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In April 1945 the Greek and Yugoslav delegates to the advisory council were informed through Allied Commission to request their Governments to submit detailed proposals with respect to their proposed missions. The Greek Government has submitted no proposals. The Yugoslav Government submitted proposals dated 25 July 1945 forwarded here by Allied Commission 28 July 1945. The Allied Commission was requested by letter dated 3 September to advise the Yugoslav Delegation that their proposals were acceptable provided that investigations were limited to specific cases in which the Yugoslav authorities have cause to believe that crimes have been committed by Italians against Yugoslavs in Italy. Allied Commission was authorized to impose other appropriate conditions and procedures and instructed to inform this Headquarters of any major conditions or limitations imposed. Yugoslav delegations was informed by Allied Commission under date of 8 September that the proposed mission was acceptable provided that investigations were limited to specific cases in which the Yugoslav Government has cause to believe that a warcrime has been committed by Italians against Yugoslavs. To date no particulars of any such crime have been received.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 1/29.1/CA.

1 Jul 45

SUBJECT: War Crimes.

TO: AMHQ G-5 Section.

Reference our 1/29.1/CA. of 24 Jun 45.

- 1 I forward herewith a copy of Pro Memoria No. 1527 as requested
in your letter of 18 Jun 45 (G-5: 000.5-5)

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

G.R. UPTON, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

Encl. As above.

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GREEK DELEGATION
TO THE
ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR ITALY

Ref. No 2770

Rome, June 28, 1945
29. June

Sir,

Reference your 4/29.I/CA of June 24, 1945, I have the honour to transmit, herewith enclosed, copy of our Pro-Memoria No 1527.

I have also taken notice of the fact that it is a practice of the United Nations War Crimes Commission for the investigation of crimes committed against Greek Nationals to be investigated by the agencies of the Greek Government who will in turn submit the evidence to that Commission.

Very truly yours,

C. Vatikioty

C. VATIKIOTY -
Deputy Representative

Brig. G.R. UPJOHN,
Vice-President,
Civil Affairs Section,
Allied Commission,
R O M E

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Ref. No 2770

Rome, June 28, 1945

29. June -

Sir,

Reference your 4/29.I/CA of June 24, 1945, I have the honour to transmit, herewith enclosed, copy of our Pro-Memoria No I527.

I have also taken notice of the fact that it is a practice of the United Nations War Crimes Commission for the investigation of crimes committed against Greek Nationals to be investigated by the agencies of the Greek Government who will in turn submit the evidence to that Commission.

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Brig. G.R. UPJOHN,
Vice-President,
Civil Affairs Section,
Allied Commission,
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PRO - MEMORIA

The Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy present their compliments to the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission and have the honour to transmit, herewith enclosed, the first preliminary list of Italian War criminals established on the basis of reliable documentation collected by the Hellenic Information Service.

The Greek Delegation beg the Political Section to kindly take the necessary preventive measures for making impossible an eventual attempt of these criminals to escape in order to avoid the sanctions which the Allied Nations intend to take against all war criminals.

Rome, the 15th September 1944.

Enclosed: 1 list

TO the POLITICAL SECTION A.C.C.

Rome

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Rome

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Italian Lieutenant, served with the II Italian Bureau in Rhodes. Tortured in the most inhuman way all captured Greek patriots. Guilty for cruelty against Greeks.

DESCRIPTION: 26-28 years old, rather tall and thin. Lived in Rhodes. Often went to Crete and committed atrocities.

VICENTINI

An Italian Warrant Officer (another statement describes him as Sergeant in the Gendarmes) - served with the Carabinieri in Corfu. Executed the arrests of Greek patriots; responsible for the persecution of and cruelties against the Greeks of Corfu.

BERNARDI

An Italian Lieutenant, served with the Italian Bureau of "contre-espionage" in Neapolis. Committed atrocities against the population of Sitia, Crete. Arrested and executed at different time periods about six persons, without proceedings. Responsible for the execution of other 5 Greeks without proceedings.

BORZIO

Italian Major. Crown prosecutor of Italian court-martial in Athens. Charged for the shooting of Greek civilians.

