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57) 100/863/40	CAL. F. M. LAY	20 MAY	CC	ANS. TO (40) ADDITIONAL OFFICERS TO ROYAL YUGOSLAV MISSION.
58) A/c 091	A/c	3 July	INFANTE	ANS. TO (55) RECRUITING IN MONOPOLI.
59) 103915/AV	INFANTE	30 June	STONE	PROPAGANDA + RETG. CONTINUES.
A/c 091	A/c	3 July	INFANTE	
60) 144/222	DISPER	5 "	" 2nd Mission	YUGOS PARTISAN BANDS NO. OF ROMS PROBABLE VOLUNTEERS FOR NLAY
61) 100/101-13	POLITICAL SEC.	12 JUNE	CC	VISIT OF YUGO PM TO ITALY
62) 334/FS	M.N. OF MARINE	18 MAY	ADM. MORGAN	YUGO RECRUITING OF ITALIAN
2070/CC	MARITIME DEPT.	13 "	"	NAVAL PERSONNEL
79/72	CC. RE. - BARI	7 "	MARITIME DEPT.	
A/c 091	A/c	29 June	P. BROAD	
SP. MSC. 0012	ADM. MORGAN	7 June	CC	
A/c 091.	A/c	29 "	ADM. MORGAN	
63) 13737/08	MESSE	19 June	ACC SAKRNO	YUGO PARTISAN GARRISON IN
A/c 091	- ? A/c	5 July	2nd Mission	PELAGOSA ISLAND.
100/101-13	2nd Mission	12 "	P. BROAD	
6/7/1	P. BROAD	14 " AUG	CC	
A/c 091.	MESSE	14 " AUG	STONE	
100/101-13	MESSE	5 "	MESSE	
64) 65:09111-3	G5 AFHQ	16 "	A/c, ACC	ITALIANS OF GREAT + SLOVENE
(ITALY)	CAPT. STONE	22 "	COL. SP. FORD.	ORIGIN SERVING IN ITALIAN
A/c 091.	LENN-HARRIS	25 "	STONE	ARMED FORCES.
65-1	STONE	29 "	VPs POL SEC	"
A/c 091	CACCIA	29 "	STONE	"
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9-5 091.711-3	SPURFORD G-5	10 SEP	STONE	"
A/c 091	STONE	19 SEP	ARMY NAVY ETC	"
091.711-3	G-5 AFHQ	20 SEP	CC ACC	"
ACC/4086/5/L	Legal S/C ACC	20 SEP	A/c CC	"
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65)	CACCIA POL SEC	18 SEP		TREATMENT OF U.N. NATIONALS in Italy, esp. Yugoslavs.

	CAL. FINDLAY	26 MAY	CC	ANS. TO (U.S.) ADDITIONAL OFFICERS TO ROYAL YUGOSLAV MISSION.
57) 100/863/90				
58) A/c 091	A/c	3 July	INFANTE	ANS. TO (S.S.) RECRUITING IN MONOPOLI.
59) 103915/AV	INFANTE	30 June	STONE	PROPAGANDA + RETG. CONTINUES.
A/c 091	A/c	3 July	INFANTE	
60) ADV 222	DISPER	5 "	" 2nd mission	YUGOS PARTISAN BANDS NO. OF ROME
100/101-13				PROBABLE VOLUNTEERS FOR NLAY
61) —	POLITICAL SEC.	12 JUNE	CC	VISIT OF YUGO PM TO ITALY
62) 334/FS	MIN. OF MARINE	18 MAY	ADM. MORGAN	YUGO RECRUITING OF ITALIAN
2070/CC	MARITIME DEPT.	13 "	MARITIME DEPT.	NAVAL PERSONNEL
79/72	CC-RE. - BARI	7 "	P. BROAD	
A/c 091	A/c	29 June	CC	
SP-NSC-0012	ADM. MORGAN	7 June	ADM. MORGAN	
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63) 13737/00	MESSE	19 June	ACC SAKZNO	YUGO PARTISAN GARRISON IN
A/c 091	- ? A/c	5 July	2nd mission	PELAGOSA ISLAND.
100/101-13	2nd mission	5 "	P. BROAD	
6/7/1	P. BROAD	12 "	CC	
A/c 091	MESSE	14 " A/c	STONE	
100/101-13		5 "	MESSE	
64) 65:091711-3	G-5 AFHQ	16 "	A/c, ACC	ITALIANS OF CROAT + SLOVENE
(ITALY)	CAPT. STONE	22 "	COL. SPAFFORD.	ORIGIN SERVING IN ITALIAN
A/c 091	LENN-HARRIS	25 "	STONE	ARMED FORCES.
G-5	STONE	29 "	VP's POL SEC	"
A/c 091	CACCIA	29 "	STONE	"
G-5 091.711-3	STONE	2 SEP	G-5 AFHQ	"
A/c 091	SPUFFORD G-5	10 SEP	STONE	"
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ACC/4086/5/L	G-5- H-FHQ	20 SEP	CC ACC	"
AFSC/PK.1/AR	Legal S/C ACC	20 SEP	A/c CC	"
	AIR S/C ACC	20 SEP	A/c CC	"
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				by Italy, cap. of Yugoslavs.

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26) M137	CC	6 Apr.	Freedom	Re (24)
27) SG 091	DOE	7 Apr.	Col. Petrovic	Replica to (24)
28) SG 091	E.C.	11 Apr.	Hq. AA1	Re 2 copies, each + Thammung; Yugo not to visit. How comp. to recruit.
29) CC/P/191	CC	12 "	Gen. Nares	Re migration on part of Sts. f
30) F31347	FDM	12 "	CC	No. (10) plus
31) FAT 3205	CACCIA	13 "	FDM	Re. Brothers rpt. on Sts. - Partisan negotiations.
32) FAT 3216	LUSH	14 "	FDM	No title in (30).
33) M65 091711	AFHQ	20 April	36 HQPAC	AA1 opia. in LORRA mission
34) CC/G/223	CC	22 "	Gen. Palmer	Re 2 copies, each + Thammung; Yugo not to visit. How comp. to recruit.
35) 12761	FDM	22 March	Freedom	REC. OF RECOVERIES
36) M65 091711	AFHQ	20 April	HQ, ACC	Partisan mission in Italy.
37) CC/G/239	CC	24 "	Re. Sec.	Re Russians wanting to recruit slaves for Tito.
38) M181	CC	27 "	Freedom	Further to (36)
39) DO/11	CC	5 May	CC	Stednick willing to drop (36)
40) I/103/T	Gen. Browning	9 "	CC	Rehabilitation in Yugoslavia.
41) 58641	Gen. Browning	3 "	CC	Yugoslavia + Albanian
42) SD/15	Gen. Browning	11 "	CC	Italian of Slav origin
43) DO/14	CC	12 "	"	It. types, in Corvica - (Slavic)
44) CC 091	CC	16 "	Gen. Browning	Replica to (39)
45) CC/G/249	"	"	AFHQ	Replica to (40)
46) CC/G/300	"	16 "	Col. Findlay, JdDPSC	Col. Prosin to replace Col. Radovic
47) CC/G/301	"	"	AFHQ	More on (40)
48) 6-5-017012	AFHQ	25 "	DOE	Yugoslavia want this for navy, Bulks etc.
49) CC/P/354	CC	1 June	HQ ACC	More on the demand to Yugo
50) 55	AFHQ	26 "	HQ ACC	Object to Prosin. See (44)
51)	CC	17 May	Re. Sec.	Re (46) (44) Try Yugo + Prosin

29) CC/12/191	CC	12 "	Gen. Name	Re migration on part 7 to f No. (10) plus
30) F31347	FDM	12 "	CC	Re Brothers ypt. on Holo-Partisan negotiations.
31) FAT 3205	CACCIA	13 "	FDM	No truth in (30).
32) FAT 3216	LUSH	14 "	FDM	AAI ofia. in ZEBRA mission
33) MGS 091211	AFHQ	22 March	AFHQ	Re mission in Italy
34) CC/6/223	CC	22 "	Commo. Pelmar	Re mission in Italy
35) 12761	FDM	22 March	FDM	Re mission in Italy
36) MGS 091711	AFHQ	20 April	HQ, ACC	Re mission in Italy
37) CC/6/231	CC	21 "	Pol. Sec.	Further to (36)
38) 72 181	CC	21 "	Freedom	Re mission in Italy
39) 20/11	CC	5 May	CC	Re mission in Italy
40) CC/6/271	CC	7 "	CC	Re mission in Italy
41) I/103/1	Gen. Browning	9 "	Gen. Browning	Re mission in Italy
42) 58641	Gen. Browning	3 "	Gen. Browning	Re mission in Italy
43) 52/15	Gen. Browning	11 "	CC	Re mission in Italy
44) 20/14	Col. Spafford	12 "	"	Re mission in Italy
45) CC 091	CC	16 "	Gen. Browning	Re mission in Italy
46) CC/6/299	"	"	AFHQ	Re mission in Italy
47) CC/6/300	"	16 "	Col. Findlay, JADPSC	Re mission in Italy
48) CC/6/301	"	"	AFHQ	Re mission in Italy
49) 05/01/101	Infantry	25 "	DOC	Re mission in Italy
50) 05/01/102	AFHQ	26 "	HQ, ACC	Re mission in Italy
51) 05/01/103	CC	1 June	In Risk	Re mission in Italy
52) 05/01/104	Pol. Sec.	17 May	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
53) 05/01/105	Pol. Sec.	31 May	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
54) 05/01/106	Pol. Sec.	2 June	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
55) 05/01/107	Pol. Sec.	14 "	Chief Comm.	Re mission in Italy
56) 05/01/108	Pol. Sec.	17 "	D.C.C.	Re mission in Italy
57) 05/01/109	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
58) 05/01/110	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
59) 05/01/111	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
60) 05/01/112	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
61) 05/01/113	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
62) 05/01/114	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
63) 05/01/115	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
64) 05/01/116	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
65) 05/01/117	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
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68) 05/01/120	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
69) 05/01/121	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
70) 05/01/122	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
71) 05/01/123	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
72) 05/01/124	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
73) 05/01/125	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
74) 05/01/126	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
75) 05/01/127	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
76) 05/01/128	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
77) 05/01/129	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
78) 05/01/130	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
79) 05/01/131	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
80) 05/01/132	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
81) 05/01/133	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
82) 05/01/134	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
83) 05/01/135	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
84) 05/01/136	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
85) 05/01/137	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
86) 05/01/138	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
87) 05/01/139	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
88) 05/01/140	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
89) 05/01/141	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
90) 05/01/142	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
91) 05/01/143	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
92) 05/01/144	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
93) 05/01/145	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
94) 05/01/146	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
95) 05/01/147	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
96) 05/01/148	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
97) 05/01/149	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
98) 05/01/150	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
99) 05/01/151	Pol. Sec.	17 "	Pol. Sec.	Re mission in Italy
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4) DP SUB-COM MEMO #2	COL. HAMMER DP SUB-COM	8 FEB	VARIOUS	YUGOS ONLY TO BE RECRUITED FOR PARTISAN ARMY
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7) CC/P/57	GEN MAC F	16 FEB.	BADDOGLIO	REPLIES TO (3), (5), & (6). WILL DO ALL I CAN TO AVOID THIS.
8) DCC 341 101073/AV	Capt STONE	19 FEB.	MESSE	ACKS. 101073/AV RE YUGOS RECRUITING- ITALIANS. IF THESE OCCUR LATER THAN RECENT DIRECTIVE TO CONTRARY, LET KNOW
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10) CC/P/109	GEN. MAC F.	27 FEB.	BADDOGLIO	HAVE RCUD (9) & HAVE FUDG SAME TO BRIT. DIST. CMOR IN BARI FOR ACTION.
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14) DCC 091	CAPT. STONE	8 MAR.	ADV HQ, FORCE 133 CHAF	NO ITALIAN SLAVS TO BE RECRUITED
15)	SFORZA GEN. MAC F.	8 MAR. 10 MAR.	GEN. MAC F. SFORZA	CONCERNING POST-WAR STATUS OF TRIESTE AS FREEPORT. POSSIBLY FIUME ALSO.
16) 30 A	HQ, No 72 DIST.	9 MAR.	HQ, ACC	RE (9). REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF.
17) —	BADDOGLIO	8 MAR.	GEN. MAC F.	PL. STOP YUGO. OFFICERS FROM TULL. TO PALERMO TO ENLIST ITALIANS FOR PARTISAN ARMY
18) 16/3/64	BOW LUSH	13 MAR	GEN. MAC F.	

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18) 18/3/CA	BRIG. LUSH	13 MAR.	REN COMM'R, REN #1	FUDG COPY OF (12) YUGOS NOT TO ENLIST IT. IN SICILY W/OUT PERMISSION OF A.C.C.
19) SF/162/50	" " " " MILES	7 "	GEN. MAC F.	FURTHER RE RECRUITING FOR PART. ARMY
20) 2022/68 GSI SC 091	HQ, #2 DIST MAJ. DOE	27 " 30 "	HQ, ACC HQ, #2 DIST	QUESTIONS AUTHENTICITY OF (10). DOE SAYS IT'S AUTHENTIC.
21) F-24760	CINC	29 "	FATIMA	ETA OF YUGO DELEGATES TO ADV. COUNCIL
22) Ref #102	MELENTINE SPADVIC	1 Apr.	CC	I have been appr'd. Files exp. in Italy
23) AM/3050/A(6) 10/6/16/A 10/6/16/A	HQ, AH1 #1 Dist	2 Apr. 24 Apr. 4 Apr.	HQ, ACC HQ, AH1 " "	Re. Lt. Brining visiting PW Camp to recruit volunteers for Partisans
24) F-24760 10/6/16/A	Valentino Bodaglio	3 Apr. 3 Apr.	C.C. KOSTYLEV	RE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE MATTER OF YUGOS IN ITALIAN ARMY. DEFIES TITO.
25) M133	CC	2 Apr.	FREEDOM	SEE (24)

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C O P Y

MEMORANDUM

TO: (1) Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
(2) Brigadier Upjohn

I attach a draft to A.F.H.Q. which is a cock-shy.
It is the result of much talk with the Yugoslavs.

Would Displaced Persons Sub-Commission attach Appendix A if possible. If not, could they put an approximate figure in the blank space in Para. 3; for I think that we should have this question submitted to A.F.H.Q. without delay.

/t/ H.A. CACCIA

Political Section,

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MEMORANDUM TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters,
Copies to: British Resident Minister,
U.S. Political Adviser,
British High Commissioner,
U.S. Representative, A.C.I.

The Yugoslav and Greek representatives to the Advisory Council have raised with the Allied Control Commission the desirability of investigating the manner in which the Italian authorities treated their nationals who were prisoners of war or who were interned in Italy after Italy had gone to war with them. In the case of the Yugoslavs this is a particularly serious question which they believe affects some eighty to ninety thousand Yugoslav nationals or more.

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3. It is therefore proposed that the approach to the Italian authorities whether of the central Government or in the provinces should be made by AMG/ACC officers. At the same time it will of course be of considerable help if AMG/ACC officers receive assistance

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from duly authorized representatives of the other nationals concerned. In many ways it would be simplest if this work could be undertaken by the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission assisted by the various missions attached to them. But the extent of the work may be considerable and the Sub-Commission are not staffed to deal with it.

For instance there are as many as _____ internment camps, the names being set out in Appendix "A". We would therefore suggest that a small committee of enquiry should be appointed consisting of one or two members of each of the nationalities concerned with the object of visiting the localities named as and when possible in order to carry out investigations on the spot. This committee should have a conducting officer from Allied Control Commission as well as

British and American representation. In the meantime the Italian Government should be asked to cooperate in providing evidence and regional and provincial AMG/ACC officers should be instructed to do what they can to ensure cooperation by Italian officials on the spot. The object of the investigation would be (1) to obtain and check information about individuals, (2) to obtain evidence in cases where compensation may later be claimed for maltreatment, (3) to obtain evidence which may later be useful for any trials which may take place to deal with war criminals.

4. On the third point regarding war criminals we attach Appendices "B" and "C" two memoranda from the Greek Delegation Nos. 1504 and 1527 of the 13th and 15th September.

5. We should be grateful for early guidance on this question since it is one which naturally is keenly felt by the members of the United

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British and American representation. In the meantime the Italian Government should be asked to cooperate in providing evidence and regional and provincial AMG/ACC officers should be instructed to do what they can to ensure cooperation by Italian officials on the spot. The object of the investigation would be (1) to obtain and check information about individuals, (2) to obtain evidence in cases where compensation may later be claimed for maltreatment, (3) to obtain evidence which may later be useful for any trials which may take place to deal with war criminals.

4. On the third point regarding war criminals we attach Appendices "B" and "C" two memoranda from the Greek Delegation Nos. 1504 and 1527 of the 13th and 15th September.

5. We should be grateful for early guidance on this question since it is one which naturally is keenly felt by the members of the United Nations principally concerned.

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C O P Y.

TO : CAPTAIN ELLERY W. STONE,
ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER.
-----SECRET.

With reference to your letter A/CC 091 of the 19th September 1944,
I have been in touch with the Air Minister who states^{most} emphatically that
he cannot agree to the principle that Italian Nationals of Croat and Slovene
origin serving in the Italian Armed Forces be permitted to volunteer for
service with the Yugoslav Forces of National Liberation. The question has
been put to him in writing, and he will confirm his opinion later today
in writing.

2. I must say that the more I consider this the more serious I find
it to be. It would appear to me that an attempt is being made to forecast
the return of the provinces taken over by Italy after the last war to the
Croats and Slovenes, thus anticipating the Peace Conference.

/s/ W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet
/t/ W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
Rome.
Ref: AFSC/R/S.1/AIR.
Date : 20th September 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Legal Sub-Commission

ACC/4086/5/L.

