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WAR CRIMES, ITALIAN MISSION TO CEFALONIA
OCT. 1944- NOV. 1945

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10 SEPT '45

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

8 NOV 1945

G-5: 000.5-1

6 November 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Mission to Cefalonia.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

7 NOV 1945
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1. Reference is made to your 4/29.2/CA of 23 October subject as above.
2. The Combined Chiefs of Staff authorized the sending of an Italian Mission to investigate war crimes alleged to have been committed by Germans against Italians in Cefalonia subject to the approval of the Greek Government.
3. It is the opinion of this Headquarters that the approval of the Greek Government to the proposed mission cannot be obtained at this time and that the sending of the Mission must therefore be delayed. It may not be practicable for the Mission to be sent until such time as diplomatic relations exist between Italy and Greece.
4. It is requested that you advise the Italian Government accordingly.

A. I. Hamblen
A. I. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to MMH 8 Nov. *AL*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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25 October 1945

G-5: 090.5-3

SUBJECT: Italian War Crimes Mission to Cefalonis.

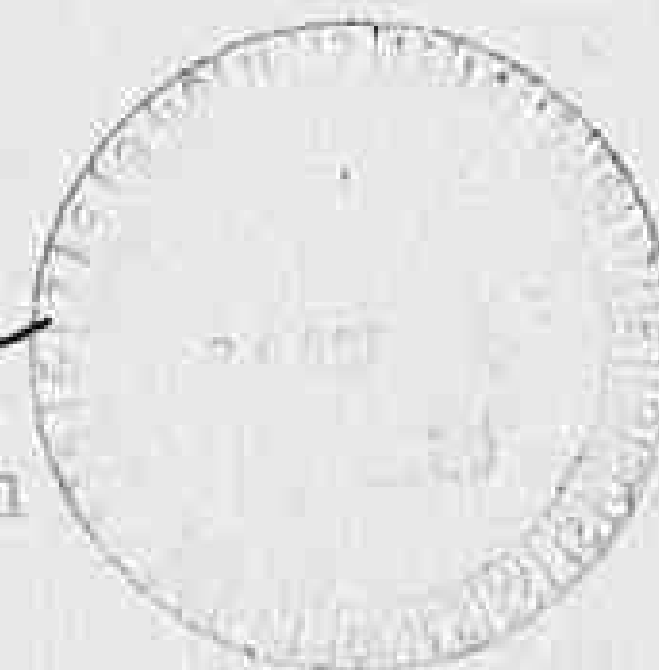
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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 23 October (1/29.2/0A).
2. The Mission to Cefalonis was directed by the GCS in TAL 413 of 3 January 1945 subject to the approval of the Greek Government.
3. By letter of 3 September, and by signal of 6 October GREENHILL was requested to advise concerning the consent of the Greek Government. No reply has been received.
4. A further request to GREENHILL will be sent forthwith. Until a reply is received the Mission cannot proceed.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

R. Baughatt
R. BAUGHATT
Lt. Colonel



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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1/29.2/CA

23 Oct 45

SUBJECT : Italian Military Mission to CEFALONIA.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section.

Reference the attached Signal MOV 24711 of 29 Sept 45 from GREEKAIL to AFHQ, para 2 of this Signal is not understood. Para 2 of your letter of 30 March stated that the Mission to CEFALONIA was ordered on the instruction of the OCE. Will you please say whether the Mission, which is at present at BARI waiting to embark, may now proceed, or is to be detained.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

HA.
M. GARR, Brig,
VP CA Section.

Copy to: META

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SUBJECT: Italian Military Mission to CEFALONIA

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

G/6

19 Oct 45

TO : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION

22 OCT 1945

Ref AFHQ letter to you, subject, Italian Mission to Investigate War Crimes in CEFALONIA, dated 3 Sep 45, MMIA G/6 of 11 Sep 45 to Ministry of War, MMIA G/6 of 19 Sep 45 to you, MMIA MOV.G/261/5 of 21 Sep 45 (copy attached herewith), AFHQ FX 45449 of 24 Sep 45 to GREEKMIL (copy attached herewith), GREEKMIL MOV.24711 of 29 Sep 45 to AFHQ (copy attached herewith).