GALLO

Italian Lieutenant, A.D.C. to Provost Marshal of Athens, fanatical Fascist and hater of the Greeks. Responsible for the shooting, violation, and torture of Greek civilians.

GROSSI

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UNEARO, Mario

Lt. Colonel. Both responsible in 1943 for the arrest of 17 persons from Kastanas in Neas and from other villages on the charge of helping the guerrillas. They condemned them to death and executed them immediately.

CARSIANO

Italian Captain, believed to be of Rodesian origin. Served with the Carabinieri in Corfu. Responsible for the persecution of and cruelties against the Greeks of Corfu. With Vicentini he acted with unimaginable cruelty against Greek civilians and in particular beat them. Many succumbed to their wounds.

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Italian Major from Sicily, CO. 2nd Brigade of the Regina Division, stationed in Pistokofalos, Sitia. Following his orders men from his Brigade arrested Victor Remoundakis from Ruronia, Sitia, and strangled him to death.

CABDO

Italian Carabinieri, a Fascist from Sassari, Sardinia. Often employed the butt end of his rifle against his victims. Hit Cpl. Marcontowski, a Cretan who had just been operated on for an ulcer, on the chest. Following this the corporal fell unconscious.

CABATA

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DALESSIO

2/ Lieutenant. Served in the concentration camp of Larissa. Was the first to beat the Greek officers and civilians interned in the camp.

RIBALDA

Colonel. Italian Commander of Calamata.

RELLA

Captain. In 1942, serving in Calamata, they ordered the shooting of 2/Lt. Notsoas Elias, the removal of the Greeks to Italy and the burning of Sydona village.

TOMATO ANTONIO

Italian Carabinieri, corporal of the Gendarmerie in Corfu. Inventor of an original manner of torture. Has innumerable victims to his credit.

LAUREN, Giovanni

Italian officer in command of the island of Skyros. A Fascist, hated the Greeks. Executed 2 Greeks in Skyros with no proceedings simply because, and according to information from his colleagues, they were working for the Allies and against the authorities of occupation.

SALVATOR

Italian soldier. Served in Sitia, Crete. Cooperated in the murder of ASPRAKAKIS, whom they shot with no proceedings and then buried alive. Was executioner of the Guardia-Financia at Armeson and Mantra.

BOTILLINI

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DARAVA (cont'd)

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BOUTLINI

Italian Captain CO concentration camp of Larissa. For the slightest thing ordered the scourging of all prisoners among whom were included British officers and men. On the 29th October 1942, on the pretext of the escape

BOTILINI (cont'd)

escape of a German prisoner he ordered that all the men in the camp, more than a 1000, be stripped and whipped. They were then shot at the legs by the guards. One was killed and two others wounded.

CAPELLETTI

From Tuscany. Executioner of the concentration camp of Lariana. Accomplice of Botilini in the ill-treatment of internees.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 1/29.1/CA.

24 Jun 45

Your Excellency,

I refer to your Pro-Memoria No. 1537, enclosing list of War Criminals and would be extremely grateful if you could furnish me with a copy of that Pro-Memoria.

I am instructed to advise you, particularly in connection with Pro-Memoria No. 2391, that it is the practice of the United Nations War Crimes Commission for the investigation of crimes committed against Greek Nationals to be investigated by the agencies of the Greek Government who will in turn submit the evidence to this Commission.

Very truly yours,

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig
VP CA Section.

His Excellency The Greek Delegate,
to the Advisory Council for Italy,
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref: 4/29.1/CA. ✓

24 Jun 45

SUBJECT: War Crimes.

TO: AFHQ, G-5 Section.

Reference your G-5: 000.5-5 dated 18 Jun 45. *(12A)*

- 1 It is regretted that no copy of Pro-Memoria No. 1527 was retained as the original was forwarded straight to you.
- 2 I am trying to see if I can obtain another copy from the Greek Delegate.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig..
VP CA Section.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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18 June 1945.

G-5: 000.5-5

SUBJECT: War Crimes.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to your 4/29.1/CA dated 15 June 1945 transmitting Pro-Memoria No. 2331 dated 7 June 1945 from the Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.

