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RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRIA & ITALY
OCT. 1945 - MAR. 1946

WFO H.S. 16/12

b1 to info. suggest no ~~other~~ further action.
bladed may also to see the nation impl answer
to them his 38 contained in para 3 of info.

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Also letters submitted for signature in accordance
with note added to 63

WFO H.S. 14/13

70.

to b6 b8 for info - the 14 Govt have now
cancelled their permission to re-enter
to act as repatriation agent etc
Polado will probably like to see.

Yes - show.

12/13.

Polado ~~noted~~ 14/13 -

Trans. b7 - enclosure to info 13/13.
H.S. 14/13

to act as representative agent etc
Poland into probably like to see.

Yes - slow.

RS 12/3.

Poland 1st noted July -
Poland (E).

Trans 67 - enclosure to into 1/3

Page 1/3

3501

theing's story. Dr. Bombassei advises waiting to the report promised in para 6 & says he will chivy the Ministry for a speedy answer.

A/Cso

44

SS 22/1

Letter at 42 submitted for signature in answer to Poland (53) letter at 28. Have sent a copy to Dr. Bombassei in case R.F. & are interested in these remarks but if you consider it ill-advised he would have a copy.

SS 2/2

1st visit -

46

A/Cso

In see (45) in reply to our (40). The whole correspondence is, indeed, very confusing. As far as I can see paras 6 & 7 of (45) are operative. Would it be worth while acting on para 1? I think Poland would like to see (45).

SS 2/2

A/Cso

56

1) The see mem 46 above: the correspondence starting at 54 came in the same day that I wrote mem 46. Since 54 changed the complexion of the case I prepared the letter (2 enclosures) submitted for sig. at 55, if approved.

EPB 2/2 25610

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[Signature] 4/2

A/Cso 56

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-RPS 7/2 3560

[Signature] 4/2 8

A/Cso 56
 1) Ref mem 56: Polonski have agreed above - many letter (55) be signed if approved per.
 2) Letter to RO Solzgens submitted for approval. (57)
[Signature] 4/2

36.

Blas (4)

34 So up I suppose no Austrian consul can be appointed in Bolzano until diplomatic relations are established between Italy & Austria.

12/11

37

C.S.O.

No. Furthermore, so long as Austria is run by a central committee, it is unlikely that she will be likely to have diplomatic relations with Italy. This may, of course, be mitigated in her case, as we have in the case of Italy. I am puzzled by 32 I have been told that we have thought that an official Austrian consul would be in the area of contact in the future.

21/1/46

Hayden
12/11/46 (12/11)

38

C.S.O.

It seems that Harrison refers to "Provisional Austrian Council for Bolzano Province". He was told to desert from his "Provisional Austrian Council for Bolzano Province" last Nov. So he still carries on

This copy of memo, to be reviewed - has copies, as in the
 - the area of security.
 - In a package of 5000 copies, including letters -
 - have thought that an official distribution could be made
 - from the area of current conflict.

2/1/66

Waggon
 (K)

38

C.S.O. - In para 1, Mr. Harrison refers to "Provisional
 no" Provisional Constitution Council for Bolivia and
 Province". He was told to dissent from his official
 activities last Nov. So he still carrying on
 despite AMG orders - the wishes of the allusion
 & Constitution grants.

Waggon
 (K) Jan 27/66

41
 Letter at 100 submitted in answer to 34 - minutes
 from Toledo at 37 & 38 sets. This letter sets out
 what we have asked the people in Bolivia
 with a what they apparently have failed to do.
 I think it's about time they stopped asking
 for instructions when they've had 3 sets already.
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Ex. 6m. 26 24
 c/o. Your attention is invited to F 23 from
 us & a's reply to Passage through Italy. 5/24/60
 13/2/60

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Chief Commissioner.

Approved
 Attached is submitted for your signature
 information

P25 I think the decision is questionable. We have not

been consulted.

Mr. (name)

255, 27, 1000

Noted by 20/10/60
 5/24/60

31

letters at 29 & 30 submitted to signature as refers.

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32

Miss S.

Why don't we also send copies direct to day 20 Belgians.

Attention

P25 I think the decision is questionable. As has and

been consulted.

7/28/1980

1000

Noted by [signature] 5/24/81

31

CSJ letters at 29 & 30 submitted to signature - 38 refers.

11/1

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Miss S.

Why don't we also send copies direct to Chy 20 Bulgars.

True 11/1

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C/C / Could you see what copies of these letters go to 33533
Chief L.O. Bulgars - min 32 refers. Done 11/1

2/2/81

34

As he obviously hasn't received our
29 & 30 suggest waiting - read (6) through in the
meantime until like to see & consider.

15/1

Immedicate

Polad (A) Langue ing Nov 21/45
 Polad (B) Nov 21/45

To you Her 21/45

1. Please see Pages 1 - 7. Provincial Commissioner, BOLZANO mentioned this matter to me last week in the North and I immediately gave instructions that no cognizance could be given to RIMZNER and he should be prevented from setting himself up as a Consul or displaying the Austrian flag or using Austrian official notepaper. We can assume that these instructions will be carried out.
2. The question of the illegal trade is serious in itself but still more so the political implications of RIMZNER's presence in BOLZANO.
3. In the present delicate state of political conditions in BOLZANO I consider that RIMZNER should be recalled to VIENNA and that AS Austria should be asked to give effect to this. We can then go into the commercial aspect which clearly needs expert handling. Do you agree?

775L Brigadier,
 Executive Commissioner.

20. Nov. 45

14.

Miss S.

Ref para. 2.03 to min 8. See commercial
 report in being dealt with on another file to L. L.
 P. L. Stod. L.
 File 4003/EC attached.

attached 29/11
29/11
29/11

Att Ex. Com.

Please see 12. suggest informing P.C. Bolzano
 although that have already indicated any

20. Nov. 45

775L
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Miss S.

Ref para. 2 & 3 of memo 8. The commercial
aspect is being dealt with in another file to be
P.E. attached to

File 1003/EC attached.

C.D.

attached, ~~replied~~!

15. 50/11

City Ex. Com.

Please see 17. suggest informing P.O. Brisbane,
although you have already forbidden any
consular activities of Kienzi - 3 that ~~attached~~
letter off for signature.

4/12.

6/12.

