

**Folder 2. MR 303 Bombing of Rome and
Declaring Rome an "Open City,"
13 June-20 August 1943.**



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Secretary of State.

After discussing this matter with the British military authorities I consider it inadvisable to reopen the matter at this time.

F.D.R.

Letter to Pope making Rome an open city.

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

5 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Recognition of Rome as an Open City.

The question of declaring Rome an open city has again been discussed by the Joint U. S. Chiefs of Staff with the British Chiefs of Staff. The British Chiefs of Staff are still of the opinion that, from a military point of view, such action is undesirable.

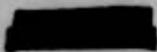
For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

William D. Leahy

WILLIAM D. LEAHY,
Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Chief of Staff to the
Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy.

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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date APR 24 1974



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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

December 5, 1943.

Memorandum for:

Admiral Leahy.

Subject: Recognition of the Open
City Status of Rome.

The President requests that you
discuss this matter with the British.

Respectfully,

Wilson Brown.

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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4 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Recognition of the Open
City Status of Rome.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend approval of the draft letter to the Pope submitted in the attached letter from the Secretary of State.

It should be noted that the forwarding of this letter without the concurrence of the British would constitute unilateral action.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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November 29, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Admiral Leahy.

Referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for their recommendation.

F.D.R.

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Nov. 28, 1943

The Secretary of State
encloses, herewith, a letter
to the Pope for your signature,
recognizing the "open City"
status of Rome.

I recommend reference
to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

W. B. Brown

W.B.

Yrs
W.B.

November 21, 1943

My dear Mr. President:

With reference to Mr. Stettinius' recent conversations with you concerning the open city status of Rome, we have been informed that General Eisenhower has recently submitted his recommendations to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. For important considerations other than military, it is desirable that this Government make a sincere effort to spare Rome to the extent possible the devastation resulting from modern military operations and, in the event an agreement cannot be reached, of placing the burden of refusal upon the Germans.

Consequently, I am submitting a draft letter to the Pope, for your signature if you approve, recognizing the open city status of Rome on the general basis of the conditions outlined by the Italian Government in August last. In considering the communication to the Pope, the War Department suggests that you may wish to consult with the Joint Chiefs of Staff to insure that the military as well as the political aspects

The President,

The White House.

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aspects of the problem are fully examined. The draft communication incorporates, in a satisfactory manner we believe, General Eisenhower's reservations.

Faithfully yours,

Enclosure:

Draft letter.

Your Holiness:

I refer to your letter of July 20 and to subsequent communications from His Eminence, the Cardinal Secretary of State, sent through the American Chargé d'Affaires and the Apostolic Delegate concerning the recognition of Rome as an open city. As Your Holiness is aware, I have shared your deep concern for the safety of our common religious and cultural heritage in Rome and have continued to give the problem of its preservation my earnest thought and attention. The unilateral declaration of the Royal Italian Government on August 14 and the subsequent steps taken by it to make the declaration effective have likewise received the careful consideration of the highest authorities of the United States Government.

I now have pleasure in informing Your Holiness that the decision has been reached to recognize Rome as an open city on the basis of the August declaration of the Royal Italian Government and the subsequent effective conditions, notified through the Holy See, provided the German Government will accord its recognition of Rome as an open city on a similar basis. A copy of the conditions established by the Royal Italian Government, then in force, which this Government has found acceptable, to make the Italian declaration effective, is enclosed for reference.

To avoid possible misinterpretation of these conditions, I should point out that with reference to paragraph 6 the Allied Forces reserve full transit rights through Rome, including railway, highway, and other

related

His Holiness
Pius XII,
State of the Vatican City.

related facilities required for such transit. Since, at the time of the declaration of Rome as an open city in August, the Royal Italian Government was still established there and the conditions, now accepted by this Government, did not anticipate its removal from the Italian capital, it is, of course, assumed that the Royal Italian Government will wish to reestablish itself in Rome.

I can only hope that the tireless efforts of Your Holiness to spare Rome the devastation of modern warfare will prove as successful with the adversary. I shall await with sympathetic interest any information which Your Holiness may in the future be able to communicate to me concerning the results of your approach to the German Government.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosure:

Copy of conditions established by
the Royal Italian Government.

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UNITED STATES FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF
NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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4 December 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretariat, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Subject: Admiral King's action on various matters presented by the Secretariat.

1. Admiral King approves the presentation to the C.C.S. of the enclosure to J.C.S. 615.

2. With regard to J.C.S. 463/4 and 463/5, Admiral King has made the following notation:

"Send to President for consideration recommending approval - pointing out that sending "as is" would be unilateral action unless concurred in by British".

V. D. Long
V. D. LONG

*Approved & made
CES paper*

MEMO

PLAIN

Vatican City

Dated November 6, 1943

Rec'd 4:11 p.m., 7th.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

215, sixth.

My 214, sixth.

Today's *MESSAGGERO* in article entitled "Criminal Air Attack on Vatican City" fails to make specific accusation but states that as result of bombing solution of question of Rome as open city should be no longer delayed. Article concludes "Bombs that fell on Vatican City provoked indignation as well in German circles which had taken all measures to maintain tranquillity of city and above all to guarantee territorial integrity and most absolute respect for neutrality of Vatican State. Last night's air attack represents therefore attempt against plans which German command have demonstrated that they wish to carry out with regard to city and the Holy See."

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Joint Chiefs of Staff

November 2, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
FREEDOM, ALGIERS

Number 1556.

To Eisenhower, Freedom Algiers, from the Joint Chiefs of Staff

see study

The question of a limited demilitarization of Rome, but retaining full transit rights for the occupying power, is again under consideration on the highest level. Request you review your comment in W 1452 of October 1st to include effect of recent military developments in Italy, including following considerations:

(A) That Rome would be a most valuable fortress to the Germans and if defended would be difficult and costly to clear and capture;

(B) That if Rome should be the scene of a full scale defense, it might be of little value later as either a communications center or as the seat of the Italian Government;

(C) If the Germans, after making such an agreement later broke it, we could either attack or defend Rome as necessary, and in either case the onus of resulting damage would be on the Germans

ORIGINATOR: JC/S (Capt. Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: War

Nr: W1452, 1 October, 1943

To AGWAR, personal for Marshall from Eisenhower, signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT.

I have considered your 8722 September 27th and have reached the following conclusions.

Attached.

1. Military aspect. In no circumstances must we be denied the use of transit communications through Rome, which will be just as essential to us when we are north of the city, which I hope will be in 6 or 8 weeks, as they will be to the Germans so long as they maintain forces to the south. We might, therefore, gain if the observation of an undertaking to regard Rome as an open city, but with the use of transit facilities, could be guaranteed by both sides. We cannot however depend upon German observation of any agreement they may make. Moreover once we have taken Rome we shall be able adequately to protect the communications running through the city, whereas the Germans cannot compete with our day bombing which should effectively hinder their use of the communications.

2. Political aspect. Agreement with the proposal would assist our relations with the Italians and would have a good psychological effect throughout the world. Moreover the onus of refusal or acceptance of the proposal would be placed on Germany.

3. Government. The Italian Government will be centered in Rome and its evacuation would entail considerable administrative difficulties which might make it impossible to carry on effective government. This would be a very serious disadvantage.

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From: Algiers
To: War

Nr: W 1452, 1 October, 1943

4. To sum up, there are strong political reasons in favor of agreeing with the proposal, but its acceptance would lead to considerable administrative difficulties. In my opinion the difficulties of insuring observation of any agreement which allows for use of the communications through Rome, which are essential to us, and the problems connected with moving the Italian seat of government, make any declaration impracticable. We can however effectively disrupt enemy communications without bombing Rome and by doing so would avoid the political repercussions of continued attacks on the city. I therefore consider it is inadvisable for Rome to be declared an open city, but I do not now intend to bomb communications in the city. I request that you convey my views to the President.

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From: The Prime Minister
To: The President

No. 424, 28 September 1943.

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Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt personal and secret
No. 424. Your No. 360.

1. We agree that the long term surrender document should be kept secret for the present. I have no doubt U J will concur but it would be well if you told him our views speaking for both of us.

2. We think it would be a mistake to talk about making Rome an open city as it may hamper our forward movement and will anyway not bind the enemy. We should prefer therefore to omit the words beginning "As an open city" down to the words "proposed by your government".

3. I am asking the Treasury about the exchange rate and will cable you tomorrow. I agree with Eisenhower that we should not treat the Italian population unfairly.

4. Your No. 361. I am very glad about Sforza. Badoglio would be very foolish not to embrace him after his generous letter. A shotgun marriage will have to be arranged if necessary.

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Secretary, General Staff

September 27, 1943

**GENERAL EISENHOWER
FREEDOM**

Number 8722

The President is considering making an early effort (personal for Eisenhower from Marshall) through diplomatic channels to obtain enemy approval of making Rome an open city in accordance with the terms previously proposed by the Italian government, which terms would permit transit facilities through Rome. The President desires your advice and recommendation in this matter.

ORIGINATOR: SGS

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From: The President
To: The Prime Minister
No: 360, 27 September 1943.

General Eisenhower has recommended that the long term surrender document, when it is signed by the Italian Government, should be kept confidential because of a continuing attack on all armistice terms by the Italian Fascist group in Rome.

I am in agreement with this recommendation of Eisenhower and will await your reaction thereto.

It is my present thought that my reply to the King's letter should be as follows:

"It is the intention of the Allied Governments to obtain control of Rome at the earliest practicable date as an open city if practicable and if the enemy will agree that it is an open city under the conditions originally proposed by your Government.

"It is my desire that civil government in the recovered areas in Italy shall be administered by the Italian Government insofar as is permitted by military considerations and under the supervision of the Allied Supreme Commander.

"Consideration is now being given to arranging a more favorable exchange for the lira."

Eisenhower suggests that an exchange rate of 80 lira to the dollar and 320 to the pound would have the desired effect and would not work a hardship on our troops.

If it is practicable I should like to have your advice on all of this in time to instruct Eisenhower by September 29 when he will confer with Badoglio. I have not yet received the U.S. Treasury's recommendation.

From: Algiers
To: War

No: W-993 26th September 1943

For the personal attention of General Marshall from Eisenhower cite
FHCOS. Repeat to Fairfield.

