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LETTER FROM GENERAL EISENHOWER TO MARSHAL BADOGLIO

29th September, 1943.

My dear Marshal Badoglio,

The terms of the armistice to which we have just appended our signatures are supplementary to the short military armistice signed by your representative and mine on the 3rd September, 1943. They are based upon the situation obtaining prior to the cessation of hostilities. Developments since that time have altered considerably the status of Italy, which has become in effect a co-operator with the United Nations.

It is fully recognised by the Governments on whose behalf I am acting that these terms are in some respects superseded by subsequent events and that several of the clauses have become obsolescent or have already been put into execution. We also recognise that it is not at this time in the power of the Italian Government to carry out certain of the terms. Failure to do so because of existing conditions will not be regarded as a breach of good faith on the part of Italy. However, this document represents the requirements with which the Italian Government can be expected to comply when in a position to do so.

It is to be understood that the terms both of this document and of the short military armistice of the 3rd September may be modified from time to time if military necessity or the extent of co-operation by the Italian Government indicates this as desirable.

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER,

General, United States Army, Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces.

His Excellency,
Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Head of the Italian Government.

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PROTOCOL AMENDING THE INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER OF 29th SEPTEMBER, 1943

Signed at Brindisi on the 9th November, 1943

Protocol

It is agreed that the title of the document signed at Malta on the 29th September, 1943, by Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Head of the Italian Government, and General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, should be changed to "additional conditions of Armistice with Italy." The following further amendments to this document are also agreed:—

In the first paragraph of the Preamble the words "acting in the interests of all the United Nations" are inserted between the words "Governments" and "on the one hand." The paragraph in question therefore reads as follows:—

"Whereas in consequence of an Armistice dated the 3rd September, 1943, between the United States and United Kingdom Governments acting in the interests of all the United Nations on the one hand, and the Italian Government on the other hand, hostilities were suspended between Italy and United Nations on certain terms of a military nature."