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Reference is to AFHQ FX 05472 of 21 July 1946 and your 4233 of 22 July. Principal factors considered in decision to change type of Government introduced in Venezia Giulia by the Yugoslavs were: (A) Belgrade Agreement, which made obligatory use of "any Yugoslav civil administration which is already set up and which in the view of the supreme allied commander is working satisfactorily" but empowered AMG "to use whatever civil authorities they deemed best in any particular place and to change administrative personnel at their discretion". (B) AFHQ directive AG387/207680-0 of 26 June 1945 to 8th Army providing "no step will be taken which support or may appear to support or prepare for any ultimate disposal of the area to any claimant nation"; "the local Govt through which you will administer. The area will be based on the Italian administrative system which was in effect on 8 September 1943"; "In interpreting the term 'civil administration' you should consider that the term relates to personnel employed rather than the system of administration itself"; (C) Conclusion of officers in the field that organs created 25 days prior to withdrawal of Yugoslav army did not provide for representation of majority or even large minority of population which since confirmed by observations of administration in Yugoslav portion of Venezia Giulia and population reaction in our area. (D) Absolute necessity of complete top-level control by military authority to which Yugoslav scheme if administered bona fide was not adaptable. (E) Complete and continued refusal of pro-Yugoslav elements to participate in any even slight (most likely) of administration plan of

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participate in any even slight (modified?) of compromise plan of administration.

Detailed analysis of characteristics of the ~~present~~ Yugoslav administration of the Trieste area which may modified subsequent to assuming control on June 12, 1945, would require a close perusal of intelligence reports prepared prior to that date and not available here. GOC 13 Corps has read cited signals and approves this reply

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21 July

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COPY TO YOU ID
REQUEST THAT YOU COMPILE REPORT REQUIRED AND SUBMIT THIS HEADQUARTERS EARLIEST ID

COPY :- POLAD 'A'
POLAD 'B'
C.A. Sec. -



N. W. HIND-SMITH

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

NICHOLAS FLOMBINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjt

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ALCOM INFO: AMG REAR XIII CORPS

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Assistance us Sec War has requested that he be informed as to reason it was necessary for Allies to change type Government introduced in Venezia Giulia by Yugoslavs during their interim control.

Desire that AMG produce original paper, send it to you for editing and augmentation if desirable, and that you submit paper to G5.

Paper should be reasonably comprehensive.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

(8)
15 LUG 1946

4/50.A/CA
Ref: ES/20.32

16 July 1946

SUBJECT: Yugoslav claims to ROMSA equipment.

TO : AFHQ (Attention G-5 Section).

Reference your letter dated 10 February 1946
(G-5:386); above subject/

1. No action has been taken on our letter of 10 February 1946 because of the difficulty of carrying out your decision in view of the opposition of the Italian Government and the objections of Romsa.

2. The Yugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs is now applying through diplomatic channels for return of the property in question.

3. Upon review of the correspondence there appears to be considerable doubt as to whether the Yugoslavs have any legal right to a return of the property.

4. In your unnumbered letter of 3 January 1946, you state:

"It appears that the property in question belongs to the refinery which is located in Yugoslav occupied Italian territory, and that the request is to return it to its proper owners. No questions of seizure by the Yugoslavs as war booty or as reparation appears to be involved.

5. It appears, however, that the property is now in the hands of the Romsa firm, and the firm is objecting to the return of the property to its Fiume plant, which has been seized by the Yugoslavs. Since it is not disputed that the



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property belongs to Romsa, it seems that the property is already in the hands of its "proper owners". If the Yugoslavs insist that the Romsa be compelled to return the property to Fiume, they must feel that they are entitled to the property as war booty or reparations.