APO 394

20 September 1944

SUBJECT: Volunteering by Italian nationals
 in foreign forces.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, ACC

1. Reference your A/CC 091 of 19 September 1944, the following difficulties arise in the case of Italian nationals who volunteer for service in foreign forces:-

- (a) If the national is actually serving with or on leave from the Italian armed forces at the time when he volunteers for service with ^{the} foreign force he is liable to be charged with desertion and the kindred offences prescribed in Military Penal Code Arts.143-152.
- (b) If he is not actually serving with the Italian armed forces and is called up for his initial service he is liable to punishment for failure to report, under Arts 151 and 152 of the code.
- (c) The national will lose his Italian citizenship under Law No.555 of 13 June 1912 Art.8 (1) (3) if he persists in such foreign military service notwithstanding an intimation from the Italian Government to abandon such service.
- (d) The recruiting agency is liable to punishment under Art.288 of the Penal Code, if he acts without the approval of the Government.

2. The following steps should be taken by the Government to overcome these difficulties:-

- (a) The Minister of War, Marine or Air as the case may be should grant these nationals permanent leave.
- (b) A form of permanent leave issued jointly by the above three Ministers should be granted to these nationals.
- (c) The Minister of Interior should refrain from giving

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to the nationals concerned an intimation to abandon, and might be asked to give a formal letter approving the enlistment.

- (d) The President of the Council of Ministers should grant an approval to the recruiting agency.

/s/ RICHARD H. WILMER
/t/ RICHARD H. WILMER
Colonel, CAC,
Chief Legal Officer

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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G-5: 091.711-3 Italy

20 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Disposition of Personnel of Yugoslav Origin in Italian
Armed Forces.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 384
(Attn: Acting Chief Commissioner).

1. Reference is made to the directive on the above subject from this
Headquarters, dated 10 September 1944, and particularly to the instruction
that the subject would be brought before the Advisory Council in order that
their views might be known.

2. The Supreme Allied Commander, at the 25th meeting of the Political
Council, directed that the matter be held in suspense, and that no action be
taken for the present.

CRH

C.E. LEVIN-HARRIS,
Colonel
Dep. Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Copy to:

U.S. Political Adviser
British Resident Minister.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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A/CC 091.

19 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Army Sub-Commission
Naval Sub-Commission
Air Forces Sub-Commission
Legal Sub-Commission

Brig. Zyzohn

1. Supreme Allied Commander - Mediterranean has directed that guidance be requested from the Advisory Council for Italy as to whether in principle Italian nationals of Croat and Slovene origin serving in the Italian armed forces might be permitted to volunteer for service with the Yugoslav Forces of National Liberation.

2. The next meeting of the Advisory Council is on Friday, September 22, at 10:00 A.M. I shall therefore be grateful for observations by mid-day Thursday, September 21, on how these service sub-commissions consider this will affect the Italian forces for which they are responsible. In forming their estimate there is no objection to their discussing this question with the Italian Minister concerned and stating what his views may be.

3. Legal Sub-Commission are being asked to prepare a short note:

- (a) What is present Italian law concerning volunteering by Italian nationals in foreign forces, and
- (b) What steps in the light of (a) would have to be taken by the Italian Government to legalize such volunteering?

HILARY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Political Section (Mr. Caccia)

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G-5: 091.711-3 Italy

10 September 1944

SUBJECT: Disposition of Personnel of Yugoslav Origin in Italian
Armed Forces.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Acting Chief Commissioner)

1. In reply to your letter of 2 September 1944 it may be well
to review the present status of the above subject.

2. On August 10 SACMED held a conference with Marshal Tito in the
course of which SACMED directed that guidance be requested from the
Advisory Council for Italy, as to whether in principle Italian nationals
of Croat and Slovene origin serving in the Italian armed forces might be
permitted to volunteer for service with the Yugoslav Army of National
Liberation. It appears that this matter has not been brought before the
Advisory Council, and it is hoped that you will bring it to their
attention, so that their views may be known.

3. There can be no objection to your discussing this matter with
the heads of the Sub-Commissions mentioned in your letter. However, in
view of SACMED's direction to bring the matter up before the Advisory
Council, it seems desirable that this be done without delay.

4. The questions raised in Mr. Caccia's letter of 1 September
1944 (376.1) concerning the disposition of Yugoslav members of the
Italian armed forces in Corsica are now being considered at this Head-
quarters. These matters will probably be brought up at SACMED's Political
Meeting for discussion.

5. Some doubt has been expressed as to the practicability and ad-
visability of absorbing the personnel referred to into Marshal Tito's
forces, and it is believed that some other disposition of these troops
may be necessary when their present duties terminate.



CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.

Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to:-

U.S. Political Adviser
British Resident Minister

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A/CC 091

2 September 1944

Colonel C. E. Lewin-Harris
Dep. Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5
Allied Force Headquarters

Dear Colonel Lewin-Harris:

Many thanks for your letter of the 25th August about Marshal Tito's request that Italians of Croat and Slovene origin serving in the Italian Armed Forces might be permitted to volunteer for service with the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation.

As you wrote that this question was under consideration by the Advisory Council for Italy, I consulted Sir Noel Charles and Mr. Alexander Kirk, who tell me that this is not the case. In fact the question has never yet come before the Allied Advisory Council and they have raised doubts as to the propriety of the Council making any recommendation to the Supreme Allied Commander on this question. In essence this question is not so much legal as military: the principal point at issue being the effect that any scheme for recruiting volunteers might have on the fighting qualities of the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force.

In these circumstances will you let me know whether you agree that the next step should be to consult Admiral Morgan, General Browning and Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscalet. In addition at some early stage it would be advisable to obtain the views of the Italian Government. As to that you will remember that Marshal Badoglio held very strong views. I do not know whether the present Government share these views but it is clearly a subject of great importance to them.

I am giving copies of this letter to Mr. Alexander Kirk and Sir Noel Charles.

Sincerely,

Hq A C C - Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date: 2 Sept 1944
Via NY.
Initials: [initials]

ELIJAH W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Political Section
Mr. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

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29 August 1944

Note from Mr. Caccia, Political Section, to Acting Chief Commissioner, re memorandum A/CC 091 of 29 Aug 44 ref Italian nationals of Croat and Slovene origin serving in Italian Armed Forces being permitted to volunteer for service with the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation.

1. I think this should first be discussed with Mr. Kirk and Sir Noel Charles.
2. In the event of their raising no objection to the Advisory Council being requested for guidance, it will be important that this should be done in proper form.
3. As to that is it not for Gen. Browning to say how this will affect the Italian Army, Commo. Palmer the Navy, and Air V/M B. Buscarlet the Air Force, i.e., is it true that most of the persons concerned are now in Corsica? This would necessitate a carefully drawn paper!

HAC 29/8

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Pencilled note from A/CC to Political Section:

Will you draft letter to G-5
please in line with our discussion
with Sir Noel Charles and Mr. Kirk.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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A/CC 091

29 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Vice Presidents,
Political Section.

1. Reference attached letter from G-5 Section, AFHQ, 25 Aug 44, relative to obtaining views of the Advisory Council as to whether in principle Italian nationals of Croat and Slovene origin serving in the Italian Armed Forces might be permitted to volunteer for service with the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation.

2. For your use, attached is Secretary General's file 091 - Yugoslav Activities, in which your attention is particularly called to entries 18, 22, and 42.

3. Your comments and recommendations, please.

Stone

2 Incls:

- 1 - Ltr fr G-5 Sec, dtd 25 Aug 44
- 2 - File 091 - Yugoslav Activities.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

25 August 1944

Capt. Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

Dear Stone:

This is to answer your A/CG 091 of 22nd August on behalf of Spofford who is away. I spoke to him before leaving. This matter came up at the Political Council on the 18th August. All relevant information is in this office letter G-5: 091.711-3 (Italy) of the 16th August.

As the possibility of asking for volunteers raises a legal question and as the status of Italians was under consideration by the Advisory Council for Italy it was thought unpracticable to take action without their approval. Accordingly the Supreme Commander directed the Chief Administrative Officer to request guidance from the Advisory Council for Italy as to whether in principle Italian nationals of Croat and Slovene origin serving in the Italian Armed Forces might be permitted to volunteer for service with the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation.

Will you, therefore, please take action on the letter of August 16th in accordance with this directive.

Good luck.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ C. E. Lowin-Harris
/t/ C. E. LOWIN-HARRIS
Colonel,
Dep. Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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A/CC 091

22 August 1944

Colonel Charles M. Spofford, G.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

Dear Chuck:

This is to remind you that you were to check into the matter of letter G-5: 091.711-3 (Italy) of 16 August, subject: "Italians of Croat and Slovene Origin Serving in Italian Armed Forces."

In the meantime, pending words from you, no action will be taken on the above letter.

Sincerely,

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 091.711-3 (Italy)

16 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italians of Croat and Slovene Origin Serving in Italian
Armed Forces.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.
(Attention: Acting Chief Commissioner).

1. At recent conferences here with Marshal Tito he expressed the hope that Italians of Croat and Slovene origin serving in the Italian Armed Forces in Sardinia and Sicily might be permitted to volunteer for service with the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation.

2. It was pointed out to Marshal Tito that the men in question were for the most part now in Corsica engaged on important work under American command from which it would, in any case, be impossible to release them for at least three months. Apart from this, it was understood that the possibility of asking for volunteers was already under consideration by the Advisory Council for Italy and it would clearly be impracticable to take action from this H.Q. without their approval.

3. It is requested that you will approach the president for the time being of the Advisory Council for Italy, acquaint him with the above and ask that the views of the Advisory Council on the matter may be furnished to this H.Q. at the earliest possible date.

C. E. L. LEWIN-HARRIS,
Colonel,
Deputy Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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COMANDO JUMRIGIO
I Rep. - IFF. Operazioni

No. 1459

HQ ACC, APO 394
587 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 13 Aug 1964
By DRP.

P.M. 195, 5 agosto 1964

Dear Captain Stone,

I thank you for the contents of your note
N/AOC 021 of the 1st Inst., and above all for your intervention
in favour of a settlement of this matter as desired on the Italian
side.

For Chief of General Staff
/s/ Marshal MESSI

Al Comandante:

MASTRO G. STONE
ff. Capo della Commissione
Alleanza di controllo.

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LWB/dfc

A/CC 091.

1 August 1944

Subject: Pelagosa Island

To: H.E. Marshal Messe, Chief of Supreme General Staff,
Comando Supremo

In reply to your letter 13737/Op of 19 June 1944, I have to inform you that the Partisan Headquarters have now categorically stated that the Partisans who went to the island have been evacuated.

I hope the whole matter is therefore now settled.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Minister of Foreign Affairs ^{OK}

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OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI
OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT AT
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

36, Via Salvatore Cognetti,
BARI.

14th July, 1944.

Dear Captain Stone,

Thank you for sending me with your letter of the 5th July (marked A/CC 091) copies of correspondence about certain Partisans on Pelagosa Island.

Lieut. Colonel Whetherly, Commanding Officer of "Z" Military Mission, to whom you also wrote about this question, has asked me to reply.

Actually, I hope that the whole matter has now been settled. I was able to send a despatch to Mr. Macmillan on the 3rd July (No. 54) to the effect that Partisan Headquarters at Vis had stated categorically that the Partisans who went to the island had been evacuated.

Yours Sincerely,

/s/ Philip Broad.

Captain E. W. Stone, U.S.N.R.,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Control Commission
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C O P Y

'Z' Military Mission
C.M.F.

Ref: G/7/1

12 Jul 44

Subject: Jugoslav Partisan Garrison
in Pelagosa Island

Hq Allied Control Commission
Office of the Chief Commissioner

Reference your A/CC 091 of the 5th July 44.

1. This is a Foreign Office matter and one which concerns Mr. Philip BROAD, Representative of the Minister Resident in BARI.

I have passed this letter to him.

/s/ W.E.S. Whetlerly ?

Lt. Col. G.S.

Copy of letter was sent to Mr Broad. Pend reply from him.

J.A.Q.
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A/CC 091.

5 July 1944

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Dear Mr. Broad:

The enclosed copies of correspondence re Yugoslav Partisan Garrison in Pelagosa Island are forwarded for your information.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Mr. Philip Broad, Esq.
Office of Representative of
Minister Resident at AFHQ,
36 Via Salvatore Cognetti, Bari

2 Incls:

- 1 - Ltr fr Marshal Messe, 13737/op of 19 June
- 2 - Ltr to CC, Hq "Z" Military Mission, A/CC 091. of 5 July

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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5 JUL 1944

5 July 1944

A/CC 091.

subject: Yugoslav Partisan Garrison in Pelagosa Island

To: Commanding Officer
HQ "2" Military Mission
C.M.F.

1. Attached letter No. 13757/Op of 19 June 1944 from Marshal Messe is self-explanatory.

2. Naturally I do not know to what extent this "occupation" fits in with your military plans, but should it not do so, you might perhaps find it possible politely tooust the Yugoslavs....

3. I should be grateful for your comments, or for information on whatever action you may see fit to take, so that I may be able to form a reply to Marshal Messe.

1 Incl:
As stated above.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Philip Broad, Esq.
Office of Representative of
Minister Resident at AFHQ,
36 Via Salvatore Cognetti, Bari

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TRANSLATION NO. 806 - Romano

SUPREME COMMAND
1st Division, Office of Operations

19 June 1944.

TO A.C.C. Salerno

File No. 13737/op

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Partisans Garrison in Pelagosa Island.

On the morning of the 25th May last, an armed Yugoslav contingent commanded by a Major, and transported by two fishing boats flying the Yugoslav flag, landed on the Island of Pelagosa.

The said officer on landing said to our n.c.o. chief of the semaphore station, that the Yugoslav authorities did not know whether there were Italian military personnel on the island or not, and that the purpose of the landing was to supervise by means of a small garrison the passage of Yugoslav vessels to and from Italy.

The landing of the Yugoslav detachment took place in a friendly way; the same evening part of the detachment left the island, only 2 officers and 25 men remaining.

The relations between the Italian garrison and the Yugoslav soldiers are favourable.

I do not think there are any military reasons necessitating the stationing of Yugoslav soldiers at Pelagosa; on the other hand, whenever it would be needed on behalf of the Yugoslavs, the co-operation of the Italian garrison of the island would, of course, be given quite willingly. I could even, if necessary, increase the present number of men of the garrison.

As far as I know the landing at Pelagosa of said Yugoslav party was not authorised by the Allies, therefore, I believe that the A.C.C. will agree with me they should be directed to go back.

Hence I have informed you of the above facts and request the ACC to kindly examine the question of these Yugoslav soldiers and consider ordering them to return.

The Marshal of Italy
Chief of the General Staff
(Giovanni Messe)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Salerno, July 5th 1944

Dear Admiral,

Notice has been given to me by the Chief of Staff, Marshal Messe, of the landing in the island in the Adriatic island of Pelagosa of a small unit of Yugoslav partisans (in all 20 men commanded by two officers) who landed from two fishing boats with the Yugoslav flag, in the morning of the 25th of May, saying they intended to control the traffic of Yugoslavs units to and from Italy.

The landing did not give rise to any trouble, and the relations between the Italian garrison in the island and the Yugoslav unit are correct.

The Italian Government was surprised not to have been previously informed, because had he been told before, he would willingly have offered the collaboration of his own military garrison for the supervision that the Yugoslav authorities seem to intend exercising in a territory indisputably Italian.

The General Staff of the R. Navy has spoken about it to the liaison organ between the Italian Navy and the Allies (F.O.L.I.), and this organ has declared that the landing took place without the knowledge of the Allied Authorities, and that as there were no sufficient grounds for the Yugoslav soldiers remaining in Pelagosa, they would see to it that they were removed.

However, as the Yugoslav party which landed in Pelagosa is still in the island, and the Italian military authorities are still waiting to know the result of the step taken by the Allied military authorities, I come to you, my dear Admiral, asking that you would urge the prompt evacuation of this island, which the Italian Government thinks he can and must protect with his own military garrison, Garrison that the Italian Government is disposed to increase so as to give satisfaction to the Yugoslavs who wish that Yugoslav traffic to and from Italy should be watched.

I will be most grateful to you, my dear Admiral, if you will kindly give me an answer about this, and I remain,

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I will be most grateful to you, my dear Admiral, if you will kindly give me an answer about this, and I remain,

Yours sincerely,

by order of the Minister 183

Rear Admiral Ellery. W. Stone, U.S.N.

Acting Chief Commissioner,

Allied Control Commission

Napoli

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A/CC 091.

29 June 1944

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Dear Mr. Broad:

With reference to unnumbered letter dated 22 June written to you by the Political section of this Commission, I enclose copies of yet further letters from the Italian High Command on the subject of recruitment by Yugoslav organizations among members of Italian units. I should be glad of your comments in due course.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Mr. Philip Broad, Esq.
Office of the Representative at Bari
of the Minister Resident at AFHQ
Bari

- 3 Incls:
- 1 - Min. of Marine, 334/F.S., 18 May 44
 - 2 - Maritime Dept. of Ionian and Lower Adriatic, 2070/C.C., 13 May 44
 - 3 - Territorial Co. of Royal Carabinieri - Bari, 79/72, 7 May 44
 - 4 - Ltr of 7 Jun fr Admiral Morgan
 - 5 - Ltr A/CC 091. of 29 Jun to Admiral Morgan

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto
Italy

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:: Secy Gen ::
:: Recd 14 Jun 1625::
:: By D.F.E. ::
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File No.
SP-NSC

Serial 0012

7 June 1944.

S-E-C-R-E-T:

From: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.
To : Chief Commissioner, A. C. C.
Subject: Italian Naval Deserters to Jugo-Slav Forces.

1. I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of the Minister of Marine's letter # 334/FS and a copy of the Italian Commander-in-Chief, Maritime Department of Ionian and Lower Adriatic letter # 2070/C.C of 13 May 1944, both of which relate to deserters from the Italian Navy to Jugo-Slav Forces.

2. With reference to your letter of 22 April 1944 to Commodore I. M. Palmer, will you please advise me whether a policy has been established by the Allied Governments for handling this situation. In the meanwhile, an effort will be made to determine the present whereabouts and status of Italian deserters named in the Minister's letter referred to above. If found to be under Allied control they will be returned to Italian Naval authorities, otherwise no action will be taken.