2. Pro-Memoria No. 2331 refers to an earlier Pro-Memoria No. 1527 dated 15 September 1944 and to your letter of acknowledgement for its receipt No 11/1.B/CA dated 26 October 1944. It will be appreciated if this Headquarters can be furnished copies of these papers, as no record of them has been found here.

3. It is believed appropriate for the Greek Government to be advised that it is the understanding of this Headquarters that the practice of the United Nations War Crimes Commission is for war crimes committed in Greece against Greek nationals to be investigated by agencies of the Greek Government and the evidence submitted to the Commission.

F. T. Hammond, Jr.
Col. G.S.C.
for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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GREEK DELEGATION
TO THE
ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR ITALY

Ref. N°3040

Rome, 5th July 1945

- 7 LUG 1945

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter Ref.4/29 of July 2nd regarding the despatch of a Greek Mission to investigate war crimes committed by Italians against Greek Nationals.

In reply, I have the honour to inform you that my Government will examine the possibility of the despatch of the above mission after the opening of the Greek War Crimes Bureau whose first meeting will take place shortly and which will decide whether the above mission is indicated in view of the progress of its proceedings.

As for the proposals and suggestions of my Government, referred to in your letter under reply, I shall not fail to forward them to you as soon as they reach me.

Yours very truly,

THE GREEK DELEGATE TO THE A.C.I.

G. Exintaris

G. EXINTARIS
Ambassador

Brig. G.R. UPJOHN,
Civil Affairs Section,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 4/29 A/CA.

2 Jul 45

Your Excellency.

I refer to my letters of the 5th and 15th April and the 9th June,
reference 4/29 A/CA and your letter No. 1550 bis of 24 April 45.

May I now be informed whether you are able to give me the proposals
and suggestions of your Government with regard to the visit of this
Mission.

Yours very truly,

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section

H E George EXINTARIS,
Greek Representative to
Advisory Council for Italy,
Via Romagna, 42,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION .
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 1/29.1/CA.

15 Jun 45

SUBJECT: War Crimes.

TO: AFHQ, G-5 Section.

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- 1 The attached Pro Memoria from the Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

Encl: Pro-Memoria with list of War Crimes.

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GREEK DELEGATION
to the
ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR ITALY

Ref. No. 2391

PRO - MEMORIA

The Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy present their compliments to the Office of the Executive Commissioner of the Allied Commission and have the honour to transmit, herewith enclosed, following their Pro-Memoria No. 1527 of the 15th September 1944, a second list of Italian Military personnel who have committed war crimes against the Greek population both in Greece and in the Dodecanese.

The Greek Delegation to the A.C.I. avail themselves of this opportunity to thank the Allied Commission for their letter No. 11/1.P/OA dated 26th October 1944, in reply to the Delegation's Pro-Memoria No. 1527, as referred above, and at the same time to suggest that an investigation should be started at the earliest moment, so that the passage of time will not provoke difficulties as regards the application of sanctions which the United Nations have declared to take against the war criminals in question.

Rome, June 7, 1945.

To the
Office of the Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

14/29.A/CA

9 June 45

Your Excellency,

I refer to my letters of 5 and 15 April. Reference 14/29.A/CA
and your letter No 1550 bis of 24 April.

May I be informed whether you are yet able to give me the
proposals and suggestions of your Government in regard to this visit of
this Mission.

Yours very truly,

G. R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

H E George EXINTARIS
Greek Representative to
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Romagna, 42
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GREEK DELEGATION
TO THE
ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR ITALY

Ref. N° 1550 bis

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Rome, April 24, 1945

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter N° 4/29.A/CA of the 15th inst., the contents of which I have communicated to my Government.

Sincerely yours,

G. A. Exintaris

G. EXINTARIS
Ambassador

Brig. G.R.UPJOHN
Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section,
Allied Commission.
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel : 489081
Ext : 525

Ref 1/29.A/GA ✓

15 April 45

Your Excellency,

I refer to your letter of 11 April, Ref No 1383, and must request that no immediate action is taken by your Government to despatch their Mission.

It is essential that the procedure and other arrangements be agreed before the Mission arrives in this country.

I, therefore, await your Government's proposals and suggestions.

