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For Govt. Please see Jolos LARB.

Attn for:
A.D. BONHAM CARTER, Lt Col

CA Sec

26 June 45

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CA Section

27 June. Jos. 2A + B seen, thank you - copying cable no sent is was on our file.
cc for Mr. Shannon, Major
for Director, L.G. S/C

Establishment Section

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Please see Pct 10 10.

If you are contemplating action on para 3 please inform this Section beforehand. It must, clearly, be an error and any action at all would be strongly resisted at this stage.

15 July

D. S. Bonham Carter
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Civil Affairs Section:

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No action is contemplated on para 3, for the reason that specialists, Public Safety officers would be nominated for transfer by the Sub-Commission.

Ind. Sec.
16 July

(B) A. Thompson (Capt. H.C.)
for Col. P.P.

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COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF CABLE 20 APRIL IS REINTERPRETED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION. QUOTE
REFERENCE NUMBER THIS MESSAGE IS 64737 DATED 13 APRIL 46. THIS IS PAR 655.

1. USRA HAS BEEN FORMALLY INVITED TO ASSUME CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES VERBALLY BY THE ALLIED
COMMS AREA UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A. THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF A RECOGNIZED LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE 2 AREAS IN QUESTION THE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERED AS THE PROVISIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE
FOR DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES PROVIDED BY USRA IN THE AREAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL
USRA POLICY.

B. THAT A SPECIAL USRA MISSION FOR ZONE "A" OF VERBIA CIVILIA AND OLIVE BE SET UP
IMMEDIATELY OF SAID USRA MISSION IS IN ITALY AREA/OLIVE.

C. THAT THIS SPECIAL MISSION BE LED BY A QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED BRITISH OR AMERICAN
OFFICER OR LIEUTENANT FROM MILITARY GOVERNMENT AREA T IT BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF USRA IF LATER
LATER RECOMMENDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF USRA THIS OFFICER HAVE TO CHECK CONTROL OF ZONE
IN ORDER TO INSURE CONTINUITY OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES.

D. THAT USRA REPRESENTATIVES CONSIDERING THIS SPECIAL MISSION 1. THATS AREA BE INTER
INTERESTED NATIONALS OF EITHER ITALY OR ROMANIA THAT UNDERSTANDING WITH USRA IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE AREA POLICY OF USRA PROVIDED IN MILITARY AREA AND

E. THAT ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT APPROVE USRA AREA RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DIST.
DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES PROVIDED BY USRA. END OF MESSAGE.

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IT SHD BE REMEMBERED THAT CIVILIAN ADVISERS IN THE FIVE LINE (EXCEPT EXISTING COMBATANTIAL ADVISERS) ARE ALLOCATIONS ALREADY MADE BY THE COMBINED B.O. BOARD AND OTHER COMMODITY COMMITTEES WOULD BE RAISED OVER TO USMA AT THE APPROPRIATE DATE OF ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. THAT USMA AGREE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE B.O. BOARD. ACTUAL TRANSFER DATE SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY B.O. COMBINED USMA MIS-100 AND IS IN A POSITION TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY.

3. AND WILL REMAIN AS THE RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR 2-300 A VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND UNITS.

4. DISTRIBUTIONS WILL REMAIN WITH AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1 & ABOVE.

5. SINCE USMA IS AFFORDED THE SAME PRIORITY AS THE MILITARY BEFORE THE COMBINED ALLOCATION BOARD A LINE OF SUPPLIES CAN BE MAINTAINED BY USMA AS WELL AS THE MILITARY ALTHOUGH ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF CURRENT ABILITY OF POL. STATES PERMITTING.

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4 APR 1946
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SUBJECT IS REHABILITATION FOR VENEZIA GIULIA.

1. CURRENT DIRECTIVES FROM GCS PROHIBIT REHABILITATION OF INDUSTRY IN VENEZIA GIULIA AND LIMIT ALL REQUEST FOR SUPPLIES TO THOSE FOR THE PREVENTION OF "DISEASE AND UNREST".
2. ON VENEZIA GIULIA WESTERN BOUNDARY ITALIAN INDUSTRIES ARE BEING REHABILITATED THROUGH UNRRA PROGRAMME AND ON THE EASTERN BOUNDARY JUGOSLAV INDUSTRIES ARE ALSO REHABILITATED THROUGH UNRRA PROGRAMME. THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN INDUSTRIAL STAGNATION FOR VENEZIA GIULIA AND HAS REACHED SUCH STAGGERING HEIGHTS THAT WORKERS HAVE BEEN FORCED ON THE ROLLS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND UNEMPLOYMENT. IN SPITE OF ALL EFFORTS POSSIBLE UNDER THE "DISEASE AND UNREST" CLAUSE IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP INDUSTRIES OPERATION. THE CONTINUED STAGNATION OF INDUSTRIES UNDER THE "DISEASE AND UNREST" FORMULA WILL DEFINITELY PRODUCE AN ACUTE SITUATION IN THIS TERRITORY DURING THE COMING MONTHS.

3. PRESENT EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

REGISTERED WORKERS TRIESTE AREA	57000.
UNEMPLOYED	23000.
EMPLOYED	34000.

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OF THOSE EMPLOYED 7000 ARE ENGAGED BY UNITS OF 13 CORNS. 7000 ON PUBLIC WORKS AND 14000 IN SHIPYARDS PRINCIPALLY ENGAGED ON REPAIR BRITISH SHIPS UNDER DIRECTORION MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT.

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OF 34000 EMPLOYED 28000 ARE DEPENDENT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ON BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS AND THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO OTHER BUSINESS. INFORMATION IN THIS OFFICE INDICATES THAT 6000 TO 8000 INDUSTRIAL WORKERS NOW ON ROLLS ARE IN FACT SURPLUS AND WITH THE PROSPECT OF THE MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT CEASING ITS ACTIVITY IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION MAY BE THROWN EXTREMELY GRAVE. FOR THE MOMENT AMG IS PLANNING A LARGE NUMBER OF PUBLIC WORKS, MOSTLY OF THE SPADE AND SHOVEL TYPE, TO KEEP THESE PEOPLE OFF THE STREET. SUCH MEASURES ARE ONLY PALLIATIVES AT BEST AND THE UNREST PROBLEM CANNOT BE SOLVED BY SUCH MEASURE.

4. IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE ACUTE SITUATION FROM DEVELOPING AND ACTUALLY BECOMING A "DISEASE AND UNREST" PROBLEM LATER TO BE COPEL WITH, I CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT A REHABILITATION PROGRAMME BE PUT IN HAND FORTHWITH AND I HAVE ORDERED AMG VENEZIA GIULIA TO PREPARE 1. THIS PROGRAMME WILL BE SUBMITTED EARLIEST POSSIBLE FOR APPROVAL IN DETAILS MEANTIME I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR THIS CHANGE OF POLICY COULD BE SOUGHT WITHOUT DELAY ALLINTE.

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Ref. : 591/867/88³⁷⁸

14 March 1946

15 MAR 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

(LIP)

Reference your letters 5/241 of 26 Feb 46 and 5/272 of 4 March 1946, the contents of which I have forwarded to the appropriate authorities, I can inform you that I have heard from the Supreme Allied Commander who requests me to assure you that he is fully alive to the present situation and the recent developments in Venezia Giulia and that Allied troops will continue to exercise all vigilance to preserve the balance at present existing there.

Yours very truly

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government
Rome

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YOUR FX 2416 OF 10 MA HCH.

1. THIS HQ HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF EVIDENCE OF ALLEGED MOBILISATION FOR ITALIAN ARMY BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES OF SLOVENS IN ZONE A VENEZIA GIULIA
2. PRIMORSKI DNEVNIK A LOCAL SLOVENE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN TRIESTE CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON 27 FEBRUARY ALLEGING THAT AMG HAD RECENTLY BEEN ASSISTING "SEVERAL CASES OF ENFORCED ENLISTMENT IN THE ITALIAN ARMY" AND NAMING 3 ALLEGED RESIDENTS OF VENEZIA GIULIA INVOLVED. AN INVESTIGATION OF THIS ALLEGATION WAS IMMEDIATELY CARRIED OUT BY THIS HQ WITH RESULTS AS FOLLOWS. 1 INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION WAS SERVING IN THE ITALIAN ARMY IN SARDINIA SINCE 8 SEPTEMBER 43. ON 28 JUNE 45 HE LEFT HIS UNIT FOR TRIESTE WITHOUT PERMISSION. THE ITALIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES RECENTLY REQUESTED HIS RETURN. ON BEING CONTACTED BY THE CIVIL POLICE IN TRIESTE HE REMOVED HIMSELF TO ZONE B. IT THEREFORE APPEARS THAT HE IS TECHNICALLY A DESERTER FROM THE ITALIAN ARMY AND THE CHARGE OF "ENFORCED ENLISTMENT" IS INACCURATE. THE SECOND INDIVIDUAL NAMED WAS FORMERLY AN OFFICER IN THE ITALIAN ARMY BUT HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT ANY ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO PERSUADE HIM TO REPORT TO ITALIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES. THE THIRD INDIVIDUAL NAMED HAS NOT BEEN TRACED. THE CHARGE OF ENFORCED ENLISTMENT THUS APPEARS WHOLLY INACCURATE AND SIMILAR TO MANY OTHER DISTORTIONS OF THE TRUTH EMANATING FROM LOCAL EXTREMISTS AND SOURCES HOSTILE TO AMG

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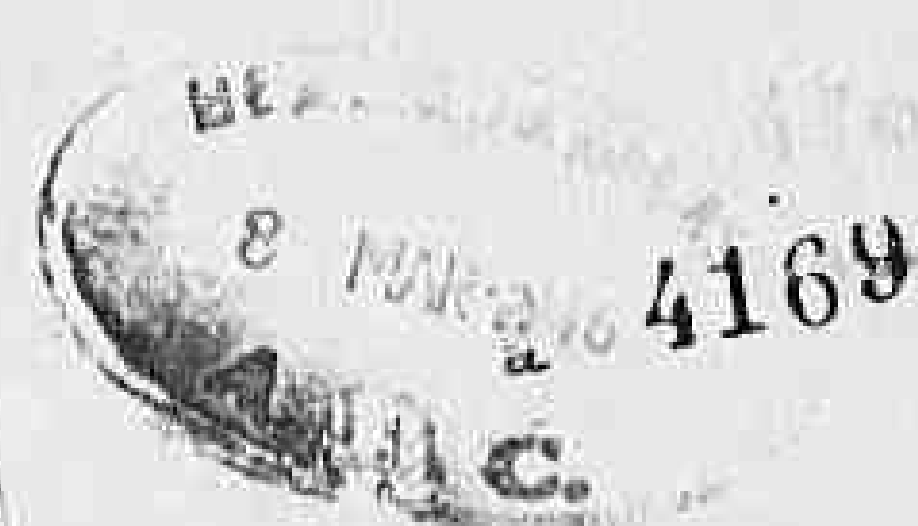
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Subject is premier DE GASPERIS letter to you
from MINISTRY of foreign affairs 5/241 dated 26 February
1946. Request you assure DE GASPERIS that we are fully
alive to the present situation and recent developments in
VENEZIA GIULIA and that the Allied troops will continue to
exercise all vigilance to preserve the balance at present
existing there.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 59L/352/SC.

6 March 1946.

5 MAR 1946

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Coup-d'etat.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
(Attn: Chief of Staff)

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The attached letter No. 5/241 dated 26 February 1946 from
Dr. Do Gasperi is forwarded for your information.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ N.W. HIND-SMITH
MAY

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: G-5 AFHQ.

Polad (A) } Copies of a/m letter
Polad (B) } already forwarded.
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Ref: 630/27/51

5 March 1946
5 MAR 1946

SUBJECT: Venezia Giulia - Visit of Delegation of Experts.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

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Further to CG 1008 dated 5 Feb 46 and ref. G-5 014.1.51 dated 12 Feb 46.

Attached is a copy of an additional letter on this subject received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs and is passed to you for Poleda.

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This HQ letter 630/41/50 referred to by Dr. De Gasperi forwarded the information contained in your letter under reference.

For the Chief Commissioner,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier

Executive Commissioner

Copy to: U.S. Ambassador.
British Ambassador.
U.S. Poled AFHQ.
British Poled AFHQ.
GOC 13 Corps.
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Poled 'B'.

Enclosure referred to in para 2 already received by you ref. 5/253 dated 23 Feb 46.

