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Linison Division

Ref. 720/15/EC

26 March, 1946

Dear Mr. Cowen,

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In reply to your letter of 22 March 1946 enclosing Vatican note No. 465/46 dated 31 January 1946 concerning Catholic ecclesiastical personnel on the Dodecanese Islands.

It is advised that the above matter has already been presented by the Vatican to the Supreme Allied Commander on or previous to February 15, 1946.

The comments of the Italian government were requested by AFHQ on the matter and were duly forwarded to the Allied Headquarters. An official decision should soon be available. The reply will be forwarded from the Office of the British Political Adviser to the Supreme Allied Commander directly to the Vatican in reply to their original request referred to in the second paragraph of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref. 720/14/20

15 March 1946

SUBJECT: Nuns and priests on Rhodes.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

Reference your letter G-5:000.3 of 20 February 1946.

The attached memorandum has been received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is forwarded for your attention.

For the Chief Commissioner

P. H. TUNNARD

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encl. Memo Minister Foreign Affairs

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THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE
2, via Boncompagni, Rome.

March 22, 1946.

Dear Captain Oddi:

For such action as you may deem appropriate, if any, I
enclose a copy of Vatican Note No. 465/46 dated January 31,
1946 which we have received from the Secretariat of State of
the Holy See, concerning Catholic ecclesiastical personnel in
the Dodecanese Islands.

Sincerely yours,

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Franklin C. Cowen
Franklin C. Cowen
Assistant to the Honorable Myron C. Taylor

Enclosure:
Copy of Vatican Note.

Captain Victor L. Oddi,
Liaison Division,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
Rome.

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SEGRETERIA DI STATO
DI SUA SANTITA'

N. 465/46

Sua Eccellenza Rev.ma Monsignor Ambrogio Acciarim Arcivescovo di Rodi, ha pregato la Segreteria di Stato di Sua Santita' di far presente alle competenti Autorita' Alleate quanto segue:

1. E' intervenuto un accordo tra gli Alleati e il Governo Italiano per il rimpatrio dei dipendenti ed impiegati statali italiani residenti nelle isole del Dodecaneso.
2. Qualche Sacerdote ed alcuni Religiosi e Religiose percepivano dalle Autorita' Italiane un regolare sussidio, oppure uno stipendio per l'opera che prestavano anche nelle scuole come insegnanti.
3. L'Arcivescovo ritiene che per questo solo fatto tali ecclesiastici - dei quali egli si giova per le opere diocesane - non possano essere considerati alla stregua degli impiegati statali e quindi essi non debbano essere inclusi negli elenchi dei rimpatriandi, che si stanno compilando.

La Segreteria di Stato, in adempimento al desiderio dell'Ecc. mo Arcivescovo di Rodi, si reca a premura di portare quanto sopra a conoscenza dell'Ill.mo Signor Franklin C. Gowen, Segretario Diplomatico, Assistente di S.E. il Signor Myron C. Taylor, confidando che gli Alleati non mancheranno di agire, in proposito, d'intesa con quell'Ecc.mo Prelato, cosicche', in ogni eventualita', non ne abbiano a soffrire il governo dell'arcidiocesi e la necessaria assistenza religiosa ai cattolici.

La Segreteria di Stato profitta volentieri della circostanza per esprimere all'Ill.mo Signor Franklin C. Gowen i sensi della sua alta e distinta stima.

DAL VATICANO, 31 gennaio 1946

Ill.mo Signor
SIGNOR FRANKLIN C. GOWEN
Segretario Diplomatico
Assistente di S.E. il Signor Myron C. Taylor
Via Boncompagni 2 - Roma -

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SEGRETARIA DI STATO
DI SUA SANTITÀ

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DAL VATICANO, 31 Gennaio 1946.

Ill. mo Signore

SIGNOR FRANKLIN C. GOWEN
Segretario Diplomatico
Assistente di S.E. il Signor Myron C. Taylor
Via Boncompagni 2
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MAR 21 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Nuns and priests in Rhodes.

1. Reference is made to Allied Commission's note 720/8/EC dated February 25th, 1946.

2. Concerning the status of educational and charitable institutions on Rhodes the following facts are stated:

- a) from 1925 to 1935 the Italian Missionary Association erected in the Aegean Islands a considerable number of educational and medical institutions.
- b) In 1937 the fascist government arbitrarily incorporated under state control all those institutions.
- c) On October 1944 those institutions were reverted to the ecclesiastical authorities and from such date they are operated and controlled solely by the ecclesiastical authorities who provide for the necessary funds and pay the salaries to the teachers.

3. In consideration of the above this Ministry is of the opinion that not only nuns and priests but also laymen connected with those institutions should be exempted from the categories of persons who are being repatriated, in order that educational and charitable works in Rhodes shall not have to suffer.

Rome, March 21st, 1946

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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G-5: 000.3

19 March 1946

SUBJECT: Priests and Nuns on Rhodes.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

Reference this Headquarters letter G-5: 000.3
dated 20 February 1945.

Please expedite a reply.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

James H. Hambley
A. L. HAMBLEY,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Ref. : 720/9/EC

19 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Priests and Nuns on Rhodes.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. An early reply would be appreciated to our letter Ref. 720/8/EC dated 25 Feb 46.

