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DEC. 1944 - JAN. 1945

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DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION
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153.
b7c. Please see folios 149, 150-151, (Xerox marked)
153 & 154 for info.
D. M. C. M. 16/12 H.S. 16/12
seen by E.C.

b7c. Ex Comm. 114.
Please see folio 160 and attachments
at 156-157 for info. Folios 156 & 158
refer.
D. M. C. M. 17/12 H.S. 17/12

b7c. Ex Comm. 163.
Folio 162 for info. The reference
quoted in the subject ~~is~~ obscure.
NAT 1238 as at folio 125. MC
D. M. C. M. 20/12 H.S. 20/12

b7c. Ex Comm. 166.
Please see folios 164-165 for info. 3718.
Folio 137 refers also 141. Yarn in 143
also refers.
D. M. C. M. MC 23/12 H.S. 23/12

b7c. Ex Comm. 170.
Folios 168-169 for info please.
D. M. C. M. MC 24/12

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Ex Comm. 12/4
Please see folios 160 and attachments
at 136-137 for info. Folios 136 & 138
Refer. MC 8/12
J. W. C. M. 17/12 H.S. 17/12

Ex Comm. 163.
Folio 162 for info. The reference
quoted in the subject ~~is~~ above.
NAT 1238 is at folio 123. MC
J. W. C. M. 20/12 H.S. 20/12

Ex Comm. 164.
Please see folios 164-165 for info. 3712.
Folio 137 refers also 141. You in 143
also refers.
J. W. C. M. MC 23/12 H.S. 23/12

Ex Comm. 170.
Folios 168-169 for info please.
J. W. C. M. 4/1 H.S. 6/11 MC 6/11

Ex Comm. 142

Folios 10-141 for info. per sec.
Folios 1324-137 info.

J. M. C. M. 13/12 J.S. 12/12

143

Deputy Div.

The AFHQ agree to 140 it must
be approved or agreed by C.C. before
despatch. I do not think C.C. will
approve in view of the contentious basis
on which this question has rested.

12/12
M. Cant. Luy.
E.C. 8
48

Minute 144

Executive Commissioner.

Reference minute 143 - noted.

14 December, 1945

Ref. Ext. 392

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EDWARD ARMY
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director D.P. Division.

Ex Comm. 148

Please see folios 14546 ~~xxxx~~ for

info. J. M. C. M. 14/12 J.S. 16/12

P/A

Super-Div.

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be approved or signed by C.C. before
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McCartney

12/12

E.C. 48

Minute 144.

Executive Commissioner.

Reference minute 143 - noted.

14 December, 1945

Tel. Ext. 392

[Signature]

3711

EDWARD PURDY
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director D.D. Division.

[Signature]

Ex-terminum.

148.

Please see folios 145 & 146 ~~revised~~ for

info.

J. McColl.

14/12

HS. 16/12

See by E.C. P/A.

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129.
Ex-lar my
Phase see folios 128 for info.
D.M.C.M. 3/12 H. 3/12

131.
Ex Comm.
Folios 130-133 for info. please.
D.M.C.M. 3/12 H. 5/12
H.C.D.M.

Minute No. 134.

6th December 1946

To: Disper Division.

Reference letter at 132 and signal at 128. I have discussed this matter with the Chief Commissioner and he does not think any further action is necessary with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in view of the fact that we have stated to the Italian Government that the condition set out in their memorandum of 12th November is unacceptable.

I presume you have sent copies of letter at 132 to AFHQ G-5. Please confirm.

McCarthy
M. CARR, Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Minute 135.

Executive Commissioner.

3713

Reference minute 134 above. Confirmed that G-5 A.F.H.Q. has received copies of folio 132.

6 December 1946

Tel. Ext. 392.

EDWARD MURPHY
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director D.E. Division

131.
Phase see folios 138-137. Folios 103, 132
H. 11/12
for info.

Minute No. 134.

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M. CARR, Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Minute 135.

Executive Commissioner.

Reference minute 134 above. Confirmed that G-5 A.P.H.Q. has received copies of 1010 132.

6 December 1946

Tel. Ext. 392.

MC
EDWARD PURDY
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director D.P. Division

135 11/12

139

for info.

Please see folios 138-139. Folios 103, 132
of 136 refer.

LFW/M. 10/12

6th December 1946

128/12

5/12 128 5/12

130-133 for info. please.

90.
Ex Comm.
Please re folio 89 which is action
taken on G-5 letter at folio 88. Folio
87 also refers. *mgj*
J. mcm. 14/10. H.S. 15/10

93.
H.S. 26/10
Please see folio 94 for info.
J. mcm. 26/10

104.
H.S. 18/11
Folio 102, 103 for info. please. *by E.C.*
J. mcm. 16/11. *per*
Also - 105-106.

112.
Ex Comm.
Folios 108-111 for info. please.
Also folio 116.
J. mcm. 19/11 H.S. 22/11
mc 24/11

119.
Ex Comm.
Folios 117-118 for info. please.
J. mcm. H.S. 25/11

122.
H.S. 25/11
Please see folios 120-121 for
info. J. mcm. 25/11

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95.

H.S. 26/10

ltd. Please see folios 94 for info.
 G. McCord. 26/10

H.S. 27/11

104.

ltd. Folios 102, 103 for info. please. H.S. 27/11
 Also - 105-106. G. McCord. 16/11. per H.S. 27/11

Ex Comm

112.

ltd. Folios 108-111 for info. please.
 Also folios 112.

G. McCord. 19/11 H.S. 27/11
 H.C. 27/11

Ex Comm

119.

ltd. Folios 117-118 for info. please.
 H.S. 27/11

H.S. 25/11

122.

ltd. Please see folios 120-121 for
 info.

G. McCord. 25/11
 126.

Ex Comm

H.S. 23/12
 123-125 for info.

H.S. 2/12

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AUG 27 1946

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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your signature information

File

Col Findlay will inform brief for you

Talk with Dr. Royce. 175/26/VIII
Exec Comm
Thank you and cc

28.

Aspland Persons Spc.

May we please have your comments on

folio 77. G. McW. 7/9.

72

Executive Commissioner.

The following 3 urgent drafts are submitted for your approval

please :-

- 84 — 1) Reply to Dr. Prunas - Folio 77 refers.
- 23 — 2) G-5 regarding above and feeding etc.
- 21 — 3) Pola evacuees (with Major Stewards letter attached).

9 September 1946

Tel. Ext. 392

A.T. Barne d. Col

C.B. FINDLAY
for Colonel,
Director.

23

25

- 1. Type for issue by CC
- 2. Type — by your
- 3. Type — Mr (12)

Fall with Dr. Royce.
Exec Comm
Thank you 26/11/46
400 cc

Inspected Persons etc.

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72

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9 September 1946
Tel. Ext. 392

A.T. Baume d. Cal
for C.B. FINDLAY
Colonel,
Director.

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23

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- 1. Type for issue by CC
- 2. Type — by your
- 3. Type — Dr. (12/9)

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~~68~~ 70
D.R. sp. May we have your comments
on folios 68 & also on 69 please.

18/6

J. McE. O'Connell

G. McMaster

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

(71)

Executive Commissioner

1) Folio 68

The points as enumerated by AFHQ in their signal to Troopers are quite satisfactory. On the other hand the historic occasion on which this document will be signed seems no nearer.

2) Folio 69

I have been unable to obtain a copy of telegram F 67195 mentioned in folio 69. The refugee question seems covered in the American Civil Affairs Agreement but not so clearly in the British.

(Fothergill)

C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director.

2 July 1946
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bls. 517
Folios 68 & 69 & m. 71 for info.
J. McE. 3/7.

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Chief Commissioner

58-60.

Attached is submitted for your signature and approval

9 mentioned this today

MAY 23 1946
10 25

~~200~~ 63

Ex Comm.

ltd. 248-249 for info.

248-249 11/6 J.L. 11/6

~~300~~ 64

10000 Dispersed communit - urgently

11/6 11/6

~~300~~ 65

Executive Commissioner.

62.

This signal defines very clearly the displaced person and refugee problem in Italy. The Displaced Persons and Refugees fall into four Groups :-

- | | | |
|-----|---------------------------|--------|
| (a) | Poles | 6,222 |
| (b) | Repatriables | 2,020 |
| (c) | Undeterminate Nationality | 923 |
| (d) | Dissident Refugees | 11,412 |

The recommendation as to responsibility for these groups is that the Italian Government may be made responsible for group (b) and (c) total 2,943. UNRRA will continue to repatriate persons as long as UNRRA is in Italy. Groups (a) and (d) total 17,634 to remain a military commitment.

This Sub-Commission is in agreement with the views and recommendations as stated. Colonel Findlay saw the signal before despatch. 3703

12th June, 1946.

TX 392

(Fisher)

11/6
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director D.P.R.S.C.

~~300~~ 66

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Executive Commissioner.

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3703

12th June, 1946.

TX 392

(F. Fothergill)
C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director D.P.R.S.C.

Chief Commissioner.

Approval
Attached is submitted for signature
information

EC

10/11/46

11/12/46

12/1/46

13/2/46

14/3/46

15/4/46

16/5/46

17/6/46

18/7/46

19/8/46

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45.

CSO. I think that the Ex Com may wish to see this before he goes. Ask 7/3

49.

Col Gindley. Duster.

Ref 447 - Ex Com has not seen this yet. Will you please comment & put up appropriate reply for signature of C.C. J.L. 9/17

56.

Ex. Com.

Stewart's reply for signature on 11/15/46

C.B. J. 12/15/46

57.

CSO. Chet

Enclosure will continue page 7. 8705 drop off. Please follow up.

11/15/46

56.

Ex Com

Col Girdley. Duster.

Ref 147 - Ex Column has not seen this yet. Will you please comment & put up appropriate reply for signature of C.C.
J.S. 9/17

56.

Ex. 147

Herewith reply in duplicate as attached.

C.B.J.S. 14/10/46

14/10/46

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Ex. 147

Continuation will continue para 7. 3703
drop off. Please follow up.

14/10/46

Ex. 147

Herewith continuation of para 7 for your approval
para 3 suggest dependent rather than "belonging"
(ff)

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S. M. 20/5.

Issue 17/2/46.

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43

Ex Comm
 The question was
 how to be drafted
 to SS from US
 Embassy
 All the necessary
 data appears to
 have been collected
 You may wish to
 see first. MC
 20/3

seen by CSO
26/3

14th

CAS

36137 & 41842 are two excellent memoranda.

They should be sent as they stand under
 370
 cover of a letter to US Embassy - copy to
 British Embassy, GS & Harre.

MS/2513

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To 32 from 03

Embassy

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data appear to

have been collected.

You may wish to

see first

25/3 MC

Open by CSO
26/3

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Br Embassy, GS & Harro.

MS/25/3

G.C.

45.

Ref. minutes 4344 may be attached letter be
signed by the Chief Commissioner.

Wheatley, Wray

CA Reetum

30 Mar 46

MS 114

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Capt. B. ~~1946~~ 33

I should like the views of Dirfer &

WGR in this correspondence.

18/10/3

Disper

34

Ref min 33, please expand your views

Aut 18/3

Minute 38

TO : Executive Commissioner.

Reference minute 33, please see comments at folio 35.

(Hollings)

C.F. POTTERGILL
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

TX 392

19 March 1946.

To I.G.C.R.

39

Ref min 33, will you please submit your views! Aut 19/3

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Disper

34

Ref min 33, please send your views

CW 18/3

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Minute 33.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

Reference minute 33, please see comments at folio 35.

(Hollingsill)

C.F. POTTERGILL
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

TX 392

19 March 1946.

To I.G.C.R.

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Ref min 33, will you please submit your views! CW 19/3

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To Executive Commissioner —

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Please see enclosures 38 and 39.

22.3.43.

Macaulay
1946

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Ext Com's

21 is a policy from SIAEF.

Sh

17/5

210

But we should expect from AFHQ to

telegram under n(6) 17/15. 12/12

14

CSO

13 for info.

Sh

24/5

21 21/3

3702

Ex. Com.

23

CSO

per 20 & 21 (different subjects) for info

22 in reply to Q on transition of DPL to UNRRA

22 15/10

23 Minutes of UNRRA DPL meeting.

15/10.

17/10/1.

24

Ex. Com.

per 20 & 21 for info

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17/5

(10)

But we should expect from ACHQ the
telegram under n(6) 178/17/5. See 12

14

CSE

13 for info.

Sh

24/5

21/2

3702

Ex. Com.

(23)

CSE

me see 20 & 21 (different subjects) for info
(20) in reply to (19) on ransom
of DFR to UNRRA 15/10
(21) Rumbro & UNRRA DFR meeting.

15/10.

17/10/12.

Ex. Com.
CSE

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See see 20 & 24 for info

15/12.

17/12/11

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION

DFR/3=2/ADM

Tel. 489081 Ext 414

6 January 1947

SUBJECT : Discipline - DP's.