The letter of the King of Italy to the President brings up 3
points. Reference 8610 of 25th September 1943.

1st, early control of Rome.

2nd, establishment of Italian civil power in recovered
areas including Sicily.

3rd, a more favorable exchange basis for the lira.

With regard to the recovery of Rome, we are, as you know,
doing everything that can be done and exploring every possibility to
speed up our advance to the Rome area. I shall make this clear to
Badoglio when I meet him next week. We are making preliminary arrange-
ments now to extend the jurisdiction of the Brindisi Government to
Sicily, and subsequently, to other territory on the mainland as it is
cleared of the Germans. The authority of the Italian Government will,
of course, be exercised by my supervision and in accordance with the
policy outlined in the President's message.

We established arbitrarily an exchange rate of 100 lira. . . .

CM-IN-18649 (26 Sept 43) 1612Z

From: AFHQ Advance Command Post
To: War

No: 554, 23 September 1943.

Delivered to me today and transmitted by couriers are letters from the King of Italy addressed to the King of England and the President of the United States. (To AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR, The British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower Fairfield Rear. This is NAF 379.) As requested by the Italian government the text of these letters if transmitted herewith. Letter to the King begins:

"Your Majesty. I think it advisable to lay before Your Majesty in a confidential and personal way some considerations inspired by the common interest of our countries.

"In my opinion it is necessary and urgent that all, or the greatest possible part of Italian territory be freed from the Germans in order to avoid having the large industries of Northern Italy work fully for the enemy, furnishing it with tanks, airplanes and trucks; in a few months, with the forced labor of our ship yards in the north, several war ships, including 2 of our battleships, will again be able to sail in the Mediterranean under the German flag.

"In the meanwhile, it is of essential political importance for you and for us to reach Rome as soon as possible.

"The Italian people, on the 25th of July, decidedly broke away from the past regime, but I think that a new Fascist government, even though not legally set up, but in possession of the capital, could always, with the help of formations of the militia and the capital, could always, with the help of formations of the militia and the self interested contribution of a lawless minority place serious obstacles in the way of our military operations and stir up civil war.

"It is to our common interest that this should not happen, and the sooner my government and I are able to return to Rome and the sooner our troops may be able to push towards Northern Italy, all the more quickly may this be avoided.

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"With the expression of my best wishes for our two countries, I beg to sign myself the good brother of your Majesty." Letter ends.

Letter to the President of the United States is identical except for substitution of Mr. President for Your Majesty and except for last paragraph. Last paragraph of letter to the President begins: "With the expression of my best wishes for our countries, I beg of you, Mr. President, to believe in my great esteem."

CM-IN-17114 (24 Sept 43) 0247Z

**APOSTOLIC DELEGATION
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

3339 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

No. 492/42

September 8, 1943

Your Excellency:

I am pleased to enclose in duplicate a Memorandum of a communication recently received from the Cardinal Secretary of State. Since this communication makes reference to a former Memorandum, I am enclosing duplicate copies of the previous document.

With renewed assurance of deep personal regard and with sentiments of esteem and every best wishes, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

/Sd/ A. G. Cicognani

Archbishop of Laodicea
Apostolic Delegate

His Excellency

Myron C. Taylor,

Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM

The Apostolic Delegate has been informed by the Cardinal Secretary of State that under date of September 5th, 1943, with a communication concerning the status of Rome as an open city, the Italian Embassy transmitted to His Eminence marked maps of the city of Rome indicating the boundaries of the open city as well as the boundaries of the territory from which all the elements (already enumerated in the memorandum on this subject under date of August 25, 1943) will be removed and into which such elements will not be brought.

The communication of the Italian Embassy likewise stated that the Italian Government is disposed to receive a neutral Commission of Control, who would come to make sure that the obligations undertaken are effectively fulfilled.

Washington, D. C.
September 8, 1943.

APOSTOLIC DELEGATION
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3339 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

No. 492/42

August 16, 1943

My dear Mr. Welles:

Immediately upon receipt of your esteemed communication of August 8th, informing me of the reply of the United States Government to the request for information on the conditions for declaring Rome an open city, I advised the Cardinal Secretary of State of the contents of your message.

His Eminence now advises me of notification from the Italian Government, as of Saturday evening, August 14th, that Rome has been officially declared an open city, and that the government authorities are taking the necessary measures, conformably to the provisions of international law, to make this declaration effective.

The Holy See would be grateful if further discussion of the conditions to be imposed by the Allies were expedited as promptly as possible.

In the meantime, it has every confidence that the Eternal City will not be subjected to further bombardment.

Assuring you of my sentiments of esteem, and with every best wish I remain

Sincerely yours,

A. G. CICOGNANI

Archbishop of Laodicea
Apostolic Delegate

The Honorable
Sumner A. Welles,
Undersecretary of State
Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM

The Apostolic Delegate has been informed by the Cardinal Secretary of State that the Italian Government has taken the following steps to make effective its declaration of August 14, 1943, on the status of Rome as an open city:

1) The defense installations of the city of Rome have been dismantled.

2) Orders have been issued that anti-aircraft batteries are not to operate, nor are fighter planes to go into action over the city of Rome.

3) The Italian and German High Commands are leaving the city, and their complete removal will be effected within a short time.

4) Active troops are being withdrawn and there will remain in the city only a garrison of Italian troops charged with the maintenance of public order. This garrison of troops will be equipped with arms adequate for the purpose of their presence.

5) The railway system of Rome will in the future not be used for purposes of military transportation, for the marshalling of trains, or for loading or unloading troops, etc. The railway system of Rome will be reduced to a mere transit line, and its facilities will not be employed for the making up of or the breaking up of military trains. For all purposes of military transportation, the railway system in and around the zone affected by the declaration of Rome as an open city will be put into the status of a simple line of passage.

6) All necessary steps are being taken to effect the transfer beyond the city limits of all military establishments, and of all factories used for the production of arms and munitions.

Washington, D. C.
August 26, 1943.

TAB 1. Marshall to President, 2 August 1943.

Quotes messages from Eisenhower stating that Italian Government through the Vatican has requested recognizing Rome as an Open City. Also questions advisability of bombing Rome.

TAB 2. Marshall to President (WHITE 25), 2 August 1943.

War Dept's proposed conditions for recognition of Rome as an Open City as submitted to State Department.

TAB 3. Colonel Hammond to Admiral Brown, 3 August 1943.

President approves conditions proposed by War Department in #2 above.

TAB 4. Prime-President #398, 3 August 1943.

Prime believes "Time for negotiating about Rome being an Open City has passed."

TAB 5. Prime-President #401, 3 August 1943.

Prime doubts wisdom of declaring Rome an Open City.

TAB 6. President-Prime #342, 3 August 1943.

President states "We would be in a difficult position if we were to turn down the plea to make Rome an Open City. I have given my approval of conditions; but inspection should be very thorough."

TAB 7. Prime-President #402, 4 August 1943.

Prime Minister has received terms proposed by War Dept and the terms are being considered by the War Cabinet.

TAB 8. Prime-President #403, 4 August 1943.

British War Cabinet's unfavorable reaction to proposed conditions. Suggests talking matters over at forthcoming conference.

TAB 9. (3 messages)

Admiral Leahy to General Marshall, 4 August 1943.

President desires JCS submit recommendations on making Rome an Open City.

Joint Chiefs of Staff to President, 5 August 1943.

The JCS advise it is inadvisable to decide question of recognizing Rome as Open City at the present time.

President to General Marshall and Secretary of State, 6 August 1943.

President approves in principle above message opposed to declaration of Rome as Open City.

TAB 10. Admiral Leahy to President, 16 August 1943.

Order effecting a "standstill" regarding bombing of Rome has been revoked. Also CCS agreed to recommend that U.S. and Britain should in no way commit themselves on the subject of Rome's being declared an open city.

TAB 11. Eisenhower to Marshall, #62, 17 August 1943.

The United States Government received today thru Apostolic Delegate in Washington official confirmation from the Italian Government that Rome has been declared an open city.

TAB 12. Tittman to State Department, #155, 17 August 1943.

Bombing of Rome and declaration of Rome as an open city.

TAB 13. Harrison to State Department, #5095, 20 August 1943.

Italian government made the following official declaration to the Holy See: "High Command has given orders to be carried out immediately to anti-aircraft batteries in Rome not to react in case of Allied bombardment."

White #111

This telegram must be closely paraphrased before being communicated to anyone. (C)

Bern

Dated August 20, 3 p.m.

Rec'd August 20, 3:40 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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5095, August 20, 3 p.m.

At one p.m., August 16, Italian Government made the following official declaration to the Holy See:

"High Command has given orders to be carried out immediately to anti-aircraft batteries Rome not to react in case of air bombardments".

This is Tittman's 156, August 17, with reference to his 155, August 17.

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CSB

*Sent to President as White #111,
Quebec, Canada.*

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From: WAR
To : BOSCO

No. 143 21 Aug 43

The State Department received a message, (from Hull to Handy). Paraphrase of which follows.

From Bern dated 20th August 1943 signed Harrison. From The Cardinal Secretary of State I have received a personal noted dated 15th August. This is number 155 from Tittman, August 17th. My 153 August 13. Summary as follows: The note starts by recounting arguments already employed by the Vatican against aerial bombardment of Eternal City and states that unhappily these arguments went unheeded which resulted in painful surprise when the same nations that desired to spare Cairo and Athens from such bombing undertook to bomb the Eternal City in whose favor surely the reasons militating against the bombardment are just as pressing as those brought forward with respect to Athens and Cairo. The 1st bombing, continues the note, considerably damaged the Basilica of San Lorenzo whereas the 2nd bombardment resulted in the destruction of 1 church and damage to another; at such a rate there will be great difficulty in avoiding serious danger and irretrievable destruction.

The note continues to say that the Badoglio Government at the request of the Vatican made the decision to render and to declare Rome an open city and that negotiations to this end were started with governments of the United Nations through the Holy See. The note states that no reply has yet been received from London, but the United States under Secretary of State in a letter dated 8th August told The Apostolic Delegate in Washington that the question was being given earnest consideration by U. S. authorities on the highest level and that in the interim

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To : BOSCO

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the President authorized him to make known that following the principles of international law and treaties there was nothing to prevent the Badoglio Government from making a unilateral declaration of Rome being an open city. In view of the above the note states here, "Whether repetitions of bombings of Rome are opportune during these pending negotiations, you are in a position to judge."

