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Dear Mr. Kirk:

With further reference to your letter of October 6 with respect to a proposed royal labor Decree, which appears to have come to the attention of the State Department, and supplementing my letter to you of 12 October, I forward herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Antolini dated 13 October, which I believe is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

HILBERT W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk
U.S. Representative to the
Advisory Council for Italy
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Rome

1 Encl: Ltr, 13 Oct, from Mr. Antolini

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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13 October 1944

SUBJECT: Proposed Royal Labor Decree

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

1. Reference is made to letter from Ambassador Kirk dated 5 October 1944 addressed to you requesting that no further action be taken regarding a possible Royal Decree on Labor.

2. I am informed by Colonel Smith of the Labor Sub-Commission that during the month of September 1944 and up to the present date, there had been no legislative proposals before the Allied Control Commission from the Italian Government concerning either the establishment of Labor Offices or the Regulation of Trade Unions, and industrial relations, such as was contemplated by proposed Draft Decree submitted by previous Minister De Napoli and subsequently considered by both Minister Gronchi and ACC. Although these matters were under active consideration until the arrival of General O'Dwyer, no important discussions have occurred since that time.

3. With reference to Italian recognition of Labor Offices (which is a part of the originally proposed Labor Decree) Minister Gronchi agreed sometime ago to submit a Draft Decree before 15 October, which would give legal recognition to the Regional and Provincial Labor Offices now existing under General Order No.28 and previous Orders of Allied Military Government. No definite agreement has been reached as to the exact form of the proposal. However, the Minister has freely and repeatedly declared himself to be in accord with the Labor Offices similar to those existing under General Orders.

4. Regarding the formation of legal recognition and relationship to the State of Trade Unions (which subject is another important consideration in the proposed Labor Law)

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the Minister has declared he intends to take no immediate action in the syndical field until the Northern part of Italy is liberated so that the opinions of industrial workers in that area may be considered.

5. With reference to the abolition of Fascist Confederations (which is a basic principle laid down by ACC Government) the Draft Decree submitted by the Ministry on 1 August 1944 has been disapproved twice by the Labor Sub-Commission for lack of legal safeguards for the funds, which will accrue by liquidation processes. A letter of 4 October 1944 prepared and approved by the Legal, Labor and Finance Sub-Commissions and forwarded by the Economic Section, outlines to the Ministry the amendments which would make the Decree acceptable to ACC.

6. From the foregoing recital it will be seen that no pressure is being exercised on the part of ACC with respect to a Royal Decree on labor, and as requested no further action will be taken, to your advices.

/s/ A.G. Antolini

/t/ A.G. ANTOLINI

Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section.

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12 October 1944

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Replying to your letter with reference to the State Department's views on a proposed Labor Decree, the Commission expressed its disapproval of the last decree under consideration, which I imagine is the decree referred to in your letter.

No new Labor Decree is pending.

Very truly yours,

ELLEN W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Labor Sub-Commission
Economic Section
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