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"ALBANIAN ACTIVITIES"
OCT. 1945 - MAY 1946

Note ^{14/} Original(s) Used & Security Division for action, as previous correspondence has been handled by them. 14/2.

Minute 20. 20

To: Executive Commissioner.

24th May, 1946

With reference to Folio 19: the Albanian Military Mission has now returned to its own country and the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs has been notified accordingly.

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M. GABER, Brigadier.
VF. CA. Section.

esc. to him;

Ref Folio 19. Please see min no 20 for info.

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Note

Spoke P.S. today, will let us have comments & drafts within week.

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Miss S.

Have a look at this. There may be another file in which S/D wrote to AFHQ: if not I think they should have. EBS 28/10

Miss EBS 28/11

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Letter sent to AFHQ on 16 November asking for clarification of position. No answer yet received.

EBS 27/11

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Note

Spoke Security. They have heard nothing yet but will chase.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

REF : SD/540.08

27 April 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission at Bari

MAY 8 1946

TO : AFHQ for G-5

1. Reference to this Headquarters' letter SD/540.09 dated 28 Mar 46 and previous correspondence referred to therein.

2. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs have addressed a further letter, dated 20 April 1946, to this Headquarters regarding the activities of the above Mission. Copy translation attached.

3. It is requested that this Headquarters be advised of developments.

E. GALT, Brig.,
VP CA Section

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
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POLAD "B"

See Min 20-21

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Translation

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
Il Segretario Generale

71/2226/100

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Rome, 20 April 1946.

Dear General,

After my letter No. 71/2318/1787 dated 7 February last please allow me to draw the kind attention of the Allied Commission, to the "Missioni Militari Albanesi" of Bari in connection with new developments which have modified the situation.

1) - It appears that the British Military Mission has recently been withdrawn from Albania. We do not see, therefore, the reason for further permanence in Bari of the "Missioni Militari Albanesi", especially as with the cessation of military operations, their work is finished.

2) - On the other hand the well known behaviour of the actual Albanian authorities as regards the Italians in that country, should prohibit the missions being allowed to still remain in Italy.

3) - As already stated in the letter referred to, the said Mission besides doing and helping in a series of illegal activities clandestine traffic of persons, goods and money etc. etc. it is found that they are engaged in political activity in favour of the Albanian colony in Italy, thus overdoing the military duties allotted to them and in contrast to the sovereignty of the Italian State.

I beg you, therefore, dear General, to consider the reasons above mentioned, so that the "Missioni Militari Albanesi" of Bari be withdrawn, in order to prevent the possible happening of grave incidents.

Believe me, dear General, very cordially

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/s/ R. Prinos

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Believe me, dear General, very cordially 694

/s/ R. Prungs

To : Brig. Gen. M. J. LUSH
Allied Commission
ROME

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THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE

No. 27439

Rome, 5 March 1946.

Dear Admiral,

I enclose a copy of a request sent me by the Ministry of the Interior, Public Security Branch, in relation to the well-known clandestine commercial trade going on between Italy and Albania.

I beg you to intervene, so that Allied Headquarters and Allied Offices may cooperate with the Italian Police Authorities in order to repress the above-mentioned illicit activity.

Please accept my regards,

/s/ Mario Brocci

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF. :SD/540.08

14 Feb. 1946

SUBJECT :Albanian activities at Bari

TO :Liaison Officer, Allied Commission, Bari.

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1. With reference to your report LB/3 dated 25 October 1945.
2. A letter has now been received from A.F.H.Q. and there appears to be some confusion as to what "Mission" is referred to.
3. With a view to clarifying this doubt it will be appreciated if this Division can be given more detailed information of the personalities, status, location etc. of the Albanian Mission referred to in para 5 (a) of your report.
4. Please treat this as URGENT.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

71/2538/1787

Rome, February 7th 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

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I am very grateful for your kind note of December 27th, 1945 no. SD/540.08. Please allow me to address you again in the matter of the Albanian Military Mission in Bari.

1. As the Allied Commission are aware, the Italian Mission in Albania, headed by Consul General Turcato, who went to Tirana in full agreement with the Albanian Government, were compelled to discontinue their work and to return to Italy on January 21st, ult, at the request of said Government.

2. It is known that the British Military Mission is also about to leave Albania within the next few days, due to the imminent appointment of a British diplomatic representative to Tirana, and that the U.S. Military Mission have ceased their activities in Albania several months ago.

3. With the withdrawal of the two aforesaid Military Mission a further permanence of the Albanian Military Mission in Bari appears to be totally unjustified inasmuch as the Tirana Government will appoint, as a matter of course, diplomatic representatives in London and Washington to entertain normal diplomatic relations with Britain and the USA.