G. R. Upjohn
G.R. UPJOHN Brig,
VP CA Section

H E George EXIDTARIS
Greek Representative to
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Romagna, 42
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GREEK DELEGATION
TO THE
ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR ITALY

13 APR 1945

Ref.N°I383

Rome, April 11th, 1945

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter N°4/29.A/CA of the 5th inst. and thank you for informing me that the Greek Government's request to send a mission to Italy to investigate the War Crimes which have been committed by Italians against nationals of my country, has been approved.

I immediately communicated to Athens the contents of your letter and asked that the mission in question start for Italy the soonest possible. I am also awaiting instructions from my Government in order to reply to the points referred to in the aide-mémoire attached to your letter.

Sincerely yours,

G. A. Exintaris
G. EXINTARIS
Ambassador

Brig. G.R. UPJOHN,
Vice-President,
Civil Affairs Section,
Allied Commission,
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Tel : 489081
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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4/29.A/CA ✓

5 April 45

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Your Excellency,

I refer to the request of your Government to be permitted to send a mission to Italy to investigate certain War Crimes alleged to have been committed by Italians against nationals of your Country and to inform you that consent has been granted to the sending of such a mission.

The mission in question will be permitted, unless military considerations otherwise require, to conduct its own investigation under the general supervision of AFHQ or such body as it may delegate. Should military considerations preclude the investigation being so conducted the investigation will be conducted through the Allied Military Authority.

In order that the procedure to be followed may be determined perhaps you will be good enough to outline your governments proposals and suggestions with regard to the conduct of the proceedings. An aide memoire is enclosed showing the points on which information is required. Possibly other points may occur to you.

G. R. Upjohn
G. R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

H E George EXINTARIS
Greek Representative to
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Romagna, 42
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

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30 March 1945

SUBJECT : War Crimes.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference your following letters:

AGC 383.6-1 dated 2 Oct 1944 (Greek and Yugoslav Mission to Italy)

11/1.B/A.S. dated 4 Oct 1944 (Yugoslav Mission to Italy) —

MMIA S/1/121 dated 24 Oct 1944 (Italian Mission to CEFALONIA)

and our G-5: 000.5-1 dated 15 March 1945.

2. The requests forwarded with your letters were referred to GCS who have directed the SAC to permit the Greek and Yugoslav Governments to send missions to Italy to investigate War Crimes of Italians against Greeks and Yugoslavs, and the Italian Government to send a mission to CEFALONIA to investigate crimes of Germans against Italians, in each case under the aegis of Allied Military Authorities. If military considerations should preclude this course the required investigations are to be concluded through Allied Military Authorities.

3. The Chief of Staff has established a committee at this HQ under my chairmanship to advise him on the implementation of this directive.

4. It was decided at the first meeting of the committee that

a. the National missions should be permitted to carry out their investigations themselves but under Allied control;

b. the agencies to supervise the missions should be Allied Commission in case of Italy and representatives of Land Forces GREECE in the case of CEFALONIA (guided by directives from the AFHQ committee either direct or through staff channels).

c. before taking any further steps the respective governments should be asked to state their detailed proposals with regard to their respective missions and stakes.

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d. on receipt of these proposals a further meeting would be held. (at which AG would be represented), to decide further questions such as the limitations and conditions under which the Missions should be admitted, arrangements with the Greek and Italian Governments for their introduction, the procedures to be followed, the supervision to be exercised, etc.

5. You are, therefore, requested to (a) inform the Greek and Yugoslav delegates to the Advisory Council for Italy and the Italian Government of the substance of the decisions of the CCS and this HQ as indicated in paras 2 and 4 above, and (b) request from each, for consideration at this HQ, their detailed proposals regarding the functions and organization of their mission, the procedure they wish to adopt and the action they propose or anticipate as a result of their enquiries. A list of some of the points that these proposals should cover is attached at Appx A. You may of course add any further points which you wish to be included.

6. At the next meeting of the committee your representative will be invited to be present to assist in determining the conditions and procedures under which these missions are to operate.

CHARLES M. SPURFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copies to :

Major General W. G. WHITE G-1(U.S.)
Brig. General A. Richmond JAG(MTOUSA)
Lt. Col. J. E. M. Gunning JAG(Br)
Lt. Col. B. Passingham G-1(Br)

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APPENDIX "A" to

List of points to be included in the detailed proposals of the Greek, Yugoslav and Italian War Crimes Missions.