TO : Distribution.

1. Further to this H.Q. letter DFR/3=2/ADM dated 15 September 1946, forwarded herewith is copy of letter even number and date, for information and action as deemed necessary.

For the Director:

B. Woodcock
B. WOODCOCK
Major
O. i/c ADM. *Maj.*

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Encl "B", less 2 copies to
H.Q. Central Italy D.P. Group.

Copies to : Executive Commissioner, A.C.
Public Safety Division (3).

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*Informal
PA*

2 copies to H.Q.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION

DPR/3=2/ADM

Tel. 439081 Ext. 414

6 January 1947

SUBJECT : Discipline - DP's.

TO : H.Q. Central Italy Group, D.P. Division.

1. Reference our DPR/3=2/ADM of 15 November 1946 para 2 (i). It has been pointed out by the Ministry of Interior that the curfew should commence prior to 2000 hrs in view of the fact that it is now dark long before that hour.

2. Therefore please make the following amendment : -

Para 2 (i) First sentence to read "A curfew will be imposed on all Camp inmates from dusk till 0700 hrs daily according to the season. Camp Commandants will arrange and adjust this hour of commencement in conjunction with the local Questura".

For the Director:

B. Woodcock

B. WOODCOCK
Major
O. i/c ADM.

Copies to : Executive Commissioner,
A.C.
Public Safety Division (3).

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COS/94
N.F.T.

SECRET

H/8899

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ROUTINE

GHQ CMF

ACTION AFHQ FOR PHCOS- INFO ALCOM ROME -HQ AMG V.GIULIA

MQ

SECRET

Two Italian Reps CLN Pola have verbally requested Tn Trieste to arrange one train for evac of Italian civs of 18 box wagons from Pola to Italy daily commencing 7 Jan 47. Request instres.

A.C. DISTRIBUTION

INFO/ACTION - DISPER (2)

INFO - C.COMMISSIONER

EX.COMMISSIONER

FILE

SKELETON

SECRET

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JAN 3 - 1947

P.A.
6/1

Handwritten signature

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N.F.T.

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Ex Com
H/8873

JAN. 031030

ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGG

ACTION GHQ CMF - INFO ALCOM ROME AMG VENEZIA GIULIA

ME

BU

SECRET

NR

Your COS/94.

- 1^o) Question of extent of assistance to be given to Italian Government in evacuating persons and property from Pola is being referred to CCS.
- 2^o) Should be told that any proposal for immigration of Italians from Pola to Italy should be presented initially to Italian Government. Until officially presented by Italian Government no request for special for such a migration can be considered.

A.C. DISTRIBUTION

INFO/ ACTION - DISPER (2)

INFO - C.COMMISSIONER

EX.COMMISSIONER

FILE

SKELETON

SECRET

3698

JAN 5 - 1947

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 734
DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION

December 1946

DIR/20/G

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Administrative Instruction
No. 18 dated 13th December 1946.

TO: Distribution.

Page 2, Line 6 "Totatoes".

Delete "tinned" and insert "disagrated".

Page 2, "Procedure will be as follows".

Delete from Line 9 to Line 13 Sub Paras
(1) and (ii), and insert Camp Commanders
will submit indents to 523 Camp Coy RIFC
by the 3rd of each month in accordance
with G.A.S.C 26 General Transport Rules.
Administrative Instruction No. 3.

For the Director:

L.H. [Signature]
D.E. MARTIN
Major R.A.
J.C.M. (Q)

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1963

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Administrative Instruction
No. 10 Dated 13th December 1946.

TO: Distribution.

Page 2, Line C "Interposes".

Delete "interpose" and insert "disseminated".

Page 2, "Procedure will be as follows".

Delete from Line 9 to Line 13 Sub Points
(i) and (ii), and insert Interpose
Will submit indents to 523 Camp Coy RASC
by the 3rd of each month in accordance
with G.M.C. 26 General Transport (General)
Administrative Instruction No. 3.

For the Director:

L.R. Martin
D.R. MARTIN
Major I.A.
C.O. II(C)

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A.F.A., HQ, AC.

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6. D.S.D. MICTRE.

14 CMFCS Supply Unit.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Maintenance of DP Camps.

FILE No. DPR/20-1/Q

TO : Executive Commissioner.

December 1946

164
Enclosed please find copy of G-5 reply to our letter
DPR/20-1/Q dated 12 December, 1946, for your information.

101
EDWARD FURDY
Lt. Colonel INF
Deputy Director

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11/17/46
AK

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.7

16 December 46.

SUBJECT: Maintenance of Displaced Persons Camps

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
(Attn: Displaced Persons Division),
APO 794.

1. Your letter of December 12th, identical subject, DPH/20-1/Q with its attachments is returned herewith.

2. It has been decided that no formal reply should be made to the memorandum forwarded to you by the Ministero Degli Affari Esteri dated December 5th. While your position is appreciated and your arguments well founded, a recommendation to the CCS has already gone forward and there appears little to be gained by reiterating our position.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

JAMES NOTESTEIN
Colonel, G. S. C.
For: A. L. HAMBLEY
Colonel, G. S. C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl: A/m.

MC 23/12

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PA 23/12
MR

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DEC 19 1946

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DEC. 18 1800

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DEC. 19 1600
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AFHQ GS

ALCOM ROME FOR DISPER FOR AFA FOR ASAA INFO: GHQ GMP FOR Q

MD b U

UNCLASSIFIED.

Subject is maintenance of Alcom Camps for displaced persons Ref our minuted dated 14 December 1946.

1. Provisioning and positioning of supplies and funds forthwith is approved by this Headquarters in anticipation of a favorable reply to Ref 1235, Para 7 dated 28 November 1946.

2. For Alcom. Actual detailed issues of funds and foodstuff to camp will not be made until further instructions are issued by this Headquarters. Please advise latest date on which such instructions should be issued in order to ensure continuity of supply as from 1 January 1947.

AC DIST

ACTION DISPER 2
A.P.A.
A.S.A.A.
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FLCAT
FILE
EX COMM

J/land 11/17

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PA 20/12
MR

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION
APO 794

DPR/2-6/EA Tel: 489081 Ext 239 17 December, 1946.

SUBJECT: Handing over of responsibility of action
in connection with Italian Territories
under British Military Administration.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff G-5,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS (2) 138 156

1. Reference your signal No. FX 73554 dated 3 December 1946 and to TROOPERS signal to ALCON No. 72326 dated 16 November 1946, copy of which was forwarded to you under cover of this Division's letter dated 19 November of even reference.

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Under British Military Administration.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff G-5,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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6. Copies of signals referred to in para 1 are attached for easy reference and also a suggested signal which you might consider suitable to send.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

Copies: British Embassy, Rome
Executive Commissioner, A.C.

C.B. FINLAY,
Colonel,
Director.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PX 73554
Date/Time of Origin: DEC 031900A

Message Centre No.: E/8308
Date Time Rec'd: 041000
Precedence : ROUTINE.

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- (1) TROOPERS (2) EAST AFRICA COMMAND (3) MIDEAST
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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 72326

Message Centre No.: H/7963

Date/Time of Origin: NOV. 16 1300A

Date Time Rec'd: NOV. 18 1045

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: TROOPERS

TO : EAST AFRICA MIDEAST ALCOM HOME

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Channels of communication. Your FX 73554 of 4 December.

1. Foreign office have been informed by Embassy Rome that owing lack of staff they are unable cope with questions of repatriation as detailed my 72326 16 November. Embassy would of course have to be fully informed and question of broad policy would continue to be handled through channel of Embassy and foreign. X office.
2. Understand Alcom approached by Embassy for transfer of officer of DP Division to assist in new duties entailed by transfer of channel from Alcom to Embassy but Alcom could not agree to transfer of officer concerned.
3. In view of above grateful for your views as to whether arrangements cannot be made for transfer from Alcom to Embassy work on repatriation question.

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13 December, 1946

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Scale 10 rations will be drawn from 6 B.S.D. ~~MEASURE~~ including fresh meat (where available and local cold storage can be arranged) less fresh fruit and vegetables, which will continue to be purchased by Camps under local contract.

Note:- Potatoes (15 days fresh - 15 days tinned) will be an RASC supply until further notice.

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Will be drawn through O.I.D. No issues will be drawn from British stocks after the effective date, which will be notified later.

(iii) Solid Fuel.

Camps will purchase fuel wood locally. Coal is not

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an issue to Displaced Persons and cooking will be done either with wood or liquid fuel.

(iv) Transport and Stores.

It is understood H.Q. MEOWMA are replacing 60% present holding of British vehicles by American vehicles plus appropriate spares. British vehicles will be retained and cannibalised if necessary.

Separate instructions will be issued on implementation.

(v) Vehicles repairs.

Camps will be responsible for transport maintenance.

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RHE UNITS will however give assistance where conveniently situated.

Local civilian agencies will only be used where no other means are available.

(vi) Clothing.

Demands will be submitted to this Headquarters through usual channels for supply from British or U.S. sources as may be available.

(vii) Medical supplies.

Indents will be submitted to this Headquarters through usual channels for supply from Central Medical Store Cincinnati.

Items will only be procured from local civilian sources on authority of this Headquarters.

(viii) Medical Equipment.

Present holdings of medical equipment are considered to be sufficient.

Demands for any special items may however be submitted to this Headquarters for consideration.

(ix) Works Services.

Normal camp maintenance will be carried out under camp arrangements.

R.E. stores where available will be supplied on demand to nearest C.R.E. in respect of minor works services carried out with D.P. labour.

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Where such stores are non-available essential items may be procured under local purchase.

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For the Director:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION

DER/20-1/Q

13 December, 1946

SUBJECT : Supply and Finance for Allied Commission
Displaced Persons Camps.

TO : Ministero Assistenza Post-Bellica,
Ufficio Supporti con 1'USRA, 1'A.C.
e con 1'ESMI,
(Attn: Prof. Frugapane)
Via Guido Baldo del Monte 2,
R O M E.

1. It is notified for your information that Allied Commission arrangements have been made to finance and supply all Allied Commission Displaced Persons Camps with the exception of USRA and ESMI (in Military Government Areas) and BOLOGNA No. 12. From 1st January, 1947.

2. As BOLOGNA No. 12 is used by us partly for aliens and partly for a reserve for Italian refugees coming from ESMI, it is requested that you should arrange with High Commissioner for Food that supply and payment for foodstuffs continue on the present lines viz: all foodstuffs obtained from SEVERAL and local resources and paid for by you - the Allied Commission will be responsible for the other finances of the Camp viz: payment of wages and other camp expenses.

BY ORDER OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

C.B. FIDLEY
Colonel,
Director.

Executive Commissioner, A.C.
Copy to:- Finance Branch, D.P. Division, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION

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13 December, 1946

SUBJECT : Maintenance of Displaced Persons - Vehicles,
(Division of responsibility American/British).

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, (2)

Attention G-5 Section.

1. It is understood that G-4 (A) will undertake to replace 60% of present holding of British Vehicles with American vehicles and provide necessary spares.

2. On this basis the following numbers of vehicles by types would be required. Will you undertake the necessary arrangement to obtain these vehicles together with their equipment and the supply of such spares as may later be found necessary.

42	x	2 1/2 Tonners
21	x	Heavy Carriers
10	x	Water Trucks
10	x	Ambulances
12	x	Jeeps
2	x	Staff Cars

3. Even if the above 60% of present holding are new vehicles, these numbers alone would be inadequate for the complicated supply of D.P. Camps necessitating in many instances long haulages. G.H.Q. (A) at a meeting on Thursday 5 December 1946 agreed to leave the present British vehicles with D.P. Division with a proviso that as spares for these vehicles are unobtainable, such spares may be obtained by cannibalisation of the vehicles.

4. In my opinion provision of transport as indicated in para 2 above together with the retention of British vehicles referred to in para 3 above, would prove adequate to cover the period to 30 June 1947.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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C. B. FENLEY
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:- G.H.Q., G.M.F., 1st Branch.

G-4 (S), R.C., A.C.
Executive Commissioner, A.C.

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Para-1°. Subject is report of Dr M V Royse Representative of US State Department Advisor on refugee and Displaced Persons Affairs recently forwarded to State Department Foreign Office War Office and War Department.

Para-2°. Summary of Doctor Toyses recommendations para 7B proposes that the 11760 chetnik ex-soldiers now held in this theatre as British enemy surrendered personnel should be transferred to refugee status, in order to break up their quasi-military organisation.

Para-3°. To be able to do this it will be necessary for the bulk of Chetniks to be moved to Allied Commission Displaced Persons Camps where they can be distributed in groups.

Para-4°. Maintenance of those thus moved would become an Allied Anglo-US instead of purely British Commitment. Your authority for this transfer of responsibility will therefore be required.

Para-5°. Understand that War Office have already instructed JSM to ask CCS to issue this authority.