3. With reference to paragraph 3-b of your letter of 22 April 1944, will you please advise me to whom the instructions were issued that the Jugo-Slavs shall not enter any Italian service personnel in their Armed Forces.

/s/ C.E. MORGAN
REAR-ADMIRAL

Copy to
NAVREP NSC-Salerno

Commo Palmer: Please speak at next opportunity. NMM, 16/6

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COPY

From: Commander in Chief, Maritime Department of IONIAN and
 LOWER ADRIATIC.
 Date: 13th May, 1944.
 To : Rear Admiral C. E. MORGAN, F.O.T.A. TARANTO.
 No : 2070/C.C.

Subject: ITALIAN SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO HAVE GONE OVER TO THE
 JUGOSLAV PARTISANS.

RESERVED. PERSONAL. URGENT.

Further to the facts already made known to you by my letter
 No. 282/C.C dated 21st January, 1944 regarding the clandestine re-
 cruiting of Italian Service-men of Slav origin, and with reference to
 your 0940/5 of 18th February, 1944, I enclose a report by the Royal
 Carabinieri Command of MONOPOLI, with the request that you take measures
 to stop the Yugoslav Partisans from secretly recruiting personnel of
 the Italian Armed Forces.

Signed,

A. DA ZARA

Senior Rear Admiral,
 Commander in Chief.

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From: Ministry of Marine. Cabinet.
 Date: 18th May, 1944.
 To : F.O.L.I. TARANTO.
 No : 334/ F. S. Enclosures I.

C O P Y

Subject: SECRET RECRUITING OF MILITARY PERSONNEL OF SLAV ORIGIN.

S E C R E T:

Reference your T. A. 940/5 of the 12th April, 1944.

1. I take note of your assurances given on the subject in question, and of the difficulties which hinder a rapid and complete solution of the inconveniences complained of.

2. However, since we are dealing with a subject, the gravity of which profoundly affects the question of morale in the Italian Royal Navy; I deem it advisable to draw attention to the existence of MONOPOLI of another Yugoslav Centre for the clandestine gathering of Italian Service Personnel who are recruited as a result of active propaganda, chiefly in the towns of BRINDISI and TARANTO.

3. At the above-mentioned centre at MONOPOLI, amongst the ranks of the Partisans, there are at present about 200 men of the Italian Royal Navy, including 8 Officers.

4. I attach a list giving the names of Service Personnel whose presence in the Partisan Recruiting Camp has been ascertained.

5. As already previously advised, I ask your intervention for the return to the Italian Authorities of the above-mentioned Service-men, who have absented themselves without leave and who are thus regarded as deserters.

Signed - The Minister.

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LIST OF PERSONNEL OF ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY WHO AS A RESULT OF ACTIVE
PARTISAN PROPAGANDA, HAVE DESERTED AND TAKEN REFUGE IN THE VARIOUS
SLAV CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>FULL NAME</u>	
Sub Lieut. C.R.E.M.	CIANI	Ferdinando
Ldg Mechanic	SCOPAZZI	Vittorio
Sto	CHERBAZ	Mario
"	COCCOTTI	Olivio
"	VARESCO	Raffaele
"	MOCOLIS	Leone
"	LUPPI	Italo
"	SALVARANTI	Mario
"	VENTURINI	Michele
Ord Gunner	LUCCIN	Giulio
" "	GUIDI	Vittorio
" "	CERNIC	Albini
Ldg Sto O	FRUSCA	Giuseppe
Electrician	PETRIROSSI	Carlo
Gunner O	GANDELLI	Paolo
Electrician	FONDA	Giorgio
Sto O	CHENDA	Alberto
Gunner O	RIBARIC	Giordano

(ENCLOSURE)

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C O P Y

TERRITORIAL COMPANY OF ROYAL CARABINIERI - BARI
MONOPOLI DETACHMENT.

No. 79/72

RESERVED. PERSONAL.

MONOPOLI, 7th May, 1944

Subject: ITALIAN SERVICE PERSONNEL DESERTED TO THE JUGOSLAV PARTISANS.

To: Commander in Chief, Maritime Department of IONIAN and LOWER ADRIATIC.
and to various Italian Authorities.

On the 1st Ult. the seaman TRAPPELLA, Emilio, born at MESOLA, (Ferrara) on the 16th July, 1916, attached to BRINDISI Division, S.A.C.A. Department, having recuperated in the Italian Royal Naval Sick Bay at BRINDISI, was, by deceitful means induced to leave the sick bay.

He was accompanied on board a ship belonging to the Yugoslav Partisans which was anchored in that port, by another sailor, fair, of normal stature, a native of the TRIESTE province doing guard duties in the said Sick Bay.

On board the ship TRAPPELLA was offered a substantial meal and furthermore was induced to drink a great deal of wine which made him slightly intoxicated.

Towards midnight that same night 3 Partisans came aboard and invited TRAPPELLA to accompany them on a motor trip. He accepted the offer.

The fair sailor mentioned above, who cannot be identified, also entered the car, which, as soon as it was clear of BRINDISI made off towards MONOPOLI.

When they arrived at that place TRAPPELLA and the other sailor were taken to the local PARTISAN COMMAND and imprisoned.

The following morning TRAPPELLA was taken before the C.O. of the Partisans from whom he learned that he had been enrolled among them and that in the course of a few days would be sent to JUGOSLAVIA. TRAPPELLA tried to make it understood that he had been taken to the Partisan Command against his will but his protests only served to have him imprisoned again, whilst the other sailor, who donned the Partisan uniform, was released.

TRAPPELLA declared that in the prison were four other Partisans and the Infantryman PIZUS, Mario, native of the province of GORIZIA, belonging to a detachment stationed at BARI, who told him that he had been brought to MONOPOLI under false pretences, after having been made drunk at a public

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a detachment stationed at BARI, who told him that he had been brought to
MONOPOLI under false pretences, after having been made drunk at a public
drinking place at BARI.

PERUS gave TRAPPELLA to understand that he, also had no wish to
remain with the partisans.

Towards 1700 on the 6th instant, TRAPPELLA, seeing Chief Petty
Officer VENTUR, Ugo of the Italian Royal Navy, passing him in the street, ¹⁷⁷
disclosed to him his position and begged him to pass again later to receive
a note to send to TRAPPELLA's Command.

This conversation was observed by two agents of the partisan
Police, and these warned the Political Commissioner who betook himself to the
prison, administered a blow to TRAPPELLA and ordered his isolation in the cellar.

Yesterday evening TRAPPELLA escaped from that place and called at
the local office of the Italian Royal Navy which informed the C.O. of the
Station in this Centre, who arranged to put the sailor in a place of safety
in this barracks, so that he might be escorted to BARI the following day.

What is revealed above sheds light on the methods employed by the
Jugoslav Propaganda Agents to constrain Service-men of the Army and Navy to
become enlisted in the Partisan Army, - methods which are contrary to
International law.

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Consequently the immediate intervention of our Central Authorities and of the Allied Authorities is desirable for the speedy liberation of the Infantryman PERUS who is still in prison and who will be sent to Yugoslavia by the first passage, which should take place in the early days of the coming week; and for the release of other elements of our army enlisted in the ranks of the partisans.

Signed - ANGELO MASSARO,

Sub-Lieutenant in Command.

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EWS/afe

A/CC 091.

29 June 1944

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Dear Admiral Morgan:

1. With reference to your letter No. SP-NSC 0012 of 7 June, I regret that there has been a delay in answering your points, but this has been due to the fact that General MacFarlane was in the middle of some personal inquiries on the matter when he returned to England.

2. With reference to your para 2, no policy has yet been received from the Allied Governments on this point, and I doubt if any will be forthcoming. Meanwhile we must go along on a common sense basis, endeavoring to avoid incidents.

3. With reference to your para 3, I attach copies of three documents which will show to whom the instructions were issued and how categorical they were.

4. I am passing copies of this correspondence to Philip Broad in Paris.

BILLY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Rear Admiral C. E. Morgan, D.S.O., R.N.
Chief, Naval Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission
Navy House, Toronto

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- 1 - I. & D.P. S/C, Memo #2, 8 Feb 44
- 2 - Ltr DCC 091, 8 Mar 44
- 3 - Ltr 16/3/CA, 15 Mar 44, fr R.C. & M.G. Sec.

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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
Office of the Director

8th February 1944.

MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 2)

The following order is brought to the attention of all concerned.

Recruiting of Yugoslavs for the Partisan Army will be confined to ex-Prisoners of War and Internees. Under no circumstances may soldiers or sailors of the Italian Army or Navy be approached. NO exceptions to this rule will be tolerated without prior approval from the Hq.

Passes from camps will, in future, state the purpose for which the pass is given and no pass will be given for any purpose which might contravene this order.

Any Yugoslav man or woman who has served as a member of the Yugoslav Armed Forces and has subsequently escaped, whether or not they were, in fact, treated as Prisoners of War, are ex-Prisoners of War in this respect and so available for recruitment for the Partisan Army, provided he or she is located in one of our camps.

For the Director:

/s/ (illegible)

Major

for

V. M. HAMMER
Lt. Colonel
Deputy DirectorDISTRIBUTION:

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C O P Y

REAR HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner
APO 394

RWS/hjp

In reply refer to:
DGC 091

8 March 1944

SUBJECT: Recruiting of Yugoslavs for NLAY

TO: Adv HQ Force 133, CMT

1. In reply to your letter of 25 February on the above subject, the commissar in charge of recruiting at NLAY HQ should be given categorical instructions that, notwithstanding questions of Slovene origin or territorial action of the National Liberation Anti-Fascist Council of Yugoslavia, no sailors, soldiers, or airmen serving in the Italian Army, Navy, or Air Force should be solicited to leave, for any purpose whatsoever, the Italian military force in which they are serving.

2. No violation of these orders will be tolerated by the Allied authorities.

ELIERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Col Kirkwood
Displaced Persons Sub-Com.
Pari

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Regional control and Military Government section

Ref: 1B/3/OA.

13th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Enlistment of Italians in Yugo Slav Army.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I.

1. During your visit last week you raised the question of recruitment of Italians for the Yugo Slav Army which is now taking place in Sicily. Marshal Badoglio has raised the same question with the Chief Commissioner (see attached letter).
2. The Chief Commissioner directs me to tell you that the only Italian personnel who may be recruited by the Yugo Slav authorities are Italians of Slav origin who are not in the Italian armed forces; moreover, the permission of the Allied Control Commission must be obtained in all cases.
3. You should inform the Yugo Slav authorities now in Sicily of this ruling and you may tell them that the principle is under consideration by the Allied Governments.
4. The names and details of persons whom they wish to recruit should be reported to you and forwarded to this HQ for scrutiny.

/s/ M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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copy to: Secretary General.

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12 June 0920
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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394

June 12, 1944

DSN 1572
- 8 JUL 1944

Memorandum

To: Chief Commissioner

From: Political Section

Subject: Visit to Italy of Yugoslav Premier

I have found that recent reports that M. Subasic, newly appointed Premier of Yugoslavia, will shortly proceed from London to Italy are correct, and that he is in fact expected in Bari at the end of this week. His visit is said to be in line with his undertaking to form a Government in consultation with all elements of Yugoslav resistance.

I have not seen any directives to the Allied Control Commission in the premises; and suggest that the Chief Commissioner may wish either (a) to seek guidance from Allied Force Headquarters; or (b) formulate a directive for the guidance of the Regional Commissioner concerned and of the Displaced Persons Subcommittee at Bari.

J. H. J.

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J. H. G.

Dr. L. Noel Charles

Any comments please.

W. H. G.

I suggest that Regional Commissioner should consult
Mr. Broad (Office of the British Resident Ministers, Bari)

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TO BARI

LOUIS T. MONTANT, Jr.
1st Lt, AGD
Adjutant.

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was very difficult to read.

Cpl H. Dominguez,
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A/CC 091.

3 July 1944

Dear General Infante:

DS 454
4 JUL 1944

In reply to your 103915/AV, the points raised are covered, I think, by my letter A/CC 091. of 3 July 1944.

At the same time I should always be very glad to receive from you any authenticated incidents in support of your allegations.

Very truly yours,

WILEY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

cc: Political Section
(also copy of 103915/AV)

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SUPREME COMMAND

P/a

103915/AV

P.M. 135, 30 June 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

052114/44
3 JUL 1944

Subject: Propaganda of Yugoslav Partisan Organizations
among members of the Italian Armed Forces.

Dear Captain Stone,

Following what was communicated to you in Memoranda 103201/AV and 103655/AV, of 25 May and 17 June 1944, I consider it necessary to inform you that the propaganda of the Yugoslav partisans for the enlistment of personnel belonging to the Italian Armed Forces not only does not show signs of diminishing, but is becoming continually more active, assuming the appearance of a true and real organization.

Recent information has confirmed that one of the localities in which the activity in question goes on with greater intensity is Monopoli, where soldiers who have deserted are made to embark on motor launches and sent to the opposite shore of the Adriatic after having been clothed in Yugoslav uniforms.

In spite of numerous applications made to the Allied police by the local Italian military headquarters nothing has been accomplished, seeing that the partisan headquarters, asserting that it is a question of "citizens belonging to slave provinces that are no longer Italian", will not return the deserters.

As for the Italian soldiers on active duty who have no wish to listen to the proposals of the partisans, they are clearly told when refusing to enlist that it will be no longer possible for them someday to rejoin their own families now living in "Yugoslav provinces" because it will be necessary to take reprisals against them beforehand.

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In view of the persistence and the intensification of the unlawful activity of such organizations, I should be grateful to you, dear Captain, if you would be good enough to look into the possibility of firm intervention on the part of the Allied authorities.

Cordially.

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/s/ A. Infante

ALDO INFANTE
MAJOR GENERAL, IGO

Trans - Sgt Shanfield/lws

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EHS/hjp

A/CC 091

3 July 1944

Dear General Infante:

3 JUL 1944

This letter is relative to your No. 103655/AV of 17 June with respect to the subject of "Propaganda of Yugoslav Partisan Organizations among Members of the Italian Armed Forces".

The matter was taken up with the appropriate authorities and the following report has been made:

"On the 2nd June specific orders with regard to future discipline at Ronopoli were issued at Headquarters, S.I.A.F., through Major-General Velebit. These orders were sent by Brigadier Palmer, commanding 6th Base Sub-Area. Since this date, no specific instances of disturbances at this port have been reported to 'Z' Military Mission, and it is hoped that the incidents to which the Italians refer took place before this date.

"Z' Military Mission are, however, investigating the situation, and hope to be able to satisfy themselves that in fact there has been nothing untoward since the 2nd June."

Will you tell me if there are any further incidents in the future.

Yours very truly,

William M. Stone
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

cc Political Sec

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HQ ACG, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 27 May 1945
By DFE

C O N F I D E N T I A L

IDP/863/90.

26 May 1944.

Dear General -

Your CC/F/300 dated 16 May 1944.

Appointment - additional officers to Royal Yugo-Slav Mission -
Lt. Colonel PROSEN in place of Colonel RADOJIEIC is OK.

A telegram to A.C.C., arrived 10 days ago from Algiers (I saw it when I was in Naples and said I considered additional officers unnecessary). I did not know then that two of the officers in question had already practically full time jobs in BARI -

As two of these appointments appear to be entirely honorary and as A.F.A. do not advance any of them money, I see less objection - of course if we say "yes" we will have to give them rations - really a small matter - especially as they are "charged" to them !

Yours

Charles J. Day

Lieut General, Noel Mason Macfarlane.
Chief Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
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REFERENCE YOUR 6336 OF 17TH JUNE OWING TO FACT ESSENTIAL THAT MOVEMENTS AND WHEREABOUTS OF TITO TO BE KEPT FROM PUBLIC ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY THIS HQ TO STOP PART OF MESSAGE FROM KREN TO ROYAL YUGOSLAV ADDRESSEES CONCERNING TITO. REQUEST YOU DO NOT DIVULGE LOCALITY OF TITOS HQ UNTIL ADVISED THIS HQ. CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE APPROVED OUR ACTION AND HAVE STATED FOREIGN OFFICE HAVE AGREED THIS MESSAGE SHOULD NOT BE PASSED. THEY FURTHER STATE THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO PASS MESSAGE TO SUBASIC AS HE HAS ALREADY HAD TALKS WITH TITO.

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TO: LONDON, CAIRO, ALGIERS

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ROGER B. DERBY
Captain, AGD
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18 JUN 1944

SUPREME COMMAND

Section I -- Office of Miscellaneous Affairs

No. 103655/AV of Prot.

P.M. 135, 17 June 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR

SUBJECT: Propaganda of Yugoslav Partisan Organizations among Members of the Italian Armed Forces.

My dear Captain Stone,

Following my memorandum No. 103201 dated 25 May, I consider it necessary to advise you of what is going on in the port of Monopoli (Bari), which the patrols of the Royal Carabinieri can not approach without asking permission each time from the Allied authorities.

The local Partisan headquarters has taken advantage of this situation to solicit without interruption military personnel on active duty who have deserted from the Italian Armed Forces. This headquarters (located in the Neo-Evoli building) in fact possesses direct access to the port across a catwalk which fronts the mooring dock used for Yugoslav motor craft, so that the port has become, to all intents and purposes, extraterritorial Yugoslav property.

For these reasons I beg of you to take an interest in this matter, so that patrols of our Royal Carabinieri and of the Navy may have unhindered access to the port of Monopoli.

We should thus be in a position to try to gain possession of irrefutable proof of the recruiting methods adopted by the Yugoslav partisans.

/s/ A. Infante

ADOLFO INFANTE
MAJOR GENERAL, FGS.

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Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lwa

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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief Commissioner.