1. In addition to attachments referred to above, attached herewith translation of subject Mission details as ordered by Italian Ministry of War.
2. It will be noted that paragraph (2) GREEKMIL MOV.24711 to AFHQ implies reception of Mission is in question whereas authority for formation and dispatch of Mission has been given and the Mission is prepared to depart from BARI 25 Oct 45.
3. If an indefinite delay is anticipated we feel that we should inform the Ministry of War as soon as possible.

20 OCT 1945

W. L. J. M. - C. T.
for Major General
MMIA

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SUBJECT: Italian Mission to Investigate War Crimes in CEFALONIA

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC (MMIA)
Tel.: RCME 478206
Ref.: MOV.G/261/5
21 September 45

TO : G-4 MOV & TN.,
AFHQ

1. Reference AFHQ letter dated 3 September 45, relative to the above, copy of which is attached for easy reference.
2. A Mission of 25 persons, one three ton lorry, one car, and one motor-cycle has been ordered to assemble at BARI with a target date of 15th October.
3. Movement to CEFALONIA therefore is required, and it is requested that possibilities subsequent to the above date be investigated.

/s/ (The Lord Westbury)
S/Capt. Q(M)
Movements Liaison Officer

Copy to: "G" (SD) MMIA.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ CITE PHOIM

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TO : MOV GREENMIL

INFO: MMIA

REF : FX 45449

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CAN YOU ACCEPT ITALIAN WAR CRIMES COMMISSION PARTY STRENGTH
25 PERSONS ONE 3 TON LORRY ONE CAR AND ONE MOTOR CYCLE AT
PIRAEUS FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT UNDER YOUR ARRANGEMENTS TO
CEFALONIA (.) REGRET WE HAVE NO VESSELS OR CRAFT TO LIFT
DIRECT TO CEFALONIA (.) PARTY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SHIP
FROM ITALY ABOUT 15 OCT

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: MOV GREEK MIL

292000 A

TO : AFHQ MOV

INFO: MILIA

REF : MOV.24711

SECRET

YOUR FX 45449 OF 24 SEPT (.)

ONE (.) NO MEANS TPT VEHICLES PATRAS TO CEFALONIA UNTIL
LCT ARRIVES (.) MOST UNDESIRABLE FOR PARTY TO BE HELD
PIRAEUS WAITING ONWARD MOVEMENT (.) FURTHER SIGNAL WILL
BE MADE WHEN ONWARD MOVEMENT CAN BE UNDERTAKEN (.)

TWO (.) POLITICAL ISSUE OF PRINCIPLE INVOLVED IN ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL HAS HOWEVER ALREADY BEEN REFERRED TO
FOREIGN OFFICE AND PENDING THEIR REPLY NO APPROACH GREEK
GOVERNMENT UNTIL LATTER HAVE CONCURRED (.)

THREE (.) AGREED COULD

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

TO : ADDRESSEES AND MMIA

Ref: 221900/II

Date: 10 Oct 45

SUBJECT: Italian Military Mission to CEFALONIA

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2. This Mission:-

- Assumes the title "Italian Military Mission to CEFALONIA"

- Will be commanded by Artillery Colonel Giovanni WIEL

- Will be, for the entire period of its existence (estimated about two months), under the direct command of this Cabinet

- Will, for its formation and subsequent disbandment be controlled by the Military Territorial HQ of BARI

- Will have as controlling units:-

 - In Italy - MMIA

 - In CEFALONIA - Land Forces Greece

- Will concentrate at BARI on the 20th Oct 45 and be ready for departure on the 25th Oct 45, thereupon standing-by for orders from MMIA for transport to CEFALONIA.

3. Personnel: The Mission is made up, in its entirety, of 25 persons, who are:-

(a) Officers

- Artillery Colonel Giovanni WIEL - Chief of Mission;

- Artillery Captain Renzo APOLLONIO, whom the SMRE - Information Office - will kindly free from present duty on the 12th Oct 45. W.e.f. that date this officer is at the disposal - in Rome - of the Chief of Mission, Col. WIEL;

- Lieutenant Chaplain (Army), Father Romualdo FORMATO - The Chief Chaplain's Department will kindly arrange for him to be freed from present duty on 12 Oct 45. W.e.f. that date this officer is at the disposal - in Rome - of the Chief of Mission, Col. WIEL;

- Lieutenant Chaplain (Navy), Father Luigi CHILARDINI - The Ministry of Marine, as agreed verbally, will kindly arrange for him to be freed from his present duty with the 12 Torpedo Boat Flotilla, as soon as possible, and to report to the Military Territorial HQ BARI not later than 20 Oct 45.