4. Moreover it is to be assumed that military operations having now ceased for some considerable time - the tasks which caused the establishment of the Albanian Military Mission of Bari do no longer exist.

5. In this connection I wish to underline that, according to information gathered by the Italian Authorities, the Albanian Military Mission of Bari, numbering 12 persons inclusive of sundry personnel, continues to carry out scores of illicit acts ranging from clandestine traffic of foreign currency and of commodities, to forms of political activity which infringe the sovereignty of the Italian State.

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I trust therefore that you will take favorable consideration, dear Admiral Stone, the reasons outlined above and cause the recall of the Albanian Military Mission of Bari.

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Please believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Admiral Sirery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Very cordially yours,

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 542

14 January 1946

G-5 334-132

SUBJECT: Activities of Albanians

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission APO 394

requesting early reply to 9

Reference your SD/540.09-2 of 4 January 1946.

1. A copy of your SD/540.09-2 of 16 November 1945, as requested, we received but the attachments were missing. It is regretted that you are being inconvenienced over this matter in that your original letter and attachments thereto have been mislaid within A.F.H.Q. Before, however, requesting you to send the missing attachments it is possible that the following paragraphs will clarify this matter as it now stands.

2. The question of an Albanian "Mission" and its activities in the Bari Area have been raised separately by you in two series of letters; one originating from the Economics Section under the reference 2.16/23; the other originating from the Civil Affairs Section under the reference SD/540.08. It is requested that you examine the two series of correspondence conjointly in order to arrive at the points which are now outstanding.

3. In general the following observations are made:

a) There is some confusion as to what "Mission" is referred to in the correspondence. Originally the matter arose over AFHQ letter G-5: 334-132 of 4 October 1945, subject "Albanian Missions to Italy" AFHQ signal # 49087 of 17 October 1945 and AC signal 7443 of 20 October 1945 are also relevant. No opinion has yet been expressed by Allied Commission following these signals, the next developments being complaints as to the illegal activities of certain Albanians in the Bari Area.

b) The six Albanians allegedly forming a Mission in the memorandum LB/3 dated 14 November 1945 from the Allied Commission Liaison Officer, Bari appear to have entered Italy separately and not as a Mission. Approval of the entry of a Mission as such was never given by AFHQ. Individual Albanians, have, however obtained Allied Force permits and have entered legitimately in a private capacity. This Section **688** traced the legitimacy of the entry of the six referred to above and, as a consequence, dispatched AFHQ letter, G-5 334-132 of 22 December 1945 to you listing three names of Albanians whose entry may have been illegal.

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c) The pre-requisites for entry into Italy of private individuals who are not Allied sponsored are two, firstly they require security clearance by the Allied authorities; secondly they require the approval of the Italian Government. If the latter has not been given, or is withdrawn, the persons concerned may be returned to their country of origin. Persons of the category of the subject Albanians are not sheltered by the provisions of AFHQ letter 091.1 (Italy) dated 11 January 1946, subject "Aliens in Italy" and Allied assistance in removing such persons will be given.

4. After examining the problem again in the light of the foregoing please advise AFHQ of the course of action which you desire.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

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Ref: SD/540.08

27 December 1945

Dear Sig. Prunas,

With reference to your letter No 74/1830/1470 of 5 Dec 1945 and further to my letter No SD/540.08 of 21 Nov 1945, no decisions have yet been received from the military authorities with regard to the question.

I have asked for the matter to be expedited.

Very sincerely yours,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
ELBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Nobile Cav. Don Renato Prunas
Ministro Plenipotenziario
Segretario Generale
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: SD/540.05

20 Dec 45

SUBJECT: Albanian activities.

TO : AFHQ for G-5

1. With reference to this HQ letter SD/540.09 of 16 November 45, can this HQ please be informed how the matter stands. 8

2. A further communication dated 5 Dec 45 has been received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs on this subject, a copy of which is enclosed.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
AF CA Sec

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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71/1830/1470

Rome, December 5th, 1945

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Dear Admiral Stone,

I am grateful to you for your kind letter no S.P./54009 dated November 21 at ult.

With the occasion I wish to inform you that during a conversation with the Consul General Turcato (Chief of the Italian Mission in Tirane), Colonel General Enver Hoxha gave to understand that inasmuch as the Albanian Military Mission in Bari is accredited to the Allied Command in Italy, it is the intention of the Albanian Government to maintain it until such time as said Command will exist.

