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ENEMY DIPLOMATIC & CONSULAR
OFFICIALS, ROME
DEC. 1943, JAN. 1944

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11. In view of recommendations received from the War Department and the Navy Department, it is recommended that the following instructions be adopted:
12. The following measures will be adopted in the treatment of diplomatic and consular personnel and provisions unless their instructions are received from the State Department.
13. The following instructions
- (1) The Diplomatic and Consular officials of Germany, Japan, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria and Finland will be detained. Every necessary measure to prevent their escape will be taken but they will be treated with courtesy. Instructions for their disposal will be issued by J.C.D., which must include the names of those to whom they are referred.

(2) All embassy, legation or consular premises belonging to the countries mentioned in A (1) above, will not be entered or searched unless proof is available that diplomatic privilege is being abused. Such abuse includes hostile acts committed from the premises, use of radio transmitting apparatus of war material other than the amount allowed in the mission treasury, laying of explosive charges and similar acts.

- (3) The private residences of diplomatic and consular officials of the countries mentioned in A (2) will neither be entered nor searched without proof that they are being used for purposes harmful to our war effort. These residences should be sealed and left until the returning power takes them over and they will not be inhabited or regilded.
- (4) Every effort should be made to protect from serious damage all embassy and legation premises, and the private residences of officials on the embassy, legation and consular staffs. Other considerations necessitating guards will be provided pending the returning power taking over.
- (5) In the case of Finland, as no state of war exists between the U.S.A. and that country, action outlined above should be carried out by British troops rather than ours.

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Only French Ambassador and consular officials will be allowed on the island. Should be taken in the case of disturbance and rebellion.

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2. The following measures will be adopted in the treatment of diplomatic and consular personnel and residences unless further instructions are received from the State Department.

A. Asia and Satellite Areas.

(1) The diplomatic and consular officials of Germany, Japan, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, and Finland will be detained. Every necessary measure to prevent their escape will be taken but they will be treated with courtesy. Instructions for their disposal will be issued by A.S.S. which must immediately be followed by their apprehension.

(2) All embassy, legation or consular premises belonging to the countries mentioned in A (1) above, will not be entered or searched unless good is established that diplomatic privilege is being abused. Such abuse includes hostile acts committed from the premises, use of 1/2 transmitters, storage of war material other than the amount allowed in the mission attorney, laying of explosive charges and similar acts.

(3) The private residences of diplomatic and consular officials of the countries mentioned in A (1) will neither be entered nor searched without proof that they are being used for purposes harmful to our war effort. These residences should be sealed and left until the retreating power takes them over and they will not be inhabited or requisitioned.

(4) Every effort should be made to protect from seizure all embassy and legation premises, and the private residences of officials on the embassy, legation and consular staffs. Other considerations permitting guards will be provided pending the retreating power taking over.

(5) In the case of Finland, as no state of war exists between the U.S.A. and that country, action outlined above should be carried out by British troops rather than ours.

B. Asia (continued) (Confidential)

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Very French diplomatic and consular officials will be detained as in para. A (3). No action should be taken in the case of diplomatic and consular premises or the private residences of diplomatic and consular officials which are already in the custody of the retreating power. If they are not yet in such custody the premises and private residences will be sealed pending further instructions. French diplomatic and consular officials and their premises and private residences will be treated in the same way as is laid down in para. C (values) for neutral states.

C. Neutral States.
Representatives of neutral states will be treated at all times with the greatest courtesy. They enjoy full diplomatic and consular privileges unless there is clear proof that abuse of privilege is taking place neither the officials nor the personal premises of officials of neutral countries will be entered.

Instructions contained in A.S.S. para 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of 6, April 43 (not received here), are expedient.

TRK Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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US CIPHER MESSAGE
INFOLIO NO 03270
27 JAN 44FROM : G TWO FREEDOM STOMED CINC
TO : HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CENTRAL
MEDITERRANEAN FORCE:
HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
ORIG. NO : 44149 CITE FIBRETOP 1327A
THI HIL
TOP 2125A