The note goes on to say that if attempts are made to justify future aerial bombardments for reasons of so called exigencies of the military situation it might be replied to that objectives of a military nature (which in the Italian City do not seem to be of high importance) should not prevail over the extremely serious and superior reasons of civilization, religion and humanity, and that a continuation of the deadly bombing of the Eternal City and of so many other cities in Italy with even greater intensity causes exasperation among the people preventing peace rather than shortening the war and is causing understanding and collaboration to be impossible among peoples, which is the sole guarantee of common serenity and tranquility.

After stating the fact that the Holy Father was not spared the pain of watching his own Diocese and those of his children who are nearest him so cruelly tried, the note ends with the following paragraph.

"I felt it my duty to transmit the response of the American Under Secretary of State to the Italian Government and last night it made public the fact that Rome is the center of Catholicism and that it is declared an open city and that the necessary measures are being taken according to international laws. It now appears that matters are well advanced and the Vatican would appreciate continued negotiations with all possible speed in order that the necessary agreement on such a

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From: WAR
To : BOSCO

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serious matter can be concluded at the earliest possible moment. The Vatican has no doubt that pending these negotiations no kind of new bombardment of the Eternal City will be attempted".

Cardinal Maglioni sent a similar note to my English Colleague who is cabling a summary of the note to London.

ACTION: Gen Handy

Information: White House
Adm Leahy
Adm King
Adm Cooke
Adm Willson
Gen Fairchild

Gen Marshall
Gen Deane
Gen Arnold
Gen Kuter
Gen Wedemeyer
Col Connor

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U R G E N T

From: WAR
To : BOSCO

No : 82 17 August 43

For your information (from Marshall for Eisenhower) the United States Government received today through Apostolic delegate in Washington, official confirmation from the Italian Government that Rome has been declared an open city. This information has been relayed to Quebec.

This was sent as nr 5203 to Freedom.

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ACTION: Gen Deane

Information: White House
Gen Marshall
Gen Handy
Gen Arnold
Gen Kuter

Gen Wedemeyer
Col Connor
Col Starbird

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

16 August 1943.

Sent to President as
Black, 2, 17 Aug, 1943.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Status of Rome as an Open
City.

With your approval, and that of the Prime Minister, the Combined Chiefs of Staff have informed General Eisenhower that the order previously issued effecting a "standstill" regarding the bombing of Rome, has been revoked. General Eisenhower is, therefore, now free to carry on the bombing to the extent that he considers necessary or advisable, subject to previous limitations regarding the safety of the Vatican.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff also agreed to recommend to you and to the Prime Minister, that in their opinion, from a military viewpoint, the two governments should in no way commit themselves on the subject of Rome being declared an open city.

For the Combined Chiefs of Staff:

William D. Leahy

WILLIAM D. LEAHY,
Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Chief of Staff to the
Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy.

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By RHP, NLR, Date APR 24 1974



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August 4, 1943

Admiral Leahy sent the following message to General Marshall from Georgian Bay:

"President desires that Joint Chiefs of Staff submit to him at earliest practicable date recommendations on whole subject of making Rome an Open City and on military necessity for future bombing raids on Rome."

On August 5 the Joint Chiefs of Staff sent the following message (White 48) to The President in response to the above request:

"The Joint Chiefs of Staff are in accord that it is inadvisable, from a purley military viewpoint, to decide the question of the re- cognizing of Rome as an open city at the present time. By such the recognition we would deny ourselves the use of communications through Rome which would be vital to operations to the north. On the other hand, our willingness to recognize Rome as an open city has been mentioned in press conferences.

"The Italian Government through the Vatican has stated its intention to declare Rome an open city and has asked for the conditions we would impose before acceptance of this arrangement. For political reasons it would appear that the necessity of a direct denial of this request should be avoided. It seems advisable, particularly in view of the channel of communication use and the special status of Rome, to delay answering this request as long as practicable. This action is justified by the fact that Rome has been within range of Allied bombers for a long time during which the Germans have profited by the use of

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rail communications through that city. Now that our use of these same communications appears probable, the Italians propose that it be made an open city. Their delay justifies our delay. ~~There are 3 principal radio trans~~

"The action we propose is - furnish the State Department the views given in the preceding paragraph as a guide for their immediate action with a request that prior to any positive and final action the matter be referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for their views from the viewpoint of the military situation existing at the time. The present military situation is subject to a decided change in a short time.

"As to the matter of "military necessity for future bombing raids on Rome" General Eisenhower, in his W-6509 (See end of this message) 4 August has indicated that for the present, at least, there are more important targets for the forces he has available. It is our view, and upon it was based the original recommendation for bombing Rome, that the communication facilities, plants, and airfields in Rome and its immediate vicinity are important military targets and should be attacked. In the Italian Peninsula there are 4 railroad routes from north to south, 2 of these pass through the city. A severance of railroad facilities at Rome would prevent movement of troops from northern to southern Italy except by 2 routes. Probably General Eisenhower's views just referred to have been influenced by the delicacy of the situation and the differences of opinion of which he is aware. ~~See Memorandum T-1000 at Rome."~~

"In Rome or its immediate surroundings are factories, plants, and installations producing small arms of various types, heavy machine guns, hand grenades, mortar bombs, rifles, fuses, and fire control instruments, such as artillery sights, range finders, telescopes, etc.

I approve in principle

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General Marshall that

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"These are 12 airfields in Rome or immediately adjacent thereto within a radius of 10 miles. Rome is the seat of the Italian Government. It is a focal point of wire communications. There are 5 principal radio broadcasting stations in Rome. All of the above indicate the importance of Rome to Italy from the standpoint of prosecution of the war. This is further emphasized by the immediate and decided reaction of the Italian Government to our first attack on Rome.

"The Secretary of State has read this paper and concurs."

Eisenhower's W-6509 cited above now follows:

"Algiers, August 4. Eisenhower to Marshall for his eyes only.

"As reported earlier bombing missions against Marshalling Yards in Rome were called off today on account of weather. The endurance of our bombing formations and long distance fighters is being stretched to the utmost and we calculate is just sufficient, with the greatest care, to see us through anticipated operations. Priority in all such operations will necessarily be given to the land battle and to the neutralization of enemy air forces. Any strength over and above that required for these missions will necessarily be used against most critical points in the enemies communication system. While I am having further conferences with the Air Commanders tomorrow I do not foresee at this moment that an early attack can be planned against the Marshalling Yards at Rome."

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On August 6, 1943, the following message from the President was sent to General Marshall and the Secretary of State:

"Please inform the Secretary of State and General Marshall that I approve in principle the report of the Joint Chiefs of Staff regarding

the recognition of Rome as an open city."

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By RHP, NLR, Date

APR 24 1974

From: London

4 August 1943

To: The President of the United States

No. 403

Former Naval Person to President personal and most secret.

(TAB 6)

1. Your number 342. War Cabinet have now given most careful consideration to proposals to make Rome an open city on the conditions specified. We are sure that the effect on public opinion here would be most unfortunate. What will the Russians say? It would be taken as a proof that we were going to make a patched-up peace with the King and Badoglio and had abandoned the principle of unconditional surrender. It would be taken all over the world and throughout Italy as a success for the new Italian Government who would have rescued Rome from all further danger. No doubt their greatest hope is to have Italy recognized as a neutral area, and Rome would seem to be a first instalment. Considering that Badoglio, according to all our information and especially the most secret, is giving repeated assurances to Germany and Japan that they mean to carry on the war and be faithful to their engagements, and that they are even repeating this kind of statements on the radio, we do not think they should be given the slightest encouragement. Although in the interval it would be convenient to secure the conditions proposed for Rome, this advantage in our opinion is far outweighed by the political misunderstanding which would arise among our own people and the stimulus given to a hostile Italian Government.
2. We hope that in a few months Rome will be in our hands, and we shall need to use its facilities for the northward advance. If Rome has been declared an open city by us, it will be practically impossible for us to take away its status when we want to use it and its communications and airfields. The British Chiefs of Staff say these "open city" conditions, applied to us, would paralyze the whole further campaign; and certainly the Germans would threaten Rome with bombardment if they were altered or broken. We think this a great danger.
3. In these circumstances would it not be better for us to talk the matter over when we meet? In the interest of putting the maximum political and military pressure on the Italian people and Government as well as for strictly military reasons we are most reluctant to interrupt such bombing of the marshalling yards, etc, as Eisenhower evidently thought desirable; but if you so desire it must be postponed until you and I have met.
4. Your number 343, On this ground also I am so glad that we are going to meet. Pressure is growing from all quarters in this country, from the Dominions, particularly from Canada, and from several of the United Nations Governments with which we are in touch to "recognize" the French National Committee. MacMillan reports that he

Prime-Pres #403, 4 August 1943.

and Murphy are agreed in favouring this and that extreme bitterness and resentment will be caused among all classes of Frenchmen by continued refusal. In accordance with your wishes however we shall take no step pending our meeting to which I am keenly looking forward for reasons far removed from all this tiresome business.

Prime

Copies sent to General Marshall and Secretary of State for their information.

From: The Prime Minister

4 August 1943

For : The President

No. 402

Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt personal and most secret number 402.

Reference my 401. (TAS 5)

I find we had already received the proposed terms*but by an oversight they were not placed before me at the time of my telegraphing to you. They and the question of declaring Rome an Open City will be immediately considered by the Cabinet and I hope to send you a reply today.

Prime

* For proposed terms see WHITE 25,2 August 1943, in this folder.

Copies sent to General Marshall and Secretary of State for their information.

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From: Opnav

3 August 1943.

To : Alusna, London

Secret and personal from the President to the Former Naval
Person Number 342.

I think we would be in a difficult position if we were to
turn down the plea to make Rome an open city. I have just received
from Washington the proposed conditions and given my approval in
principle but I think we must be very sure of the inspection if the
terms are accepted by Italy.

Roosevelt

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From: The Prime Minister

3 August 1943.

For : The President of the United States

Number 401, 3 August 1943.