Para-6°. Accommodation for approximately 500 Chetniks is available in presently occupied Allied Commission Displaced Persons Camps. The Italian Government has however served notice that it will be unable to support Allied held Displaced Persons after 31 December (see NAF 1238). Therefore provisioning action from War Department and War Office will be necessary for maintenance of these as well as presently held Displaced Persons.

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PARA-7°. The rapid run down of this theatre makes it increasingly difficult really(?) to impliment Doctor Royses recommendation.

Therefore request :

Sub-Para"A"- You early decision as to whether authority is to be given for Chetniks as considered appopriate by Sacmed to transfered to Allied Commission Displaced Persons Camps.

Sub-Para"B"- If such authority given early issuance of maintenance instructions for Chetniks so transferred.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION

DPR/20-1/Q

12 December, 1946

SUBJECT : Maintenance of Displaced Persons Camps.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, (2)

Attention G-5 Section.

1. A copy of the translation of Italian Ministry's letter dated 5 December 1946 is enclosed.

This refers to our DPR/20-1/Q of 20 November 1946, a copy of which was sent to you on 20 November 1946.

2. Para 3 might be read to indicate a readiness on the part of the Italian Government to reconsider their decision that they were NOT prepared to feed and finance Displaced Persons Camps after 31st December 1946.

On the other hand there has been so much fruitless discussion on this subject that it is felt that to reopen the question would just lead to more talk with no definite results. This more especially applies as the whole question has been remitted for decision to Chiefs of Staff for final decision.

3. It is proposed therefore to send the attached letter to the Italian Government, subject to your concurrence.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

G.B. FINDLAY
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:- Executive Commissioner, A.C. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION

DIR/20-1/Q

December, 1946

SUBJECT : Maintenance of Displaced Persons Camps.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Your letter No. 39976/125 of 5 December 1946 is acknowledged and noted.

1. I am directed to inform you that your decision is deplored especially in view of the great help financial and otherwise that has been accorded to ITALY by the Allies - I refer more particularly to the aid given by the U.S.A.

2. The assistance to the Alien Refugees so far given by the Italian Government is very much appreciated but the salient fact is that the problem still exists and must be given serious consideration.

3. I am to add that the question of provision for Displaced Persons Camps has been referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for final decision.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

C.B. FISDLAY
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:- G-5 A.F.H.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Foreign refugee camps.

FILE No. DHR/20-1/Q

TO: Executive Commissioner, A.C.

10 December 1946

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Forwarded for your information copy of letter from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (H. 39976/125) dated 5 December 1946, together with copy Allied Commission letter referred to (see para 4. of Ministry letter).

[Signature]

EDWARD FUREY
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director, D.P. Div., A.C.

J. Bond M.H.

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N. 39976/125

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT : Foreign refugee camps.

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1. Reference is made to the Allied Commission's note DIR/20-1/Q dated November 20th, 1946.

2. The Italian Government, which since September 4th, 1946, has submitted to the Allied Commission the question of refugees (see letter n. 1233 of September 4th, addressed to Admiral Stone) cannot but confirm what was already communicated with memorandum no. 37538/112 dated November 12th, 1946.

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3. It is thought, however, that between to-day and December 31st, 1946, there is enough time for such question to be examined and discussed by the appropriate authorities.

4. The Allied Commission's letter dated 24 July, 1945, (a copy of which is herewith enclosed) clearly proves that the expenses for the upkeep of the a/n camps are not to be borne by the Italian Government. By such a letter the Italian Administration was requested urgently to provide funds for alien refugees who, at the time, were in large number pouring into Italy. What the Italian Government has done up to now for the upkeep of the foreign camps is neither resulting from any Armistice clause nor from any subsequent engagement, but only from the admission given by the Italian Administration to a pressing request of the Allied Commission which, of course, was to have a provisional character.

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Rome, December 5th, 1946.

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APO 794
Public Health Sub-Commission

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24 July 1945.

FILE NO: AO/3079/II

SUBJECT: Welfare Assistance to Non-Italian Refugees,
other than those provided for by their respective
countries.

TO: Director, Post-War Relief,
Italian Government Rome.

1. It is respectfully requested that some arrangement be
made to provide funds for the payments necessary for the above referred
people to have needed welfare assistance.

2. It is also respectfully suggested that a record of the
funds expended by the Italians for these people be kept and eventually
charged to the Government of the country of which these people are
accidited citizens.

3. Considerations of this problem is urgent because of the
serious condition facing these nationals of neighboring nations.

For the Director:

John Mc. SWANSON
Lt. Colonel, S.R.
Chief, Welfare Branch.

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SUBJECT: Foreign Displaced Persons Camps. FILE No. DER/20-1/Q
TO Executive Commissioner, A.C. 14 December 1946

Reference conversation of this morning - attached
please find copy of this Headquarters letter to the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs (Ref: DER/20-1/Q - dated 20 November 1946), as
requested.

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EDWARD PURDY
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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20 November 1946

SUBJECT: Foreign Displaced Persons Camps

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Reference is made to your memorandum No. 2753/112 dated 12 November 1946.

2. It is noted that the existing arrangements will be continued until 31 December 1946 so that the question as to the ultimate responsibility for Displaced Persons can be discussed at the highest level.

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In this connection it was clearly stated in para 2 of our letter DFR/20/Q of 4 November 1946 that any delay must be without prejudice to the final ruling and it is regretted that the condition set out in the last sentence of your memorandum of 12 November is contrary to this and therefore unacceptable.

3. It is essential that this whole question should be left open until a decision is taken as to who is to bear the responsibility for the maintenance of Displaced Persons subsequent to 31 December 1946.

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MILLY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Reur 33327CA undated. Subject is Alcom camps ~~to~~
for Displaced Persons.

Para:1°- Italian Government has agreed to continue finance and
provision IP Camps untill 31 December 46.

Para:2°- Meanwhile, ~~Washington~~ AFHQ recommendations to the
Chiefs of Staff, Washington have been presented in Naf 1238
dated 29 Nov. which you will have seen.

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(1) GEORGE FIVE ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

(2) GENERAL HEADQUARTERS FOR QUEEN BRANCH

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PARA ONE PD TRANSLATION OF SIGNAL DESPATCHED BY MINISTERO POST
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Copy to: Executive Committee.

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JOHN R. HAYES
Major and
Adjutant.

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 Major AGD
 Adjutant.

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AND FOR INFORMATION :- MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
 ALLIED COMMISSION, D.P. DIVISION

REF : 16856/24779/6-6

REFERENCE PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF FOREIGN
 DISPLACED PERSONS CAMPS WE INFORM YOU THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
 HAS NOTIFIED ALL COMMEMED AND ALLIED COMMISSION THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
 HAS NO OBLIGATION WHATSOEVER TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE FOR FOREIGN DISPLACED
 PERSONS CAMPS ADMINISTERED BY ALLIED COMMISSION PD HEREBY INSTRUCTION
 THAT ON THE 31 OF DECEMBER 1946 ALL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THIS MINISTRY
 WILL CEASE IRREVOCABLY PD PLEASE REURSE

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MINISTER SERENI

Received Allied Commission
 3 December, 1946.

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 FOR CCS FOR Q AND FINANCE

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This is NAF 1238. Subject is maintenance of Displaced Persons
 in Allied camps in Italy.

Para 1. The Italian Government has informed the Allied Commission that
 from 31 December 1946 she will cease to supply foodstuffs and funds for
 the maintenance of Alcom Displace persons in Italy.

Para 2. The Italian Government in serving this notice emphasizes the fol-
 lowing statements.

A. There is no clause in the armistice which can compel the Italian
 Government to provide the necessary means for the upkeep of camps organi-
 zed by the Allies for foreign displaced persons.

B. The Italian Government has no responsibility whatsoever for these
 Foreign Displaced persons now under Allied protection while the Italian
 Government is not allowed to enforce upon such displaced persons the
 Public Safety laws regarding the sojourn of Aliens in Italy.

C. Italy has not joined any international organization or signed any
 agreement for the relief of displaced persons.

Para 3. Since 1 January 1944 distribution of foodstuffs to displaced persons
 camps has been made from Alcom or British military stocks originally debi-
 ted against and for the past year repaid in kind by the Italian Government.
 Essential lire funds for all camp expenses except salaries ~~3685~~ military

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personnel transport including maintenance gas and oil have been provided by the Italian ministry of the interior.

Para 4. In view of the Italian Government's notice that the supply of funds and foodstuffs must be considered an Allied responsibility after 31 December 1946 estimates of monthly requirements follow.

A. Foodstuffs in metric tons read in 3 columns (one) item (two) commodity (three) total (one). 1. (two) wheat (three) 140 (one) 2. (two) meat frozen (three) 26 (one) 3. (two) Jam (three) 4 (one) 4. (two) cheese (three) 3 (one) 5. (two) cooking oil (three) 13 (one) 6. (two) tea (three) 3 (one) 7. (two) sugar (three) 9 (one) 8. (two) skim milk powder (three) 10 (one) 9. (two) luncheon meat (three) 13 (one) 10. (two) fruits, vegetables (fresh-local purchase) (three) 242 (one) 11. (two) milk evaporated (three) 2 (one) 12. (two) milk fresh (three) 1 (one) 13. (two) salt (three) 4 (one) 14. (two) vegetables, dried (three) 12.

B. Finance. Estimated total monthly ten million lire.

Para 5. Estimates sub para 4 A and B are based on an average holding of 13000 refugees in 14 camps. Requirements may be increased proportionality should a future directive change the SEP (B) status of some 12000 chetniks to that of refugees under Allied DP care. Such a recommendation is embodied in the *royse* preliminary report on the alien problem in Italy.

Para 6. It is my view that the arguments of the Italians are sound and that I cannot legally compel them to continue support of Allied held DPS.

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However in view of the very material assistance to Italian economy by the Allies and especially the Americans Italy may well accept diplomatic proposals. The quantities of food involved are comparatively insignificant. In spite of the Italian Government statement that she is unable to furnish the required amounts the matter appears to be one of principle. In this connection however Unrra has forbidden Italy to use Unrra imported items for Allied held DPS.

Para 7. I recommend that authority to supply foodstuffs and equipment on a 50-50 basis from British/US military sources be granted and the necessary instructions be issued by the war department and the war office. Lire funds can be advanced by AFA.

Para 8. Should you hold view that Italy is required under the armistice provisions to support the Allied held DPS I am prepared to make such a demand. If you consider that such a demand cannot properly be made and that a diplomatic approach should be made to the Italian Government I request that action be instituted as a matter of urgency.

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 MEMORANDUM FROM COLONEL G.B. FINDLAY, C.B.E., 1, DIRECTOR,
 DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION, ALLIED COMMISSION.

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Tel: 489081 Ext 392

23 November, 1946.

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 PC/LAD (B)

Executive Commissioner, A.C. (For information)

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1. I have discussed the attached letter with G-5 and they suggest that it is more appropriate that the American and British Embassies press the points than that they should take it up officially as they have already made strong representations on the same lines.

2. As regards para 3(a). It is emphasised that the time factor is essential on this question. It is necessary, if the plan is approved, to infiltrate these Chetniks into camps in small numbers at a time. In my opinion, a total of 1,000 per week is the maximum.

3. As regards para 4. In view of the political situation which will occur on the withdrawal of the Allies it would appear essential to move as many DPs, especially Yugoslavs, from ITALY as possible.

4. Could this matter be taken up with the Embassies with a view to representations being made by them?

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

W.E.
 G.B. FINDLAY,
 Colonel,
 Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION

DPR/1/ADM

22 November 1946

SUBJECT : Professor ROYSE's Report.
TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Attention G-5 Section.

1. Professor ROYSE's Report on the Displaced Persons problem in ITALY was signed on October 8th 1946. It is understood that the recommendations were approved by A.F.H.Q. and also by the American and British Embassies.

2. It would appear that all executive action on the report which is possible to be taken by the Allied Authorities in ITALY has been carried out or planned to be carried out in the near future.

3. The two outstanding requirements to implement Professor ROYSE's approved recommendations inside ITALY are:
(a-) reclassifying Chetniks as DPs or refugees and breaking up their present militant organization, (b) the offer of a bounty of rations to those who will now go home.

The time limit would appear to be short for implementing these two recommendations and the period required to judge their effect once they have been approved is considerable.

Would it be possible to implement these recommendations in a provisional manner in anticipation of authority from the Chiefs of Staff? Alternatively, can the requisite authority from the Chiefs of Staff be hastened through either direct approach or through the American and British Embassies?

4. Large scale repatriation, except for the small percentage indicated in the Professor's report, is merely wishful thinking. Resettlement overseas would appear to be the only real solution for the pressing problem in ITALY.

In ITALY, alone of the countries concerned in Europe, no attempt at resettlement has yet been commenced.