The Chief of the Mission, Lieutenant Colonel Kadri Hoxha has - on his side - declared to Consul General Turcato to be of the opinion that, the heavy expenditure notwithstanding, the Albanian Government have an interest to maintain said mission, not only because of reasons of prestige, but because it is useful for political and commercial aims.

In this connection, I also wish to inform you that I have been advised that an Albanian motor-trawler is shuttling, roughly once a fortnight, between Italy and Albania, carrying merchandise and persons, who are evading the control of the Allied and Italian Authorities.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

(signed) R. PRUNAS

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.N.S.R.
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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Ref: 83/340.09

2/ November 1945

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Dear Sig. Prunas,

The questions raised in your letter No. 71/1431/1169 dated 12 October 1945 have been under discussion with the Military Authorities with a view to seeing whether the Albanian Military Mission can be dispensed with.

It is hoped to write you further on this subject at an early date.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Elfray W. Stone

ELFRAY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Nobile Cav. Don Renato Prunas
Ministro Plenipotenziario
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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

No. 71/1481/1169

Rome, October 12th, 1945

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Dear Admiral Stone,

I beg to call your attention to a letter (no. 443/33837 of September 21st, 1945) that the Public Safety Division, Ministry of the Interior, has addressed to the Allied Commission in order to inform them of illegal activities carried on by Albanian partisan elements in Bari and at S. Maria di Leuca.

On the grounds of said report and other information which has reached us, it cannot be excluded that such illegal activities are supported by the Albanian military Mission in Bari. Furthermore the Mission facilitates the clandestine movement of persons and merchandise to and from Albania.

Of course I keep in mind what the Allied Commission has already pointed out on the subject (see note no. 3/7.I.C.A. dated 7th August 1945) namely that it is a question in which it seems that the Italian Government has full authority.

However, in consideration of the serious nature of the above occurrences and owing to the fact that they are repeatedly taking place, I shall appreciate it greatly if you will consider the possibility of having the Allied Police Authorities instructed to cooperate with the Italian Police in watching over and controlling the above mentioned activities of the Albanian partisan elements.

We should also appreciate it if the Allied Authorities would examine the position of the Albanian Military Mission, whose action oversteps its normal scope and whose presence in Italy does not seem to be justified any longer. All the more so in view of the fact that, following the sending to Tirana of a semi-official Italian Mission, a semi-official civil Albanian Mission is expected in Rome, pursuant to the provisions of the Hoxha-Palermo agreement of March 14th, 1945.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very Sincerely yours,

EC DIST - 18 October 45

/s/ E. TRUMAS

Action : C.A. Section (2) ; Infor Chief Commr

Executive Commr

Admiral Ellery W. Stone

Chief Commissioner

Allied Commission

ROME

CA Section:

Please forward on your file comments and draft

Reply indicating action taken

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Roma, 12 OTT. 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

Mi permetto richiamare la Sua cortese attenzione su di una nota (n° 443/33837 del 21.9.1945) che il Ministero dell'Interno - Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza - ha indirizzato alla Commissione Alleata per segnalare alcuni episodi dell'attività illegale svolta da elementi partigiani albanesi a Bari e a S. Maria di Leuca.-

Da questa e da altre segnalazioni, non si dovrebbe escludere che tale attività illegale trovi appoggio presso la Missione Militare albanese di Bari, la quale si presta, inoltre, a facilitare il transito clandestino di persone e di merci da e per l'Albania.-

Ho presente, naturalmente, quanto la Commissione Alleata ha già fatto conoscere sull'argomento (nota n° 3/7. I.C.A. del 7 agosto u.s.), nel senso che la questione sembrerebbe essere una di quelle di cui il Governo Italiano ha piena competenza.-

In considerazione tuttavia della serietà dei fatti

Al Signor
Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone
Capo della Commissione Alleata
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segnalati e del loro ripetersi. La prego di voler considerare l'opportunità che anche le Autorità Alleate di Polizia ricevano possibilmente disposizioni di coadiuvare quelle italiane nella vigilanza di tali elementi.-

Ci riuscirebbe ugualmente gradito se le Autorità Alleate volessero esaminare la posizione della Missione Militare albanese, la cui azione sconfinava dai suoi compiti normali, e la cui presenza in Italia non sembra avere ormai più alcuna giustificazione. Tanto più che, a seguito dell'invio a Tirana di una Missione ufficiosa italiana, è attesa a Roma una Missione civile ufficiosa albanese, in esecuzione di quanto è previsto nell'accordo Hoxha - Palermo del 14 marzo u.s.-

Voglia credermi, caro Ammiraglio, con i più cordiali saluti

R. P.

