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RELATIONS WITH CZECHS
MAY 1945 - OCT. 1946

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Letter at 57 submitted for your signature.
It is a further follow up of 53.

Ex. Com.

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Letter at 57 is equivalent of by the C.C. This
has been advised by [illegible] of the [illegible]
to take this matter up we can then forward
it to [illegible]. [illegible] requesting them to deal
with it.

14/10

James [illegible]

Ex. Com.

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As action on 64 Signal & Letter submitted
for sig. of Ex. Com.: also Letter of acknowledgment
for sig. of C.C.

14/10

4/10

with a copy of the memo to the
Director, Office of the
Inspector General, dated 10/10/68.

Enclosure

1-1 x 100

67 68

As action on 64 Signal & Letter submitted
for sig. of Ex Comm: also Letter of acknowledgment
for sig. of C.C.

10/10/68

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Chief Commissioner.

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Attached is submitted for your signature/information/approval.

Folio 29 refers

E. Horden

may

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20/7/45

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C.S.O.

1. Ref folios 39 & 46 - please see reply from V. G. at 51, & suggested action at 52.
2. It would appear that in spite of our letter at 39 the Czech representative is in fact operating as a consul in Trieste, & possibly further action should be taken.

8 Aug 45.

ccy co. A. Proby Sec Recd

0.8.3.2

36.

Acting Executive Commissioner.

Please see folio 37, which refers to para: 5 of the letter to the Chief Commissioner at folio 35.

Exhibit 161

CSO.

5th July 45.

40.

Acting Executive Commissioner.

Reference draft at 37 approved by you, letter is submitted for signature of the Chief Commissioner (folio 29).

Ex

Lt. Col.
C. S. O.

6 July 45.

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Col Fiske.

You said you would speak to CC in this. I suggest CC might ~~have~~ prefer to handle the matter personally with Mr. Vaneck. P.

Continuation (folio 19)

LT. Col.
C. B. G.

6 July 45.

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CD Fiske.

You said you would speak
to CC in this. I suggest CC
might ~~also~~ prefer to handle
the matter personally. Will

Mr. Vaneck. 11/7/45.

7/7. CC for signature. 7 9/7/45

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C50

Still no reply from AFHQ to 29.
Did EC raise when visiting C50?

18/7/45

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C50 is taking up question of foreign matters
among new war notes. (Gives 37A & 42 refer) 9/8/45

18

CS

Spoke WCL Jackson AFHQ ref M 13.
The decision given for breaks to establish
Consulates is one of policy applicable
to any limited national decisions of
establishing them in Italy. Providing
that the applicant has previously had a
Consulate in this country AC can give
approval in consultation, if necessary,
with Potlads.

11 June 45

Bl

ExCuz

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850

Letter submitted for signature by C.E. replies
to BA 5 is based on minute 18 above.

12 June 45

12/6

Bl

22

Chief Commission

CC 1025

consultation with the Secretary. He can give approval in consultation, if necessary, with Polards.

Sh

11 June 45

ExCuz
CSO

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Letter Submitted for Signature by C.C. replies to BA r is based on minute 18 above.

12 June 45

Sh 12/6

22.

Chief Commissioner

Submitted for Signature

MS/10/6

cc 10 25

JUN 13 1945

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CSO

cc asked for follow up on his letter at 29. how see 33.

4/7/45

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Sh

Spide

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Political Affairs (No 8)

Please see 3A.

Have you any objection to the Greek Consulate being set up in Thessalonica?

Hardy

26/5/45

No. The Greek Consulate is in the same building as the Greek Consulate for the Greeks - p. see my letter of 47 Feb 303/EC.

26/5/45

No objection.

W. J. A. (Br.)
Underwriting (Ref. 22. 2. 2.)

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CSD.

1. Please see 3A.
2. In view of correspondence regarding Greek Consulates in the North (see 46 file 303/20 attached) I rang up G-5 AFHQ - (Col Jackman) and asked whether they wished all correspondence of this nature to be referred to them. Col. Jackman replied that he thought that the decision given on the Greek letter would apply to all other Consulates and that he would let us know what the policy would be within the next few days.
3. An interim reply is therefore attached for C.O.'s signature (see 12).

[Signature]

26 May 45.

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26/5/45

No objection.

Wendovering (Ret. A. S. A.).

Wendovering
11.4.45 (S. A.)

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CSC.

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[Signature]

26 May 45.

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Chief Commissioner

Interim reply to (Zed Report)
for your signature. Minute 13
explains the situation.

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70 yll 29/5

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Ex Com

Two letters submitted for approval
are action on 2. For signature by
c.c. if approved.

E.H.

19/5/55

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DP + R.S.C.

Ref 3A will you please say if you
consider the establishment of a Czechoslovak
Consulate in Milan is necessary or
desirable.

Office of E.C.

19 May 55

E.H.

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Office of Executive Commission

The establishment of a Czechoslovak Consulate
in Milan is neither necessary nor desirable under

DP + RSC.

Ref 3A will you please say if you consider the establishment of a Czechoslovak Consulate in Milan is necessary or desirable.

Office of EC.

19 May 45

Shorlen ^{unij}

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Office of Executive Commissioner

1. The establishment of a Czechoslovak Consulate in Milan is neither necessary nor desirable under the present circumstances.

2. In view of the fact that Northern Italy is still under the control and jurisdiction of the 14th and Eight Armies, the establishment of such a Consulate would create a precedent for other Missions and Allied Consular Authorities.

DP + RSC.

24 May 45.

W. Limerick ^{major}

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

DUPPLICATE

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Val/Se

6/3034/1262

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

OCT 14 1948

Subject: Furniture of the Czech Historical Institute.

1. The Legation of Czechoslovakia has applied to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs requesting the restitution of furniture belonging to the Czech Historical Institute. Said furniture was removed by the Germans in 1942 and at present is still kept under sequestration in the premises of the German Archaeological Institute of Via Sardegna, where a part of the rooms of the building are occupied by an UNRRA's office.

2. A list of the above furniture is herewith given:

- 19 book-shelves;
- 1 large wooden cupboard for books;
- 1 archive with 22 drawers;
- 1 cupboard with 21 drawers for "fiches";
- 1 cupboard-archive with shutter and 32 drawers;
- 8 chairs of curved wood;
- 4 large tables for office;
- 2 folding ladders;
- 1 typewriter and a small table.

3. The aforesaid Legation has made known that it is in possession of the receipts proving that the a/m furniture had been handed over to the German Archaeological Institute and has put said receipts at the disposal of the sequesteror of the Institute who has made the checking of the sequestered items.

4. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has to ask the Allied Commission whether they deem advisable to grant the necessary authorization in order that the a/m furniture should be de-sequestered and then handed over to the Czech Historical Institute.

Declassified E.O. 12856 Section 3.3/WND No. 725017

Subject: Furniture at the Czech Historical Institute.

1. The Legation of Czechoslovakia has applied to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs requesting the requisition of furniture belonging to the Czech Historical Institute. Said furniture was removed by the Germans in 1942 and at present is still kept under sequestration in the premises of the German Archaeological Institute of Via Nazionale, where a part of the rooms of the building are occupied by an UNRRA's office.

2. A list of the above furniture is herewith given:

- 15 book-shelves;
- 1 large wooden cupboard for books;
- 1 archive with 22 drawers;
- 1 cupboard with 21 drawers for "fiches";
- 1 cupboard-archive with shutter and 12 drawers;
- 2 chairs of curved wood;
- 4 large tables for office;
- 2 folding ladders;
- 1 typewriter and a small table.

3. The aforesaid Legation has made known that it is in possession of the receipts proving that the a/w furniture had been handed over to the German Archaeological Institute and has put said receipts at the disposal of the representative of the Institute who has made the checking of the sequestered items.

4. The Legation for Foreign Affairs beg to ask the Allied Commission whether they deem advisable to grant the necessary authorization in order that the a/w furniture should be de-sequestered and then handed over to the Czech Historical Institute.

Rome, December 11th, 1946

LC Dist - 44/10706

ACTION - ECON SEC

WFO - EC (R. L. 584)

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(PART 4)

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EX 274

CC 2602

17 June 1946.

JUN 19 1946

Dear Sir:

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I must apologize for the delay in replying to your letter of May 16th, which was not actually received at the Allied Commission until May 18th, due to the necessity of securing advice on this subject which has just come to hand.

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Replying specifically to the question contained in the second paragraph of your letter, the letter of the United States Secretary of State dated March 5, 1946, does not seem to give the Allied authorities grounds for taking any further action other than that which I reported in the first paragraph of my letter to you dated 10 March 1946.

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Very sincerely,

W. F. W. Stone
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Hon. Jan FABIANI-ROTH,
Minister of Czechoslovakia,
Czechoslovakian Legation,
Rome.

Ally
(copy K)

Copy to:
Dr. Bombardier
Polad A
Polad B
Ex Comm
CC 2602

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[Signature]

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No. 3231/46

Rome the 16th of May 1946

Your No. CG 2602

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of the letter of the State Department dated 2 March 1946 to the Czechoslovakian Ambassador at Washington concerning the extradition of Mr. Ducek to Czechoslovakia.

Would you kindly inform me if on this ground the Allied Authorities could take any further action.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Jan Pauliny Toth
Minister of Czechoslovakia

H.B. MERRY R. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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COPY

O p - s k o. 53.082/VI-5/46 MZV

March 8, 1946

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note /1724/46 of February 19, 1946 regarding the extradition of Dr. Ferdinand Dureansky.

The United States Political Advisor at Caserta, Italy, has been informed that the United States Government perceives no objection to the extradition of Dureansky to Czechoslovakia.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State

DEAN ACHESON

His Excellency

Vladimir Hurban

Ambassador of Czechoslovakia.

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*Ministerio degli Affari Esteri*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

JUN 3 1946

Subject: Czech Missions in Italy.

1. Informations have recently reached the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that Czech Missions are still operating in Bari and Verona for repatriation of Czech subjects who were compelled to move abroad on war motives.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be grateful to the Allied Commission if they could kindly communicate whether the above informations are correct, and, in the affirmative case, if the aforesaid Missions are likely to be withdrawn from Italy in the near future. A

Rome, May 31st, 1946



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MAY 7 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Expulsions from Italy - Dr. Ferdinand DURCANSKY, Dr. Stanislaw MERCIAR and Dr. Joseph POLAKOVIC, Czech subjects.

1. Reference is made to the Allied Commission's note CC2602 dated 20 March 1946 and to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Memorandum n.6/1052/461 dated 5 March 1946.

2. The Legation of Czechoslovakia has renewed the request of arrest and deportation to Czechoslovakia of the a/n Czech subjects, indicating one or the other of the following procedures as a means to dispose of them :

a) recognition of the a/n as war criminals and inclusion in the United Nations War criminal list;

b) extradition.

3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs wishes to inform that a request for extradition from the Czechoslovakian Government to the Italian Government could not be accepted because the Italo-Czechoslovakian Extradition Agreement of 6 April 1922 does not embrace cases of political crimes or facts related with them.

4. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would therefore be grateful to the Allied Commission if they could inform whether the a/n have actually been included in the United Nations War criminals list in order to apply the suggested procedure under para a) above.

5. In the meantime the competent Italian Authorities

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

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5. In the meantime the competent Italian Authorities have been required to trace the a/n Czech subjects.

Rome, May 3rd, 1946.

EC Dist. Policy

These were arrested in the UNRRA, the 4 1946. Not attached as info. have been as info.

RECORD COPY

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HTT/To

Ref. 710/14/20

5 April 1946

SUBJECT: Arrest of DEPUTY Julius.

TO : Royal Swedish Legation
Division B.
Viale Michele Bianchi, 109 a
Rome.

Reference your letter 13 March 1946.

1. Subject was arrested by P.S. at Cortina d'Ampezzo on 13 February 1946 for reasons of military security. He is at present detained pending further investigations.
2. It is pointed out that subject is of Czech, and not of Hungarian nationality as stated in your letter.

Signed: P.H. TESSARD

For Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: 584/53. ✓

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MR

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CC 2602

20 March 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Expulsions from Italy - Dr. Ferdinand DURCANSEY and Dr. Stanislav KECIAL, Czech subjects.

1. reference is made to your memorandum on the above subject dated 5 March 1946.
2. The answer to both questions (a) and (b) in paragraph 2 of your memorandum is in the negative.
3. It will be noted from the attached copy of letter from the Czechoslovakian Minister that the subject citizens of Czechoslovakia have not yet been officially recognized as war criminals. This being so, the cases would appear to be covered by your normal extradition procedure and pertinent extradition treaties with Czechoslovakia.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy of 12-13.
forwarded to
Poland A+B.
23/46
[Signature]

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421. [Signature]

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LEGATION de TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE
ROME

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MAR 21 1946

No. 1860/46

Rome, 14th of March 1946.

Your No. CC 2602

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Prague had asked to include Mr. DUBČANSKY and BEČIAR on the war criminals list. This demand until now has not been realised.

Further the American Ambassador at Prague, H.E.L. STEINHARDT declared to the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister J. Masaryk that the State Department has no objection against the arrest and extradition of Mr. DUBČANSKY.

