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ADMINISTRATION, ELBA
JULY 1944 - JAN. 1945

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101

Report requested by Capt. Smith on folio 100 - get rec'd.
Shall we pass the R.C. for action on this? get 100/10

101

Yes we want - but possibly

See 106/10

111

81A

C.S.O.

Telephoned Major Murchie who reports position of French troops unchanged. (C.S.O. informed)

7/12
(57) C.R.ODEN

83

Capt. Morden is discussing transfer of Carabinieri from Elba with Public Safety. P/S have undertaken to act on our request at P.77.

9/12
(57) C.R.ODEN

84

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conf. 13/12

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C.R. 13/12

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S.O. to C.C. For see minute 84 above.

Letter (loose copies) enclosed for signature

of C.C. (90) signed & dispatched 14 Dec 44
C.R. 17/12

60 1148
DEC 14 1944

TO: C.C.O.

96

I recommend that this file be given (added to "UNCLASSIFIED")

I agree. Pl amend.

21 Dec 44.

13/31

64

Capt. O'Hara

Please arrange for Reg 8 to be set up position of units.

U 31/10

65

C.S.O.: Capt. Slanaghan of a FHP visited this Hq. today. He reports there a Staff Study is being circulated as a FHP recommending that French authority on Cebon be withdrawn i.e., the Military Governorship ~~for~~ or cancelled. This recommendation has been made because it may be injurious to 3-4 weeks before suitable shipping can be procured to remove the prison garrison. Definite information should be forthcoming next few days

encl. 1/11

See. A kept at 8 AM

67

C.S.O.: See 67 & 68. Evidently Slanaghan was talking through his hat. I will now advise Joesma Region and Maurice.

encl. 3/11

U 31/10

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Murchie.

encl 3/11

U 3/11

6909

73

C.30: I talked with Major Murchie by
phone today. No shipping has been
sighted. My letter on 68 has now been
Elora. Various items of info requested from
Major Murchie have been distributed & acted
upon.

encl. 17/11

Follow up to 1/11 Done 20/11 encl 21/11

58

TO: C.C.S.

1. Reference 57, we warned AMH that this might happen as far back as 9 October (see folio 57). Since that time we have been continually in touch with them up to yesterday. The latest position is summarized at 55.

2. We have had no reply to folio 53 and I think that a telephone call from you to Brig. General Spofford on the strength of the letter from Prunas is what is required.

W. S. Lipp

C.S.O.,
Office, Chief of Staff.

27 Oct 44.

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TO: C.C.S.

Reference minute 56 above, C-5 (Lt. Col. Jackson) phoned this afternoon on another subject and I took the opportunity of telling him we had received a letter on this subject from the Italian Government (folio 57) and reminded him that I had not had a reply to our letter of 19 Oct (folio 53). I said that the matter would only be solved by the early removal of the French troops from the island and asked him to do all he could to press for the shipping to be sent now.

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27 Oct 44.

61.

TO: Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. The Minister for Foreign Affairs has written to complain of the arrest of Italian citizens in MIA by the French authorities (folio 57), and draws attention to your letter of 17th Sept (folio 22) in which he was told that the island came under Allied Military Government on the 20th Sept.

2. This in fact was the intention at the time but has not happened because the revocation of the appointment of Col. Pettit as Deputy Military Governor of the French troops.

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2. This in fact was the intention at the time but has not happened because the revocation of the appointment of Col. Petit as Deputy Military Governor was dated by AFHQ to take effect on the departure of the French troops. This date was to have been 20 Sept. In spite of continual communications to C-5 AFHQ there are still some French troops left on the island, although the majority have been evacuated. Shipping has been arranged for their removal since 14 Oct but bad weather has prevented it from being sent to ALRA.

3. A reply to Dr Prunas is submitted for your signature, and I suggested that a copy of this and the Foreign Minister's letter be sent to C-5 with a strong letter asking for the clearance of the Garrison. — S. G. M. H. C. J.

28 Oct 44.

63.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

28/10

CONCURRENCE

EWB

C of S
Action with Reg VIII
ex Annexes completed
by Prunas

50

TO: Chief Staff Officer

1. I telephoned Major Murchie this morning and he advises that no shipping has arrived for the purpose of removing the French Garrison from Elba. In fact, 50 additional troops have been brought in.
2. I also talked to Captain Slaughter, AFHQ, giving him the above information. Captain Slaughter states that the position remains as described at folio 4g, viz., shipping has been allocated and will proceed to Elba as soon as weather conditions permit.
3. Pending arrival of that shipping -- which will be notified to us by Major Murchie -- there is no further action although I am bringing the file up on the 23d.

19 October 44

encl
Chief Staff Officer
to the Chief of Staff

54-

*Has copy of 53 sent to Reg VIII: if not it would
Copy sent 23/10. PR ca to COS*

TO: C.S.O.

55

1. For possible discussion with General Clark the position of ELBA at today's date is as follows:
 - (a) AFHQ - G-3 - have ordered shipping to remove French Garrison as soon as weather permits. *Done on 14 Oct (see 47)*
 - (b) AFHQ - G-5 - confirm on telephone this morning that above represents present position.
 - (c) SCAG ELBA reports on telephone this morning that no shipping has

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19 October 44

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~~Chief~~ Staff Officer
to the Chief of Staff

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Has copy of 53 gone to Reg VIII: if not it should

12/24/44

Copy sent 23/10. P.R. P. 6. C. 5.

TO: C.S.O.

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- (c) SCMO ELBA reports on telephone this morning that no shipping has arrived. That weather has been unfavourable past three days, but previous thereto weather conditions were favourable. (see (a) above)
- (d) AFHQ - G-5 - have been informed (see folio 53) that French emissaries have been dispatched to N. Africa and Paris. Whether these seek to make a French claim for a permanent Garrison is not known. (see 47)

26 Oct 44

Not discussed 17/10/2014

Chief
Cardinal.

TO: Chief Staff Officer.

1. Telephoned AFHQ this morning advising them letter en route.
2. Major Murchie again has raised public safety question (see folio at 17). I am tying this up with Col. Crispin. Public Safety S.C. have made plans for exchange of Carabinieri.
3. I will pass on to Col. Crispin, Major Murchie's request that TUSCANA Region meet with him for working out detailed plan of the handover, personnel, movement etc.

9 Oct 44.

copy
Crispin.

What is a reason? (for an in the 20th century)
17/9/44

Col. Smith

1. Major Murchie telephoned today. He states that, the French Commander ELBA dispatched two emissaries, one to Paris and the other to N. Africa with the view toward keeping French interests in the Island alive.
2. Major Murchie observed marginal note on orders, which accompanied recent arrival 180 troops, that these were not to be removed until replaced. "Replaced" may well mean by Italians or Allied troops. Major Murchie reads this "French" replacements but I question. It is apparent however that the French have hopes of staking a claim.
3. Capt. Smith is coming over from ELBA 12 Oct and I requested that he bring full reports.
4. The above is being conveyed to Col. Jackson AFHQ by telephone today.
5. Lt. Col. French James has been asked to brief the Chief of Staff at AFHQ. He has written a letter (according to Lt. Col. Jackson) to the Chief of Staff at AFHQ.

9 Oct 44.

copy

What is a standard? (We are in the 20th century)

13/10

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5. Lt. Col. French James has been asked to brief the Chief of Staff at SIENA. Also Col. Kirkwood who has written a letter (according to Lt. Col. Friend James) asking that ROSCANA Region be relieved of administration ELBA. Brig. Lush and Col. Monfort will be briefed on this point as well and asked to make a decision.

11 Oct 44.

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copy

Capt.

Cpt. You asked to see 41 opposite. Can you let day what was decided at SIENA.

13/10

AFHQ advise by telephone this morning that G3 plan to remove French garrison & equipment as soon as weather permits.

copy 14/10

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Tel. 470008

26 January 1945

Ref. 520/103/COS.

SUBJECT: Re-routing of Shipping at NISA.

TO : Regional Commissioner, TOSCANA Region.

1. Reference our inquiry 520/98/COS dated 22 Dec 44 reply to which has not been received in this HQ. to date.

2. It is requested that Capt Smith's report on this matter, accompanied by a summary from you, be submitted without further delay. In lieu of this an interim reply is desired.

See 106

See 106

JCH
for Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
T SCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File Ref: RVIII/16/116

Date: 3 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: I.S.T. Lifts from ELBA.

TO: P.C., LIVORNO. (2)

JAN - 7 1945

1. The attached copy of letter 520/97/COS dated 22 Dec 44, from Chief of Staff HQ, AC addressed to Flag Officer, Northern Area, Mediterranean, copy to this HQ is for info.

2. Under reference 520/98/COS dated 22 Dec 44, O of S, HQ, AC calls for a full report from Capt. SMITH with regard to the onward routing on 7 Nov 44 of the U.S.I.S.T. 907 from PORTO LONGONE to PORTO FERRAIO. As it is understood that Capt. SMITH is still on the Island, though not assigned to TOSCANA Region, please instruct him to prepare and submit the required report direct to HQ, AC quoting their letter 520/98/COS dated 22 Dec 44.

3. It is appreciated that the incident referred to took place before the Island of ELBA came under Regional Control, however you will ensure that every member of your staff is quite clear that under no circumstances will they undertake to alter or amend orders issued relating to movements of shipping.

By ORDER of Colonel KINZWOOD:

G3/ac.

James R. Smith
J. HOWARD SALTER,
Major, R.A.,
Adjutant.

Copy to: HQ, AC.

Reference 520/97/COS and 520/98/COS dated 22 Dec 44.
Capt. SMITH will forward the report you require direct to HQ, AC. It will be appreciated that at the time mentioned, 7 Nov 44, both the Island of ELBA and Capt. SMITH were under HQ, AC control. Amendment No 1 to HQ, AC Executive Memorandum No 78 dated 14 Dec 44, and para 7 Special Order No 244 dated 2 Oct 44, respectively refer.

see Minute 1017102

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2/1 B.
DEC 221030A

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C/5451
DEC 261040A
ROUTINE

ABG TOSCANA REGION

ACTION HQ ALGOM INFO: DCCAO, 15 ARMY GROUP

FOR INFORMATION

26 DEC 1944
YR/PA

IN CELAR.