Prime Minister to President. Personal and most secret. Number 401.

(TAB 4)

Your number 342. We have not yet received the proposed conditions*and we ask that, as you assure us, we may be allowed to see them before decision is taken.

As at present informed we doubt the wisdom of declaring Rome an open city in the prevailing circumstance. We think piecemeal neutralization may be very dangerous at this juncture. We think it unwise to make things easier for the Italians before they have taken any decision to yield. Nor do we know, for instance, whether declaring Rome an open city now would preclude our using the communications through Rome, should it later fall into our possession, and thus destroy prospects of the Campaign.

I must expect a serious reaction in British public opinion, and until we have seen the conditions, I beg that we may not be committed finally.

Prime

* For proposed conditions see WHITE 25, 2 August, in this folder. (TAB 2)

Copies sent to General Marshall and Secretary of State for their information.

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From: London

3 August 1943

For: The President of the United States

Number 398, 3 August 1943

Former Naval Person to President. Personal and most secret. Number 398.

War Cabinet think that the time for negotiating about Rome being an open city has passed. Surely there would be the utmost danger that any such bargain would encourage the Italians to make a try on for a neutralization of Italy itself. Anyhow, that is the way it would be viewed here.

Prime

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3 August 1943

(WHITE 30)

The following message was sent to Admiral Brown from Colonel Hammond at Georgian Bay:

"In our telephone conversation at 11:10 a.m. August 3 we decided if you did not call me back in 15 minutes I could assume the President had approved the conditions to make ^{Home} an open city as set out in White 25. (Attached). When you did not call by 11:30 a.m. in accordance with the above agreement I notified General Marshall the President had approved the conditions."

August 2, 1943.

(WHITE 25)

The following message was sent from the Map Room to the President at Georgian Bay on August 2, 1943:

"With further reference to General Marshall's memorandum^(VAB) for the President dated 2 August 1943 re declaring Rome an Open City, following are conditions submitted by War Department to State Department:

"The Governments of the United States and Great Britain will recognize the city of Rome as an open city when the following essential requirements respecting Rome and its immediate surroundings are met by the Italian Government:

"(1) All agencies of the Italian Government directly concerned in the conduct of the war will be immediately removed.

"(2) All armed forces, Naval, Air and Ground, of the Italian, German and associated governments will be immediately removed.

"(3) The communication system of Rome, including railroads, roads, airways, and waterways passing through or entering Rome will not be used for the passage of military forces or movement of military supplies of any of the Axis Powers.

"(4) All military and civilian use of airfields in Rome and its immediate surroundings will cease.

"(5) The industrial plants in Rome engaged primarily in the production of supplies for the Axis Armed Forces, Naval, Air and Ground, will cease production. Plants engaged in the storage, maintenance and repair of any military supplies will also cease operations.

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"(6) The steps listed above will be accomplished not later than 7 days after the acceptance by the Italian Government of these conditions.

"(7) The Italian Government will notify the United States and the British Government when the measures listed herein have been effected. The Italian Government will permit inspection, by representatives of a neutral government acting for the United States and Great Britain, to determine compliance.

"None of the provisions given herein apply to the Vatican City State."

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D. C.

2 August 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

1. Following the receipt of information from the State Department that the Italians intended to declare Rome an open city, the War Department sent to General Eisenhower in Algiers the following radio:

"The Italian Government through the Vatican has requested the U.S. Government to prescribe the essential conditions to recognizing Rome as an open city. This is for your information only. Pending further instructions it would appear desirable to refrain from air activities against the city of Rome proper. I am taking this up with the CCS but meanwhile pass this view informally on to you. You certainly should continue to strike at such airfields in the vicinity of Rome as give evidence of being used by either the Germans or Italians."

2. A few minutes after this message was dispatched, the following message was received from General Eisenhower's headquarters:

"Stand by flash release Rome raid approximately 1300 hours 3rd August same targets same reasons."

3. As a result of this message, the following was then transmitted to General Eisenhower, and receipt of this and the first message has been acknowledged by his headquarters:

"About thirty minutes ago I advised you that the Vatican through our State Department informed us that the new Italian Government was prepared to declare Rome an open city and wished to know the essential requirements. In that message I passed on to you my view informally to the effect that pending further instructions it would appear desirable to refrain from air activities against the city of Rome proper."

"A few moments ago message number 1735 your headquarters arrived, 'From Martelli. Stand by flash release. Rome raid approximately 1300 hours third of August same

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targets same reasons', message to be passed to OWI."

4. At approximately 5:30 Eastern War Time, following concurrence with the British Chiefs of Staff, the following additional message was sent to General Eisenhower:

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"The Italian Government through the Vatican has requested the U.S. Government the essential conditions the Allies will impose before recognizing Rome as an open city. Pending further instructions the Combined Chiefs of Staff desire that you refrain from air activities against the city of Rome proper. You should continue to strike at such air-fields in the vicinity of Rome as give evidence of being used by either the Germans or the Italians. Please acknowledge."

[Handwritten Signature]
Chief of Staff.



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for
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From: Algiers.
To : War

No : W-8059/16427, 19 December 1943

Signed Eisenhower. Cite FEBOT. Action AGWAR for CCS
USFOR for BR C of S for information .

Instructions being issued in conformity your FAN 311
of 16th Dec. This is NAF no 558.

No Sig

FAN 311 is CM-OUT-5790 (15 Dec 43) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S (Capt Royal USN)

INFORMATION: Gen Strong
OPD
Gen Arnold
Adm King
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Combined Chiefs of Staff

December 15, 1943

CG
FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 4958

CG BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
USFOR LONDON ENGLAND

Number R-6971

For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 311, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The following views of the governments of the United States and United Kingdom as to the treatment to be accorded the Vatican City State and Vatican property are transmitted for your guidance:

A. The Vatican City State should be treated as an independent neutral state entitled to the normal rights of a neutral.

B. The Allied forces must take every precaution to avoid violating the territory of the Vatican City as defined in article 3 A. D. Annex 1 of the Lateran Treaty of the February 11th, 1929.

C. Allied troops must also avoid a number of other churches and buildings in Rome, which are situated outside the boundaries of the Vatican City but are the property of the Holy See. These properties are defined in Articles 13-16 and Annexes 2 and 3 of the Lateran Treaty. They are not part of the Vatican City and, strictly speaking, have no international status as neutral territory. But under the Lateran Treaty these properties are entitled to full diplomatic immunity and must therefore be treated in exactly the same way as the Vatican City itself, after the assault upon Rome. While every precaution to avoid violating the territory of the Vatican City during the assault upon Rome must be taken,

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the diplomatic immunity of Vatican properties located in Rome should not be allowed to interfere with military operations, artillery fire, bombing, et cetera, during the assault. A complete list of these properties will be transmitted to you.

D. In order to insure that the neutrality of the Vatican City State is respected pickets should be posted at its boundaries by agreement with the Vatican authorities. Pickets should also be posted at the entrances to all the buildings described in C above and all troops should be warned that these properties, although lying outside the Vatican City, belongs to the Holy See and are to be accorded the same immunities as the Vatican City itself after the period of assault. Arrangements should also be made with the Vatican for these buildings to be clearly marked so that they are easily identifiable by Allied troops.

ORIGINATOR: CC/S (Capt Royal USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Arnold
Adm King
Adm Horne
Gen Strong
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Bombing of Vatican
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From: Algiers
To : War

No. W 4593 - 7 November 1943

Marshall for Arnold and Surles signed Eisenhower.

Ensuing in reference 1928, 7 November 1943
and my W-4576, 7 November follows report of in-
vestigation requested:

7 Boston light bombers and 2 Mosquito in-
truders were the only Allied aircraft that conducted
operations in vicinity of Rome on night 5/6. Between
1920 hours and 2025 hours the 7 Bostons operated on
an armed reconnaissance on roads North and South of
Rome. One of these aircraft saw bombs bursting in
Rome at 2007 hours and state that at that time the
city was easily identified because of numerous lights
and flashes from electrical railways. At 2007 hours
visibility over Rome was good with no cloud. Bombs
dropped on Castelnuevo (F7693) satisfactorily account
for 6 of the Bostons. Three lights on road near Arce
(06432) is reported as being bombed by the 7th Boston
through 7 to 10 tenths clouds at 2001 hours. At
the point of impact of their bombs crew of this air-
craft state that by bomb flashes they definitely re-
cognized open country. This aircraft was experiencing
engine trouble and the 1st target located was bombed
which leads to the doubt as to exact pinpoint location
of the target bombed. The Mosquitoes dropped no
bomb within 40 miles of Rome. The differences between
the time bombs were seen to burst in Rome and the
time bombs were reported to have been dropped by the
7th A20 aircraft and particularly the good weather
conditions observed in the Rome area supports crew

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North of Rome*

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S.E. of Rome*

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From: Algiers
To : War
No. W 4593 - 7 November 1943

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statement regarding their position. An unconfirmed Berlin broadcast about the 3rd of November forecast bombing of Rome by the Allies at an early date is another factor to be considered in this connection. The advantage to the Germans of such a bombing is of course obvious. The same night it should be noted that German aircraft bombed Naples and the subject attack can possibly be linked with enemy attack.

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NOTE: 1928 is CM-OUT-2598 (7 Nov 43) OPD
W 4576 is CM-IN-4395 (7 Nov 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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BPR
White House
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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W-4515, 7 November 1943

For the personal attention of General Marshall from
Eisenhower cite FHCOS.

Reference reported bombing of Rome. I have just received the following from Spaatz and Tedder: "Prior to receipt of original report Tactical Air Force A-20's which were operating in general area but which were not over city reported seeing bombs burst in Rome. Because of weather operations of our forces last night were very limited so can make close check. We are making detailed investigation immediately and will forward results as soon as they become available." Information has been passed direct to Air Ministry.

Attention is invited to CM-OUT-2598 (7 Nov 43) OPD

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
ADM KING
ADM LEAHY
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U R G E N T

From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

No. W-4576, 07 November 1943

For Arnold and Surles signed Eisenhower.