Faithfully Yours:

/s/ Jan PAULINY-TOTH
Minister of Czechoslovakia.

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

ALLIED COMMISSION
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See 7-77

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LEGATION de TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE
ROME

No. 1668/56

Rome, March 9th, 1946

MAR 11 1946

Re CC 2602

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to receive your letter of 7th March
and to inform you that DUBČANSKY and MENCAR are both considered
by the Czechoslovak government as war criminals.

I wired to Prague to ask if they are on the London war
criminals' list and I shall communicate the answer to you as
soon as I shall get it.

Faithfully Yours

/s/ Pauliny Toth

Dr. Jan PAULINY-TOTH
Minister of Czechoslovakia

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

ALLIED COMMISSION
Rome

Seen by CC 11 MARCH
No action to be taken
at present until Czech
Govt. has had power to

(Capt) H. Stone
(Am-5) 105 112

P. C. Toth 11 Mar 46

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CC 2602

7 March 1946

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 8th with reference to your request that the two Czechoslovakian citizens DEKANSKY and NECJAS be arrested and extradited, my recollection of our conversation of March 1st on this subject is that you stated that your request was based on the fact that these men are war criminals.

Will you kindly advise me if my understanding is correct.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Czechoslovakian Minister,
Czechoslovakian Legation,
Rome.

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COPY

LEGATION CZECHOSLOVAKIA
ROME

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No. 1029/46

Rome, February 8th, 1946.

SUBJECT: Extradition of
Dr. Ferdinand DURCANSKY
and STANISLAV MERCIAR.

MAR 11 1946

TO: LEGAL DIVISION

ALLIED COMMISSION? ROME.

The Czechoslovak Legation begs the ALLIED COMMISSION to find out the whereabouts of two Czechoslovak citizens Dr. Ferdinand DURCANSKY and Stanislav MERCIAR to arrest and extradite the same.

Dr. Ferdinand DURCANSKY born 1907 in Rajec, Czechoslovakia, was formerly Minister of Foreign Affairs under the fascist president of Slovakia Mr. Tuka. Dr. Durcansky fled from Slovakia with the Germans in 1945 and in December 1945 managed to come to Italy and it is believed that he lives in the surroundings of Rome, the precise place is not known.

Dr. Stanislav MERCIAR born in 1906 was Secretary of Matice of Slovakia /Slovak Cultural Academy/, is also a Fascist whom the Czechoslovak Government holds responsible for the denunciation of a great number of Slovak patriots and handing them over to the Germans. He also is according informations living near Rome.

Thanking you in advance for your help in the above mentioned matter I remain

Yours very truly
/s/ Dr. Jan Pauliny-Toth
Dr. Jan PAULINY-TOTH
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister
Plenipotentiary of Czechoslovakia

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HEADQUARTERS OF ALLIED COMMISSION
Lombardia Region
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 504/57/22

16 December 1945

SUBJECT: Czechoslovak Consul

TO : Regional Commissioner
Lombardia Region

Further to my Signal 1269 of 13 December 1945 and
reference your letter R/257 of 30 November 1945 to Mr. Karel
TRPAK.

It is confirmed that this Headquarters approves the
appointment of Mr. Karel TRPAK as Czechoslovak Consul in Milan.

It will be appreciated if such assistance as the
Consul requires be afforded to him.

For the Chief Commissioner:

F. H. McCLEARY
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:
Polad (a)
Polad (b)

Copy to file 303/EC.

see 1168

4210 *[Signature]*

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Ref: 583/66/10

15 December 1945

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge with thanks your letter No. 9059/45 of 7 December 1945 informing me that the Czechoslovak Consul now appointed to Milan is Mr. TRPAK.

Allow me to assure you that I will forthwith inform the Allied authorities at Milan of this appointment and request them to offer every assistance to the new Consul.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Vladimir Vaneš
Czechoslovak Legation
Via Luiss di Savoia, 18
Rome

Copy to G. Commissioner

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amend file and float 66A.
Copies — He should be
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AMG LOMBARDIA REGION FOR HANCOCK

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13 DEC 45

ROUTINE

UNCLASSIFIED PD

SUBJECT IS CZECHOSLOVAK CONSUL APPOINTMENT OF KAREL TRPAK AS CZECHOSLOVAK
CONSUL IN MILAN APPROVED BY THIS HQ LETTER FOLLOWS PD
PAREN TO AMG LOMBARDIA REGION FOR HANCOCK FROM HQ ALGOM CITE AGEDD PAREN

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Office of the ST. COMB.

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E. J. 1000
G. J. 1000
H. J. 1000

10 December 1945

SUBJECT: Travel Orders

TO : The Adjutant, Bq, AG

Please issue travel orders as follows:

Mr. Vladimir Vanek, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Czechoslovak Republic in Rome, accompanied by his wife, Anna Elisabeth Vanek, his daughter, Mira Vanek, and Mr. Nikolaj Haghilin (chauffeur) will proceed without delay to Prague, Czechoslovakia, via Austria and Germany to attend diplomatic conference in Prague.

Travel will be performed by the following cars:

CD 278, personal car, (Citroen)
P.C. 620962 truck (luggage)
P.C. 210569 (bus)

Travel directed is necessary in the military service.

Authority: AFHQ permits: #15003, 15004, 15005.

L. W. STEARNS
Lt Col, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

cc Exec Com

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584 to

N. 9039/45

Roma, 7th December, 1945.

DEC 10 1945

Dear Sir,

3A

Referring to letter Ref. 2330/45 dated 17th May 1945 and your kind reply Ref. 384/25/EC dated 13th June 1945 by which you have kindly given your consent to be opened a Czechoslovak Consulate in Milan which was closed during the war.

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I beg you to accept the communication that the new Czechoslovak Consul in Milan is Mr. Karel TRPAK who is in possession of the exequatur issued by Lieutenant General of the Kingdom of Italy Umberto di Savoia from 11th of October 1945, the date on which the Consulate has been opened.

I beg you, Dear Sir, to give your kind consent and to inform kindly all Allied Authorities at Milan, in order to assure to Mr. Karel TRPAK a smooth exercising of his functions as a Consul of Czechoslovakia.

I thank you, Dear Sir, for your kindness very much and I remain

Yours very truly.

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V. Vaněk

See F 66-67
M 69

V. VANĚK
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary
of Czechoslovakia

His Excellency
Ellery W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

R O M E

(CARTO)

Translation

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

30 November 1945

Prot. R/ 2517

DEC 11 1945

Subject : Appointment of a Consul

To : Mr. Karel TRPAK
Via Baldassera n. 5

M i l a n

I received your letter of the 24th, yet I must confirm what I already told you a few days ago, i.e. that it is impossible to acknowledge your appointment as Consul of the Czechoslovakian Republic in Milan, as long as the Allied Commission in Rome hasn't authorized you to fulfil your functions.

