

U.S. Relations with the Vatican and the Holocaust, 1940-1950

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The relationship between Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust has long been controversial. Some scholars argue that he kept silent during the Holocaust, while others maintain that he saved possibly hundreds of thousands of Jewish men, women and children.

According to many scholars, the Vatican was reluctant to openly condemn Hitler and Nazi Germany. Pius XII willingly applied direct diplomatic pressure on Axis satellite states such as Hungary, Romania and Slovakia. Similarly, documented instances show initiatives taken by local Catholics under the covert direction and moral support of Pius XII.

Vital correspondence from the U.S. government

U.S. Relations with the Vatican and the Holocaust, 1940-1950 offers rare primary sources tied to Myron Taylor, appointed as the president's representative to the Vatican. The content includes telegrams, dispatches and letters between Taylor and his staff, the State Department, U.S. government agencies, the Vatican and the Italian government.

Vital materials focus on political affairs, Jews, refugee and relief activities, German-owned property in Rome, property rights, and the Vatican Bank.

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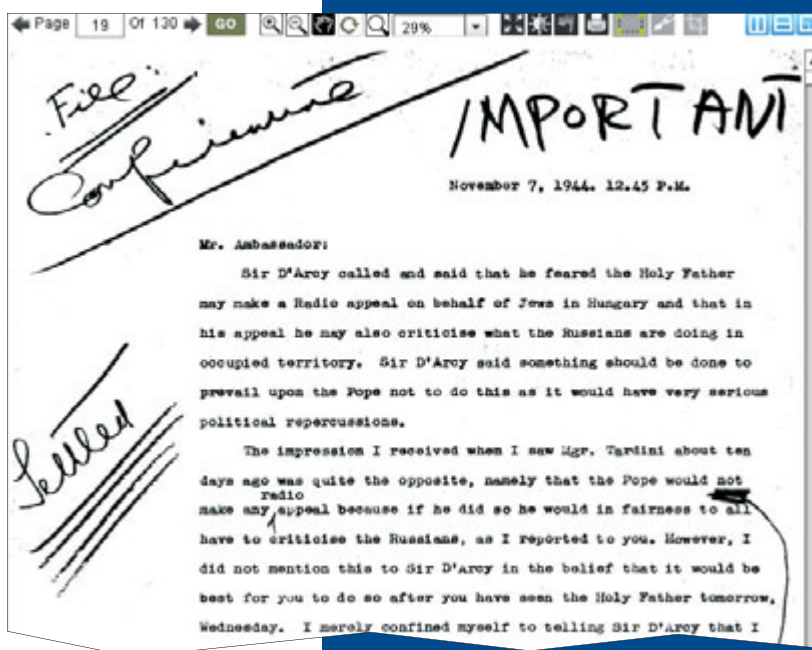
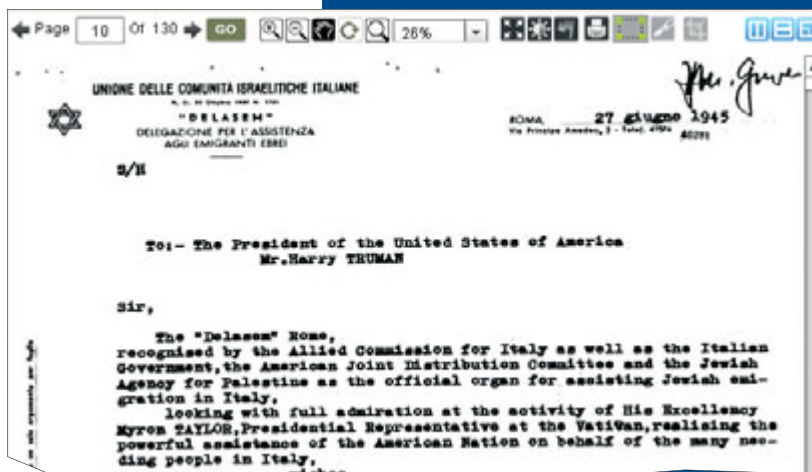
This collection consists of the State Department's records of the personal representative of the President to Pope Pius XII, including the Decimal File, Confidential Correspondence File and the Airgrams File.

These files address a variety of issues including:

- Refugee relief activities and organizations
- Axis diplomats at the Vatican
- Italian concentration camps
- Deportation of Jews and other minorities from Croatia, Hungary, and Slovakia
- Vatican Bank activities
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Location	Date	Summary
ALBA	2 Feb 43	Willow destroyed by fire - 2 Italians burned to death and seven killed. Ordered by the German Commander.
ANCONA	21 Jan 44	Willow burned - 35 This occupies prisoners at GHQ - 4 Italians executed shot outside the town gates.
ASCI	-	Reported for killing Germans, 30 Italian tanking women and children were put into a house and shot, 40. House was their home.
ASCI	24 Jan 44	3 Italian women executed by the German soldiers of 334 Div. G.
ASCI	7 Jan 44	They were burned down.
ASCI	7 Jan 44	50 Italian civilians shot as a reprisal for two German killed.
ASCI	17 Jan - 2 Jul 44 18 Jul 44	200 Italian killed by the Germans. 800 Italian shot because they were accused of belonging to partisans. That 3 German soldiers.
ASCI	-	Civilians tortured by having their flesh slashed with razors. Prisoners done by fascist military Section under command of 7th SS Div.
ASCI	23 Jan - 22 Feb 44	80 Italian shot and slashed to death by German troops.
ASCI	-	Reported for torturing the partisans - 4000 Italian burned to death by flame-throwers by Germans.
ASCI	24 Feb - 26 Feb 44	The Italian civilians were killed by Germans.