(21)

CSO

We have better win and instruct R.C.
Brake police action if necessary. The chief / Done at 22/
appears to be a fraud in the Austrian Club?

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7th March, 1946.

*With the compliments of
His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome*

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Brigadier M.G. Lush, C.B., C.D.E.,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

Lush *70*
10/3/46

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316-87

68

Political Division,

104/204 36

25th February, 1946.

112 MAR 8 1946

Dear Embassy,

Your letter 95/13/46 of February 12th to the Southern Department about the so-called Austrian Consul at Bolzano.

The statement in Rosbrit Signal No. 9817 to the Allied Commission for Italy that the Austrian Government had no knowledge of Kienner was based on an informal conversation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here, and we have no reason to doubt that it was given to us in good faith. The Ministry was at that time in such a state of disorganization that its staff never knew what the right was doing, and we are not really surprised to find that someone in it had given Kienner some kind of credentials. Our first reaction, on receipt of your letter, was to protest about the inaccurate information previously given, but we now feel that this is hardly worth while in view of an official statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and published in the press on February 15th, reading as follows:-

"He has been empowered by the Austrian authorities to represent the Austrian Government in Italy. Consequently, there is at present neither consular nor provisional consular representation of Austria in Italy. This information has been brought to the notice of the Italian Government. The authority previously given to Herr Kienner in Merano to occupy himself with the repatriation of Austrian nationals in the provinces of Bozen and Trient has been cancelled."

In the circumstances, the way seems clear for the Italian authorities to request Herr Kienner to leave.

We are sending a copy of this letter to the Southern Department.

Yours ever,

Political Division.

Embassy,
British Embassy

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See Mr. 10

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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER

BOLZANO

• 316

REF: ACIO/BZ/11.13

Subj: Austrian Consul in BOLZANO.

TO: HQ, Allied Commission,
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

DATE: 5 March 1946.
SWM/gt.

MAR 11 1946

- 61
1. Reference my letter 19 Feb 1946, ACIO/BZ/11.11.-
 2. Attached is a cutting from the German local newspaper "Dolomiten" which, I think, ^{is} of interest to you.

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S. W. Miller
S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Chief Liaison Officer
BOLZANO.

1 encl.
Translation of cutting
Dolomiten 26 Feb 46.

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(Miss S.)

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Official Austrian Announcement

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The Austrian Office of the Bundeskanzler, Foreign Affairs, announces:

Nobody has been authorized by the Austrian Government to represent this Austrian Government in Italy.

Therefore there are no provisional consular or consular representatives of Austria in Italy. This has been brought to the notice of the Italian Government.

Furtheron it has been stated officially:

Mr. RIENZNER acting as Austrian Consul in Merano received some time ago a confirmation to be authorized to deal with the repatriation of Austrians living in Trento and Bolzano Province. Mr. RIENZNER, as it has been proved, has called his office already before receiving this confirmation a "PROVINSIONAL AUSTRIAN CONSULATE". It has been brought ³⁵⁵² notice of the Italian Government that this confirmation has been cancelled. -

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Ref: 316/94/80

11. March 1946

SUBJECT: Representation of Austrian Government in Italy

TO : G-5 AMB.

Ref G-5: ORO.1 dated 2 Feb 1946 and further correspondence on the subject of Herr Fritz Riensner.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum 6/1102/503 dated 8 Mar 1946 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which, it is hoped will close the case of Herr Riensner.

For the Chief Commissioner,

A. W. HIND-SWITH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: HQ Bolzano Liaison Group, 80.

See h. 64.

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Confidential*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*

6/1102/503

MAR 8 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSIONSubject: Mr. Fritz RIENZNER (Austrian "Consul"
in Bolzano).

1. With further reference to the Allied Commission's note 316/30/DC, dated 11 January, and following memorandum 6/281/30 of January 19th, 1946, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to communicate to the Allied Commission what follows.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has instructed the Prefettura of Bolzano that Mr. Fritz RIENZNER, now in Austria, should not be allowed to return to Italy.

3. The a/n Prefettura has also been instructed to the effect that, should Mr. Rienzner succeed in re-entering Italian territory, he be compelled to leave the country.

Rome, March 8th, 1946



See 68

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Ref: 316/59/32

19 February 1946

SUBJECT: Austrian Consul in Bolzano.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

1. Reference conversation Major Benson/Major Ewald-Waith, herewith letter from HQ No. 2 District returned as requested.

2. For your information Herr Riecher is NOT recognised by the Austrian Government (cable no. 9538 of 2 December from Anabrit refers, copy attached) and although not officially recognised by the Italian Government, has nevertheless their permission to carry out his work (letter no. 6/234/90 of 19 January refers).

For the Chief Commissioner,

B. SANDSON

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 316/57/50

12 February 46

SUBJECT: Austrian Consul in Bolzano.

TO : HQ, Bolzano Liaison Group, A.C.,
AND 394.

Reference AGLO/85/11.9 dated 31 January 46.

1. Herewith a copy of 316/19/50 dated 7 December 45 for your records.
2. Telegram 9122 of 8 December 45 was not sent to you for INFO but repeated to you for action.
3. It is not understood why 316/30/50 of 11 January 46 was sent to the Prefect since it was addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for action. Furthermore it is not understood why it was sent if no action could be expected.
4. An explanation is requested as to why Herr FRITZ RIENZNER was referred to in 32 123 dated 11 January 46 as the Provisional Austrian Consul for Bolzano Province in view of the previous correspondence on the matter.
5. AFHQ have now taken the matter up and wish to prevent further activities of Herr RIENZNER. They have asked my views which I have given in the attached copy of my answer.

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 080-1

2 February 1946

SUBJECT: Representation of Austrian Government in Italy

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

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1. Enclosed is a copy of 2 District GSI/2209 of 10 January and its enclosures. You will see that it is alleged that Fritz RIENZER has been recognized by AMG as an official representative of the Austrian Government (flying the Austrian flag over his office) and exercising what appears from his letter to be consular and welfare functions including apparently the unrestricted bringing of Austrian children into Italy to recuperate.
 2. Will you please report whether any recognition has in fact been granted to RIENZER and if so by whom, for what purpose and to what limitations of time, place and function such recognition was subject.
 3. This HQ, as at present advised, does not view the continued exercise of such functions by RIENZER as desirable but before taking any action would like the benefit of your views and in particular details of any functions which cannot be performed by an "unofficial" Austrian national, which if it is desirable should be continued.
 4. You will also see that RIENZER is desirous of adding an office of the Austrian Red Cross to his other activities. This HQ sees no necessity for any such office nor do his proposals disclose any functions which cannot be properly undertaken and adequately performed by Allied or Italian Agencies or the International Red Cross.
 5. This HQ contemplates refusing the request but before doing so would like the benefit of your views.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

Encl:
as above.

