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MINUTE ON TAPER

I apologise for having retained this file so long. I agree with the draft letter, subject to the following substitution for the first sentence of paragraph 3:-

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17.12.46.

Seen by EC
No Action taken
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*Sent by cable
No. 2622
7.12.46*

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Minute No. 9

TO: Chief Commissioner.

20th November, 1946

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TO: POLAD (B).

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However, AFHQ G-5 are anxious to receive a letter setting out in connection with this matter, what questions not of an ~~advisory~~ ^{advisory} nature are being dealt with by this Commission.

Mc Carr Byader
M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Ex. Comm.

2 Dec 46.

DISPATCH SUMMARY

1. The question of obtaining clearance from appropriate B.M.A. for persons desirous of proceeding to ex-Italian Colonies and Territories has, for the last two years, been in the hands of this Division, both for Displaced Persons and for persons wishing to enter B.M.A. Territories for reasons other than repatriation. The former, have always been the most numerous, and in order to avoid confusion at both embarkation and disembarkation ports, a single source of obtaining clearance and issuing visas for the appropriate territories was put into action and carried out by this Division (with the exception, since February 1946, of group moves when UNRRA undertook to obtain the necessary clearance and to issue visas). The system has worked perfectly and the Italian Port Authorities have collaborated in impeding persons not in possession of visas embarking for ex-Italian Colonial Possessions.
2. The matter of handing over the whole question of travel to territories under B.M.A. has been discussed with representatives of the British Embassy (Mr. HERRON and Mr. HANSEN). While agreeing to the desirability of the question becoming an Embassy commitment, the Embassy representatives frankly admitted that their main problem was finding suitable personnel with the necessary experience to handle the question at the Embassy.
3. It was finally agreed in principle that Displaced Persons Division should continue to obtain visas for persons desirous of travelling to territory under B.M.A., until such time as the Division ceased its activities, when Major HAZELTON would, with Foreign Office approval, join the staff of the British Embassy.
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6. The question of Major HAZELTON joining the Embassy Staff has already been referred to the Foreign Office.

14 November, 1946.
Enc. 5/12.
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C.A.L. 87
C.B. FULFILL,
Colonel,
Director, DP Division.

Lx Comm.

See m's 4, 5, 6 + 7 in reply to your m 3. In a memo to me

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14 November, 1946.
Brt 512.
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C.B. FIDELLAY,
Colonel,
Director, DP Division.

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Ex Comm.

See m's 4, 5, 6 & 7 in reply to
you on 3. In a memo to me
asking for this file to be chased you
said you thought we might shortly
include legal questions such as Amnesty
affecting Italian subjects sentenced in ex-
Colonies under Italian law. I have not
yet referred this to Legal Div. as there has
been so much delay in passing the
file. I felt you might wish to see how progressing

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Ex Comm thru D.P. Div

A.F.H.Q. GS have commenced to route correspondence, dealing with the question of illegal immigration to Tripoli, to the British Embassy. It would be to advantage if all applications to land to former Italian Colonies could be similarly dealt with unless for some special reason D.P. Div desires to continue with this work.

UX.46:

E. J. Dye, Jr.

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Economic Section
Public Safety S/C.
Displaced Persons S/C
Polad (S).

17 October 1946

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M. GAGE
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

P.V.P.
Econ. Section

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Displaced persons S/C
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Col. F. H. H. H.

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Beyond referring to TAM 640, (see
minute 4) and the marginal notes
on Para 2. b. there is no further
comment.

Arnold. Col
E/PD 21/10/46

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2nd DRAFT.

Ref 699/132/EC.

SUBJECT: Correspondence with British Military Administration.

TO: ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Attention: G-5 Section.

1. Correspondence and reports, many of which involve discussion and action with the Italian Government, are passing between this Headquarters and the British authorities in ex-Italian Colonies and territories:

2. Cases in point are:

(a) The matter of illegal immigration into Tripolitania. Your Headquarters has already sent a wire to the War Office expressing the view that this is not an Allied matter but one which should be dealt with by the British Embassy.