Adm ELBA. As requested by DCCAO by phone 21 December FRIEND - JAMES and JOHNSON speaking confirmed Region assumed control ELBA wef 20 December. This Hq cable 2/1/B 17 December also refers.

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C/S
Action - CA Sec (2)
Info - Chief Commissioner
C o S
File (2)
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Tel. 470808

22 December 1944

Ref. 520/98/003

SUBJECT: Re-routing of L.S.T. Shipping
at ELBA.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Tuscan Region.

The Flag Officer, Northern Area Mediterranean has reported that on the 7th of Nov the U.S. L.S.T. 907 arrived at Porto Ferrajo having been onward routed from Porto Longone under orders from Capt R.S. Smith, ASD officer in Elba. Will you ask Capt Smith to give you a full report on this matter and let me have your own summary.

JCB
Lieutenant,
Chief of Staff.

see 100 + 104

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Tel: 473303

22 December 1944

Ref/520/91/003.

SUBJECT : L.S.T. Liffe from ELBA.

TO : Flag Officer, Northern Area
Mediterranean.

gH

1. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to reply to your letter of the 13th of December 44 relative to the above subject.
2. Enquiry will be made as to the orders which are reported to have been given by Capt. Smith, AMG officer in ELBA re-routing U.S. L.S.T. 937 onwards from Porto Longone to Porto Ferrajo.
3. Following the recent departure of the French Garrison from Elba the administration of the Island has been passed to Toscana Region. I am advising the Regional Commissioner to inform his staff that under no circumstances will they undertake to alter or amend orders issued relating to movements of shipping.

PR
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to : R.O. - Toscana Region.

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CONFIDENTIAL

L.S.P. LISTS 8-1 NMA

(Flag Officer, Northern Area Mediterranean's
No. FORM 558-2 dated 15th December, 1944)

II.

21 DEC 1944

No. FORM 558-2/1
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION, NMA

(Copy to:-
The Commander in Chief, Mediterranean)

It is requested that the sense of
paragraph 1 of limits 1 may be represented
to the appropriate authorities.

Northern Area
Mediterranean,
at NAPLES,
15th December, 1944

REAR ATTACHED

To C.O.S

Office of Flag Officer,
Northern Area
Mediterranean

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 5084 558-2
THE CHIEF, 8th UNITED STATES FLEET
(Copies to:-
The Commander in Chief, Mediterranean
The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Rome)
The Commander, 8th Amphibious Force
The Naval Officer in Charge, Legation)

AT NAPLES, 15th December, 1944.

U.S.N. LETTER FROM ROMA

The following are understood to be the facts relating to the sailing of U.S. L.S.T. 907 to Porto Ferrato, Elba.

(a) Confidential signal times 24 07.7 November (not to all) directed CTR 81.29.4 to detail.

- (1) U.S.N. to make 1 list of Italian troops from Porto Longone (Elba) to Florence.
- (2) Second U.S.N. to make 1 list of British troops from Porto Longone (Elba) to Marseilles.

(b) The foregoing duties were later assigned to U.S. L.S.T. 1021 and U.S. L.S.T. 907 respectively.

(c) On 25th November an enquiry was received from British Military Governor of Elba relative to the arrival of U.S.N. at Porto Ferrato (Naval Officer in Charge, Legation's signal times 24 16.1 (not to all) (October refers)).

(d) In reply, I informed naval authorities in the area that Porto Ferrato was not acceptable for the landing of U.S.N. (Flag Officer, Northern Area Mediterranean's signal times 25 16.1 (not to all) (October refers)).

(e) U.S. L.S.T. 1021 and U.S. L.S.T. 907 were accordingly sailed to Porto Longone (Naval Officer in Charge, Legation's signal times 24 16.27 and 24 16.57 November (not)).

(f) It was learned on 7th December that U.S. L.S.T. 907 had ultimately arrived at Porto Ferrato having been diverted from Porto Longone under

The following are understood to be the facts relating to the sailing of U.S. LST 507 to Porto Farrell, Rio.

(a) Confidentially signed times 28 0117 November (not to all, directed CTR 51454 to detail).

- (1) U.S. LST 507 to take 1 list of Italian troops from Porto Lagonese (3100) to Montevideo.
- (11) Second U.S. LST 507 to take 1 list of French troops from Porto Lagonese (3100) to Montevideo.

(b) The foregoing duties were later assigned to U.S. LST 507 and U.S. LST 507 respectively.

(c) On 25th November an emergency was received from French Military Governor of Porto relative to the arrival of U.S. LST 507 at Porto Lagonese (French Officer in Charge, Lagonese's signed times 28 1538 November (not to all) refers).

(d) In reply, I informed naval authorities in the area that Porto Lagonese was not responsible for the loading of U.S. LST 507 (French Officer, Northern Area Intelligence's signed times 28 1541 (not to all) November refers).

(e) U.S. LST 507 and U.S. LST 507 were subsequently sailed to Porto Lagonese (French Officer in Charge, Lagonese's signed times 28 1627 and 28 1637 November refers).

(f) It was learned on 28 November that U.S. LST 507 had ultimately arrived at Porto Lagonese having been earlier stated from Porto Lagonese under orders received from Captain Smith, U.S. Army, on 28 1541, officer in charge.

The route employed appears to have followed (28 1612 & separate sheet has been cancelled by (28) 173.

This out of date information was obtained from U.S. LST 507, 1621.

2. Whilst I appreciate that unilateral action of an Army Officer, I understand that the preceding officer of U.S. LST 507 should not have cancelled which action constituted reference to some higher naval authority.

3. Since will be taken to note it also to the military and civil authorities in the area that all matters relating to the movements of shipping are to be directed by the French Officer in Charge, Lagonese, and that orders issued by him are not to be altered or amended without his knowledge and approval.

James
JAMES JAMES

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

FJS/ww

G-5: OLA.1-4

12 December 1944

14 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Military Government - Kila. (62)

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Your 520/62/COS refers.
2. Information now received that the personnel embarked on 11 December 1944.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, A.G.D.

MA 20/14

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14 DEC 1944
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AR 304
OFFICE of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 520/01/305.

14 December 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

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: Amendment No. 1

folio 20A

*Amended
J1 12/2*

ISLAND OF BIRMA

In the First line delete '20 September 1944' and substitute
'20 December 1944'.

MS. L. 2
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

DISTRIBUTION :

Group I - List 'A'
Group II - List 'B'

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Ref. 530/79/000

14 December 1944

My Dear Dr. De Gasperi,

I am pleased to be able to advise you that the last troops of the French Garrison have been removed from Kiba and the Island has now come under Allied Military Government administration.

Beginning on the 20 December 1944, Kiba will be administered by Tacoma Region.

Yours very truly,

Robert W. Stone

ROBERT W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
S. O. M. C.

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AFHQ

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13 Dec 44

ROUTINE

SECRET PD

SUBJECT IS MIRA PD

PASSEY TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALCON FROM LUSH PARCE

FRENCH GARRISON AND EQUIPMENT REMOVED ON ELEVEN DECEMBER PD ADMINISTRATION

PASSEY FROM ALLIED COMMISSION TO ANG TOSCANA REGION TWO ZERO DECEMBER

CHIEF OF STAFF

LSI

enc

N.W. DRAGOFF
Major, AGC
ADJUTANT

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AME TOSCANA REGION (ACTION) REPT AAI FOR DOORD (INFO)

SLA2

13 Dec 44

ROUTINE

SECRET PD

FRENCH GARRISON RECEIVED FROM ELBA ELEVEN DECEMBER PD

PARIS TO AME TOSCANA REGION FOR ACTION REPEATED AAI FOR DOORD FOR INFO FROM

HQ ALON FROM LUSH PAREN

EFFECTIVE TWO ZERO DECEMBER ADMINISTRATION PASSED TO YOUR REGION AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM NUMBER SEVEN EIGHT

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Distribution:

SCMO ELBA (BY SLA)

CHIEF OF STAFF

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R.W. DRANKS
Maj, and
ADJUTANT

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Tel. 478608

Ref. 520/86/003

13 December 1944

SUBJECT: Handover of EBA.

TO : Distribution below.

1. The French Garrison were evacuated from Eiba 11 Dec 44. The French Military Governorship terminated on that date and administration by AMG became effective.

2. Executive Memorandum No 78 transferring administration to Toscana Region becomes effective 20 Dec 44.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Dist. Toscana Region
Establishment Section
Economic Section
Civil Affairs Section
Land Forces I/C
DOCAO HQ AAI.

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Tel: 478808

8 December 1944.

Ref: 520/82/008

SUBJECT: Military Government - ELBA.

TO : AMHQ, G-5 Section.

1. Reference your G-5 OLA.1-4 of 2 Dec 44.
2. The French troops, as reported in our memorandum to you ref 520/008 of 9 Oct 44, are still at ELBA. No shipping has as yet arrived to remove them.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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AA 8/12

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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FJS/WSW

G-5: 014.1-4

2 December 1944

6 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Military Government - Elba.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

- (62)
1. Your 520/62/COS of 28 October refers.
 2. It is requested that this headquarters be informed as to whether or not all French troops departed from the Island of Elba.
 3. If all French troops have not departed, the number remaining and reason for failure to depart on or about 25 November 1944, should be reported without delay.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, A.G.D.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 289

6 December 1944

Ref. 520/80/003

SUBJECT: Carabinieri KIBA.

TO : Civil Affairs Section for
Public Safety Sub Commission.

1. Attached is a report on above subject forwarded by Col.
Kerr of the Land Forces Sub Commission.

2. Reference our 520/77/003 of 29 Nov 44, please advise
what action has been taken regarding the exchange of the present
carabinieri on Kiba for an equal number in the pool.

OCB
4 Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Shu
Encl.

BU
11 Dec 5051
Noted

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Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)
Rome
3 December 1944

4 DEC 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Commission

1. Further to our memo regarding information of conditions among the CC.RR on the Island of Elba.
2. For your information I attach a copy of translation of a letter written by a Lieutenant of the CC.RR to AMG on Elbe criticizing the action of an AMG Court.
3. I thought you would be interested in this information.