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Headquarters 2 District,
General Staff Intelligence,
C.S.F.

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10 January 1946.

Subject: Austrian Red Cross.

3-25-46

- 1. Enclosed herewith is correspondence to a request by Richard Fritz, to open a branch of the Austrian Red Cross in Moscow.
- 2. Richard Fritz appears to have been recognized by all authorities as the proper accredited representative of the Austrian Government's mission in Moscow.
- 3. Before a reply is sent, this Headquarters would appreciate your opinion on this matter.

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for Major General,
Commanding.

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UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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File: G-5: Q80-1

18 January 1946

SUBJECT: Austrian Red Cross Activities in Italy

No.	From	To	Date	
4	USPOLAD	G-2	25 Jan. '46	It is undesirable to have RIENZER continue his activities under any pretext whatsoever. No objection is perceived to obtaining Allied Commission's views before final decision is reached. <i>C. Orrie</i> C. Orrie for U.S. Political Adviser
5.	G-2 (ST)	G-2	28 Jan 46	1. In view of ARIC and US POLAD's proposals for a decision by ARIC, this JRS and attached documents are again referred to you. 2. As stated in your minute 2, the area in question is within the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, and therefore the decision required would seem to be a co-ordination of ARIC views with those of the political advisers. 3. This section being the addressee of the original correspondence, undertakes to forward your decision to No. 2 District. For the A C of S. G-2: <i>C. H. Nichols</i> CARL E. NICHOLS, Colonel, G.S.C., Asst/Ad of S. 3541

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5. 0-2 (U) 0-2 26 Jan 46

1. In view of SMT and SMT-1229' proposals for a decision by ALCOM, this LRS and attached documents are again referred to you.

2. As stated in your minute 2, the area in question is within the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, and therefore the decision required would seem to be a co-ordination of ALCOM views with those of the political advisors.

3. This section being the addressee of the original correspondence, undertaken to forward your decision to No. 2 District.

For the A C of S, G-2:

Charles E. Nichols
 CHARLES E. NICHOLS,
 Colonel, U.S.G.,
 Asst/Ad of S, G-2.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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Suspense: 18 January 1946

Subject: Austrian Red Cross Activities in Italy

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| 2. | G-5 RESMIN 18 Jan
USPOLAD
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(in turn) | 1. International Red Cross in Rome has been asked to substantiate proposed establishment of Austrian Red Cross Branch in Merano.

2. On receipt, information and comment will be forwarded. |
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For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

M. J. HSTL
M. J. HSTL
Capt., GSC

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| 3 | RESMIN HEAD 23 Jan | <p>In December, 1945, H.M. Embassy, Rome, reported that the Allied Commission were anxious that RIEMER, who had set himself up as an Austrian Consul in BOLZANO (displaying the Austrian flag and using official Austrian note paper) should be recalled to VIENNA. The Foreign Office agreed that Rienser should not be allowed to remain "in this capacity" in the present circumstances. At the same time the Austrian authorities informed H.M. Representative in VIENNA that they had no knowledge of him and stated that he was not acting on their authority. The Foreign Office therefore suggested that the Allied Commission in Italy should arrange for his office to be closed.</p> <p>2. We have not been informed whether the Allied Commission have in fact ordered the office to be closed, but if they have, it would seem illogical to give Rienser an excuse for keeping it open on the grounds that he is a Red Cross representative. I suggest that the views of the Allied Commission should be obtained before any decision is reached on this matter.</p> |
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I. G. Macpherson
I.G. Macpherson, Major. 3539
for British Political Adviser.

4. U.S.
P.L.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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FILE: GRI 389,601-P

DATE: 16 January 1946

SUBJECT: "Austrian Red Cross Activities in Italy"

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NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
1.	G-2 (CI)	G-5 RESMIN US POLAD (in turn)	16 Jan '46	1. Attached is 2 District letter reference GSI/2209 dated 10 Jan 46 (and correspondence originally enclosed therewith) requesting a decision concerning the establishment of an Austrian Red Cross branch in MERANO (Province BOLZANO) 2. The security of the Allied Armed Forces would not appear to be directly involved, and it is therefore requested that the above stated addressees pass their comments to this office for onward transmission to 2 District.

EARLE H. NICHOLS
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst A.C. of S, G-2

CTH/reb

2.	G-5	Resmin US Polad G-2 (in turn)	20 Jan 46	
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In view of the fact the area in question is no longer under AMG administration but within the jurisdiction of the Italian Government by whom this question should be decided, this section has no comment.

For the A. C. of S, G-2,

Capt. G.S.C.

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HEAD ARTERS 2 DISTRICT
GENERAL STAFF INTELLIGENCE
C.M.F. 476

GSI/2209

10 Jan 46

Subject: Austrian Red Cross.

G-2 (CI) AFHQ

1. Enclosed herewith is correspondence to a request by RIENZNER Fritz, to open a branch of the Austrian Red Cross in MERANO.
2. RIENZNER Fritz appears to have been recognised by AMG authorities as the proper accredited representative of the Austrian Government resident in MERANO.
3. Before a reply is sent, this HQ would appreciate your decision on this matter.

signed:

for Major General
Commanding

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Fritz Kienner,
Manager of the Austrian Office.

Rome, 11.12.45.

To: Captain Drake - F.B.I. - MILANO.

According to your desire I herewith inform you of the activity of the Austrian Office (Osterreichisches Bureau):-

A letter of the Austrian Foreign Ministry of 26/11/45 21.1051-5/45 (photocopy I handed over to you) states that at present I am in charge of the Austrian Office, established by the Austrian Government, in accordance with the Allied Control Commission. According to this letter I have the following authorities, concerning Austrian subjects, resident in the province of MILANO and VERONA:-

1. To give them information.
2. To organise a statistic of Austrian subjects.
3. To assist Austrians.
4. Eventually organise their repatriation.

To No.1) The informations are concerning economical, private and financial problems (for inst. change of Austrian money).