The following is a résumé of recent reports received of activities involving Yugoslav Partisans in Italian territory:

In reports dated 17th May and 1st June, Broad at Bari advises that three Italian motor schooners and their stores have been seized by the Partisans at Vis. According to the British Commander there, the crews of the vessels have been partly retained on the ships and partly enrolled in Partisan units. The Partisans allege that the vessels must be regarded as captured enemy ships, although they will apparently permit Italian members of the crews to proceed to Italy at will.

Broad also reports, on 1st June, an incident in which a Partisan guard at the docks at Monopoli without any provocation shot an Italian clerk in the back of the head as he turned to walk away. Broad reports having referred the incident to No. 2 District and being confident that disciplinary action will ensue. General Velabiti has been informed of the incident.

On 10th June Lt.-Col. Vukolitch, Deputy Chief of the Royal Yugoslav Mission at Bari, besought Col. Findlay's assistance in halting the use by the "illegal Partisan organisation" of a number of Yugoslav flags on which had been superimposed a "komunist sign - red five pointed star". I am not yet informed of the nature of Col. Findlay's reply.

14th June, 1944.J. H. G.
Political Section.

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FMMS/rj

Ref. CG/O/359.

2nd. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Hon. Alexander Kirk.
Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG.

1. I enclose herewith copy of a note from my Political Section dealing with the question of Yugoslav partisan recruiting in Italy.
2. As you will have seen from my report of my interview with Bogomolov yesterday, this question is likely to be reopened in the near future by the Russian Government.
3. I indicated to Bogomolov that if the Soviet authorities wished to press for recruitment of Slav Italian soldiers they would have to take it up on the Governmental level with the American and British Governments. I suggested also that he should discuss this question, as the Balkans are involved, with Messrs Murphy and MacMillan in Algiers.
4. Marshal Badoglio's attitude in this matter is adamant, and united Allied pressure will have to be applied if it is hoped to induce him to permit partisan recruitment of Italian service personnel.
5. I understood from Solodovnik that the Soviet authorities intended to drop this question, but it appears that he was bold enough to speak without authority and that his opinion was only a personal one.
6. It is a long time since I suggested to S.A.C. that the Allied Governments should give a ruling on this whole question and up to date I have had no definite reply.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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APO 394NF
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31 May 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Partisan Recruiting in Italy

Lt. Col. Wetherley (of 2 Mission, Bari) came in this morning, and in Mr. Caccia's absence I discussed with him the matter of recruitment activities by the Yugoslav Partisans among Italians in Italy. He read the draft of the letter asking that he take all possible steps to ease the situation and informing him that there has been no change in the views of the Allied Authorities on the subject of repatriating those already recruited.

Lt. Col. Wetherley felt that even this latest communication would not enable him to solve the problem, since it does not effectively stop the loop-holes which have developed. Among these he cited:

1) The existing directive, covering as it does only recruitment activities among Italian military personnel, cannot be used in seeking to prevent widespread recruiting among civilians.

2) It is all but impossible to prevent personal contacts between Italians, civilian or military, and those Yugoslav Partisans who are in the area to recruit personnel. Much of the recruiting is done by such personal contact, rather than by overt publicity.

3) The Yugoslav partisans are maintaining in Naples, under the guise of an "economic mission", a recruiting office, which is apparently justifying its existence as such. This office, which is in charge of Messrs. Stunic and Corsic, who are delegates from the "official" mission at Bari, is located at Piazza Nicola Amore, 6, 5th floor.

4) The Partisans remain unimpressed by efforts to halt their activities, in view of similar activities being conducted by the Royalist Yugoslavs, with apparent approval. In addition, Lt. Col. Wetherley observed that the Royalists are recruiting not "co-belligerent" Italian soldiers, but those who had been drafted into the Nazi or Fascist forces; a distinction with which the Partisans have little sympathy.

Lt. Col. Wetherley said he intends to take the matter up with Velebit, who has recently returned from London, and try to persuade him to halt the activities. He is not sanguine that he shall be successful.

Accordingly, Lt. Col. Wetherley suggests the desirability of a "far-cut directive" aimed at the loop-holes cited; in the first instance this might come from the Chief Commissioner or from the Supreme Allied Commander.

In the event that such a directive is issued, and fails to produce the desired results, consideration might be given to making the matter the subject of direct representations by His Majesty's Government in London to the Leader of the Partisans. In fact, without commenting on the relative importance of the matter at that level, Lt. Col. Wetherley seemed to feel that recruiting will stop only if successful steps are taken through London. This view he supports by citing the natural willingness of Slavic Italians to join the Yugoslav forces, and the natural desire of the latter to take every advantage they can.

Lt. Col. Wetherley pointed out also that, beyond the question of Allied-Italian relations, a question of Allied security is involved in the matter in that Italian Fascist and neo-Fascists have been known to join the partisans, proceed at once to Yugoslavia, and then "desert" to the Germans.

Broad has communicated the substance of the foregoing to the Foreign Office, London, with a request for instructions, but has not yet received a reply.

May I submit the following comment,

While I do not know how great, numerically, the problem is, Lt. Col. Wetherley seemed impressed with its seriousness. In any event, it seems to be a source of grievance for the Italian Government which might well warrant further action especially in view of the dividends in Italian gratitude which would accrue to the Allies through their having removed a sore spot. The Yugoslav partisans could be reminded of the material assistance already going to them from the Allies; of the desirability--indeed necessity--of preserving Italian morale; and of the unfortunate results, in terms of future Italo-Yugoslav relations, which might ensue from a continuation of recruiting activities.

On the Italian side, it might be feasible to suggest that the Italian military authorities take every reasonable step to prevent potential deserters from having contact with recruiting officers, due consideration being given to the alternative effects on Italian Army morale of (a) over-severe restrictions; (b) lax discipline. (It has been pointed out to the Italians that the United Nations stand ready to help Italy, but also expect Italians to do their utmost for themselves).

Copies to;

Mr. Kirk
Sir Noel Charles
Captain Stone

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The Chief Commissioner !

With reference to the attached.

Before he left Mr. Caccia told me to write to Lt.-Col. Wetherly, with a copy to General Browning.

Do you approve the attached draft please?

Political Section
30.5.44.

OK *W. Hopkins*
hms 30-5-44 *✓Cdr.*

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DRAFT

To Lt.-Col. Wetherly

Copies to General Browning and Capt. Stone

With reference to the copies of correspondence between General Mason MacFarlane and General Browning which were recently passed to you by Mr. Philip Broad, on the subject of the recruitment or desertion of Italians of Slav origin to Yugoslav Partisan forces, I am now instructed by the Chief Commissioner to send you the attached copy of a further letter from the Italian Supreme Command.

From this letter you will see that Yugoslav Partisan propaganda is stated to be causing an increasing number of desertions from the Italian Armed Forces, and it is requested that you will take whatever action is in your power to ease this problem. At the same time it should be noted that Allied policy regarding the return of deserters remains as outlined in the third paragraph of General Mason MacFarlane's letter to General Browning of the 16th May.

A copy of this letter and the enclosure have been sent to General Browning.

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for signature*
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POLITICAL SECTION

17th May, 1944.

You very kindly said that you would pass to Fatherly of "Z" Military Mission the correspondence about which we talked on the subject of recruitment of Italians of Slav origin. I therefore enclose a copy of General Browning's letter and of General Mason MacFarlane's reply. General Browning is director of the Army Sub Commission of F.C.C.

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Philip Brood, Esq.,
BARI.

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WITH 12. BROAD'S COMPLIMENT
 Chief (Commissioner) }
 W. G. Strane } SA

COPY

OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI
 OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT AT
 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

BARI.

No. 35

2nd June, 1944.

Sir,

13 June 1945
 DFE

I have the honour to report that a small force of Partisans landed on the 25th May on the Italian island of Pellagosa, or Pellagruz, in mid-Atlantic? (Adriatic)

2. The Partisan representative on Via was at once informed that the Allied forces in Italy are responsible for the security of this island, and he was requested to order the immediate withdrawal of the Partisans.

3. The reason given by the Partisans for the arrival of this force is that it was intended to protect the Yugoslav fishermen using the island in accordance with the terms of articles 10 and 11 of an agreement with the Italian Government which was signed at Belgrade in 1923. I have told the appropriate authorities that this excuse cannot be accepted and that steps must be taken to ensure that the Partisans leave.

4. In the meantime, it may be of interest to add that a British officer paid a surprise visit to the island on the 29th May. He found three Partisan officers with 26 other ranks and one Italian officer with 14 other ranks all contentedly living together in the lighthouse.

5. I am sending copies of this despatch to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign

/Affairs

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The Right Honourable
 Harold Macmillan, M.P.,
 Minister Resident Allied Force Headquarters.

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Affairs; His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires to the
Yugoslav Government at Cairo; the High Commissioner
at Naples; and to Mr. Caccia, Allied Control Commission.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) PHILIP BROAD

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015Ref. CC/P/354.

1st. June, 1944.

Reference is made to my conversation with Lt. Colonel Vukotic, Royal Yugoslav Government representative with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, concerning the proposed appointment of Lt-Colonel Frosen, and the training of Yugoslav Royalist refugees and ex-prisoners of war. The conversation was reported to the Chief of Staff of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre, and I have been informed that the proposals are under consideration. However, no decision can be made with regard to the training of Yugoslav personnel until further details are made available.

Will you, therefore, please advise me in precise detail as to the number of persons likely to be involved and the nature of the personnel for whom such training facilities are desired so that I may forward the information to the Chief of Staff.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency, Dr. Krek,
Yugoslav Representative on
Advisory Council for Italy,
Villa Gemma,
66, Costa Rosillipo,
NAPLES.

Out — 1 June 1944
by JLD-

Drafted by Political Section (Miss Kelly).
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G-5 Section
APO 512

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HQ ACC, APO 512

28 May 1230
DFE

G-5: 091.711-2(Yugoslavia)

26 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Royalist Refugees.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

Reference is made to your CC/G/299 and CC/G/301, both of 16 May.

1. With regard to the proposal that Lt Col PROSEN should be appointed Chief of the Royal Yugoslav Mission with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. There is no security objection to his appointment, but as Colonel Prosen is known to be violently anti-Tito and anti-Russian it is felt that he would probably create difficulties on the Sub-Commission. While it would not be easy to object to the proposed appointment in the last resort, it is recommended that the issue should be delayed as long as may be possible in order to allow the new Royal Yugoslav Government outside Yugoslavia to become established and to give clearer indications of its policy.

2. Training of Yugoslav Royalist refugees and ex-Prisoners of War. The matter has been considered by the Political Committee and the following views expressed:

(a) It is not possible to consider the proposal that Yugoslavs should be sent to Malta for training for the Royal Yugoslav Navy until a decision has been reached in London on what is to be done with the Royal Yugoslav naval personnel already in Malta.

(b) Mideast would be unlikely to accept further men for training in the Royal Yugoslav Base Depot Unit in Palestine.

To permit a decision to be reached on the proposals raised by the Royal Yugoslav Mission it is requested that precise details may be furnished of the numbers and nature of the personnel for whom training facilities are desired.

D. S. JACKLING
D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Col.

for CHARLES H. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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HQ AGC, APO 394
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TRANSLATION

Supreme Command

Section I, Office of Miscellaneous Affairs.

File No. 103201/AV of Prot.

P. M. 135, 25 May 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

Subject: Propaganda of Yugoslav Partisan Organizations Among Members
of the Italian Armed Forces.

My dear Captain Stone:

As requested by you in your letter DDC/341, of 19 February 1944, I wish to inform you that new cases of deliberate desertion of soldiers, in a rather significant number, have been verified among several units of the Italian armed forces, owing to the intensified propaganda of Yugoslav Partisan organizations.

By the end of April the number of soldiers who have deserted their units to enlist with the Partisans had grown to more than a thousand.

Until now none has been returned, in spite of express requests made to the competent Allied authorities.

The most recent cases of desertion for the above mentioned reason have been verified among units of the 9th and 12th Army Corps.

The Ministries of War and of Navy, and the High Command of the Royal Italian Army, have again recently called the attention of the Army Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission, and of F.O.L.I., to this matter.

I should be most grateful to you if you would be kind enough to take an interest in the problem with a view to putting a stop to propagandizing among the Italian armed forces by Yugoslav propagandists, and to further the return, by the Yugoslavs themselves, of Italian soldiers unlawfully enlisted and whose names have been furnished to the Allied authorities.

Cordially,

Major General,
(Adolfo Infante)

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/s/ A. Infante.

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alet SFRef. CC/G/301.

16th. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: Military Government Section
& Chief of Staff).

Colonel Vukotic, Royal Yugo-Slav representative with the Displaced persons Sub-Commission, called on me this morning and put the following questions:

1. Would there be any objection to young Yugo-Slav refugees of Royalist persuasion being recruited from the ranks of Displaced Yugo-Slavs in Italy for training and service in the Royal Yugo-Slav Navy? If this were agreed might they be sent to Malta for training with the Royal Yugo-Slav Navy?

I said I would refer the question.

2. Could it be arranged that Yugo-Slav prisoners of war or Yugo-Slav displaced persons of military age professing Royalist sympathy be sent to Mid-East for onward transfer to Palestine for incorporation or training in the Royal Yugo-Slav Base Depot Unit?

I said I would refer this question.

3. Would it be possible to arrange for the training of other classes of Royalist Yugo-Slav displaced persons of both sexes for auxiliary war work such as Red Cross, etc..?

I said that I could not undertake this in Italy and that the question should be taken up with Mid-East after the arrival of displaced persons in that theatre.

Please say if you agree with my answer to No.3 and let me know what replies I should give in the case of Nos. 1 and 2.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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16th. May, 1944.

I understand that the Royal Yugo-Slav Government wish to appoint a Lieut-Colonel Prosen in place of Colonel Radojicic as their chief representative with you. I gather that Lieut-Colonel Vukotic will remain.

2. They also wish to increase their representation with you by adding three more officers. One of these is required as Paymaster, one as a Liaison Officer and one as Adjutant.
3. Vukotic came to see me this morning and I told him that I thought two Lieut-Colonels ^{will} ~~was~~ ample to do all the necessary work. He did not agree but only pressed for the two appointments of Paymaster and Liaison Officer. He then went on to say that in fact both the officers in question were already in Bari, one managing an American officers club and the other employed by the American Red Cross. He said that they could easily combine these jobs with the jobs he wanted them to do with his mission.
4. The whole thing seems a bit complicated to me and I would be grateful if you would let me know what answer you think I should give to Vukotic. In the meantime I have stalled him.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General 131
Chief Commissioner.

Colonel C.B. Findlay, CBE, MC,
Director, Internees & Displaced Persons
Sub-Commission.

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Ref. CC/G/299.

16th. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: Military Government Section
& Chief of Staff).

1. Lieut-Colonel Vukotic, the Royal Yugo-Slav Government representative with Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, called on me this morning to say that Colonel Radojelic, hitherto chief Royal Yugo-Slav representative with the Sub-Commission, was being posted away and that it was desired to appoint Lieut-Colonel PROSEN Milan, now in Algiers, in Colonel Radojelic's place.

He asked for my agreement and I said that I would have to refer the matter to you.

Please let me know in due course whether you approve this appointment.

2. Reference your F42187 FHMS. I am still investigating this question of additional officers for the Royal Yugo-Slav representation with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and will let you have my recommendations in due course.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General 150
Chief Commissioner.

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cc 091.

16 May 1944

1. The several questions of the recruitment of Italians of Slav origin, about which you wrote in your memorandum 1/103/T of the 9th May has been for some time under consideration by the Allied Governments.

2. Meanwhile I took the opportunity of a meeting of the Special Operations Committee yesterday to discuss your memorandum with Lt. Col. Whetherly of NZ Military Mission, Bari. Lt. Col. Whetherly fully understands the desirability from the point of view of discipline in the Italian Armed Forces of preventing Yugoslav elements from setting about such recruitment, and he will be grateful if any specific cases could be brought by you to his attention so that he can take them up. You will understand that in a great number of instances such recruitment is done by enthusiastic individuals rather than by any authorized officer.

3. Apart from such illicit recruitment there are, however, cases where Italians of Slav origin have, entirely on their own initiative, gone over to volunteer for Yugoslav Partisan forces. In such cases you should know for your personal information and guidance that it will in practice be impossible to have them returned to Italian service. Although they are technically deserters, the political repercussions of attempting to insist upon their return to the Italian Armed Forces make such action impracticable.

4. I am sending a copy of this correspondence to Lt. Col. Whetherly.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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Major General L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC
Director, Army Sub-Commission
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Military Government Section

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Ref/DO/14

12 May 1944

Dear General Mason MacFarlane:

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This is in reply to your reference CC/P/271 of 7 May 1944.

I heard quite a bit of discussion in Washington on the possibility of UNRRA coming into Italy. The general view at the time was that it was unlikely. The charter of UNRRA would have to be amended to permit this, since Italy was then an enemy country. While the status of Italy has since changed, it was thought that the other participating members might object on the grounds that it would involve the expenditure of part of UNRRA's limited funds in Italy, which they would quite naturally wish to see applied to their particular territories. I know that Governor Lehman took Badoglio's application for membership with him. Possibly that will have changed the position as it existed at the time I was there.

I agree that apart from the political considerations above mentioned, UNRRA is probably the agency which should take over the load of supplying such relief personnel and supplies as the Italian Government cannot procure and distribute itself after ACC has pulled out.

Incidentally, I am requesting that someone from UNRRA be detailed to this theater to work on certain immediate matters, such as the setting up of refugee camps in North Africa, and to consider the assumption of other broader responsibilities in some areas. If anyone turns up in response to this request I shall suggest that he come over and have a talk with you.

Very sincerely, [Signature]

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.

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Lt. Gen. Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane
Chief Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015SUBJECT:- Italian Troops in CORSICA

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
 Main H.Q. (MMA)
 LEQUILE (LEOCE)
 SD/15
 11 May 44

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Copy to:- Chief Commissioner A.C.C.