The position being such, I beg you not to exercise such functions, not to open an office bearing such a name until further orders.

I advise you to get in touch with the Czechoslovakian Diplomatic Authorities in Rome so that your position in Milan may be regularized with the Allied Commission.

A.N. Hancock, Col.,

A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

O P I S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

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Prot. n° R/ 2517

30 Novembre 1945

Oggetto : Nomina a Console.

Al: Signor KARL TRPAK
via Baldissera n.3

M i l a n o

Ho ricevuta la Sua del 24 corrente ma debbo
confermarLe quanto ebbi a dirLe qualche giorno fa, cioè che non
è possibile riconoscere la Sua nomina a Console della Repubblica
Cecoslovacca a Milano, fino a quando l'autorizzazione per l'esple-
tamento delle Sue funzioni come tale non verrà accordata dalla
Commissione Alleata di Roma.

Stante così le cose, La prego di non esercitare
tali funzioni né di aprire un Ufficio con tale denominazione sino
a nuovo ordine.

La consiglio quindi di comunicare direttamente con
le Autorità Diplomatiche Cecoslovacche in Roma affinché la Sua
posizione a Milano venga regolarizzata presso la predetta
Commissione Alleata.

A.N. Hancock, Col., M.P.

A.N. HANCOCK,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner. 4401

584/20/EC
2 June 45

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Ref: 534/53/52

19 October 1945

My Dear Mr. Minister:

Reference your letter of 30 June 1945
No. 3680/45.

Attached is a copy of a report on the investigations into the alleged damage by Allied troops to premises at Trieste owned by the Czechoslovak Consulate.

If you wish to take further action in this matter would you kindly return to us this statement and any statement you may wish to make and we will forward it to the appropriate authority for necessary action.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

MILBY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

M. S. M. Vladimir Vanek,
Czechoslovak Legation,
Via Luisa di Savoia 13,
Rome.

Copy for Chief (4)

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Headquarters
Venetia Giulia Police Force
13 Corps

File No: VWP/14/24

10th October 1945.

Subject: Czech Consulate at Trieste.

To : H.Q., Allied Commission.

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OCT 16 1945

1. Referring to your 584/53/SC dated 20th September 1945, regarding alleged damage by Allied troops to premises at Trieste owned by the Czech Consulate.
2. Attached is a copy of a report on the investigation in this matter by 67 Section, S.I.B.
3. It will be seen from the report that delay has occurred in this investigation due to incorrect information having been given by the complainants.
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15 OCT 1945

A. Hunter
A. HUNTER, Capt.,
S.G. III
For Asst Chief of Police (ASCO)

Encl:

Classified by the Czech Consulate.

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A. Hunter Capt

A. HUNTER, Capt.,
S.O. VII

for Asst Chief of Police (CISG)

Encl:

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(Miss Somerset)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Ref: 584/51/80

4 October 1945

SUBJECT: Czech Consulate -- Trieste

TO : SCAD, Venezia Giulia

Ref. 584/80 of 3 July 45, 584/52/80 of 7 August 45, and
584/53/80 of 20 September 45.

1. May a reply be given to the above letters, please.

Copy to: AFHQ, G-5
(their G-5: 091.-1-
Czech Consulates -
Italy of 11 July 45
refers)

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 584/56/EC

27 September 1945

SUBJECT: Czechoslovak Premises

TO : Liaison Division

Attached copy of letter 584/45 dated 17 September 1945
from the Czechoslovak Minister in ROME is passed to you for action.

13 C.R. HANBROOK C. L. C.

✓
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Placed in file with
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 584/56/EC

24 September 45

SUBJECT: Czechoslovak Premises
TO : Civil Affairs Section 54

Attached copy of letter received from the Czechoslovak
Minister is forwarded to you for appropriate action.

[Signature]
for

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
as above

- VEC. 6. - Suggest Liaison has make appropriate reply
1. Civil Affairs Sec has no powers to deal premises from
premises
2. CA is not concerned with property of citizens (Property seized)
3. CA does not deal with Czechs (Liaison Div.)

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Via Italia di Savoia, 18,
Rome.

No. 5445/45.

Rome, 17th September, 1945.

Sir,

As Czechoslovak Minister in Rome I beg to bring the following matter to your attention:

The so-called Slovak State which is a part of the Czechoslovak Republic had a Diplomatic Representative in Rome up to the time of this city's liberation by the Allies. The Slovak Legation was situated in Via Rome 9, occupying the 2nd and 3rd Floors of the building.

In our efforts to take over the above-mentioned premises we have found that these are occupied by various persons who have no right to be there at all.

I should be most grateful therefore if the necessary steps could be taken to evict the people now occupying the 2nd and 3rd Floors of Via Rome 9 and enable this Legation to take over the premises of the former Slovak Legation.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my gratitude and highest consideration.

Yours very truly,

Vauzo

Minister.

Rear-Admiral Hilary W. Stone,
President,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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Rear-Admiral Hilary W. Stone,

President,

Allied Commission,

Rome.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Ref: 584/53/20

20 September 45

SUBJECT: Czech Consulate -- Trieste

TO : SOAO, Venezia Giulia

1. The report requested in our 584/20 of 3 July 1945 and 584/52/20 of 7 August 1945 on the subject of Allied troops breaking into the Czech Consulate at Trieste, has not yet been received.

2. It would be appreciated if you could give some attention to this matter as AFHQ are also interested.

R. W. KENSLEY

✓ Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: AFHQ, G-5
(Their G-5: 091.1-1 Czech
Consulates - Italy of 11
July 1945 refers)

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Ref: 584/52/50.

7 August 1945

SUBJECT: Czech Consulate - TRIESTE.

TO : S.C.A.O., ^{*Foreign Division*} ~~III Corps.~~

1. With reference to your 130/AM/49/28 dated 3 August 45, in which you stated that Mr. Bohumil BARTOS is operating as Czechoslovak Consul General in TRIESTE (address Via Nizza 14). A copy of this HQ letter 584/39/50 dated 9 July 45 is forwarded herewith for your information.

2. The fact that Mr. BARTOS is not officially recognized does not, however, affect the statement made by the Czechoslovak Minister in his letter 3680/45 of 30 June 45, that the ex-Czechoslovak Consulate at Via Ceppa 2 was broken into by Allied Troops. An early reply to this HQ letter 584/50 of 3 July 45 is requested.