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IL MINISTRO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

5/253

Rough Translation

Rome, February 28th, 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter - 630/11/EC dated February 16th, 1946, and to thank you for your kind communications concerning the Italian Government's proposals on the subject of the imminent visit of the Experts' Commission to the Venezia Giulia.

I am also desirous of stressing that the Italian Government consider it as specially important that one or more representatives appointed by us (point 4 of my letter) be attached to the Commission with the aim of facilitating its anything but easy task, and they express their confidence that our proposal be favourably accepted.

I shall consequently be very grateful to you, dear Admiral Stone, if you will let me know as soon as possible the decisions of the United States and British Governments on that point.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

(sgd) DE GASPERI

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome



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IL MINISTRO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

5/241

Rough translation

Rome, February 26th, 1946

12 MAR 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

I have been apprised from different sources of special military measures on the part of the Yugoslavs which are reported to be about to be enacted in the Venezia Giulia and of "coups de main" which are being engineered there in order to create new accomplished facts.

I had already the occasion during the past months to voice to you similar apprehensions, but in these last days the reports on the matter have unfortunately become more frequent.

I have no doubt that the Allied Commission are fully aware of what is taking place in the Venezia Giulia and will not have failed to recommend to the Military Commands to exercise all needed vigilance. I deem, however, my strict duty to call your attention, dear Admiral Stone, to the seriousness of the consequences -- should the reports be in accordance with the truth -- which could arise in a region where the cessation of the hostilities has only meant the beginning of new tribulations.

I am certain, dear Admiral Stone, of the interest you will take in the matter and I kindly ask you to accept the assurance of my high consideration.

(sgd) DE GASPERI

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome



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IL MINISTRO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

5/239

Rough Translation

Rome, 25 February 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

A considerable number of citizens of Fiume have addressed to me, as well as to the Ambassador of the United States and to General Morgan for their information, the letter of which I am enclosing a copy.

As this letter contains are up-to-date and, in my opinion, truthful picture of the situation in Fiume, I shall be much indebted to you, dear Admiral Stone, for your kind interest in having the Commission of Experts, which is going to visit the Venezia Giulia, apprised of the said informations.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours,

Encl

(sgd) DE GASPERI

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome



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TRANSLATION

ALCIDE DE GASPERI, Head of the Italian Government.	<u>ROME.</u>
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, U.S.A. Embassy.	<u>ROME.</u>
GENERAL MORGAN, Supreme Commander of the Mediterranean.	<u>BARCELONA.</u>

Fiume, 24 January, 1946.

The efforts of the Italian Government for the Venezia-Giulia cause are now well-known to everybody, but certainly no one, absolutely no one as much as we, who are the interested parties, and who have been attacked by the radio, more anxiously await for the word of a person in authority regarding a future improvement of our situation.

This is one of the many requests that will reach the President of the Council of Ministers, the U.S. Ambassador, and the Supreme Commander of Mediterranean, together with a report that thousands of men intend sending, so that they may know exactly the extent of the terrifying situation in which the inhabitants of the zone occupied by the troops of Tito, be they Italian or not, are finding themselves.

To say that life has become impossible is no exaggeration, and is deprived of any national, political, or partisan aim; it is the absolute truth.

No food whatever has been distributed to the population, with the exception of bread and a few kilos of peas monthly, both in Fiume and the rest of the surrounding area, including the islands, since the month of October. No fats, no flour, nothing at all. The shops are empty. There is nothing left to buy even in the blackmarket. The only place where, until recently food could be found, was Trieste, but the number of permits to go there have been practically reduced to zero, besides which an order was issued forbidding the importation of contingent goods, (everything from shoes to flour). Starvation now reigns supreme in every family.

This cannot however be said for the persons who occupy prominent places in the administration of the city, who, together with the whole Yugoslavian Army, browse themselves with everything that U.N.R.R.A. sends over for the population, and the surplus, that is all that they cannot manage to eat or store up in their houses, they sell at blackmarket prices, but at such a high rate that it is impossible for anyone to buy them, besides the risk of being deported for the illicit buying of rationed goods.

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Recently gift packages of U.N.R.R.A. have been distributed to a limited number of workmen for the price of Lire 520.

To speak of the high cost of living is absurd as there is nothing to buy, but as far as taxes and public services are concerned, we would like to mention a few facts. Income tax has been increased from five to eight times.

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Custom duty has been imposed on all goods ranging from flour to wine and shoes, with tariffs varying from 12% to 30%, and 50% on perfume / articles, but fortunately there is nothing to buy. Wireless taxes have risen to 600 Lire yearly, light to 12 Lire the KW., telephone from 4,000 to 6,000 Lire yearly; a tram ticket costs 7 Lire, etc..

Clothing-shops are empty, and the owners cannot buy goods because they do not possess Italian Lire, unless they buy them on the blackmarket, with the Jugoslavian occupation Lire at the rate of 1,400-1,500 for 1,000, and also because the importation of any kinds of goods in the B zone, has been forbidden.

The small amount of wearing apparel still existing in the Italian shops has been blocked, and can only be sold with coupons given by the local authorities at a price established by them, which affords the seller a gross profit of 20%, with which he must pay his taxes, light, rent, employees, and keep himself and his family. It is to be noted that, in proportion to the number of coupons given out by the authorities, it is considerable if one sale a day is effected. Those who do not conform to this rule, or else close the shop up to avoid bankruptcy, are arrested, charged and deported to hard labour, and all their property is confiscated. The confiscation of the property of the population is what the authorities are aiming at, as they employ all means in their possession to this end.

This is as far as the economic situation is concerned. But graver things render our existence impossible.

Denationalization and prosecution, which began with the entrance of Tito's troops, and with the help of a small group of Italians who were promised glorious advancements, has increased daily. During the first days they cancelled all the names of the streets and of the firms which were written in Italian, (it would be sufficient to visit Abbazia), and deported hundreds of people, accusing them of Nazi-Fascist collaboration, even though 80% of these people had committed no other crime than that of wanting to be Italian. Now, everything which is Italian, be it man or vocabulary, or anything, is completely eliminated.

Here are some examples. From the Carnaro Shipping Yards, 900 directors, employees and workmen, have been substituted by a Jugoslavian Staff. The same may be said for the Mineral Oil Refinery, the Silurificio, and the Town Halls of Fiume, Abbazia, and other small towns, as well as many other public offices. In the schools too personnel considered to be good Italians, and who are not capable of teaching the Croate language, which is now a compulsory subject, are eliminated. The compulsory use, and teaching of the Croate language, caused a strike among the students of the High Schools, which came to an end with the arrest of the students and the teachers. It is to be noted that in this work of denationalization, the following Italians, (Italians in name only), take active part:- Professor Pietro Marras, Viviani and Maltauro d'Alvise, (N.S.), and Doctor Erio Franchi, who was till recently, director of the local daily newspaper, "La Voce del Popolo", (the title seems ironic), and who did all he could to write articles lowering the prestige of the Italian Government, the Allied Forces, and the Allied Commanders, who, in his opinion, are Fascists, because they protect the Italian reaction of Trieste. Everything that is Italian, or anything but Jugoslavian or Russian, is, according to Erio Franchi, Neo-Fascist. The present director of the above mentioned paper, is Dino Taragona, who follows Franchi's footsteps in admirable fashion.

Evidently the denationalization of our cities is not sufficient,

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seems, and the number of persons deported, increases day by day. What their fate is, we can only know by hearsay of witnesses, who are sometimes the Yugoslave soldiers themselves, and we sometimes get it through the newspaper, "La Voce del Popolo". These deported persons are either killed at once, (as for example, Giovannelli and his wife, owners of a pastry shop in the ex Corso Vittorio Emanuele), or else they are tried for non-existing crimes, and after being publicly condemned to several years of hard labour, they are deported to Yugoslavia, where nothing more is heard of known of them.

As proof of this, we can quote the trial which was concluded on 21 inst., against Emilio Fantini and his son Ferruccio, with a group of very well-known young men, trial which was concluded in sentencing them all to, from one and a half to eight years of hard labour, and the confiscation of all their property, should they have any. These unfortunate people were blameless. They merely refused their active participation to the pro-Yugoslavian and anti-Italian movement. The sentences would not be so grave, were it not well-known that once they are taken to Yugoslavia, they will never return. The judges are well aware of what is required of them. They must eliminate all those who represent a contrary influence to the Yugoslavian cause in case of future elections.

We quote the sentence published in the local newspaper, where the real charge is clear:- "Propaganda against the existing movement in the Territory of the Administration of the Yugoslavian Army".

This is the way in which our brothers are being done away with, and the way we shall be done away with if this situation is not solved at once. We are not asking for a better life, but for life itself. The Yugoslaves have promised to exterminate us all, once the area enters into their complete possession. This is not surprising, considering the things they are doing now that they are merely the occupying forces.

The things we could mention, and which take place in this martyred corner of the earth, are innumerable.

While this letter is being typewritten, the following news has come through, which proves what we have just stated.

1) The arrival of a Commission charged to study the definition of the boundaries has been announced, and the local authorities order the local factories to organise a demonstration with Red and Yugoslavian flags. (If the workers do not attend, they will lose their jobs.)

The authorities have ordered the women to do the rounds of the city, and warn everyone to expose Yugoslave flags only, if they value their lives.

2) The population is also informed that whoever tried to get anywhere near to the Commission, will be deported at once.

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The prayer which comes from the bottom of our hearts, is one:- "Italy, Allies, Set us free! If the world has fought for six years to free the people from the Nazi-Fascist tyranny, why is this tyranny permitted now?"

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The Camps of Dachau, and others, are I suppose represented in Yugoslavia. If those in Germany were not tolerated, why are those in Yugoslavia approved?

The representatives of all Nations may come here, and ascertain themselves of what is going on. But if they limit themselves to obtaining information from the local authorities, they may rest assured that the truth will never be known. Many are paid to speak as per instruction, and the mass of the people are compelled to take part in the filo-Yugoslavia demonstrations. It would be well to find out just how it is done. Why not settle here, in the city, and question the people separately and in mass, and make the true state of affairs come to light. It is necessary that President Truman's twelve points, which he confirmed in his recent message to Congress, be applied. If the war has been fought for the freedom of the people, this must be done. Let the Allied troops come here, and let there be safety for the people, and then let the voting take place, and then, only, will the true wish of the people come to light. If these things are discussed on the diplomatic tables of London, Washington, or Paris, the real desire of the people cannot be known. If Italy must lose her cities, because she has lost the war, it does not tally with the so much advertised liberty, which the Allies have promised. That the people of these cities be sacrificed and killed, and given over to a nation who is incapable of governing its own land, is unthinkable. It would be well to go to Belgrade to realize in what terror the population lives. The Yugoslavians themselves, and even some of those who were part of Tito's Army, hide in terror, and have formed an organization called "The Crusaders", hoping to get away from this tyranny.

If Italy must lose these cities, is it right that the population should undergo, and be subjected to the same treatment as the Yugoslavians? Let them choose their own destiny.

This indeed would be true freedom, but not the sale of the population to one or another as if they were pigs!

At the beginning of May 1945, when the Yugoslavian Army was drawing near, everyone was awaiting them, as liberators. But now we have lived through too hard an experience to tolerate them any longer.

The Croats, and Yugoslavians themselves, in these areas, invoke freedom. We often hear them say: "I have never felt myself so Italian as I feel now," or "It were better had the Gimbels or the Abyssinians come", or again "With this the Allies are turning us all into fascists".

You see at what point we are being driven!!!

It is a fact that in these first days, when we did not yet know the meaning of Tito's Army, all those who could babble it, began to speak the Croats language, but it is also a fact that now we all speak Italian, with the exceptions of the people brought from the mountains to substitute all those who have forsaken the area for lack of living possibilities.

The people are crying to you, President of the Council of Ministers, in Italy, to you Ambassador of the U.S.A., and to you General Morgan:- Why is not Justice being done in this part of the world? Are we any different from the other populations? Or are we expected to give up our lives and throw over this dictatorship with our arms?

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This is a time when the people expect much from the Great ones in authority, and will not be disappointed.

For 368 people who have signed.

(F.to Dott. A. Piccolo).
(signed as above).

P.S. It has been deemed wiser not to have everybody sign, so as not to place them in a dangerous position, owing to the difficulty of passing the frontier of the Zone, as this is rigidly controlled.

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: G30/12/40

18 FEB 1946
16 February 1946

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SUBJECT: VENEZIA GIULIA - Visit of Delegation of Experts.

TO : See Distribution below.

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1. Ref the Chief Commissioner's letter CC 1003 dated 5 February 1946 to G-5 AFHQ, copies to present distribution.