1. During the month of April 1944 some 5,000 Italian troops were transferred from SARDINIA to CORSICA. These troops are composed of Italians of Slav origin.
2. The Italian General Staff has requested that these troops of Slav origin be not returned to the Mainland of ITALY. The request is made at this time for the purposes of future planning as nothing is known of any contemplated move of these troops.
3. It is considered that the request is sound and that these troops should not be moved to the Mainland in the future. Italian troops of Slav origin on the Mainland would tend to complicate the serious Slav question.

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 Maj Gen,
 Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Subject:- Italians of Slav origin

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Chief Commissioner, ACCNF
also SFArmy Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
Leguile (Lecce)
I/103/T
7 May 44

1. I enclose a letter to me from the Minister of War. I understand the Slav trouble still continues.
2. I suggest that a strong letter from you personally to the Slav leader or leaders in ITALY is the best move under the circumstances.
3. If you approve and write such a letter, would you let me know is that I may reassure General ORLANDO.
4. I feel he has some justification for this alarm and I know you are dead against this Slav intrigue. I have told General ORLANDO of the latter.

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Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACCPolitical Section

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usefully approach?

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COPY TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of War
To : MMIA

Ref : 5864/II
Date: 3 May 44

Subject:- Italians of Slav Origin

To: Maj Gen L Browning
Comd. Army Sub Commission.

Lately the desertion of soldiers of Slav origin, enticed by partizan propaganda, has started up once more in a most alarming manner.

In spite of my repeated requests, not only have I not had any soldiers returned to me (who in fact must be considered as Italian citizens with military obligations) but I have not even been able to get Yugo-Slavian propaganda stopped, which leads me to think that the competent authorities have not realised fully the seriousness of the problem.

I once more confirm the absolute necessity for Allied Authority to intervene in this question of the desertion of Italians of Slav origin which is seriously prejudicing discipline and morale of all other troops in the Army.

The tiring job of reconstruction, especially in morale, is completely frustrated by these desertions, in that it leads other troops to believe in the incompetence of the most senior Army Officers who cannot either stop these occurrences nor punish those going against the laws of military honour.

I therefore appeal to you for your interest in this case which during our last meeting, you promised to take up in order to obtain a decisive and satisfactory solution to this problem.

(Sgd) Gen OPLANDO

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(Sgd) Gen ORLANDO

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Ref. CC/P/271

7th. May, 1944.

Thank you for your REF/DC/11 of 5th. May.

1. Thank you very much for the information. I am telling Colonel Rindlay to give Advanced Headquarters of A.M.L. (Yugo-Slavia) all the assistance in his power when they arrive at Bari.
2. Incidentally, I had an interesting talk with Mr. Gerstenzang of UNRRA yesterday. In many respects, of course, A.C.C. are doing a UNRRA type of work as far as Italy is concerned. It is difficult to see far into the future but there always seems to me at least a probability that when and if A.C.C. ceases to function in Italy a proportion at least of its personnel should remain behind and be allotted to UNRRA to continue relief and rehabilitation for as long as may be necessary.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Colonel Charles M. Spofford, OBE,
Chief of Military Government Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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Ref/DO/11

5 May 1944

Dear General Mason MacFarlane:

As I expect you know, relief and rehabilitation in Greece, Albania and Yugoslavia are being handled, in the first phase as a military operation, by Allied Military HQ (Balkans). This is an Allied organization under C in C Mideast, responsible to General Wilson, for which MGS is the appropriate staff section at this HQ.

Allied Military Liaison (Yugoslavia) is the organization, subordinate to Allied Military Liaison (Balkans), charged with certain responsibilities for relief, etc. in Yugoslavia. UNRRA will act as the agent of the military, at any rate in the initial stages.

After consulting with General Stawell, it has been decided to send an advance HQ of AML (Yugoslavia) to Bari, in order to keep as close a liaison as possible with the position as it develops. I am sending our Balkans liaison officer (Major Patrick-Smith) to Cairo today to make appropriate arrangements, and I imagine that this advance HQ will arrive quite soon. They will, of course, deal with General Stawell, and will not bother you in any way, but I thought you would like to know that they were there, and what they were doing. I expect they will be very interested in the work of the Displaced Persons Subcommittee, in so far as it affects Yugoslavs, and any help and advice that Col. Findlay can give them will, I am sure, be much appreciated.

With best regards -

Charles M. Spofford

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief of Section

Lt. Gen. Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane
Chief Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
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ACC MAIN (GEN MACFARLANE C COMM)

APRIL 29, 1944

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FREEDOM

GENERAL BOLODOVNIK TELLS ME THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO BARI AND OF THE EXPERIENCES OF THE RUSSIAN MISSION WITH TITO HE HIMSELF WAS GOING TO RECOMMEND STRONGLY TO BOGOMOLOV THAT THE WHOLE QUESTION OF WITHDRAWING ITALIAN SOLDIERS OF SLAV ORIGIN FROM THE ITALIAN FORCES FOR SERVICE WITH THE PARTISANS SHOULD BE DROPPED PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL REFERENCE MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION MEMORANDUM ZERO NINE ONE POINT SEVEN ONE ONE PAREN YUGOSLAVIA ENPAREN OF TWO ZERO APRIL PAREN THE REASON THAT HE GAVE WAS THAT THE PARTISANS NEEDED STORES AND EQUIPMENT BUT NOT REINFORCEMENTS OF MAN POWER PARA MEANWHILE THE YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL HAS ALSO INFORMALLY RAISED THE QUESTION WITH ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION PD IF HE PRESSES THE MATTER I SHALL RECOMMEND THAT HE BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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Ref. CC/G/239

28th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM;

TO: Political Section, A.C.C..

1. I hinted to Solodovnik today that if the Russians wished to pursue the question of getting reinforcements for Tito from the Italian services it might be helpful in getting some ruling on the subject if they raised the matter at an early meeting of the Advisory Council.

2. Solodovnik told me that as a result of his recent visit to Bari, and also as a result of the experiences of the Russian Mission with Tito, he himself was going to recommend strongly to M. Bogomolov that the whole question should be dropped.

Comment. Almost too good to be true.

*Please put up draft
Signal to AFHQ. I think
they should know.
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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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MGS-091.711 (Yugoslavia)

NE also SP

20 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Soldiers of Slav Origin.

TO : HQ A.C.C.

21 Apr 1945 DFE

1. Reference your cables M133 and 139 of 2 and 7 April respectively will you please state how this matter now stands and whether the Russians have pressed the point further.

2. For your information with regard to your cable M102 of 7 March it is understood that the matter was taken up by the British Minister's office with the Foreign Office whose attitude was that they would not agree to treat with Yugoslav partisans on a matter of this nature but added that the matter appeared one for study by the Advisory Council although they would not themselves take the initiative. In view of this and of the cables referred to in (1) above no action has been taken by this Section.

For the Chief of Section:

Speak Subcomint re Italian at Adv. Council

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T. B. JACKMAN
Major.

Political Section

It's a long time since para 3 of my Hon. of 7 March!

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INCOMING MESSAGE.

FROM FREEDOM

TO ADVANCED FORCE 133 RPTD FATIMA MIDDLE EAST FOR FORCE 133

REFERENCE NUMBER 12761

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YOUR C/284 OF 16TH MARCH.

NO KNOWLEDGE HERE PARTISAN MISSION SICILY. THE (?) QUESTION

RELEASE YUGO SLAV FROM P.W. CAMPS OR ITALIAN ARMY FOR SERVICE

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MEANWHILE NO RELEASE PERMISSIBLE

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YOUR C/284 OF 16TH MARCH.

NO KNOWLEDGE HERE PARTISAN MISSION SICILY. THE (?) QUESTION
RELEASE YUGO SLAV FROM P.W. CAMPS OR ITALIAN ARMY FOR SERVICE
NAL UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE.
MEANWHILE NO RELEASE PERMISSIBLE

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22nd. April, 1944.

TO: Commodore I.M. Palmer,
 Director, Navy Sub-Commission.

1. I return attached papers.
2. Reference Admiral Morgan's memorandum of 17th. March, No. TA 1027/58. I am not in a position to give a clear-cut decision as the whole question has had to be referred to the Allied Governments for a ruling and I have not yet received an answer.
3. As regards the three alternatives in Para One of Admiral Morgan's letter. -
 - (a) This is impossible in the meantime.
 - (b) I have issued strict instructions that the Yugo-Slavs shall not enter any Italian service personnel in their armed forces.
 - (c) I am not very taken with this alternative.
4. In the meantime everything possible has been done to stop the Yugo-Slavs from enticing Italian service personnel away from their job and until the Allied Governments let us know their decision in the matter there is little more that we can do. In principle we entirely support the Italian point of view that no Italian soldier, sailor or airman may be enticed away however Slav his origin may be.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
 Lieutenant-General,
 Chief Commissioner

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TO PARISH TO AFTER FOR MSG FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN AAI CONSIDER
THAT ZEMRA MISSION SHOULD HAVE EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION TRAINING
AND EQUIPMENT OF YUGOSLAV PERSONNEL ENVOYING TO OR BEING ENROLLED AS REINFORCEMENTS
FOR FORCES OF TITO TO REFERENCE TO TWO DISTRICT AS APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY FOR THEIR
ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE OMITTED TO ALL OTHER YUGOSLAV NATIONALS AND ALL POLITICAL
QUESTIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED BY DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION UNDER
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L. T. MONTAGNE, Jr.
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THERE IS NO TRUTH IN THE PRESS STORY REFERRED TO IN YOUR FOX
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FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE FOR MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION PAREN
ITALIAN
 OFFICIAL STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES IS BEING ISSUED TO THE
 PRESS FOR PUBLICATION IN TOMORROW MORNING'S NEWSPAPERS PARA BEGINS
 REPORTS IN PRESS HAVE STATED THAT AN AGREEMENT FOR MILITARY AND
 POLITICAL COOPERATION HAS ALLEGEDLY BEEN NEGOTIATED BETWEEN MARSHAL
 TITO AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PARA THERE IS NO FOUNDATION TO THIS
 STATEMENT WHATSOEVER PARA AS IS WELL KNOWN THE TRUTH IS THAT ONE
 ITALIAN DIVISION IS FIGHTING DAUNTLESSLY BY THE SIDE OF MARSHAL
 TITO'S TROOPS AGAINST THE GERMANS ENDS

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L. T. MONTANT JR
 2nd Lieutenant AGD
 Acting Adjutant

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : M 5/13
 Classification : SECRET
 Precedence : PRIORITY
 From : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC
 To : FATIMA REPEATED HQ MAAF

Date | Time Rec'd : APRIL 13/0128
 Date | Time Sent : APRIL 12/1957
 Reference NR : F-31347
 Cite : FHMCS

REUTERS IS CIRCULATING REPORT FROM THE LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH CORRESPONDENT AT GENEVA THAT BADOGLIO AND TITOS FOREIGN MINISTER, SMODAKA, HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR MILITARY AND POLITICAL COOPERATION, PROVIDING AMONG OTHER THINGS: PARA. RECOGNITION BY BADOGLIO OF TITOS ORGANIZATION AD DE FACTO GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA, WITH EXCHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVES; PARA. TRANSFER TO TITOS DISPOSAL OF ITALIAN TROOPS FIGHTING WITH PARTISANS IN YUGOSLAVIA; PARA. ITALIAN RENUNCIATION OF ALL CLAIMS TO DALMATIA, INCLUDING PORT OF FIUME; PARA. RENUNCIATION BY BOTH COUNTRIES OF "STRATEGICAL FRONTIERS", WITH ITALO-YUGOSLAV FRONTIERS TO BE DEFINED AFTER THE WAR ON THE BASIS OF FREE PLEBISCITES OF BORDER POPULATION, THE QUESTION OF TRIESTE SPECIFICALLY REMAINING IN ABEYANCE UNTIL END OF THE WAR. PARA. REPORT MENTIONS SEVERAL OTHER SECRETCLAUSES PERTAINING TO POLITICAL AND MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA IN EVENT OF ALLIED LANDING IN BALKANS. PARA. THIS REPORT HAS BEEN KEPT OFF BBC AND UNITED NATIONS RADIO HERE, BUT GERMAN RADIO IS MAKING MUCH OF IT WITH ADDED PROPAGANDA LINKING SUCH AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET DESIRES. PARA. IN VIEW OF INSTRUCTIONS, APPROVED BY THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF (SEE OUR F 31320), THAT BADOGLIO SHALL MAKE NO FOREIGN AGREEMENTS WITHOUT MY APPROVAL, PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND REPORT WHETHER THERE IS ANY BASIS IN FACT FOR THIS REPORTED AGREEMENT. PARA. IF THERE IS NOTHING TO IT CAN YOU MAY IN YOUR DISCRETION REQUEST BADOGLIO TO ISSUE PUBLIC DENIAL

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for reply see Fatima 3205

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12th. April, 1944.

Reference your letter of April 6th..

1. I will certainly take up with the Italian authorities their misquotation of my letter to the Marshal. Thank you for letting me know.
2. You are quite right to take no action on the request.

The whole question of Italian soldiers of Slav origin and the partisans is under consideration by the Allied Governments. In the meantime both the partisans and the Italians have been told that enrolment of Italian soldiers in the partisan forces and attempts by partisan agents to entice them to enrol are strictly forbidden.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Major-General E.P. Nares, CBE, MC,
G.O.C., No.2. District.

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Major-General E. P. Nares, CBE, MC,
HQ 2 District
CMF

April, 1944.

Dear General.

A request was forwarded to my HQ from the Italian GHQ, through HQ Italian IX Corps, on March 26th, for the release of 1080 Italian soldiers who had deserted and enlisted with the Partisan Forces.

A letter from you to Marshal BADOGLIO dated Feb 27th; stating that you had asked me to examine the whole question, was attached.

I had no recollection of having received a letter from you about these men; investigations have since shown that the letter quoted was one you wrote to me on Feb 27th about the release of four Carabinieri from the Partisans Forces. It is repeated without the word "Carabinieri" thus making it appear to refer to these other men.

I forward copies of the correspondence in case you should wish to take up the matter of what appears to be improper use of letters under your signature, with the Italian COMMANDO SUPREMO. Meanwhile I do not propose to take action on the request.

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Yours sincerely,

E. L. MacFarlane

To Lieut-General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane; KCB, DSO, MC
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

MacFarlane
12/2/44

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HQ 2 District from Italian LO 2 District

Following on conversation Col VALLONE/Major MATTEI, attached is a list of 1080 deserters to the Yugoslavs from the Italian Army.

It is requested that, as set out in the letter dated 27-2-44 to Marshal BADOGLIO - head of the Italian Government - from General N. Mason MacFARLANE - head of the ACC - (copy attached) the necessary steps are taken by you, to have the men returned to their units, and that this branch is informed when this is done, and when the men may be expected.

(Signed) R. VALLONE.

C O P Y

ACC

27 Feb/44.

His Ex Marshal BADOGLIO
Head of the Government

Dear Marshal,

Ref your letter No 542/DF of Feb 24.

I have given instructions that the question shall be examined immediately by the English Commander (sic) of Bari District and

(Signed) R. VALLONE.

C O P Y

ACC

His Ex Marshal BADOGLIO
Head of the Government

27 Feb/44.

Dear Marshal,

Ref your letter No 542/DF of Feb 24.

I have given instructions that the question shall be examined immediately by the English Commander (sic) of Bari District and I hope that he will be able to arrange that the men are returned to their units.

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Most sincerely and cordially,

(Signed) Gen. Noel M. MacFarlane,
Chief of ACC.

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COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

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27 febbraio 1944

A S.E. IL MARESCIALLO BADOGLIO
CAPO DEL GOVERNO

Caro Maresciallo,

Mi riferisco alla sua lettera nr. 542 DP
del 24 febbraio.

Ho dato istruzioni che la questione sia
esaminata immediatamente dal Commandante Inglese
del Distretto di Bari e spero che egli riuscirà
ad ottenere che i soldati siano rimandati ai
loro reparti.

Molto sinceramente e cordialmente.

GENERALE NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Capo della Commissione Alleata di Controllo
P.C.C. L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO
(Gen. Nicola De Rinaldis)

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 324

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Ref: SC 091.

11th April 1944.

SUBJECT: Volunteers for Service with Yugoslav Army.

TO : H.Q., A.A.L.

Reference conversation, Brigadier Mannering - Brigadier
Lush, on 10th April.

I would refer you to AAI/3030/A(0) dated 2 Apr. 44
addressed to Hq. AAI (C Ops), in which D.A.M., A.A.L. (Adm Ech)
states that it is undesirable for Yugoslav Officers to visit P.O.V.
Camps for the purpose of recruiting.

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M. S. Lush
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Chief Commissioner.

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7 April 1944

To: Colonel Milentije Popovic, Commanding Military Mission NIAY,
C. M. F.

The Chief Commissioner has asked me to thank you for your communication of 1 April informing him of your appointment as Commanding Officer of the National Liberation Army of Yugoslavia in Italy.

Should your duties take you to Naples, the Chief Commissioner trusts that you will inform him so that an opportunity can be taken of arranging a meeting.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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6th. April, 1944.

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GEN MACFARLANE

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REFERENCE MY FATIMA MIKE ONE THREE THREE PAREN FOR AFHQ FOR GENERAL WILSON CMA BRITISH
RESIDENT MINISTER AND CIVIL AFFAIRS FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN
 BAIOGLIO SHOWED ME YESTERDAY A COPY OF A LETTER HE HAD SENT TO KOSTILEV PD THE LETTER
 CONTAINED ALL THE POINTS MADE VERBALLY TO ME BY BAIOGLIO AND REPORTED IN MY TELEGRAM
 UNDER REFERENCE PD IT IS WORTHY OF NOTE THAT BAIOGLIO TOOK A DEFINITELY FIRM AND TOUGH
 LINE IN HIS WRITTEN REPLY TO KOSTILEV

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 NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
 Lieutenant-General,
 Chief Commissioner

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FATIMA (GEN MACFARLANE C COMB)

2nd. April. 1944.