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(sgd) *H.S. Lush.*
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

Copy to : AFHQ- G-5 Section.

(Ref. War 091.1-1 ; Czech Consulates in Italy - dated 13 July 45) .

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

3 Aug 45

REF. : 13C/AMG/49/28

SUBJECT: Consulates

AUG 5 1945

TO : H.Q., Allied Commission

1. Reference your 584/46/EC dated 19 Jul 45 (received 25 Jul 45) and 584/50/EC dated 28 Jul 45 (received 1 Aug 45).

2. It has now been ascertained that Mr. Bohumil BARTOS is operating as Czechoslovak Consul General in TRIESTE. He is located at Via Nizza 14, TRIESTE.

L.B. Houdret

H.B. HOUDRET,

Major

G-II

for Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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Tel: 755

28 July 1945.

Ref: 584/50/EC.

SUBJECT: *Consultation.*

TO : SOAC, Venetia Giulia.

An early reply to my 581/46/EC dated 19 July 45, subject as above, would be appreciated.

Lee
H. PROBY
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 581/49/80.

10 July 1945.

My dear Mr. Minister:

I regret the delay but I am now able to answer your letter No. 5411/45 dated 20 June 1945.

With reference to the Czechoslovak military units in the North of Italy I am glad to be able to inform you that repatriation is expected to start about 20 July at the rate of 1,000 a day to Pilsen via the Brenner route.

This move involves also the repatriation of civilians and the following are the estimated totals:

Military Units	-	11,000
Czechoslovak P.C.	-	2,700
Displaced Persons	-	200
Total	-	13,900

Yours very truly,

KILMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. M. Vladimír Vanek,
Czechoslovak Legation,
Via Luisa di Savoia 18,
Rome.

Copy to: 6. Commissioner
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

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G-5: 383.7-4

17 Jul 45.

JUL 19 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Czechoslovaks from Italy.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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1. At request of Brigadier DUFF to Col. PARSONS, G-5, AFHQ, 16 Jul, a copy of this Headquarters letter on repatriation of Czechoslovaks from Italy is attached.

2. The latest position is that Czech units are to be repatriated at the rate of 1,000 a day to PILSEN via the BRENNER route. This movement is expected to start about 20 Jul 45.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

C. M. Freay
C. M. FREAY,
Captain.

Incl: Copy as above.

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(Mrs. Anderson)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 78501746

Ref: 584/46/EO.

Tel: 478201

19 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Consulates.

TO : SCMO, Venezia Giulia.

1. Thank you for your letter 150/AMB/49/17 dated 14 July 1945. We are informed that in addition to those Consulates you name, there is also operating in TRIESTE a Czechoslovak Consul General.
2. Will you kindly confirm at the earliest possible moment that this is so.

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 Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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He asked him 169.

for Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 091.1-1 Czech Consulates Italy

11 July 1945

JUL 13 1945

SUBJECT: Czechoslovak Consulate, Trieste.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.
APO 394.

Reference is 584/EC 3 July 1945.

1. This Headquarters would be interested in the results of this investigation, so will you please forward the final report when available.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

C. J. MACMURRAY
Major, P. C.

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Ref: 584/39/80.

7 July 45.

My dear Mr. Minister,

Reference your letter of 30 June 45, No: 3680/45. I am making enquiries about the alleged damage done to the Consular Offices in Trieste and will let you know as soon as I have news.

I note that you say that the Czechoslovak Consulate in Trieste has been reopened. I would refer you to my letter of 12 June 45, reference 584/20/80, in which I informed you that, while there was no objection to the opening of a Consulate in Milan and in other towns in the north, until further notice Trieste was specifically excluded. Your Consulate in Trieste cannot therefore be recognised.

Yours very truly,

ELIMY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USN,
Chief Commissioner.

H. E. M. Vladimír Vanek,
Czechoslovak Legation,
via Piazza di Savoia 18,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Ref: 584/39/20.

July 1945.

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I note that you say that the Czechoslovak Consulate in TRIESTE has been reopened. I would refer you to my letter of 12 June 1945, reference 584/30/20, in which I informed you that, while there was no objection to the opening of a Consulate in MILAN and in other towns in the North, until further notice TRIESTE was specifically excluded. Your Consulate in TRIESTE cannot therefore be ~~officially~~ recognized, and any activities which are now being performed must be limited to those of a purely private nature.

I would be grateful if you would write to me giving me your assurance on this point.

Yours very truly,

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Vladimír Vanek,
Czechoslovak Legation,
via Luisa di Savoia 18,
ROME.

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My dear Minister,

Reference your letter of 15 June 45, ref: 3680/45. I am making enquiry about the alleged damage done to the Consular Offices in TRIESTE and will let you know as soon as I have news.

I note that you say that the Unconsular Consulate in TRIESTE has been reopened. I would refer you to my letter of 12 June 45, ref: 564/23/20, in which I informed you that, while there was no objection to the opening of a Consulate in MILAN and in other towns in the north, until further notice TRIESTE was specifically excluded. Your Consulate in TRIESTE cannot therefore be officially recognised and any activities which are now being performed must be limited to a purely private nature.

I would be grateful if you would write to me giving me your assurance on this point.

Yours very truly,

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HARRY S. TRICE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief, Coordinator.

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Yours very truly,

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WILLIAM A. COPE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief, CominSlogper.

H. E. Vlaskinir Vancik,
Czechoslovak Legation,
via Luisa di Savoia 13,
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

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G-5: 383.7-4

15 JUL 45
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SUBJECT: Repatriation of Czechoslovaks from Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.
APO 394.

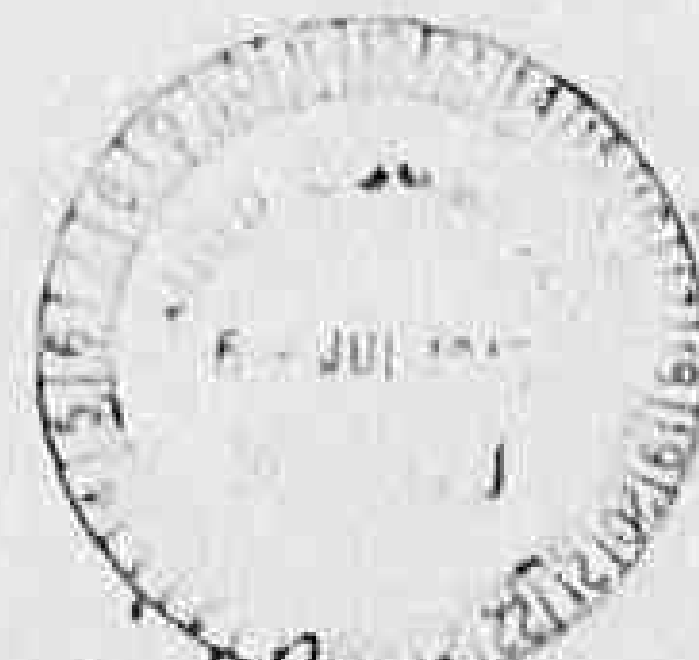
Reference your memorandum dated 1 Jun 45 enclosing letter No. 3411/45 from the Czechoslovak Minister in Rome.