1. Function of the Mission.
2. Organization of the Mission, viz:
 - a. Total numbers and whether civilian or military.
 - b. How is it proposed to provide transport, office, and other equipment?
 - c. Will interpreters be provided by the Mission?
3. Where will the HQ of the Mission be located and to what organization will be attached for rations, quarters, finance and general administration?
4. What procedure for investigation of suspects, collection of evidence and form of record is proposed?
5. What is the estimated number of cases to be investigated and the approximate areas where investigations are to be conducted?
6. Is it proposed to investigate in different areas at the same time?
7. Over what period of time will the investigations continue?
8. What action is proposed as a result of the investigation?

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref: 4/376/CA
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26 Oct 44

SUBJECT: Greek Nationals.

TO: Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.

The Allied Commission presents its compliments to the Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy and has the honour to state that their memoranda No. 4504 and 4527 of the 13th and 15th September on the subject of Italian treatment of Greek nationals was duly referred to ANHQ. While it has been agreed that as the difficulty of obtaining reliable evidence on these matters is increased by the passage of time, an investigation should be started at the earliest opportune moment, we have been informed that the whole matter must in the first instance be referred to the Combined-Chiefs-of-Staff. As soon as a reply has been received, from the Combined-Chiefs-of-Staff a further communication will be sent.

gph
C.M. UNJOHN Brigadier,
VF CA Sec,
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SUBJECT : Greek and Yugoslav ex-prisoners of War and Internees.

TO : G-5, Allied Force Headquarters. APO 512.

1. 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 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 eight to ninety thousand Yugoslav nationals or more. They have accordingly set up a special section of the Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council to see what can be done about collecting evidence and they have asked the Allied Control Commission whether representatives from this section can be given facilities to interrogate not only the Yugoslav displaced persons themselves, but also to inspect the different concentration camps, prisons and jails that were used by the Italians and to investigate the Italian authorities concerned, i.e., ministries, questores, prefetti, Chiefs of police, etc. The object of the investigation would be :

- a. To obtain and check information about individuals.
- b. To obtain evidence which may later be useful for any trials which may take place to deal with war criminals.
- c. To obtain evidence in cases where compensation may later be claimed for maltreatment.

2. While this Commission naturally sympathises with the attitude of the Yugoslav and Greek representatives, it appears essential:

- a. That any investigation made should be made on behalf of the nationals of all United Nations, and not merely for the Yugoslavs and Greeks alone, although the latter may be the nations principally affected, and.
- b. That such investigations should be conducted under the control of Allied Officers as otherwise such investigations may tend to become too inquisitorial.

In principle, and at the proper time, it would seem desirable therefore to set up some Commission to make the proper investigations on behalf of all nationals of the United Nations in collaboration with the Italian Government. 1499

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3. This Commission is, however, of the opinion that the present is not the proper time for making such investigation. In the first place, it would seem that such a Commission would have to be coordinated with the work of the Allied War Crimes Commission sitting in London. Secondly, this Headquarters has no officers who could be spared to undertake this important work. Thirdly, it is the opinion of this Headquarters that an investigation of the type envisaged by the Greek and Yugoslav authorities would be both prolonged and detailed, calling for the examination of witnesses, the production of records and reports and so on, and such investigation might in some localities seriously disrupt the work of the Italian administration; this cannot be tolerated while hostilities are proceeding on Italian soil. In this connection it must be remembered that in most areas of liberated Italy the civil administration is understaffed, and in the course of the next few weeks this situation will get worse rather than better as operation proceeds and personnel are drawn from southern regions in preparation for duty in the more heavily populated centres in the north.

4. This matter is accordingly submitted for the decision of SACRED with the recommendation that this Commission should reply to the Greek and Yugoslav representatives that while the Allied are sympathetic to their requests, the matter cannot be considered while hostilities continue on Italian soil.

5. If contrary to the recommendation of this Commission SACRED directs that an investigation should be made forthwith, any such investigation please be organized and staffed by AFHQ since this Commission as stated above has not sufficient officers for the operation.

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