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Under the auspices of the I.G.C.R. in GERMANY and AUSTRIA, VENEZUELA and PARAGUAY Missions have been active. Three Brazilian Missions will shortly join them with authority to commence the move from GERMANY to BRAZIL of some 35,000 persons. I.G.C.R. is shipping refugees from the French Zones to MOROCCO and TUNISIA.

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5. In view of the above, it would appear essential strongly to urge the American and British Governments to instruct I.G.O.R. that it is essential that ITALY should be given at least equalities of numbers for shipment overseas with GERMANY and AUSTRIA.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

C.B. WINDLAY
Colonel
Director.

Copy to : Executive Commissioner, A.C.

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YOUR EX 73215 DATED 14 NOV 1946.

1. THIS COMMISSION HAS UP TO DATE MADE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CLEARANCE OF GREEKS EX AUSTRIA WITH ALCOM ROME AND WOULD PREFER TO CONTINUE THIS PROCEDURE.
2. UNDERSTAND ITALIAN AUTHORITIES NOW REFUSE TO RECOGNISE ORDINARY MOVEMENT PROCEDURE ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY YOUR HQ. THIS IS CAUSING DEFINITE IMPEDIMENT TO REPATRIATION AND WISH TO POINT OUT WE IN AUSTRIA HAVE CONTINUED TO OBSERVE THE ORIGINAL MOVEMENT PROCEDURE AND CONTINUE TO ACCEPT INTO AUSTRIA FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT BATCHES OF DPS OF ALL NATIONALITIES AT SHORT NOTICE AND WITHOUT CLEARANCES FROM THE CONSULAR AUTHORITIES CONCERNED.
3. WE HAVE AT PRESENT SOME 300 TURKS WAITING TO GO BACK TO TURKEY. THESE TURKS HAVE BEEN VETTED BY THE TURKISH LIAISON OFFICER WHO RECENTLY VISITED AUSTRIA. NOW UNDERSTAND TURKISH CONSULATE IN ITALY WILL NOT ACCEPT THE FINDINGS OF THIS TURKISH LIAISON OFFICER AND THAT THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES WILL ONLY ACCEPT CLEARANCE FROM THE TURKISH CONSULATE IN ITALY. SIMILARLY WE HAVE SEVERAL HUNDRED GREEKS WAITING TO GO BACK TO GREECE. THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN VETTED BY THE GREEK LIAISON OFFICER IN VIENNA BUT THE GREEK CONSULATE IN ITALY REFUSES TO GRANT VISAS FOR GREECE UNTIL THEY HAVE SEEN THE DPS IN PERSON AND AS THE LATTER ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN ITALIAN ENTRY VISAS THEY CANNOT BE MOVED.
4. STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES BE REQUESTED TO REVERT TO ORIGINAL MOVEMENT PROCEDURE IN THE CASE OF ORGANISED GROUPS OF DISPLACED PERSON CLEARED BY ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES IN AUSTRIA OF THE COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION AND ACCEPTED BY DP DIVISION ALLIED COMMISSION FOR ITALY FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT.

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5. GRATEFUL YOUR ASSISTANCE IN REMOVING PRESENT IMPEDIMENT AND SUGGEST CONSULTATION
WITH COL C B FINDLAY ALCOM ROME.

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SECRET. SUBJECT IS SPANISH REPUBLICANS BAGNOLI

ALLEGED THAT SPANISH REPUBLICAN REFUGEES DP CAMP BAGNOLI
HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY MUST RETURN TO SPAIN.
MATTER IS SUBJECT OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION AND RAISES
ISSUE OF FORCIABLE REPATRIATION WITH IMPLICATION OF
IRREGULARITY ON PART OF CAMP ADMINISTRATION.
DESIRE IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION AND INFORMATION ON WHICH TO
BASE REPLY TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

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Tel: 459031 Ext 414 / / November, 1946.

SUBJECT: Discipline - DPs
TO : Distribution List 'B' D.P. Division

Reference this H.Q. letter of even number dated
15 November, 1946.

1. Please make the following amendment :-

Para 2 (ii) line 2 - for INTELLIGENT read INTELLIGENCE

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

B. WOODCOCK,
Major,
O. i/c Adm.

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Tel. 48908; Ext 239

19 November 1946

SUBJECT : Ex-Italian Colonies, channels of communication
on questions pertaining to.

TO : British Embassy,
Rome.

1. Reference telephone conversation Mr. HARKBY/Major
HARTMAN of 18 November 1946.

2. Attached please find a copy of WAR OFFICE signal
No. 72326 dated 16 November 1946.

3. It is presumed that, as agreed at a recent
informal talk, the present status quo will be maintained
until such time as it is convenient to effect the hand over.

For the Director:

G. Hartman

G. HARTMAN
Major
Emigration & Advisory Officer.

Copy to : A.C. of 3.
G-3 A.F.H.Q. (2)
Executive Commissioner, A.C. H.Q.
UNRRA Repatriation Branch,
Via Umbria - Rome.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
Headquarters Allied Commission

Originator's Reference : 72326
Date/Time of Origin : Nov. 161300A
Message Centre No. H/7963
Date Time Rec'd NOV 181045
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FROM : TROOPERS.

TO : EAST AFRICA MIDEAST ALCOM ROME

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BMA'S viceversa.

(B) For questions requiring policy decision italian Government

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3. Alcom only. Assume Embassy is aware of arrangements for the transfer of 1000 internees ex S. Rhodesia on the Asturias.

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SUBJECT IS CARE AND DISPOSITION DPS AND SEPS IN ITALY

1. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF POLISH DP RESIDUE NOW BEING SCREENED JOINTLY BY ALCOM AND UNRRA ALL OTHER DPS UNDER ALLIED CARE HAVE BEEN SCREENED AT LEAST THREE TIMES.

2. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT MORE DETAILED INFORMATION SUCH AS THAT INDICATED IN W ROYSE REPORT CAN BE ELICITED BY FURTHER MILITARY SCREENING

3. WITH PERSONNEL IN NUMBERS AND QUALIFICATION AVAILABLE FOR ALLIED MILITARY SCREENING TEAMS IT IS OFTEN IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE CONCLUSIVELY THESE FACTS RELATING TO ACCEPTABILITY FOR CARE UNDER THE IRO CHARTER. CREDIBLE EVIDENCE IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN FROM THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. THE POLITICAL FEELINGS OF SOVIET AND JUGOSLAV MEMBERS OF REPATRIATION MISSION ARE SO STRONG THAT RELIANCE CANNOT BE PLACED ON THEIR CATEGORIZATION OF SOVIET OR CROAT TRAITORS. DOMOBRAHCI NEDITCH TROOPS ECT. TO DETERMINE WHETHER A MEMBER OF THE CROAT ARMED FORCES FIGHTING UNDER GERMAN COMMAND WAS A VOLUNTEER OR WAS FORCED INTO SERVICE IT IS OFTEN NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE INDIVIDUALS UNSUPPORTED STATEMENT.

4. BECAUSE OF RESTRICTIONS ON FORCIBLE REPATRIATION AND THE UNDISIRABILITY OF UNLOADING BORDERLINE CASES ON THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IT IS SUBMITTED THAT AN INTERIM AGENCY SHOULD ACCEPT CURRENT SCREENING FINDINGS EVEN THOUGH TO CONSIDERABLE EXTENT BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL APOSTROPHES STATEMENT UNTIL IT CAN BE PROVED THAT THE STATEMENT IS FALSE.

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5. THE CHETNIKS TO WHOM ROYSE REFERS AS BEING UNSCREENED ARE AT PRESENT BRITISH HELD SEPS.

6. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A GRANT OF 60 DAYS RATIONS TO INDIVIDUALS WILL STIMULATE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OF POLES AND JUGOSLAVS EX- ITALY BUT IN VIEW STRONG DISSIDENCE THESE HELD HERE RESULTS DO DOUBTFUL. SCHEME MIGHT WORK AND IS WORTH ATTEMPT. RECOMMEND AUTHORIZATION BY CCS.

7. SUB PARA A. YOUR D PARA THREE ROYSE QUOTES THE SEPTEMBER FIGURE FOR ALLIED DPS AT 18600 CURRENT FIGURE 12328 WITH A COMMITMENT OF ABOUT 3000 ROYAL JUGOSLAVS ELIGABLE READMISSION TO DPCARE UPON TERMINATION PRESENT EMPLOYMENT WITH MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. NONE OF THESE DPS IS IN IMMEDIATE CHARGE US MILITARY. ALL ARE MAINTAINED AS AN ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY FOOD NOW PROVIDED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. QUESTION OF FUTURE MAINTENANCE IS SUBJECT OF SEPARATE SIGNAL TO FOLLOW SHORTLY. SUB PARA B. 21000 SEPS LESS RECENT REPATRIATES ARE UNDER BRITISH MILITARY CONTROL. SUB PARA C. BREAKDOWN OF DPS BY NATIONALITIES OVER 200 IN NUMBER FOLLOWS READ IN TWO COLUMNS FIRST NATIONALITY SECOND NUMBERS.

ALBANIANS	707
HUNGARIANS	304
ITALIANS	485
POLES	2579
RUSSIANS(White)	248
JUGOSLAVS	6947
OTHER	36
NATIONALITIES	1018
STATELESS	40

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SUB PARA D NAMES AND LOCATIONS A DP CAMPS FULL " S B PARA(ONE)
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BOLOGNA TWELVE. REGGIO EMILIA THIRTEEN. REGGIO EMILIA FOURTEEN.

SUB PARA (FIVE) TRANSIT CAMPS - TRIESTE SEVENTEEN UDINE EIGHTEEN.

SUB PARA B. MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF CAMPS AND DETAILED BREAKDOWN
OF INMATES BY NATIONALITIES FOLLOW BY AIR MAIL.8. YOUR PARA FOUR. ASSUMPTIONS IN DETAIL. RELATIVE 35639 GERMAN
SEPS UNDER US CONTROL ARE CONFIRMED.9. SEPS TRANSFERRED TO GERMANY SHOULD REMAIN WHOLLY THE
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RELINQUISHES RESPONSIBILITY IN ITALY. SHOULD DPS BE SO TRANSFERRED
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SUBJECT IS MAINTENANCE OF DISPLACED PERSONS PD
PARA ONE PD FOLLOWING VERBAL MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT PD QUOTE. WITH GREAT SACRIFICE AND INCONVENIENCE
THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTINUE PRESENT
ARRANGEMENTS REGARDS FOOD AND FINANCE FOR DISPLACED PERSONS
UNTIL THREE ONE DECEMBER UNQUOTE CONFIRMATORY LETTER PROMISED
ONE TWO NOVEMBER PD CONTENTS WILL BE FORWARDED ON RECEIPT

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Copy to (by hand): Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DEPORTED PERSONS DIVISION

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TEL: 439081 Ext 414

1 November, 1946.

SUBJECT : Deportation - DPs

TO : Distribution List 'B' (Loss 2 copies to H.Q.
Central Italy Group).

1. Forwarded herewith is copy of an instruction of even number and date issued for implementation by Nos 13/14 D.P. Centres RECENTO ITALIA.

2. Camp Commandants will review the situation within the vicinity of their Camps with a view to applying if necessary some or all of the steps referred to in the above-mentioned instruction.

FOR THE DIRECTOR :

Frederick
B. Woodcock,
Major,
O. i/c Adm.

Copies to: Executive Commissioner, A.C.
Public Safety Division (3).

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DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION

DP/3-2/ADM

Tel: 489081 Ext 414

November, 1946.

SUBJECT : Discipline - DP's

TO : H.Q. Central Italy Group, D.P. Division (3)

1. Following continued reports of disorders in the EMILIA Region alleged to be caused or fomented by unruly D.P. elements from REGGIO D.P. Centres, urgent representations have been made by the Italian Police Authorities for the removal of D.Ps from this area.

2. For administrative and accommodation reasons it is quite impossible to move the camps concerned, but with a view to assisting the Italian Authorities to cope with this situation the following steps will be taken and put into effect forthwith :-

(i) A Curfew will be imposed on all camp inmates from 2000 hours to 0700 hours daily.

Anyone requiring to be out of camp during curfew hours, on duty or for other special reasons, will be issued with a pass signed by the Camp Commandant.

Camp police will check passes and record the names of any DP's without passes returning to camp within curfew hours. Camp Commandants will take suitable disciplinary action against offenders.

(ii) Where reliable and suitable personnel are available, an intelligent system will be formed within camps to ascertain who are spending money freely and to identify those suspected of Black Market and other malpractices. Where sufficient evidence is found the Italian Police Authorities should be informed and the culprits handed over if demanded.

(iii) Spot searches for arms will be carried out at irregular intervals, if necessary with the assistance of the Italian Police Authorities.

(iv) Prominent notices will be exhibited on Camp Information Boards warning that anyone contravening the Italian Penal Code, or failing to observe curfew hours will be handed over to the Italian Authorities for prosecution and eventual deportation from ITALY as an undesirable alien.