Ensuing communique is being released in Algiers tonight at 1700 GMT. Detailed report of investigation will be transmitted in message following. "While it is manifestly impossible to establish beyond doubt the fall of bombs of aircraft participating in night operations, a thorough investigation of missions carried out during the night of November 5/6, indicates that crews adhered to their definite instructions and did not bomb the Vatican City.

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See CM-IN-4171 (7 Oct 43)OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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Bombing of Rome

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Vatican City

Dated November 6, 1943

Rec'd 3:58 p.m., 7th.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

213, sixth.

About eight o'clock last night in clear moonlight an unidentified airplane dropped four bombs on the Vatican City. Fortunately no one was injured, but considerable material damage was done especially to the Governatorate Building. One bomb fell very near Cardinal Canali's living quarters and another penetrated the mosaic manufacture, both of which are within fifty yards of the Palazzo Tribunale, residence of South American diplomats. A third fell a few yards from Governatorate Building and fourth on slopes of Vatican garden above. General opinion is bombs were relatively small but blasts shattered all windows in vicinity including a large number in Santa Marta.

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PLAIN

Vatican City

Dated November 6, 1943

Rec'd 3:50 p.m., 7th.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

214, sixth.

My 213, sixth.

Following is translation of note dated November 6 which I have received from Secretariat of State of His Holiness. Vatican states that identic notes have been sent to British and German diplomatic representatives here.

"Last evening, November fifth, an airplane, after having, against the rules of international law, repeatedly and for a long time flown over - almost as if it wished to seek out a preestablished objective-- State of the Vatican City, dropped at eight ten o'clock at least four bombs on Vatican territory in immediate vicinity of Basilica of St Peters, causing serious damage. Fortunately there were no victims.

In the face of this occurrence the exceptional gravity of which can escape no one, Holy See asks the competent American authorities; (ONE) to instigate a prompt

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prompt and accurate enquiry in order to ascertain to whom the responsibility for the most regrettable occurrence should be attributed.

Since it is a question of an airplane which, in clear atmosphere well lighted by moon, flew over Rome and Vatican for some time it would not seem difficult to establish the desired and due identification. Holy See expects to be informed of result of enquiry. (TFO) To give strictest orders to all aviators under their control, conformably with rules of international law and Article VII of Lateran Treaty, to cease flying over territory of Vatican City."

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From: WAR (Relay from BERN of No. 5095)
To : BOSCO

No. 138 21 Aug 43

State Department message for the information of
the War Department.

Following is Tittman's 156 of August 17 and refers
to his No. 155 of August 17:

The Italian Government at 1:00 pm on August 16
made an official declaration to the Holy See as follows:

"Orders for immediate execution have been given
by the High Command to the antiaircraft batteries in
Rome not to react in the event of bombing from the air."

Harrison American Minister

ACTION : JIS

INFORMATION: White House Gen Arnold
 Adm Leahy Gen Kuter
 Adm King Gen Fairchild
 Adm Cooke Gen Wedemeyer
 Adm Willson Col Starbird
 Gen Marshall Col Connor
 Gen Handy
 CC/S

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

August 15, 1943

To: CG FREEDOM, ALGIERS #23
USFOR LONDON, FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF #24
INFORMATION, WAR #25 W-14

15 August 1943

Standstill order issued by Combined Chiefs of Staff in their message of 14 August regarding bombing of Rome is revoked. For Eisenhower FREEDOM, Algiers, FAN 194 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. You are free to carry on these operations to the extent that you consider necessary or advisable subject to previous limitations regarding safety of Vatican.

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ORIGINATOR: CC/S

Information: White House
Adm Leahy
Adm King
Adm Cooke
Adm Willson
Gen Marshall
Gen Arnold
Gen Kuter
Gen Handy
Gen Wedemeyer
Gen Fairchild
Col Connor

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15 August 1943.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers.
To: WAR 1682
Quebec No#
15th August 1943.

In accordance with instructions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff follow up raid in strength on Rome which was scheduled for today has been cancelled. To EKAD, Quebec personal for Generals Whiteley and Rooks from Smith. If the opportunity occurs suggest you convey to interested parties the fact that all our information indicates attacks on Rome have had most profound effect on Italian morale. We believe here that we shall miss another golden opportunity if these operations are restricted before a bilateral declaration is made. It will certainly be some time before Government Agencies, War Factories and German Troops will be clear of the city. This is a personal message.

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Note: Msg has been fwd to Quebec.

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ACTION: Gen Deane (CCS)

INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Quebec
To: USFOR London 24
Freedom Algiers 23
WAR 25 W 14

15 August 1943

Standstill order issued by Combined Chiefs of Staff in their message of 14th August regarding bombing of Rome is revoked. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 194, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. You are free to carry on these operations to the extent that you consider necessary or advisable subject to previous limitations regarding safety of Vatican.

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Action: CC/S

Information: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
Adm King
White House
Gen Hilldring
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Combined Chiefs of Staff

15 August 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 5140

USFOL LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF Number R-1903

Message you received from KKADC number 13 of 14 August re declaration Rome open city (for Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from Combined Chiefs of Staff FAN 192) should have been FAN 191.

ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. STRONG
GEN. ARNOLD
ADM. KING
CAPN. HILLDRING

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CCWD
15 August 1943
0859Z

INCOMING MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

CORRECTED COPY

From: 13th Air Force Algiers
To: War

Number AV 402 E 14 August 1943

(NW AAF OPSUM 174 NA Strategic AF 12/13 August HYP AAA AFHQ Gibraltar NNN MMM 9th US Bomber Command AGWAR AMSMEAF AV 402 E 14/8 HYP).

Eighty one Wellingtons beaches Messina to Cap Peloro. 2 4,000, 316 500, 442 250, 1538 40, from 5,000 to 11,000 feet numerous fires target area. Two aircraft destroyed, 2 missing. Two Wellingtons dropped leaflets Rome. 13 Aug. 106 US Fortresses escort 45 US Lightning Lorenzo Marshalling Yards, Rome 1,056 500 from 23,000 to 26,500 ft. Target area believed well covered dust and smoke screen prevented observations results. Over 20 E/A encountered. 1 ME109, 1 MC202 destroyed. 1 MC202 damaged. 4 US Fortresses received minor flak damage. 66 US Mitchells escort 45 US Lightnings and 102 US Marauders escort 55 US Lightnings Littorio Marshalling Yards Rome. 975 500 from 8,000 to 13,000 ft target area well covered. Some bombs fell short. Explosion. 11 E/A encountered. US Mitchells destroyed 1 ME109 US Marauders destroyed 1 FW 190 damaged 1 ME109. US Lightnings destroyed 1 ME109, damaged 2 ME109. 1 US Marauder destroyed, 1 missing. 48 Warhawks sweep southern Sardinia 2 returned early. Small boats strafed Carlo Forte and San Antioco. Power station damaged Ponte Romano. Railway junction Trappalinas strafed. Four US Mitchells escort 24 US Lightnings sua sweep. Merchant vessel attacked 8 miles north Pizzo Harbour. (Part 1. Part 2 follows).

No Sig

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-11213 (15 Aug 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, SGS, Gen Deane (CCS) Adm King

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15 August 1943
0959 Z

INCOMING MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: 12th Air Force Algiers
To: War

Number AV 402 E 14 August 1943

(NAAF OPSUM 174. NA Strategic AF 12/13 August
HYP AAA AFHQ Gibraltar NNN MMM 9th US Bomber Cnd
ACWAR AMSMEAF AV 402 E 14/8 HYP)

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No Sig

* Omission being serviced.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Gen Deane (CCS), White House,
Admiral King, Log.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

SECURITY CONTROL
COWD
16 Aug
00167

URGENT

SECURITY CONTROL

From: KKADC = *Quebec*
To: Freedom 13
USFOR 14
War 15 W 10

*White
54*

14 August, 1943

Press reports this date indicate Italian government has declared Rome an open city. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, PAN 190, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. (Book message Freedom USFOR War) Pending clarification and further instructions it is desired that you make no further attacks on Rome nor make any statements from your Headquarters regarding the attitude of the United Nations with respect to the action taken by the Italian Government.

No Sig

Action: Gen Deane (CC/S)

Information: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
White House
Adm King
Gen Hilldring
LOG

CM-IN-10733 (15 Aug 43) 0052Z vc

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filed 14/0
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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
14 Aug
1919 Z

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Fosterswitch
To: War

No. AV 245 14 August, 1943

(AFHQ AGWAR Troopers USFOR Mideast Commandeth
Malta Commandeth Gibraltar 5th Army Fairfield C In C
Med Algiers Force 141 7th Army 8th Army from Air C In
C Med AV 245 14th August 1943)

Northwest African Air Forces night 12/13 August
90 Wellington attacked the beaches at Messina as far
as Cape Peloro (*) started 2 A/C lost 2 missing.

(Part 3 Air COSITINREP no 35 13 August signed Eisen-
hower cite FHGCT FGHBI)

Rome

Two Wellingtons dropped leaflets on Rome 12
Bostons bombed Palmie and strafed M/T 4 Baltimores
and 6 Bostons dropped incendiaries and flares over
the Gesso-Novara Gastiglione Fiume Area. Day 13
August (*) escorted by 45 P38 attacked (*) miles
north of Bizzo Harbour. 9 75 rounds were fired from
300 feet causing flames amidships 1 B25 shot down
by flak. 106 B17 escorted by 45 P38 66 B25 escorted
by 45 P38 and 102 B26 escorted by 55 P38 attacked
San Lorenzo and Littorio marshalling yards at Rome.
Target well covered but a few bombs fell short. 5
E/A destroyed 1 B26 destroyed and 1 missing. TBF
bombed Faludne Diedmonte and Spadisfore on request
of Army.

CM-IN-10673 (14 Aug 43) 2220Z vc

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From: Fosterswitch
To: War
No. AV 245 14 August, 1943

page 2

2. Air Intelligence. About 75 enemy fighters were sighted in the Rome area by our bombers and fighters on 13 August but only a few made (end of Part 1 part 2 follows).

