand-fast policy is the Archives of the Ministry of the Interior. For reasons outlined in the attached report by MFAA Archives Officer LOMBARDIA Region, it may be desirable to concentrate these provisionally for safe-keeping.

8. A copy of Comm. Re's informal report to this S/C is also appended.

for the Director:

J.H. [illegible]
Lt.Col. R.A.
D/Director

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LOMBARDIA Region, attn. Archives Officer (Capt. McCain).
EMILIA Region, attn. Archives Officer (Major Bell).

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LOMBARDIA REGION
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Subject : Concentration in MILANO of Archives of the Ministero dell'Interno.

To : Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region.

1. The Archives Officer, at the request of Major E.C.Bateman Deputy Provincial Commissioner, MILANO Province, discussed with Conte Annoni di Gussola Pier Maria, Deputy Commissioner for the Ministero dell'Interno, plans for concentrating all the archives of the Ministero dell'Interno now in north Italy. The plan of Dr.Emilio Zereni,Commissioner (Receiver) for the Ministero dell'Interno, and the Deputy Commissioner (appointees of the Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region) is to requisition a building in MILANO and to transport to it all the records of the Ministero dell'Interior that can be found in north Italy. There the records will be under constant guard until such time as they can be carried back to ROME. The request for the building had been made to the MILANO Provincial Commissioner.

2. The records of the Ministero dell'Interno that are scattered in various buildings in and near BRESCIA certainly should be concentrated. The Archives Officer noted on June 5 that the villa he had inspected on May 31 at TREPONTI had been taken over as a post office by an American army unit. Other records may be in danger from carelessness or from the requisitioning of buildings. The great mass of records in VALDAGNO (some 1200 boxes) would probably be safer under guard in MILANO. The wisdom of transporting the deposits in VENEZIA, which comprise some 2,800 to 3,000 boxes might be questioned. The Deputy Commissioner stated that no request for transportation would be made to the Allied Military Government, but that a request might be made for guards to accompany the records on their trip to MILANO.

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Copies to:
MFAA, Allied Commission.
Archives Officer, MILLA Region,
DPC, MILANO Province.

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Informal Report by Comm. Re on problem of Ministerial Archives in the north and their retransfer to Rome

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Riservandomi di inviare copia della particolareggiata relazione che sto preparando del mio viaggio in Alta Italia 28 maggio - 4 giugno, credo opportuno, come richiesto, di anticipare qui appresso quelle che possono essere le conclusioni.

Premetto che prima ancora della caduta del Governo Repubblicano, erano state stabilite intese, fra il C.L.N.A.I. e il personale dei vari Ministeri e degli altri organi centrali dello stato trasferiti in Alta Italia, per tutelare il materiale dei varii uffici e segnatamente dei rispettivi archivi.

In altre parole alcuni del personale erano gia' stati nominati fiduciari del C.N.L.A.I., e seguitano ancora a esercitare il medesimo compito, con la sola variante che la loro posizione e' stata poi ovunque normalizzata, e nel territorio della 5 Armata il Commissario Provinciale per la Lombardia, col. Poletti, ha nominato un consegnatario per ogni Ministero.

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Alla fine del mese corrente, o ai primi del prossimo, ambedue gli Ufficiali Alleati che stanno ora eseguendo il riscontro dei singoli depositi nei rispettivi territori - il Maggiore Bell per l'8 armata, il Cap. McCain per la 5 - verranno in Roma e coi dati ch'essi saranno in grado di fornire, sara' allora possibile formulare in maniera definitiva il piano "unico e organico" cui abbiamo accennato innanzi. Piano che, per ragioni ovvie, e' augurabile possa essere attuato tutto nella buona stagione, e prima delle piogge autunnali.

Il trasporto potra' essere eseguito col concorso dei funzionari italiani rimasti sul posto, secondo un ordine di precedenza che dovra' essere stabilito, non secondo le indicazioni e le insistenze delle singole amministrazioni, ma in conformita' di quanto potra' stabilire - d'accordo con le Autorita' Alleate - la stessa Presidenza del Consiglio, che avra' come proprio organo il Commissario per gli Archivi.