CLAYTON P. KEERR
Colonel, Infantry

CPR/lak

1 Incl:
Copy of Translation

See 80

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COPY TRANSLATION

Portoferraio, 30 November 1944

LIVORNO LEGION, CC.RR.
Portoferraio Station

Ref No. Personal Memorandum

SUBJECT: GALLI Trial

TO : A.M.G.- P.S.O. Rio Marina

For your information we communicate that the release of GALLI Renato, author of the homicide attempt of the person of maresciallo of the CC.RR. BARBAGALLO Alfio, has caused great bewilderment in CAPOLIVERI among the people of all classes.

The people are saying that from now it will be permitted to kill with impunity.

This fact, instead of repressing, encourages the delinquents to wrongdoing.

/s/ Lt. Rosati

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Tel: 451

29 November 44.

Ref : 529/17/008.

SUBJECT : Carabinieri, Elba.

TO : Civil Affairs Section for Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

1. Attached is a report on above subject, forwarded by Col. Kerr of the Land Forces Sub-Commission.
2. It is believed that plans have been made to exchange the present Carabinieri on Elba for an equal number in the Pool.
3. Will you please advise what the position is regarding this exchange.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Subject: Condition is on Elba

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
13 November 1944

Memorandum for Brigadier Lush, Chief of Staff

20 NOV Recd

1. Major Van Kirk, our Liaison Officer, is on Elba taking off ex-soldiers who have been recalled to the Italian Army.
2. In a telephone conversation he gave me the following information:
 - a. There are 52 Carabinieri on the Island. These are the same people who held the same jobs under the Germans. They are not cooperative, are very arrogant, and are much disliked by the population.
 - b. The Allied Commissioner told Major Van Kirk that he had made a report to have these particular people removed and new people sent in, but nothing had been done.
 - c. The French troops, who really have been policing the island, are being withdrawn.

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CLAYTON F. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

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Ref. 520/75/008

25 November 1944

My dear Dr. Prinas,

Further to my letter 520/59/008 dated 28 October 1944.

The Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Elba has now reported to me regarding the arrests made last September by the Garrison. All of the people arrested were wearing German uniforms at the time of the invasion and in the circumstances, have been treated as prisoners of war.

A record of these cases has been made with local Italian Authorities.

Weather permitting we expect an early advice that the small contingent of French Troops have left Elba.

Yours very truly,

(Sds) *ELBERT W. STONE*

ELBERT W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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It is Excellency Don Renato Prinas
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
R. O. M. E.

P/A
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT - ELBA

TO : HQ Allied Commission
FROM : AMG - ELBA
SUBJECT: Arrest of Italians by French.
DATE : Nov 25, 1944.

1. The French Military Police confirm having arrested on Sept 28th the 8 Italian citizens to which your 520/66/OOS dated Nov 1st refers.
2. Enquiry elicited the fact that the individuals named were wearing German uniforms at the time of the invasion of ELBA by the French. A full enquiry was made into each case, and was substantiated. Arrest, followed by transfer to CORSICA as prisoners of war, was the procedure which then ensued.
3. The Italian authorities in ELBA were advised at the time of the arrest and were also given the reason and have a record of each case.

C. P. MURCHIE
C.P. MURCHIE, Maj.,
SCAD ELBA. 5985

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*sent
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref. 451

Ref. 520/74/008

17 November 1944

SUBJECT: Currency for ELBA.

TO : Economic Section for Finance Sub Commission.

1. Major Murchie stated on the telephone today that he required further cash. No money is available at his local bank on his regular account.

2. He states that he requires approximately 9,000,000 (nine million) lire. 6,000,000 of this is earmarked for rehabilitation work etc and the balance would be retained as a float.

3. Major Murchie has taken in 7,000,000 lire from the sales of foodstuffs. He suggests you authorize transfer of this to his cash account for use as in para 2.

4. In this weather mail is 10 - 15 days in getting through so it is suggested that you discuss any details by telephone. Signals do not go through promptly.

5. Telephone Vital to Victory for ELBA (Angot).

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encl.
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: OLA.1-4

7 November 1944

SUBJECT: Administration of Military Government - Elba, 10 NOV Recd

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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The attached copy of FX 48550 of 5 November is forwarded for your information in connection with letter this headquarters, File No. and subject, as above, dated 1 November 1944.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

(68)

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, A.G.D.

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Incl:
as above.

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HEADQUARTERS

10 NOV 1944

PRIORITY

TO: FOR ACTION: SIXTH ARMY GROUP

FOR INFORMATION: HQ COMMUNICATIONS ZONE MTOUSA, MAIN, HQ
COMMUNICATION ZONE MTOUSA ADVANCE, PBS

REF NO: FX 48550

SIGNED: SACRED

CITE: FHGCT

Refer to your message BX 19115 dated 4 November.

For political reasons it is impractical to delay movement or detachment of 1 Bn 29 PTA from the Island of ELBA or to maintain it on the mainland of ITALY. Movement to Southern FRANCE via the Italian mainland has been scheduled to commence approximately 12 November. If possible port of debarkation will be SETE. If SETE is not open at that time, unit will be debarked at MARSEILLES.

ORIGINATOR: G-3 OPS

AUTHENTICATION: DANIEL NOCE, MAJ GEN

INFORMATION: SCS
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LIAISON
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G-5

COORDINATED WITH: G-4 M & TN

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5 Nov 44

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Ref. No. FX 48550

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 478808

4th November, 1944

Ref. 520/70/GOS.

SUBJECT: Administration of Military Government, ELBA.

TO : S.G.A.C., ELBA
Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.

1. Orders have been issued by A.P.H.Q. for removal of all French personnel from Elba; this to be effected by first available sea transportation after 12th November.

2. Handover of administration to Toscana Region is covered in 520/45/GOS of 14th October, 1944.

aug.
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section, HQ A.A.I.
Establishment Section.

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SECRET *Col. 2170*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 014.1-4.

THI/sab
1 November 1944

3 NOV Recd

SUBJECT: Administration of Military Government Elba.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Representations made on the question of moving the French troops on Elba has resulted in a cable PX 46521 (copy attached) being sent to HQ., COMM ZONE and to the French.

2. It is considered here by the Political Adviser that in view of the terms of the letter held by Colonel Petit, which were that he was to be Deputy Military Governor until the garrison is removed, it would not be politic to terminate his appointment now and that the matter will clear itself in view of the definite order to move which has now been given.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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PRIORITY

TO: FOR ACTION: HQ COMMUNICATION ZONE NATOUSA MAIN
NORBS PASS TO FRENCH COMMANDER CORSICA

FOR INFO : 6 ARMY GROUP, NORBS, PBS, CONAD, DELTA BASE,
PBS ADV

REF NO : FX 46521

SIGNED : SACMED OITE: PRGCT

Move all French personnel, vehicles, mules,
and tonnage from ELBA to Southern FRANCE via Italian main-
land. Move to be by first available sea transportation
after 12 November. Contact transportation officer, PBS
Advance, to arrange details.

ORIGINATOR: G-3 OPS

INFORMATION: SGS
C/S NATO
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M&TN
LIAISON
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AG STATS

AUTH: DANIEL NOCE, MAJ GEN

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel 433306

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Ref 520/66/CUB

1 November 1964

SUBJECT: arrests of Italian Subjects - Libya.

TO : A.C.S., Libya.

1. The Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs reports that the French police in Portoferrajo arrested on 28 September the following Italian citizens for subsequent internment in Jordan:

BARBER, Giuseppe
FISCHI, Dino
MAGGI, Raffaele
MIL, Chelera
CARROZZI, Gaetano
MAGGI, Michele
CRUCCI, Virginia
CRUCCI, Gesto

2. Will you please enquire into these cases and submit a report giving the particulars of the charges, and the probable disposition by the French authorities.

WJ
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to:
Tuscan Region
Civil Affairs Section, Hq. A.A.I.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OAC
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 484019

Ref 530/62/COS.

28th October, 1944

SUBJECT: Military Government - Elba.

TO : A.F.H.C., G-5.

I enclose correspondence between the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Acting Chief Commissioner. The Minister's protest is an inevitable consequence of our failure to implement an assurance given to him as a result of your letter G-5: Oia.1-4 of the 20th of August which was confirmed verbally by you later.

For Acting Chief Commissioner.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Ref: 520/59/008.

28th October, 1944

My dear Dr. Prunas,

I have received your letter No. 03145/10 of 25 October 1944 on the subject of arrears which were reported to have been made by the French in ELBA. The greater part of the French Garrison has already been evacuated from ELBA but owing to unusually bad weather the withdrawal of the remainder of the troops has been unavoidably postponed. Representations are being made to ensure their early departure and I can assure you that this unfortunate delay will soon be terminated.

With regard to the incident that you mention I am having investigation made and will send you a report in due course.

Yours very truly,

/S/ HENRY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

H. E. Excellency Don Renato Prunas
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
R O M E.

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ROUGH TRANSLATION

Dear Admiral:

With letter N.783/21/CA of September 17th you had kindly informed me that for the 20th September ult., the French Administration of the Isle of Elba would come to cease and the island would pass under the administration of the A.M.G. of the province of Leghorn.

It has now been however reported to me that the French police in Portoferraio arrested on September 23th the following Italian citizens for subsequent internment in Corsica.

MAIONE, Giuseppe
FUSARI, Tino
MUSUMECI, Serafino
MUA, Chelers
GRIESSER, Gualtiero
MARPORELLA, Melziade
CHOSIO, Virginio
CONCI, Creste.

As the continuation of these arrests carried out by French police as well as the internments in Corsica do not appear compatible with the new administration of the Isle of Elba, according to the contents of your above quoted letter, I would be grateful should you kindly interest yourself in the matter.

Believe me, dear Admiral

Yours sincerely

(Sd)R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Acting Chief Commissioner

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MUA, Chelers
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MARTORELLA, Melziade
CHESIO, Virginio
CONCI, Oreste.

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,

Rome.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Roma, 11 25 OTT. 1944

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Caro Ammiraglio,

con lettera n° 783/21/CA in data 17 settembre Elia mi ha cortesemente informato che per il 20 settembre u.s. era prevista la cessione dell'amministrazione francese all'Isola d'Elba ed il passaggio di questa sotto l'amministrazione del Governo Militare Alleato della Provincia di Livorno.

Senonchè mi viene ora riferito che in data 28 settembre u.s. la polizia francese di Portoferraio ha proceduto al fermo per il successivo internamento in Corsica degli italiani appresso indicati:

- MAIONE Giuseppe;
- FUSARI Tino;
- MUSUNECI Serafino;
- MUA Chelera;
- GRIESSER Gualtiero;
- MARTORELLA Melisade;
- CROSIO Virginio;
- CONCI Oreste.