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BADOLIO TOLD ME TODAY THAT KOSILEV HAD SHOWN HIM THIS MORNING A COPY OF A TELEGRAM FROM MARSHAL TITO TO MOSCOW COMPLAINING STRONGLY OF THE TREATMENT ACCORDED TO SOLDIERS OF SLAV ORIGIN IN THE ROYAL ITALIAN ARMY BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD REQUESTING FURTHER THAT THESE SOLDIERS SHOULD BE RELEASED TO FIGHT FOR TITO PD PARA TWO PD BADOLIO TOLD ME THAT HE STOUTLY DENIED THE CHARGES OF ILL ~~STATE~~ ^{dash} TREATMENT AND STATED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HE SURRENDER SOLDIERS OF SLAV ORIGIN SERVING IN THE ITALIAN ARMY IF THEY ~~HAD BEEN~~ ~~BORN IN ITALIAN TERRITORY AND WERE THIS~~ ITALIAN NATIONALS PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GENERAL WILSON CMA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER AND CIVIL AFFAIRS FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN HE WAS PREPARED TO PERMIT A COMMISSION COMPRISING ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH OF THE AMERICAN BRITISH RUSSIAN AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENTS TO INVESTIGATE THE QUESTION AND TO RELEASE ANY SOLDIERS OF SLAV ORIGIN OTHER THAN ITALIAN NATIONALS NOW SERVING IN THE ITALIAN ARMY TO FIGHT FOR TITO IF THE COMMISSION SATISFIED THEMSELVES ON THEIR NON SLANT ITALIAN STATUS

ROBERT E. JOE
Major, AGC.
Secretary General

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TRANSLATION

Salerno 3 April 1944

Special Secretary to the Chief of Government

File No. 988

TO GENERAL SIP NOEL MASON MACFARLANE, Chief of Allied Control Commission, NAPLES

By order of H.E. Marshal Badoglio, I transmit to Your Excellency, for your acknowledgement, copy of a letter sent to Mr. Mikhail Kostylev, Representative of the U.S.S.R. with the Italian Government.

The Special Secretary
to the Chief of Government
(Lt. Col. G. Valenzano)

File No. 986.

Chief of Government

Salerno, 3 April 1944.

TO: Mr. Mikhail Kostylev, Representative of the U.S.S.R.
with the Italian Government, NAPLES

Following the verbal communications made to me yesterday by Your Excellency in the presence of Mr. Prunas, General Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency of the following:

1. I protest with indignation the statement of Marshal Tito, namely, that Slav soldiers in the Italian Army are being treated as slaves, and I invite Marshal Tito to produce proving evidence.

2. I give my full consent to permit that a commission appointed by General MacFarlane and composed of an English, American and Russian officer be accompanied by one of our officers to visit all the units of the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force to ascertain that in these units there are no Slavs born outside of the Italian boundaries as established by the Treaty of Rapallo between Italy and Yugoslavia.

If by chance, a thing which I hardly consider possible, there should be Slavs born outside the boundaries of Italy, I authorize promptly that these Slavs be turned over to the Allied authorities to be sent to Marshal Tito.

3. There are Slav refugees in Italy under control of the Allied authorities. Over these I have no authority.

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4. With regard to the Slavs born within the boundaries of Italy, they are by right Italian citizens and must perform their military service in the Italian Armed Forces.

The Italian Law does not permit that they can be sent as volunteers to a foreign army even if this army is fighting against a common enemy.

At any rate I have assigned Mr. Prunas to look into the provisions of the Italian Law to bring it to your attention.

Please accept the expression of my highest consideration.

(Sgd) BADOGLIO

→ Political Section

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SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE DEL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

RESERVATO PERSONALE

Salerno, li 3 aprile 1944

INQ. ACC. / TO 25A
4 Apr 1945
EJM (XD)
BY

AL SIGNOR GENERALE

SIR NOEL MASON MACFARLANE

Capo della Commissione Alleata di Controllo

N A P O L I

Per incarico di S.E. il Maresciallo Badoglio trasmetto alla S.V., per conoscenza, copia di una lettera inviata al Signor Mikhail Kostylev - Rappresentante dell'Unione Repubbliche Sovietiche Socialiste presso il Governo Italiano.

IL SEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE
DEL CAPO DEL GOVERNO
(Ten.Col.G.Valenzano)

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IL SEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE
DEL CAPO DEL GOVERNO
(Ten.Col.G.Valenzano)

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

SALERNO, LI 3 APRILE 1944

AL SIGNOR MIKHAIL KOSTYLEV

RAPPRESENTANTE DELL'UNIONE DELLE REPUBBLICHE
SOVIETICHE SOCIALISTICHE PRESSO IL GOVERNO
ITALIANO

NAPOLI

A SEQUITO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI VERBALI FATTEMI IERI
DALLA S.V. IN PRESENZA DEL SIGNOR PRUNAS, SEGRETARIO GENERA
LE AL MINISTERO DEGLI ESTERI, HO L'ONORE DI PRECISARE ALLA
S.V. QUANTO SEGUE:

1. PROTESTO, INDIGNATO, CONTRO L'AFFERMAZIONE DEL MA-
RESCIALLO TITO, CHE CIOE' I SOLDATI SLAVI NELL'ESERCITO ITA-
LIANO SIANO TRATTATI COME SCHIAVI, ED INVITO IL MARESCIAL-
LO TITO A PRODURRE ELEMENTI PROBATORI.
2. SONO DISPOSTISSIMO A PERMETTERE CHE UNA COMMISSIONE
NOMINATA DAL GENERALE MACFARLANE E COMPOSTA DA UN UFFICIALE
INGLESE, UNO AMERICANO ED UNO RUSSO SIA ACCOMPAGNATA DA UN
NOSTRO UFFICIALE PER VISITARE TUTTI I REPARTI DELL'ESERCITO,
DELLA MARINA E DELLA AVIAZIONE ITALIANA PER ACCERTARE CHE IN
DETTI REPARTI NON VI SIANO SLAVI NATI ALL'INFUORI DEI CONFI-
NI D'ITALIA STABILITI CON IL TRATTATO DI RAPALLO FRA ITALIA
E JUGOSLAVIA.

SE PER AVVENTURA, COSA CHE IO A PRIORI ESCLUDO, VI
FOSSERO SLAVI NATI FUORI DEI CONFINI D'ITALIA, IO AUTORIZZO
SENZ'ALTRO CHE DETTI SLAVI SIANO CONSEGNATI ALLE AUTORITA' AL-
LEATE PER ESSERE INVIATI AL MARESCIALLO TITO.



IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

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3. VI SONO RIFUGIATI SLAVI IN ITALIA IN CONSERNA ALLE
AUTORITÀ ALLEATE. SU DI ESSI IO NON HO ALCUNA AUTORITÀ.

4. CIRCA GLI SLAVI NATI ENTRO I CONFINI D'ITALIA, ESSI
SONO DI DIRITTO CITTADINI ITALIANI E DEVONO PRESTARE IL LO-
RO SERVIZIO MILITARE NELLE FORZE ARMATE ITALIANE.

NÈ LA LEGGE ITALIANA PERMETTE CHE ESSI POSSONO ES-
SERE INVIATI COME VOLONTARI PRESSO UN ESERCITO STRANIERO,
ANCHE SE QUESTO COMBATTE CONTRO UN COMUNE NEMICO.

AD OGNI MODO HO INCARICATO IL SIGNOR PRUNAS DI RI-
CERCARE LE DISPOSIZIONI DELLA LEGGE ITALIANA PER PORTARLA
A VOSTRA CONOSCENZA.

PREGO LA S.V. GRADIRE L'ESPRESSIONE DELLA MIA ALTA
CONSIDERAZIONE.-

F/to BADOGLIO



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Yugoslav Army

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H.Q. A.A.L. (Adm Ech),
C.M.F.

AAI/3080/A(0)

2 Apr '44

HQ AAI (G Ops)

1. Copies of letters received from No. 1 District, reference 1D/6/16/A dated 24 Mar '44, and reference 1D/6/16/A dated 4 Mar '44 are forwarded.
2. It is understood that the question of granting the Yugoslav Authorities permission to enlist these volunteers is at present under consideration.
3. Until a decision is arrived at it is considered ^{desirable} that Yugoslav Officers should ~~not~~ be permitted to visit PW Camps for this purpose.
4. Acting on instructions from this Headquarters, after consultation with HQ ACC, No. 1 District have been instructed that on no account will PW of Yugoslav origin be released from PW Camps for employment with N.A.L.

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Copy to: HQ AAI

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4 APR 1944
A. C. C.L
Green
Brigadier,
D.A.G.

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SUBJECT: Volunteers for Service with Yugoslav Army

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24 Mar 44

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Headquarters,
A.I.I. Am Ech.
Central Mediterranean Force

Reference your 1032/A(1) dated 19 Mar 44.

1. It is clearly understood that until a policy decision has been made, no Yugoslav PW may be released. All concerned have been instructed accordingly.

2. A recent incident, however, has occurred in which a party of some seventeen ex-PW of Yugoslav origin attempted to cross to the Island via LIPUNA with the object of proceeding to ILLI. These men had asserted from PW capture documents that they were returning under duress to the nearest PW Camp. The officers concerned in their move and identity files failed, carrying identification card 116 issued on 20 Jun 44 by OC Camp ILLI Yugoslavia in ILLI (Bari). This officer was included in a party of four who arrived in Sicily under command of Lieut. BERTOL on 20 Feb 44. Lieut. BERTOL was the officer to whom authority was given (copy attached) to visit your camp headquarters on 4 Mar 44, it having been explained to him that card errors were received from higher authority, no Yugoslav Nationals would be allowed to leave the Island.

3. Lieut. BERTOL was accompanied by Pte BERTOL, carrying identification card No. 12, issued on 12 Feb 44 by OC Camp ILLI Yugoslavia in ILLI (Bari).

4. The following Yugoslav representatives were at present known to be in Sicily:-

Lieut. BERTOL
Lieut. BERTOL

In addition to the two above named, it is suggested that instructions may be issued to the appropriate authority for consideration of the fact to these men regarding their activities in this District. It would appear desirable that they are all recalled. Although they are not a decided as to the employment of the men, since services they are anxious to accept. Pending your instructions they are being allowed to remain at liberty on condition that they remain in close contact with the officers, to Div Area at ILLI, and make no further attempt to associate from the Island, or of Yugoslav nationality.

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3. Lieut. FULDA was accompanied by the Italian shipping identification card No. 12, issued on 12 Feb 44 by CO Camp La Tronca in Sicily (Bari).

4. The following Yugoslav representatives are at present known to be in Sicily:-

- Lieut. RADO
- Lieut. RADO

In addition to the two above named. It is requested that in relations may be issued to the appropriate authority for communication direct to those men concerning their activities in this District. It would appear desirable that they be all recalled without delay pending a decision as to the employment of the men since they are under no obligation. Pending your instructions they are being allowed to remain at liberty on condition that they remain in close contact with authorities, as they are at present and make no further attempt to evade the area and leave the Yugoslav authorities.

Major General,
Commanding,
No. 1 Division

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REPORT: Velenos. Our Service with Bowley Ann

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THEY ARE

REV. 10/15/10

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Wm. L. GILLES, Esq.,
The Major General,
Cincinnati

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100 volunteers. Authority for these men to be sent to TMM was asked for in this message A/116 dated 3 Jan 64.

He has requested permission to visit, over 100 in order to explain his mission and the urgency which he attached to being permitted to advise the personnel of the volunteer force's situation.

In view of the undoubted fact that a large number of excellent fighting men are at present being uselessly detained in captivity this is just as being needed to.

He was given verbal written orders under no circumstances was he to approach units of the Sabana Division where there are some 300 prisoners who are willing to serve in the Yugoslav Army. This point he will no doubt wish to make and it would appear that an early decision on this matter of policy will be in the interests of the war effort.

(Sgt.) L. J. DUNN, Lt. Col.
For Major General,
Commanding
No. 1 District.

Sgt. J. J. DUNN
11/11/64

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MILITARY MISSION NLAY

C M F

1 APRIL 44.

To: Lt. Gen. N. Mason McFarlane, C B E, D S O,

Allied Control Commission, C M F

Our ref. Nr. 102

May I inform you of the following :

1. By decree of the Supreme Commander of the National Liberation Army of Yugoslavia, Marshal Josip Broz-Tito, I have been appointed commanding officer NLAY in Italy.
2. I am also authorized by the National Liberation Committee of Yugoslavia and by the General Head Quarter of the NLAY and of the Partizan Dettachments of Yugoslavia to handle all questions within the Representation of the National Liberation Committee of Yugoslavia in Italy.
3. On the above authority I have also taken over the affairs, which so far has handled the Military Mission NLAY to the Allied Middle East Command and of which the chief was Lt. col. Vlatko Velebit.

Colonel

M. J. Popovic
(Melentije Popovic)

Political Section

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Political Section

Please speak
Wm 120

Dear Mr. ...
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author take ...
you will inform ...
taken of arranging a meeting.

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SECRET

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

6212 HQ ACC, APO 374
Rec'd 30 Mar 43
by *AF*

CLASS: SECRET
PREC : PRIORITY
FROM : FREEDOM (CINC)
TO / FATIMA FOR REGIS

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(PAREN TO FATIMA FOR REGIS SIGNED CINC CITE PHMGS F24760 PAREN)
MERSRS KREK AND SMILJANIK YUGOSLAV DELEGATES TO ADVISORY COUNCIL ETA
1610 HOURS 30 MARCH



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RSL/dre

SG 091.

30 March 1944

Subject: Deserters

To: General Officer Commanding No. 2 District, C.M.F.
(Attention: Major A. B. Mattei, GII(1).)

1. With reference to your letter of 27 March 1944, file 8032/65 GSI, subject "Deserters," the letter referred to from General Mason MacFarlane is quite authentic. The Italian translation which you enclosed with your letter is a reasonably correct translation.

2. Copies of General MacFarlane's letter to the C.M.F. No. 2 District dated 27 February with its enclosure and of General MacFarlane's letter to Marshal Badoglio of the same date are enclosed for your information.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

4 Encls.

- 1 - Ltr C/G/103, 27 Feb 44 (copy)
- 2 - Ltr 542, 24 Feb 44 fr Marshal Badoglio (copy of transl)
- 3 - Ltr 56/12, 17 Feb 44, subj: Yugoslavian Elements in Italy, fr HQ Royal Carabinieri Corps of Liberated Italy
- 4 - Ltr C/G/P/109, 27 Feb 44 (copy) - *see folio 10, 56 091.*

see folio 9,
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(extra copies in Surplus File)

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SEC GEN

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HQ 2 District CMF
2022/68 GSIHQ ACC21 Mar 44

On 25 Mar the Italian IO at this HQ, Col VALLONE, asked the GII(I) Major A B MATTEI, for assistance in getting 1,080 Italian deserters to the Yugoslav Partisan Forces returned to their Units. He produced a copy of a letter from Gen Mason MacFARLANE to Marshal BADOGLIO (copy attached).

This letter appeared to Major MATTEI rather odd, GOC 2 District being referred to as the "English Commander of Bari District". No letter on the subject has been received from Gen Mason MacFARLANE by GOC 2 District.

This HQ would be grateful if enquiries could be made as to the authenticity of this letter and this HQ informed of the result.

JHC

AB Mattei
Major-General
Commanding 2 District

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COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

27 Febbraio 1944

A S.E. IL MARESCIALLO BADOGLIO
CAPO DEL GOVERNO

Caro Maresciallo,

Mi riferisco alla sua lettera nr.542 DP del
24 febbraio.

Ho dato istruzioni che la questione sia esaminata
immediatamente dal Comandante Inglese del Distretto
di Bari e spero che egli riuscirà ad ottenere che i
soldati siano rimandati ai loro reparti.

Molto sinceramente e cordialmente.

GENERALE NOEL MASON MACFARLANE

Capo della Commissione Alleata di Controllo

P. C. C.
L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO
(Nicola De Rinaldis)

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MOST SECRET

HQ ACC. APO 3
Ser. 10 Mar 16 15
BY 245

Subject: Recruiting for
National Liberation
Army to JUGOSLAVIA

Adv. H.Q. Force 133
C.M.F.

Ref: SE/162/3D

7 Mar 44.

✓ Lt. Gen R. MASON MCPHARLANE., C.B., D.S.O.
Allied Control Commission.

1. The following signal has been received from Adv. Adm. Mch
A.F.H.Q.

"Following from DISTONE. Begins. 4/146 5 Mar Lieut IZONTIC
PORTVOY JUGOSLAV representative reports approx 100 ex FY
SERBIAN Army SERBIA CRIMIN now held 222 P.M. Camp volunteers
join forces WFO. Request authy these personnel be despatched
BARI. Ends.
Signal if you agree accept stating location and date."

2. A reply has been made quoting para 1 of the order given in
MEMORANDUM NUMBER 2, dated 8 Feb 44 issued by the office of the
Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. It was also pointed
out that the fact that these P.M. are of SERBIA origin is not yet
accepted as justification for a departure from this ruling

H.G. Phillips
Brig. Comd Adv Force 133

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COPY.

SECRET.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

MEMORANDUM)

8th February, 1944.NUMBER 2)

The following order is brought to the attention of all concerned.

Recruiting of Yugoslavs for the Partisan Army will be confined to ex-Prisoners of War and Internees. Under no circumstances may soldiers or sailors of the Italian Army or Navy be approached. NO exceptions to this rule will be tolerated without prior approval from this Hq.

Passes from camps will, in future, state the purpose for which the pass is given and no pass will be given for any purpose which might contravene this order.

Any Yugoslav man or woman who has served as a member of the Yugoslav Armed Forces and has subsequently escaped, whether or not they were, in fact, treated as Prisoners of War, are ex-Prisoners of War in this respect and so available for recruitment for the Partisan Army, provided he or she is located in one of our camps.

For the Director:

Sgnd. V.M. Kayser, Major.
For V. M. HAMMER,
Lt.-Colonel,
Deputy Director.

