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29 APR 1946

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27 April 1946

My dear Dr. Franco,

I have to thank you for your courtesy in sending to the Chief Commissioner under cover of your letter of 25 March, copies of the two communiqués issued by the Italian Government on 5 and 8 March as to its policy with regard to the Alto Adige.

I have sent copies of these documents to the United States and the British Ambassadors who have in turn informed their respective Governments.

Yours very truly

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

Dr. Renato Fumagalli
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome.



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Ref. : 578/62/ED

8 March 1946

SUBJECT: Yugoslav and Greek Consular offices.

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TO : Polad (A)
Polad (B)

C.A. Section ✓ *HP*

Attached for your information is copy of letter C-5:091.112 dated 1 March 1946 from C-5 AFHQ on the above subject.

LPB
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5 : 091/112

1 March 1946

SUBJECT: Yugoslav and Greek Consular Offices.
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 59.

It has been decided to inform the Yugoslav Governments that in view of the extent to which the Italian Government has now reassumed control of Italian Territory, the Allied authorities are no longer competent to authorize the continued functioning of Yugoslav or Greek consular offices in Italy. These governments are therefore being informed through diplomatic channels that if they desire the continuance of these offices they must make the necessary arrangements with the Italian Government. The Italian Government is also being appropriately notified through diplomatic channels.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN

/s/ F. G. A. WILSON

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

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18 December 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Executive Commissioner,
VP, Civil Affairs Section
Chief Legal Adviser X

1. At his special conference yesterday, SACRED set December 31st as the definite date on which the handback of the Northern provinces and Portress Islands would take place. The time will be 2400 hours.
2. The press announcement to this effect will be made at 6 P.M. today.

ELLEN W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner



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AFHQ FOR G-5, BATTEN BERNIN, US FARAD

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15 AUGUST 1945

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IN MY SIDE MEMOIRE OF JUNE THIRTIETH ON REENTRY OF ALLIED TROOPS IN ITALY AND MY LETTER OF JUNE TWO THREE QUOTE FUTURE POLICY TOWARDS ITALY UNQUOTE CMA I ADVOCATED THE RETENTION IN ITALY OF FIVE DIVISIONS OF ALLIED TROOPS PD I DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAS BEEN THE RESULT OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BUT THEY HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE PROPOSALS WHICH FOLLOW PD

PARAGRAPH TO AFHQ FOR G-5, BATTEN BERNIN CMA BATTEN BERNIN CMA WHILE SIGNAL FARAD FROM

RE ALONG FROM AIRMAIL STONE SITE AGING PAPER

PARAGRAPH TWO PD WITH THE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT OF MY POLITICAL ADVISERS AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS I RECOMMEND THAT ARE TERRITORY IN NORTHERN ITALY LESS THE PROVINCE OF UDINE BE HANDLED BACK TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ON FIFTEEN SEPTEMBER PD AS PROPOSED IN MY SIGNAL TWO NINE SIX TWO OF ONE AUGUST I RECOMMEND THAT UDINE BE RETURNED TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION ON ONE DECEMBER PD

PARAGRAPH THREE PD RECOMMEND HAVE TAKEN AS CRITERION FOR RESTORATION OF TERRITORY THAT AREA TO BE RETURNED IS IN FIT AND PROPER STATE ADMINISTRATIVELY AND THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION IN SUCH AREA PD THE BATTEN OF LAW AND ORDER DO NOT CONSIDER THIS STANDARD CAN APPLY TO NORTHERN

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IF PRESENT REINFORCEMENT PLANS ARE CARRIED OUT PD

PARA FOUR PD SITUATION IN NORTHERN ITALY THOUGH AT THE MOMENT TRANQUIL SHOWS
 POTENTIAL DANGER OF GRAVE DISORDER PD IT IS GENERAL BELIEF THAT LARGE QUANTITIES
 OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHICH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO COUNT UP ARE STILL HELD BY
 POPULATION PD PERSISTENT RUMOURS RECEIVED THAT COMMUNISTS INTEND COUP D'ETAT
 IN NORTH WITHIN NEXT TWO MONTHS PD REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS BELIEVE THAT WITHDRAWAL
 OF ARMS FOLLOWED BY RAPID RETAL REDEPLOYMENT OF ALLIED TROOPS WOULD BE FOLLOWED AT
 A MINIMUM BY DISORDERS AND BLOODSHED AND AT A MAXIMUM BY SOMETHING APPROACHING ARMED
 COMMUNIST INSPIRED REVOLUTION PD THERE SHOULD BE NO ILLUSIONS ON THIS MATTER PD
 I AM DOUBTFUL WHETHER THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ALONE IS CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING ORDER
 DURING THE COMING MONTHS OF WINTER AND POLITICAL TURMOIL PD