6. Furthermore, on 3rd January 1946, the Executive Commissioner wrote you on the subject of Italian property in Venezia Giulia removed or taken over by Yugoslavs, under reference 9008/EC, giving as his opinion in the Romsa case that the Yugoslavs have no legal right over the material which the Germans removed from the plant before the occupation of Fiume. There is no indication that you considered the Executive Commissioner's opinion in arriving at your decision of 10 February 1946 that the material claimed may be handed over to the Yugoslavs.

7. In the light of what is said in pars.5 and 6 above, and since the Executive Commissioner's opinion has the support of his legal and political advisers, it is recommended that this Headquarters be instructed to inform the Yugoslavs representative that the Yugoslav Government has no legal right to compel the return of the property to Fiume over the objections of ROMSA and the Italian Government.

8. May we have your decision and instructions in the matter please.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

(Signed)
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
sgd
Acting Vice President.
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel AC
Acting Vice President

Copy to:

1. Executive Commissioner
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3. " (B)
4. Civil Affairs Section ✓

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APO 394

Date 26/46....

FROM	TO	FROM	TO
Staff officer to CC		Establishment Section	
Chief of Staff		Executive Officer (A)	
Message Centre		Executive Officer (B)	
Civil Affairs Section	✓	G-1 (A)	
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Local Govt		G-1 (B)	
Patriots Branch		G-2 (A)	
Public Safety		G-2 (B)	
Security Division		247th Regt	
Public Health		W. A. Court	
Legal		Adjutant	
Education		Navy	
Monuments & Fine Arts		Land Forces (MIA)	
Economic Section		Air	
Requisition Division		Communications	
Agriculture		Civil Censorship Group	
Commerce		W. M. B. & F. C. V.	
Finance		Public Relations Branch	
Property Control Div.		Information Division	
Food		Archivist	
Industry		W. M. B. R. A.	
Mining Division		I. G. S. R.	
Labor			
Public Works & Utilities			
Shipping			
Transportation			
Political Section			

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Remarks & Recommendation

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Information & Retention

Appropriate Action & Return

Appropriate Action & Retention

Investigation & Report

Dispatch

REMARKS

Noted and returned -

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Put in Yugoslav File Loyalty
JK 27/6.

SUBJECT: Royalist Yugoslavs
in Italy.

Rear HQ XIII Corps (10)
HQ 3 District (20)
RAAC (5)

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GHQ CME 24 GIU. 1946
3371/1/A2
15 Jun 46

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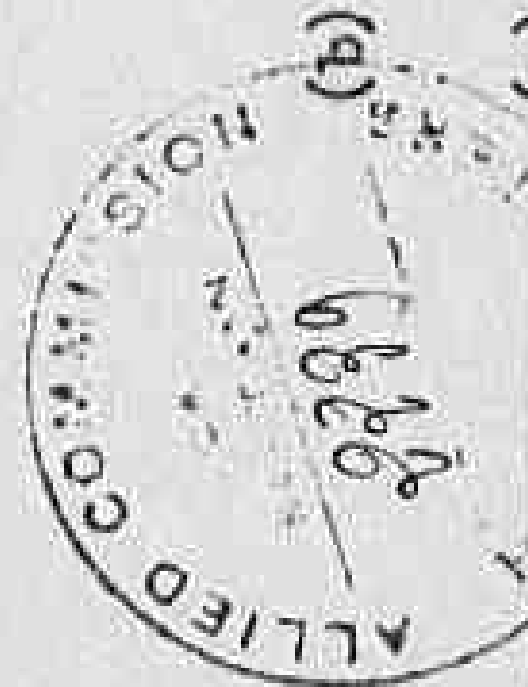
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 - (b) Entry into the XIII Corps area and the British occupied Zone of Austria is forbidden.
 - (c) Italian Government identity cards - "FOGLIO DI SOGGIORNO" should now be carried by all Royal Yugoslavs outside DP & R Camps, whether they be uniformed or not. Identity cards issued by any Royal Yugoslav (Or Chetnik) organisation in Italy are no longer valid.
 - (d) The acceptance of Travel Orders issued by any Royal Yugoslav body for the use of British military transport is absolutely forbidden. Any cases coming to notice of attempts being made to present such orders will be reported to GHQ, with a copy of the order in question.



