

was a confluence of numerous disparate interests, expressed by highly placed power-brokers and commoners alike, that rendered Nicholas an ideal intercessor and advocate for both the rulers and subjects of Norman-controlled Bari.

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