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APO 394

Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
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18 June 1945

Subject: Whereabouts of Director, Archivio di Stato, GENOVA.

To : AFMA Officer, LIGURIA Region.

Comandatore He has asked us to pass this to you with the request that you would be so kind as to enquire whether ^{there} is any truth in the rather alarming rumour therein.

For the Director:

Ward Perkins

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

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Letter of Comm. Re, 15 June 45.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION
APO 394

Ref: Lig/MFA/10

8 June 1945

SUBJECT: Field Inspection Trip.

TO : Director, Sub/Com. MFAA, Hq., A.C., APO 394.

1. An inspection trip was made on the 6 and 7 June with the Superintendent of Monuments and the Assistant Superintendent of Galleries.
2. CHIAVARI (Gen.): no appreciable damage to local monuments or to those in vicinity.
3. LERICI (Spez.): not visited but the Honorary Inspector of La Spezia reported no damage to monuments.
4. LEVANTO (Spez.): not visited but the Honorary Inspector of La Spezia reported no damage to monuments.
5. PORTOVENERE (Spez.): no damage and especially the Churches of S. Pietro and S. Lorenzo intact.
6. SARZANA (Spez.):
 - a. Cathedral: the roof and coffered ceiling damaged by shell fire in several places but very little internal damage. The Genio Civile of La Spezia have already begun repairs on the roof.
 - b. S. Francesco: the external roof damaged by shell fire; no internal damage. Arrangements made with the Genio Civile of La Spezia to repair roof.
 - c. Municipal Palace: slightly damaged but not serious.
 - d. No appreciable damage to other monuments.
7. RAPALLO (Gen.):
 - a. Collegiata of S. Martino: right aisle sheared off by bombs; no need of immediate attention.
 - b. No appreciable damage to other monuments.
8. LA SPEZIA (Spez.):
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- b. Comunal Library: undamaged and Archives safe in Brugnato. ✓

- c. The entire city seriously damaged but all other monuments of minor importance and all objects and archives safe.

9. ZOAGLI (Gen.):

- a. Parish Church of S. Martino: facade, adjacent nave and part of cupola completely destroyed. An attempt will be made to close off and protect the remainder of the building.

For the Regional Commissioner:

/s/ Paul Gardner
/t/ Paul GARDNER

Lt. Col., A.U.S.

Regional Fine Arts Officer.

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Ref: Lic/MFA/4

13 May 1945

Subject: Report on Inspection of Monuments in Genoa Proper.

To : Director, Sub/Com., MFAA, Hq., A.G., APO 394.

1. Palazzo Doria Pamphili: direct hits by many bombs; one wing of arcade completely destroyed; direct hit on Neptune Fountain; roof hit in many places. Hall of Doges and several of rooms decorated by Perin del Vaga badly damaged. Superintendency for Monuments has done much protective work, temporary covering of roof to prevent leaking and the shoring of walls. Hit by artillery fire during liberation but little additional damage.

2. SS. Annunziata: badly damaged in several bombings; outer left wall and series of chapels completely destroyed and open to sky; end of apse demolished. Superintendency for Monuments has repaired right outer wall, rebuilt apse and erected a small, inadequate roof over left aisle and repaired nave roof. Imperative that left wall and roof be rebuilt at once as all frescoes suffering from exposure. All fragments of marbles have been recovered and segregated and church closed.

3. S. Siro: left corner of facade and part of left wall demolished; direct hit on chapel to left of apse demolished cupola. Superintendency for Monuments has repaired roof, rebuilt corner of facade and a small section of roof over damaged chapel. Imperative that this part of roof and cupola be rebuilt to prevent further damage. All fragments of marbles have been recovered and segregated and work of assembling them in progress.

4. Palazzo Bertr-Campanella: roof and piano nobile almost entirely ruined and upper part of facade. The Sala d'Oro a complete loss; some rooms on mezzanine have been protected by work on pavement of piano nobile and some ceilings have been removed. No need of immediate action.

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4. Palazzo Serra-Campanella: roof and piano nobile almost entirely ruined and upper part of facade. The Sala d'Oro a complete loss; some rooms on mezzanine have been protected by work on pavement of piano nobile and some ceilings have been removed. No need of immediate action.

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6. Palazzo Branca-Doria: roof burned and interior damaged. No protective measures needed and some attention to walls imperative.

7. Palazzo Lamba-Doria: roof and entire interior completely burned out and only shell of walls remains. Imperative that extensive work be carried out to prevent entire collapse of this historically and artistically important building.

8. Palazzo Brancalione-Doria: roof burned and some interior damage but no need of immediate attention.

9. S. Matteo and Cloisters: very little damaged and functioning as church.

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10. Loggia dei Banchi: roof and entire interior completely burned out and only walls standing. No need of immediate attention.
11. S. Pietro dei Banchi: direct hit destroyed part of facade and fore part of nave roof. Immediate attention needed to prevent further disintegration of this important church.
12. S. Maria delle Vigne: damage to roof has been repaired. Large window openings should be closed to prevent further damage to frescoes from exposure.
13. S. Stefano (old): direct hit destroyed right half of facade, part of right wall and all of roof. Apsse, chevet and campanile not hit but work needed to reinforce them. Superintendency for Monuments has published work on possible later reconstruction.
14. S. Stefano (new): almost a complete loss, only parts of walls standing. Have doubt if it can ever be restored.
15. S. Lorenzo (Cathedral): small damage and functioning as church.
16. Palazzo Bianco: front half of palace severely damaged, roof, upper walls and half of facade demolished. No work carried out. An extensive project of rebuilding outer walls and a protective roof must be carried out at once or this more important part of the building will be a complete loss.
17. S. Donato: roof damaged but outer walls and campanile intact. Building has been walled up so that entrance is not possible and it is not considered that immediate attention is necessary.
18. S. Agostino (Museum): bomb damage to main roof has been repaired but roof of left aisle needs attention. One side of unique triangular cloister demolished and project necessary to recover fragments of columns and capitals.
19. Palazzo S. Giorgio: almost completely burned out and only outer walls standing. Some recovery of sculpture has been carried. Does not need immediate attention. 2753
20. S. Maria di Carignano: bomb hit on left outer wall did damage to roof and chapel. Immediate attention needed to prevent further deterioration from leaking.
21. S. Salvatore: roof entirely destroyed. Church is of secondary importance and does not need immediate attention.
22. S. Silvestro: almost completely destroyed and no attention seems advisable.
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24. SS. Cosimo e Damiano: left outer wall damaged but has been repaired.

25. Palazzo Rosso: roof was completely burned and has been repaired in part. Project suspended because of lack of funds and it is imperative to complete these to prevent further damage from leaking.

26. Oratorio di Coronata: a near-by bomb hit has caused the right outer wall to bulge in ward. Immediate attention is imperative to prevent the collapse of this wall and the entire frescoed ceiling.

27. Building of State Archives: no appreciable damage although r. of leaks. All archives removed to repositories.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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LIGURIA REGION
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Ref: Lig/MFA/2

7 May 1945

Subject: Preliminary Report of MFAA Officer, Liguria Region.

To : Director, Sub/Com. MFAA, Hq, A.C., APO 394.

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4. Archives: Both Prof. Perroni and Dr. Grosso state that no important archives in the Region have been lost as far as they know. All important papers were removed to repositories and are presumably safe. This will be verified in later checking.

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