Poichè la prosecuzione di siffatti arresti da parte della polizia francese e di internamenti in Corsica non appare conciliabile col nuovo ordinamento amministrativo dato

All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone
Acting Chief Commissioner
Commissione Alleata

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(25)
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref 520/53/000.

19th October, 1944

SUBJECT: Administration of Military Government ELBA.

TO : 0 - 5, A.P.H.O.

1. I refer to your letters of the 16th of September and the 3rd of October reference number 04.1-4. In the last paragraph of the letter of the 16th of September the appointment of Col. Petit as Deputy Military Governor is stated to be terminated as from the date of departure of the French garrison.

2. In spite of representations made by you to the Chief of the French Military Mission and various assurances which we have received over the telephone, it was ascertained today by this HQ from the SCAG on ELBA that no shipping had yet arrived for the purpose of removing the French garrison. In fact, 50 additional troops had been brought in to the Island.

3. Under those circumstances I would urge most strongly that the termination of the appointment of Col. Petit as Deputy Military Governor should be made to take effect immediately and not be dependent upon the removal of the troops. If it is necessary for him to stay there he should stay in the capacity of French Garrison Commander only with no responsibility for civil affairs.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff,
For Acting Chief Commissioner.

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R. C. Tolson

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Roma, li 26 OTT. 1944

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Vol. 10 / 10
Caro Ammiraglio,

con lettere n° 753/21/CA in data 17 settembre
Ella mi ha cortesemente informato che per il 20 settembre u.s.
era prevista la cessazione dell'amministrazione francese al-
l'Isola d'Elba ed il passaggio di questa sotto l'amministra-
zione del Governo Militare Alleato della Provincia di Livorno.

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All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone
Acting Chief Commissioner
Commissione Alleata

ROMA

Del 50975

all'Isola d'Elba, secondo quanto contenuto nella Sua lettera
su citata, ho ritenuto opportuno dargliene comunicazione pre-
gandola di volersi cortesemente interessare al riguardo.

Mi creda, caro Ammiraglio, molto cordialmente

R. F. F. F.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(ACM)
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref 520/55/005.

19th October, 1944.

SUBJECT: Administration of Military Government EMMA.

TO : G-5, A.P.H.Q.

1. I refer to your letters of the 16th of September and the 3rd of October reference number OIL.1-4. In the last paragraph of the letter of the 16th of September the appointment of Col. Petit as Deputy Military Governor is stated to be terminated as from the date of departure of the French garrison.

2. In spite of representations made by you to the Chief of the French Military Mission and various assurances which we have received over the telephone, it was ascertained today by this HQ from the COM on EMMA that no shipping had yet arrived for the purpose of moving the French garrison. In fact, 50 additional troops had been brought in to the Island.

3. Under these circumstances I would urge most strongly that the termination of the appointment of Col. Petit as Deputy Military Governor should be made to take effect immediately and not be dependent upon the removal of the troops. If it is necessary for him to stay there he should stay in the capacity of French Garrison Commander only with no responsibility for civil affairs.

MSL
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff,
For Acting Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

RGK/ltg.

RVIII/21/A/443

13 Oct. 44.

18 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Assignment of Officers for duty on the Island of Elba.

TO : Chief of Staff, Hq. Allied Control Commission. ✓

1. Confirming oral arrangement made yesterday and with reference to RVIII/16/65 dated 10 Oct. 44 I request that if this Region is to continue to administer the Island of Elba, the officers now on duty on that Island, including Major MURCHIE, be transferred and assigned to Toscana Region for assignment to Livorno Province for duty on the Island of Elba so long as the French Military Commander remains there.

2. It is further recommended that steps be taken to relieve the French Military Commander of his duty as Deputy Military Governor on the Island of Elba. If it is necessary for him to stay there he should stay in the capacity of French Garrison Commander only with no responsibility for civil affairs.

Robert G. Kirkwood
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, FA, US Army
Regional Commissioner.

Copy to File 16.



Copy To: ESTAB SEC

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 812

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G-5: 014.1-4

14 October 1944

SUBJECT: French Personnel and Equipment on Elba.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394 (Attn: Lt. Col. Shipp)

As per our telephone conversation this date,
inclosed herewith copy of letter from G-3 to Chief,
French Military Mission, this Headquarters, for your
information.

RECEIVED
15 OCT 1944
A.C.C.

Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.C.D.

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ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

10 October 1964

SUBJECT: French Personnel and Equipment on ELBA.

TO : Colonel LAPARRA, Chief, French Military Mission, AFHQ.

1. It has been brought to the attention of this Headquarters that 196 officers and men, 23 vehicles and guns, 220 tons of ammunition, 200 sheep and 30 mules, constituting the remainder of the French Garrison and its vehicles and equipment, have not as yet been removed from the Island of ELBA.

2. The delay in removing the above has been occasioned by adverse weather conditions, which has prevented the LST allocated for this task from approaching the Island. It is requested that you take the necessary steps to insure that all of the above French personnel and vehicles and equipment are prepared for removal on short notice, as the LST will put in at ELBA without delay when weather permits.

3. It will not be possible to remove the animals at this time but you will be notified when arrangements are completed for the animal lift.

DANIEL NOCE,
Major General, G. S. C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CENTRAL COMMAND
CIC
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref 520/45/CSS.

14th October, 1944

SUBJECT: Handover of the Island of ELBA.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Toscana Region.

1. This Headquarters is advised today by telephone that shipping has been arranged for removal of the French garrison and equipment from Elba. The evacuation will take place as soon as weather conditions permit.

2. Following the removal of the French garrison, Executive Memorandum No. 78 which provides that the administration of the Island is taken over by Toscana Region, becomes effective. Toscana Region will therefore be in readiness to assume control of the territory upon receipt of advice that the French garrison has been cleared.

3. Establishment Section are advised by means of a copy of this letter that present transfer or movement of present A.C.C. personnel on Elba is to be coordinated with Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region. It is proposed the Major Larchie, SCAS will be at the disposal of Toscana Region for a period of one week following the handover to give such assistance and advice as may be required.

4. Extracts of a report of the 7th of October by Lt. Col. Inoon, Provincial Commissioner, Livorno relating to important local problems are forwarded as an attachment to Sections concerned.

5. The SCAS Elba has recommended that the French garrison be replaced by an Allied one and further that present CC.RR be exchanged for CC.RR in the pool. This recommendation has been passed to Civil Affairs Section, with the comment that no Allied or Italian military garrison will be provided.

(Sas) H3050
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to:

Civil Affairs Section
Establishment Section
Economic Section
Col. Monfort, D.C.C.A.C., HQ. A.A.I.
D.C.A.C., FIRA.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF LIVORNO
TOSCANA REGION.

File: AMG/L/5(E)/247.

7 October, 1944.

EXTRACTS.

11. The French C.O. is arresting people, is cancelling passes issued by Major GORDON, is sending people to Corsica to jail, is searching every carabinieri coming to or leaving the island and pretty much doing as he pleases. 15 Italians were arrested last week by the French accused of being Republican Fascists and were sent to Corsica where they are supposed to be given a good going over. 100 such cases have already been sent to Corsica recently.

12. A French doctor took all the surgical instruments, amounting to an inventory of 400,000 lire from the Italian Hospital at Rio Marina, Capo Livorno.

15. I much prefer Capt. SMITH to Major BENTLEY and regret that the change was made. Either a supply officer like Capt. SMITH or a Police Officer like Major GORDON are the types most needed for ELBA if only one officer is to be left behind and under the circumstances I hope Major BENTLEY can be relieved in favor of either a Supply Officer or a Public Safety Officer.

16. Conditions on ELBA are not good. Unemployment is the most serious menace aside from lack of food. The people are willing to work. At least 2500 men are unemployed.

17. In addition to the unemployed there are 2000 Italian Marines and soldiers who have become separated from their units and are living on the island. A Marine Officer (Italian) is now at work on ELBA to gather together the 500 odd marines. All of these 2000 should be removed from ELBA.

18. The food situation will be much improved if fishing could be permitted. I went into this matter thoroughly during my visit.

19. The Prison situation must be thoroughly investigated and clarified on all three islands where prisons are located.

Brig. Lush

MEMO

11 Oct 44

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1. Message from Ode
2. Murchie phoned to say two emissaries from French Garrison had left Elba 5 days ago - one for North Africa and one for Paris. There had been some additions to this garrison recently.
3. Murchie states that the French Garrison do not wish to leave until they are replaced by another garrison.
4. Capt. Smith is going to HQ AFHQ on 12 Oct with a full report.
5. Oden is telephoning C-5, AFHQ today giving them the information supplied by Murchie.
6. Oden had to speak to me partly in metaphor owing to the secret nature of message.
7. Col. Kirkwood has written to AFHQ requesting that Toscana Region should not take over Elba when Garrison leaves.
8. If Toscana Region are directed to take over the Island, they request that one of Murchie's staff be left in charge and assigned to their Region.

Robert Jones
Lt. Col.

Copy to Col. Monfort

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

ELBA.

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Ref. CP/4/44.

TO:- Headquarters Allied Control Commission.

SUBJECT:- French garrison in Elba.

DATE:- October 11th. 1944

- (1). The Deputy Military Governor of Elba is now Lieut. Col. BOULLIER. Col. PETIT was relieved some weeks ago.
- (2). The present Governor recently despatched a member of his staff, Capt. Versigny, to Bastia. His orders were to report to General Mollard, with whom he would discuss the situation in Elba. He was moreover instructed to return with concise orders regarding the maintenance of a French garrison on the Island.

- (3). Capt. Versigny returned two days ago bringing with him two documents :-
- (a) A letter from Gen. Gammell to Gen. Molard (date unknown) which pointed out in effect that the need for military occupation of Elba no longer existed, and that the appointment of Col. PETIT was therefore terminated.

This letter however in para. 3 appeared to make the retirement of Col. Petit conditional upon the departure of the French troops. In any case it is in this sense that the letter has been interpreted by the French.

Unless some of the facts were deliberately withheld from me, it appears that no clear order instructing the withdrawal of all French troops has yet reached Corsica. This, if so, has provided a loophole of which the French are availing themselves to the full.