- Engineer Captain Aldo FRIGERIO (Interpreter in the English language) The SMRE - Personnel and Secretaries Office - will kindly arrange for this officer to report on 12 Oct 45 to the Chief of Mission, Col. WIEL, at this Cabinet.

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- Engineer Captain Aldo FRIGERIO (Interpreter in the English language) ¹⁵⁴³
The SARE - Personnel and Secretaries Office - will kindly arrange for this officer to report on 12 Oct 45 to the Chief of Mission, Col. WIEL, at this Cabinet.
- Lieutenant (Medical Officer) Giuseppe MUSCETTOLA (Interpreter in the Greek language), at present on sick leave in NAPLES - No. 15 Via Vetreria a Chiaia. The Military Territorial HQ NAPLES, as confirmed in telephone conversation, will kindly arrange for this officer - who has already expressed his willingness to be recalled to duty and to proceed to BARI, where he will report to the Military Territorial HQ for orders, not later than 20 Oct 45.

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(b) NCOs and men

- 1 Senior NCO
- 1 Junior NCO or private
- 1st Class shorthand typist
- 2 Junior NCOs or privates
- Medical Orderlies
- 2 Junior NCOs or privates
- Truck and Car Drivers
- 1 Private soldier
- Dispatch Rider
- 10 Private soldiers for general duties (among whom, 1 cook, 1 Kitchen orderly, 2 batmen)
- 1 Photographer and cinema cameraman (either senior or junior NCO or private) - He will be supplied by the press office of the Cabinet, which will provide:-

For issuing the necessary orders to the R.A.M. (independent unit of the Ministry of War) so that the said soldier may proceed to the Military Territorial HQ BARI, arriving by 20 Oct 45;

For issuing to the said soldier a camera, a cinematograph camera and a suitable amount of photographic material for the taking of photographs and the making of films.

(c) Civilians

Dott. Oberto FANELLI, Consul of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, whose expenses for the duration of the Mission - as already communicated - will be paid by this Ministry (Ministry of War). The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will kindly arrange for the said official to make direct contact - not later than 12 Oct 45 - with the Chief of Mission, Col. WIEL, in order to define details of the functions which will be accorded him, and the procedure for departure.

All the above mentioned personnel, will, upon disbandment of the Mission, be returned, through the offices of the Military Territorial HQ BARI, to their respective units of origin.

Uniform for all ranks: Winter uniform (with jacket and overcoat), of Italian or Allied make, according to the type of clothing and equipment issued.

Individual weapons (for all members of the Mission): Pistols.

4. Materials:

These will be supplied by the above addressed units concerned, to the scale indicated on the enclosures, and under the care of the same, will be assembled at the Military Territorial HQ BARI by 20 Oct 45. The Chief of Mission, Col. WIEL, will make direct arrangements with the said Military Territorial HQ for their storing and administration until the moment of embarkation.

5. Rations

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- 1 Private soldier
- 1 Dispatch Rider
- 10 Private soldiers for General duties (among whom, 1 cook, 1 Kitchen orderly, 2 batmen)
- 1 Private soldier - not junior to 1922, in perfect physical condition, and must be concentrated at BARI - at the disposal of the Chief of Mission, Col. WIEL, on 20 Oct 45.

- 1 Photographer and cinema cameraman (either senior or junior NCO or private) - He will be supplied by the press office of the Cabinet, which will provide:-

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Dott. Oreste FALIANI, Consul of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, whose expenses for the duration of the Mission - as already communicated - will be paid by this Ministry (Ministry of War). The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will kindly arrange for the said official to make direct contact - not later than 12 Oct 45 - with the Chief of Mission, Col. WIEL, in order to define details of the functions which will be accorded him, and the procedure for departure.