NoSig

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Gen Deane (CC/S)
Adm King
White House

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INCOMING MESSAGE

SECURITY
CONTROL

036
12 August 43
2100Z

SECURITY CONTROL

U R G E N T

From: AFHQ in North Africa
To: War

No. W 7179/603, 12 August 1943

~~Bombing of (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHSQS. This is NAF 320) marshalling yards at Rome scheduled for tomorrow, August 13th, may be repeated 2 days later.~~

No Sig.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
SGS
Adm King
LOG

CM-IN-9055 (12 Aug 43) 2136Z flw

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Filed 4/1652
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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
August 1943
1627 Z

EYES ONLY

FOR GENERAL MARSHALL'S EYES ONLY

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

Number W-6509

4 August 1943

As reported earlier bombing missions against Marshalling Yards in Rome were called off today on account of weather. ~~From Eisenhower to General Marshall eyes only.~~ The endurance of our bombing formations and long distance fighters is being stretched to the utmost and we calculate is just sufficient, with the greatest care, to see us through anticipated operations. Priority in all such operations will necessarily be given to the land battle and to the neutralization of enemy air forces. Any strength over and above that required for these missions will necessarily be used against most critical points in the enemies communication system. While I am having further conferences with the Air Commanders tomorrow I do not foresee at this moment that an early attack can be planned against the Marshalling Yards at Rome.

END of White 48

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: SGS
GEN DEANE
GEN ARNOLD
GEN STRONG
LOG

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CM-IN-2592 (4 Aug 43)

1726Z bjm

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4 Aug PM
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White 48
August 5.*

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Filed 04/1643B
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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
4 August
1734 Z

U R G E N T

From: AFHQ North Africa
To : War

No. W 6516/7711 4 August 1943

Bombing of Rome scheduled for this date (From Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHS GS to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff W6516/7711 041630. This is NAF 309) was called off on account of bad weather in the vicinity of Rome.

No Sig.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. STRONG
GEN. HILLDRING
GEN. ARNOLD
ADM. KING
LOG

CM-IN-2618 (4 Aug 43) 1819Z cen

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JDJD C 15
Filed 031121B
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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCW
3 August 1943
1103Z

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U R G E N T

TO GENERAL MARSHALL FOR HIS EYES ONLY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 6406, 3 August 1943

On receipt of your first message (4005) the scheduled mission against Rome was cancelled. For General Marshall for His Eyes only from Eisenhower cite FHCOS. Reference your 4005, 4061 and FAN 181. 4061 arrived too late to return to the original plan. The situation now is that arrangements are being made to attack the railroad yards at Rome tomorrow afternoon but the pilots will be briefed on suitable alternative targets in the event that it again becomes desirable to cancel the mission. It may be preferable to refrain from air activities against Rome proper pending the decision to make Rome an open city. However, it should not take long for the Badoglio Government to act on the Allied conditions which certainly will be simple and which should require its complete demilitarization and cessation of all movements of troops and military supplies through the city, the closing of all factories engaged in the manufacture of munitions and military supplies, and of all airdromes in the close vicinity. I believe that the designation of Rome as an open city should become effective say 7 days from the time our demands are acceptable. The crux of the matter is, are the Italians acting in good faith. If so, they will accept our terms

CM-IN-1637 (3 Aug 43)

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From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 6406, 3 August 1943

promptly as they are sure to be reasonable. If they do not act promptly it will be evidence of a temporizing policy and we should return to the attack whenever planes can be spared from more important military objectives. I do not intend to overdo operations against Rome as I fully realize all the implications and repercussions which are bound to result but the presence of our planes over the city, dropping leaflets and, when appropriate, bombs undoubtedly has a marked effect.

No Sig

Note: 4005 is CM-OUT-398 (2 Aug 43) OPD
4061 is CM-OUT-675 (2 Aug 43) OPD
FAN 181 is CM-OUT-464 (2 Aug 43) CCS

Action: OPD

Information: SGS
Gen Deane (CC/S)
Gen Arnold
Gen. Strong
LOG

CM-IN-1637 (3 Aug 43) 1209Z vc

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CCWD
3 August 1943
2108Z

JDJD C 49
filed 3/2211B
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EYES ONLY

FOR GENERAL MARSHALL'S EYES ONLY

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. W 6472, 3 August 1943

The meaning of the President's reply to the Prime Minister (for General Marshall's eyes only from Eisenhower cite FHCIC reference your 4092) quoted in your message is not entirely clear to us. We assume, however, that it means he does not wish to interfere with the attack on the marshalling yards at Rome planned for tomorrow August 4th of which you have already been informed but that further raids on Rome should not be made pending the outcome of Vatican efforts. The planes will take off for tomorrow's attack at 0700 hours August 4th. The pilots have been briefed for appropriate alternate objectives and we could call off the attack if our interpretation of the President's message is not correct and if we are advised thereof not later than 0300 hours tomorrow morning 4th August.

No Sig

4092 is CM-OUT-752 (3 Aug 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: SGS
C of S

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(3 Aug 43) 2140Z mjc

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filed 3/2211B
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3 AUG 43
3 August 1943
2108Z

FOR GENERAL MARSHALL'S EYES ONLY

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. F 6472, 3 August 1943

*I AM
over there*

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SECURITY CONTROL
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Executive, Operations Div

August 3, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
NATO
FREEDOM ALGIERS

EYES ONLY

Number 4092

Former naval person sent the following message to The President on 3 August, 1943. (To Eisenhower for his eyes only from Marshall).

Begin paraphrase. The time for negotiating about Rome being an open city has passed according to the belief of the War Cabinet. Certainly there would be the greatest danger that any bargain such as this would encourage Italy to attempt further negotiations for the neutralization of Italy itself. In any case that is how it would be viewed here. End paraphrase.

The President's reply was as follows:
Begin paraphrase. In the time now available I consider it unwise to interfere with General Eisenhower's military plans to bomb the airfields and marshalling yards in Rome. However, pending the outcome of Vatican efforts, I am of the opinion that further raids should not be continued. End paraphrase.

These are sent so that you may be fully informed.

No Sig

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: C OF S

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JDJD C1
filed 030200B
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CCWD
3rd August
0049Z

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To : WAR

No : W 6390 - 2nd August 1943

This acknowledges receipt of your 4017
of August 2. For the Combined Chiefs of
Staff signed Eisenhower.

No Sig

4017 is CM-OUT-464 (2 Aug 43) CCS

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
SGS

CM-IN-1376 (3 Aug 43) 0110Z mcs

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SECURITY CONTROL

Operations Division, WDGS
Executive Office TTH

August 2, 1943

**SECURITY
CONTROL**

CG, NATO, FREEDOM
ALGIERS

Number 4061

Reference my number 4005 and FAN 181 regarding your plans for 1300 hours Tuesday bombing of Rome: British cabinet now agree that you should go ahead under your original instructions, that is using your own judgment as to desirability of bombing. Prime Minister personally thinks it may be a good thing at this moment. (From Marshall to Eisenhower).

We here have been unable to get approval of President due to his absence from city. In the interim, while we are endeavoring to secure Presidents views, if you desire to go ahead with bombing I accept responsibility for US approval

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: C of S
GENERAL DEANE (CCS)
GENERAL ARNOLD
GENERAL STRONG

CM-OUT-675

(3 August 43)

0228Z mjc

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SECURITY CONTROL

**SECURITY
CONTROL**

Combined Chiefs of Staff

August 2, 1943

CG, FREEDOM, ALGIEERS

No. 4017

FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF USFOR LONDON ENGLAND No. R 14C4

The Italian Government through the Vatican has requested the U. S. Government the essential conditions the Allies will impose before recognizing Rome as an open city this is a book message for Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 181, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Pending further instructions the Combined Chiefs of Staff desire that you refrain from air activities against the city of Rome proper. You should continue to strike at such airfields in the vicinity of Rome as give evidence of being used by either the Germans or the Italians. Please acknowledge

ORIGINATOR: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
C of S
ADM. KING
GENERAL ARNOLD
GENERAL STRONG
GENERAL HILLDRING

CM-OUT-464
CM-OUT-465

(2 August 43)

2130Z mc

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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1805Z
2 Aug.

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No: 1735 2nd August 1943

(From Rear 15th Army Group to AFHQ for PWB
rptd PWE London Troopers pass OWI Washington (AGWAR pass)
213 SF 2nd Aug 1735).

From Martelli. Stand by flash release Rome
raid approximately 1300 hrs 3rd August same targets
same reasons.

No Sig

ACTION: JSC (OWI)

INFORMATION: OPD
SGS
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
GEN. ARNOLD
WHITE HOUSE
LOG

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From FA-3 (ONI) at Washington, D.C. Date 21 July, 1943
(Ship, fleet, unit, district, office, station, or person)

Reference _____
(Directive, correspondence, previous related report, etc., if applicable)

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Subject VATICAN - International Relations
(Nation reported on) (Main title as per index guide) (Subtitles) (Make separate report for each title)

BRIEF.—(Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

In view of current bombing operations the following extract from a broadcast entitled "Rome the Eternal City" made on April 24, 1943 over the Vatican Radio in German to Germany is of interest:

"Rome -- you are called the Eternal City but may not in the dark hour blind fury of destruction devastate you? Why should you be spared -- the most beautiful of cities? That you are eternal throughout the ages on Christ's account rather than that of the Caesars is no protection against bomber squadrons.

"Moreover, the Eternal Christ is not bound to you - the Bishop of Rome will move elsewhere as he did before in past days. For the unity and truth of the church is only bound up with leadership of the Bishop of Rome, true successor of St. Peter, and not with his stay within his confines.

"What, after all, is the use of remembering Him in metaphors and pictures since fear today overshadows the world of the western spirit. Ever increasing is the fear of an approaching storm. In irreconcilable hatred nations are facing each other.

"God's law of order and justice, of right and love, sacred and preserved for centuries are shaking and the storm is raging to break them altogether. The decline of the Occident? From the East, large threatening dangers are approaching the Fired Occident. Is there still time to admire and to wait? Should we not rather with unrelenting speed, save what can be saved? But is there really 'still time to save?'"

Continuing his speech, the speaker raised his mind to Christ and from Him derived comfort in the thought that Christ has shown world salvation.