Immediately the letter referred to was received by Gen. Molard, he despatched immediately two envoys, both full Colonels, one to Algiers and the other to Paris. The Deputy Governor of Elba believes that no further orders will emanate from Gen. Molard until the two envoys return.

- (b) A movement order signed by Gen. Molard whereby all the French units comprising the garrison of Elba are ordered to embark in order of priority. The last entry on this list of priorities was that of the 14th. Coy. of Tirailleurs; i.e. the fresh garrison troops sent into Elba recently.

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Unless some of the facts were deliberately withheld from me, it appears that no clear order instructing the withdrawal of all French troops has yet reached Corsica. This, if so, has provided a loophole of which the French are availing themselves to the full.

Immediately the letter referred to was received by Gen. Molard, he despatched immediately two envoys, both full Colonels, one to Algiers and the other to Paris. The Deputy Governor of Elba believes that no further orders will emanate from Gen. Molard until the two envoys return.

- (b) A movement order signed by Gen. Molard whereby all the French units comprising the garrison of Elba are ordered to embark in order of priority. The last entry on this list of priorities was that of the 14th. Coy. of Tirailleurs; i.e. the fresh garrison troops sent into Elba recently. Against this final entry appears a marginal note written and initialled by Gen. Molard which reads - "under no circumstances will these troops be embarked" until further orders are received bearing my signature".

- (4) It is no part of my duty to draw conclusions from the foregoing. Nevertheless I am confident that the main facts should be placed before A.P.H.Q. as quickly as possible.

- (5) The question of the Island garrison is an important matter. I would refer you to the following :-
 (a) My third monthly report on Elba, dated Sept. 7th.
 (b) My letter addressed to the Exec. Commissioner, under ref. CPM/52, and dated Sept. 6th.
 (c) Major Gillett's report on his visit to Elba, dated Sept 11th.

In all three of these documents the necessity for maintaining a military garrison in Elba of 150 men is

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men is/ strongly emphasised. The arrival of these troops should be timed to coincide with the departure of the French. Very serious rioting will ensue if for any reason the above request is not complied with. The figure of 150 men has been very carefully worked out, and is based on the fact that there are five different centres on the Island where it is essential to maintain a display of armed force.

(Major C.P. Murchie)

C. P. Murchie
Major.
S.C.A.O. Elba.

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TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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10 Oct. 44.

SUBJECT: Status of the Island of Elba.

TO : Chief of Staff, Hq. Allied Commission. ✓

1. Ref. attached letter from the P.C. LIVORNO (AMG/L/5(E)/247 of 7 Oct. 44) relative to the situation on the Island of Elba.

2. From the report made by the P.C. LIVORNO, attached; and from other information received, it appears that there are three conflicting sources of authority on the Island of Elba: namely, the Deputy Military Governor (French Military Commander); Major Murchie, appointed directly by the Allied Commission and not relieved; and the P.C. LIVORNO Province. This creates an impossible administrative situation.

3. It is recommended that the Island of Elba be withdrawn from the jurisdiction of Region VIII until such time as the French Military Commander leaves the Island; and that, in the meantime, the Island be administered directly from Allied Commission Hq as formerly.

Robert G. Kirkwood
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, FA, US Army
Regional Commissioner.

Encl.

Copy to: P.C. LIVORNO.
Exec. Cfr.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF LIVORNO
TOSCANA REGION.

7 October 1944.

File: AMG/L/SEC/247.

Subject: Isle of Elba.

To: Regional Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Military Government
Toscana Region.

1. I paid you a short visit last Tuesday but found you out and discussed this question of Elba with Colonel Johnson in part in your absence.

2. Military Government on Elba is all bottled up. Right now we have 3 organizations trying to run Military Government on the Island.

- a. The French C.G.
- b. Major Murchie.
- c. Capt. Smith under Lawinde.

3. Colonel Johnson tells me and so does Major Murchie, that as long as French troops are on the Island, the French C.G. is the Military Governor.

4. An AGO order of which we have no copy at hand, relieves Major GOODACH and Captain BENTLEY of duty on Elba and requires them to report to Headquarters on 14th September.

5. Special Order No. 54 assigns Capt. R.Y. Smith (A) to Livorno Province for duty in Elba.

6. Colonel Johnson told me 3 Oct that Major H. BENTLEY (B) is replacing Capt. R.Y. Smith on Elba. No order here doing so.

7. Major MURCHIE states that he has recommended to AGO that he be kept on duty in ELBA as long as the French troops are there.

8. Yesterday copies of Special Order No. 243 dated 1 Oct for Major H. BENTLEY (B), rescind Pam. 21 SO No. 225 13 September, with reference to him.

9. Major MURCHIE told me when I visited Elba 27 September that he would not permit Major GOODACH and Major BENTLEY to leave on their order a/m in part until he received an official copy of the order. Major GOODACH and Major BENTLEY had theirs.

10. A French Captain challenged my presence on the Island, stating his Colonel was the Military Governor.

11. The French C.G. is arresting people, is cancelling passes issued by Major GOODACH, is sending people to Corsica to jail, is searching every carabinieri coming to or leaving the Island and pretty much doing as he pleases. 13 Italians were arrested last week by the French accused of being Republican Fascists and were sent to Corsica where they are supposed to be given a good going over. 100 such cases have already been sent to Corsica recently.

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12. A French doctor with all the surgical instruments, amounting to an inventory of 100,000 lire from the Italian Hospital at Rio Martino, Capo Liverso.

13. 475 French troops were removed from the island the day of my arrival, but 180 more were brought in by the same boat. This doesn't look as though the French intend to leave. 450 others were still on the island the day I left.

14. If Colonel Johnson is correct in stating that the French V.O. is the Military Governor (and as such he is actually performing most of the functions of AGC with the exception of the most difficult one of supplying food which he expects AGC to do) then some clarification is needed as to what are to be the actual duties and responsibilities of the Provincial Commissioner now having AGC control of Elba according to orders. And, furthermore, Major MURCHIE says he is in control of Elba as long as AGC doesn't give him orders to the contrary.

15. I much prefer Capt. SMITH to Major HENTLEY and regret that the change was made. Either a supply officer like Capt. SMITH or a Police Officer like Major GOODALE are the types most needed for Elba if only one officer is to be left behind and under the circumstances I hope Major HENTLEY can be relieved in favor of either a Supply Officer or a Public Safety Officer.

16. Conditions on Elba are not good. Unemployment is the most serious menace aside from lack of food. The people are willing to work. At least 2500 men are unemployed.

17. In addition to the unemployed there are 2000 Italian Marines and soldiers who have become separated from their units and are living on the island. A Marine Officer (Italian) is now at work on Elba to gather together the 500 odd marines. All of these 2000 should be removed from Elba.

18. The food situation will be much improved if fishing could be permitted. I went into this matter thoroughly during my visit.

19. The Prison situation must be thoroughly investigated and clarified on all three islands where prisons are located.

20. The above are a few of my observations. Much more can be said but for the present, clarification of the actual status of Military Government is most important.

(Sgd). JOHN P. LARSON

(Typed) JOHN P. LARSON
Lt. Colonel, USMC
Provincial Commissioner
LIVORNO.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff.

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Ref : 520/38/QOS.

11 October 1944

SUBJECT : Military Government - ELBA

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Establishment Section.
Col. Monfort, D.C.C.A.C. H.Q. AAI.

1. The removal of the French Garrison from Elba has not taken place according to plan and as a consequence it has not yet been possible to handover the territory to TOSCANA Region. AFHQ have been informed.

2. Major Murchie, SCAD Elba, consulted by telephone regarding the French position raises several points which are passed herewith to the responsible Sections :

(a) Civil Affairs Section.

Major Murchie is concerned about public safety following withdrawal of French troops. He has previously recommended that a small number of Allied troops be sent in to replace the French Garrison. In addition a request was put forward that the 50 Carabinieri on the Island be exchanged for Carabinieri in the pool. Major Murchie states that he is not aware of any plans that may have been made concerning the above.

(b) Establishment Section.

There are three officers at present stationed on Elba; Major Murchie (B), Capt. Bentley (B) and Capt. Smith (A). Major Murchie requests that orders affecting the three officers named be brought in line with the delay in the handover.

3. It may be expected that orders removing the French Garrison and their equipment will be issued shortly by AFHQ and plans for the handover should be formulated accordingly. Particular reference is made to further co-ordinating the transfer from Maj. Murchie to TOSCANA Region.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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REF

: 520/COS.

9 October 1944

SUBJECT

: Military Government ELBA.

TO

: AFHQ, G-5 Section.

1. Reference your G-5 Oik. 1-4 of 3 October 44.
2. I have been told by the SCAG ELBA that the expected removal of the French Garrison has not taken place and it is reported that no plans for departure are under their consideration.
3. There has been a movement of troops to and from the Island. 180 new troops recently arrived prior to the departure of a large part of the garrison. On 8 October 44 the French strength was 196 officers and men. A list of equipment is attached.
4. We are informed that Col. Petit the Deputy Governor left ELBA six to eight weeks ago and that his command has been assumed by his former Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Boulter.
5. The Italian Government have for some time evidenced their concern as regards the administration of ELBA. Early in September the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs made strong representations on the manner in which the French were carrying out their administration. The communication stressed the resentment evidenced by the local population generally to the French Administration. A request was made that the position be re-examined with a view toward the return of the Islands' administration to the Italian Government, and the Acting Chief Commissioner answered the points raised by stating that AMG Administration could be expected to be in force on or about 20 September. The resulting position in light of the French delay in removing their garrison is most unsatisfactory.
6. Will you please convey this information to G-3 and advise us of what action is being taken.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff,
For Acting Chief Commissioner.

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FRENCH EQUIPMENT ON NLEA

	<u>Weight</u>
1 large artillery Piece	10 tons
12 light artillery Pieces (1 ton each)	12 "
2 tanks (5 tons each)	10 "
American ammunition	200 "
German ammunition	40 "
7 light lorries (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton each)	10 "
1 small private car	1/2 "
200 live sheep	
30 miles.	

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Chief of Staff Sec.