For the Chief Commissioner

P. H. TUNNARD

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 720/8/AC

25 February 1946

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

SUBJECT: Priests and Buns on Rhodes

1. You will find attached a copy of a memorandum from the office of the British Political Adviser, AFHQ on the a/m subject, forwarded to this office by AFHQ C-5 Section.

2. Will you please therefore advise this office as to the reply we can give the British Political Adviser.

P. H. Lunnack
Capt
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Incl: 11/34/3 ltr of 15 Feb 46 fr Office of the Br. Pol. Adv.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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G-5: 000.3

20 February 1946

SUBJECT: Priests and Nuns on Rhodes.

FEB 21 1946

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attn: Chief Commissioner),
APO 394.

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1. You will find attached a copy of a memorandum from the office of the British Political Adviser, AFHQ, on the a/m subject.
 2. Will you please therefore contact the Italian Government's representative and advise this Headquarters what reply we can give the British Political Adviser.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

James H. Williams
Col DSC
for F. G. A. PARSONS,
Brigadier,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl:
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OFFICE OF THE BRITISH POLITICAL ADVISER
TO THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER,
AFHQ.,
CMF.

11/34/3

15th February, 1946

To: G-5
From: Major I.C. Macpherson.
Subject: Priests and Nuns on Rhodes.

With reference to conversation (Melotte-Macpherson) yesterday, the following is the text of the letter which we received from the Holy See and which you agreed to forward to the Allied Commission:-

"The Vatican have passed on to us, with a strong recommendation, a request of the Archbishop of Rhodes that priests and nuns on that island who receive a regular subsidy or stipend from the Italian Authorities for teaching in schools, should not on that account be considered as among the category of state employees, who are being repatriated from Rhodes in accordance with an agreement between the Allies and the Italian Government.

2. These religions, the Archbishop says, are used by him for diocesan work, and the Vatican express the hope that the Allies, in agreement with the Archbishop, will take steps to ensure that the Arch-diocese and its charitable works shall not have to suffer."

2. We shall be glad to know in due course what answer the Allied Commission are able to provide.

/s/ ????????

Major.
for British Political Adviser.

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Ref: 720/5/22

21 January 1946

Dear Sir D'Arcy:

Reference your letter 28/115/45 of 8th November 1945 to
Captain Neuburg.

The attached reply has been received and is forwarded to
you for your information.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgt) P.H. Lunnard,
Capt.
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encl: Ltr DFR/3/BCAP/G-II of 15 Jan. 46

H.E. Sir Francis D'Arcy Godolphin Osborne
British Legation to the Holy See
14, Via del Parlamento
ROME

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/3/SCAP/G-II (IT) Tel. 489081 Ext. 594 15 January 1946

SUBJECT : Repatriation of two nuns from ALGIERS
to Italy.

TO : Liaison Division, A.C.

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1. Reference is made to your 241/EC (L) dated 15 November 1945 and to attached correspondence for British Legation to the Holy See Rome.

2. It has been confirmed by G-2 Section A.F.H.Q. that the British Consulate Algiers, was informed on 4 October 1945 that permission had been granted for the repatriation of Mere AVALLONE.

3. No security objection is raised by this H.A. to the repatriation of Mere SCAPPAPIETRA.

For the Director:

C. Hartman

for C.A. OLIVER

Lt. Colonel,

O. i/c Reapatriation.

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SR/EC(L)

Ref: 241/EC(L)

15 November 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of two nuns from Algiers to Italy

TO : Repatriation Sub-Commission

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1. Enclosed is copy of 28/115/45 letter dated 8 November from Mr. Osborne requesting repatriation to Italy from Algiers of two nuns.

2. Request appropriate action be taken by your offices and this office in due course informed as to the reply to be made to the British Minister.

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Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

2 Encls: Ltr 28/115/45 of 8 Nov. 1945

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BRITISH LEGATION TO THE HOLY SEE

8th November 1945

28/115/45

Dear Captain Neuburg,

I am sending you herewith a copy of a Note addressed to me by the Secretariat of State of His Holiness requesting assistance for the repatriation to Italy of two nuns from Algiers.

The sisters concerned have been asked for by the Rector of the Catholic University of Milan, and it is stated that their records are at the British Consulate at Algiers.

I should be grateful if you would kindly forward this appeal to the appropriate military authorities with a recommendation from me.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ D.G. Osborne

Captain Neuburg
Liaison Division
Headquarters
Allied Commission

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November 6, 1945

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The Secretariat of State of His Holiness takes the liberty to recommend to the good offices of His Britannic Majesty's Legation the request of Mother Marie Marguerite, Superioress General, for authorization and facilitation for repatriation from Algiers to Italy of the following members of her Community:-

Mère Marie Bartolo Giulia SCHIAPPALERA

Mère Marie Clara Pia Isabella AVAILONE

At the request of Father Ceselli, Rector of the University of Milan the above sisters have been appointed to their house at Castelnuovo Fogliani, a branch of the University.

The records of the petitioners are at the British Consulate at Algiers.

His Britannic Majesty's Legation
to the Holy See

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