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6. The above instructions will be issued to all concerned particularly Town Majors, Military managers of Officers Clubs and Officers Shops, Provost Staffs, DIDs, Petrol Points etc.

7. The above restrictions do not affect the issue of supplies and maintenance facilities authorised for Chetniks in KOLI Camp or for such Yugoslav personnel properly employed by the British Army, Royal Navy or RAF in Italy.

/s/ JLC NAPIER,
Brigadier,
DAG.

Copy to:-

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C-in-C Med
HQ Allied Commission Rome
Air HQ Italy RAF
Political Adviser to HQ XIII Corps
HM Consul Florence
" " Genoa
" " Milan
" " Naples
" " Bari
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"B" Branch CHQ (4)
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Please see attached folios 2, 2a & 2b.
and forward your views and comments on folio 2b.
13 April. J. P. Reilly way
C.A. Section.

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LA Sec

I entirely agree with the procedure

suggested by Ring for handling.

G. G. Hammond
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17 April 46.

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Office of Ex Com

By conversation way Reilly. Captain kindly please see folio 4a.
Copies of A748's draft letter is enclosed for handling of Folios.

18 April 46.

W. Reilly way
C.A. Section. J. P. Reilly 24/4

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Policy file
4/50A/CA

19th March 1946.

20 MAR 1946

To : Civil Affairs Section.
Attention: Major Reakes.

I see in the Executive Commissioner's file 5609/EC/-
that the U.K. And U.S. Embassies have agreed that Representations
with respect to Italian fishing boats allegedly seized by the
Jugo-Slavs should be referred by AC directly to the Jugo-Slav
Representative on the Advisory Council for Italy. Such reference
will be made to Dr. Smolaka as Jugo-Slav Representative in
Italy and not to the Advisory Council as a body.

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similar
matter

We shall have to watch this when we write to Dr.
Smolaka on the question of the Jugo-Slav traitors etc.,

AMIC have apparently never been informed of this
decision by the Embassies, and I am taking action on the
Executive Commissioner's file.

If Dr. Smolaka is to be treated as the Jugo-Slav
Representative in Italy as well as a member of the Advisory
Council, it seems to me that AMIC will have to think again.

MB

Brigadier.
V.F.C.A. Section.



I find that the letter about Mr
addressing GHQ A3 and NOT DARM
(SIB) on the subject of War Crimes went
to P.S. S/C for action. The original to
copy of original is in EC file 8763/EC
we should get one original letter
amended here

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 935.15

21 April 1946

SUBJECT: Venezia Giulia - "Extradition" Procedure.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Please expedite reply to letter G-5: 934.31, above subject.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Reply sent. See folio 4,
JLC

A. L. HAMBLEY
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 4/50.A/GA

18 Apr. 46

SUBJECT : Venezia Giulia Extradition Procedure

TO : AFHQ (G.5)

Ref your G.5: 934.31 of 10 April 46.

The draft proposed reply to letter from XIII Corps has been examined and perused and this Headquarters has no comments to make on same.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

*MC*M. CAHR, Brig.
VP CA Section

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Civil Affairs

18 April, 1946.

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With the compliments of

His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome.

*V.P. For info. Asst. in the
right direction JPK 9/4*

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Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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1st. April, 1946.

In continuation of my letter no. 70/35/46 of March 11th, I am writing to inform you that, in pursuance of the United States and British policy of endeavouring to promote the resumption of direct relations between Italy and Yugoslavia, the British and United States Ambassadors at Belgrade have recently been instructed to suggest to the Yugoslav authorities that the latter will doubtless wish to arrange with the Italian Government for the continuation of whatever Yugoslav consular offices they wish to maintain in Italy. This decision has been reached by the Allied Governments since the Allied Military authorities in Italy are no longer competent to sanction the continued functioning of consular offices of foreign powers in territory which has been transferred to the Italian Government's administration.