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21 July
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INCOMING MESSAGE

P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: War

No: JMO 565, WR 67, 20 July 1943

Report of operations for 24 hours ended 1800 (this is part 1 of a 2 part message to Arnold from Spaatz signed Eisenhower NAAF Command Post cite WR 67 relayed by NAAF advance part 2 follows) hours 19 July. During the night of 18/19 July, Wellingtons prepared the way for the attack on Rome on 19 July by dropping leaflets. Day 19 commencing at 1113 hours the 1st Bombs were released by a force of 150 B 17's on the Lorenzo marshalling yards. Before the completion of this attack, the B 24's of 9th Air Force were attacking the Littorio marshalling yards, and before their task was finished a force of 144 B 25's were attacking the Ciampino Airdromes, followed closely by 105 B 26's. The mediums were escorted by 118 P 38's. Altogether 517 aircraft from an AAF were over Rome between 1113 and 1500 B hours. Few enemy aircraft were encountered, and those that were showed no great desire to defend their capital, attacks being mostly half hearted. The heavies destroyed 1 and the escort to that mediums destroyed 2 enemy aircraft. 2 B 17's are missing, 1 B 25 and 1 B 26 were destroyed. Flak was not intense or accurate. A total of 769 tons of bombs were dropped by NAAF only consisting of 500 fused point 1 are point 025 on the marshalling yards, and 100 and 20 pound fragmentation bombs on the airdromes part 2 follows.

Action: OPD
Information:

G-2, CG AAF, SGS, Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House, Adm. King, LOG
CM-IN-14604 (21 Jul 43) 0233Z vc

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21 July
0103Z

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: War

No: JMO 566, 20 July 1943

*Rome
Raid*

Aircraft all class to have dropped (this is part 2 of NAAF Command Post message NR WR 67 relayed and paraphrased by NAAF Adv) their bombs in and around the target area, which is borne out by the photographs taken after the attack which show the following major damage. San Lorenzk, great destruction to tracks and railroad installations hits on both roundhouses, wagon sheds, car shop, a great deal of rolling stock destroyed and seen burning, raised viaduct holed, marshalling yard completely blocked temporarily. Tabonelli steel plant, a large chemical plant and tram garage were hit. Littorio marshalling yards attacked by the 9th Air Force, with rolling stock damaged and destroyed, 50 hits on trucks, hit on railroad bridge, locomotive workshops damaged, the yards are believed to be 50% blocked temporarily. Much damage was done to the Ciampino airdrome, and the Littorio airdrome. At least 15 enemy aircraft were destroyed on Ciampino as well as damaged to hangars and repair sheds. 1 large and 2 small hangars at Littorio were destroyed. No damage is visible to historic or religious buildings except that preliminary interpretation of photographs indicate that the roof of church on edge of bombing area damaged, but strong possibility this resulted from blast rather than bomb strike. Catania was attacked by light

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From: Algiers
To: War

No: JMO 566, 20 July 1943

bombers on the night of 18/19 while other aircraft bombed and strafed communication and concentrations in the East of the Island. During the day 19 A 36's continued attacks on railroads and scattered motor transport. Coastal Air Force continued the defense of convoys without any major incidents.

No Sig.

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
White House
Adm. King
LOG

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
20 July
1925Z

From: Cairo
To: Freedom AMSME AF FA 410
AGWAR AMSME AF 1722
Aquila AMSME AF Q 96

20 July, 1943

Bombers 140 B 24's of 44, 93, 98 and 389 groups departed their landing grounds in daylight Monday to attack Liatormo Marshalling Yards at Rome. 18 aircraft failed to reach the target. 11 because of mechanical failure others unknown. From altitude of 18,600 feet to 24,900 feet 665,000 pounds of American bombs were dropped. Book message for Arnold Baker Bissell Spaatz and Doolittle signed Brereton. Results Marshalling Yards were regarded as completely destroyed. Very little trackage untouched. Locomotive shed and repair shops shattered by direct hits. Railroad administration building hit and set afire. Roundhouse blown apart. Ammunition train moving through yards received direct hits and exploded. Numerous hits on airdrome adjacent to Marshalling Yards. Direct hit on a hangar which was set afire. 10 small fires observed in hangar area. 3 large enemy aircraft on the ground destroyed by bursts. Weather clear and cloudless with slight haze over target. Anti aircraft medium aimed and inaccurate. 15 to 20 enemy fighters seen 3 or 4 half hearted passes made. No damage resulted and 1 destroyed claimed. Moderate damage to uncounted number of our aircraft. Returning aircraft landed at home base at Malta or Tunis. 1 aircraft reported down in the sea with crew safe at Malta. Royal Air Force summary follows: during night of July 18/19 4 Wellingtons dropped a large number of leaflets on metropolitan area of Rome.

No Sig

Action: OPD
Information: G-2, CG AAF, SGS, Gen. Deane (CC/S),
White House, Adm. King

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20 July 1943
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OPERATIONAL
PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No. Unnumbered 20 July 1943

Enemy reaction to attacks on Rome slight not aggressive 20 to 30 sorties flown against hundreds of our bombers (3rd and final part of my TOO 200904) by ME-109's, ME-200's and MC-202's. Photos show no damage to religious installations. San Lorenzo Marshalling Yard totally blocked and severely damaged. Littorio Marshalling Yard partially blocked, severely damaged. At least 20 aircraft were hit on ground.

ACTION: OPD

no sig

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN DEANE (CCS)
ADM KING
WHITE HOUSE
LOG

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INCOMING MESSAGE 1943
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Cairo
To: WAR

Nr: AMSME 6951, 20 July, 1943

*Rome
Raid*

Summary operations 9th USAAF July 19th:
Bomber Command 44th Bomb Group 1 mission 30 sorties target Rome Litorio Marshalling Yards 28 aircraft dropped 247500 lbs bombs resulting heavy concentration bombs several areas 8500 lbs dropped on targets of opportunity on return, 13500 lbs on railroad tracks Orlando Sicily, 5000 lbs on railroad tracks near Ancion, 1 ME 109 destroyed. 93rd Bomb Group 1 mission 28 sorties target Rome Litorio railroad yards 23 bombers bombload 110,500 lbs bombs (23,500 lbs jettisoned) results explosion (possibly munitions train), fires, area well hit, hit on bridge, bursts seen in airdrome hangar line, tin shed and Railroad Administration Bldg. 98th Bomb Group 1 mission 28 sorties target Rome Litorio Marshalling Yards 25 aircraft dropped 112,500 lbs bombs also 3640 lbs leaflets number 1/63 results hits on track, warehouse and reception siding with large fire observed latter; hits hangar area Litorio, 10 small 1 large fire observed around field, Marshalling Yards covered by smoke somewhat obscuring target but area well covered. 376th Bomb Group 1 mission 26 sorties target Rome Marshalling Yards bombload 90,000 lbs (18,000 lbs jettisoned undetermined lbs returned) 20 reached target resulting direct hits locomotive shed and repair shops, bursts on hangars pump station Administration Buildings, bursts in Litorio airdrome, strings of bombs pinpointed Marshalling Yards, explosions and fires on sidings moving train believed hit by bomb, 3 large aircraft destroyed. 389th Bomb Group 1 mission 30 sorties target Rome Litorio railroad Marshalling Yards 28 aircraft dropped 82,200 lbs bombs resulting hits

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From: Cairo
To: WAR

Nr: AMSME 6951, 20 July, 1943

pinpointed various number of places 1 aircraft unaccounted and apparently missing. 12th Bomb Group 1 mission target Catasia town bombload 81,100 lbs (10,200 lbs returned 9500 lbs jettisoned) 25 aircraft reaching target results target very well covered, 4 fires started at railroad total of 29 sorties. 340th Bomb Group 1 mission 23 sorties target Randazzo 23 aircraft dropped 61,000 lbs bombs results hits on east and southeast parts town, hits railway line and roads hit on highway bridge and one track east of town, explosions seen to cause orange flame and collapse large building. 57th, 79th and 324th Fighter Groups report no operations. Supplemental report USAAF operations July 17th: 240th Wing RAF (sgd Brereton) 1 mission 9 sorties target Reggio airdrome 9 aircraft dropped 41,000 lbs bombs including 3 containers incendiaries results bursts seen industrial center near ammunition sheds causing several fires, other bursts railway station and sidings.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
GEN DEANE (CCS)
ADM KING
WHITE HOUSE
LOG

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WDCC
19 July 1943
1456Z

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Filed 19/1135B
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URGENT

From: NAAF CP La Marsa
To: War

No. JM0532 19 July 1943

Following message was received at NAAF Adv from NAAF CP La Marsa with instructions to pass to AGWAR personal for Arnold signed Eisenhower. Cite GS 193 NAAF CP La Marsa message begins.

The operations scheduled against Rome this date are (to AGWAR personal for Arnold from Spaatz signed Eisenhower) as follows. 1100B, 72 B-17's attack Lorenzo Marshalling Yards, 1145B, 72 B-17's attack Lorenzo Marshalling Yards 1200 to 1300B 150 B-24's attack Littorio Marshalling Yards 1330 to 1400, 132 B-26's attack Ciampino Airdrome 1400 to 1500B, 144 B-25's attack Ciampino Airdrome, medium bombers will be escorted by 168 P-38's. Total bombers participating is 570. Total fighter escort is 168. Total aircraft of all types participating is 738. Estimate between 1000 and 1200 tons of bombs will be dropped on these missions.

This is a paraphrased version.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, SGS, Gen Deane (CCS),
White House, Log, Admiral King.

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19 July 1943
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INCOMING MESSAGE

U R G E N T

From: Force 141
To: War

No. 154 SF, 19th July 1943

First reports, Rome raid indicate bombing successful (from Fantox to P W B Freedom rptd OWI Washington PWE London 154 SF 191835B) and almost negligible opposition flak or fighters.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
BPR
SGS
Gen Deane (CCS)
Adm King
White House
Log

CM-IN-13649 (19 Jul 43) 1940Z ems

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18 JUL 1943
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

Number W5167/1961 18 July 1943

(To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff rptd
to Troopers for British Chiefs of Staff from Freedom
W5167/1961 18th nil signed Eisenhower cite FHINC)

In communique quote In NAF 292 change leaflet
reference to read. (This is NAF 293) "Warning leaflets
were also dropped over the city prior to the raid".