To No.2) In order to divide distinctly the Germans from the Austrians I am issuing to those Austrians who were Austrian subjects before 1938 (they have to prove it with a special certificate of citizenship - Heimatschein) as special identity card as per attached copy. Austrian subjects have to prove their citizenship according to the new Austrian law (Staatsgesetzblatt No 16 v.12.1. Juli 45, Art 59 (Staatsbuergerrechts-Verordnungs-gesetz) Art 60 (Staatsbuergerrechtsgesetz) and Art 61) and Art 51 (Verbotsgesetz). The identity cards will be stamped and checked by FBS. A complete list of all issued identity cards will be forwarded to the Austrian Police for a special screening.

To No.3) The assistance of Austrian subjects concerns a certain action in order to avoid all possible trouble. Furthermore the assistance of former Austrian POWs, invalids and all persons who have been before in concentration camps. This assistance will be carried on in accordance with the Austrian Red Cross.

To No.4) Assistance of all Austrians who want to be repatriated thru Camp 23. This action should avoid the entrance of NOT Austrian subjects into Austria. The Austrian office has furthermore a special economical section which is working together with the Chamber of Commerce of MILANO (compensation with Austria). The Austrian Office is controlling this compensation and has to report to the Austrian Economical Section at VIENNA. This in order to avoid 'Black Market'. I have the intention to bring to MILANO from VIENNA for the period of 14-20 days children (aged between 6-14 yrs) who need special assistance. In this matter I have been in touch with the Vatican Assistance in Rome. The Austrian office will have its Head Office at MERATE, Georgetenstrasse 20. The Italian Government has at present in Austria a similar organization (Comitato Assistenza per Italiani all'Estero). This is the first Austrian office in Italy officially recognised by the Austrian Government. Austrian Offices in Rome and MILANO are not recognised by the Austrian Government. I have the intention to go to Rome on 12 Dec 45 in order to produce to the Italian Foreign Ministry my credentials.

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1. WILSON, Head of the Austrian Bureau in BERLIN, called at this HQ today with the request that we might be given permission to open a branch of the Austrian Red Cross in BERLIN.

2. WILSON, from his documents, appears to be a fully accredited representative of the Austrian Government resident in BERLIN with the approval of AMG for the purpose of assisting Austrian civilians. The attached letter written by WILSON to the P.I.S.B. BERLIN before he opened his office in BERLIN, sets out his activities which now have the full blessing of AMG, BERLIN.

3. WILSON, in asking for permission to set up the Red Cross Office, outlined the proposed activities, which are as follows:-

- (a) A courier of the Austrian Red Cross will make one trip per fortnight from BERLIN into the 60 300 Area, where he will visit SGT/PO Camps to collect mail from Austrians with which he will return to Austria.
 - (b) The Red Cross Office will send Austrian papers to SGT/PO Camps (or to the Sep Adm Hq. if desired) for distribution to Austrian personnel.
 - (c) The Red Cross Office will pass lists of missing Austrian personnel to the Graves Registration Commission.
 - (d) The office also volunteers to use their courier to carry German SGT/PO mail which will be handed over to the German Red Cross in BERLIN.
4. May an early decision please be given to this Headquarters.

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for Colonel
Commander

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Chief Liaison Officer
BOLZANO

Tel. 1793

Ref : ACLO/BZ/11.9

31st January, 1946

SUBJECT : Austrian Consul in Bolzano.

TO : HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, CMF,
for Executive Commissioner.

Reference your 316/49/EC of 23rd January, 1946.
The correspondence in this case is confusing.

1. There is no trace in this Office of your 316/19/EC of 7th December, 1945 (addressed to Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region) nor any extracts from it regarding the information and questions it contained.

2. Telegram No. 9122 (sent for ENFO) was, on December, 10th, 1945 endorsed to Public Safety for investigation. I do not think much was done with it there but in fairness I must say the P.P.S.O. was worked off his legs at that time.

3. In view of para. 2 above the despatch of letter No. BZ/123 dated 11th January, 1946 was unnecessary.

4. Your 316/30/EC of 11th January was received here on the 17th January and awaited my return. It was sent to the Prefect for action on the 21st January, but as there is no Prefect I assume there is no action.

5. Your 316/29/EC of 11th January was delivered to Bologna in error on 22nd January and received here on the 24th. A reply was sent to you vide letter ACLO/BZ/11 of 28th January, 1946.

6. If you will be kind enough to re-read para. 10 of my letter No. BZ/123 of 16th November, 1945 you will observe that the personal instructions issued by the Executive Commissioner during his tour of the North were complied with by me. (Para. 4 of your 316/40/EC refers).

In addition, the CAO, Merano continually kept watch on the activities of Herr Riensner.

7. Your para. 5 is noted thank you.

8. I entirely agree with ~~the~~ views contained in para. 6 of your letter under reply.

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9. Lastly, the activities of Herr Rienzner are being investigated from a Security point of view by the British Intelligence Group of 60 Sub Area, and it is possible developments may arise from the result of their inquiries.
I will report to you about this in due course.

G. W. Miller

G. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Chief Liaison Officer,
ROZZANO.

Copy to : Chief Liaison Officer, Venezia.
P.P.S.O.

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Ref: 316/43/20

2 February 1946

SUBJECT: Austrian Consul in Bolzano.

TO : Polad (3).

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1. Reference your 294/46 of 7 January 1946.
2. Attached please find copy of letter from A.G. Chief Liaison Officer Bolzano. You will note that Herr Riemer is not a Sud-tiroler but a Viennese.

M S LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Polad (4)
~~Rep. of It. Govt. to A.G.~~

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Chief Liaison Officer
BOLZANO

Bolzano, 28 Jan 1946.
SWM/gg.

TO : HQ Allied Commission,
for the Executive Commissioner,
ROME.

Subj : Herr FRITZ RIENZNER.

Ref. : ACLO/BZ/11.

- 1) Reference to your No. 316/29/EC of 11 Jan 46 sent to Bologna in error and not received here until 22 Jan 46.-
- 2) The ^{attached} following are particulars relating to the above "Gentleman".-

S.W. Miller
S.W. MILLER, Colonel,
Chief Liaison Officer,
BOLZANO.