2. Forwarded herewith is the reply received from G-5 AFHQ on this subject.

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M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 014-1 HET

12 February 1946

SUBJECT: Visit of Delegation of Experts to Venezia Giulia.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Reference your 31 1003 of 5 February.

It is considered that the Italian's request to be represented on the delegation is primarily a political matter. As no military objections to the proposal exist the matter has been referred to the Political Advisers for transmission to their respective Governments.

BT COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

signed:.....L.Col.

for F. G. A. PARSONS,
Brigadier,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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CC 1008

- 9 FEB 1946
5 February 1946

SUBJECT: Venezia Giulia - Visit of Delegation of Experts.
TO : G-5, AFHQ.

1. There is forwarded herewith a copy of a letter from Prime Minister De Gasperi in his capacity as Minister for Foreign Affairs.
2. I recommend favorable consideration of the Prime Minister's request and would be grateful to learn what reply should be given him in response to the last paragraph of his letter.

/s/ ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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GOC - 13th Corps
C.A. Section
Polad 'A'
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MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES

Rough Translation

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Rome, February 2nd, 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

Numerous reports are reaching us these days from the Venezia Giulia as to arrangements which are in progress, even in Zone "A", on the part of Yugoslav agents in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Delegation of Experts. In particular there is evidence that ready made Yugoslav flags or the material therefore as well as paints for writing on the walls are arriving in very large quantities in several centres of the Venezia Giulia. Special squads are being formed to alter the atmosphere and appearance of the populated centres of the region and to organize and rally popular demonstrations favouring the annexation of Yugoslavia.

Moreover special Committees are being organized in many towns and villages, for the purpose of approaching the Experts and to express to them "the vote of the people". Said activities are evidence that funds are available in very large amounts.

As a consequence of such state of affairs which is daily worsening, desperate appeals from the Italians of the Venezia Giulia are continuously reaching the Italian Government and myself personally: they cannot be ignored.

It is therefore imperative for me, dear Admiral Stone, to draw your kind attention to the following:

- 1) The Italian Government await with confidence the results of the investigation that the Allied Delegation are about to begin in the Venezia Giulia, and are certain that they will show the utmost impartiality in performing their arduous mission.
- 2) The Italian Government entertains no doubt that precise instructions have been issued the Delegates to extend their investigations to the whole of the Venezia Giulia therein included the city of Trieste and the Carnaro Islands (Cherso and Lussino) as well as the city of Zara.
- 3) In order to guarantee the Italian population, who will get in touch with the Allied Delegates, full freedom of expression, it is indispensable - in the Italian Government's opinion - that suitable means be contemplated and made public, before the start of the enquiry, to warrant even for the future the safety and personal freedom of the Italians who will be interviewed by the Delegates in Zone "B".

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
ROME



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4) The Italian Government feel as their duty the need of requesting that one or more representatives be appointed by Italy to work with the Delegation. These would facilitate the contacts of the Delegation with the Italian population (specially in Zone "B") the perusal of vital statistics records and, generally, the gathering on the spot of data and elements of judgment; they could point out the marked alterations which have undoubtedly taken place in the local situation since September 1943, alterations with which it is self-evident that the Delegation should be fully conversant. There is no objections of course that an equal number of Yugoslav representatives be appointed to work with the Allied Delegation.

Due to the imminence of the investigation, I shall appreciate it greatly if you could give immediate kind consideration to the above proposals, and I should be very grateful to you, dear Admiral Stone, if you would let me know what assurance you could give me in the matter.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

/s/ DE GASPERI

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AFD 394
G-1 (B)

12 GEN 1945

11 January 1945.

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REFERENCE: G-1/31/7/A

SUBJECT : VR/TO - Venezia Giulia.

TO : Office of The Executive Commissioner
Vice President, Civil Affairs Section (2)
Vice President, Economic Section (2)
G-1 (A)
G-4 (A)
G-4 (B)

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1. A revised and slightly increased VR/TO has been prepared to meet the requirements of AMG Venezia Giulia. A copy of this is attached. On the British side this proposal will be submitted to GHQ in the near future. In addition authority will probably have to be requested for a British increment to provide for American vacancies that cannot yet be filled. The filling of the American vacancies by American Officers must however be regarded as a matter of the first priority.

2. The RA/R proposals are not affected by this new VR/TO. Some alterations in the Transport Establishment will be necessary and will be notified later.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE.

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R. WILHELM JOHNS,
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (B).

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Copy to : Civil Affairs GHQ (2-)
SCAG, AMG Venezia Giulia. (2)

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I cannot understand there
works Public Safety off course
for we can see really they come
in the establishment of 2111 Cops as per the map

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VENEZIA GIULIA - New proposals for J5/TO

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FUNCTION	PROPOSED RANK BRITISH	RANK	TOTAL	PROPOSED RANK AMERICAN	RANK	TOTAL	DETAILS
SCAO				Colonel	1	1	
D/SCAO	Colonel	1	1				
HQ Staff including Liaison Officers	Majors Captains Lieuts	2 5 -		Majors Captains Lieuts	2 3 2		Liaison Officers 2 Staff Officer (C.O.) 5 Camp Commandant 1 Asst Camp Comdt 2 Company J 1
TOTAL HQ STAFF			7			7	
C.O.'s	Col. Colonels Majors Captains	2 4 10		Lt. Colonels Majors Captains	3 4 9		
TOTAL C.O.'s			16			16	
COMMUNICATIONS	Majors	1	1				
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Majors Captains	1 1					
EDUCATIONS	Captains	1	1	Majors	1	1	
RETRIBUTS	Majors	1	1				
LEGAL	Majors Captains	1 4		Lt. Col. Majors Captains	1 3 3		
			5			7	

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VENEZIA GIULIA - New proposals for E/TG

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PROPOSED RANK BRITISH	RANK	TOTAL	PROPOSED RANK AMERICAN	RANK	TOTAL	DETAILS
			Colonel	1	1	
Colonel	1	1				
Majors	2		Majors	2		Liaison Officers 2 Purchasing & Contracting 1
Captains	5		Captains	3		Staff Officer (C.A.) 5 Adjutant (A) 1
Lieuts	-		Lieuts	2		Camp Commandant 1 Executive Officer 1
						Asst Camp Comd 2
						Company J 1
		7			7	
Lt. Colonels	2		Lt. Colonels	3		
Majors	4		Majors	4		
Captains	10		Captains	9		
		16			16	
Majors	1	1				
Majors	1					
Captains	1	2				
Captains	1	1	Majors	1	1	
Majors	1	1				
Majors	1		Lt. Col.	1		
Captains	4		Majors	3		
		5	Captains	3		
					7	

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FUNCTION	PROPOSED RANK BRITISH	RANKS	TOTAL	PROPOSED RANK AFRICAN	RANKS	TOTAL	4151 NOTE
PUBLIC HEALTH	Lt.Colonel Captains	1 2	3	Majors	1	1	Includes one Medical Supply
WELFARE	Majors	1	1				
Economics & Supply SECTION CHIEF ASST	Colonel	1	1	Captain	1	1	
SUPPLY DIVISION	Major Captains	1 1	2	Lt.Colonel Major Captains	1 1 1	3	Chief Supply Programmes & Provincial Su Captured Ence
PRICE CONTROL				Major	1	1	
FOOD	Major	1	1	Captain Lieut	1 1	2	
COMMERCE	Lt.Col. Captains	1 2	3	Major	1	1	
INDUSTRY & PUBLIC UTILITIES	Lt.Col. Captains	1 1	2	Major Captains	1 1	2	
PUBLIC WORKS	Major Captains	1 1	2	Lt.Col. Captain	1 1	2	

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PROPOSED RANK BRITISH	RANKS	TOTAL	PROPOSED RANK AMERICAN	RANKS	TOTAL	DETAILS
Lt.Colonel Captains	1 2	3	Majors	1	1	Includes one Captain as Medical Supply Officer
Majors	1	1				
Colonel	1	1	Captain	1	1	
Major Captains	1 1	2	Lt.Colonel Major Captains	1 1 1	3	Chief Supply Officer 1 Programmes & Requisitioning 2 Provincial Supply Officers 2 Captured Enemy Materials 1
			Major	1	1	
Major	1	1	Captain Lieut	1 1	2	
Lt.Col. Captains	1 2	3	Major	1	1	
Lt.Col. Captains	1 1	2	Major Captains	1 1	2	
Major Captains	1 1	2	Lt.Col. Captain	1 1	2	

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FUNCTION	PROPOSED RANK BRITISH	RANK	TOTAL	PROPOSED RANK AMERICAN	RANK	TOTAL	DETAILS
LABOUR	Captains	1	1	Lt.Colonel Majors Captain	1 1 1	3	
AGRICULTURE	Major	1	1	Major Captain	1 1	2	
TRANSPORTATION	Major Captains	1 2	3	Lt.Colonel Captains Lieuts.	1 1 2	4	Chief Transportation Officer Deputy Chief & Roads Rails Ports & Warehouses Truck Pools
FINANCE	Lt.Colonel Majors Captains	1 3 5	9	Majors Captains Lieuts	3 3 3	9	Chief Finance Officer Executive Officer & Deputy Financing and Financial Insurance and Pensions Asst " " Revenue Asst Revenue Budgets Asst Budgets Property Control Police Finance Area Finance Officers Accountant & Requisition Supply Accountant

SUMMARY

Colonels 2
Lt.Colonels 6
Majors 19
Captains 36

TOTALS

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Colonels 1
Lt.Colonels 8
Majors 20
Captains 26
Lieuts 8

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PROPOSED RANK BRITISH	RANK	TOTAL	PROPOSED RANK AMERICAN	RANK	TOTAL	DETAILS
Captains	1	1	Lt.Colonel Majors Captain	1 1 1	3	
Major	1	1	Major Captain	1 1	2	
for Captains	1 2	3	Lt.Colonel Captains Lieuts.	1 1 1	4	Chief Transportation Officer 1 Deputy Chief & Roads 1 Rails 1 Ports & Warehouses 1 Truck Pools 3
Colonel Majors Captains	1 3 5	9	Majors Captains Lieuts	3 3 3	9	Chief Finance Officer 1 Executive Officer & Deputy 1 Financing and Financing Institutions 1 Insurance and Pensions 1 Asst " " 1 Revenue 1 Asst Revenue 1 Budgets 1 Asst Budgets 1 Property Control 2 Police Finance 1 Area Finance Officers 3 Accountant & Requisitioning 1 Supply Accountant 1

Colonels	2	Colonels	1
Lt.Colonels	6	Lt.Colonels	8
Majors	19	Majors	20
Captains	36	Captains	26
		Lieuts	8
TOTALS	<u>63</u>		<u>63</u>

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
C-1 (B)

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REFERENCE : C-13/31/7/A

11 January 1945.

SUBJECT : WE/TO - Venezia Giulia.

12 GEN 1945

TO : Office of The Executive Commissioner
Vice President, Civil Affairs Section (2)
Vice President, Economic Section (2)
C-1 (A)
C-4 (A)
C-4 (B)

1. A revised and slightly increased WE/TO has been prepared to meet the requirements of AM: Venezia Giulia. A copy of this is attached. On the British side this proposal will be submitted to CHQ in the near future. In addition authority will probably have to be requested for a British increment to provide for American vacancies that cannot yet be filled. The filling of the American vacancies by American Officers must however be regarded as a matter of the first priority.

2. The WE/TO proposals are not affected by this new WE/TO. Some alterations in the Transport Establishment will be necessary and will be notified later.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STORM.