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AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ AGO PAREN FRENCH STRENGTH ALMA OFFICERS MEN ONE NINE SIX
^{Equipment PD} PD ONE LARGE CANNON APPROXIMATE WEIGHT TEN TONS ^{CMA} TWELVE LIGHT CANNONS ONE TON EACH CMA
TWO TANKS FIVE TONS EACH CMA AMERICAN ASSAULTION TWO HUNDRED TONS GERMAN ASSAULTION
TWENTY TONS CMA SEVEN LIGHT LOBBIES ONE AND HALF TONS EACH CMA ONE HALF TON PRIVATE
CAR CMA ALSO TWO HUNDRED LIVE SHEEP THIRTY MILKS

L. T. ~~SECRET~~, Jr.
1st Lt AGO
ADJUTANT

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INCOMING MESSAGE: 13/11/34

TO: ACTION ACC

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACKED

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DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 021929A OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE PHGEG

SECRET. Conversation JACKMAN-SHIA yesterday is reference. Request you state urgently exact numbers of French on ELBA with particulars of vehicles and equipment to be moved. This necessary in order arrange sea transportation for French still on island.

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• Police Lt. Harris who
is informing 43 straight
away. I stated that
the information was of today's
date and correct and
that 43 had been wrongly
informed and must take
action.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 912

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G-5: 024.1-4

3 October 1944

4 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Military Government Elba.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

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1. Reference is made to G-5: 024.1-4 of 16 September 44.
2. G-5 has now informed this section that the French Garrison left the Island some days ago.
3. In the circumstances will you please confirm for record purposes at this HQ that Col Petit has also left the Island and that it is now administered normally under ACC/AMC control.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

W. B. JACOBSON
Lt. Colonel.

W. B. JACOBSON,
Lt. Colonel.

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Civil Affairs Branch

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HAZDOVER

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L.F. MURPHY
L.F. MURPHY, Jr.
1st Lieut AGD
ADJUTANT

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Civil Affairs Br.

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS INFORM THAT PERSONNEL ONLY OF FIRST BN OF TWO REGT
BOGSH TROOP ARE MOVE FROM ELBA BY SEA TO PARISI TO ACC REGION VIII FROM ACC HQ
PARISI TO CRAFT ARRIVE FRANKING ON TWO FIVE SEPTEMBER TO VEHICLES WILL BE
MOVED LATER DATE

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Talked to Maj Marchie
Warning Team of above move
"Francis" cannot be located
Friend James checking to see if
it is a code name.

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L. E. MONTAGUE JR
1st Lt, AGO
ADJUTANT

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"Francis" not code.

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TO: ACTION 503 MATOUSA MAIN NORES/FUR INFO CON BASE, 6 ARMY GROUP, 7 ARMY CP, AAL ACC
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FROM: AFHQ SECRET SIGNED
CLASSIFICATION: 2 SEP Recd
PRECEDENCE: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
REFERENCE No: FX 29348
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEPT 23/1995 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: ZHCT

SECRET. MOVE PERSONNEL ONLY OF FIRST BN OF 29 REA FROM ELBA TO SOUTHERN FRANCE.
MOVE TO BE BY SEA TRANSPORTATION. CRAFT WILL ARRIVE FRANCHINE ON 25 SEPTEMBER. VEHICLES
TO BE MOVED AT LATER DATE. NOTIFY THIS HQ TIME DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL DESTINATION

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HQ AOC

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Civil Affairs Br.

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AFHQ INFORM THERE WILL BE SHORT DELAY IN MOVEMENT OF FRENCH GARRISON FROM NEMA
PD PARISE TO REGION EIGHT AOC FROM HQ AOC PARISE WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED

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L. F. JENKINS, JR.
1st Lt. AGD
ALBUQUERQUE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

19 September 1944

SUBJECT: Move of ALBA Garrison to MARSHFIELD

TO: Colonel LAPORTE, Chief, French Military Mission, AFHQ

Reference AFHQ letter dated 23 August, 1944, subject as above.

1. It is requested that you inform your Government that, due to temporary difficulties in shipping arrangements, there will be a brief delay in the movement of the French Garrison from ALBA to MARSHFIELD.

2. The necessary shipping should be available soon, and you will be notified without delay when the date for the movement becomes firm.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre:

DANIEL BUCK,
Major General, G. S. C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

Copy to:
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APC 394.4

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Ref Shipton etc. Shipment Reg 1111 and
may be notified? encl.

Yes pl send Secret Signal Code
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Ref 783/27/CA

22nd September, 1944

SUBJECT: Handover of ELBA.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

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1. At folio 25 A.F.H.Q. forward for our information copies of two letters sent by them to the French Commander and to Deputy Military Governor in ELBA, on the subject of terminating the appointment of Col. Petit as Deputy Military Governor of the Island.

Pl. Perfolio
10 2. The date of departure of the French was originally notified as "on or about the 20th of September". Latest information, however, from Region VIII is that the French are planning to leave about the 30th of September. Confirmation of this is being obtained from A.F. H.Q. but has not yet been received.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Minute:

Cot Johnson, E O Reg VIII advised
Lt Col Friend James that on the
occasion of his recent trips to Elba
he learned that the French Garrison
(Lt. Pett)
& C.O. were planning to quit the Island
about 30 Sept.

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Then Confirmed the Patent
reworking of Patent application
referred to in para 2
of your letter of 20
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12 September 1952

SUBJECT: Military Government of E.M.

TO : General of Division A. J. [unclear]
Military Government of E.M.

1. Reference is made to the letter of General A. J. [unclear] dated 28 August 1952, and the letter of General A. J. [unclear] dated 29 August 1952, both of which are attached hereto for your information. The original letter of General A. J. [unclear] is being furnished to you for your information.

2. It will be noted that the letter of General A. J. [unclear] dated 28 August 1952, and the letter of General A. J. [unclear] dated 29 August 1952, both of which are attached hereto for your information. The original letter of General A. J. [unclear] is being furnished to you for your information.

3. A letter of General A. J. [unclear] dated 28 August 1952, and the letter of General A. J. [unclear] dated 29 August 1952, both of which are attached hereto for your information. The original letter of General A. J. [unclear] is being furnished to you for your information.

By General of Division A. J. [unclear]:

J. A. [unclear]
General of Division A. J. [unclear]
Military Government of E.M.

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20 September 1951

Subject: Military Government of Japan.

1. Attached is a letter from the

Japanese Ministry of Defense to the Military Government of Japan, dated 14 September 1951.

2. It will be noted that in the letter the Japanese Ministry of Defense, in which you are mentioned, it is stated that the Japanese Ministry of Defense is in the process of preparing a plan for the establishment of a military government in Japan, and that the plan is being prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Japanese Constitution.

3. In view of the fact that you are the representative of the Military Government of Japan, it is requested that you advise the Japanese Ministry of Defense of the results of your discussions with the Military Government of Japan.

By Command of General G. C. Smith:

Wm. C. Galt,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

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Ref/783/21/CA.

17 September 1944.

Your Excellency,

I thank you for your letter 6/455/209 of 9 September 1944 on the subject of the military occupation of the island of NAMA, and am glad to be able to tell you that the Island becomes part of LIVORNO Province under Allied Military Government for purposes of administration on the 20th September. I trust that the incidents of which you speak will come to an end with this change.

Yours very truly,

HELENE W. STONE
Capt., USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Prepared by: - Lt.Col.G.W.I. Shipp,
Civil Affairs Br.,

Sgd.....

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HQ ACC - Sec'y Gen	
DISPATCHED	
Date - Time	18 Sept 0900
Via	166
Initials	GKR

TO: Acting Chief Commissioner.

16 Sep 44.

Administration of the Island of ELBA.

After discussion with Political Section, whose comments are attached at folio 20, I submit the following draft reply to H.E. S. Prunas for your approval :

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Your Excellency,

I thank you for your letter 6/465/209 of 9 September 1944 on the subject of the military occupation of the island of ELBA, and am glad to be able to tell you that the Island becomes part of LIVORNO Province under Allied Military Government for purposes of administration on the 20th September. I trust that the incidents of which you speak will come to an end with this change.

Yours very truly,

E.W.S. "

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
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MEMORANDUM TO: Political Section.

14 Sept. 1944.

Administration of the Island of ELBA

1. At 18 and 19 H.E. Prunas has protested against the French occupation of ELBA. He also makes a few complaints of the attitude of the French troops.
2. The date for the withdrawal of French troops is on or about 20 Sept but this information is secret and should presumably not be disclosed to the Italian Government. A recommendation has been made to AFHQ that the appointment of the French Military Governor should be revoked on the departure of the French troops and this has been agreed to. (Probably to be confirmed in writing)
3. An order was issued by this HQ on the 11th Sept by which on the 20th Sept the island of ELBA became a part of LIVORNO Province for purposes of administration. I think that a brief reply informing the Italian Government of this fact without making reference to the withdrawal of French troops would be a sufficient answer to the first part of the letter.
4. Regarding the numerous offences against person and property, I think that there may be a certain amount in what H.E. Prunas says but this will also come to an end on the 20th Sept. No official complaints have been made to the SCAG of the island.
5. Regarding the removal of Italian soldiers to Corsica, I believe that this matter was raised before. Would you please comment on this and also say whether you agree to a reply being sent by the Acting Chief Commissioner on the lines I have outlined in para.3 above.

1) I agree to proposed reply in para 3

2) I do not recall seeing question of removal of Italian Police to Corsica raised before if there is previous correspondence may I see it?

G. W. I. SHIPP,
Lieut. Col.
Civil Affairs Branch.

In any case I should write to know from Legal Sub Com whether there is anything irregular in this: These Italian were captured by the French.

3) As to statement that Italian Police have not always been treated in accordance with international law in Greece, I note

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(Replaces old form in duplicate)

MEMORANDUM.

Sender's Reference	Receiver's Reference	Date
From Capt. M. M. M. M. M.	TO: Col. Stupp	

From G. S.

- 1. The Defense Secretary will announce within the department of the French Troops.
- 2. They arrived with 14.
- 3. The matter is still secret and nothing is to be divulged as to its happening.

12 Sept

Capt. [unclear]

Will you please ring up [unclear]
Central [unclear] find out the
latest [unclear] on the [unclear]
we have not [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.T. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/57/GA

11 Sept 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 78)

ISLAND OF ELBA

See Folio 71

~~DO NOT COPY~~
Effective 0001 hours 20 ~~September~~ 1944, the island of ELBA ceases to be administered by HQ ACC and becomes a part of LIVORNO Province, Region VIII.

