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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

FILE: RWE 00.2

APC 394

20 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Restriction of Permits for Civilian Travel.

TO : C.A.O., Torre del Greco

THRU : Channels.

1. For your information copy of correspondence between S.C.A.O.-Trapani and Region 1 Headquarters is attached hereto.

2. Until present policies are changed by higher authority, and implemented by Displaced Persons Sub Commission, A.M.G. officers are not authorized to issue permits to Nationals of other countries to proceed to any port in hope of transportation.

By Order of Lt. Colonel Charles POLETTI:

W. H. Savin

WILLIAM H. SAVIN
Captain, A.C.D.
Adjutant

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1- Correspondence with Trapani AMG Hq.

C.C. to Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Palermo

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Hq., Allied Military Government. 28 January 1944.

TO: Allied Military Government, A.C.N.F.

1. Forwarded for transmittal and proper action through your office.

CHARLES E. SPOTFORD
Colonel, U.S.C.
D/ C. of S. (O. & S.I.)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER
PROVINCE OF TRAPANI
13 VIA REGINA MARGHERITA
(Trapani Sicily)

SCAO/6425/PW

17 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Nationals to N. Africa.
TO : Regional Welfare Officer, Sicily Region Hq.
THRU : SCAO, Sicily Region Hq., APO 394

1. Two women from the comune of Torre del Greco, in Naples area, visited this office and requested permission to proceed to N. Africa. They were in possession of a Ferry permit, authorizing them to travel from Naples to Palermo to visit relatives, and thence to their home in Sfax N. Africa. One of the permits was signed by R de Bourbon, A.C., Capt. the signature of the other permit was not legible. They traveled direct from Naples to Palermo by boat.

2. Has the policy regarding repatriation been changed as laid down in letter AMG/104/DP, dated 29 Nov 1943? If not, then the CAO of Torre del Greco should so be informed.

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JOHN J. SIEMASZ
Capt, Inf.
BX Officer

Forwarded

FLOYD E. THOMAS
Lt. Col, Inf.
SCAO-Trapani

1st. IND.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, REGION 1, HEADQUARTERS, APO 394,
20 January 1944

TO: S.C.A.O. - Trapani

1. No information has been received at this Headquarters regarding change of policy set forth in above mentioned letter.

2. The C.A.O. of Torre del Greco will be so informed.

For the R.C.A.O.

W. H. Savin
WILLIAM H. SAVIN, Capt.
Regional Welfare Officer

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RE. AT PEN. BASE SECTION SIG. MES. CENT. 10 JANUARY 1944

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PRIORITY

FREEDOM FOR MGS, CG PBS TO PENCE FOR HAMLYN

NONE

PATINA FROM FOLEY SIGNED JOYCE

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NONE



5,000 JUGOSLAV REFUGEES HAVE ALREADY BEEN BROUGHT INTO SOUTHERN ITALY AND 20,000 ADDITIONAL REFUGEES ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN NEXT 2 WEEKS. DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION IS PRESSING US TO PROVIDE EXCHANGE FACILITIES SO THAT JUGOSLAV CURRENCY HELD BY REFUGEES MAY BE CONVERTED INTO ITALIAN LIRE AND IN THIS WAY REDUCE EVACUATION COSTS. IN VIEW OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A DINAR LIRE EXCHANGE RATE AND BEARING IN MIND THAT RELIEF EXPEDITURES FOR JUGOSLAV REFUGEES HAVE BEEN CHARGED TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SINCE OUR OCCUPATION, WE ARE TRANSMITTING THIS INFORMATION FOR YOUR VIEWS. IN MEANTIME WE HAVE INFORMED DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION WE HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO CONVERT.

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ROUTINE

FREEDOM (INFO) FATIMA (INFO) FILPOT (INFO)

SEE YOUR ONE EIGHT ZERO EIGHT SIX OF TWO THREE DECEMBER PD PENCE
PARER FARGO PARER TO FREEDOM FOR MRS RPT FATIMA FOR INFO RPT FILPOT FOR AND FOR INFO PD
CITE FARGO NINE ^{EIGHT} PD PARAGRAPH PARER ONE PARER ABOVE PROCEDURE COLLECTING AREAS
VICINITY RAILHEADS PD PARAGRAPH PARER TWO PARER ABOVE RESPONSIBILITY REAR AREAS SHOULD
BELOW MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SUBCOMMISSION BUT CLOSEST COOPERATION OF AND COLLABORATION
WITH PUBLIC HEALTH SUBCOMMISSION WILL BE ESSENTIAL PD PARAGRAPH PARER THREE PARER FILPOT
REPLY ANSWERS OTHER POINTS RAISED PD WE WILL HELP SURVEY REGION TWO BILLETING
ACCOMMODATION

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J.F. MICHEL,
Lt. Col., ASD,
Adjutant General.