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Herr FRITZ RIENZNER

1. RIENZNER is not a Suddtiroler. He was born in Vienna on 3.9.1919 and gives his address in Vienna as Schönlaternstrasse 5, No. 1 District.
2. He paid his first visit to Merano on 8 Dec 44, when he lived in a private house, but his first official registration in Italy does not appear till 2.12.45 at the Pensione PALMA in MERANO (in the Hotel Register).
3. He entered Italy with permit No.41520 issued by the Military Government at Innsbruck on 20 Nov 45.
4. He has not got a "permesso di soggiorno".
5. The Ministry of Interior (Italian Government) has sent to the Prefettura, Bolzano, a photographic copy of a document issued by the Austrian Government authorizing him to aid Austrians in BOLZANO and TRENTO Provinces, and help in repatriation.
6. He is therein described as "Dirigente dell'Ufficio Austriaco". The Ministry of Interior has instructed the Prefettura Bolzano to keep a watch over him, and facilitate his return to Austria.-
7. The Questore BOLZANO, is making further inquiries and will submit a report shortly.

signed Maj HARRISON

26 Jan 46.

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ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON GROUP
BOLZANO PROVINCE

Date: 11 Jan 1946.
WMH/gg.

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TO : HQ, Allied Commission, CMF,
(for Executive Commissioner)

Subj. Relations between Italy and Austria.

BZ/123.

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1.) Reference this office letter RMH/BZ/123 dated
5 Dec 45. I am anxious to have a reply concerning the status
of Herr FRITZ RIENZNER, Provisional Austrian Consul for Bolzano
Province.

2.) In view of the change of Government and the uncertainty
and difficulties connected with frontier control between Italy
and Austria, a trustworthy Austrian Consul here would be of the
greatest value.

W.M. Harrison
W.M. HARRISON, Major,
O.C. Liaison Group.

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JAN 15 1946

TO : HQ, Allied Commission, CMF,
(for Executive Commissioner)

Subj. Relations between Italy and Austria.

BZ/123.

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1.) Reference this office letter RXII/BZ/123 dated 5 Dec 45. I am anxious to have a reply concerning the status of Herr FRITZ RIENZNER, Provisional Austrian Consul for Bolzano Province.

2.) In view of the change of Government and the uncertainty and difficulties connected with frontier control between Italy and Austria, a trustworthy Austrian Consul here would be of the greatest value.

W. M. Harrison

W. M. HARRISON, Major,
O.C. Liaison Group.

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Ref: 316 30/5

11 January 1946

Subject: Austrian Consul in Bolzano.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. This Headquarters has been informed that there is in Bolzano a certain gentleman by the name of Fritz Zimmer who is posing himself as the provisional consul to Austria for Bolzano and stated that he was sent there by the Austrian Government in order to investigate alleged irregular compensation deals between Austria and Italian provinces. He has been displaying the Austrian flag and using Austrian official notepaper.

2. In the middle of November instructions were issued by this Office that no consular could be given to him and that he should be prevented from setting himself up as Consul or displaying the Austrian flag or using Austrian official notepaper. At the same time Italian Consular Austria were requested to recall their legations immediately to Vienna.

3. On 2 December 1945 Italian Consular Austria informed this Office that the Austrian Government denied all knowledge of the gentleman who was not acting on the Government's authority.

4. It is considered that Herr Zimmer's office should now be closed. In view of the knowledge of Bolzano's orders to Italian administration it is of course no longer possible for the Italian Consular to arrange for this to be done, and the initiative must rest with your Government.

5. It would be appreciated if you could inform this M.A. of any action you propose taking in this matter.

W. H. M.

F. H. McCLURE 3323

2. In the middle of November instructions were issued by this
 that no commission should be given to Vienna and that no
 irregular commission should be given to Vienna and that no
 should be permitted from setting himself up as a consul or displaying
 the Austrian flag or using Austrian official not paper. At the same
 time Allied Commission Austria was requested to recall from Vienna
 immediately to Vienna.

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 that the Austrian Government under all knowledge of the gentleman
 who was not acting on the Government's authority.

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 rest with your Government.

5. It would be appreciated if you could inform this U.S. of any
 action you propose taking in this matter.

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 F. H. McCLURE 3523

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Copy to: Field (1)
 Field (2)
 Chief Liaison Officer Paris (100m).
 C.L.O. Belgium

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Ref: 316/29/21

11 January 1946

SUBJECT: Herr Fritz Riemer, Austrian Consul
in Bolzano.

TO : Chief Liaison Officer Venezia (Indus).

1. Further to this Ref: 316/19/21 of 7 December 1945.
2. The Italian Government is being asked to consider the suitability of closing down Herr Riemer's office in Bolzano. It is considered inappropriate to ask the Austrian Government to recall him to Vienna, as they deny all knowledge of him.
3. It would be appreciated if you could inform this office whether Riemer came from Austria to Bolzano or whether he is a South Tyrolean normally resident in the Province.

F. H. McCLEARY

L Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Field (A)
Field (B)
C.L.O. Bolzano

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Executive Commissioner

JAN 8 1946

Subject: Fritz Rienzner

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2 Reference Aesbrit Cable No. 9535 of
4th December.

As you are aware, the Austrian Government have denied all knowledge of Fritz Rienzner. In these circumstances the British Political Adviser in Vienna considers that it would be inappropriate to ask the Austrian Government to recall Rienzner to Vienna and suggests that the Allied Commission in Italy should merely close his office. The British Foreign Office agree with this suggestion.

In view of the handover of Bolzano Province to the Italian administration, I presume that it is no longer possible for the Allied Commission directly to arrange for the closure of Rienzner's office and that the initiative must therefore rest with the Italian Government. The British Ambassador is speaking to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in this sense, but you may also think it advisable to raise the question also.

I should be glad to learn whether Rienzner came from Austria to Bolzano or whether he is a South Tyrolean normally resident in the Province.

H. G. M.

Political Adviser (BR)

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Brit. Embassy

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AFHQ FOR ACTION, INFO: ALSO: ROME: AGARIT VIENNA

DEC 13 1945

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Your cable 0 43984 and letter 18 October 1945, subject P passage through ITALY of civil supplies for AUSTRIA. It is the opinion of the HQ that civil supplies for UNITED STATES and British zones AUSTRIA should continue to receive free transit through ITALY under terms of Armistice with ITALY. Pending decision of JCS, no objection to Italian government regarding costs of such transit with view to eventual charge against Austrian government as part of occupational cost. When occupation costs are eventually paid by AUSTRIA to ~~us~~ E and ~~us~~ E government, these governments would presumably reimburse ITALY for transportation costs in question. Attention is invited to fact that FRANCE is not a party to Italian Armistice and therefore it appears adjustment of transportation costs relative to supplies imported to French zone AUSTRIA is subject for negotiation between French, Austrian and Italian Governments.