R. WILSON JONES,
Lt. Colonel,
C-1 (B).

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VENEZIA GIULIA - New proposals for 12/10

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DETAILS

FUNCTION	PROPOSED RANK BRITISH	RANK	TOTAL	PROPOSED RANK AMERICAN	RANK	TOTAL	
SCAO				Colonel	1	1	
D/SCAO	Colonel	1	1				
HQ Staff including Liaison Officers	Majors Captains Lieuts	2 5 -		Majors Captains Lieuts	2 3 2		Liaison Officers 2 Staff Officer (C.M.) 5 Camp Commandant 1 Asst Camp Comdt 2 Company 3 1
TOTAL HQ STAFF			7			7	
C.M.O.'s	Lt. Colonels Majors Captains	2 4 10		Lt. Colonels Majors Captains	3 4 9		
TOTAL C.M.O.'s			16			16	
COMMUNICATIONS	Majors	1	1				
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Majors Captains	1 1					
EDUCATIONS	Captains	1	1	Majors	1	1	
RETRIEVAL	Majors	1	1				
LEGAL	Majors Captains	1 4		Lt. Col. Majors Captains	1 3 3		
			5			7	

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PROPOSED RANK BRITISH	RANK	TOTAL	PROPOSED RANK AMERICAN	RANK	TOTAL	DETAILS
			Colonel	1	1	
Colonel	1	1				
Majors	2		Majors	2		Liaison Officers 2 Purchasing & Contracting 1
Captains	5		Captains	3		Staff Officer (C.M.) 5 Adjutant (..) 1
Lieutenants	-		Lieutenants	2		Camp Commandant 1 Executive Officer 1
						Asst Camp Comm 2
						Company J 1
		7			7	
Lt. Colonels	2		Lt. Colonels	3		
Majors	4		Majors	4		
Captains	10		Captains	9		
		16			16	
Majors	1	1				
Majors	1					
Captains	1	2				
Captains	1	1	Majors	1	1	
Majors	1	1				
Majors	1		Lt. Col.	1		
Captains	4		Majors	3		
		5	Captains	3		
					7	

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FUNCTION	PROPOSED RANK BRITISH	RANKS	TOTAL	PROPOSED RANK AMERICAN	RANKS	TOTAL	DETAILS
PUBLIC HEALTH	Lt.Colonel Captains	1 2	3	Majors	1	1	Includes one Capt Medical Supply
WELFARE	Majors	1	1				
Economics & Supply SECTION CHIEF ASST	Colonel	1	1	Captain	1	1	
SUPPLY DIVISION	Major Captains	1 1	2	Lt.Colonel Major Captains	1 1 1	3	Chief Supply of Programmes & R Provincial Supp Captured Enemy
PRICE CONTROL				Major	1	1	
FOOD	Major	1	1	Captain Lieut	1 1	2	
COMMERCE	Lt.Col. Captains	1 2	3	Major	1	1	
INDUSTRY & PUBLIC UTILITIES	Lt.Col. Captains	1 1	2	Major Captains	1 1	2	
PUBLIC WORKS	Major Captains	1 1	2	Lt.Col. Captain	1 1	2	

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PROPOSED RANK BRITISH	RANKS	TOTAL	PROPOSED RANK AMERICAN	RANKS	TOTAL	41 DETAILS
Lt.Colonel Captains	1 2	3	Majors	1	1	Includes one Captain as Medical Supply Officer.
Majors	1	1				
Colonel	1	1	Captain	1	1	
Major Captains	1 1	2	Lt.Colonel Major Captains	1 1 1	3	Chief Supply Officer 1 Programmes & Requisitioning 2 Provincial Supply Officers 2 Captured Enemy Materials 1
			Major	1	1	
Major	1	1	Captain Lieut	1 1	2	
Lt.Col. Captains	1 2	3	Major	1	1	
Lt.Col. Captains	1 1	2	Major Captains	1 1	2	
Major Captains	1 1	2	Lt.Col. Captain	1 1	2	

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FUNCTION	PROPOSED RANK BRITISH	RANK	TOTAL	PROPOSED RANK AMERICAN	RANK	TOTAL	4146 DETAILS
LABOUR	Captains	1	1	Lt.Colonel Majors Captain	1 1 1	3	
AGRICULTURE	Major	1	1	Major Captain	1 1	2	
TRANSPORTATION	Major Captains	1 2	3	Lt.Colonel Captains Lieuts.	1 1 2	4	Chief Transportation Officer Deputy Chief of Roads Rails Ports & Warehouses Truck Pools
FINANCE	Lt.Colonel Majors Captains	1 3 5	9	Majors Captains Lieuts	3 3 3	9	Chief Finance Officer Executive Officer & Dep Financing and Financier Insurance and Pensions Asst " " Revenue Asst Revenue Budgets Asst Budgets Property Control Police Finance Area Finance Officers Accountant & Requisitioning Supply Accountant

SUMMARY

Colonels 2
Lt.Colonels 6
Majors 19
Captains 36

Colonels 1
Lt.Colonels 8
Majors 20
Captains 26
Lieuts 8

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PROPOSED RANK BRITISH	RANK	TOTAL	PROPOSED RANK AMERICAN	RANK	TOTAL	DETAILS
Captains	1	1	Lt. Colonel Majors Captain	1 1 1	3	
Major	1	1	Major Captain	1 1	2	
Major Captains	1 2	3	Lt. Colonel Captains Lieuts.	1 1 2	4	Chief Transportation Officer 1 Deputy Chief of Roads 1 Rails 1 Ports & Warehouses 1 Truck Pools 3
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QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref.: 13018/F

1 December 1945

SUBJECT: Transfers of Supplies and Materials from Italy to Venezia Giulia.

TO: All concerned (Distribution list at end of memorandum)

1. The Allied Commission has inquired of AFHQ, G-5 Section for a statement of policy respecting the transfer into Venezia Giulia of imported supplies on which the Italian Government has taken title. In a letter dated 12 September the Chief Administrative Officer, Civil Affairs Office of AFHQ, notified that no objection would be offered to the transfer of imported items to that part of Venezia Giulia in the area lying west of the Morgan Line. TAM Caolo 690 from CCA directs that civilian supplies for Venezia Giulia remain a military responsibility.

2. Imported supplies moved from Italy into Venezia Giulia may be transferred from

(a) Civilian supplies imported into Italy to prevent disease and unrest under combined military responsibility (Category A Supplies);

(b) Civilian supplies imported into Italy by the Italian Government, and charged against the fund set up in the U.S. Treasury representing the lire expenditure of U.S. troops in Italy and other Italian credits (Category B Supplies); and

(c) Civilian supplies imported into Italy under the 100 million dollar supply program of the Foreign Economic Administration (Category C Supplies).

It will be appreciated that civilian supplies of Categories B and C may be unloaded in Venezia Giulia so that, in fact, title never passes to the Italian Government.

3. Separate accounting records are required to be maintained at A.C. Headquarters Level for each of the three supply programs, because of the different arrangements under which charges are made against the Italian Government for the value of the goods. It will be necessary that the receiving, warehousing, distributing and accounting records of the agents for the Italian Government: Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero, Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari, or Ufficio Centrale Carboni della Direzione Generale delle Ferrovie dello Stato, clearly show the particular programme under which supplies are imported into Italy. To accomplish this separate records must be maintained by them for each programme, corresponding to the related records in the Allied Commission. This requirement is essential, not only for charging the value of supplies against the Italian Government, but also for making allowance for credit for any supplies shipped from

TO : All concerned (Distribution list at end of memorandum)

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2. Imported supplies moved from Italy into Venezia Giulia may be transferred from

(a) Civilian supplies imported into Italy to prevent disease and unrest under combined military responsibility (Category A Supplies);

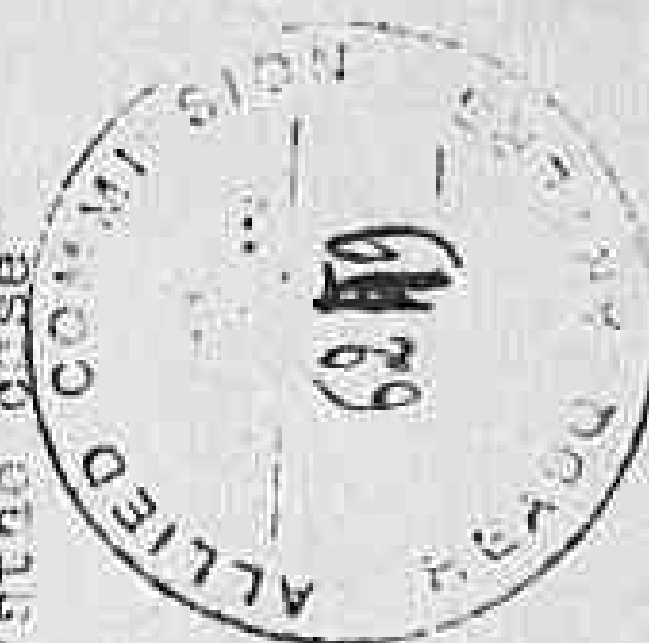
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4. In the case of imported supplies taken on charge by the Italian Government and thereafter shipped from Italy into Venezia Giulia, the IC, the FEAC, or the AFHQ, as the case



may be, must show on the related shipping documents, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, the supply programme under which the goods were furnished by the United Nations.

5. In connection with imported supplies (Markings TOG and UK) furnished to Italy under the combined military responsibility, procedure has already been established for goods later transferred from Italy to Venezia Giulia. In such cases the agent of the Italian Government, who had previously acknowledged receipt of the imports on behalf of the Italian Government, has been allowed credit for the quantities transferred to Venezia Giulia. This credit is effected on the basis of a receiving report given by the port Liaison Officer or other AC representative making the shipment. The document serves to relieve the Italian Government of the charge, and to transfer the same to the account of AMG, Venezia Giulia. No change will be made in this procedure. The combined military supply programme for Italy (as distinguished from Venezia Giulia) was terminated with the August landings except for some minor exceptions.

6. In connection with imported supplies (Markings YT) purchased by Italy in the United States from the Troop Pay Fund and other Italian credits (Category B Supplies), particular attention is invited to the restrictive authorization of the Chief Administrative Officer that such supplies may be transferred "to that part of Venezia Giulia West of the Morgan Line". Thus imported "Category B" supplies transferred from Italy are limited for distribution by the VIII Corps to a defined area. When supplies previously taken on charge by the Italian Government as imports under "Category B" are transferred to Venezia Giulia, the Sub-Commission collecting the transfer will make all necessary arrangements with IAF, the Federazione or the State Railways, and with the port Liaison Officer or other AC officer handling the shipment. When it is found that the restrictive agent of the Italian Government will prepare a transfer voucher in quadruplicate showing the consignee as VIII Corps AMG Venezia Giulia, the commodity, and the quantity. The transfer voucher will state that the shipment is made from U.S. Troop Pay Fund, "Category B" Supplies. All copies of the transfer voucher will be received by IAF, the Federazione or the State Railways and countersigned by the AC officer handling the shipment. The original transfer voucher will be forwarded to the Chief Accountant, Allied Supply Accounting Agency; the duplicate to the Supply Accountant, VIII Corps Venezia Giulia; the triplicate to the Transportation Sub-Commission; and the quadruplicate will be retained by IAF, the Federazione or the State Railways. It is important to note that transfers of supplies procured with YT funds will only be made after obtaining concurrence of the Italian Government.

7. In connection with imported supplies (Markings YB) furnished to Italy under FIA 100-million dollar programme (Category C) and thereafter transferred to Venezia Giulia, the same requirements will apply and the same procedure will be followed, except that the transfer voucher will show that the shipment was made from FIA Programme Supplies (Category C).

8. In the event that any Category B or C supplies are landed at Trieste direct from the original vessel, the AMG

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8. In the event that any Category B or C supplies are unloaded at Trieste direct from the original vessel, the AMG Supply Officer VIII Corps will sign the out-turn report in sextuplicate, and will forward all copies to War Shipping Administration, Rome. At the same time the AMG Supply Officer VIII Corps will also prepare a direct import receiving report in quintuplicate. Copies of the report will be distributed as follows: original and triplicate to Chief Accountant, A.S.A.; duplicate to

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Supply Accountant, VIII Corps, triplicate to Transportation Sub-Commission, AG; one of the triplicate will be retained in his files.

9. The Supply Accountant in Venezia Giulia will maintain separate accounting records, where applicable, for :

- (a) Combined Military Responsibility Supplies (Category A);
- (b) Troop Pay Etc, Supplies (Category B) ; and
- (c) FFA Programme Supplies (Category C).

Statements of stock movements, schedules of imports, schedules of transfers of supplies received, and schedules of sales of supplies will be rendered separately for each of the three categories. Schedules of sales supporting the statement of stock movements under categories (a), (b) and (c) will show the respective quantities issued and the sales values according to geographical sub-divisions, Gorizia, Trieste, and Pola. Sales in Udine should be recorded separately.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND,
Acting Vice President.

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War Shipping Administration (5)
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REMARKS: SALES CONTINUING.
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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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1. Attached for your information are copies of letters No. 3/1958 of 6 November and No. 15/26219/57 of 13 November, and a report from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. We would be grateful for any comments you may wish to make.
3. It is appreciated that in your O-5: 3/2.3-1 of 17 October 1945 you said that "Few questions arising between the Italian and Yugoslav Governments have, any longer, a military interest" and that most matters should be sent direct to the Embassy. However it is felt that in view of the gravity of the allegations being made against the Yugoslav Government you might wish to see this correspondence.