2. It is also my understanding that the British and United States Ambassadors at Athens have also been instructed to take analogous action with the Greek Government in respect of the Continuance of Greek consular offices in Italy.

3. I should be grateful if you would be so good as to inform the President of the Council of the foregoing.

Noel Charles.

S.E. Don Renato Prunas,
Secretary General,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Palazzo Chigi,
Rome.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 234.31

10 April 1946

SUBJECT: Venezia Giulia, "Extradition" Procedure.

12 APR 1946

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394

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1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter to XIII Corps from the Yugoslav Military Government of Zone B, requesting the arrest and return of certain alleged fugitive criminals and also a draft of the proposed reply.

2. Your comments on the proposed reply are requested.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HANDLEN

A. L. HANDLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Encl:
as above



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Translation.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF THE JUGOSLAV ARMY.
for Venezia Giulia, Istria, Rijeka and the Slovene Littoral.

No. 191

S. 3. 46.

To: ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
Trieste

Recently certain people have fled into Zone A (on territory under the control of the Anglo-American Military Government) who have to answer before the People's Court for their illegal activities.

The Military Government of the Yugoslav Army has been requested by a letter No. 3245 dated 8.3.46 from the Municipal National Freedom Committee to seek the return of the following persons: -

1. DOMENICO MARCIANO from Rijeka (Fiume) has to answer:
 - 1). for defrauding the Susak Shipbuilding yards to the extent of 153,000 lit.
 - 2). for speculation in electrical materials.
 - 3). for falsifying accounts in his personal interest, thereby causing loss to the National Freedom Committee of Fiume of several million lire.
2. CAMRINO RUGGERO from Fiume (Rijeka) has to answer:
 - 1). because he smuggled every-day food needs, which he bought for the use of Fiume from Zone B, into Zone A and into Yugoslavia and at Black Market prices.
 - 2). Because he concealed war material and kept it for his own use.
 - 3). because he made made false registrations with intent to defraud.
3. JELAPSOHEK VICENCO has to answer:
 - 1). for making false registrations and then selling public property, lorries and
 - 2). because he re-registered and sold a lorry, which is the property of the Yugoslav Army.
4. OGRIZOVIC FRANCESCO for theft and appropriating two automobiles and other engineering material.

Would you please take action on your part to arrest all these delinquents and criminals and hand them over to the Yugoslav Army for delivery to the Municipal National Freedom Committee of Rijeka (Fiume).

Death to Fascism

Freedom to the people.

(Signed)

Chief of Staff, Major,

TRBOVIC, Dusan.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFC 512

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G-5: 934.31

10 April 1946

SUBJECT: AMG Courts - Venezia Giulia "Extradition" Procedure.

TO : Headquarters, XIII Corps.

1. It is understood that you have asked for a ruling as to how requests from the Yugoslav Military Government of Zone 'B' for the handing over criminal fugitives, as distinct from political refugees, should be dealt with.

2. Such persons will be dealt with on the analogy of extradition proceedings; that is to say:

a. Zone 'B' will produce evidence to show that the accused is subject to their jurisdiction. They will produce the formal charges and a summary of the evidence by which it is proposed that the charge will be proved.

b. On receipt of this evidence and if satisfied that there is prima facie evidence that a crime (of an extraditable nature) against existing Italian Law has been committed, Zone A will proceed to arrest the accused and bring him before a Zone 'A' AMG Legal Officer sitting as a judge.

c. At his appearance the Zone 'B' official will prove the facts referred to in sub-para 2 a. above and the accused will be heard in answer. If the AMG Legal Officer is satisfied

(1) that a prima facie case is made and

(2) there is no credible suggestion by the defence that the case is false and its true purpose political victimization,

he will make an order for the handing over of the accused for trial in Zone 'B'.

d. If it is credibly suggested that the true object of the application is political the case will be adjourned and the facts reported to this Headquarters together with a recommendation. The accused will be held in custody until directions as to his disposal are received from this Headquarters.