DISTRIBUTION:

Hq. East Italy, LECCE.
Hq. West Italy, SALERNO.
Camp Comdt, TUTURANO CAMP.
" " SANTA MARIA DI BAGNO.
" " SANTA MARIA DI LEUCA.
" " ST. CESAREA.
" " FERRAMONTI.
" " OTRANTO.
" " CASTRO.
" " PISTICCI.
Hq. Allied Control Commission.
133 Special Force.
Director, P.W. Sub Commission.
Adv. G.2. (C.I.) Section, A.F.H.Q.

- 1 Definition Ex Prisoner of War (PARTISANS know this definition)
Is a Yugoslav who was imprisoned as a soldier prior to 28 MAR 41
The Partisans have no right to approach ~~any~~ any individual subsequently
made a prisoner and ~~do not~~ they have been informed accordingly ^{inst.}
2 They have also been informed that they are NOT allowed ^{inst.} to
contact SLOVENES

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3 Me-9 No 2 will be rewritten & under the's reminder of this
instruction

17 MAR 44.

(P) Stuyll
LCS

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Sec'y Gen.
14 Mar 1945
AAS.HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 18/3/CA.

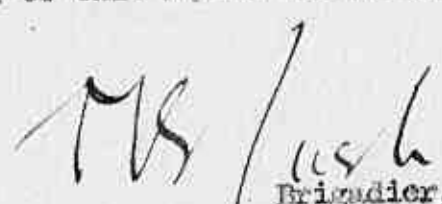
13th March 1945.

SUBJECT: Enlistment of Italians in Yugo Slav Army.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I.

1. During your visit last week you raised the question of recruitment of Italians for the Yugo Slav Army which is now taking place in Sicily. Marshal Badoglio has raised the same question with the Chief Commissioner (see letter attached).
2. The Chief Commissioner directs me to tell you that the only Italian personnel who may be recruited by the Yugo Slav authorities are Italians of Slav origin who are not in the Italian armed forces: moreover, the permission of the Allied Control Commission must be obtained in all cases.
3. You should inform the Yugo Slav authorities now in Sicily of this ruling and you may tell them that the principle is under consideration by the Allied Governments.
4. The names and details of persons whom they wish to recruit should be reported to you and forwarded to this HQ for scrutiny.

MBL/JG.


Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Secretary General.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT

8 March 1944

My dear General MacFarlane:-

I am advised that some Jugoslavian Officers have gone to Palermo to undertake enlistment of Italians for the Jugoslavian Army.

I wish to call your attention to this fact, certain that also the Allied Authorities will prohibit these officers from continuing with their intention, in view of the circumstances that Italians anxious to fight against the Germans have the opportunity of enlisting under their own flag.

I thank you, my dear General, for the kind reply which you will let me have in regard to this matter.

/s/ BADOGLIO

TO:

General N.M. MAC FARLANE
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Salerno

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

8 marzo 1944

HQ AEC, 870 354

Rec'd 11 Mar 1945
By *HL*

Caro Generale Mac Farlane,

mi viene riferito che alcuni ufficiali jugoslavi si sono recati a Palermo per procedere ad arruolamenti di italiani per l'esercito jugoslavo.

Desidero richiamare su questo fatto la Sua attenzione, sicuro che anche da parte delle Autorità Alleate sarà fatto divieto ai suddetti ufficiali di dar seguito al loro proponimento, in considerazione della circostanza che gli italiani ansiosi di combattere contro i tedeschi hanno la possibilità di arruolarsi sotto la propria bandiera.

La ringrazio, caro Generale, anche delle cortesi notizie che vorrà favorirmi al riguardo.

Barlas

Al Sig.
Generale N.M. MAC FARLANE
Capo della Commissione Alleata
di Controllo

S A L E R N O

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

for O'Donoghue

SUBJECT : Itali Deserters to the Partisans

SEC GEN

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HQ No 2 District CDP
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9 Mar 44

11 MAR 1944

HQ Allied Control Commission

11 Mar 1944

I have taken up the question of the Italian deserters referred to in your letter CC/G/108 of 27 Feb, with the Commander, Adv HQ Force 133 and he reports as follows :-

"This case has been carefully investigated by this HQ at a previous date and on 16 Feb 44 Commandant NIKOLIC of Partisan HQ in ITALY gave a formal assurance to an officer of this HQ that these men had been released upon the representations of a British Officer on 14 Feb and that they were no longer in Partisan hands either at GRAVINA or anywhere else. These men appeared at MONOPOLI in civilian clothes and claimed to be Slovenes. The Partisans accepted them as such in good faith but when it was pointed out to them by the representative of this HQ that their home districts were in all cases purely Italian, they were immediately released".

I understand on further enquiries that when these men were released by the Partisans they were not actually handed over to the Italian authorities but merely evicted from the Partisan Camp still dressed in plain clothes therefore presumably they are now deserters at large somewhere in King's Italy.

I have asked Adv Force 133 to endeavour in the future to ensure that any such cases are handed over to the Italian authorities and they have undertaken to do all within their power to carry out this request and also to prevent the further enticing away of Italian personnel.

W. G. O'Donoghue

Copy to :- Adv HQ, Force 133

E. J. M. M. J.

Major General,
Comd No 2 District.

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10 March 1944

I have received your letter of March 8 with its enclosure relating to your conversation with Ambassador Bogomolov. In compliance with your request, I have been glad to transmit the Memorandum and the substance of your letter to Allied Force Headquarters for communication to the British and American Governments.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner.

Count Carlo Sforza
6 via Carducci,
Naples.

MEMORANDUM.

leaders of Italian patriots in Northern Italy have written Sforza informing him that they have made contact with Yugoslav partisans in order to ensure friendly future relations. They inform Sforza that following solution might be reached :

- a) In accordance with right of self-determination Trieste remains to Italians,
- b) but port becomes international corpus separatum with free customs administered by a committee composed mainly of Italians and Yugoslavs, but also of Czechs, Austrians, etc.

Sforza assured full agreement to solution and added that an even greater contribution to international cooperation might be to offer Fiume and adjoining area to future League of Nations.

Such plan while giving L.N. a perfectly equipped port, would suit Switzerland which dislikes ulterior embergements of L.N. on Swiss territory and would suit Russia and all Oriental European nations. Moreover it would bring peace and prosperity in a zone otherwise bound to see eternal quarrels because of intermingling of two nationalities.

Naples. March 6th, 1944.

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Naples. March 6th, 1944.

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ples, March 8th, 1944.

Dear General MacFarlane,

Ambassador Bogomolov having paid me a visit on his arrival to Naples we spoke, among other things, of the Italo-Yugoslav relations. A few hours before, I had received, concerning them, a message from Italian patriots in the North, which I showed to Mr. Bogomolov. The Soviet agent told me he would gladly transmit our views to Moscow and to Marshal Tito. That is why, when today I returned him his visit, I left with him, for transmission to his government, the enclosed memo.

I would appreciate very much that the same text be submitted to Mr. Eden and Mr. Cordell Hull. May I ask you to be so good as to do so.

Since the British have a mission with Tito may I venture to suggest to Mr. Eden that a direct British communication of the memo to the Yugoslav leader would be appreciated by us. It might be misleading for Tito to receive our memo only from one source.

Gratefully and

Yours very truly

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EMB/hjp

8 MAR 1944

In reply refer to:
DCC 091

8 March 1944

SUBJECT: Recruiting of Yugoslavs for WLAY

TO : Adv Hq Force 133, CMF

1. In reply to your letter of 25 February on the above subject, the Commissar in charge of recruiting at ITALY HQ should be given categorical instructions that, notwithstanding questions of Slovene origin or territorial action of the National Liberation Anti-Fascist Council of Yugoslavia, NO sailors, soldiers, or airmen serving in the Italian Army, Navy, or Air Force should be solicited to leave, for any purpose whatsoever, the Italian military force in which they are serving.

2. No violation of these orders will be tolerated by the Allied authorities.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Col Kirkwood
Displaced Persons Sub-Com.
Bari

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*Sp. in Salomon and
Zofanolo and
action taken in Jan to Jordan.*

С Е К Р Е Т Н О.

ЗАМЕСТИТЕЛЮ ПРЕЗИДЕНТА

И ГЛАВНОМУ УПОЛНОМОЧЕННОМУ СОЮЗНОЙ КОНТРОЛЬНОЙ КОМИССИИ

ГЕНЕРАЛ-ЛЕЙТЕНАНТУ

М А К Ф А Р Л А Н У.

1. В отчете Военной Подкомиссии за январь 1944 года, подписанном бригадиром ДИШЕЗНЕ, указывается, что 29 января 1944 года в подкомиссию поступила директива Главнокомандующего следующего содержания:

а; Запретить югославским агентам, то есть представителям армии Маршала ТИТО, вербовку итальянских солдат славянского происхождения в югославскую армию;

б; Всех итальянских солдат славянского происхождения, уже ушедших в югославскую армию, возвратить в свои прежние подразделения.

В том же отчете указывается, что 31 января 1944г. Военная Подкомиссия направила в СКК список на 800 таких солдат, подлежащих возвращению в итальянскую армию.

2. В соответствии с вышеуказанной директивой Главнокомандующего 3.3.44 года на месячной конференции в связи с одним из докладов Вами было заявлено, что вербовка итальянских солдат славянского происхождения югославами должна быть прекращена и, что все завербованные итальянские солдаты славянского происхождения должны быть возвращены в свои подразделения.

3. Я считаю необходимым заявить, что вышеупомянутая директива Главнокомандующего должна быть пересмотрена и отменена, так как, очевидно, что в интересах скорейшего разгрома нашего общего врага Германии и ее союзников следует принять все возможные меры, могущие увеличить военные усилия Союзников в этой войне. Войска Маршала ТИТО, ведущие активную борьбу против германских войск, нуждаются в непрерывном пополнении и если имеется возможность это делать за счет добровольцев солдат-славян итальянской армии, то следует предпочесть такое включение их в активную борьбу использованию их в рабочих батальонах Италии.

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Представителям армии Маршала ТИТО должно быть предоставлено право свободной вербовки в югославскую армию итальянских солдат славянского происхождения.

Поэтому Я уполномочен заявить о необходимости отмены вышеуказанной директивы Главнокомандующего, а также и том, чтобы вербовка итальянских солдат славянского происхождения представителями армии Маршала ТИТО впредь проходила беспрепятственно.

ПРЕДСТАВИТЕЛЬ СССР

В СОЮЗНОЙ КОНТРОЛЬНОЙ КОМИССИИ

ГЕНЕРАЛ-МАЙОР

А. Солодовник /СОЛОДОВНИК/.

7 марта 1944 года.

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SECRET

To :Lieut.General Mason MacFarlane,K.S.B.,D.S.O.,M.C.,
Deputy President and Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Control Commission.

1. It is stated in the Monthly report for January 1944 of the Land Forces Sub-Commission, signed by Brigadier Duchesne, that on the 29-th of January this Sub-Commission received a directive from the C-in-C which, in main, runs as follows:

a) Yugoslav agents, t.e. representatives of Marshal Tito's Army, should not be permitted to enlist Italian soldiers of slav origin into the Yugoslav army.

b/ All Italian soldiers of Slav origin that had been enlisted and joined the Yugoslavs should be sent back into their old units.

It is stated in the same report that on the 31-st of January, 1944 the Land Forces Sub-Commission sent a roll-call for 800 such soldiers to be sent back to the Italian Army.

2. On the 3-d of March, in conformity with the above mentioned C-in-C's directive, you said at the Monthly Conference that the recruiting of the Italian soldiers of slav origin should be stopped and all Italian soldiers of slav origin that had been enlisted before should be sent back to their former units.

3. I consider it neccessary to declare that the above mentioned C-in-C's directive should be reconsidered and overruled. It is obvious that in order to speed up the final defeat of Hitlerite Germany all possible measures should be taken to encrease allied war efforts in this war. Fighting bravely against German troops in Yugoslavia Marshal Tito's Army needs to be manned regularly with replacements. It could be done at the expence of volunteers of slav origin belonging to the Italian Army, and one should certainly prefer only such method of making most of them in the active struggle to the keeping them in Labour Battalions in Italy. 104

The representatives of Marshal Tito's army should be given a right to recruit freely the Italian soldiers of

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slav origin into the Yugoslav Army.

Thus I am authorized to declare the necessity to over-
rul the above mentioned C-in+C's directive and henceforth
the necessity of putting no obstacles to the representatives
of Marshal Tito's Army to recruit Italian soldiers of slav
origin.

Major General Solodovnik,
Soviet Representative,
Allied Control Commission.

7-th March, 1944

Translation.

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FATIMA 1102

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FATIMA (OWN MACFARLANE & COUSIN)

7th. March. 1944.

SECRET

10050 MACFARLANE

PRIORITY

FREEDOM

PART ONE PD SOLODOVNIK RAISED THE QUESTION OF GETTING ITALIAN SOLDIERS OF SLAV ORIGIN TRANSFERRED FROM THE ITALIAN ARMY TO THE ARMY OF TITO PD PART TWO PD AFRO FOR CRIME OF DEATH FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE PRISONAL PART AS YOU KNOW CHA WE HAVE ALREADY HAD NUMEROUS CASES OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS OF SLAV ORIGIN BEING ENTICED AWAY FROM THE ITALIAN ARMY BY TITOS AGENTS PD

PART TWO PD I DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION WITH DOGOMOLOV THIS AFTERNOON AND IT IS CLEAR THAT THE RUSSIANS WISH TO EXPLOIT THIS SOURCE OF MANPOWER FOR TITOS FORCES TO THE MAXIMUM PD I POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO PERMIT INDISCRIMINATE RECRUITING IN ITALIAN UNITS DESIGNED TO ENTICE ITALIAN SOLDIERS TO DESERT PD SHOULD THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS AGREE IN PRINCIPLE THAT ITALIAN SOLDIERS OF SLAV ORIGIN WHO VOLUNTEER TO FIGHT WITH TITOS FORCES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO APPROACH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENTS AND REGULATE THE METHOD OF TRANSFER PD

PART THREE PD I TOLD DOGOMOLOV THAT I WOULD FORWARD THIS SUGGESTION TO YOU AND THAT YOU WOULD DOUBTLESS ASCERTAIN THE VIEWS OF THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS PD DOGOMOLOV IS PUTTING UP

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THIS SUGGESTION TO HIS OWN GOVERNMENT PD PLEASE LET ME KNOW IN THE COURSE WHETHER YOU
FORWARD THIS SUGGESTION AND WITH WHAT RESULT PD I THINK WE OUGHT TO FOLLOW IT UP BUT
I DOUBT IF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL PLAY INLESS THE PRINCIPLE IS AGREED TO BY ALL
THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS

L.T. MONTANT JR
P LT. ADJ
ACTG. ADJUTANT **101100**

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SECRET

FATIMA M101

NF

FATIMA (GEN MACFARLANE C COMB)

7th. March. 1944.

SECRET

10050 MACFARLANE

PRIORITY

PRIORITY

BOGDANOV HAS ASKED ME IF THE RUSSIAN AIR FORCE COULD BE PERMITTED TO HAVE A
FEW RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT WITH RUSSIAN CREWS AND GROUND STAFF AT AN AIRFIELD IN
SOUTHERN ITALY TO PROVIDE AN AIR LINK OF THEIR OWN WITH THE RUSSIAN MISSION
WITH TITO TO PARIS TO ASK FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE
PERSONAL PARER I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD REFER HIS REQUEST TO YOU AND PROMISED
HIM AN ANSWER IN ITS COURSE

1. T. MONTAGNI JR
2. L. ADE
Actg. Adjutant.

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FMM/rj

27th. February, 1944.

Reference your letter No.542.DP of 24th. February.

I have given instructions that this question is to be investigated at once by the British District Commander in Bari and I hope that he will succeed in getting the men returned to their Carabinieri units.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo.

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Ref. CC/G/108

CONFIDENTIAL

FMG/rj

27th. February. 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Headquarters,
No.2. District.

1. I enclose copy of a letter from Marshal Badoglio enclosing a report regarding Carabinieri other ranks who have joined up with the Yugoslav partisans.
2. I would be glad if you would look into this question and if possible obtain the return of the absentees to their unit.
3. As you know, I have had a great deal of difficulty with the Italian army authorities over this question of Yugoslavs enticing Italian service personnel away from their units to join up with the partisans.

NEEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General. 98
Chief Commissioner.

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File No. 542

Salerno, 24/2/1944

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

TO: GENERAL NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Chief of the Allied Control Commission

Naples

My dear General MacFarlane:-

I send you copy of a letter of the Royal Carabinieri Corps of Liberated Italy, entitled : "Jugoslavian elements in Italy", warmly requesting your kind interest in the matter.

Very cordially Yours.

/s/ BADOGLIO

*Answered, opened
+ written
Naples*

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HEADQUARTERS ROYAL CARABINIERI CORPS OF LIBERATED ITALY

Service and Situation Office

File No. 56/12

P.M. 67, 17 February 1944

SUBJECT: Yugoslavian Elements in Italy

TO : The Ministry of War
Chief of Staff Royal Army
and for information:

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H.E. The Chief of the Government

Salerno

On the 10th instant the 2nd Lieutenant LO VARCO Luigi of the Machine Gun Company of the 336th Infantry Regiment, stationed at Fasano (Brindisi), presented himself to the Monopoli (Bari) Corps Headquarters, reporting that on the 9th of this month the below listed soldiers absented themselves from his unit joining up with the Yugoslav Partisans stationed at Monopoli.

The Officer then went to the Yugoslav Headquarters to obtain the return of his men, whom he had personally seen in the barracks of the Partisans, but he was assured that they had not been recognized. At the insistence of the officer the Partisans detained the 2nd Lieutenant in a room guarded by a sentry armed with a submachine gun.

After the arrival of the Commander of the Partisans and upon having been informed of the request of the Italian officer, he repeated the previous denial, but set the 2nd Lieutenant free.

The Commanders of Italian and English Headquarters at Monopoli were informed of this fact; the latter promised his interest in the return of the soldiers, but up to the 16th this had not taken place.