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMMR 2
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DEC 13 1945

AFHQ G-5
USFA ACABRIT VIENNA
INFO: ALCOM ROME DMRS

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Para 1. No reply yet received from USFA and no detailed comments from Acabrit. (USFA for USACA) ref our letter dated 18th subject passage through Italy of civil supplies for Austria, our cable C- 37933 of 13th November and our cable C-42138 of 29th November (not to USFA). In default of any comments being received by 8th December this Headquarters proposes to recommend to CCS that cost of repaying the Italians for labour transport services, rail services, warehousing etc for civil supplies imported into Austria should be recorded and charged against the Austrian Government and that a revolving credit for the amount so charged should be established in Austria on behalf of the Italian Government.

Para 2. Request you expedite your comments by 8th December.

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Originator's Reference: 9817
 Date/Time of Origin: 7DEC1215A
 Message Centre No: 0/5239
 Date Time Rec'd: 9DEC1600A
 Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: ACARBIT VINDA
 TO: HQ ALCOM CITE ACEXO
 DEC 10 1944
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 YOUR 8944 OF 3 DECEMBER. FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF OUR 9538 DATED 30 NOVEMBER.
 AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF RIENZNER WHO IS NOT ACTING ON
 THEIR AUTHORITY.

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 INFO: Chief Commissioner
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TO : HQ ALCON CITE ACEXO

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AG VANGKIE REGION RPTD AG BULANG PROVINCE

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8 Dec 45

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REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE ALLIRED PROVISIONAL COVER FOR BULANG TO
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FOR PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER PAM HQ ALONG CITE ACHING PARSH
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 (F. H. McLaughlin)
 Lieut. Col.
 Chief Staff Officer.

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BOLZANO PROVINCE
VENEZIE REGION

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
A P O 394.

SUBJECT: Relations between AUSTRIA and ITALY.

DATE: 5 Dec 45
SWM/lc

TO: HQ, Allied Commission, CMF,
(for Executive Commissioner).

DEC 7 1945

REF: RXII BZ 123

1. Reference para. 10 of my letter
RXII/Bz/123 dated 16th November, 1945 regard-
ing Herr Fritz RIENZNER, Provisional Consul
to AUSTRIA for BOLZANO Province.

2. Will you kindly say when instructions
may be expected.

S. W. Miller Colonel,
S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
BOLZANO Province.

Copy to : Brig. J. K. DUNLOP, OBE, MC, TD,
Regional Commissioner,
AMG, VENEZIE Region.

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H-ADJUTANT-GENERAL ALLIED COMMISSION 4
AKO 354
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 316/19/22

4 December 1945

SUBJECT: Austrian Consul in Bolzano.

TO: Regional Commissioner - Venetia Region.

1. Reference Provincial Commissioner Bolzano Province letter R 211/22/123 of 16 November 1945 about Herr Fritz RIESNER.
2. Allied Commission Austria has informed us that the Austrian Government denies any knowledge of RIESNER who is not acting on their authority.
3. Would you please let us know what has now happened to this gentleman, who, if the Austrian Govt are correct, is liable to prosecution.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. FISH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS

Originator's Reference 9538
Date/Time of Origin DEC 021635A

Message Centre No: G/4835
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 040630A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ACABRIT VIENNA CITE ACPAO
TO : HQ ALODM

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Your 0635. Austrian Government denies any knowledge RIMMER who is not acting on their authority.

NOTE BY CLERKS.

This message has been delayed
by the necessity to ask for a
re-transmission.

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(Mr. Sarland)

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WHITE RISKNER HAS SET HIMSELF UP AS AUSTRIAN CONSUL IN BELMONT CHA DISPLAYING
AUSTRIAN FLAG AND USING AUSTRIAN NEWSPAPER. PD
PAGE TO AGENCY VIENNA FROM HQ ALCON CITY ACHOC PAGE
IN VIEW PRESENT DELICATE POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN BELMONT MR. JONST RISKNER BE
RECALLED IMMEDIATELY TO VIENNA

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B. SAMPSON

HEADQUARTERS
VENETIAN REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

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TO : H.Q. Allied Commission,
Executive Commissioner (3 Copies)

18 November 1945

SUBJECT: Italo-Swiss-Austrian Trade

FILE NO: EXH/850.12

1. In order to clarify the present position in respect of the trade that has going on between the Province of Bolzano and the neighbouring countries of Austria and Switzerland, I instructed Colonel Miller to obtain a report from Lt Col Thompson before the latter's departure for England, I attach this report.
2. This trade, for the most part an export trade in fruit, was initiated by in June last at a time when the Province was under direct control of G-5, Fifth Army. The action was approved by AFHQ and was, in fact, a most prudent and valuable step. At that time it would have been well nigh impossible to move the fruit southwards owing to the exceedingly damaged and congested state of the railways south of Bolzano. The sale of the fruit in Austria and Switzerland saved the total loss of a large harvest.

3. This sale was known and approved in the Commerce Sub-Commission and at the War Office as the attached letters show.

4. Owing however to constant shortage of AMG Staff at Bolzano it has never been possible to exercise any real control over this trade, which, once started, has been carried on almost entirely by the merchants of the Chamber of Commerce, I am quite sure that very large sums of money have been made by individual traders. In fact the situation is, frankly, not satisfactory, yet the principle of the trade seems thoroughly sound.

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(s) John K. Dunlop.
Regional Commissioner.

Encls:

Copy to: Provincial Commissioner, Bolzano.

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BOLZANO PROVINCE
VENETIAN REGION
Allied Military Government
AFC 394

JET/15

6 Nov 45

SUBJECT: Compensations

TO : Provincial Commissioner.

Ref : RAIL/EG/109/34

1. Last June when there was the prospect of a very large fruit crop in Bolzano and very little opportunity of selling and moving more than a small percentage of it, AFG Fifth Army obtained from AFHQ authority for the export of fruit to Switzerland and Austria in exchange for copper sulphate, salt, cattle, and other necessary items from those countries, provided no money changed hands.