For the Chief Commissioner:

in absence of Deliberative
Executive Organization

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERIRough Translation

COPY

No. 3/1958

Rome, November 6th, 1945

Dear Admiral Stans,

As you know, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has repeatedly addressed the Allied Commission and the American and British Embassies in Rome to interest them in the cases of arrests, deportations and internment of Italian civilians and members of the Armed Forces, in Yugoslavia and in the Yugoslav occupied territories of the Venezia Giulia.

It is a question of thousands of Italian citizens on whose behalf we receive constant requests of action from many institutions and from the families concerned, who for about six months have been awaiting the return of their dear ones.

You have certainly noticed that also the Italian Press has echoed such serious plight, and a state of discontent towards the Italian authorities - who are held responsible for the situation - has ensued in the Italian public opinion from the want of information as to the difficulties confronting us in the solution of the problem. Any possibility of intervention is actually precluded to the Italian Government by the absence of diplomatic relations between Rome and Belgrade and by the attitude of the Yugoslav Government systematically pretending to be still at war with Italy. Even the Yugoslav delegation to the Allied Commission has thus far refused to enter into even unofficial relations with the Italian Government.

As for the deportees from the Venezia Giulia, lists containing about 2,500 names for the Trieste, Gorizia and Pola districts alone, have been already forwarded to the Allied Commission. As you know, this figure is far from representing the total amount of deportees from the zone under Allied Administration. To the above there are to be added too the deportations carried out from territories to the East of the Morgan line, from the islands and from the Province of Zara. As to these, unfortunately the Italian Government is not in a position to furnish detailed information, but their number is undoubtedly considerable, specially so far as Trieste and Zara are concerned.

Furthermore there are thousands of Italian soldiers, for the greater part former internees of the Germans, who have been put in concentration camps, forced to the hardest labour and subject to an inhuman treatment. Even the USRA reports point out their plight.

Please find, herewith enclosed, a report, dated 24 September 1945, by the USRA mission in Belgrade. From the same we have learned of the Yugoslav authorities' decision to detain all Italians, at present deported or interned in Yugoslavia, with the exception of a small group, pending the Italian Government's decision to repatriate Yugoslav citizens, now residing in Italy. Such Yugoslav attitude is very serious and disturbing, also because, as it can be easily understood, Yugoslav citizens in Italy - even without considering they do not wish to return to Yugoslavia - are not subject to the Italian Government's, but to the Allied Authorities's control and responsibility. The possibility of exchange, suggested by the Yugoslav Government, is thus excluded.

I am therefore compelled, dear Admiral Stans, again to apply to you in order that the attention of the competent Allied authorities be drawn to the above mentioned facts and considerations. It is necessary that the Allies in their action (see your letter 281/96 of 18 September 1945) bear in mind the gravity of the matter in question and its repercussions on Italian public opinion and on Italo-Yugoslav relations.

Believe me, Very sincerely yours, (signed) DE GASPERI

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MINISTERO DELLA ARMATA - SP-RI

Rough Translation

Copy

No. 15/26239/67

Rome, November 10th, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

Following my letter (No. 3/1958) dated November 6th inst., concerning the deportation of Italian citizens from the Venezia Giulia carried out by the Yugoslav occupation authorities, I beg to forward to you, for your information, the enclosed report.

The report gives evidence of the mistreatment the deportees have undergone during their internment in the Borovnica camp and of their serious state of malnutrition and physical decay at the moment of their repatriation.

Said allegations are supported by personal statements and pictures of the repatriated deportees.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours,

(S) DI CASPARI

One enclosure

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome



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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
YUGOSLAV MISSION
BELGRADE

24 September 1945

TO : Chief of Mission
UNRRA Italian Mission
ROME.

Att: A.A. Serieri
Director, Displaced Persons Division.

From: H.K. Ellis,
Director, Div. of Welfare and Displaced Persons.

Subject: Italians in Yugoslavia.



I reply to your memorandum of September 11th, 1945. We have had considerable correspondence on various groups of Italians in Yugoslavia, but have been unable to obtain definite figures on numbers and locations of Italian citizens still remaining in this country. The position appears to be that all Italians, with the exception of a very small group, are being detained in Yugoslavia pending the settlement of the question of repatriation of Yugoslavs from Italy, and possibly the final settlement of the Trieste problem.

We were advised officially by the Bureau of Repatriation on September 5, 1945, the three following statements:

1. The Yugoslav authorities will move only those Italian subjects who joined the Partisans during the last two years.
2. Only those Italian subjects who are transit through Yugoslavia coming from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia etc.
3. All other Italian subjects are held up pending action on behalf of the Italian Government to move the Yugoslav subjects living at present in Italy.

No. 1. refers to a comparatively small number who are being released from the army individually and are officially the responsibility of the Yugoslav military authorities for repatriation.

With regard to the treatment of Italians in Yugoslavia, we have had no opportunity of observing this at first hand since all are in military controlled camps. Complaints do reach us but whenever these have been taken up through the Commission for Repatriation, we are informed that all that is possible is being done for Italian prisoners but in view of all the shortages in the country it is unlikely that the standard of support will approach the standard reached in those camps and centers supplied by the allied armies or directly supplied by UNRRA.

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1. The following information has been furnished by the US political advisor.

A. This office has received information indicating that the Area Commissioner at GORIZIA has reported serious interference in political and administrative affairs in the GORIZIA AREA by the Yugoslav detachment west of the MORGAN LINE. Reports indicate that the power of Yugoslav troops over civilians is increasing and in GORIZIA the presence of Yugoslav officers and troops in uniform and in mufti has been having an intimidating effect on local civilians. It has been reported that several serious crimes have been committed by Slovenes in that area controlled by Yugoslav troops but it is impossible to render justice owing to the fact that the Yugoslavs can readily recross the Yugoslav line.

B. This office is further notified that in the QUISCA and CASTEL DORRA DISTRICT secret police are operating at all times and are in control of civil offices. Yugoslav officers are openly frequenting the city hall and Yugoslav troops fails to cooperate with AMO administration and evidence open resentment. Civil Affairs Officer Major BALLARD was discourteously treated by troops while on a field visit and was forced to clear himself with local Yugoslav military headquarters. Also his car was fired on the bullet narrowly missing him. Many school buildings are occupied by Yugoslav troops and no intention to leave is indicated. Yugoslavs apparently expect

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to direct and operate such schools."

2. A comprehensive report on the matter is desired with special consideration given to conduct of Yugoslav troops under command 13 CORPS.

3. Copy minutes SCAG meeting 15 October seen. If items reported in para 2 that report are confirmed it would appear that positive action is indicated.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 8258/127/30.

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3 November 45.

SUBJECT: Channels to be used for diplomatic representation between Italy and Yugoslavia.
TO : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

1. Until diplomatic relations between Italy and Yugoslavia are reestablished Allied Force Headquarters have decided that there are three possible channels of communication between your Government and the Yugoslav Government. These are:

- (a) Italian Government/London and Washington/Belgrade.
- (b) Italian Government/Allied Commission/U.S. and British Missions, Rome/London and Washington/Belgrade.
- (c) Italian Government/Allied Commission/G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters/Political Advisors, Allied Force Headquarters/London and Washington/Belgrade.

2. For your information course (c) should only be adopted when real military interests are involved. If they are not course (a) or course (b) should be followed.

3. You will appreciate that few questions arising between your Government and the Yugoslav Government have, any longer, a real military interest, and that course (a) is the normal channel of diplomatic representations.

Rear-Admiral HERR
Chief-Commissioner

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Reur your 6418 of 2 October.

1. AFHQ interpretation of Article 1 of BELGRADE agreement in regard to com and control of anchorages on west coast of ISTRIA is contained in appendix G of MORGAN-JOVANOVIC agreement. Most unlikely that Jugoslav would agree to maintenance of Allied liaison officers on shore, particularly when anchorages not being used.
2. The occurrence of repeated incidents on the TRIESTE - POLA road in spite of definite agreement to keep it open shows that, even if agreement for these liaison officers were secured, local action against them and difficulties of maintaining them would make it impracticable to pursue the course you propose.
3. Any commission investigating ethnic character will undoubtedly inform itself concerning changes in residents.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

Ref: 13C/AMG/97/B/38

2 October 1945

SUBJECT: Forwarding of Correspondence

TO: Brig M. Carr,
V.P., CA Section
HQ, Allied Commission

1. Reference your letter, 4/44N/CA dated 25 Sept 45.
2. Records here indicate that letter from Francesco VAIRO was forwarded as an enclosure to our 13C/AMG/N/199 of 22 Sept 45.
3. Copy of subject letter (in duplicate) is attached herewith.

For the Senior Civil Affairs Officer:

H.P.P. Robertson
H.P.P. ROBERTSON
Colonel
Deputy S.C.A.O.

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Cy ltr fr Francesco VAIRO (dup)

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COPY OF TRANSLATION

TO: The Allied Military Government
Political Office or
Civil Affairs Office

I have the honour to communicate to this Command that this morning, 5th September, six persons have visited all the dwellings around Piazza Ferugino, asking - as usual - the signature in favour of Yugoslavia.

The tactic used is the following: 4 men of the cunning brigade creep up the stairs, stopping at each floor, obliging each door to be opened and naturally causing a lot of fear, especially where there is only women. Two of them keep guard at the entrance door with the object of stopping anyone to phone at some of the shops near by. The 4 of them are well-dressed, middle height and fairly strong. They did not trouble to knock at my door because they had been informed that I was in. I do not think anyone signed in the house where I live. If I had had a phone at my disposal I would have immediately advised this Command. To my opinion, it would be necessary to intensify the Police patrols, otherwise the systems used by these brigades will never finish. Although we know that the signatures have no value, they continue to disturb the citizens who are anxiously awaiting that Trieste and Istria who are quite Italian should be liberated from the Slavs.

Apart from this, and to my opinion, it would be necessary to liberate the city of all the elements which have come to stay here abusively from last May onwards. This Command will surely know that the famous "milizia del popolo" still exists also it hides under a pacific congregation of citizens. Another point is this, that it would be necessary to send back the refugees to their provinces of the liberated Italy, their country of origin. At least all those who came to Trieste from 1940 onwards. The control would not be difficult, because the Municipality Offices of Registration could give all the particulars. Owing to the refugees and the Slavs who have come from where no one knows, the population of Trieste is the double of what it was in 1940.

With respect

signed Francesco VAIRO

Piazza Ferugino N. 2 - II floor



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 IN LONDON ON ONE NINE SEPTEMBER REGARDING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DEFINITION
 OF THE ITALIAN SLAVE YUGOSLAV BORDER AND THE FUTURE OF TRIESTE AND IN PARTICULAR
 TO THAT PART OF THE COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTING THAT THE FRONTIER WOULD BE DRAWN ON
 EXISTING LINES AFTER A COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY HAD VISITED VENEZIA GIULIA IT IS
 STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL POSSIBLE STEPS BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE EXISTING
 CHARACTER OF THE VARIOUS LOCALITIES OF THE COMPARTEMENT OF VENEZIA GIULIA IS NOT
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 WHO ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN DEPORTED IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS FROM YUGOSLAV
 CONTROLLED VENEZIA GIULIA AND THAT YUGOSLAVS ARE MOVING IN TO TAKE THEIR PLACE PD
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UNDER THIS PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH MILITARY LIAISON OFFICERS ALONG THE WEST COAST TO OBSERVE AND REPORT ON THE SITUATION AND MOVEMENTS OF THE ITALIAN POPULATION IN THAT AREA. PD THE MERE PRESENCE OF ALLIED OBSERVERS THERE MIGHT BE A SUFFICIENTLY DETERMINING FACTOR TO PREVENT ANY MORE DEPORTATIONS FROM THAT AREA PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY AND IN ANY CASE COULD REPORT FACTS. PD

FOUR PD MAY EARLY STEPS THEREFORE BE TAKEN TO ESTABLISH SUCH LIAISON OFFICERS ON THE LINES PROPOSED. PD IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS POINTED OUT THAT THESE OFFICERS WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED FROM MILITARY SOURCES AS THERE IS NONE AVAILABLE FROM THE RAPIDLY DIMINISHING RESOURCES UNDER THE COMMAND OF THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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AG 014.12/227 G3G-0

13 September 1945

SUBJECT: Special Civil Police Force for VENEZIA-GIULIA.