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Rations for the personnel of the Mission will be drawn, during its stay in Italy and w.e.f. 21 Oct, inclusive, through the Military Territorial HQ BARI.

6. Administration

Separate orders issued.

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7. Transport from BARI to CEFALONIA

Will be carried out under the care of the MMIA, who will kindly communicate, through the LO of the MMIA concerned, the necessary orders directly to the Military Territorial HQ BARI, informing also this Ministry's Cabinet.

By order of CHIEF OF CABINET:

/s/ LOMBARDI

Translated by:

Typed by : was 19 Oct 45

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FROM: Ministry of War

TO : AD PERSONNELS AND MMIA

Ref: 221900/II

Date: 10 Oct 45

TRANSLATION

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3. Personnel: The Mission is made up, in its entirety, of 23 persons, who are:-

(a) Officers

- Artillery Colonel Giovanni WIEL - Chief of Mission;

- Artillery Captain Renzo AGLIONE, whom the MMIA - Information Office - will kindly free from present duty on the 18th Oct 45. W.s.f. that date this officer is at the disposal - in Rome - of the Chief of Mission, Col. WIEL;

- Lieutenant Chaplain (Army), Father Rosendo FUMATO - The Chief Chaplain's Department will kindly arrange for him to be freed from present duty on 18 Oct 45. W.s.f. that date this officer is at the disposal - in Rome - of the Chief of Mission, Col. WIEL;

- Lieutenant Chaplain (Navy), Father Luigi CHILARDINI - the Ministry of Marine, as agreed verbally, will kindly arrange for him to be freed from his present duty with the 12 Torpedo Boat Flotilla, as soon as possible, and to report to the Military Territorial Hq BARI not later than 20 Oct 45.

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5. Rations

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- 1. Photographer and cinema cameraman (either senior or junior NCO or private) - He will be supplied by the press office of the Cabinet, which will provide:-

For issuing the necessary orders to the P.A.M. (Independent unit of the Ministry of War) so that the said soldier may proceed to the Military Territorial HQ Bari, arriving by 20 Oct 45;

For issuing to the said soldier a camera, a cinematograph camera and a suitable amount of photographic material for the taking of photographs and the making of films.

(c) Civilians

Det. Oberto FANIANI, Consul of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, whose expenses for the duration of the Mission - as already communicated - will be paid by this Ministry (Ministry of War). The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will kindly arrange for the said official to make direct contact - not later than 12 Oct 45 - with the Chief of Mission, Col. WIL, in order to define details of the functions which will be accorded him, and the procedure for departure.

All the above mentioned personnel, will, upon disembarkment of the Mission, be returned, through the offices of the Military Territorial HQ Bari, to their respective units of origin.

Uniform for all ranks: Winter uniform (with jacket and overcoat), of Italian or Allied make, according to the type of clothing and equipment issued.

Individual weapons (for all members of the Mission): PI 539

4. Materials:

These will be supplied by the above addressed units concerned, to the scale indicated on the enclosures, and under the care of the same, will be assembled at the Military Territorial HQ Bari by 20 Oct 45. The Chief of Mission, Col. WIL, will make direct arrangements with the said Military Territorial HQ for their storing and administration until the moment of embarkation.

5. Rations

Rations for the personnel of the Mission will be drawn, during its stay in Italy and W.E.F. 21 Oct, inclusive, through the Military Territorial HQ Bari.

6. Administration

Separate orders issued.

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7. Transport from BARI to CEFALONIA.

Will be carried out under the care of the MMIA, who will kindly communicate, through the LC of the MMIA concerned, the necessary orders directly to the Military Territorial HQ BARI, informing also this Ministry's Cabinet.

By order of CHIEF OF CABINET:

/s/ LOMBARDI

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SUBJECT: Italian Mission to investigate
War Crimes in CEFALONIA

20 SET. 1945

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

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19 Sep 45

TO : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION

Reference MMIA letter G/6 dated 21 July (and attachments),
AFHQ letter 3 Sep to you, subject as above, and MMIA letter G/6 dated
11 Sep 45 to Italian Ministry of War.