(v) Camp Commandants will grant the necessary facilities and render all possible assistance to the local authorities for the apprehension within camps of persons suspected of committing the above-mentioned offences.

3. Request you report progress earliest.

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B. WOODCOCK,
Major, O.I/c Adm.

Ministero degli Affari Esteri
D.G.A.P. U.I.VIII

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Foreign Displaced Persons Camp.

1. Reference is made to note n° 4860 dated November 8th, 1946.

2. The Italian Government, with the purpose to comply with the desire expressed by the Allied Commission, is consenting to bear the expenses concerning the Displaced persons referred to, with the understanding that such an obligation shall irrevocably be discontinued on December 31st, 1946.

3. The Italian Government reserves itself to ask for the reimbursement of the expenses which will be borne in this connection.

Signed PRUNAS

Rome, November 12th, 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION

SUBJECT : Professor ROSEN's Report.

TO : ALLIED PERES HEADQUARTERS

Attention C-2 Section.

1. Professor ROSEN's Report on the Displaced Persons problem in ITALY was signed on October 8th, 1946. It is understood that the recommendations were approved by A.P.D.C. and also by the American and British Embassies.

2. It would appear that all executive action on the report which is possible to be taken by the Allied Authorities in ITALY has been carried out or planned to be carried out in the near future.

3. The two outstanding requirements to implement Professor ROSEN's approved recommendations inside ITALY are:- (a) resettling Chetniks as Displaced Persons or refugees and breaking up their present militant organization, (b) the offer of a bounty of rations to those who will now go home.

The time limit would appear to be short for implementing these two recommendations and the period required to judge their effect once they have been approved will be considerable.

Would it be possible to implement these recommendations in a provisional manner in anticipation of authority from the Chiefs of Staff? Alternatively, can the requisite authority from the Chiefs of Staff be hastened through either direct approach or through the American and British Embassies?

4. Large scale repatriation, except for the small percentage indicated in the Professor's report, is not likely to be successful. Resettlement overseas would appear to be the only real solution for the pressing problem in ITALY.

In ITALY, alone of the countries concerned in Europe, no attempt at resettlement has yet been commenced.

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Under the auspices of the I.G.O.R. in GENEVA and AMSTERDAM, ITALY and PARAGUAY missions have been active. Three Brazilian missions will shortly join them with authority to commence the move from GENEVA to BRAZIL of some 55,000 persons. I.G.O.R. is shipping refugees from the French zones to MOROCCO and TUNISIA.

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SUBJECT : Professor ROSS's Report.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Attention C-5 Section.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSENER:

Copy to:- Executive Commissioner, A.C. ✓

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C.B. FINDLAY
Colonel,
Director.

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Reference GHQ CMF and instr NO 44 of 7 Nov OT to AHQ Italy
(but copy being sent separate cover) Alcom or CDO.

1. As a result conference held GHQ CMF 8 Nov following agreed (A) where
ADM instr states that facilities will not be granted after -0 Nov 46 this
will now be extended to 15 Dec 46. (B) After 15 Dec 46 all Polish personnel
will be CONC in Polish families centre less pay office, film producers,
historical SEC at Rome and Madloc D terminal staf Verona until closure
Medloc D. Rear 2 Palsocorps will notify details and O/NOS these personnel
to GHQ CMF soonest. (C) Med EQPT and stores ex 5 POL CCS Ancona may be
transferred to families hosp Cesena.

2. Do not agree direct transfer Med EQPT and store EX 340 POL gen hosp to
POL DPS at Trani. Normal procedure of declaring EQPT and stores surplus
to CDO will be followed but arrangements should be made with CDO that
stores so declared will be available to POL DPS on priority.

3. For AHQ Italy. Understand you have approx 30 Polish airmen married to
Italian dependents. Until their demobilisation it will be necessary for them
to be conc in the Polish families centre Eorli. Request you send following
particulars to A2 branch GHQ CMF soonest so that arrangements may be made
for their inclusion this centre. (A) nominal roll of Polish airmen (B) nos
and dependents showing children separately.

4. All informed.

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PP DP REP HQ BTA FROM COLONEL LOGAN GRAY
ALCOM ROME FOR COLONEL FINDLAY

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Thanks for your letter on subject of DPS in transit through Italy have ascertained however that Italian frontier authorities refuse to recognise any longer DP movement procedure as stated in your letter. For example we have 300 ODD Turks waiting to go back to Turkey. These Turks have been vetted by the Turkish Liaison Officer who recently visited Austria. Turkish Consulate in Italy will not recognise the findings of the Turkish Liaison Officer and the Italian Government will only accept the word of the Turkish Consulate in Italy. Result is that no movement of Turks from here is possible. Similarly we have several hundred Greeks waiting to go back to Greece they have already been vetted by the Greek Liaison Officer but the Greek Consulate in Italy refuses to give Visas for Greece until they have seen the DPS in person and they are unable to obtain Italian entry Visas they cannot be moved. Grateful if you could make representations to the appropriate Italian as this state of affairs is acting as definite impediment to repatriation. You might possibly point out to them that we in Austria continue to observe the original DP movement procedure as laid down by AFHQ and are continually accepting into Austria or onward movement batches of DPS of all nationalities at short notice and without clearance from the Consular Authorities of countries. We have some 800 persons of the following nationalities who are anxious and willing to return to their own countries and who are unable to do as a re-

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sult of the Italian Government's present attitude. Greeks Turks Egyptians
Iranians Iraqis. You will appreciate that HMG are desirous of reducing
the number of DPS in Austria. We are taking all possible steps to comply
with their wishes. AM writing you further on this matter and in the mean-
time would be grateful for telegraphic reply to this signal.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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4 November, 1946

SUBJECT: Camps for Foreign Displaced Persons.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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1. Reference is made to your Memorandum 6/3262/1270 dated 19 October, 1946.

2. This matter was referred to Allied Forces Headquarters which has directed that the Italian Government should be informed that this matter is regarded as one of great importance and high policy and further that a ruling cannot be given without due consideration and discussion on the highest level.

The Supreme Allied Commander has directed that your Ministry should be requested to continue the existing arrangement until the 31st December, 1946 pending study of the whole question.

I am further directed to add that this delay will be without prejudice to the final ruling.

3. I should be glad to be informed of your concurrence.

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ELIJAH W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Ref: DEF/20/9

29 October 1946

SUBJECT: Rations - Allied Commission Displaced Persons Camps.

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

1. Receipt of your letter R-26 dated 21 October 1946, is acknowledged.
2. The arrangements made by G.H.Q. fully satisfy the original request, but attention is drawn to this Commission's letter of even number dated 22 October 1946 and the present attitude taken up by the Italian Government.
3. It is requested that the whole question of Displaced Persons maintenance be considered in the light of the new situation.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to:- Executive Commissioner, A.C.

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(3/Genl Mem) J. M. M.

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Ref: DRR/2012

22 October 1946.

SUBJECT : Rations for Displaced Persons.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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Attention 3-5 Section.

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1. I enclose a copy of a memorandum dated 19 October 1946 received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. A copy of my letter DRCV/65/EO of 13 September 1946 to Dr. Prunas is enclosed for easy reference.

The note GAR/3/38020 referred to in the minutes of a meeting between the Allied Commission and the Alto Commissariato for Food. The gist of the note was reported to you on 23 September 1946 under cover of this Headquarters letter DRC/20/1.

3. A copy of a note on the responsibility of feeding refugees, dated 24 September 1946, by Lieut. Colonel SEALEY of your office, is attached for reference.

4. As regards para 2 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs memorandum, as a first step towards assumption of control of this alien population by the Public Safety authorities, proposals were made to the Italian Government on 9 May 1946 under which all displaced persons were to be registered. The Italian Government issued their scheme to effect such registration to all appropriate authorities on 31 July 1946. I understand that this registration is still far from complete.

5. As regards para 4 of the above mentioned memorandum the quantities mentioned therein were the estimate requirements for six months. The reports of the amounts consumed during the months of May, June and July are complete and would seem to indicate that the quantities given are actually an under-estimate.

6. The Italian Refugee Scale was accepted by the Allied Commission representatives at the meeting of 27 September. As you were informed, this could not be implemented wholly as the UNRRA representative stated that UNRRA rations could not be used for feeding displaced persons in A.C. camps.

7. Your advice as to what reply should be given to the enclosed memorandum is requested.

(sgd) ELLERY W. STONE

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4. As regards para 2 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs memorandum, as a first step towards assumption of control of this alien population by the Public Safety authorities, proposals were made to the Italian Government on 9 May 1946 under which all displaced persons were to be registered. The Italian Government issued their scheme to effect such registration to all appropriate authorities on 30 July 1946. I understand that this registration is still far from complete.

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Tel. 489081 Ext 414 24 October 1946

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 16

Re-designation Displaced Persons and Rehabilitation Sub-Commission.

1. INFORMATION.

H.Q. Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission will be re-designated w.e.f. 21 October 1946 to H.Q. Displaced Persons Division, Allied Commission. (Authority H.Q. Executive Order No. 36 dated 14 October 1946).

2. INTERCOMMUNICATION.

Location H.Q. D.P. Division:

H.Q. A.C. Rome, 6th Floor.

Postal address:

H.Q. D.P. Division,
Allied Commission,
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Telegraphic Address:

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changes to: S. & T. (DP) Office, Riccione.

For the Director:

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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OCT 21 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Camps for foreign displaced persons.

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5. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs must therefore inform the Allied Commission that, as from November 15th 1946, the Italian Government is compelled to stop the supply of financial means and the distribution of foodstuffs which have provisionally been advanced, up to now, for the upkeep of displaced persons camps organized by the Allies. *RA*

Rome, October 19th, 1946.

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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

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11 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Refugees from POLA.

TO : Ministero Assistenza Post Bellica,
Ufficio Rapporti con l'A.O., con l'UNHRA, e
con l'EMDSI.

1. In order to assist the Italian Authorities with the problem of refugees from POLA and Zone 'B' generally, and as a result of a conference held some time ago, two camps were retained empty in the ANCONA Area.

2. The two camps in question are situated (a) at PALOMBINA - PALOMBARA, (b) at SERVITELLINO; they are NOT equipped with beds, blankets or any stores.

3. The intention in holding these two camps - PALOMBINA - PALOMBARA with a capacity of some 1,000 and SERVITELLINO with a capacity of some 1,500 - was to hand them over to the Italian Authorities, when permission was given to do so, purely as transit camps, for accommodation of refugees from ships arriving in the ANCONA Area and immediate arrangements made by the Italian Authorities to send them on by train for dispersion in any area selected by them.

4. If the Italian Authorities wish to make use of these camps, they will be handed over as soon as possible and our guards withdrawn on replacement by Italian guards. The guards at present are Yugoslavs from Allied Commission camps, and they should be withdrawn as soon as conveniently possible.

5. I wish to emphasize that these camps are small and were only held by Allied Commission so as to provide immediate transit camps for the Italian Authorities. From our past experience in dealing with large numbers of refugees, it would appear to be essential to disperse them as quickly as possible to small and large communes and provinces, as far distant as possible from where they disembarked. The advantage of putting them in Communes is that they may be absorbed into the economy of such communes; thus avoiding not only the degeneration of camp life, but also the expense of camps to the Italian Government.

6. It is requested that the Italian Authorities refrain from making any public announcement to the press or otherwise regarding the purpose of these camps.

C.B. FISHMAN

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Colonel,

Director.

Copy to:- Executive Commissioner, A.C.

Ministero degli Interni.

H.Q. Central Italy Group, DEPC, A.C. (2)

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Major A.J. STEWART, R.N.I. (2)
(1 copy for information Sigr. Meneghini).
M.M.I.A. (Attn: Col. Fidalay).
C-5 A.F.H.Q.

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C.B. FIDALAY
Colonel,
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.7-1

2 October 1946

SUBJECT: Camps for Refugees from POLA

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
(Attn: Executive Commissioner)
APO 794

1. With reference to your letter, similar subject, 2201/87/EC, 14 September, this Headquarters has no objection to the transfer of the two camps near Ancona to the Italian authorities, providing the following points are observed:

a. Any fixed British assets installed on the buildings in question will be transferred in accordance with the terms of GHQ letter 6752/10/Q 2 dated 7 March 46.

b. The Yugoslav Guard will be withdrawn before the arrival of refugees.

c. The Italian Government will be requested to refrain from making any public announcements as to the purpose of the two camps.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

James R. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLIN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Ref: 2201/87/DE14 September 1946

SUBJECT: EVACUEES FROM POLA

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Attention: G-5 Section

1. Towards the end of July there was a conference at HQ 13 Corps on the subject of the evacuation of refugees from POLA in case the need should arise. Director, D.P.A.S.C. attended the conference. As a result of this conference it was clear that military authorities would not tolerate refugees arriving on mass by ship at or near VIGOR; ANCONA was decided on as the main port of debarkation.
2. Consultation with the Italian authorities was prohibited.
3. In order to implement the scheme, an empty military transit camp and another camp near ANCONA have been retained, guarded by Japanese.
4. The intention was to hold these camps and as soon as the Italian Government could be informed, to hand the camps over to the command of the Italian authorities to run.
5. Information has now been received that a certain Sig. MANTOVANI has been appointed as representative to the Ministry of Interior to take charge of the evacuation from POLA and that the Italian Government has allotted L. 40,000,000 for the help of the refugees.
6. It is felt that in view of the Italian Government's action, it would assist them in their plans to inform them that these camps are at their disposal if required.
7. May this now be done. *See 88989.*

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 2201/36/EG

14 September 1946

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Attention: G-5 Section.