It will be appreciated that the questions raised in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above quoted letter concerning the disposal of Czechoslovak Military Units are a G-1 matter. However it is understood that arrangements for the earliest possible repatriation of all Czechoslovaks in Italy are already in hand. It is proposed to hand over all Czech personnel, including displaced persons, at BMICH in Austria for onward movement by Russian authorities, and with this aim in view the Czechoslovak Ministry of National Defence has been requested to negotiate with the Soviet Government to accept them immediately and advise this Headquarters as soon as they are cleared.

For your additional information the following are the estimated totals of Czechs in Italy:-

Military Units	11,000
Czech P.O.W.	2,700
Displaced Persons	200
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>13,900</u>

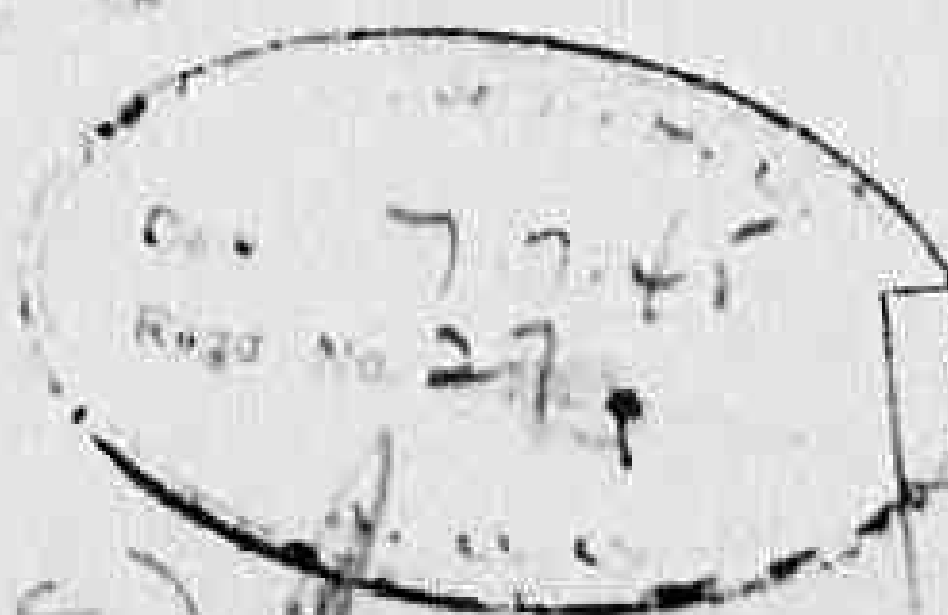
For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5;



G. SHATT,
S. COMDR.

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Ref: 584/39/30.

5 July 45.

Subject: Consulates.

To: GCMO, XIII Corps.

We have been informed that a number of Consulates have now opened in Trieste. Would you please investigate and let us have particulars of nationality and location of these.

For Chief Commissioner:

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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Ref: 584/100.

3rd July 45.

Subject: Czechoslovak Consulate, Trieste.

To: SCAD, XIII Corps.

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I attach a copy of a letter from the Czechoslovak Minister to the Chief Commissioner. Will you please investigate the allegation made therein about the breaking into the Consulate by Allied troops and forward a report to this office, letting us know whether it would be possible to return the premises in their original condition.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Via Luisa di Savoia, 18,
Rome.

No. 3680/45.

Rome, 30th June, 1945.

JUL 3 - 1945

Dear Sir,

On March 16th 1939, the Germans occupied the Czechoslovak Consulate General in Trieste and transferred it, together with all furniture and archives, to Via Geppa, 2.

In April this year the offices of the Consulate and their contents were found intact and sealed by the Czechoslovak National Committee and Czechoslovak Military Mission. The Yugoslav forces respected this arrangement and a former official of the Consulate, Mr. Bartoš, took over the Consular offices and their contents.

When the Allies entered Trieste, that is, the 1st New Zealand Division, the seals were torn down, the furniture smashed, the archives dispersed and the offices of the Consulate turned into a night club. The damage done amounts to one million lire.

I should greatly appreciate it, therefore, if the Allied authorities in Trieste could be requested to return to us these Consular offices together with all their contents and in such a state of repair as originally found.

At the same time I beg to inform you that the Czechoslovak Consulate in Trieste has been re-opened at the address of Via Nizza 14, and is administered for the time being by its former official, Mr. Bartoš, who was a member of the Czechoslovak National Committee. The activities of this Committee have now ceased as the work has been taken

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over by the Czechoslovak Consulate General itself for the purpose of taking proper care of our nationals there and ascertaining their identity, a necessary step for security reasons. I beg to add that a number of other Consulates have already opened in Trieste.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration,

Yours truly,

Vauzet

Minister.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
President,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
President,
Allied Commission,
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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Ref: 584/33/80.

Tel: 478203

3 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Czechoslovak Units in Italy.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

The Chief Commissioner would appreciate a reply as soon as possible to his letter dated 21 June 1945.

For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ROUTINE

From: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

JUL 2 1945

To: AFHQ CITE PHGAB, MAIN 8 ARMY, INFO: 5 ARMY, ALCOB ROME

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Ref AFHQ signal PI 15157 of 30.

1. For 8 ARMY. Request you deal direct with 5 ARMY in accordance w/FHQ suggestion.
2. For AFHQ cite PHGAB. Understood some 1400 Czech surrendered personnel in DISTONE. Presume you will arrange for DISTONE to deal direct with 8 ARMY concerning their movement if desired.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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ROUTINE

JUL 1 - 1945

From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED SITE # H350

To: 15 ARMY GRP INFO: 8TH ARMY, 5TH ARMY, ALCON ROME.

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G-1 this Hq working out scheme for repatriation of Czechs held by PW Comd thru 5TH and 8TH ARMY Area to Russians for onward movement. Suggest 8 ARMY contact 5TH with idea of working out parallel arrangements for bringing their Czechs PWS surrendered personnel and EPS within this scheme.

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21 June 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Czechoslovak Units in Italy

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. I am attaching a letter from the Czechoslovak Minister, Vladimír Vánek, concerning the repatriation of Czechoslovak units in Italy.