1. MMIA is informed that the Italian Government is preparing to
send a Mission in accordance with the conditions of our G/6 of 11 Sep
to Italian Ministry of War and previous proposals set out in Ministry
of War letter for Formation and Program of Mission.
2. Target date for embarkation is set at 15 Oct.
3. Vehicle requirements have been reduced to one 3 ton lorry,
one car, and one motorcycle.
4. Progress details will be forwarded.



W. P. J. = G/1
for Major General
MMIA

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SUBJECT: Italian Mission to Investigate
War Crimes in CEFALONIA

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.O. (MMIA)

C/S

11 Sep 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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Ref your 313-1-10 of 20 Oct 44, MMIA letter S/I/121 of 10 Nov 44, MMIA letter C/6 of 16 June 45 and your subsequent proposed Project for the formation and program of work for the subject Mission.

1. Your proposals for the formation and program of a Mission to investigate War Crimes in CEFALONIA are acceptable except for the number of persons required. It is suggested that 25 persons will be adequate.
2. Provided the reduction of personnel suggested above is acceptable to you and acceptance is confirmed to MMIA, the formation of the Mission may proceed on the basis of your proposals as follows:-
 - (a) Place of assembly: BARI. Rations will be drawn through Territorial HQ, BARI, while in ITALY.
 - (b) Supervisory agency in ITALY: MMIA.
 - (c) Supervisory agency in CEFALONIA: Land Forces (GREECE).
 - (d) Equipment will be furnished from Italian Army Stocks.
3. On your request, which will be as soon as practicable, arrangements will be made for transport of Mission to CEFALONIA.

The CCZ/1-Capt
for Major General
MMIA

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TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

11 Sep 45

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Major General
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3 September 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Mission to Investigate War Crimes
in Cefalonis.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to your L/29.A/CA of 27 July enclosing proposals of the Italian Government to investigate war crimes in Cefalonis.

2. It is felt that the proposals of the Italian Government are acceptable except for the number of persons sought to be included in the mission. You will indicate to the Italian Government that a maximum number of 25 persons is considered adequate. If this suggestion is acceptable to the Italian Government you may advise the Government that their mission will be attached to MMIA while in Italy in accordance with their suggestion.

3. The supervision of the mission in Cefalonis will be the responsibility of Land Forces (Greece). A copy of this Headquarters letter to Land Forces (Greece) is enclosed for your information.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

W. D. MORGAN
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

1 Incl:
As above dated
3 September 45.

Copy to: MMIA
Land Forces, (Greece)

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3 September 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Mission to Investigate War Crimes
in Cefalonia.

TO : General Officer Commanding,
Land Forces (Greece)

1. There is annexed hereto for your information copy of proposed plan of Italian Government Mission to Cefalonia. It is proposed by this Headquarters to request the Italian Government to reduce the personnel of the Mission to 25 persons, as indicated in our letter to Allied Commission, copy of which is enclosed.

2. You will therefore, request the Greek Government's consent to the Italian Government Mission to Cefalonia, and to supervise and assist the functioning of the Mission in whatever way may be necessary.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

W. D. Morgan
W. D. MORGAN
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

Incls:
As above.

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APO 394

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4/29.4/GA ✓

27 July 45 ✓

Subject : War Crimes.

To : AFHQ, G-5

Reference your letter of 30 March. (3A)

I enclose the detailed proposals from the Italian Government with regard to their mission to Cefalonia.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

G.F. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

copy on file 4/29.2/EA

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SUBJECT: Investigation of War Crimes against
Italian Nationals in CEFALONIA

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

G/6

21 July 45

TO : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION ←

23 LUG 1945
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Ref AFHQ G-5 letter dated 30 March 45 subject War Crimes
addressed HQ Allied Commission, and our G/6 dated 16 June 45 to Italian
Ministry of War.

1. Attached herewith is a copy of translated proposals of Italian
Ministry of War for function, organization etc. of a mission to investi-
gate crimes alleged to have been perpetrated against Italian Nationals
in CEFALONIA.

W. E. G. - Capt
for Major General
MMIA

Copy to: CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC., A.C.

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TRANSLATION

SUBJECT: Project for the formation, and programme of work for the Italian Military Mission to CEFALONIA

A) TASKS

Reconnaissance of all battlefields on the island.