1. I enclose an extract from a semi-official letter dated 4 September 1946 from Dr. PRINZ, Office of Foreign Affairs. I also enclose a copy of my reply - from this you will perceive I have informed Dr. PRINZ that I am referring the problem of the eventual disposition of the Displaced Persons in Italy to higher authority. I would particularly draw your attention to para 5, as it actually concerns practically the whole population of Allied Commission D.P. Camps. I understand that this question has been raised by AFHQ to Joint Chiefs of Staff in AFHQ TAF 704 dated 6 June 1946.

2. The present situation as regards Allied Commission D.P. Camps, including Yugoslav camps, is recapitulated below.

(a) Accommodation: All "Camps" are in requisitioned barracks or buildings supplemented in certain cases by huts or a few tents.

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(c) Fuel: All camps are being supplied by local Allied Military POL Depots, either in bulk or direct to the vehicles.

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by the Italian authorities to direct supply of the camps by the local Italian Authority (supplemented where necessary from Central Italian Bulk Stores).

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No official comment has been received from the Italian Government, except indirectly in the enclosed extract from Mr. PRUNAS' semi-official letter.

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Chief Commissioner

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EXTRACT FROM A D.O. LETTER FROM DE. FRUMAS TO ADMIRAL STONE

" By request of Col. Bothergill of the Caserta Headquarters, a meeting was held on August 29, in order to deal with the problem of the 20,000 refugees, mostly from Yugoslavia, who are at the present time in Italy.

The meeting was attended by the representatives of the Ministries for the Interior, Food, Treasury and Post War Relief. The purpose of the meeting, according to Col. Bothergill's statement, was to devise measures for transferring to the Italian authorities the responsibility for the maintenance of said refugees, as from September 30th. No agreement was reached at the meeting because the Italian representatives unanimously asserted that, owing to the present situation, the Italian Government could in no way assume such responsibility.

You are aware, dear Admiral Stone, of the critical food situation in Italy; and you are aware too of the sad financial plight of the Italian Government which have to bear considerable expenses also for relief of Italian displaced persons, war veterans, former internees and prisoners of war. To these are to be added another 30,000 refugees from Istria, who are expected to come here at any moment, for they do not intend to stay under Tito's rule. Besides you know that foreign refugees have entered into Italy neither by authorization nor with the approval of the Italian authorities.

The Italian Government, however, may have no objection, on humanitarian ground, to assume temporarily the responsibility for the maintenance of those persons classified as "displaced" since they are awaiting for repatriation; and since their repatriation is not feasible for the time being owing to shortage of means of communication and other difficulties.

But as far as it concerns the other refugees, they can in no way be classified as "displaced persons" for they purposely do not intend to return to their own countries. The Italian Government, therefore, cannot offer them asylum for an indefinite period.

It is also to be considered the fact that after the signature of the Peace Treaty, the Allied Authorities, who up to the present moment are still responsible for the maintenance of these refugees, will have to leave Italy. It is therefore more than ever necessary to devise since now a plan for the gradual evacuation of such class of refugees, the permanent residence in Italy of which is in no way approved by this Government, especially when the Italians themselves, owing to over-population, are eagerly looking at other countries for emigration. "

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Ref: 2201/85/8214 September 1946

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Dear Dr. Prunas,

With reference to your letter of September 6th concerning the care of Displaced Persons in Italy.

1. The eventual care of Displaced Persons in Italy depends upon political considerations beyond my power to assess, and I am referring this matter to higher authorities.
2. With reference to the actual present situation, as you are doubtless aware, the following system in Allied Commission Camps was systemized about August 1945, and has continued up to now.
3. Rations of all kinds are either furnished direct by the local Italian authorities to the camps concerned or, where more convenient, are furnished from the Allied Military Supply Depots to the camps concerned and repaid in bulk (initially by the Allied Commission) by the Italian authority to the Allied Military authority.
4. The latter system, used in practically all Allied Commission D.P. Camps including those in which Jugoslavs are maintained, has been found to work very satisfactorily but, unfortunately, the Allied Military Supply Depots are being rapidly reduced and, from a purely administrative point of view, it has become necessary to revert to the former system whereby the local Italian authority supplies the camps direct.
5. I understand there may be a few items of the rations in Allied Commission Camps which the Italian Authorities may find very great difficulty in supplying and if you wish I will endeavour to procure the same from the Allied Military Authorities on an exchange or purchase basis. You will thus appreciate that the change of method is purely one of administrative convenience and not one of policy, and will not increase the present burden to ITALY.
6. The transfer to Britain of the personnel of the Polish Corps and especially their dependants, many of whom are in Allied Commission Refugee Camps and are being fed by the Italian Authorities, will undoubtedly relieve the Italian Government of the feeding of a very considerable number of Poles.

Very truly yours,

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Rear Admiral, USNR
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SUBJECT: Displaced Persons

TO : G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q. (2)

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SUBJECT: Evacuees from POLA

TO : G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q. (2)

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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION
NORTHERN ITALY
C/O HQ 86 AREA
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D.O. letter to Col. C.B. FINDLAY, C.B.E. M.C.

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IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

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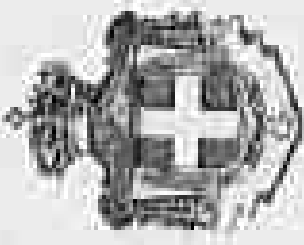
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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPARATION SUB-COMMISSION

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26 August 1946

SUBJECT : Col. C.B. Findlay and Lady B. Simmons - Conferences
London - August 1946.

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission.

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5. Refugee Defence Committee.

A very strong American and British Committee has been formed to protect and propagand the interests of Displaced Persons. In Britain it is headed by Lord Halifax and Lord Beveridge with Vice Chairman Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith.

I do not yet know the name of the principle personages in the

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Director,
Displaced Persons and Repatriation
Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

JUN 12 1946

Subject: Provision for the holding
of displaced persons and
refugees in the British and
American Civil Affairs Agreements.

Copied to: Executive Commissioner
U.S. Polad
British Embassy

At the Executive Commissioner's meeting on
June 11th you enquired whether any provision was
envisaged under the revised Armistice document
or Civil Affairs Agreements obliging the Italian
Government to hold displaced persons and refugees
on behalf of the Allied Governments.

I find that Allied Force Headquarters have
raised this specific point with the War Office
in their telegram F 67195. I understand that
the United States authorities at Caserta have
already suggested to the United States Government
that a clause covering this point should be
included in the United States Civil Affairs
Agreement but as this document has not yet been
received at Caserta it is not known whether any
such amendment has been made. So far as the
British Agreement is concerned it has been
suggested that a new sub-paragraph 'd' should be
added to paragraph 6 on the following lines:

"(a) at the request of the British High Command
under appropriate arrangements that may be entered
into the Italian Government will hold all such
persons listed in sub-paragraph (b) above for any
of the Allied Governments."

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Reur 57686CA6. Undated. Your comments on UNRRA/Sacmed agreement considered by all concerned. Our action and views are detailed below.

Para 1. Your para (A). Agree rights to immovable property must be protected and agreed with UNRRA I mention in article 3 para 3 of words "and immovable" after "movable" in first sentence.

Para 2. Your para B (1) this will follow automatically as local administrative routine.

Para 3. Your para B (2). Standard procedures referred to in article 3 para included dispersal of british surpluses through ministry of supply.

Para 4. Your para 5. Camps hold minimum quantities for daily use. Considered administratively uneconomical to cover these other than as provided in article 3 para 4.

Para 5. Your para H. To avoid limitation you describe 3rd sentence of article 4 para 1 reworded "UNRRA will at the election of Sacmed either reimburse Sacmed in kind for rations made available after effective date of this agreement or pay in sterling for such ration in accordance with such procedure as may be determined by Sacmed". UNRRA London and Rome confirm.

Para 6. Your para K. Existing disposal procedure for surplus british feed stuffs will save guard point you raise because (A) no specific provision is made for DPS (B) surplus british feed stuffs are redirected by war office or minister of food as applicable. If you agree that our explanations in paras 2, 3, 4 and 6 above and action taken in paras 1 and 5 meet your requirements urgently request that CCS may be informed without delay so

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to (?) agreement by signature 15 June effective 20 June. Our MAT 1022
refers.

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Headquarters Allied Commission

Originator's Reference: FX 67302

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Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 061619B

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Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ, SIGNELSA, CAMEL CITY PHOENIX REUR TAM 764

TO: AGWAR WASHINGTON, INFO: CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL, ALCOM ROME C IN C LRD
FOR COS FOR COLO FOR BOS ALCOM ROME

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- B. This is MAT 1027.

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3. The above total may be broken down into the following main classes:

4. Poles, who are dependents of or otherwise associated with 2 Polish Corps 6222.

5. Persons who are repatriable as and when arrangements can be made for their return to their countries of origin 2020.

6. Miscellaneous whose countries of origin cannot be determined 923.

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7. Pending receipt of your further directions arising out of the views and recommendations set forth above, action on sub para (B) of TMA 764 is being deferred.

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: DFR/1-10/AM.

SUBJECT: Termination of Responsibility
for Displaced Persons in ITALY.

TO : G-3 Section,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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We can see no reason why, if the Italian Government accept and in fact request to be admitted in the future as a member of the United Nations, they should not undertake this responsibility in advance of their enrolment as such. To this end immediate steps will be taken to segregate these people into two camps and to staff those camps as far as possible with executive Italian personnel. Simultaneously, the Italian Government will be approached and every effort made to persuade them to accept this responsibility.

6. In the course of our discussions it became apparent from the Resident Representative of the IGOR that there is a possibility of the IGOR or some similar body assuming responsibility for the maintenance of these and other dissident refugees in ITALY during the interim period and before decisions and action have been taken by the relevant committee of the Council of the United Nations. Every effort will be made to prosecute this idea and to persuade the IGOR at any rate to assist in the recruitment of personnel either at home or in this country for this task.

7. In any case, however, the functions of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission must continue whatever may be their commanding authority. The retention of certain individual members of the staff will ensure that the problems of the refugee who is not willing to return to his own country due to fear or lack of sympathy with the present regime will receive continued sympathetic and humane treatment. It is also essential for resettlement that these refugees should remain as organized groups so that their resettlement can be negotiated by the organization responsible for their care and those countries willing to accept them. The small staff of 50 officers and 67 other ranks with civilians taking the place of officers and other ranks wherever possible would be a sound and economical organization, thereby relieving the Italian Government from an undesirable responsibility and placing the onus for eventual resettlement on an allied organization.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: LPR/1-10/ADM

14 May 1946

SUBJECT: Termination of responsibilities for Displaced Persons and Refugees.

MAY 15 1946

TO : G-5 Section,
A.F.H.Q. (2)

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Reference your letter G-5 092.3/1 dated 4 May, 1946.

1. It is understood that it is the intention of A.F.H.Q. under instructions from C.C.S. that Allied responsibility for Displaced Persons and Refugees should be terminated as soon as possible by the withdrawal of all logistical and administrative support by the Allies from those not eligible for UNRRA assistance. It is presumed that, if the Allies do not administer those not eligible for UNRRA assistance, the only course would be to hand them over to the Italian Government. I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the bulk of the Displaced Persons, whom ALCOM will now have to receive back from UNRRA, belong to countries which were attacked by ITALY in conjunction with GERMANY. These people come from a virile stock who do not forget wrongs easily. I do not consider this particular section of the Displaced Persons problem would be a fair one to thrust on the present Italian administration.

2. Reference your para 2. Orders have been given by Allied Commission for a drastic and immediate elimination of those who should not be classified as Displaced Persons. There are at the present moment undoubtedly many in Camps who are of a similar character to those who are being held by G-1 as SEP's. As regards the nominal roll (Russians, etc.) which was lately forwarded by the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, it is only recently that D.P.R.S.C. have found a responsible person who was capable of screening this particular section of the Camps. The Russian section of the Displaced Persons problem is a very difficult one. They are all in fear of being sent back to the Soviet Union and it is practically impossible to extract the truth from them in any respect.