2. This problem merits the serious attention of the Allies, and I personally discussed its various ramifications with Brigadier Mann during one of my recent trips to Caserta. At that time he agreed to give me full advice on the problem as soon as possible. It would be appreciated if this information could be given without delay.

W. M. Stone

WILBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl.
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cc: Exec. Comm'r.
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Via Swiss St. Savois, 156
N o r a .

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Rome, 20th June, 1945.

Dear Sir,

I beg to refer to my previous letter and to our conversation of June 14th and, as the living conditions of our units in Northern Italy are daily worsening and we are suffering many privations, I am writing to urge you to treat us as Allies and not as forces who have surrendered which is not at all the case.

At the same time I should be grateful if the repatriation of these units could be arranged as early as possible. The railway line through the Brenner Pass is to be re-opened on July 1st for the repatriation of German prisoners of war. I trust that Czechoslovak units will be granted priority over the German prisoners and that as soon as this line begins to function it will be first used for repatriation to the Czechoslovak frontiers of our units here.

The Czechoslovak Mission accredited to I.P. & R.S.C. is taking the necessary steps to arrange for the repatriation of 1700 civilians from the Repatriation Centre in a camp near Verona, that is, near the Czechoslovak units in Northern Italy and the Brenner Pass railway line, and I should appreciate it very much indeed if you would be so kind as to support our efforts in this connection with the I.P. & R.S.C.

Assuring you of my high consideration, I remain,

Yours very truly,

/s/ Vladimir Vaneh
Minister.

Admiral Henry S. Stone,
President,
Allied Commission,
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cc: Exco. Commis
CA Section

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Ref: 504/27/50.

11 June 45.

Subject: Czechoslovak citizens in Italy.

24.

To: C.I. Section.

Attached hereto is a copy of a pre-remarks from the Czechoslovak Mission which has been sent to the Chief Commissioner.

You are requested to take this matter up with ACH and enquire how and when these Czechoslovak citizens can be repatriated.

Copies of correspondence on this subject should be forwarded to this office for the information of the Chief Commissioner.

C.I.O.
To: Chief Commissioner.

Copies to:- SG to GC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 384

12 June 1945
JUN 13 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Executive Commissioner

The Chief Commissioner directs that the subject of the attached pro memoria received from the Czechoslovak Mission be taken up with G-5, AFHQ.

AFHQ should be specifically asked to ^{advise} ~~state~~ how and when the Czechoslovak citizens can be repatriated.

L. H. Stearns
L. H. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to Chief Commr.

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12 June 45

My dear Minister:

Thank you for your letter of June 8th enclosing particulars concerning the position of Czechoslovak citizens at present in Italy.

This matter is being taken up with higher headquarters and as soon as we receive the proper information you will be immediately informed.

Yours very truly,

L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to Chief Commr.

His Excellency Vladimír Vanek
Czechoslovak Legation
Via Luise di Savoia 18
Rome.

cc: Ev. Commr.

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Czechoslovak Mission
to D.P. & R.S.C.
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No. 8/45.

PRO MEMORIA.

The position of Czechoslovak citizens at present in Italy is as follows:

There are at present in Southern and Central Italy up to the former demarcation line about 500 Czechoslovak citizens who, for the most part, are people who were interned here during the war for various reasons. To these can be 200 or 300 more who came down from Northern Italy after the end of hostilities and who are mostly workmen sent to Italy by the Germans for forced labour. The number of people belonging to this category is continuously growing as more and more people come down from Northern Italy.

In Northern Italy there are about 1000 civilians, most of whom are also workmen sent here on forced labour by the Germans and a small number of refugees who came here before the war and were put in Italian concentration camps. Beside these civilians there are the members of a number of army units, i.e. about 5400 pertaining to the regular army of the former Protectorate and the remnants of Slovak formations amounting to 6500 men. Both these groups are still under the command of their own officers.

As the Czechoslovak State is deeply interested in the return home of these military units and groups of workmen which are badly needed there both for the economic reconstruction and rebuilding of the country, the Czechoslovak Mission would greatly appreciate it if a favourable decision with regard to the repatriation of these groups at an early date could be taken. The remaining refugees could be repatriated later.

The Mission would also be grateful if the flow to Southern Italy of Czechoslovak citizens could be stopped as these people, in moving down from the North, are moving further away from their homeland.

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It is pointed out that the repatriation of Czechoslovak citizens to Czechoslovakia is on a purely voluntary basis and that repatriated people will have no difficulty in entering the country.

The above-given figures are only approximate as the numbers of these people are continuously changing.

The Czechoslovak Mission begs to express its thanks and gratitude for the helpful interest taken in our difficult problems.

A. Dutka

Dr. A. Dutka.
Counsellor of Legation
and Head of the Czechoslovak
Mission to D.P. & R.S.C.

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Ref: 584/20/10.

13 June 1945.

My dear Mr. Minister:

With further reference to your letter of 17 May 1945 I am now in a position to inform you that there is no objection to the establishment of a Czechoslovak Consulate in Milan.

Should you have in mind the establishment of Consulates in any other towns in the North, I should be grateful if you would advise me. I should point out that until further notice Trieste is specifically excluded.

Yours very truly,

16/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Vladimír Vanek
Czechoslovak Legation
Via Luisa di Savoia, 18
Rome

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11 JUN 1945

9 June 1945

G-5: 091.711-1 Czechoslovakia

SUBJECT: Recognition of Czechoslovak Units

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394

1. Reference is made to your 584/433 of 22 May.
2. As a result of considering your letter and its inclosure a signal has been sent 7 June to HQ 15 Army Group and the Czechoslovak Military Mission the substance of which is paraphrased below.
 - a. Reference has been made to CC5 on question whether any change of status is to be accorded to surrendered Czechoslovak units and personnel in this theatre.
 - b. Pending further instructions and except as below Czechoslovak units and personnel will continue to be treated in same way as surrendered enemy personnel.
 - c. Czechoslovak units may however retain their own unit organization under own officers. Czechoslovak personnel discovered in German units may be formed into Czech units. So far as possible and except for consideration of work all Czechoslovak units and personnel will be accommodated in same general area.
 - d. The formation by the Czechoslovak Military Mission of a small HQ to organize and supervise Czechoslovak units under orders 15 Army Group has been approved.
3. The outgoing message above referred to was classified Top Secret and this paraphrase is so classified accordingly.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

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APO 512

G-5: 091.711-1 Czechoslovakia

2 June 1945

SUBJECT: Status of Czech Partisans

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

Reference is your 584/430 22 May 45.