MESSAGE 29207 FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS OF 13 JANUARY REFERS.
RECOMMENDATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. ABOVE
MENTIONED MESSAGE WILL THEREFORE BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
PARAGRAPH ONE A (THREE) THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES OF GERMAN,
JAPANESE, HUNGARIAN, ROMANIAN, BULGARIAN AND FINNISH DIPLOMATIC
AND CONSULAR OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT BE ENTERED OR SEARCHED UNLESS
THERE IS PROOF THAT SUCH RESIDENCES ARE BEING USED FOR ANY PURPOSE
HARMFUL TO OUR WAR EFFORT. SUCH RESIDENCES SHOULD NOT BE
REQUISITIONED OR INHABITED BUT SHOULD BE SEALED AND LEFT UNTIL
THEY CAN BE TAKEN OVER BY THE PROTECTING POWER.
PARAGRAPH ONE B (ONE) IN THE CASE OF VICHY FRANCE, DIPLOMATIC
AND CONSULAR OFFICIALS WILL BE DETAINED AS IN PARAGRAPH ONE
A (ONE). IF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PREMISES, AND PRIVATE
RESIDENCES OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICIALS ARE IN THE
CUSTODY OF THE PROTECTING POWER NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN.
IF THEY ARE NOT YET IN THE CUSTODY OF THE PROTECTING
POWER, PREMISES AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES SHOULD BE SEALED PENDING
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. IN THE CASE OF DANISH DIPLOMATS AND
CONSULAR OFFICIALS, PREMISES AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES THESE
WILL BE TREATED AS IN THE CASE OF NEUTRAL COUNTRIES IN PARAGRAPH
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IMPORTANT
US CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FM 10 06082
14 JAN 44

FROM : C TWO FREEDOM SIGNED CINC
TO : HEADQUARTERS ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY
CINC. NO : MIL CITE 1781

TOO 1754
TNI NIL
TOR 2341

PARAGRAPH TWO OUR MESSAGE 28287 OF 13 JANUARY REVERB.
B-389.428 READ B-389.504/7. AGREED

COL GIBSON (GSI-B) 1 ACTION
PA T CCS 1
DAS (I) 1
G (OPS) 4
A/2-G4 2
ANGOT 4

SIC 0130A/15.
T.T. 0215A/15.
JJC.

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US CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOLIC NO: 05801
13 JAN 44

TOO 2409A/13
THI NIL
TOR 0257A/14

FROM: C2 FREEDOM SIGNED CINC
TO: FIVE ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP
ORIG. NO: 28287 CITE HREBI RPT FHBGI

PARAGRAPH ONE. IN ABSENCE OF DEFINITE RULING FROM STATE DEPARTMENT THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE OBSERVED IN THE TREATMENT OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PERSONNEL AND PREMISES UNLESS FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED:

2. AXIS AND SATELLITE POWERS.

(1) ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICIALS BELONGING TO GERMANY, JAPAN, HUNGARY, ROMANIA, BULGARIA, FINLAND SHOULD BE DETAINED. THEY SHOULD BE TREATED WITH COURTESY BUT THIS MUST NOT PREVENT ALL NECESSARY MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THEIR ESCAPE. ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED OF THEIR APPREHENSION AND INSTRUCTIONS WILL THEN BE ISSUED FOR THEIR DISPOSAL.

(2) EMBASSY LEGATION AND CONSULAR PREMISES BELONGING TO GERMANY, JAPAN, HUNGARY, ROMANIA, BULGARIA AND FINLAND SHOULD NOT BE SEARCHED OR ENTERED UNLESS THERE IS PROOF THAT DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE IS BEING ABUSED. ABUSE OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE WOULD INCLUDE SUCH ACTIONS AS HOSTILE ACTS COMMITTED FROM EMBASSY LEGATION OR CONSULAR PREMISES, THE USE OF W/T TRANSMITTERS, THE STORING OF WAR MATERIAL OTHER THAN THE RECOGNIZED MISSION ARMOIRY OR THE LAYING OF EXPLOSIVE CHARGES.

(5) THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES OF GERMANY, JAPANESE, HUNGARIAN, ROMANIAN, BULGARIAN AND FINNISH DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT BE ENTERED OR SEARCHED UNLESS THERE IS PROOF THAT DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE IS BEING ABUSED. IN THE CASE OF CONSULAR OFFICIALS OF THESE NATIONS, PRIVATE RESIDENCES MAY BE ENTERED AND SEARCHED AND ANY PAPERS OF INTEREST INCURRED. ANY CONSULAR ARCHIVES FOUND ON SUCH PREMISES MUST HOWEVER BE CONSIDERED PRIVATE. NO OFFICERS OTHER THAN PAPERS OF INTEREST SHOULD BE DETAINED AND SUCH RESIDENCES SHOULD NOT BE REQUISITIONED OR INHABITED BUT SHOULD BE SEALED AND LEFT UNTIL THEY CAN BE TAKEN OVER BY THE EXECUTING POWER.