3. With reference to your paragraph 4 regarding the Italians in GENOVA and MILAN. It had been hoped to hand-over this particular group of camps to UNRRA early in January. This has been delayed from week to week (at UNRRA's request) as the UNRRA personnel have not been immediately available although always in immediate prospect. GENOVA and MILAN were taken over some time ago by UNRRA; the third camp in this group (TURIEN) has recently been taken over. The so-called Italians are all awaiting repatriation to France or Switzerland and have practically all mixed families.

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It is understood that the attention of the Director, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission was drawn on the 12th and 25th March verbally to this matter. His attention was also drawn about that time, and many times previously, to the policy that TRIESTE and UDINE should be closed. He certainly agreed that he would close UDINE and TRIESTE without further reference, provided that XIII Corps and ALCOM UDINE wished these camps to be closed. A letter was written to AME XIII Corps and Provincial Commissioner UDINE asking for their reactions. Before their replies were received, however, he was instructed by G-5 on no account to close these camps. If as you state the Director of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission did make a similar statement about MILAN and GENOA, I feel sure he did so only as a suggested threat to UNRRA, to hasten their taking over the camps. In my opinion it would have been very regrettable if such a threat had had to be carried out as MILAN and GENOA were at that time essential to the operation of both UNRRA and Allied Commission.

I would further draw your attention to the fact that there must be some give and take between the Italian Authorities (Post Bellica) and ALCOM. In certain camps the Italian Authorities receive Displaced Persons in transit and when the Italian Authority camps are overcrowded it has been the practice of Allied Commission to assist the Italian Authorities. If it is desired that all cooperation in this respect with the Italian Government should cease, I should be glad to be informed.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: DHR/1-10/ADM

14 May 1946

SUBJECT: Termination of responsibilities for Displaced Persons and Refugees.

MAY 15 1946

TO : G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q. (2)

1. UNRRA have found that 11,000 Displaced Persons taken over in January are unacceptable for UNRRA maintenance. Some authority will, therefore, have to take over this number, plus 7,000 Poles, now held by Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, making a total of 18,000. This may increase to 22,000.

2. The U.C.S. have laid down that military responsibility for Displaced Persons will be terminated as soon as possible by the withdrawal of all logistical and administrative support from those not eligible for UNRRA assistance. The War Office have stated that no military personnel can be provided for this purpose.

3. The total number of officer rank personnel estimated for this purpose is 43; OR's/EM 77.

4. The fact is that personnel will not be available from military sources :-

- (a) by ruling of U.C.S. and War Office;
- (b) owing to lack of personnel in the theatre.

5. War Office ruling is believed to be that all such persons should be handed over to the Italian Government. The War Department view is unknown. The U.C.S. thinking is reflected in direction referred to above (2).

6. The problem to be decided, therefore, is what authority is to look after these Displaced Persons :-

- (a) the Italian Government;
- (b) Allied military authorities;
- (c) I.G.C.R. or some other civilian refugee agency.

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7. Will you please attend a meeting on Thursday the 16th at 11.30 hours in my office to discuss these problems :-

(a) on a short term policy;

(b) on a long term policy;

having regard to the eventual future of these refugees.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M. E. Lusk
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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4 May 1946

MAY 7 1946

SUBJECT: Termination of Responsibility for Displaced Persons & Refugees

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
APO 394

1. In TAM 764, the C.C.S. directed inter alia that responsibility for displaced persons and refugees would be terminated as soon as possible by the withdrawal of all logistical and administrative support from those not eligible for UNRRA assistance.

2. As a first step in closing out of non UNRRA supported camps, there should be a drastic and immediate elimination of those who should not be classified as displaced persons or refugees or for whom other methods of care are available. It appears that entry into camps has not been properly safeguarded so that many who should not be present are now being cared for. A nominal roll recently received showed an alarming situation whereby even escaped prisoners of war were being maintained.

3. While it is expected that you will take the initiative to correct existing wrong practices, and to use your utmost endeavors to terminate responsibility for all categories of displaced persons and refugees, when particular cases come to the attention of this headquarters, they will be referred to you for prompt remedial action.

4. The first group under this category were revealed by the 30 March 1946 returns of displaced persons. Out of a total population of 767 in IT 71 Genoa and IT 77 Milan, there were listed 577 Italians ineligible for enrollment. This condition was brought to the attention of your sub-commission on 12 March 1946 and again on 25 March 1946. It was agreed that these two camps and group headquarters in Milan would be offered to UNRRA, and that if not accepted immediately they would be closed. Such action has not yet been completed. It is desired that it be completed without delay and report of completion submitted immediately thereafter.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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2. THIS OFFICE HAS SIGNALLED CCS ASKING FOR FINAL AUTHORITY TO CONSUMMATE SACRED /UNHRA AGREEMENT.
3. WE REGRET DELAY. WILL KEEP YOU IN PICTURE NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

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Ref : 2204/EC

2. March 1946

My dear Mr. Key:

I refer to your letter of 12 March and to my reply to you of the 14th March.

A study of the correspondence forwarded by you has been made and I send you for your use copies of two Memoranda prepared by Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and by the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.

Sincerely yours,

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. David McK. KEY
Charge d'Affaires
American Embassy
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Copy to : British Embassy
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UNRRA

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

MEMORANDUM

1. The work of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, as at present constituted, is limited to those operations which have been authorized by its Executive Committee, on which sit nine governments including the governments of France, U.K., U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. In addition, those operations involving any financial expenditure require the specific sanction of the U.K. and U.S.A. governments, which guarantee fifty per cent each of the expenditure involved.

2. The categories of persons whom the Committee is at present authorized to assist are

- (a) persons of German and Austrian origin who were refugees from Nazi persecution;
- (b) Spanish republican refugees in France and French North Africa;
- (c) certain other stateless or unrepresented refugees, the governments of whose countries of origin are not interested in their repatriation or eventual settlement. This group consists of juridically stateless Balts and a small number of individual cases in Spain, Portugal and Italy.

3. Assistance involves legal and political ("quasi-consular") protection, as well as financial assistance where necessary, and is thus in part directed at the stabilisation of the position of refugees in their countries of present refuge and their settlement there. Recent decisions of the British government on proposals for operational expenditure have severely limited the scope of the Committee, which is further limited by the following factors outside its control -

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expansion which would be necessary to enable it to assume adequate responsibility for the settlement of refugees whether in Europe or overseas must await the outcome of the deliberations of the United Nations during the next few months. But it is evident that preparations for that settlement need to be made now or very shortly (the Director of ICOR is represented on the United Nations Special Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons). It is hoped that interim recommendations will be made so that the preparations may be begun forthwith.

5. It should be emphasized that the administration of ICOR is powerless to undertake any project except with the agreement of the Committee. To that extent, therefore, the doubts of the U.S. military authorities in Germany about the efficacy of the Committee are a criticism of its constitution. There is without doubt a "lack of planning for the eventual disposition of these non-repatriables" which is a reflection of the lack of agreement between the governments concerned.

6. As regards Italy, there is the further consideration of how soon and to what extent the Italian Government will be directly concerned in the solution of the refugee problem and the questions involved in the absorption of the residue remaining in Italy. The agreement between the Italian government and ICOR representative in Italy about the granting of Italian citizenship to stateless persons is relevant. It is to be assumed that a decision of the Italian Government to ratify the 1938 Intergovernmental Arrangement on Refugees, nominating, with its agreement, the ICOR as the protecting organization, would be the first step.

7. A survey recently made by ICOR Italy roughly corresponds as regards numbers with enclosures 36 and 37, — the overall figure for "probable unrepatriables" being slightly higher, i.e. of the order of 70,000.

Julian Tomlin

Lt. Col. Julian I. Tomlin,
Resident Representative,
I.C.C.R.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DPR/3-4/EA Tel. 489081 Ext. 392 19 March 1946

SUBJECT : Displaced Persons in Italy.
TO : Executive Commissioner.

- 1. Forwarded herewith comments regarding folio 32.
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N.B. This figure excludes 12,000 Croats, 10,000 Ukrainians in care of AFHQ and 100,000 Poles of POLCORPS.

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Getting assistance under UNRRA Charter :- 15,000
Others not falling into the above category (estimated) :- 10-20,000

3. The following figures and statements give the facts regarding the refugee problem in Italy.

(a) Poles :- 6,700 Civilians.

In addition to this figure there are over 100,000 Poles in POLCORPS for whose future a solution will be required. About 14,000 Poles were repatriated to Poland at the end of 1945. The remainder of the Poles in Italy, when given the choice to do so, were adamant in their refusal to return to Poland while it is under the present Regime.

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The majority of Yugoslavs are the professional and shop-keeping middle class, with a leavening of the landed class and richer peasants.

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(c) Jews :-

It is difficult to estimate the exact number of Jews who have entered Italy illegally since the conclusion of hostilities and whose intention is to reach Palestine. The following statistics are based on data provided by Camp Returns and Jewish Welfare Organisations.

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In "Kebuzzim" and other collective Jewish Institutions.		8-10,000
Living in cities under precarious conditions		4,000
Total		19-21,000

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Rumanian	7%	Baltics	1 1/2%
Czech	5%	Others (Russian, Yugoslav, Greek genuine Stateless)	4%
Hungarian	5%		
Austrian	2%		

These Jews, who represent a part of those who escaped persecution in Europe under Nazi rule consist mostly of small tradesmen and shop-keepers. Jewish youth is being actively trained as agriculturists in the hope of future emigration to Palestine. A small percentage are professional men, but this class of Jew seems to find plenty of outlets for its activities in Italy. With the advent of summer and the re-opening of the mountain passes it is feared that further persons may cross the frontier into Italy.

(d) Various dissidents and unrepatriables living in Camps :-

Hungarians	400	Rumanians	120
Albanians	470	Baltics	300
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(e) There are about 600 Italians accommodated in Allied National Camps. These are mostly persons who have lived outside Italy and members of whose families have acquired or claim to have acquired the nationality of their country of previous pre-war residence.

(f) "Turks", of which 400 are accommodated at AVERSA, are believed to be mostly dissident Caucasians, and, as such, Soviet Citizens or Moslems from Yugoslavia, who remained in that country after the break-up of the Ottoman Empire. Their claim to Turkish citizenship is at present being examined by the Turkish Consular Authorities in Italy.

(g) Similarly, there are about 300 persons, called for convenience "of undetermined national status", in Camps and Reception Centres in Italy. These are dissident Soviet Citizens or "Stateless" Russians, who were holders of "Mussolini" Passports before the war.

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(e) There are about 600 Italians accommodated in Allied National Camps. These are mostly persons who have lived outside Italy and members of whose families have acquired or claim to have acquired the nationality of their country of previous pre-war residence.

(f) "Turks", of which 400 are accommodated at AVERSA, are believed to be mostly dissident Caucasians, and, as such, Soviet Citizens or Moslems from Yugoslavia, who remained in that country after the break-up of the Ottoman Empire. Their claim to Turkish citizenship is at present being examined by the Turkish Consular Authorities in Italy.

(g) Similarly, there are about 300 persons, called for convenience "of undetermined national status", in Camps and Reception Centres in Italy. These are dissident Soviet Citizens or "Stateless" Russians, who were holders of "Nansen" Passports before the war.

(h) A further 1,835 persons of many nationalities, race, religion and creed are under Allied care in Italy. They are gradually being sorted out and repatriated, but it is estimated that about 20% of these will be unrepatriable.

(i) Apart from the information given in sub-para (a) and (h) and as already mentioned, there are an estimated 10-20,000 Displaced Persons who are scattered throughout Italy. Exact figures would only be known when the Italian Authorities would be able to undertake the proper documentation of all foreigners in Italy. However, it is thought that the following breakdown, compiled from data from Consular and other Sources, would give a relatively true picture of Displaced Persons scattered throughout Italy.

Jews	4,000
Yugoslavs	2,000 - 6,000
Poles	3,000 - 4,000
Soviet Citizens	1,000 - 2,000
French, Belgians, Dutch and other minor Axis collaborators	500 - 2,000
Others	500 - 2,000

4. For easy reference, the total of sub-para (a) and (h) are summarised.

(a) Poles	6,700
(b) Yugoslavs	10,586
(c) Jews	19-21,000
(d) Various dissidents in Camps	1,290
(e) Italians ?	600
(f) Turks	400
(g) Undetermined	300
(h) Various nationalities	367
(i) Persons scattered throughout Italy	10-20,000
Total	<u>61,243</u>

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C.P. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Rome, March 12, 1946

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My dear Admiral,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which the Ambassador received prior to his departure, together with its enclosure, from Mr. Matthews, Office of European Affairs, Department of State, regarding displaced persons in Italy. I would be grateful if you would have the appropriate officers in the Allied Commission read the correspondence and give us the benefit of the Commission's views with respect to the questions raised by Mr. Matthews.

I have likewise sent a copy of the correspondence to the Deputy United States Political Adviser at Allied Force Headquarters with the thought that there may be some pertinent information at Caserta likewise.