Gathering on a large scale of the evidence of the slaughter and atrocities committed on the island by the German Armed Forces against Italian Military personnel after the 8 Sept 43, and the seeking and definition of the individuals most responsible for the said slaughter and atrocities.

Gathering of the mortal remains of Italian Military personnel, wherever they may be, with the help, also of information which will be found on the spot;

With the aim of establishing a possible identification, exhumation of remains already buried through private effort;

The placing of all mortal remains in one place (locality of "Casa Rossa" and its environs, where the shooting of numerous officers took place - or otherwise the S. Teodoro Area - to be decided upon on the spot);

The acquisition, in the name of the Italian State, of the area where the cemetery and crypt will be situated;

The recovery, from civilians who may be in possession of them, of personal objects belonging to the fallen Italian soldiers, for their subsequent despatch to their families, together with all the information obtainable about the soldiers, hitherto considered as "missing".

B) ORGANIZATION

Complete number of the Mission's components :-

- 49 Military personnel (Chief of Mission - 1 Colonel)
- 1 Civilian (Official of the M. of Foreign Affairs)

The 49 Military personnel are classified as follows :-

- 7 Officers, - 1 N.C.O., - 2 typists, - 2 photographers, -
- 8 medical orderlies, - 24 privates for Gen. duty, -
- 5 drivers - ;

Necessary Equipment:

- 2 Lorries 3 tons (Eventually reinforced by local vehicles),
- 2 cars
- 1 Motor-cycle
- 2 Typewriters

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Stationery for the Mission's Office (reduced) :

- 2 Diving suits (1)
- 8 Individual masks (1)
- 8 Pairs of Rubber Gloves
- 8 Pairs of Rubber Boots
- 4 Stretchers
- 4 Lengths of Manila Hemp
- 16 Picks
- 16 Shovels
- 4 Saws
- 400 Kgs of Nails (2)

wood for the construction of 3,500 coffins of reduced size (2)
50 Zinc coffins
Wood for the making of 4,000 crosses (2)

Interpreters will be provided by the Mission itself - Four of the Officers speak fluent Greek.

Footnote to above scale :-

- (1) Required for the reconnaissance of cisterns, from 15 to 20 metres deep, in which have been thrown numerous corpses.
- (2) On the Island of Cefalonia, neither wood nor nails are to be found.

C) H.Q. OF THE MISSION - ARGOSTOLI

Billeting :- The Mission will be dependent on the Military Territorial Command of Bari, which will function as the "assembly and dispersal point" in Italy. On the island, however, the Mission will depend on a local British Command, which will be detailed, either by MMIA or "Land Forces, Greece".

Rations :- The necessary rations will have to be issued (on orders of the MMIA) by the unit on which the Mission will depend during its stay upon the island. For the period during which the Mission is concentrated at Bari, the necessary rations must be supplied by the Military Territorial Command of that area.

Funds and Administration :- A fund will be issued to the Mission, in local currency, to an amount corresponding to the value of Lire 1,000,000., for which arrangements are being made with the Treasury.

Future necessities which may arise, will come under review and be resolved according to the degree of urgency.

The Mission will establish its own administration for which it will render account to the Military Territorial Command of Bari.

D) PROCEDURE RELATIVE TO THE INVESTIGATIONS; GATHERING OF EVIDENCE AND SIGNATURE OF REPORTS

In all districts, will be posted, under the supervision of the Mission, a manifesto in Greek, asking all those capable of giving information about the slaughter of Italian soldiers, to present themselves to the H.Q. at Argostoli.

The members of the Mission will interrogate - at the places at which it has been verified that slaughters have occurred - any of the Greek population who might have been witnesses, and who come forward voluntarily to give information.

The reports will be drawn up as statements of individual persons. The witness will narrate how much he knows or how much he has seen, and then will sign a text written by a clerk, under the dictation of a member of the Mission. Every report must be signed by at least two members of

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E) APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CASES OF SLAUGHTER WHICH MUST BE INVESTIGATED AND VERIFIED AND LOCALITIES AT WHICH THE INVESTIGATIONS MUST BE CONDUCTED :-

About a hundred cases at the following localities :-
Troianata, Frangata, Capo Munta, Lakitra, Focota, San Gerasimo, Sant'Eufemia, San Teodoro, Cardakata, Farsa, Davgata, Curuklata, Zona del Pillaro, Divarata, Diglinata, Faracolata, Procopata, Lixuri, Ludata, Passo Columi, Zona del Drapano.