1. Corporal Major	GUADAGNO Iacobo	cl. 1917	District	Apuania
2. Corporal	CHIESA Carlo	" 1916	"	Milan
3. Infantryman	TREVISAN Giuseppe	" 1919	"	Ferrara
4. "	SERAFINI Antonio	" 1919	"	Macerata.

For the Commanding General
-Giuseppe Pieche-
The Chief Colonel of H.M.
/s/ Romano Dalla Chiesa

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

- SALERNO 24 . 2 . 1944 -

AL SIGNOR GENERALE NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI
CONTROLLO

NAPOLI

CARO GENERALE MACFARLANE,

LE RIMETTO COPIA DI LETTERA DEL COMANDO ARMA
CARABINIERI REALI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA, ALL'OGGETTO: "ELE
MENTI JUGOSLAVI IN ITALIA", PREGANDOLA VIVAMENTE DI UN SUO
CORTESE INTERESSAMENTO.

MOLTO CORDIALMENTE.-

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COMANDO ARMA CARABINIERI REALI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA
UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N.56/12 DI PROT. RIS.PERS.

P.M.67, 17 FEBBRAIO 1944

OGGETTO: ELEMENTI JUGOSLAVI IN ITALIA.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
E, PER CONOSCENZA:

A S.E. IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

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SALERNO

IL 10 ANDANTE SI PRESENTAVA ALL'ARMA DI MONOPOLI (BARI)
IL SOTTOTENENTE LO VARCO LUIGI DELLA COMPAGNIA MITRAGLIERI DEL
336° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA, DI STANZA A FASANO(BRINDISI) DENUNZIAN-
DO CHE IL 9 CORRENTE, I SOTTOBOTATI MILITARI SI ERANO ALLONTANA-
TI DAL SUO REPARTO UNENDOSI AI PARTIGIANI JUGOSLAVI DI STANZA A
MONOPOLI.-

L'UFFICIALE SI RECAVA QUINDI AL COMANDO JUGOSLAVO PER OI-
TENERE IN RESTITUZIONE I DIPENDENTI, CHE AVEVA PERSONALMENTE VI-
STO NELLA CASERMA DEI PARTIGIANI, MA GLI VENIVA ASSICURATO CHE I
MEDESIMI NON ERANO RICONOSCIUTI.- ALLE INSISTENZE DELL'UFFICIALE
I PARTIGIANI RINCHIUDEVANO IL SOTTOTENENTE IN UNA STANZA SORVEGLIA-
TO DA SENTINELLA ARMATA DI FUCILE MITRAGLIATORE.-

SOPRAGGIUNTO IL COMANDANTE DEI PARTIGIANI E MESSO AL COR-
RENTE DELLA RICHIESTA DELL'UFFICIALE ITALIANO CONFERMAVA IL PRECE-
DENTE DINIEGO, MA LASCIAVA LIBERO IL SOTTOTENENTE.-

DEL FATTO VENIVANO INFORMATI I COMANDANTI DEI PRESID I TA

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
E, PER CONOSCENZA:

A S.E. IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

P.M. 151

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DEL FATTO VENIVANO INFORMATI I COMANDANTI DEI PRESID I TA-
LIANO E INGLESE DI MONOPOLI; QUEST'ULTIMO HA ASSICURATO INTERESSA-
MENTO PER LA RESTITUZIONE DEI MILITARI, COSA A TUTTO IL 16 NON AV-
VENUTA.-

1°- CAP. MAGG.	GUADAGNO IACOBO-	CL. 1917	-DISTRETTO	APUANIA
2°- CAPORALE	CHIESA CARLO	" 1916	- "	MILANO
3°- FANTE	TREVISAN GIUSEPPE	" 1919	- "	FERRARA
4°- "	SERAFINI ANTONIO	" 1919	- "	MACERATA.-

P. IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
-GIUSEPPE PIÈCHE-
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S. M.
F/TO ROMANO DALLA CHIESA



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19 FEB 1944In reply refer to:
DCC 341

19 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 101073/AV of 13 February 1944 relative to Italian soldiers being urged to join Yugoslav forces. As you know, a recent directive has been issued in connection with this matter. It will be appreciated if you will inform me whether or not the incidents referred to were of recent date in order that we may determine whether or not they have occurred since the issuance of the directive.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

Supreme Command,
Office of Miscellaneous Affairs

No. 101073/AV of Prot.

13 February 1944

Subject: Italian Soldiers on Active Duty

To: Allied Control Commission, APO 394

With reference to what has already been communicated to the Control Commission either by the Italian Royal Government or verbally by me, dealing with the matter in question, I wish to inform you that recent solicitations have directed certain individuals in Bari--Via Vittorio Veneto, 32 bis--from an office that is engaging in propaganda activities among Italian soldiers in active duty, in favor of the Yugoslav Partisans.

It seems that this office, besides promoting enlistments among actively serving soldiers, dispatches its instructions for the desertion of soldiers from their units and their subsequent appearance in a district about 3 kilometers from Bari. The soldiers arrive there in groups and come furnished with Anglo-American uniforms so that they can escape detention by the Royal Carabinieri and patrols.

/s/ Giovanni Messe
/t/ GIOVANNI MESSE
Marshal of Italy,
Chief of General Staff

DSQ/Trans/Cpl Shanfield/sjp.

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FNM/rj

16th. February, 1944.

1. I have received your letters, No.384 of the 5th. February, No.429 of 12th. February and No.446 of 14th. February in all of which you call my attention to the question of Yugoslav refugees and difficulties experienced with Yugoslav soldiers in Apulia.
2. I wish to assure you that I have issued the strictest orders to all concerned and I sincerely hope that the effects are already apparent.
3. As regards concentrating these refugees in South-Eastern Italy and as regards the situation of the Yugoslav soldiers' training camp, I cannot hold out much hope of it being possible to depart from present arrangements.
4. I am making every endeavour to accelerate the evacuation from Italy of the Yugoslav refugees and it should not be very long before it should be possible to reduce their numbers considerably. A large number have already been evacuated.
5. I will certainly explore the possibility of moving the training camp from S. Velletri but I hardly think that the Gargano Peninsula will provide a satisfactory alternative.
6. I think you know that I realise the many difficulties presented by the problem of these many Yugoslavs in Southern Italy and I can only assure you again that I am doing my best to ensure that difficulties should be reduced to a minimum.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo.

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Feb. 14, 1944.

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TO GENERAL MASON MAC FARLANE
HEAD OF THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Dear General Mac Farlane,

In some houses of the district of S.Velletri (5 Km. East of Fasano), there are camped about 450 Yugoslav soldiers headed by officers.

These soldiers are training, while waiting for transportation by plane to a different locality.

In order to avoid eventual propaganda activities among our soldiers and among the civilian population, I advise the opportunity that such unit be transferred ^{to another} ~~in~~ other locality, that could be chosen in the Garganic peninsula.

Very cordially,

Badoglio.

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

14 FEBBRAIO 1944.-

AL SIGNOR GENERALE MASON MAC FARLANE
CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

SUA SEDE

CARO GENERALE MAC FARLANE,

IN ALCUNE ABITAZIONI DELLA FRAZIONE DI
S. VELLETRI (5 KM. EST DI FASANO), SONO ACCANTONA-
TI CIRCA 450 MILITARI JUGOSLAVI INQUADRATI DA UFFI-
CIALI.

ITALI MILITARI SVOLGONO ATTIVITÀ ADDESTRATI-
TIVA, IN ATTESA DI ESSERE AVIOTRASPORTATI IN ALTRA
LOCALITÀ.

ALLO SCOPO DI EVITARE UNA POSSIBILE AT-
TIVITÀ PROPAGANDISTICA TRA I NOSTRI MILITARI E TRA
LA POPOLAZIONE CIVILE, RAPPRESENTO L'OPPORTUNITÀ
CHE TALE REPARTO SIA TRASFERITO IN ALTRA LOCALITÀ,
CHE POTREBBE ESSERE SCELTA NELLA PENISOLA GARGANICA.

MOLTO CORDIALMENTE.-

CARO GENERALE MAC FARLANE,

IN ALCUNE ABITAZIONI DELLA FRAZIONE DI
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MOLTO CORDIALMENTE. -

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File No. 429

12 February 1944

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

To General MASON MAC FARLANE
Chief of A.C.C.

Headquarters

Dear General Mac Farlane,

With communication File No. 1103 of 26 November 1943 I wrote to General Joyce asking him to bring an end to the propaganda carried on by Yugoslav soldiers within the ranks of the Italian Army.

However, this failed to materialize.

As a matter of fact for some days now the propaganda carried on by civilian and military Yugoslav emissaries residing in the Potenza area has become more lively and intense, especially on the part of Lieutenants of the second overseas Brigade Vladimir Baum and Giovanni NOVAC, assisted by Sara ZAGAR, who also serves in the Brigade with the rank of Lieutenant.

The above mentioned wear a uniform similar to the British but with rank insignia on the left side of the breast and a Red Star on the overseas cap.

On the 26th of January, Lt. Baum was stopped by officers of the 212th Division, but refused to give an explanation of his activities, if not before an Allied Authority. Accompanied, by order of the Divisional Commanding General, before the British Major Breifus, the latter, it appears, limited himself to exhort him not to carry on his propaganda among Italian soldiers.

As from several sides disorders and abuses on the part of Yugoslav elements have been brought to our attention, I ask you, my dear General, to kindly issue orders to the effect that such activity cease and to kindly clarify the position of these elements in our territory and on whom the responsibility of their acts must fall, since they have been brought here armed and equipped.

Very cordially Yours

/s/ Badoglio

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*Answered**Wm. A. D. 2/14*

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

12 FEBBRAIO 1944.-

AL SIGNOR GENERALE MASON MAC FARLANE
CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI
CONTROLLO

SUA SEDE

CARO GENERALE MAC FARLANE,

CON FOGLIO NR. 1103 DI PROTOCOLLO DEL 26 NOVEMBRE 1943 SCRISSE AL GENERALE JOYCE PERCHÉ FACESSE CESSARE LA PROPAGANDA SVOLTA DA MILITARI SLAVI PRESSO LE FILE DELL'ESERCITO ITALIANO.

PURTROPPO CIÒ NON È AVVENUTO.

DIFATTI DA QUALCHE GIORNO LA PROPAGANDA SVOLTA DA EMISSARI JUGOSLAVI CIVILI E MILITARI RESIDENTI NELLA ZONA DI POTENZA SI È FATTA PIÙ VIVA ED INTENSA, SPECIE AD OPERA DEI TENENTI DELLA 2^a BRIGATA OLTREMARE BAUM VLA DIMIRO E NOVAC GIOVANNI, ASSISTITI DA SARA ZAGAR MILITANTE ANCH'ESSA NELLA BRIGATA COL GRADO DI TENENTE.

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I PREDETTI VESTONO DIVISA SIMILE A QUELLA INGLESE MA CON DISTINTIVI DI GRADO SULLA PARTE SINISTRA DEL PETTO E CON STELLA ROSSA SULLA BUSTINA.

IL TENENTE BAUM IL 26 GENNAIO U.S. FU FERMATO DA UFFICIALI DELLA 212^a DIVISIONE, MA SI RIFIUTÒ DI FORNIRE CHIARIMENTI SULLA SUA ATTIVITÀ SE NON DINNANZI AD

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

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AUTORITÀ ALLEATA. ACCOMPAGNATO, D'ORDINE DEL GENERALE
COMANDANTE DELLA DIVISIONE, PRESSO IL MAGGIORE INGLESE
BREIFUS, QUESTI - PARE - SI SIA LIMITATO AD ESORTARLO
A NON ESTENDERE LA SUA PROPAGANDA FRA I MILITARI ITA-
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FARSI RISALIRE LA RESPONSABILITÀ DEI LORO ATTI DAL MOMEN-
TO CHE FURONO QUI FATTI AFFLUIRE ARMATI ED EQUIPAGGIATI.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
Office of the Director

MEMORANDUM)

8th February, 1944.

NUMBER 2)

The following order is brought to the attention of all concerned.

Recruiting of Yugoslavs for the Partisan Army will be confined to ex-prisoners of War and Internees. Under no circumstances may soldiers or sailors of the Italian Army or Navy be approached. NO exceptions to this rule will be tolerated without prior approval from the Hq.

Passes from camps will, in future, state the purpose for which the pass is given and no pass will be given for any purpose which might contravene this order.

Any Yugoslav men or women who has served as a member of the Yugoslav Armed Forces and has subsequently escaped, whether or not they were, in fact, treated as Prisoners of War, are ex-Prisoners of War in this respect and so available for recruitment for the Partisan Army, provided he or she is located in one of our camps.

For the Director;

/s/ V. M. Hammer
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director

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5 February 1944

THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT
File No. 384

To General Mason MacFarlane
Chief of Allied Control Commission
Brindisi

Dear General MacFarlane,

The Ministry of the Interior advises me that it has informed Col. Kirkwood of the great inconvenience created by the stop-over of thousands of Slav refugees in the various parts of the province of Lecce, without prior understanding with the local Italian authorities.

The consequence of such action resolves itself into the fact that all measures taken by the Ministry in regard to distribution and systemization of over 35,000 Italian refugees, arriving from the battle zones of MOLISE and ABRUZZI, are upset, because the region is already filled with headquarters and offices of the Allies and of the Italian Army.

Hence, I will be grateful, dear General, if you will please intervene so that such influx be suspended.

In order to hasten the evacuation of those who have already arrived here, but whose ultimate destination is Africa, it would be a good idea to utilize ships which return without cargo.

The Ministry also states that these refugees, many of them coming from the lower classes, have not too much respect for the persons and towns which have received them, and are guilty of thefts and aggressions against the population.

Very cordially,

/s/ Badoglio

Sgt Sorisi - Transl.
/hjp

Badoglio
hjp

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

5 FEBBRAIO 1944

AL SIGNOR GENERALE MASON MAC FARLANE
CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROL-
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CARO GENERALE MAC FARLANE,

IL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO MI AVVERTE DI AVER FATTO
PRESENTE AL COLONNELLO KIRKWOOD I GRAVI INCONVENIENTI POR-
TATI DALL'INVIO IN SOSTA, IN VARIE LOCALITÀ DELLA PROVIN-
CIA DI LECCE, DI MIGLIAIA DI PROFUGHI SLAVI, SENZA PREVEN-
TIVE INTESA CON LE AUTORITÀ ITALIANE LOCALI.

NE VIENE DI CONSEGUENZA CHE TUTTE LE PREDISPOSIZIO-
NI PRESE DAL MINISTERO PER DISTRIBUIRE E SISTEMARE OLTRE
35.000 PROFUGHI ITALIANI PROVENIENTI DALLE ZONE DI COMBAT-
TIMENTO DEL MOLISE E DELL'ABRUZZO, SONO FRUSTRATE, SPECIE
PERCHÈ LA REGIONE È GIÀ SATURA DI COMANDI ED UFFICI ALLEATI
E DELL'ESERCITO ITALIANO.

LE SARÒ QUINDI GRATO, CARO GENERALE, SE VORRÀ IN-
TERVENIRE PERCHÈ TALE AFFLUSSO SIA SOSPESO.

PER SOLLECITARE LO SGOMBRO DI QUELLI QUÌ GIUNTI,
MA CON DEFINITIVA DESTINAZIONE IN AFRICA, SAREBBE BENE
UTILIZZARE I PIROSCAFI CHE RITORNANO SCARICHI.

IL MINISTERO SEGNALE ANCHE CHE TALI PROFUGHI, MOLTI
DI BASSA CONDIZIONE SOCIALE, NON HANNO ECCESSIVO RISPETTO

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PER LE COSE E PERSONE CHE LI OSPITANO E COMMITTONO
FURTI E AGGRESSIONI IN DANNO DELLA POPOLAZIONE.

MOLTO CORDIALMENTE.

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3rd. February, 1944.

10050 MACFARLANE

FATIMA (REAR)

_____ For Captain Stone from MacFarlane. Your Number
251.2 of 30th. January. Inform P.W. and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and
also Harcourt of S.O.E. that recruiting of Yugo-Slavs for partisan army must
repeat must be confined to ex-Prisoners of War or internees. Under no
circumstances are soldiers of the Italian Army to be approached. No exceptions
to this ruling will be tolerated without reference to Main Headquarters A.C.C.

Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner.

Political Section.
Legal Sub-Commission.
Land Forces Sub-Commission.
Brigadier Lush.
" Duchesno.

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FREEDOM

WITH REFERENCE YOUR MEMORANDUM OF JAN ONE NINE CMA
 YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION PD PENBASE PAREN FARGO FROM REBER SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN
 TO AFHQ UND (?) FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS PD CITE FARGO SIX SEVEN EIGHT PD MEMORANDUM
 DELAYED IN TRANSIT AND REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS NECESSARY INFORMATION
 OBTAINED FROM BARI PD MEANWHILE DEPARTMENT MAY BE INFORMED THAT THE YUGOSLAV
 MISSION ATTACHED TO THE DISPLACED PERSONS SUBCOMMISSION IS NOW FUNCTIONING IN
 SOUTHERN ITALY

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L.F. NICKEL,
 Lt. Col. AGD
 Adjutant

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28th., January, 1944.

When in Brindisi the other day Lord Harcourt of S.O.E. mentioned the possibility of the early arrival of a Russian mission of 22 Officers headed by a Lieutenant-General destined for liaison work with Marshal Tito.

Harcourt was concerned regarding their accommodation in transit. I have spoken to General Alexander on the subject.

General Alexander's ruling is as follows:

- (a) The Russian Officers should be held in Mid-East where they now are and should not come to Italy until Brigadier Fitzroy Maclean has made adequate arrangements for their reception at Marshal Tito's Headquarters.
- (b) While in transit in Italy they should not be accorded special accommodation but should be dealt with by S.O.E. in the same way as they would normally deal with officers in transit for the Balkans.

Lieutenant-General,
Deputy Pres ident.

Capt Stone

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