TO: General Officer Commanding
XIII Corps

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1. GENERAL. Reference is made to the paper produced by Headquarters AMG XIII Corps under reference 13C/AMG/PS/351, dated 5 July 1945, subject: "Public Safety Situation and Formation of Allied Military Government Police Force."

a. A proposal has been submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff recommending the establishment of a Special Civil Police Force of 3,500 for VENEZIA-GIULIA. The proposal further recommended that this police force should be equipped, maintained, administered and commanded as a combined US-UK military commitment. No reply has yet been received to this proposal.

b. Until a directive from the Combined Chiefs of Staff is received, it is fully realized that certain interim and temporary decisions must be given on the recommendations contained in the paper referred to above. Certain of these decisions should be determined by you, while others require to be determined by this headquarters. The following paragraphs therefore indicate:

- (1) Those decisions which should be made by you.
- (2) Interim decisions of this headquarters pending receipt of a directive from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Reference in parentheses are made to the appropriate paragraphs in the paper referred to above.

2. ORGANIZATION. (Paragraph 15 J) The organization as recommended by you is approved.

3. ESTABLISHMENT. (Paragraph 16 E)

a. The maximum ceiling of the Special Civil Police Force is approved at 3,500.

b. The titles of the various ranks and grades of the Special Civil Police Force as recommended by you are approved.

c. As a temporary measure Allied officers may assume the responsibilities of the senior positions in the civil police force, provided they are within the existing allotment of Allied officers. As far as possible indigenous personnel of the required standing should, at an early date, be appointed to senior positions in the civil police force. Thereafter, Allied officers will supervise and give direction to such senior officials in accordance with more normal AMG practice.

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Ltr, AFHQ, AG OLA.12/229 GEG-O,
dtd 13 September 1945 (Cont'd)

4. RECRUITING. (Paragraph 17 F) The method of recruiting to be adopted is considered a matter that should be determined by you in the light of conditions as they exist locally.

5. TRAINING. (Paragraph 18 M) The training program should be produced and approved by you.

6. PAY, CONDITIONS and REGULATIONS. (Paragraph 19 I) All pay and allowances and other expenditures will be met from funds procured and disbursed by AMG.

a. Pay and Family Allowance. You will determine such rates of pay and family allowances as deemed appropriate by you in the circumstances pertaining in VENEZIA-GIULIA, provided that such rates do not exceed the current rates in force for the CC RR in the rest of ITALY.

b. Lodging Allowance at Single Rates. The need for such an allowance is not considered to be one of urgency. You are authorized to establish a lodging allowance at single rates as considered by you to be appropriate, provided such an allowance has been customary for the CC RR in the rest of ITALY. You should consult the Allied Commission for the technical information relevant to this decision.

c. Compensation for Injury. You will devise a system and rates of payment of compensation as most appropriate to fit local conditions. Such system will not, however, exceed the rates of payment for injury or disability pertaining to the CC RR in the remainder of ITALY.

d. Clothing Allowance for Plain Clothes Personnel. Authority is delegated to you to pay a flat sum to cover initial outlay. The determination of the amount to be paid is left to your discretion having regard to prices of suitable clothing and material available in the area. However, the amount should not exceed that required to purchase the clothing absolutely essential for a minimum outfit of civilian clothes.

e. Pensions. A pension scheme cannot be instituted at this stage. You are therefore authorized to devise and institute a scheme for gratuity at time of discharge as considered by you to be appropriate, based on not more than one month's pay per twelve months service or a proportionate sum for a lesser period.

f. Period of Service. No long term period of service can be offered to recruits at this stage. As an interim measure therefore no fixed period of service will be established other than that service of members of the police force may be terminated at any time by AMG on a one month notice.

g. Disciplinary Code. The CC RR regulations will be adopted with modifications, if necessary, to meet peculiar local conditions.

7. RATIONS. (Paragraph 20 B) Separate instructions will be issued as to the provision of rations and EFL/PX supplies.

Ltr, AFHQ, AG 614.12/229 (REG-0,
dtd 13 September 1945 (Cont'd))

3. UNIFORM and EQUIPMENT. (Paragraph 21 J)

a. The issue of certain items of clothing and equipment from military stocks has already been authorized by this headquarters as an emergency measure. You have been already notified of such authorizations. In the meantime, it is understood that you have obtained certain items of uniform from local resources to cover the interim period.

b. The question of the design and supply of a more permanent type of uniform must await the receipt of the directive from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

c. The badges of rank as recommended by you are approved.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christensen
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From Military Attache.

Following information was obtained by British Consul in ZAGREB in recent conversation Mr BAKARIC President of Croatian Federal Govt on 8th September. In reply question as to what control if any his Govt had in ISTRIA BAKARIC stated ISTRIA was being governed by military government of Yugoslav Army and that his government had no power at all. It can however advise military governor Lt Gen PERO DASEVIC on administrative problems. In reply query as to whether Yugoslav military administration was proposing withdraw Lira from ISTRIA and replace it with Dinars BAKARIC gave negative answer. Being questioned as to whether their plans for maintaining circulation of Lira with Yugoslav fabricated issue Lira BAKARIC stated that there was intention to issue Yugoslav military occupation Lira but that his own government had no responsibility in this matter since directive for issue such currency came from BELGRADE. He added that this issue would not take place immediately.

Comment. Consul in ZAGREB reported on 1st September that Lira were being printed in ZAGREB. This conversation with BAKARIC would now appear confirm his report.

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1. The following is an extract paraphrase of a signal from the CCS concerning Military Govt in Allied occupied VENEZIA GIULIA: This quoted for your information and guidance. Paraphrase begins.

A. The JUGOSLAV system of National Committees in general should be discontinued throughout the entire territory. You should reinstall the Italian system. In villages and cities which are predominantly Yugoslav you may retain a token Yugoslav administration and may use a National Committee in an advisory capacity. The foregoing is your guide for administering Allied occupied VENEZIA GIULIA.

B. You will make it clear to the Yugoslavs that during the period when the Allies hold the trusteeship of Allied occupied VENEZIA GIULIA they will use Italian laws purged of measures which are Fascist supplemented by such AMG orders and proclamations as are necessary. AMG will take no action which will prejudice the position of either of the disputing parties.

End of paraphrase.

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1. 13 CORPS have cabled that an appreciation of the attitude of pro-Yugoslav elements in Allied occupied VENETIA GIULIA now possible as result of A.M.G. General Order 11 effective since 11 August and is as follows.
2. As C.L.N. of TRIESTE announced in official local Communist newspaper attitude throughout is one of complete non-cooperation demonstrated particularly in C.L.N.
 - (A) Refusal of Slovene members to sit on joint committees for agriculture housing etc.
 - (B) Non-cooperation by high ranking Slovene officials on orders admitted received from the president C.L.N.
 - (C) Non submission of names of candidates for new A.M.G. planned administration.
 - (D) Resignation of forest guard.
3. This policy is designed to embarrass A.M.G. either by necessitating appointment of non-representative administration or possibly in the hope that if BELGRADE asked for Yugoslav cooperation General Order Number 11 will be withdrawn. Policy is clearly directed from BELGRADE with (?) executive control for Slovene areas from LJUBLJANA.
4. Overall situation has been quieter apart from initial demonstrations against General Order 11. Probably next move by us is awaited.
5. Conclusions. General Order 11 has given A.M.G. initiative and situation is

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generally quiet. While situation from point of view of internal security is satisfactory the Yugoslavs may prejudice their own interests in this area by their present general attitude.

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COMBATING GENERAL PETER GORE WILLIAM CORBAND METOURA DISTWO INFO ALCOZ DOG
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PARA THREE PD SUBJECT IS DRAMATIZATION BETWEEN GERMAN PRISONERS WORKING ON
RAILWAYS ETC HERE AND MOUNTED AND GERMAN SEPARATE CIVILIANS IN BOLZANO
TWOVIRE PD REQUEST YOU ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL GUARD UNITS CONCERNED TO
PREVENT PRISONERS DRAMATIZING IN THIS PROVINCE

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Ref conference Admiral STONE and General MORGAN subject advising
SAGHER on matters concerning disposition of VERMILIA CHILIA under peace
treaty. Signal PM 24549 July 18 asked for desired information in
conformity with PAM 592. Therefore no additional authority required
from COM for presentation of SAGHERS views. Most practical method
of implementing decision reached between Chief Commissioner and
Chief of Staff is to broaden base of inquiry to include political
advisers and any other members deemed necessary by ALCON. This
will prevent duplication of effort already expended in study directed
by PM 24549 and permit a comprehensive agreed paper on which SAGHER
base his views to the COM. Initiative for obtaining information
and presenting facts and opinions to SAGHER to rest with ALCON.

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Subject is special police force for VENEZIA GIULIA. Pending receipt from Combined Chiefs of Staff of approval in principle for the formation of this force interim directive is being issued by this Hq. Following are interim instructions on pay and conditions of service.

1. All pay and allowances and other expenditures will be met from funds as arranged by AMG.
2. You will determine such rates of pay and family allowances as deemed appropriate by you in the circumstances pertaining in VENEZIA GIULIA provided such rates do not exceed current rates for the CORR in ITALY.
3. Payments for compensation for injury are to be determined by you but will not exceed current CORR scales.
4. You are authorized to institute a scheme for gratuity at time of discharge based on not more than 1 months pay for 12 months service or a proportionate sum for lesser period.
5. No fixed period of service will be established. Service of members of police force may be terminated at any time by AMG on one months notice.
6. Remaining questions will be dealt with in interim directive from this Hq.

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AND REPLY GEORGE FIVE FROM THIRTEEN CORPS PD

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WITHIN PARTICULAR KNOWLEDGE OF SUGAR CHARLIE ABLE GEORGE VENEZIA GIULIA AND
THIS COMMENTION HAS NO COMMENTS THEREON PD LT COLONEL ADRIAN IS AT PRESENT
IN ONE ZERO FOUR GENERAL HOSPITAL PAPER HOME PAPER BUT WOULD BE AVAILABLE
FOR CONSULTATION IN A FEW DAYS IF REQUIRED PD

PARA THREE PD SUBPARA BAKER PD YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
GENERAL MORGAN CMA GENERAL STOFFORD CMA AND COMMODORE BUNSON CMA ERIC HUGHES
AND COL MINTFORD AT HEADQUARTERS THIRTEEN CORPS IN THE MIDDLE OF JUNE IT WAS
AGREED THAT IT WAS ADMINISTRATIVELY IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY ON WITH A JUGOSLAV
ADMINISTRATION IN SOME COUNTRIES AND AN ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION IN OTHERS AND
FOR THIS REASON AMONG OTHERS IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO IMPOSE AN ITALIAN
ADMINISTRATION THROUGHOUT ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT VENEZIA GIULIA PD

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COGNIZANCE OF SUGAR CHARLIE ABLE CBOE VENEZIA GIULIA AND THIS COMMISSION
HAS NO COMMENTS PD

PARA FIVE PD THE CHARLIE CHARLIE ABLE CBOE AND POLITICAL ADVISERS HAVE
APPROVED WITH SMALL AMENDMENTS THE PROPOSED REGIONAL ORDER REFERRED TO IN
CBOE FIVE SETTING UP AN ITALIAN SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATION AND STRONGLY
RECOMMEND THAT IT BE ISSUED

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Reply from 13 CORPS to FX 31694 cite PHGEG contained in their
Q.5. repeated you. Request your early comment.

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Reply para 3 your signal PX 31694 is as follows.

To sub para A, thorough investigation as to existence and efficiency of peoples court made by Lt Col AINSLEY (B). Full report filed on 26 June will be forwarded if desired. Pursuant to 13 CORPS operational instruction number 15, 20 June 1945 full investigation as to organization and efficiency of National Militia or Difesa Populare accomplished 1 August 1945 by Major G RICHARDSON, chief Public Safety, will be transmitted if desired. So far as persons now here know, no detailed investigation made or report filed as to other civil administrative agencies and departmental liberation committees or councils. These were at first eliminated one by one as incapable of functioning in practice but your directive AG387/207 GEC-O was regarded as requiring their complete elimination as organs of government as of 26 June.

To sub para B, the detail of circumstances leading up to decision that the continuation of such agencies was impractical not known as decision made by your Hq 10 days before arrival of present SCAO, who has since regarded himself as governed by mentioned directive. Those present here at that time have no knowledge of any participation in that decision by any member of this Hq.