2. The procedure for these items has been as follows:

a) Austria. ~~Export of fruit to Austria was extremely difficult.~~

Agreement has always been made for each deal with the Military Government authorities in Austria and arrangements for transport have been made with them and M.R.S.

b) Switzerland. In this case the procedure has been more difficult.

1. Export permits have had to be obtained from the Economic Section of the Swiss Government in Berne. 2. Then authority was obtained from Dr Colombo of the Italian trade delegation in Switzerland. This authority has been confirmed by Dr La Francesca, Italian Commercial attache, at Berne. Also authority is obtained now from Istituto Commerciale Estero Milan.

3. In accordance with the attached instructions a guarantee has been obtained in each deal that Statutory Listed merchants will not receive any of the goods.

These compensations have been of the greatest value to the Province and indirectly to Italy for the following reasons:

- a) We have saved the fruit from rotting.
- b) We have maintained the normal price level for fruit.
- c) We have obtained for the Province the following articles:

Cattle

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Cattle
Copper sulphate
Cattle salt
Waste Paper
Cheese
Flour milling machinery
Clothing
Insecticides and fungicides
Freezing machinery for fruit
Wood cutting tools
Wine cellar machinery
Agricultural machinery
Concentrated grape fruit juice.

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Sd J. BRUCE THOMPSON, Lt Col, RA.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Foreign Trade Division

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Ref : 476487

Ref : AG/4127/S/Commerce

SUBJECT : Avoidance of Trade with Swiss Statutory Listed Merchants

TO : Lt Col J. Bruce Thompson
Deputy Provincial Commissioner
Province of Bolzano

1. We have been asked by the Director of Economics (Civil Affairs) at the War Office to pass on to you a letter from the Economic Warfare Department, Foreign Office.

2. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

3. Will you please take any necessary action.

By command of Rear Admiral Stone:

sgd: W.R. SCOTTEN,
Major, MIS.
Acting Director
Commerce Sub-Commission.

1 Encl: Copy of letter.

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Economic Warfare Department
Foreign Office
Berkeley Square House
Berkeley Square, W.1.

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We have received a telegram from Berne requesting us to pass the following message from the Commercial Counsellor to Lt Col J. Dugès Thompson, Deputy Provincial Commissioner, Province of Bolzano.
"Your letter to Volleweider of August 2nd.

Volleweider has replied care of me as follows:

With regard to importation of fruit into Switzerland I wish to make it clear that the only condition imposed by the Swiss Authorities is that of an equal distribution of these goods over the different centres of consumption.

2. I do not consider that this is an adequate assurance that fruit will not find its way to listed farms in Switzerland. In view of the urgency of disposing of your surplus stocks of apples and pears I do not propose to intervene with Swiss authorities unless you so desire or E.W.D. so instruct.

Our view is that as we are trying to get the Italians to enforce the statutory list in their foreign trade we should require some guarantee from the Swiss that Statutory Listed merchants will not receive any of the goods.

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Would it be possible to pass on the message to Lt Col Thompson saying that the Swiss importer should be asked to guarantee that the fruit will not be redistributed to Listed Persons.

Yours sincerely,

sgd: L. Foxall.
E.M. Legation, Berne.

Major Foxes,
C.A. 14,
War Office,
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue, W.C. 1.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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SUBJECT: Relations between AUSTRIA and ITALY.

DATE: 16 Nov 45
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TO HQ, Allied Commission, CMP,
(for Executive Commissioner).

REF R XII BZ 123

1. In accordance with your instructions I have to-day interviewed Herr Fritz RIENZNER, Provisional Consul to AUSTRIA for BOLZANO Province, who had reported himself to me on Tuesday evening.
2. I cannot perhaps do better than attach a report of our conversation (marked 'A') which is comprehensive.
3. I also forward a copy of an important communication (marked 'B') to my predecessor to which no written reply was sent. The original is however endorsed that a reply was given verbally.
4. You asked me at TORBOLE if communication existed between the NORTH and SOUTH TYROL and I said "Yes", but I did not know it was on such an organized basis.
5. Herr RIENZNER states he was sent by Dr. RENNER to check up on irregular compensation deals between AUSTRIA and BOLZANO Province.
6. I have already reported my uneasiness regarding this irregular trading with AUSTRIA and SWITZERLAND to the Regional Commissioner and the Prefect of BOLZANO.
7. I must say this trading reached enormous propensities. It has broken frontier regulations, International agreements and even instructions issued by its own ICE in MILAN.
8. I have put the brake on but daily find new bolt holes exploited by energetic (and interested) members of the Chamber of Commerce.
9. Apart, maybe, from building up cash credits in the enemy and neutral countries concerned I find a sum of over 40,000,000 Lire standing to the credit of the Chamber of Commerce. This is now frozen pending the receipt of an audit which I have asked for.

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10. To return to Herr RIENZNER I have instructed him not to undertake any political work, neither to use a consular name plate, nor to display the Austrian Flag. He agreed to do so, and I thus await instructions regarding him. /

11. I attach a copy (marked 'C') of his "Bestätigung" issued by the Austrian Foreign Office.

S. W. Miller
S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
BOLZANO Province.

Copy to : Brig. J. K. DUNLOP, OBL. HQ, 10
Regional Commissioner,
AMG, VENEZIE Region.

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Notes on Fritz Rienzner, Provisional Consul
of Austria in Bolzano Province.

Fritz Rienzner came to Merano one year ago as Medical Assistant in a German Hospital at Merano. Already in the last months before the German surrender he was a member of the secret "Austrian Resistance Movement" and in the early days of May 45 after the surrender he became leader of this movement. The name was changed in "Austrian Liberation Committee". There was no official order for the formation of this Committee, he acted together with Mr. Barcata on his own initiative.

3 Rienzner and Barcata contacted the Prefect of Bolzano who agreed with such a Committee and expressed the wish to export fruit and vegetables from this Province and to import from Austria paper and salt and that such a trade should be controlled by an Austrian organisation such as the above Committee. Barcata contacted the Chamber of Commerce as well and Dr. v. Mackowitz introduced him to Lt. Col. Thompson who promised to take an exposé of Mr. Barcata for discussion with Dr. Gruber, Regional Captain of Tyrol and State Secretary of the Foreign Ministry at Vienna. (See attached copy of translation, marked B). For some reason Lt. Col. Thompson could not take the above exposé and so Mr. Rienzner in the month of October went to Vienna (through D.P. camp 23) to make arrangements with the Austrian Government.

