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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(T.L. 439081, art. 442 & 254; 478.80)

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Director General for Antiquities
and Fine Arts - Ministry of
Public Instruction -

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Subject: Objects from the VARETO sent to
the Mostra del '500 ToscanoReference is made to the attached letter from Superintendent Moschini
of VERONA (Prot. 532, dated 3 July 45).May a report on the present whereabouts and condition of the 4 paintings
and 3 sculptures in question please be forwarded in triplicate to this of-
fice. One copy would then be passed to the MPAA Officer, VENEZIA Region for
Superintendent Moschini.From inventories in our possession it is established that the four
paintings were in the deposit in the Castello di PUPATTO, whence it
seems they have been returned to FLORENCE. A not fully exhaustive search
through the inventories reveals no trace of the 3 sculptures.E. T. De Sald
RUGERT T. DE SALT
Lt. Col., Spec. Res.
Director.

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

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Reference: 20905/D/MFAA

SUBJECT: Tour by Mr. Hilary Jenkinson C.B.E.,
Archives Advisor to the War Office.

TO : Director; MFAA Subcommission.

Undersigned left this Headquarters on 30th June 1945 to accompany Mr. Hilary Jenkinson on a six-day tour of archival repositories in Northern Italy. The following visits were made, nos. 1. and 2. in the company of Commendatore Re, Commissary of State Archives.

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Mr. Jenkinson's visit was timed to coincide with the reopening of the Sala di Mostre of the Archivio, to which there has been added a new, and very fine, exhibition of Senese bindings.

2. FLORENCE (Professor Panella, Director; Dr. Bertini, Vice-Director; Dr. Camerani; Dr. De Robertis.) 5338

It is a matter for regret that it has not been found possible to implement the recommendations successively made by Major Ellis, Capt. Brooke and Major Bell for the repair of the roof of the Archivio di Stato. This has made impossible the return of two important deposits to this Archivio as well as, to some extent, endangering records actually in the repository.

One deposit (at the Villa di Soli, GALLIANO) was visited. Conditions there were not unsatisfactory. The villa's occupation by Allied troops had necessitated re-stacking of archives in one of the four rooms used in order to make a passage to a lavatory. This had been carried out carefully, however, and all evidence is that the archives were respected. In one other room conditions were a little domestic, with a hen sitting out her eggs in the midst of the archives; the custode readily agreed not to use this room for any purpose other than archive storage - though once again it must be said that no harm has come to the records.

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3. BOLOGNA (Comendatore Mascelli, Director; Prof. Cencetti)

Re-ordering of the Archivio di Stato is proceeding satisfactorily, with the additional assistance of Dr. Neppi, recently appointed to this repository. Undersigned handed to Comendatore Mascelli an outline survey of conditions in archive repositories within his Superintendency; this survey was made on the basis of MFAA inspections.

4. PADOVA (Dr. Bettini, Director of Museum)

Deposits of the Archivio Comunale have not yet been brought back from PRAGLIA, but there are understood to be good.

The Ministry of Public Instruction has commenced removal of its archives from HQ., VENEZIA Region - an example of the piecemeal transfer of archives of this character which the Commissary of State Archives is most anxious to avoid. The representative of the Ministry was instructed that he must provide himself with written authority from the Ministry before making further transfers.

5. VENEZIA (Comendatore Ronga, Director)

Conditions in the most important Archivio di Stato are excellent, and the Director hopes soon to commence restoration to their proper shelves of documents formerly placed for safety on the ground-floor or in deposits in the city. Undersigned has consulted Provincial Finance Officer, VENEZIA, and on his advice instructed Comendatore Ronga to submit to the Prefect an estimate of the cost of this work; this Comendatore Ronga has done.

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SUBJECT: Attached Statement.

TO: Allied Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.
(Attn: MPAA)

The attached statement is forwarded for your information and
disposition.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

THOMAS G. YOUNG, JR.,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
Assistant G-2.

Incl:-
Statement regarding paintings

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