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To sub para C, no Yugoslav administrative organisations now being used in present civil administration. Liberation committees and councils still exist, but in accordance with directive regarded as advisory only, and not part of government although ends and ends of organisations still for reasons deemed sufficient not all removed from public buildings. For your information, SCAO proposed relying entirely on directive referred to including provisions thereof that administration as used in BELGRADE agreement means administrators and that Italian system of administration is to be used, to publish a general order which will clearly abolish any claimed governmental functions of all committees and institute administration substantially along Italian lines though with changed nomenclature and certain additional features in the form of advisory committees, all power however being in fact retained, and committees appointed, by Allied Military Govt. Advise at once if there is any intention to change cited directive thus cutting ground from under this plan which is now operationally and psychologically timely. Otherwise order will be published this week. Are you sure your communication actually from Yugoslav Govt? Similar communication naming same grievances in same order received from one of local committees repeat received from one of local committees and forwarded to you through ALLIED COMMISSION last week.

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1. British and US Governments have received letters from JUGOSLAV Government protesting against non-adherence by Allies to spirit of para 3 of BELGRADE agreement of 9 June providing for continued use of JUGOSLAV Civil administration which was already set up and which was working satisfactorily.

2. In particular protest is directed at:

- (A) Reinstatement of Italian laws in effect on 8 September 1943 Italian institutions and administrators all alleged to be Fascist;
- (B) Elimination of Civil administration set up by National Committee in the area;
- (C) Elimination of peoples courts;
- (D) Restraints placed on Departmental National Liberation Committee and its dependent organs;
- (E) Dissolution of National Militia.

3. This Hq propose to inform CCS of our views. General circumstances policy directives and proclamations fully known and appreciated here but in order that we may give CCS fullest possible information request your views and any information you can furnish covering following points:

- (A) Whether any concrete steps were taken to ascertain whether JUGOSLAV Civil administration including departmental National Liberation Committee peoples courts and National Militia were capable of working satisfactorily and to what extent an administrative set-up actually existed;

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(B) Details of the circumstances leading up to the decision that the continuation of such agencies was impracticable;

(C) Details of any JUGOSLAV Administrative Organizations still functioning under AMG.

For 13 CORPS. Please furnish copy of your reply to ALCOM.

For ALCOM. Please comment your agreement or otherwise on 13 CORPS reply.

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TO : ACTION - EIGHTH ARMY FOR AMG (FOR UPJOHN)

FROM: HQ ALCOM SIGNED DRONE NR IS 9709

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reference your M1097 of 12 June. arrangements forecast under para ONE (D) appear largely remove demarkation line for financial purposes. Wish make following observations (a) that currencies will circulate in (1) JUGOSLAV Section (2) AMG Section. (b) If Dinars to circulate in either or both sections problem of mixing Dinar - Lira exchange rate must be remoulded. (c) What will be unit of account in JUGOSLAV Section. (d) What body will supervise "Normal Financial Control" in JUGOSLAV Section. (e) Anticipate (of objections (?) actions) from ITALIAN GOVERNMENT against transfer ALLIED MILITARY LIRE NOTES which are declared liability OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT into hands of JUGOSLAV authorities in JUGOSLAV Section. Otherwise NO comments. Experts will be prepared to leave short notice.

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Conference (2nd Meeting) - 2 Aug. 45.

MINUTE No. 6.

6. ITALIAN CLAIMS IN REGARD TO VENEZIA GIULIA.

(Previous reference SAC, 1st Meeting, Minute 9).

MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER reported that the approved reply to the letter from the Italian Foreign Minister, in which the latter had made certain claims regarding the Italian population of coastal areas of ISTRIA, had recently been despatched by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE, in reply to a question by the Supreme Allied Commander stated that the welfare of the Italian population of the Yugoslav occupied area of VENEZIA GIULIA was causing anxiety to the Italian Government. Signor Parri had informed him that it was the Italian intention to request that the International Red Cross be allowed to investigate reports of atrocities committed in the area. It was Admiral Stone's view that the Allied Military Authorities should endorse such a request if it were formally made.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

- (a) stated that it was his policy that military negotiations with the Yugoslavs in regard to VENEZIA GIULIA should not be reopened and that any queries in regard to the situation in the Yugoslav occupied area should be raised through diplomatic channels.
- (b) directed that the Italian request for facilities to be allowed to the International Red Cross should, if forwarded formally, be endorsed on his behalf.

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I CONSIDER THAT ONE OF THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS IN VIETNAM GERMANY FROM THE ARMY SIDE CONCERNING AND POLITICAL POINTS OF VIEW IS THE FUTURE OF DEPORTED PRISONERS FROM YUGOSLAVIA ID

FOR THE ARMY SIDE IN ARMY SIDE ID

WE HAVE AT THIS TIME SEVERAL LISTES OF PRISONERS WHO FORMERLY WERE TWO THOUSAND WHO WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DEPORTED ID AT THE REQUEST OF MY PREVIOUS ADVISORS WE ARE HOLDING THESE LISTES UNDER INVESTIGATION AND RECEIVED FROM THEIR COMRADES AS TO THE METHOD OF APPROACH TO IMMEDIATE PARAGRAPH SIX OF THE AGREEMENT HAVE TWO ADVISORS ID DEPARTMENT FOR FOREIGN OFFICE HAVE GIVEN ANY INFORMATION AND I AM THEREFORE REPORTING TO YOU WITH A REQUEST THAT THE QUESTION BE TAKEN UP AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

cc: FOLAD (A)
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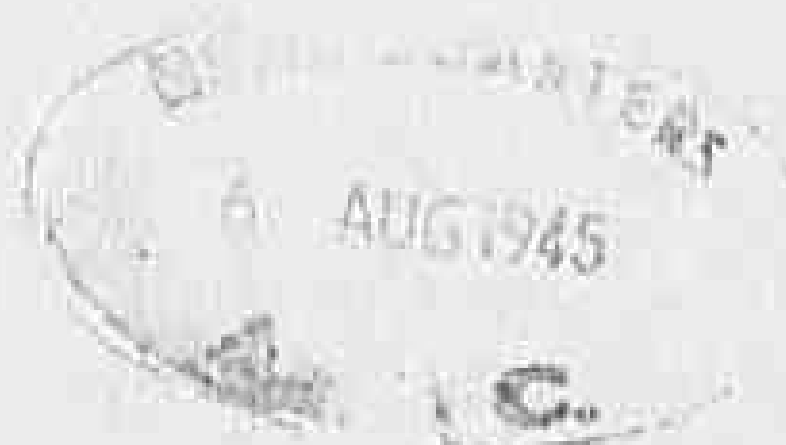
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Organisation called Commission for administration of National Property KUMI left in TUDITS by Yugoslav Army is de facto administering considerable quantities of property of varying status. For example, former Fascist public, former Fascist private, German, Jewish, alleged war booty. Same organisation addresses us as claimant as to certain of same property on behalf Yugoslav Army. In my opinion permitting party avowedly interested to continue to act as fiduciary dangerous and lays us open to justified criticism. Negotiations and instructions met with passive resistance. Recommend strong affirmative action in the form of physical take over of quarters, facilities, records, and property. As we have only one Property Officer Control officer very busy with Allied property and to be relieved within days, recommend in addition to replacement this officer, assignment this HQ at least one and preferably two additional strong minded officers to deal with special problem outlined. Also strongly request visit by Chief Controller of Property.

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1. In view of the focus of attention which is being pointed at Allied occupied VENEZIA GIULIA it is necessary that AFHQ be more fully informed on security and public order conditions than would ordinarily be the case. Anti-Allied agitation by JUGOSLAV agents infiltration of trouble makers across the MORGAN line the behaviour of JUGOSLAV civil administrators and stay-behind JUGOSLAV organisations in VENEZIA GIULIA hostile activities of ex-members of the Guardia Del Popolo and infiltration of JUGOSLAV agents into the GARIBALDI Division are the type of questions which AFHQ desires to be kept informed. A brief summary of events in connection with the arrest s/in TRIESTE on 9 July is requested as soon as practicable.

2. While no periodic reports are required it is desired that any events of special interest will be reported separately without undue delay and that less important items be furnished from time to time as the situation indicates.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 7024/EC.

12 July 1945.

MEMORANDUM

TO : VP Establishment Section.

1. It is the policy of SACMED and Chief Commissioner that the personnel of VENEZIA GIULIA should obtain parity as between American and British officers. I understand that a proposed ceiling of 87 officers (not including Public Safety officers) has been recommended by the Regional Commissioner, which will involve 43 U.S. Officers. At the present moment there are only 30.

2. Will you please see that any new assignments to VENEZIA GIULIA are given to U.S. Officers until this number is reached.

3. The same policy applies to Public Safety officers, among whom parity should be established.

M. S. L.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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26 June 1945

(SUBJECT: Directive for Allied Military Government in that Part of
VENEZIA GIULIA Occupied by Allied Forces)

TO: Headquarters Eighth Army

1. PRELIMINARY: As a result of negotiations between the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom and the Government of Yugoslavia it has been agreed that certain areas of VENEZIA GIULIA will be administered under Allied Military Government. A copy of the agreement dated 9 June is attached as Inclosure Number 1 to this directive. Certain details and working arrangements supplementary to the agreement are set forth in a further agreement dated 20 June 1945 (referred to herein as the supplementary agreement) attached as Inclosure Number 2 to this directive.

2. INSTITUTION OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT: You will institute Allied Military Government over the area between the present western boundary of VENEZIA GIULIA and the line of demarcation to the east thereof shown on the map included as Appendix A to the supplemental agreement and over the city of POLA and surrounding areas as shown on the map included as Appendix B to the supplemental agreement. Such Allied Military Government will have all the characteristics of an Anglo-American undertaking. Allied Military Government will be imposed as soon as possible upon the occupation of the area by Allied Forces.

3. ATTITUDE TOWARD CLAIMANT NATIONS: No steps will be taken which support or may appear to support or prepare for any ultimate disposition of the area to any claimant nation.

4. CONTROL OF LINE OF DEMARCATION: The artificial "Frontier" created by the line of demarcation referred to in paragraph 2 above will not be a closed frontier. Only such controls as may from time to time be deemed necessary by you or as may be agreed with the Yugoslav authorities will be imposed.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT: The local government through which you will administer the area will be based on the Italian administrative system which existed and was in effect on 8 September 1943. It is not necessary, however, that all offices and appointments be filled. You may also, if for administrative reasons it appears expedient to do so, make adjustments and modifications in the foregoing administrative system, so long as its essential structure

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is not changed. You will administer the area as a separate region, under your command but subject to the technical control of the Allied Commission. No civilian local governmental official will be permitted to refer to or obtain instruction from authorities outside the area.

6. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:

a. The appointment of prefects and all officials will be vested in Allied Military Government. You will utilize whatever civil authorities you deem best in any particular place and administrative personnel will be changed at your discretion. Subject to the above, use will be made of any Yugoslav civil administration which you find on entry to be already set up and which in your view is working satisfactorily. In interpreting the term "civil administration" you should consider that the term relates to personnel employed rather than the system of administration itself.

b. If you decide that it is impracticable to administer through local authorities you will resort to direct administration, calling for advice from local committees to be selected by you.

7. LEGAL:

a. The laws of the territory as established and in effect on 8 September 1943 will remain in force. All Republican Fascist legislation as well as any Yugoslav legislation will be abrogated. Italian decrees promulgated since 8 September 1943 will not be implemented. When necessary Allied Military Government orders will be issued, covering the subject matter of any such decrees.

b. You will suspend the right of appeal to ROME from decisions of the Court of Appeals in TRIESTE.

c. In particular, any Peoples' Court now functioning in the area will not be permitted to continue. Active Fascists, Nazis, their supporters and collaborationists will be interned pending further instructions. Local boards may be employed to advise you in this connection. You will receive a further directive on this subject in the near future.

8. POLICE: You will maintain and strengthen whatever police force is found to be functioning satisfactorily on your arrival. Carabinieri will not be introduced but may be used where found. If existing police organizations are inadequate you may in your discretion establish new organizations for the purpose. Patriots may be temporarily employed as auxiliary police at your discretion but you will effect complete disarmament as soon as practicable. The Questura system will be reinstated after the operation of Fascist elements.

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9. FINANCE:

a. Allied Military Lira and the metropolitan lira will be the only currencies accorded the status of legal tender. No other currencies will be recognized. You will use Allied Military Lira in preference to metropolitan lira wherever possible.

b. No exchange rate will be decreed other than that for the lira in relation to the dollar and pound sterling.

c. The existing banks will be used on an autonomous provincial basis and advances will be made to the Bank of Italy by Allied Military Government as needed to strengthen cash reserves.

d. Police and other civil services will be financed on a provincial basis, all existing taxation will be assessed and collected and existing pensions will be paid in accordance with current directives.

e. The debt of the Royal Italian Government will be serviced in the usual manner and sale of postal savings bonds and acceptance of postal savings deposits may be permitted; the issue of other Italian Government securities for sale to the public will be suspended until further notice, provided, however, that banks will be permitted to invest in Italian Government obligations.

f. Deficits in the provincial and communal accounts will be met as necessary by advances from the head branch of the Bank of Italy and only in emergency by advances by AMG.

g. Imported civilian supplies will be sold for lira at appropriate local prices to appropriate local agencies and the proceeds of sale will be held in accounts of AMG.

h. Italian postage or revenue stamps will be used until further instructions are received.

10. COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:

a. Normal economic movement across the line of demarcation is to continue subject to control sufficient to ensure that AMG supplies for the area west of the line of demarcation are not removed across the line by unauthorized buying, by black market operation, or otherwise. You will so far as possible ensure, in agreement with the representatives of the Yugoslav Government:

- (1) That rural Consorzi Agrari (Farmers Unions) are not cut off from their directing center in the provincial capitals of TRIESTE, GORIZIA and PORDENONE, and that anassing is encouraged to continue.

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- (2) That rail communication within the area as a whole shall not be discontinued. Arrangements for traffic and control of operation will be made through the Joint Railway Committee to be established in accordance with Appendix I to the supplementary agreement.
- (3) That the resources of the area as a whole will be utilized to the maximum through the inter-change of power, industrial mineral, and agricultural products. Arrangements for these purposes will be worked out through the Joint Economic Committee to be established in accordance with Appendix I to the supplementary agreement.

11. MOVEMENTS: Civilians will be permitted to enter VENEZIA GIULIA and to cross the line of demarcation subject to the controls provided in Appendix H to the supplementary agreement.

12. RESTORATION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

a. You will ensure that all facilities are given for the implementation of the undertaking of the Yugoslav Government given in paragraph 6 of the agreement annexed hereto as Inclosure Number 1.

b. Cases of non-observance which may be brought to your attention will be taken up in the first place with the Yugoslav High Command in accordance with the procedure provided in Appendix D of the supplementary agreement. If prompt satisfaction is not received reference will be made to this headquarters and to Allied Commission.

13. POSTAL FACILITIES:

a. Passage of civilian mail across the line of demarcation will not be discontinued.

b. Telegraph and telephone facilities will initially be suspended but the period of suspension will be reduced to the minimum.

14. FLYING OF FLAGS:

a. On official buildings which are in any way controlled by, or a part of, the Allied Military Government machine the only display of flags permitted will be that of the United States and British flags flown jointly. This applies to police stations whether manned by local Slovene or Italian police or by Carabinieri.

b. Concentrations of troops in barracks or camps may fly their own national flags in these areas. Thus, the Yugoslav troop detachment contemplated by paragraph 2 of agreement (Inclosure Number 1) may fly the Yugoslav flag, and the Italian flag may be flown over Carabinieri or police barracks (as opposed to police stations).

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c. No restrictions will be imposed upon the display of flags on private residences and buildings.

15. GENERALLY:

a. The agreement and supplementary agreement are deemed to be a part of this directive and you will be guided by the provisions thereof.

b. The directions herein contained supersede any instructions inconsistent herewith. In the event that problems of policy arise not covered by this or other existing applicable directives for Allied Military Government, this headquarters or Allied Commission will be consulted, as appropriate. In all cases in which matters are referred to this headquarters directly, copies of communications will be furnished to Allied Commission for information.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christensen
C. W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

2 Incls (to addressee only)

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9 June 1945

Incl #2 - Supplementary Agreement,
dated 20 June 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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SUBJECT : Legislation in Venezia Giulia.

TO : SCAO AME, XIII Corps.

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3 July 1945.

1. In order to avoid the appearance of introducing into Venezia Giulia current legislation passed by the Italian Government, the policy of implementing Italian Governmental and Ministerial Decrees will not be adopted in this region.

Effective legislation will therefore consist of the Proclamations of the Supreme Allied Commander and Military Governor, supplemented by such Regional or Provincial Orders as may be required.

The General Order's issued by AME, either before or after the date of this directive will not be put into operation in Venezia Giulia as General Orders, but where applicable should be reissued as Regional Orders.

2. The absence of the Italian legislation leaves certain gaps in the legislation required for the administration of the territory and will necessitate the issue of additional Regional Orders. The following paragraphs of this directive indicate the special subjects upon which such orders are required. Nothing in this directive is intended to prohibit the normal issue of Regional Orders on particular regional problems as and when the need for such orders arises.

3. Agriculture. A Regional Order is required for the amassing of wool to incorporate the provisions of DM dated 21 April 1945 (G.U. No. 49 of 24 April 1945).

4. Communications. The current Italian Postal and Telecommunications rates are covered in the following decrees:

Foreign Postal Rates	Ministerial Decree 31st March 1945
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Telephone Rates (Interurban)	Decree L.T. No. 95 22nd March 1945
	Gazzetta Ufficiale 31st March 1945
	Ministerial Decree 26th March 1945
	Gazzetta Ufficiale 31st March 1945
	Ministerial Decree No. 247 5th April 1945
	Gazzetta Ufficiale 9th May 1945.

It is desirable that the rates of services in operation or to be reintroduced in Venezia Giulia should be in conformity with the rest of Italy, but it would be difficult to reproduce these lengthy decrees in a Regional Order and in any case, a number of the services mentioned therein are not likely to be introduced. A Regional Order should therefore be issued to the effect that Postal and Telecommunications rates, limitations, conditions and indemnities in Venezia Giulia will be in accordance with Pollettini to be issued by the Post Office Provin-

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5. Finance. The undermentioned 11 decrees require reissue as Regional Orders. The first eight can conveniently form the subject matter of one Order. It may be necessary at a later stage to reissue a large number of revenue decrees. If so details will be supplied:

RDL No. 12/B of 2 Dec 1943, RDL No. 19 of 24 Jan 1944, RDL No. 74 of 2 Mar 1944, RDL No. 84 of 10 Mar 1944, RDL No. 108 of 6 April 1944 (all in Raccolta Ufficiale). DIL No. 165 of 3 Aug 1944 (G.U. No. 43 of 5 Aug 1944), RDL No. 235 of 8 Sept 1944 (G.U. No. 68 of 14 Oct 1944), RDL No. 380 of 9 Nov 1944 (G.U. No. 98 of 23 Dec 1944), DIL No. 234 of 8 Sept 1944 (G.U. No. 68 of 14 Oct 1944), DIL No. 301 of 19 Oct 1944 (G.U. No. 81 of 14 Nov 1944).

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DM 3 Nov 1944 (G.U. No. 75 of 7 Nov 1944);
DIL No. 99 of 1 Mar 1945 (G.U. No. 41 of 5 April 1945);
Decree of High Commr. for Alimentation of 20 Mar 1945 (G.U. No. 36 of 24 March 1945 p. 367).

7. Labor. DIL No. 505 of 6 Dec 1944 (G.U. No. 36 of 24 March 1945) extended Italian Social Insurance to Allied Forces Employees. The Italian Government accepted this liability by reason of their armistice obligations to make labour available. A similar arrangement should be made locally and the appropriate Regional Order issued.

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9. In drafting Regional Orders in accordance with the above policy, care must be taken to ensure that all references to and duties of Italian Central Governmental bodies are excluded.

10. Translations of the relevant Italian decrees mentioned herein are attached.

For Chief Commissioner:

E. Prigadier

Prigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Provost Marshal AFHQ who has been investigating police situation VENEZIA GIULIA at request GOC 13 Corps reports that Regional Police officer is greatly handicapped by shortage of staff. Formation of efficient civil police is clearly of utmost urgency. Request your assurance that steps have been taken to provide Major RICHARDSON with all resources necessary for him to achieve this purpose. Desire also to know what arrangements you propose for clothing equipment and transport for this force.

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Spoke to CAO who state

- (1) Sufficient Military Police now there
- (2) will win 5 Army advance to release 5 PSC officers

ACTION: Pub Safety
 INFO: Chief Commissioner
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General Courts.

25 Jun 45.

Legal Sub-Commission

Please draft for my signature a power authorising SCAO XIII Corps
to convene General Courts and annex the usual panel thereto.

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

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Your 465 dated 23 ACLEQ refers.

Proclamations 23 and 4 posted in TRIESTE and GORIZIA areas 22 June 45.

They have been despatched POLA. Receipt of information re publication awaited.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 522/W.

25 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Administration - VENEZIA GIULIA.

26 June 1945

TO : Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

Attached is draft signal agreed upon this morning for
transmission to ACWAR on the work of civil administration in VENEZIA
GIULIA.

Local Government to see

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MSL
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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TO: AGMAR for CCS signed ALEXANDER cite PHMG

This is HAF ____.

1. During Trieste conferences difference developed with Jugoslavs over interpretation para 3 Belgrade agreement regarding continuance civil administration. Jugoslavs submitted memorandum containing proposals not acceptable to us. Memorandum and our comments attached to agreement forwarded to you. In view expressed attitude Jugoslavs, radio broadcasts of last few days and declaration local Slovene groups, desire confirmation our interpretation as basis for possible further discussion or action.

2. Para 3 Belgrade agreement provides that use will be made of any Yugoslav civil administration which is already set up and which in view of SAC is working satisfactorily.

3. Present status of civil administration in our area is generally as follows: Italian administration is functioning in part but has in part been suspended by Yugoslav action during the period of their occupation. The Prefecture staff is still on the payroll but has been relieved of any executive responsibility. Organizations such as Genio Civile, Sepral and the Consorzio are still functioning executively with Yugoslav appointed chiefs. In place of the Prefecture staff the Jugoslavs have set up committees of liberation with subcommittees having jurisdiction in various administrative fields which up to the present have been exercising executive powers. This pattern has been followed down through the district and communal level with the regional committee exercising executive control over the whole area. Obviously, this Yugoslav committee administration is not completely or finally organized but it was the machinery which was functioning on the date of our occupation. The Jugoslavs are taking the position that the Belgrade agreement commits us to adopt this committee structure as the "existing administration."

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4. We have maintained that inasmuch as the basic law of this area is and must continue to be Italian the Italian administrative system must in its essentials be continued; that it was the intention of the agreement that our commitment to continue existing administration related to personnel rather than to the system of administration itself; and that the committee system as an executive instrument of local government cannot be recognized but that committees where useful, will be employed in an advisory capacity as in other parts of Italy.

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5. We are convinced that above position is the proper one and the only one we can take as practical matter. Some color may be given to Jugoslav claim by wording of para 3. You will recall that the draft which we submitted read "administrators" in place of "administration." Had this wording appeared in final agreement the position would have been perfectly clear. We of course have in mind the qualification that the administration must in view of SAU be working satisfactorily. However we do not believe we should rely on this as we might then have the wholly anomalous situation of a committee form of government in one commune and the Italian system functioning in the adjacent locality. This would obviously be unworkable in practice.

6. Request confirmation that our interpretation is correct and any further guidance you may wish to give us.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref:

4/444/171

29 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Education in VENEZIA GIULIA.

TO: Education Sub-Commission.

- 1 As you are no doubt aware, Allied Military Government has been set up in a portion of Venezia Giulia and will remain there pending a decision at some peace conference as to whether Venezia Giulia should remain Italian or pass to Yugoslavia or some other nation. AMG is, in fact, a trustee for the territory under its control for whatever country may take the territory after the peace conference.
- 2 In these circumstances, difficult questions with regard to educational policy in this area arise.
- 3 I have instructed the SCAO, XIII Corps to keep the schools closed for the time being but we must be ready with a clear-cut policy for the opening of the university and schools in October.
- 4 Please, therefore, study this matter and let me have your recommendations as soon as possible as to the educational policy to be adopted, bearing in mind the following facts:
 - (a) That Italian laws up to the 8 September 1943 are applicable,
 - (b) That no Italian personnel may be introduced from the outside and use must be made of the existing or locally recruited personnel,
 - (c) As trustees, the Allies must adopt a very impartial attitude, neither for or against the Italian Government, but remembering of course that Italian law is applicable.
- 5 Your study should embrace the following features:
 - (a) What languages are to be used in the schools and university?
 - (b) What books should be used; is it desirable to have a new series of elementary books?
 - (c) How are personnel to be recruited and made available?
 - (d) What directives should be laid down as to the policy for teaching children, e.g. should all nationalistic ideas be avoided?

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- 6 Before completing your study you will probably want to pay a visit to Venezia Giulia. Such a visit should be of a purely exploratory character and conducted with the greatest discretion as matters of high policy are involved; no commitments should be made and no hopes or promises held out.
- 7 Before paying any such visit, please discuss the matter with me.

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

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