1 Renner Government recognized the activity of the Austrian Liberation Committee (which now should again change name since Renner Government has officially been recognized by the Allies, England and America having sent already their Ambassador). He received from the Staatskanzlei the enclosed certificate, (marked C) which is provisional, and on his next trip to Vienna he would get an ordinary one.

Renner Government encharged him to control all the compensation trade going on between Italy - South Tyrol and Austria in order that Vienna will be informed what the single Austrian countries import from Italy.

The second order for him was to give new certificates to all Austria people in this Province instead of their German passports received after the annexation in 1938. If Rienzner will be recognized by Allied Commission he intends to put a notice into the newspaper in order that all Austrian people who are in possession of their "Heimatschein" (Homeland certificate) get a new document from his organisation here. They have already issued some of these documents, but it is stopped now.

Furtheron he should issue special passes to those Austrian people who, after having received from AMG the permit to cross the Brenner pass, want to travel from Innsbruck to another Austrian district. These passes are required in Austria and usually it takes the people concerned 4-5 days to receive them from the authorities in Innsbruck.

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Then he should control in some way Austrian property in this Province. A note on this subject is being prepared at Vienna. Vice-versa Vienna Government would take care of Italian property in Austria.

He mentioned during the conversation that Bolzano is till now the only Austrian representation recognized officially by Renner, all the others are not, even the one in Rome.

Mr. Riezner cannot give exact names or figures on behalf of irregular compensation trades, he has heard about it from some official sources in Austria.

He will not take any further action until he will be officially approved by Allied Commission.

At the present moment they have no communication with Vienna, he wants to take personally his reports there. If and when the recognition comes, he will have a regular courier going from here to Vienna and back.

He will then have a car with Viennese Number and the mark CD-Corpo Diplomatico. -

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Captain of Tyrol and State Secretary of the Foreign Ministry at Vienna, several questions the settlement of which is very important for Austrian citizens living in Italy. I should be especially grateful to you if you could draw the attention of Dr. Gruber on the following matter:

The leader of the "Austrian Liberation Committee" founded in Bolzano Province already before the end of the war by members of the Austrian resistance movement, I recently went to Milan in order to get in touch with the Austrian Liberation Committee there, and to discuss those measures which could lead to the unification of those agencies which are meant to defend Austrian interests. I shortly state that this Austrian Liberation Committee, about two months ago got officially in touch with the Prefecture of Bolzano in order to get authorization from Italian authorities to distribute identity cards for Austrian citizens. This step was necessary in connection with the sharp control of foreigners. The Prefecture of Bolzano, the National Liberation Committee of Bolzano as well as your U.S. Officer Captain Brown who were informed about the intentions of this Austrian Liberation Committee, declared themselves in full accordance. This Austrian Liberation Committee in the Province of Bolzano should have protected, for the time being, until a regular consular service was created, civic, administrative and economical interests of local resident Austrian citizens. As soon as this matter was sufficiently developed I got in touch with the Austrian Liberation Committee in Milan and I was informed that Austrian Liberation Committee Milan, had already arranged with Austrian Office Rome, following regulations:

Rome Office functions as a kind of provisional legation, Milan Office as provisional General Consulate and Bolzano Office as a provisional Consulate. A common Regional Administrative Council was decided. These offices are absolutely without political character. One of the most important aim is to hinder requisitioning of Austrian properties in Italy, as well as the creation of same political and economical relations between the two bordering countries. Italian authorities as well as U.S. Offices have officially recognized the Austrian Liberation Committee. It is now necessary, until further regulation has been reached, to obtain provisional acknowledgement by the Austrian Government.

The Austrian Liberation Committees are without political character. Concerning the staff, following should be stated:

Chief of the Roman Office is the late Minister Senator - Ambassador and his Secretary Dr. BRUNYCHA. In Milan the Austrian manufacturer INTRA has been elected President, the Consulate is directed by V. KACHORSKY and the Economical Section is conducted by Dr. MARIN.

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The Austrian Liberation Committee Bolzano - Merano according to the desire of the real Austrian Resistance - present in directed by myself.

Now it must be to obtain a fund mental provisional acknowledgement of the Austrian Liberation Committee in Italy acting as provisional Committee. Further on we would be glad to receive from the Austrian Foreign Ministry an official note containing the principles which should be applied for the treatment of its own properties in Austria.

A second question for which I am asking the assistance of the Austrian Government and especially that of the National Tyrolean Government is the following:

I have been asked by a group of German South Tyrolean manufacturers to publish in Bolzano a "South Tyrolean Newspaper" which should have the aim to approach Italy and Austria both on the economical as well as on the political field. This new Journal should try to represent the interests of the German South Tyroleans and meanwhile maintain an impartial judgement when treating questions concerning the two ethnical groups. It will act from the principle that the South Tyrolean population, independently from the future of the Region, will have to fulfill one of the most important mission for regaining Austrian - Italian relations. The Austrian Liberation Committee Bolzano, Merano, which are interested for a friendly development of these relations would gladly welcome the publishing of this Journal. It would be agreeable if State Secretary and Regional Captain Dr. TRUBER would take a similar attitude possible also in writing.

A quick settlement of these questions is still more urgent as in Italian Political Circles there is an absolute good will to friendly meet all Austrian efforts of approaching. This is one of the few doors open for abroad which are already open for Austria.

Allow me to express to you in advance my warmest thanks for your kindness to act as a mediator in a question which I hope it can be soon resolved satisfactorily.

My best respects

Yours

Louis Beretta.

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Bestätigung

Die Staatskanzlei, Amt für die Auswärtigen Angelegenheiten bestätigt mit Gegenwärtigen, dass Herr Fritz Rienzner aus Wien IX, Schwarzenpauerstrasse 15, Leiter des Österreichischen Befreiungskomitees in der Provinz Bozen, mit dem Sitz in Meran, Ortensteinstrasse 9, ist.

Die Staatskanzlei, Amt für die Auswärtigen Angelegenheiten ersucht dem Genannten die Rückreise nach Meran zu ermöglichen.

Wien, am 31. Oktober 1945

Für den Unterstaatssekretär
für die Auswärtigen Angelegenheiten



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