PARA FIVE PD WE ARE FACED THEREFORE WITH THIS QUESTION PD SHOULD WE TAKE THE
 POLITICALLY RETROGRESSIVE STEP OF RETAINING ARMS THROUGH THE WINTER OR SHOULD WE
 TAKE THE RISK OF HANDING OVER THE TERRITORY TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN ITS PRESENT
 UNSTABLE STATE QUERE

PARA ^{5/1}~~FOUR~~ PD MY RECOMMENDATION IS TO ADOPT THE LATTER COURSE FEELING THAT THERE
 WILL BE GREATER INSURANCE AGAINST THE RISK OF DISORDER AND BREAKDOWN OF GOVERNMENT

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IF THE TRANSFER IS MADE WHILE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF ALLIED TROOPS ARE ACTUALLY IN ITALY TO GIVE CONFIDENCE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POPULATION BY THEIR PRESENCE CMA PARTICULARLY DURING THE IMPORTANT PERIOD OF THE ELECTIONS WHENEVER THEY MAY TAKE PLACE PD

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PARA ~~SEVEN~~ PD IN GENERAL CMA IT SHOULD BE SAID THAT IT IS OUR DUTY AND TO OUR INTERESTS NOT ONLY TO SEE THAT LAW AND ORDER ARE MAINTAINED BUT TO ENSURE UNDER PAR FOUR NEXT SEVEN THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSUMES THAT RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT WE GIVE THEM EVERY ASSISTANCE TO FULFIL IT. PD

EIGHT

PARA ~~EIGHT~~ PD I RECOMMEND CMA THEREFORE CMA PAREN AND PAREN THAT THE NORTHERN REGIONS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PROVINCE OF UDINE BE RESTORED TO THE ITALIAN GOVT ON FIFTEEN SEPTEMBER OR NINE FIVE OR TWENTY ONE DAYS AFTER RECEIVING APPROVAL FROM YOU WHICHEVER MAY COME LATER. SENSATION PAREN PAREN PAREN THAT IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUS RISK OF DISORDER MENURED AND URGENT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE RETURN OF A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ALLIED TROOPS IN ITALY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA SEVEN FOX OF MY LETTER OF TWO THREE JUNE AND GENERAL THISCOTE LETTER 691 TO SACRETS OF SEVEN AUGUST PD

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15 Aug 45

PARA ^{NINE} ~~TWO~~ PD I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR AN EARLY DECISION ON ^{EIGHT} ~~THESE~~ PARAGRAPH ABLE PARAGRAPH PD
YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT THE ITALIANS HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE TURNOVER WILL
BE ON SEPTEMBER FIRST AND SOME PRELIMINARY AND PREPARATION WILL BE NEEDED TO COVER
THE POSTPONEMENT PD
PARA ELEVEN PD IN ANOTHER MESSAGE I SHALL SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE REDUCTION OF
A NUMBER OF LIAISON AND ECONOMIC GROUPS IN THE MONTH AFTER THE TURNOVER OF TERRITORY PD

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ALBERT W. STONE
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref. 9/6.A/CA

21st November, 1944.

SUBJECT: Handover of Territory to the Italian Government.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Sicilia Region.

With further reference to your 400.274/RC, dated 27th September, 1944, and this Headquarter letter of the above reference, dated 11th October.

1. This Commission has been informed that it is not proposed to hand over to the Italian Government the administration of the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa. The matter will be further investigated if and when the Italian Government raise the question.

2. In the meanwhile they will not be informed of the information contained in this letter.

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

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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20 November 1944

SUBJECT: Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your 9/6.B of 11 Oct the proposal in which was concurred in by this Section from the Civil Affairs point of view.

2. The Naval, Air and G-3 authorities are however unable at the present time to concur from the operational aspect and it is therefore necessary that the Islands remain under AMG.

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

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