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M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

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From: The Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Administration of the Island of
Elba

FILE NO. A/CC 321

TO: R.C. & M.G. Section)
Political Section) In turn

11 September 1944

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1. Reference is made to attached copy of letter from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government, No. 6/465/209, of 9 Sept 44, relative to the above subject.

2. For your comments and suggested reply, please.

WJ
Stone

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as above

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TRANSLATION

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MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rome, September 9, 1944

Dear Admiral,

On June 25th ult., with letter No. 4977, I took the opportunity to point out to Sir Noel Charles the disadvantages that in the Italian Government's opinion were caused by the appointment of a French officer as Governor of the Island of Elba.

Referring yourself verbally to this communication, you assured me that the question could be taken again into consideration after a suitable period of time had elapsed to allow things to settle down.

In the meantime it has come to the knowledge of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that, independently from the moral side of the question, the troops of occupation on the Island of Elba have been guilty, in this period, of numerous offences committed against the person and property of the inhabitants of the Island, stirring up an intense feeling of resentment amongst the local population. It is reported furthermore that, contrarily to the procedure followed until now in the Italian campaign, the Italian soldiers incorporated in German formations and made prisoners on Elba have been transferred, not to Allied concentration camps, but to French camps situated in Corsica, where they have not always been subject to the treatment accorded by international law.

I take the opportunity afforded me by these complaints to ask you to interest yourself again in obtaining from the A.C.C. a re-examination of the question of the Island of Elba in compliance with the assurances which you so kindly gave me. As the return to normality of the situation invoked as a condition for its re-examination by the Allied authorities is now accomplished, the time seems ripe for restoring the Island of Elba to the Italian Government's administration. In this connection I wish to recall those considerations of opportunity and timeliness which I pointed out in my previous letter and I shall be very grateful if you will explain and illustrate to the proper authorities the Italian Government's point of view on this delicate question.

Very cordially yours,

/s/ A. Prunas

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

E.L.B.A.

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SECRET

Copy No. 1. CA 1317

10 SEP Recd

Ref CPW/52.

TO: Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army.

SUBJECT: Policy concerning Elbe.

DATE: 6th September 1944.

Further to telephone conversation (Shive/Marcale).

1. It is noted that the date of withdrawal of French Troops is September 20th 1944.

2. After careful consideration of all the circumstances I am firmly of opinion that the Island should not be left without any form of garrison. Political unrest, at present quiescent, will undoubtedly develop into open rioting directly the troops are withdrawn.

3. I recommend the following:-

a. Replacement of the 1200 French Troops by 100 suitably officered troops - either British, American, or, if unavoidable, Italian.

b. The exchange of the 50 Carabinieri at present in the Island for the same number from Carabinieri Pool.

c. Whatever happens I personally should not be withdrawn from the Island until after the French leave. I can then hand over in a very few days.

C. P. Mischke
C.P. MISCHKE,
Major,
S.C.A.C. Elbe.

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Ref. 1 by Capt. C. J. Macnamara on
a visit to ALBA Sept. 6 - 10, 1944.

General Remarks.

1. This island represents a unique experiment in the annals of the Occupation. The CCAD - Major Murchie, and his team landed with the French and proceeded to control the administration. In view of the known attitude of the French to the Italians, considerable technical difficulties resulted but were successfully overcome and today an atmosphere of extreme cordiality exists not only with the French but with the Italian population also.
2. ALBA with an area of some 30 square miles has a population of some 30,000 people who are docile, friendly and bear no evidence of malnutrition. In their administration the island economy has been developed as fully as possible and a complete understanding has been shown of local problems. There is complete absence of inflation. There has been no accession of spending power owing to the absence of American or British troops on the island and the cost of living approximates to 30% of that of the mainland.
3. Agriculture is the main industry of the island (65%) producing mainly vegetables and only one month's supply of grain. Fishing and production of iron ore make up the balance. At the moment there is no night fishing, when the largest catches are made (4 - 8 tons Merluccius on a catch) and the iron mines are on a care and maintenance basis as facilities for smelting are being sought.
4. Farming this year suffered considerably from the absence of copper sulphate for grapes and a tremendous hailstorm of such weight that no less than sixty land mines were exploded in one field by the hailstones.
5. Reconstruction is proceeding slowly. The one large town Porto Ferrado is being re-occupied after the official evacuation and surveyed entirely at the moment by private enterprises. There will be subsequent claims for rebuilding and clearance and already 2,000,000 lire has been voted for this purpose. Its re-occupation will relieve the acute shortage of accommodation which exists. Some 80% of the port is destroyed and includes cement and smelting plants.
6. Financial situation is sound with a steady inflow of money into the banks and communal loans are being made at 3 1/2 - 4%. The money spent by the French has made itself felt, they have mainly skinned the surplus supplies of wine and vegetables.

Comments and Recommendations.

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8. The re-enlistment of the Forestry Guards emphasises the importance of re-afforestation in Italy. This is a period of private reconstruction and the abuse of plantations by private individuals should not be tolerated.

9. On the handing over of Alba to Region VIII the presence of a resident C.A.O. would be advisable. The island is perched in outlook and will pull together in its own interest. Only a resident would be thoroughly conversant with the problems and handle the traffic of the island. At the present permits have to be obtained for travel by sea and no boat leaves the island without remark. The political situation demands a C.A.O. (Major Gillette's report).

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10. As an alternative, a direct handover to the Italian Government would be a satisfactory solution to preserve a local administration.

11. The island should be still maintained as "out of bounds" to troops. On the departure of the French a more healthy situation should develop and on the cessation of their depredations the present administration will have put Elba on a fair way to recovery.

Reports.

Public Safety.

1. Carabinieri, morale low. Re-drafting has been recommended. Forestry Guards have been again put on duty owing to the peasantry grazing their goats on new plantations and unauthorized felling. One prison for minor offenses exists. The Asinara prison is unfit for accommodation owing to war damage. There is very little crime on the island and none of a serious nature.

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Transportation.

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Admin Sec.

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7. **Mission.** The excellence of the liaison between IIC and the French has been commented on elsewhere.
8. **P.O. & M.O. Section.** Mines and minefields present no problem as they are confined to lonely beaches and wasteland. Minefields at sea exist and communication with neighbouring islands are by courtesy of the Naval authorities.
9. **Estab. Br.** Morale and discipline of personnel excellent.
10. **Public Works & Utilities.** Electricity is normal, roads though deteriorating are good. The water supply varies in quality. Conditions satisfactory.
11. **Patriots.** Patriot situation is subject of separate reports.

Manu...
Capt. MACHAMARA.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Phone 476183

Ref/783/16/CA

NKF/mrd
3 September 1944

Dear Murchie:

The problem presented by the officers and men of the Italian Army on Elba has been under consideration since my return from my visit there. M.M.I.A. is not at all keen to do anything about it. As far as they are concerned these people are on a civilian status. Naturally, the Italian Army will undoubtedly look into it, but presently I have not been able to get them stirred up. If the situation presents any serious difficulty, please let me know and I will have another try at it.

Sincerely yours,

Deputy Executive Commissioner

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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HEAD OFFICE
ALLIED OFFICIAL SECRETARIAT
R.O. AND H.O. SECTION
ATO 394

Ref/783/15/GA

29 August 1944

SUBJECT: Administration - RMA.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region VII, A.O.C.

1. Reference to your RVIII/16/47 of 27.8.44.
2. The recommendations contained in your para 3 (a) and (b) are approved.

W
WESLEY E. PIERCE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Copy for HQ. AAI (Ref. 783/8/GA of 15 Aug. 44.)

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SECRETHEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMY COMMAND
R.C. & R.G. Section

Ref: 73/14/01

29th August 64

Subject: Administration - WBA

Re: G.S. Section, A.F.H.Q.

1. Ref. your Oth. 1-4 of 24.8.64, paras. 3 and 4, in which you state that you see no reason, provided it is first cleared with A.A.I., to wait for the withdrawal of the French garrison before reviving the appointment of the French Deputy Military Governor. In this connection I enclose a copy of A.A.I. H.Q. letter 25/3/0(ops) of 19th August.
2. I have discussed this matter fully with S.C.A.G., WBA, who is ~~in~~ of the opinion that the termination of the Military Governor's appointment should coincide with the withdrawal of the French troops.
3. S.C.A.G., WBA, points out that he already has complete administrative control of the island and that the Deputy Military Governor has little power except as the garrison Commander, and as such S.C.A.G. would prefer that he remain on the island until the garrison is withdrawn.
4. I am in agreement with these views and recommend that the revocation of the appointment of the French Deputy Military Governor be dated to coincide with the departure of the French troops.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
for A/Chief Commissioner
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Copy To: A.A.I. (Ref. 25/3/0(ops))
G.S. Section, A.F.H.Q.
S.C.A.G., Elba

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII

RGK/LLG.

RVIII/16/17.

27th August, 1944.

29 AUG Recd

SUBJECT: Status of Island of ELBA.

TO : Exec. Comm. Hq. ACC (Attention Col. Norman E. Fiske).

1. I note in your letter 783/8/CA dated 15th August, 1944 that it is contemplated turning the Island of ELBA over to GROSSETO Province pending the time when LIVORNO Province will be turned over to Region VIII by A.M.G. 5th Army.

2. I have given this matter considerable thought and believe that to turn the Island of ELBA over to the Provincial Commissioner of GROSSETO, temporarily, would lead to difficulties which can be readily avoided by another procedure.

3. I recommend that:
a. The Island of ELBA be turned over to the Province of LIVORNO as soon as it is released from its present status, provided the Province of LIVORNO is then under Region VIII, and not under 5th Army.

b. If LIVORNO Province is still under 5th Army when the Island of ELBA is released from its present status, the Island with its present AMG personnel be turned over to Region VIII Hq for administration directly from that Hq. As soon as LIVORNO Province comes under Region VIII control, the Island of ELBA to be turned over to LIVORNO Province, as is normal in time of peace.

4. The arrangements suggested would avoid difficulties which will arise if the Island of ELBA is put under GROSSETO temporarily. The Island can be administered from Hq. Region VIII provided the present personnel is left in place and continue as it is now administered.

ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, FA, US Army
Regional Commissioner.