(b) Question of permission to visit or enter ex-Italian Colonies or territories including head for head exchanges. This work is at present carried out by Displaced Persons Division which obtains clearance from the appropriate EMA or other authority and arranges for visas. In this connection Travel Control for all other areas was taken over by the U.K. and U.S. Embassies with effect from 16th September 1946. Directions for hand over to the British Embassy have been issued by your Hq., but no effective date has been fixed.

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The present position is that the Civil Affairs

As regards Tripolitanian prices quoted, in view

(a)

Q-14 Answer.

(e) Matters connected with the Island of RHODES such as questions affecting the hand over of the Island, authority for importing lire into the Island to pay the salaries or meet the demands of Italians on that Island etc., This Commission is used as a channel of communication between the Italian Government and the British military Administration in Rhodes.

(f) Provision of Italian medical and welfare personnel. Requests have been received from British Military Administration, Tripolitania for this Commission to arrange with the Italian Government for such personnel as a dentist, some nuns etc., to be sent to Tripolitania.

3. I suggest it is for consideration as to whether the above and kindred matters should not be handled by the British Embassy. Such a procedure would necessitate direct contact between the Embassy and the Civil Affairs authorities. Further, it is to be noted that in cases where transportation is involved, as in sub-paras (b) and (f) above, the necessary arrangements are, under existing procedure, frequently made by this Commission in conjunction with the military authorities in Italy.

4. I await your directions in this matter.

ELIERY W. STONE.
Rear Admiral, USNR. 2615
Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
G-5 SECTION.
APO 512.

G-5 934.43P

14 November 1946.

SUBJECT: Channels of Communication with
Governments of Ex-Italian Colonies.

TO: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission, APO 794.

The attached letter AC 4079/L. of November 1946 from the Legal Division of the Allied Commission, which it is understood was intended to be addressed to GHQ Middle East Land Forces, has been delivered to this Headquarters.

It is not considered that the Allied Commission is the proper channel for representations on behalf of Italian agencies or individuals to the Governments of ex-Italian colonies. Such representations should be made through Embassy channels.

As you may be aware, the War Office have been asked to ensure that Communications from such territories to Italy are similarly routed.

A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Ass. Chief of Staff. G-5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
LEGAL DIVISION

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GCH/pa.
4 Nov 1946.

AC/4019/L.

SUBJECT : Extension of Amnesty to Italian prisoners
in Libya and Eritrea etc.

TO : CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH, G.H.Q., C.M.D.F.

1. The attention of this Commission has been drawn to the fact that Italian citizens now serving their sentences pronounced by Italian Courts under Italian law in prisons situated in Libya, Tripolitania, Eritrea, Somaliland and possibly in Ethiopia, have not received the benefit of the various decrees of amnesty promulgated by the Italian Government in recent months.

2. It is obviously unjust that persons sentenced for the same offence under their national law by their national courts should in some cases be freed while others because their prisons are not situated in metropolitan soil must remain in gaol.

3. The same problem came up at the time when Italy was partially under AAG, and the Allied Military Authorities implemented the Italian amnesty decrees in the territory under their control.

4. Would you be good enough to give this matter your attention together with any observations you may wish to make.

5. In the case of Italian citizens serving their sentences in Ethiopia, where BMA have no jurisdiction, this Commission would appreciate any information you may be able to give in this regard.

G. G. HANNAF 2613
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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Ref: 699/12/EC October 1946.

SUBJECT: Correspondence with British Military Administrations.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

Attention: G-5 Section.

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(See Minute 4)

The matter of authority for importing lire into the Island

See also areas under British Military Administration

See paragraph on sterling branch accounts

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(8) and this area under British military administration

10% payment in sterling goods

at the official price of 2000 lire per pound sterling

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Let the question of personnel be sent to the British Embassy in Tripoli for consideration and handling. This will be in accordance with the policy of the British Government which is to leave the handling of such matters to the British Government. For the reasons stated above, the British Government is not in a position to supply personnel to Tripoli.

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