(4) IN THE CASE OF EMBASSY AND LEGATION PREMISES AND THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES OF OFFICIALS OF EMBASSY, LEGATIONS, AND CONSULAR STAFFS, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PROTECT THEM FROM WARREN DAMAGE. IF OTHER CONSIDERATIONS PERMIT, GUARDS SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THEM UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY CAN BE TAKEN OVER BY THE EXECUTING POWER.

(5) IN THE CASE OF FINLAND, THIS ACTION TO BE TAKEN LAID DOWN IN THE ABOVE SUB PARAGRAPHS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY BRITISH RATHER THAN AMERICAN TROOPS AS NO STATE OF WAR EXISTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FINLAND.

3. COUNTRIES OVERRUN BY THE AXIS.

(1) IN THE CASE OF VICHY FRANCE OR OF THE UNIFORM DANISH OVERSEAS IF IS NOT HELD THAT DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE IS OPERATIVE. OFFICIALS SHOULD BE TREATED AS IN SUB PARAGRAPH 4 (1) AND ALL PREMISES MAY BE SEARCHED AND REQUISITIONED.

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(1) ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICIALS BELONGING TO GERMANY, JAPAN, HUNGARY, ROMANIA, BULGARIA, FINLAND SHOULD BE DETAINED. THEY SHOULD BE TREATED WITH COURTESY BUT THIS MUST NOT PREVENT ALL NECESSARY MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THEIR ESCAPE. ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED OF THEIR APPREHENSION AND INSTRUCTIONS WILL THEN BE ISSUED FOR THEIR DISPOSAL.

(2) EMBASSY LEGATION AND CONSULAR PREMISES BELONGING TO GERMANY, JAPAN, HUNGARY, ROMANIA, BULGARIA AND FINLAND SHOULD NOT BE SEARCHED OR ENTERED UNLESS THERE IS PROOF THAT DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE IS BEING ABUSED. ABUSE OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE WOULD INCLUDE SUCH ACTIONS AS FIATILE ACTS COMMITTED FROM EMBASSY LEGATION OR CONSULAR PREMISES, THE USE OF W/T TRANSMISSIONS, THE STORING OF WAR MATERIAL OTHER THAN THE RECOGNIZED MISSION ARMS AND OR THE LAYING OF EXPLOSIVE CHARGES.

(3) THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES OF GERMANS, JAPANESE, HUNGARIAN, ROMANIAN, BULGARIAN AND FINNISH DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT BE ENTERED OR SEARCHED UNLESS THERE IS PROOF THAT DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE IS BEING ABUSED. IN THE CASE OF CONSULAR OFFICIALS OF THESE NATIONS, PRIVATE RESIDENCES MAY BE ENTERED AND SEARCHED AND ANY PAPERS OF INTEREST RECOVERED. ANY CONSULAR ARCHIVES FOUND ON SUCH PREMISES MUST HOWEVER BE CONSIDERED PRIVATE. NO EFFECTS OTHER THAN PAPERS OF INTEREST SHOULD BE LEAVED AND SUCH RESIDENCES SHOULD NOT BE REQUISITIONED OR INHABITED BUT SHOULD BE SEALED AND LEFT UNTIL THEY CAN BE TAKEN OVER BY THE PROTECTING POWER.

(4) IN THE CASE OF EMBASSY AND LEGATION PREMISES AND THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES OF OFFICIALS OF EMBASSY, LEGATIONS, AND CONSULAR SITES, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PROTECT THEM FROM VANDALISM. IF OTHER CONSIDERATIONS PERMIT, GUARDS SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THEM UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY CAN BE TAKEN OVER BY THE PROTECTING POWER.

(5) IN THE CASE OF FINLAND, THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN LAID DOWN IN THE ABOVE SUB PARAGRAPHS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY FINNISH RATHER THAN AMERICAN TROOPS AS NO STATE OF WAR EXISTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FINLAND.

B.

COUNTRIES OVERSEEN BY THE AXIS.

(1) IN THE CASE OF VICIN FRANCE OR OF THE FUTURE DANISH GOVERNMENT IF IS NOT HELD THAT DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES IS OPERATIVE, CONSULARS SHOULD BE TREATED AS IN SUB PARAGRAPH A (1) AND ALL PREMISES MAY BE SEARCHED AND REQUISITIONED.

C.

NEUTRAL COUNTRIES.