1. The question raised by the Czechoslovak Minister is now under consideration by this Headquarters. You will be informed immediately on the taking of any decision.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



(Signature)
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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30 May 1945.
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My dear Mr. Minister:

I thank you for your courteous letter of 23 May and have passed the information therein to the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

I am most grateful to Lt. Colonel Svoboda for his co-operation and look forward to a similar relationship with Dr. Dafka.

Yours very truly,

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MILBURY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Vladimir Vanek
Czechoslovak Legation
Via Luina di Savoia, 18
Rome

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Via Luisa di Savoia, 18,
Rome

No. 2432/45.

Rome, 23rd May, 1945.

MAY 26 1945

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that, in agreement with Lieut. Colonel on the General Staff Karel Svoboda who has left Rome, Dr. Albert Dutka, Counsellor to this Legation, has been nominated Czechoslovak Representative on the Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission, as from May 10th, 1945, with Dr. Frantisek Hajek, former confidential secretary to the Provincial Commissioners in Potenza and Salerno, as senior Administrative Assistant.

The address of the Czechoslovak Mission remains as hitherto Via Cavour 91, Tel. 566.195. It would be greatly appreciated if the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission could be informed of the change.

In informing you of this step, may I express our appreciation of all the help which the Allied Commission has afforded Lieut. Colonel Svoboda in his work connected with Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission and the hope that the same courteous aid will be extended to his successor, Dr. Dutka.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Vladimir Venzl

Minister.

Admiral Ellery S. Stone
President,
Allied Commission,
Rome

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Ref: 584/12/80.

28 May 1945.

My dear Mr. Minister:

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Thank you for your letter 2331/45 of 17 May 1945.

The question of establishing Consulates in Milan or other Northern cities is at present under the consideration of the Allied authorities.

Your anxiety over your citizens in the North of Italy is appreciated but a decision on this matter is expected very shortly and I hope to be able to give you a definite reply in the near future.

Yours very truly,

HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Vladimír Vanek
Czechoslovak Legation
Via Luisa di Savoia, 18
Rome

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24 May 1945

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PARA SIX PD PLEASE ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS AND OTHER FACILITIES AS PER
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Contact Mister VLADIMIR VANEK at Czechoslovak Legation and issue order to him to proceed to MILAN to visit Czechoslovak units. This visit has been agreed to by HQ 5th ARMY and 4 CORPS. You are referred to this letter HQ reference Central Registry/3491/3/G-1 (British) of 26 April addressed to you with copy to 5th ARMY. The procedure as set out in this letter will be adhered to throughout this visit. Travel by air or motor transportation is authorized. Request you cable expected time arrival 5th ARMY who should arrange accommodation and other facilities. All costs of this journey will be charged to Czechoslovak Government. To 5th ARMY your 5989 of 13 May refers.

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Ref: 581/4/EC.

>> May 1945.

SUBJECT: Recognition of Czechoslovak Units.

TO : Allied Forces Headquarters, APO 512.
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. I attach hereto copy of letter No. 2330/45 dated 17 May 1945 from the Czechoslovakian Minister asking application for the recognition of Czechoslovakian Army Units as part of the Allied Armies.

2. I should be glad if you would inform me in due course how I am to reply.

/s/ HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Encl:
Memo fr Czechoslovak Legation,
No. 2330/45 dtd 17 May 45.

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Ref: 584/3/EC.

22 May 1945.

My dear Minister:

I am in receipt of your letter of 17 May 1945 requesting the recognition of Czechoslovakian military units as part of the Allied Armies.

This request I am forwarding to Allied Force Headquarters for its consideration and I will communicate with you again when I receive a reply.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Vladimír Vanek
Czechoslovak Legation
Via Luisa di Savoia, 16
Rome

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MAY 18 1945
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Via Luisa di Savoia, 18,
R o m e .

No.2331/45.

Rome, May 17th, 1945.

Dear Sir,

I beg to bring to your notice the necessity of establishing a Czechoslovak Consulate in Milan as there is at present no competent authority there to deal with the needs of Czechoslovak citizens in Northern Italy which region does not come within the jurisdiction of this Legation.

I should be most grateful, therefore, if you could kindly recommend the authorities concerned to support the activities of the Consulate as far as possible.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my high consideration,

Yours very truly,

Vladimír Vaňek
Minister.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
President,
Allied Commission,
R o m e .

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Via Luisa di Savoia, 18,
R o m e .

No. 2330/45.

Rome, May 17th, 1945.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a note received from the British Embassy. According to this note as well as according to other reports received direct, there are, in Northern Italy, several Czechoslovak units composed of men deported to Italy by the Germans. They were put on technical jobs and guard duty and either managed to escape to the partisan or Allied lines or were kept in concentration camps and prisons.

A so-called Slovak technical brigade of about 6500 men and 11 Czechoslovak Army battalions comprising 7000 men are involved. Part of these men worked clandestinely in the rearguard of the German Army. They got in touch with Allied Liaison Officers and partisans and carried on an underground information service. 300 of these Czechoslovak citizens who have succeeded in escaping through the Swiss frontier have been incorporated in the Czechoslovak Army in England and have sworn allegiance to the Czechoslovak Republic. A detailed report as to the placing of these men has already been made by the Czechoslovak Military Mission to the Allied Headquarters.

I should be very grateful, therefore, if the Allied Commission could recommend and support the recognition of the above-mentioned units as part of the Allied Armies as these have now become regular Czechoslovak units.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my high consideration,

Yours very truly,

Vladimir Vanech

Minister.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
President,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

Vladimir Vanech 4153

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ROME.

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NOTE VERBALE.

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Czechoslovak Legation and has the honour to inform the Legation that on the 29th April a Milan broadcast in Slovak from the Czechoslovak National Committee in Italy was monitored in London. It stated -

- /a/ that the Slovak Legation in Bellaggio had ceased to exist and that a Committee had been formed under the authority of the Czechoslovak Government in Košice, and
- /b/ that this had been communicated to the Swiss Governments in a note dated 26th April, arrangements having been prepared since January through the Czechoslovak Legation in Berne.

2. The Broadcast went on to say that members of a Slovak technical division in Italy had voluntarily declared themselves as part of the Czechoslovak armed forces and were willing to fight at the side of the Allies. The Committee requested that the Allied Command in Italy should be approached. The manifesto was signed Josef Beleslava /?/, major of General Staff and Dr. F. Lichy /?/.

3. The Czechoslovak Government representative in London broadcast in reply that these Slovaks should obey the instructions of the Allied Command. The Foreign Office are asking the Czechoslovak Government for its views as to the eventual disposal of these men.

4. The British Embassy is communicating the above to the Czechoslovak Legation, for information, at the request of the Foreign Office.

Rome,
12th May, 1945.

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