No Sig

ACTION: CC/S
INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
SGS
ADM KING
GEN HILLDRING
LOG

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18 July 1943
1714Z

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No. 038 18th July 1943

In the event operation 19th July (AGWAR personal for Arnold from Spaatz signed Eisenhower, 038 18th July) is not completed code word "washout" will be flashed to you in the clear.

No Sig

FOOTNOTE: WDCMC invited attention to CM-IN-12771 (18 Jul 43) CCS

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
SGS
WHITE HOUSE
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CM-IN-12843 (18 July 43) 1742Z ejv

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filed 18/1200B
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July 18
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: WAR

No NAF 292 W 5119 18 July 1943.

(To AGWAR Troopers (action and ack) rptd
MAC Command (information) W5119 1836 18- 7)6 43.
This is NAF 292 for CCOS rptd COS, MAC Command Post
from Eisenhower cite FEGCT.

Intend bombing attacks on military objectives
both in Rome and vicinity on 19 July starting between
0900 and 1000 GMT.

Part 2. To insure against false announcement
in event mission postponed for any reason, immediate
information that bombing has begun will be passed by
MAC by code word "DUNIT" in clear simultaneously to
AFHQ, Arnold, Portal.

Para 3. No release should be made until code
word DUNIT is received after which you may assume spe-
cial communique has been issued as follows. "Military
objectives in Rome and its vicinity have been bombed
today by heavy bombers and medium bombers of the Med-
iterranean Air Command. The Marshalling Yard was the
principal target. It is of greatest importance to the
Axis war effort and in particular for the movement of
German Troops. Leaflets were also dropped over the
city during the raid. Pilots and bombardiers employed
on this mission were particularly instructed to avoid
(CM-IN-12771 18 Jul 43)

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From: Algiers
To: WAR

No NAF 292 W 5119 18 July 1943.

damaging religious and cultural monuments". Coincident with issue of communique supplementary news releases will stress the nature of objectives and care taken in briefing those participating in attack as given in our NAF 284.

Para 4. Please insure continuous monitoring from 0800 GMT 19 July for following 48 hours.

No Sig

NOTE: NAF 284 is CM-IN-5722 (9 Jul 43) CCS.

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
Admiral King
General Hilldring
Log
SGS

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WDC
15 July
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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: Adv AFHQ Liaison C.P. No #
WAR NAF 264-101

15 July 43

The air operation against the marshaling yards at Rome has tentatively been set up by Tedder and myself for Monday, July 19th (To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff from Eisenhower repeat to Freedom.) NAF number 264. Exact details as to timing will be communicated to you when we can make reasonable predictions on weather and you will be kept constantly informed of any modifications of plans. The operation will involve practically the entire strategic force in the Mediterranean, employing approximately 400 bombers and dropping more than 1000 tons of bombs. Targets for the heavies will be the marshaling yards and for the mediums will be the important airfields a short distance to the south thereof.

No Sig.

Action: CC/S (Gen Deane)

Information: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
SGS
Adm King
White House
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JDJD B 69
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12 July 1943
1439Z

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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 4701/9965/NAF 288, 12 July 1943

Heavy concentration required for bombing of Rome. Reference our NAF 251. I do not intend to divert any appreciable bomber effort from HUSKY while there are important targets there engagement of which will materially assist rapid capture of Island. Action AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff. Rptd USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. This is NAF 288. Bombing of Rome will therefore not be undertaken until we can afford to make this diversion from HUSKY. I will ensure that 48 hours warning is given before an attack is made.

No Sig

Note: NAF 251 is CM-IN-81 (1 Jul 43) CC/S

Action: CC/S

Information: OPD
Gen. Strong
SGS
Gen. Arnold
Adm. King
Gen. Hilldring
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CM-IN-8359 (12 Jul 43) 1439Z WC

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

July 11, 1943

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CG FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 2300

USFOR LONDON ENGLAND
FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

Number ~~2300~~ 2371

Arrangements contained in Paras. 3, 6, and 7 of your NAF 277, 6 July, will be carried out in US and UK regarding release of communique on bombing military objectives near Rome, as requested in NAF 284, 8 July.

For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 160, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. No advance public statements or efforts to prepare religious opinion are contemplated in US. British Chiefs of Staff being asked to inform you directly of any such arrangements in this regard in UK. OWI in collaboration with PWE has arrangements in hand which are in full accord with yours to meet propoganda and publicity requirements once operation has taken place.

No Sig

ORIGINATOR: CC/S
INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
GEN ARNOLD
ADM KING
GEN HILLDRING
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CM-OUT-4710

(11 Jul 43)

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War

No: W 4413/8749 8th July 1943

In furtherance of our NAF 251 we have made detailed plans for publicity in connection with the attack on military objectives near Rome. The first announcement will be made in a special communique prepared in advance and supplemented by a news release stressing the nature of the objectives and the care taken in briefing those taking part in the attack. Signed Eisenhower. Cite GHSGS. This is NAF subsequent communique and releases will continue to stress this theme while giving more details of the attack NAF 284. It is probable that leaflets will be dropped on the city while the attack is in progress. Italian speaking officers or news correspondents may participate in the attack and in later broadcasts. It is our plan to release the first communique before the Axis is able to make an announcement. Careful technical arrangements are necessary to make certain that our releases got out simultaneously to the US and UK as well as to North Africa and Europe. This will require coordination with AGWAR and Troopers. The arrangements required at your end will be the same as contained in paras 3 and 6 and 7 of our NAF 277. Foreign language broadcasts will be made over stations controlled by AFHQ. In general the publicity plan follows the one used successfully in connection with the attack on the Reynaud plant. It would be a valuable assistance to our preparations if we could be kept informed of any plans for advance public statements referring to the possibility of attacks on military objectives in the vicinity of Rome. Our preparations also would be helped if we could

CM-IN-5722 (9 Jul 43)

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From: Algiers

No: W 4413/8749

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be informed whether or not any special effort is being made either publicly or privately to prepare religious opinion for this eventuality.

Related subject-re FAN 277 para 7 please verify monitoring agreed. Advise station call letters and frequencies.

No Sig

NAF 251 is CM-IN-81 (1 July 43) CCS
NAF 277 is CM-IN-3913 (6 July 43) CCS

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN STRONG
ADM KING
GEN ARNOLD
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30 June 1943
1721Z

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URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W3810/6163, 30 June 1943

(To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and Troopers for British Chiefs of Staff from Freedom W 3810/6163 30th nil. Signed Eisenhower cite FH-GCT. This is NAF number 251).

BIGOT HUSKY. The question of the timing of bombing of marshalling yards at Rome has been carefully examined. Reference your Fortune 398 June 26 FAN 141. I consider that this bombing will have little material effect in delaying movement of supplies and reinforcements to Horrified and do not therefore think that we should divert a large air effort from target directly connected with HUSKY before D day.

On the other hand bombing should have great psychological effect particularly if undertaken shortly after successful landing in Horrified. This may be around D plus 3 but decision and date for attacks must of course depend on situation at the time in particular progress of HUSKY. Decision will be at once communicated to Combined Chiefs of Staff and some 48 hours (should be possible) warning of intention.

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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD GEN. STRONG GEN. ARNOLD
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Combined Chiefs of Staff

June 25, 1943

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CG FORTUNE ALGIERS

Number 398

USFOR LONDON ENGLAND

Number R-9959

The Combined Chiefs of Staff (BIGOT-HUSKY, for Eisenhower Fortune Algiers, **FAN 144**, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff) consider it important that when you decide to attack the marshalling yards of Rome, communiques and guidances to press correspondents should be issued promptly and with the following considerations in mind: (This is a Book Message.)

(A) A clear distinction should be drawn between bombing of Rome itself and bombing of this most essential railroad military objective.

(B) Emphasis should be placed on the careful selection and special training and briefing of crews chosen for this mission.

(C) Our story should be released as quickly as possible after the event and before the enemy version gains a hold.

(D) This will avoid enemy seizing an opportunity of asserting that we have attacked the Shrine of Christendom and thus attempting to create misapprehensions which might not be confined to the Catholic world.

(E) None of the above is intended in any way to hinder you in attacking this important military objective as soon as you see fit.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff also request if possible that you send information in advance to the Combined Chiefs of Staff when the initial bombing of Rome is intended in order that the best possible arrangements may be made regarding the readiness of appropriate releases to the press.

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ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

June 19, 1943

CG, FREEDOM, ALGIERS

Number 688

USFOR, LONDON, ENGLAND
For British Chief of Staff

Number R-9732

Across the Tiber from the Vatican City are
3 important Basilica.

For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, (This is a book
message) FAN 139 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.
To Catholics Saint John Lateran is more venerable than
is Saint Peters. From the nearest point of the Saint
Lorenzo Marshalling Yards it lies at a distance of
1,000 yards on a bearing of 225 degrees.

1500 yards from the Marshalling yards and on a
bearing of 290 degrees lies the Basilica of Santa
Maria Maggiore.

Saint Paolo Basilica is about 3 miles distant
from the yards to the southwest.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff desire that crews
be briefed on these 3 Basilica with regard to
their importance and with the urgency of making all
efforts to prevent damaging them.

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ORIGINATOR: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
Admiral King
General Arnold
General Strong
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Combined Chiefs of Staff

June 15, 1943

CG, FORTUNE ALGIERS

Number 364

USFOR, LONDON, ENGLAD
(For British Chiefs of Staff)

Number R-9566

You are authorized (BIGOT-HUSKY) to undertake daylight bombing attacks against the San Lorenzo Railway junction and the San Lorenzo and Littorio Marshalling Yards at any time that you consider best for the successful prosecution of HUSKY. Prior to launching these attacks (This is a book message) all pilots concerned must be thoroughly instructed in the geography of the area, the location of the Vatican, and directed that they must not permit any bombs to fall in the Vatican City. For Eisenhower Fortune Algiers, FAN 138, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The United States government will inform the Pope that Allied pilots operating over Italy have orders and instructions which will prevent bombs from any of our planes falling in the Vatican City but that we have no reason to be assured that Axis planes will not bomb the Vatican with the purpose of charging us with the outrage.

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ORIGINATOR: General Deane (CC/S)

INFORMATION: OPD
Admiral King
General Strong
General Arnold
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