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**Records of  
the Department of State  
Relating to  
Political Relations  
Between the United States  
and Italy, 1910-1929  
and  
Between Italy  
and Other States, 1910-1929**



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THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY, 1910-1929

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The largest group of records reproduced in this microcopy concern treaties relating to arbitration, the renunciation of war, commerce and navigation, consular functions, naturalization, and the regulation of traffic in liquor. There are also records of political relations between the United States and Tripoli, which mainly concern the history and the status of the Treaty of Peace and Amity signed by the two countries in 1805.

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of T-953). Also related to matters concerning Italy are communications to special agents of the United States from the Department, 1852-86 (Roll 154 of Microcopy 77).

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Roll                      File Number, Description, and Price of Roll

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- 1        711.65 - 711.65c3/1    \$6  
         Brief abstracts that serve as a finding aid  
         to the documents.

DOCUMENTS

RELATIONS; BILATERAL TREATIES  
BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY

General Relations

711.65/0-35

Feb. 3, 1920 - July 25, 1929.

Political Relations

711.6511 - 711.6512 Anti-war

Offer by Italy to negotiate a treaty of alliance with the United States, 1921; negotiations for renewal and extension of several arbitration treaties, 1913-29; negotiations for an arbitration treaty, 1928; negotiations for a treaty renouncing war, 1928-29.

- 2        Commerce and Navigation    \$6

711.652/0-39

Negotiations to amend the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of 1871.

Consular Functions

Treaties concerning consular functions, 1910-29:

711.6521/43-148

- 3        711.6521/149-176    \$6

Workman's Compensation

711.6522/0-2

Suggestions that the treaty signed in 1916 may conflict with compensation laws of several States in the United States.

Aerial Navigation

711.6527/1-26

Negotiations of a proposed aerial navigation agreement, 1928-29.

Naturalization

711.654/5-50

Negotiations for a naturalization treaty, 1911-29.

Roll

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Patents

711.6562

Proposed patent treaty, 1910.

Other Relations

711.659Liquor Traffic - 711.659Patent Medicine  
Negotiations for a treaty regulating traffic in  
liquor, 1923-24; notes relating to an agreement  
governing reciprocal importation of medicinal  
specialties.

Relations Between the United States and Tripoli

General

711.65c/0-13

July 12, 1924 - Mar. 22, 1929.

Extraterritoriality

711.65c3/1

Note referring to the capitulatory rights of  
the United States with respect to Tripoli,  
which came under the sovereignty of Italy in  
1912.

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When two country numbers are used in a single file number, the lower number is the controlling one and precedes the decimal point; the number after the decimal point must be higher. Most of the documents reproduced in this microcopy concern relations between Italy and those countries assigned a number higher than 65. Documents on relations between Italy and countries having a number lower than 65 would be among records for the other country; for example, those on relations between Switzerland (54) and Italy (65) would be filed under 754.65. Documents relating to Italian relations with other countries in general, however, are filed under 765.00 and are included in this microcopy.

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There are reports on the war between Italy and Turkey, 1911-12, concerning the Italian occupation of Tripoli, Cyrenaica, and the Dodecanese Islands; the policies of several countries regarding the war; and the efforts made to settle the dispute. Among the subjects discussed are an agreement between Italy and Turkey, made in 1922, to grant concessions to Italy for the establishment and exploitation of specific public utility enterprises in Asia Minor and the Italo-Turkish Treaty of Neutrality, 1828.

Most of the records relating to Greece concern disputes between the two countries regarding the Italian seizure and occupation of Corfu in 1923 and the assassination of the Italian members of the Greco-Albanian Boundary Commission in 1923.

The main topic discussed in reports concerning relations between Italy and the Papal States (Holy See) is the settlement in 1929 of the "Roman Question," which required the solution of several problems between church and state.

Most of the records regarding political relations between Italy and some states in Africa and Asia are dated from 1922 to 1929. There is also a note relating to a boundary question between Libya and Egypt.

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	<u>General Relations</u>	
	765.00 - 765.003/16	
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	<u>Turkey:</u>	
3	765.67/1-182	\$5
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8	<u>Morocco; Egypt; Ethiopia (Abyssinia); Arabia;</u>	\$5
	<u>Afghanistan; Yemen; Iran (Persia);</u>	
	<u>Siam; China; Japan</u>	
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