(1) THE REPRESENTATIVES OF NEUTRAL COUNTRIES CANNOT (ENJOY) THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PRIVILEGES AND WILL BE TREATED AT ALL TIMES WITH THE GREATEST COURTESY. NO PREMISES EITHER OFFICIAL OR PERSONAL BELONGING TO OFFICIALS OF NEUTRAL COUNTRIES WILL BE ENTERED UNLESS THERE IS PROOF THAT AN ABUSE OF PRIVILEGE HAS TAKEN PLACE.

PARAGRAPH TWO. THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS LETTER P-389 DATED 6 SEPTEMBER 1943 ARE RECOMMENDED.

PARAGRAPH THREE. REFERENCES YOUR LETTER 15-0/4401/6/2 (B) DATED 8 DECEMBER 1943

COL. GIBSON, CSI (B) ACTION

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SUBJECT: Emergency Diplomatic and Consular
Officials and Offices in ROME

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.I.F.

ALL SECRET SIGNALS TO BE SECRET

MAC/1401/6/2 (10).

TO: AFHQ, HQ. 15 Army Group

29 December 1943

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Reference your AMH/673/A dated 28 Dec 43.

No reply has yet been received from AFHQ to the questions submitted in our letter of even reference dated 8 Dec 43.

P.G.S.I. this HQ recently mentioned this matter in a letter to A.C. of S., G-2, AFHQ. The latter went a message to say he had not received our questions. Yesterday we sent a message giving the reference number and date of our letter, and we sent another copy of it.

It is considered probable that our original letter was passed by AFHQ Central Registry to AFHQ Section or to the Resident Minister's Office, and that one of the latter is awaiting a ruling from London or Washington before replying.

We will inform you of the reply, when received.

W.D. Libson. Lt Col
for Liaison,
P.G.S. (I).
15 Army Group.

WD/WT

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We should keep track of this.

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Enemy Diplomatic and Consular
Officials and Offices in Rome

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H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Lt.Col. W.D. Gibson,
H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

AMG/679/4.

28th December 1943

Reference your letter 15AG/1401/6/G(Ib) dated
8th December 43, addressed to A.P.H.Q.

2. I shall be glad to know whether you have
received a reply to the query raised in your letter.

Brigadier
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer

B/U
8/1/44
2882 *note*

Public Safety
AMG-15 Group
① 13/12/43

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C.S.O.

1. Re attached, no trace
of any directive at
this HQ & I have not
seen one.

④ 2. I agree with minute 2
within - para. 4 also
is the answer.
Rg. 15/12/43
B.D. 28/12/43
Rg. 15/12/43

3. No difficulty anticipated
Stock C.P.

J.C.O.P.O.

Pls see 1 & 2. We not wait for
H.Q. reply & 4 (18): memorandum?

Yes - but remind me
at end of month

Rg. 15/12/43
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Allied Military Government

Region 2. Headquarters

Your ref. _____

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE AND PUBLIC
SAFETY OFFICER

My ref. _____

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SUBJECT: Enemy Diplomatic and Consular
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Equals British Most Secret and Secret

TO: AFHQ

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.A.P.

ER SECRET EQUALS US SECRET

15AG/L401/6/G(Ib)

8 December 1943

1. A ~~secret~~ ruling is requested on the action to be taken by Allied intelligence personnel as regards enemy consular and diplomatic officials and offices in ROME.
2. Guidance is required not only with respect to such German and Japanese agencies, but also to representatives of Axis satellite Powers such as HUNGARY, RUMANIA, FINLAND, BULGARIA etc.
3. It is requested that this ruling should cover the following points:-
 - (a) Whether any of the above officials, if found, should be arrested or detained; if so, how they should be disposed of.
 - (b) Whether their official establishments and/or private residences should be searched, (i) if occupied, (ii) if unoccupied.
 - (c) Whether their documents should be seized and/or inspected.

4. Unless contrary instructions are received, it will be assumed that the immunity of all neutral diplomatic and consular officials and offices should be fully respected.

W.D. Gibson. Lt-Col

General,
General Officer Commanding,
15 Army Group.

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Copy to: AMG, HQ 15 Army Group

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W.D. Gibson. 14-64

General, General Officer Commanding, 15 Army Group.

/EHK

Copy to: AMG, Hq 15 Army Group

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Item for information.

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I feel one has been a directive in 3(a) close to the effect that we grab them all, that has well and should have been a directive. N.A. is being used as "snoops". We have no copies of the directive here.

2. Should be answer to 3(b) (i) and (ii) not be "yes" and answer to 3(c) must be "series".

Signatures

P.S. Is one a directive in 3(a) was missed. M. by a hand

a copy.

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