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 783/12/CA

28th August, 1944

SUBJECT: Administration - Eide

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference folios 9, 10 and 11, AAI state that the French troops will be with-drawn on or about the 20th of September and that no Allied Military garrison will be sent to replace them.
2. AAI indicate that the appointment of Col. Petit as Deputy Military Governor will be rescinded at the same time. G-5 A.F. HQ see no reason to wait for the with-drawal of French troops.
3. I have spoken to Major Murchie today who is of the same opinion as AAI. He says that the appointment of the French Deputy Military Governor was heavily hedged about with restrictions such as not being allowed to take ~~the~~ part in any affairs of civil administration. There therefore seems no object in making the order of revocation to date before the with-drawal of French troops; furthermore Major Murchie thinks that Col. Petit will be useful to him on the Island up until September the 20th.
4. I agree with Major Murchie completely and suggest that we reply to G-5 A.F. HQ saying that we recommend that the revocations of the appointment of Col. Petit be dated to coincide with the departure of the French troops.

For Shipp 1501

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I agree.

G. W. I. SMITH
Lt. Colonel

M. S. 16/8

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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TBJ/JJR

G-5: 014.1-4

20 August 1944

21 AUG Recd

SUBJECT: Military Government - Elba.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

1. It is noted from the Vice President's Notes of 14 Aug that Elba is to be at present administered as part of Region VIII and that your Executive Commissioner was to clear with AAI.

2. A copy has also been seen in this Section of HQ AAI cable 04212 of 19 August stating that it is considered that no garrison is required on Elba, that other services consulted and agree and that it will come under sole administration of ACC who are placing it under control of Grosseto province in Region 8. It is further understood that French garrison troops will be withdrawn from Elba effective 20 September.

3. It was of course always understood that the French participation in Elba would not be active and that as soon as it was expedient to do so the civil administration would be handed totally over to you. As it appears that you are now in a position to include the Island in Region VIII it seems to this Section that the appointment of Colonel Petit as Deputy Military Governor of the Island may now be revoked and that this need in no way depend on the removal of the French garrison.

4. Will you please state whether you after clearing with AAI agree with the above and if so the date from which Col. Petit's appointment as Deputy Military Governor should be terminated. As his appointment was specifically made by this HQ it will be necessary for the revocation to be done from here also.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

Copy to:-

G-3

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SUBJECT :- Administration of ELBA

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Adv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

25/3/44 (Ops)

19 Aug 44

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21 AUG 1944
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Further to this HQ letter 25/3/44 (Ops) of 18 Aug.

1. It has now been decided that it will no longer be necessary to maintain a garrison on the Island of ELBA after the withdrawal of the French troops on or about 20 Sep.
2. It is NOT proposed, therefore, to place the Island of ELBA under the control of P.B.S., and it will come under your sole administration immediately these French troops have been withdrawn. You should contact Col. Petit the Deputy Military Commander as soon as possible and make the necessary arrangements for taking over the adm of the island direct with him.

Handwritten signature

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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Copy to :-
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Main AAI
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The Cr. Comm. Says nothing more to be
done at present. Matter can be reopened
on representation to it.

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100 T. C. Co.

SUBJECT: - Administration ELBA

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Adv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

25/3/G(Ops)

18 Aug 44

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19 AUG Recd

To: Allied Control Commission

Reference your 783/B/CA of 15 Aug 44.

1. AFHQ have advised this HQ that French troops will be withdrawn from ELBA on or about 20 Sep at which time the appointment of Colonel Petit as Deputy Military Governor will be rescinded.
2. On withdrawal of French troops AOC will assume full civil administration of the island. It is noted that you propose to place the island under the control of Grosseto Province in Region VIII.
3. The defence commitment of the island is at present under consideration. If it is decided that a garrison is required the island will be placed under PBS for this purpose. If no garrison is required the island will be under your sole civil administration.

PDM/JH

Copy to: - CAO
DCGS
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H. Hainwright
for Lt.-Gen.,
Chief of General Staff.

Ex Comd.
Will inform Regt VIII 9/28
prepare working order to
transfer the island date before
telling HQ HQ 8/17/8

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.O. SECTION
APO 394

Phone 42065

Ref/783/8/CA

MEF/ard
15 August 1944

SUBJECT: Administration of Elba

TO : Headquarters, A.A.I.

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Reference is made to your letter 25/O(ops) of 10 July 44 and 25/O(ops) of 2 July 44, the Army rear boundary has recently been moved forward so that the three southern communes of Livorno Province, including Piombino, from which Elba is being supplied, are now out of the army area. Since it is desired to assume full civil administration of Elba at the earliest practicable time, the Commission proposes that the Island now come under the control of Grosseto Province, which has been turned over by 5 Army to Region VIII, and if you approve, would be grateful if the appointment of Colonel Petit as Deputy Military Governor be accordingly rescinded.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

Admin. Sect.
Region VIII

see 9413

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TO: Deputy Executive Commissioner.

7 August 1944.

1. You remember that the question was raised at last Wednesday's Conference at Hq. AAI to hand over ALBA to Region VIII as soon as possible.
2. You said that you had spoken to the French Commander on the subject who did not anticipate any difficulty. The Executive Commissioner thought that the matter should be referred to ALM and I append a rough draft if you want the matter pursued. Major Driffield White is here and returning to AFHQ tomorrow and could take the letter with him.

El
G.W.I. SHIPP,
Lieut. Col.

see 6 for
Col. Fisher's remarks.

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SUBJECT: ELBA.

TO : AFHQ (G-5).

1. May the position of the administration of ELBA be taken up with the French Authorities. At present ELBA is still under French Commander appointed as a result of the recent operations but it is considered that the Island should revert as soon as possible to the original AFHQ control as originally planned.
2. Investigations are in hand as to the supply side and it is expected that the port of PIOMBINO will be used at an early date.

8/7 I talked with Jackson who
agrees. But please see other
file on Elba and draft a
letter to AFHQ with that in
mind but stating that Southern
Command & Livorno are to be
turned over to Livorno province
administration by 5 Aug 58-59

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
394 APO

ASB/tm

Ref. ASC/SCS7/Com

31 July 1944

SUBJECT: Supplies ELBA

6 AUG Recd

TO : Regional Commissioner Region VIII.
(Attn. Economic Supply Division)

1. Your R VIII/15/9/7 of 18 July 1944 reference.
2. It is the intention to hand ELBA over to Region VIII for supplies but the date has not yet been fixed.
3. Meanwhile POL is being taken care of by the military in occupation and a GIP representative is being appointed.
4. A representative of Food S/C is also going up there and will see if POL can also be supplied from Piacentino which is expected to be the port for food.

By order of Capt. STORE (USAR).

Copy to: S.C. and R.C. Section.
~~Economic Section.~~
~~Police~~
~~Food S/C.~~

F. P. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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Tel: 307

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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24 Jul 44.

Via Air Mail

25 JUL Recd

SUBJECT: Elba - Supply.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Reg. VI. (Att: Supply Officer)

1. Reference cable AGC 529, 10 Jul 44.
2. Food Sub-Commission will send a representative to Piombino and probably Elba to study the practicability of supplying Elba from Piombino w.e.f. 1 August 44.
3. You will be advised of the decision made.

A. G. ANTOLINI,
Executive Director,
Economic Section.cc: RC & MG Section,
Region VIII
Food Sub-Comm.Spoke Navy Direction
24/7. Navy Supply Officer
is going to Elba & will
also arrange for

S-E-C-R-E-T

EC Col Finter has been
in with me to Elba about
Saturday - 29 July

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22 III Recd.

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CAB

AMG Elbe operates under AEC HQ
direct. They should be supplied from Pombino
and Naga Marchia has been in here & arranged
this with Food Sub Com. I can't imagine
why Comm. missed him.
You should take over AMG Elbe someone
should visit them.

22/7

Col Fisher

You will want to see this. It still doesn't
confirm when Elba goes to Reg III, which will be 1
month or 1 hour said. Where the question of their
supply from Pombino is settled.

22/7

22/7. Ind. Com will send as one 5922
a POL man to Pombino and Elba
to arrange. I shall visit in a few
days to check. F.

22/7
B. 29/7
22/7

Ex Comm:

Economic Section are
Anxious to know when
ELBA will be taken over
by Reg vm

Some time ago you
said probably when
LIVORNO comes out of
5th Army area.

Does this still stand?

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HEADQUARTERS
A.M.G. Region VIII
Economics & Supply Division

From: Economics & Supply, AMG/Region VIII.

To: Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, Headquarters, AM-Advance.

16th July, 1944

POL - ELBA.

1) Your AMG/5446/4/10 of 14th July.

2) So far as supply matters are concerned, direct contact between this Headquarters and 93AC-Elba has not yet been established. It would be appreciated if indication might be given by your Headquarters as to whether and when it is proposed to change the present arrangement by which supplies for the Island are sent from Sarlinia.

3) Piacenza in Leghorn Province is the point from which Elba could most easily be supplied from Region VIII mainland. Once the decision to aggregate the Island to this Region for supply purposes has been taken, their requisitions for POL, coal, etc., and for food, should be included in the monthly bids for Leghorn Province.

/Lt. Col.
C.B. MERRILL
Economics & Supply Division.
AMG/Region VIII

Copy to: Food Sub-Commission,
Adv. H. C., AM-Main.
" " Provincial Commissioner, Leghorn.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 334

AST/sk

Ref. 102/446/1/10

11 July 1944

SUBJECT: PCL - RMA

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region VIII
(Attention: Resources & Supply Division)

1. We have received direct from Major Burdick, RMA RMA, a request for Diesel Oil for the Electric Plant and gasoline for four trucks being supplied.
2. Probably both can be made available if you will indicate how you propose to supply RMA and particularly if you are doing so from Manila where ample PCL is available.
3. PCL in the forward areas is in short supply and may be difficult.
4. We shall also need to know what type of Diesel Oil is required: Light (Light - 40) or Heavy (Paraffin).
5. Please state weekly how you propose to supply RMA. Quantities required should in future be included in the monthly bid (due on 15th of month previous) of the Province supplying the Island.

By Order of Captain STEVE (USAR):

Copy 100
Executive Officer, RJ AM (Adv.)

S. P. EVANS
Colonel,
Director, Industry and
Commerce Sub-Commission.

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