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F) DEVELOPMENT OF THE INVESTIGATIONS :-

In subsequent order, area by area.

G) DURATION OF THE INVESTIGATIONS AND A FIRST STEP TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A CRYPTERY AND CRYPT.

Cannot be stated at present, as it depends upon too many elements unknown until the Mission will have reached the island and have initiated its programme of work. As indicative data, and always subject to change, a period of from 60 to 90 days could be hazarded.

H) ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING UP OF THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS

On a basis of information received, and from the proposed documentation by the Mission, the whole question will be referred to the suitable unit for further development of the matter.

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SUBJECT: War Crimes Mission

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MIA)

O/S

16 June 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

19 GIU. 1945

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S/I/121 of 10 Nov 44.

2. The Italian Government may send a Mission to CEFALONIA to investigate crimes of Germans against Italians.

3. The Mission will be permitted to carry out their investigation themselves but under Allied Control. The Allied Agency who will supervise the Mission in CEFALONIA will be Land Forces GREECE.

4. You are requested to submit to this HQ detailed proposals regarding:-

(a) Function of Mission.

(b) Organization of Mission, viz:

(i) Total numbers and whether civilian or military.

(ii) Provisions for transport, Office Equipment, etc.

(iii) Whether or not interpreters will be provided by the Mission.

(c) Location of HQ of the Mission and organization to which attached for quarters, rations, finance and general administration.

(d) Procedure for investigation of suspects, collection of evidence and form of record.

(e) Estimate of number of cases to be investigated and approximate areas where investigations are to be conducted.

(f) Whether or not investigations in different areas will be conducted at the same time.

(g) Duration of period during which investigations will continue.

(h) Actions as result of the investigation.

5. Further decisions on questions such as limitations on Missions, introduction procedures, supervision, etc will be made on receipt of

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LAND FORCES GREECE

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Rey E. Enckley
Major General
MIAA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel : 489081
Ext : 469

4/29.A/CA ✓

5 Apr 45

SUBJECT : War Crimes

TO : Land Forces S/C

Reference your S/I/121 of 24 Oct.

- 1 Enclosed is a copy of a G-5, AFHQ, letter of 30 Mar granting permission for the Italian Government to send a mission to CERFALONIA to investigate the alleged War Crime committed there.
- 2 Will you please obtain the proposals referred to in paras 4(c) and 5.

S.H. WHITE Lt Col,
for VP CA Section

Sent in error.

*This should be Land Forces piece
not for A.C. Action.*

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Land Forces have to take action on 25A

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Copied on 4/29/45

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

(BIA)
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30 March 1945

SUBJECT: War Crimes.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference your following letters:

AGC 533.6-1 dated 2 Oct 1944 (Greek and Yugoslav
missions to Italy) *4/29A/CA*

AGC 533.6-1 dated 4 Oct 1944 (Yugoslav Mission to Italy). *4/29A/CA*

AGC 533.6-1 dated 24 Oct 1944 (Italian Mission to
CERFALONIA), *4/29A/CA*

and AGC 533.6-1 dated 15 March 1945. *4/29A/CA*

2. The requests forwarded with your letters were referred to CGC 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 CERFALONIA 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 conducted 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 CERFALONIA (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 respective missions and tasks.

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d. on receipt of these proposals a further meeting would be held, (at which AC 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 H. SPOFFORD
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. Organisation 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 it 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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/cc 383.6-1

2 October 1944

SUBJECT: Greek and Yugoslav ex-prisoners of war and internees

TO : G-5, Allied Force Headquarters, AFHQ 312

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 eighty 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 sympathizes 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 so otherwise such investigations may tend to become too inquisitorial.

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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 present Italian Government.

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 Allies 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, may such investigation please be organized and staffed by AFHQ since this Commission as stated above has not sufficient officers for the operation.

HENRY B. STARR
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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cc: Political Section
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