There will need to be augmentation of staff at some places for this purpose

G. The reception end should I think definitely be the role of Regional officers.

2. I suggest that early executive action be taken in regard to all of these matters.

3. We must, however, know the answers to A. to G. If these are decided at an early date, then a conference should be held of those concerned under the chairmanship of the Administrative Director.

What would be the agenda of such a conference?

R. G. B. Spicer

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt. Col., Deputy Chief
Interior Sub-Commission.

To Admin. Director

Dec. 27

Subject: Refugees.

- ①. This is entirely new sphere for the "Interior" Sub-Commission which, with its present establishment, will have its hands full with the intricacies of local Government.
2. Possible procedure agreed.
3. Transfer agreed, but, practically, problems should be Regional as directed by this H.Q. in consultation with Italian National Government.
4. Agreed that "Internees and Displaced Persons" Sub-Commission has its own distinct role.
5. No information here as to h. getting accommodation Region 2. Such survey ⁴³⁶² and report would appear urgently necessary.

b. Coordination with Transport,
Supply, Health would appear
essential.

Per African

Dec. 27. Lt Col.
"INT"

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IMPORTANT CIPHER MESSAGE

STG NO. 4469

TO:- PBS FOR PENCE FOR GUETERBOCK AND TO FILPOT FOR AMG AND TO FATIMA
FROM:- AFHQ SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHMGS.

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FOLLOWING BEING DESPATCHED BY AIR SOONEST TO BARI FOR ATTACHMENT
DEAL WITH ITALIAN REFUGEE EVACUATION: CULLOTEN, KENNEMUR, CODRINGTON,
DOLDE, ELLIMAN, WINTERSTEEN, CARLSON, GULLITTI. PARA. BRISTER
HOME OFFICE EXPERT IMMIGRATION AND EVACUATION REMAINS THIS SECTION
FOR CONSULTATION AND WILL FOLLOW.

SUGGEST POSSIBLE PROCEDURE WOULD BE SET UP COLLECTING AREAS VICINITY
RAILHEAD TO HOUSE UP TO TEN THOUSAND REFUGEES ANY ONE TIME. FROM
HERE REFUGEES WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN MINISTRY INTERIOR AND
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION SOON AS ACCOMMODATION IN E X G X REGION 2
WERE AVAILABLE. EXPLORING HERE POSSIBILITY USE PW EQUIPMENT AND
PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN SUCH COLLECTING AREAS, INCLUDING PROVISION
ARMY RATIONS. DO YOU AGREE RESPONSIBILITY IN REAR AREAS SHOULD
BELONG TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION NOT
DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION. LATTER WAS INTENDED FOR ~~INTERNEES~~
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS OTHER NATIONS. PLEASE COMMENT ALL
ABOVE.

HAS ANY SURVEY BEEN MADE OF BILLETING ACCOMMODATION IN REGION 2.
INFORM SOONEST, ALSO (1) NUMBER OF REFUGEES ALREADY THROUGH EIGHTH ARMY
AND FIVE ARMY AREAS (2) RATE OF FLOW PER DAY. (3) ANY POSSIBLE
ESTIMATE OF FUTURE COMMITMENTS INCLUDING RATE OF FLOW.

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FROM: FILPOT FOR ARGOT

TO : SEARS FOR ARGOT

GRATEFUL REPRESENTATIVE OF COMMISSION ON DISPLACED
PERSONS BE ATTACHED ARG FIFTH ARMY AS ALLIED REFUGEE IS PROBLEM
LIKELY BECOME SERIOUS X
PAREN TO SEARS FOR ARGOT RPTD FREEDOM FROM FILPOT FROM ARGOT PAREN

DIST:

ARGOT (ACTION)

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SAYRELL, SSG, A.F.H.Q., stated at one time that if assistance was required from the Middle East, it would be requested inasmuch as this theatre had priority at the present.

7. Instructions concerning the action to be taken on the basic communication are required.

F. M. BOPFARLAND,
Lt Colonel, OAC,
Director.

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