Intanto due questioni preliminari vanno pure affrontate e risolte. Quella delle casse indispensabili per il trasporto degli atti, quella dell'edificio che dovra' in Roma ricevere e conservare, al ritorno, gli atti medesimi.

Per quel che si riferisce alle casse, ci deve far rilevare anzitutto che difficilmente si puo' sperare di eseguire ordinatamente un trasporto cosi' rilevante di atti d'archivio, senza la disponibilita' di un numero adeguato di casse. Ora la maggior parte di quelle adoperate per il viaggio di andata - da Roma al Nord d'Italia,- o sono andate perdute, o sono state variamente utilizzate in loco per la costruzione di scaffalature, assiti, tramezzi e cosi' via. Bisognera' quindi provvedere alla requisizione, o alla costruzione di altre casse per il viaggio di ritorno. Cosa non impossibile, e ne' pure forse difficile in regioni situate, per la maggior parte, a pie' dei monti e ricche quindi di boschi e di legname; ma che richiedera' anch'essa ad ogni modo un certo spazio di tempo.

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Essi non hanno ormai - almeno per la maggior parte - che un valore storico, e come tali vanno senz'altro inseriti e gelosamente conservati nell'Archivio del Regno: e cioe' nell'Istituto che in Italia corrisponde a quello che in Inghilterra e' il Record Office e in America i National Archives.

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A I D E M E M O I R E

1 Under the Fascist Republican Government certain functions were carried out from the central Ministry and were not decentralised to Provinces. Examples are Finance, Industry, Agriculture, State Railways, Public Works and Public Safety.

2 It is not desirable, or even possible, for Allied Military Government to dissolve these departments immediately. To attempt to do so would create administrative chaos.

3 In several cases a Commissario has been appointed and the department is operating under his direction.

4 It is desired that these departments should be dissolved, and their functions taken over by the Government, as quickly as possible. Although that wish cannot be fulfilled entirely until the territory is handed back to the Italian Government, the period of Allied Military Government can be used to make the necessary preperations.

5 It is recommended that the Italian Government send to Milan, at the earliest possible date, a Commission to discuss this matter with the CINAI.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Ministries in the North

TO: Executive Commissioner.

1 When visiting Milan I had a long discussion with Longhi, now head of the ~~Functional~~ Financial section of the CLNAI, with regard to the continued existence of the ex-Fascist Ministries in the North.

2 Longhi pointed out that under the Fascist Republican Government certain functions had been carried out from the central Ministry and had not been decentralised to Provinces. He gave as examples, matters of Finance, Industry, Agriculture, State Railways, Public Works, Public Safety and Sequestration of enemy property. The problem did not apply with regard to such Ministries as Interior, War, Justice and Foreign Affairs.

3 He pointed out that in the interests of good administration it was very desirable that these Ministries should have, for a limited period, a continued existence. He himself was acting as Commissario of the ex-Fascist Ministry of Finance although not officially appointed as such. 1746

4 Longhi suggested that it would be very desirable for a Commission appointed by the Italian Government to go up to Milan from Rome at the earliest possible moment in order to discuss the future of these Ministries and their absorbtion at the earliest possible date into the Central Rome administration.

5 I believe his proposition to be sound. There are many reasons of convenience in the administration of the North for the continuance for a limited period, of some of the functions of the ex-Fascist Ministries, but it is equally obvious that such continued functions can only be carried out under the direction of the Rome Government.

6 Difficulties have already arisen. For instance, the CLNAI appointed guards over the Archives of the various Ministries and in at least one case (Public Safety) have refused to hand over such Archives to representatives of the Government from Rome; the reason given in this case being, however, that the Government had had the ill-taste to send up an ex-member of OVRA to take over the Archives.

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7 In an endeavour to solve these difficulties, Col. Poletti has in one or two cases, e.g. Director of State Fire Services, appointed a Commissario to take over the functions of the ex-Fascist department dealing with such services.

8 The question effects all Sub-Commissions and must be handled at the highest level. I agree with the recommendations of Longhi and recommend that the Chief Commissioner approach the Prime Minister with a view to sending to Milan at the earliest possible date a Commission to discuss this matter with the CLNAI and to provide for the absorbtion at the earliest possible moment into the Central Government, the functions still being carried out in the North by the ex-Fascist Ministries.

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