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3. Before bringing these proposals into effect, agreement will be reached with Zone 'B' that they will follow a similar procedure. In discussing the matter with Zone 'B', the contents of para 2 c. (2) and 2 d. above will not be referred to.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. I. HANBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Ref: 578/31

10 April 1946

11 APR 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Yugoslav Relations.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. I discussed your G-5: 383.7/2 of 27 Feb 46 with the United States and British Ambassadors who are the chief diplomatic representatives through whom Dr. Spadolani would communicate, under your interrelation. I have noted however that your directions are at variance with the views of the two Ambassadors who in turn have received instructions from their Governments.

2. The original terms of Reference of the Allied Commission included a directive to the effect that it would handle relations between the United Nations and the Italian Government in the absence of direct relations between Italy and the individual United Nations. (Admin. Memo 74 of 2 Nov. 43).

3. The Yugoslav Government does not have direct relations with the Italian Government and it therefore seems questionable whether the Yugoslav representative could take up problems relating to the Italian Government "through diplomatic channels".

4. I consider that the recommendation made by the British and American Ambassadors should be followed, viz that problems be referred by the Allied Commission directly to the Yugoslav representative on the Advisory Council for Italy. Such problems etc., could be referred to Dr. Spadolani as Yugoslav representative in Italy and not to the Advisory Council as a body.

5. Moreover, such procedure may be a means, through which the Yugoslavs can, in reality, be induced to take measures in Yugoslavia to the advantage of the Italian Government.

6. In this connection I have received a letter from the British Embassy dated 1 April, copy enclosed, stating that it is the policy of the United States and British Governments to endeavour to promote

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the resumption of direct relations between Italy and Yugoslavia. In pursuance of this policy the British and United States Ambassadors at Belgrade have recently been instructed to suggest to the Yugoslav authorities that the latter will doubtless wish to arrange with the Italian Government for the continuation of whatever Yugoslav consular offices they wish to maintain in Italy. This decision has been reached by the Allied Government since the Allied Military authorities in Italy are no longer competent to sanction the continued functioning of consular offices of foreign powers in territory which has been transferred to the Italian Government's administration.

7. The following (other than questions arising out of the Allied occupation of Venezia Giulia) give an indication of matters which need to be transacted between the Italians and Yugoslavs.

- (a) The Italian Government frequently alleges that small Italian vessels are seized on the high seas by the Yugoslavs and retained by them, and that in many cases traces of the crews of these vessels are lost.
- (b) The Yugoslav Government has recently alleged that Italian fishing boats have been contravening the laws regarding fishing in Yugoslav waters.
- (c) The Yugoslavs, on many occasions allege that the Italian Government are wrongfully detaining Yugoslav subjects in prison or concentration camps. The Italian Government on its part, maintains that such individuals are not Yugoslav subjects, or that they are being rightfully detained.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Field "A"
Field "B"
Re cover (5609/20)
Vf C.A. Section.

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In continuation of my letter no. 70/35/46 of March 11th, I am writing to inform you that, in pursuance of the United States and British policy of endeavouring to promote the resumption of direct relations between Italy and Yugoslavia, the British and United States Ambassadors at Belgrade have recently been instructed to suggest to the Yugoslav authorities that the latter will doubtless wish to arrange with the Italian Government for the continuation of whatever Yugoslav consular offices they wish to maintain in Italy. This decision has been reached by the Allied Governments since the Allied Military authorities in Italy are no longer competent to sanction the continued functioning of consular offices of foreign powers in territory which has been transferred to the Italian Government's administration.

2. It is also my understanding that the British and United States Ambassadors at Athens have also been instructed to take analogous action with the Greek Government in respect of the continuance of Greek consular offices in Italy.

3. I should be grateful if you would be so good as to inform the President of the Council of the foregoing.

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