Sincerely yours,

David McK. Key
David McK. Key

Enclosure

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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Conv for Admiral Stone

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MAR 15 1949

Dear Ruffie:

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I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just sent off to Bob Murphy concerning current and prospective arrangements for the care and disposition of displaced persons in Germany. Much of the letter has application to the AFHQ area in Italy, although the numbers of ultimate non-repatriables involved are smaller. It is assumed, however, that the non-repatriables in Germany, Austria, and Italy will eventually prove to be of much the same racial origin or former nationality.

It is our understanding here from a recent UNRRA report that some 91,909 displaced persons have been registered in Italy and that it is estimated that an additional 50,000 DPs have not yet been registered. It is assumed here from the breakdown of nationalities of the registered DPs that approximately 57,000 may prove ultimately to be non-repatriable. It is also a fair assumption that 25,000 of the non-registered DPs may also prove to be non-repatriable. These totals are exclusive of the 14,000 Chetniks who are still held in military custody as surrendered personnel, and of the Polish military stationed in Italy. Assuming that the disposition of the Polish troops will rest entirely with the British Government, there appears to be a total of approximately 95,000 estimated non-repatriable DPs for whose settlement elsewhere the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees will need to assume responsibility.

I shall

The Honorable
Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
Rome.

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I shall appreciate any comments or corrections of estimates that you may be able to send me based on this correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

H. Freeman Matthews
Director, Office of European Affairs

Enclosure:

Letter to the Honorable
Robert D. Murphy, Berlin.

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January 29, 1946

MAR 13 1946

Dear Bob:

The other day I had occasion to discuss the general situation of Jewish refugees and displaced persons in Germany with Durbrow and Warren, and it occurs to me that it might be helpful to us all to give you a general roundup of the situation as we see it here, and to have your comment in return as you see the picture from Berlin.

Generally speaking, mass repatriation has been completed with the exception of the movement of the Poles which hopefully will take place in the spring. We lack any recent estimate here of the number of Poles who will return, but it is expected that most of them will do so. However, some professionals and intellectuals may remain to be included in an estimated number of 450,000 to 500,000 non-repatriables who will remain in the United States zones of Germany and Austria ~~and~~ at the end of the spring, posing the problem of resettlement elsewhere. This group will include Baltic nationals, excluding those who came to Germany under the transfer agreements in 1939 and 1941 who are now considered to be German nationals. It will also include approximately 75,000 Yugoslav dissidents and substantial numbers of Ukrainian civilians of Polish, Czechoslovak, or Soviet nationality. The number of Jews who will pose similar problems of settlement elsewhere in the United States, British, and French zones of Germany and Austria has been estimated at 100,000 by witnesses before the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. This figure seems a bit high to us as some will undoubtedly remain in Austria and Germany, assuming also that the flow of Jews from Poland is subsiding.

The War Department expresses increasing concern over the apparent lack of planning for the eventual disposition of these non-repatriables. UNRRA is assisting the military, as you know, to the extent of providing personnel to administer the camps. But responsibility for the provision of supplies remains with the military. UNRRA's future in displaced persons operations in Germany and Austria will be decided at the Fourth Session of the Council of UNRRA which may take place in this country in March. As UNRRA is authorized only to facilitate the repatriation of displaced persons to their countries of origin or of former residence, and on the assumption that such repatriation will have been completed in the late spring, it is possible to assume that a decision may be reached looking toward the cessation of UNRRA activities for displaced persons by July 1, 1946 or very soon thereafter.

The Honorable

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Robert D. Murphy,

United States Political Adviser on German Affairs,

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after. Such a decision would pose the problem of what international agency should assume the responsibility of care and resettlement of the non-repatriables. Hopefully, the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry will make constructive recommendations to the British and United States Governments with respect to the disposition of the non-repatriable Jews. If the number of these is nearer 50,000 than 100,000, this ought not to present an insurmountable problem.

Incidentally, in discussions with the War Department on the whole problem of the liquidation of the non-repatriables we have constantly stressed here that as preliminaries to such liquidation communications must be established between Germany and outside countries, at least for the United Nations non-repatriables and those assimilated to them in treatment, and travel facilities including shipping overseas must become available. Given these two developments, substantial numbers of the non-repatriables, even as many as twenty-five percent, may be able through arrangements made with relatives and friends in other countries to find opportunities of immigration. Clearly also, others will find opportunities of employment in western European countries, provided departure from Germany becomes possible. This latter movement is blocked at present largely for political reasons, but may become possible as soon as the determination of non-repatriables, particularly those of Polish, Soviet, and Yugoslav origin, not to return to their countries is accepted.

The Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, composed of thirty-six governments, is the only existing international agency in a position to assume responsibility for the non-repatriables. The military is not too convinced of its capacity to undertake this responsibility.

The military is now engaged in screening the displaced persons centers and in implementing the latest directive with respect to the Yalta Agreement. It is possible that this screening, and particularly the elimination from the camps of Balts who accepted German nationality under the transfer agreements, will reduce substantially the numbers for which responsibility will have to be assumed ultimately by the ICC. It is not anticipated that sufficient financial assistance can ever be secured for the ICC from its government members to take over from the army the responsibility for providing basic supplies for non-repatriables. The most that can be expected is that the

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IGC will expedite the removal of non-repatriables to other countries. It will be impossible for the IGC to find opportunities of immigration for all the non-repatriables. Therefore it must be foreseen that a certain residue will have to be absorbed in the German community. This raises the question of how long the non-repatriables for whom opportunities of settlement elsewhere will not be found should be maintained in the displaced persons centers at the expense of the military. This problem has not been faced here as yet, but it may not be premature to have your thinking on it.

Taking into account all of our humanitarian objectives and obligations and the political and economic circumstances surrounding the non-repatriables, would you consider that it might be possible to look forward to the closing of the displaced persons centers by the end of the summer of 1946, assuming that communications and travel facilities have been available to United Nations nationals and those assimilated to them in treatment for a period of at least six months by that date? I shall welcome your comment on the foregoing.

Sincerely yours,

H. Freeman Matthews
Director, Office of European Affairs

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14 March 1946.

My dear Mr. Key:

Thank you for your letter of March 12th enclosing copies of letters from Mr. Matthews of the Office of European Affairs with regard to displaced persons in Italy.

This correspondence is now being studied and I shall inform you of the Commission's views as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. David McK. Key,
Charge d'Affaires,
American Embassy,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/1/ADM

30 November 1945

SUBJECT : Reorganisation H.Q. D.P.R.S.C.

NOV 30 1945

TO : Distr. Lists 'A' & 'B', D.P.R.S.C.
Executive Commissioner, A.C. —
C.A. Section, A.C.

1. Wef 1st December 1945 the following reorganisation of H.Q. D.P.R.S.C. Staff is notified.

2. The Repatriation Branch and G-II (Italian) Branch of this H.Q. will be amalgamated under the direction of Lt. Col. C.A. Oliver as O.I/c Repatriation.

3. The following duties will be performed by the O.I/c Repatriation:-

(a) Repatriation - Individual and Group - Italians and Displaced Persons United Nations and Others.

(b) General Welfare Policy.

(c) Co-ordination of registration and documentation Displaced Persons under SHLEF System. Liaison UNRRA Record Bureau.

(d) Movements Italian repatriates and Displaced Persons by Land, sea and air.

(e) Liaison Italian Government.

(f) Statistics.

4. The following Officers, EM/ORs are allotted to O.I/c Repatriation:-

Major G. Hartman
Mrs. Angus

Mrs. Haddock (UNRRA)
Mrs. M.P. Petter (ERG)

Capt. Bloomfield (in addition to Medical and Hygiene duties will also be available for duty with O.I/c Repatriation).

S/Sgt. J. Champion - Chief Clerk Repatriation
Sgt. Matthews
A.N. OTHER

5. Major B. Woodcock R.A. will assume duties of O.I/c Adm. vice Lt. Col. K.C. Brown ULF to be released.

6. Capt. D.R. Martin R.A. will assume duties of Staff Captain **3598**

7. Schedule of Officers and staff duties is shown at Appendix 'A'.

(12/1/46)
C.E. FINLAY
Colonel,
Director.

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C.E. FINLEY
Colonel,
Director.

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ORGANISATION AND ALLOCATION OF STAFF - H.Q. D.P.R.S.C., A.C.

Director - Col. C.F. FINLAY

D/Director - Lt. Col. C.F. POTTERGILL

Co-ordination of Director's Policy

Reports - Activities - Progress - Conferences - Liaison UNRRA - AFHQ - Political Aspect

D.I/c Adm.

(Maj. B. WOODCOCK)

Co-ordination A/C Policy and General
Administrative Procedure Officers -
Postings - Reports - all 'A' matters
and Finance.

SC. III

(Capt. L.R. MARTIN)

Ret. Returns
Tpt - Supply to Groups
Maintenance and Records
Rations and Supplies - Fuel
Medical Supplies
Clothing Equipment
Salvage
Local Purchase
Accommodation.

Medical and Hygiene

(Capt. E.A. BLOOMFIELD)

Medical and Hygiene
Policy - Personnel
Supplies - Rations

ERC Civilian War Relief

Welfare Workers
D.P. & R.S.C. Centres

G-II (DP)

(Maj. E.V. SIMCOCK)

Liaison accredited
Military Missions.

D.I/c Repatriation

(Lt. Col. C.F. POTTER)

Maj. G. HARMAN
Mrs. J. J. JUS
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Mrs. M.P. POTTER

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UNRRA Record Bureau

(Mr. Jack BOND)

Records Displaced Persons.

(Lady B. SIMMONDS)

Red Cross Enquiry/Message Service.

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dated 30 November 1945

Director - Col. G.B. FINDLAY

D/Director - Lt. Col. G.F. FOTHERGILL

Co-ordination of Director's Policy

Reports - Activities - Progress - Conferences - Liaison UNRRA - AFHQ - Political Aspects.

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Supplies - Rations.Policy and General
Procedure Officers -
- All 'Q' mattersG-II (DP)(Maj. E.V. SIMCOCK)
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D.O. Letter from Colonel C.B. FINDLAY, Director, D.P.R.S.C.

DPR/91/ADM

13 October 1945

OCT 15 1945

Dear *Maurice*

Herewith minutes of UNIRA and D.P.R. meeting on 11 October 1945, as requested.

Brig. M.S. Lush,
Executive Commissioner, A.C.

Yours

W. Lush

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RECORD OF UNRRA AND DPR CONFERENCE ON 11 OCTOBER 1945.

Present : Mr. Sorieri
Mr. Varrichioni
Col. Findlay
Lt. Col. Fothergill.

1. Trouble in Santa Cesarea.

Agreed D.P.R. should send 3 Yugoslav Officers and 60 sailors to assist Jewish Police in Santa Cesarea and Tricase. Of above 1 Officer and 20 sailors to be at disposition of UNRRA Area Manager Lecce if and when required for other Camps.

Payment : Officers 150 Lire per day
sailors 100 Lire per day.

Food and accommodation UNRRA Lecce to pay.

2. Policy & interlocking D.P.R. and UNRRA Camps Staffs, Record and Repatriation etc.

Provision of letter reference DPR/10-12/ADM dated 11 October 1945, agreed to. Details to be settled Lt. Col. Fothergill and Mr. Varrichione.

3. UNRRA pressed for early information on Camp Managers and Red Cross-likely to be available from D.P.R.
So far it is understood 1 Camp Area Commander and 2 Camp Managers and Red Cross accepted.
2 Camp Managers and 2 Red Cross considering.

Findlay
C.B. FINDLAY
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:- UNRRA Rome.
C.A. Section, A.C.

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

DPR/10-12/ADM

11 October 1945

SUBJECT : Hand-over to UNRRA.

TO : UNRRA Rome.

Reference 2207/EC dated 4 October and G-5: 092.302 of 17 September 1945, copies attached.

1. In order to expedite matters, I consider that it is essential to take immediate steps to interlock the "Camps" Repatriation and Record Organisations of D.P.R. and UNRRA as follows :-

(a) Offices H.Q. D.P.R. and H.Q. Camps UNRRA, Repatriation and Record to join together as soon as possible and not later than 1st November 1945.

(b) UNRRA to introduce such personnel as available into H.Q. 'H' and 'E' Groups D.P.R.S.C.

(c) UNRRA to put personnel as they become available into D.P.R. Camps.

2. Would you say if you agree to above procedure, and details can be discussed.

C.B. Findlay
C.B. FINDLAY
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to :- C.A. Section, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

REF/2207/EC

4th October, 1945

To: V.P., C.A.S.

I think it is most important that we should arrange for Displaced Persons Sub-Commission to follow the example of the Economic Section in preparing to hand over to UNRRA.

I am aware that close co-ordination is being effected with UNRRA, but more is required. We should take immediate steps to dilute the military personnel in Displaced Persons with (a) UNRRA civilians and (b) military personnel who have volunteered or will volunteer to join UNRRA at the termination of their services. We want to be in such a position that when UNRRA take over they will have a nucleus of a staff trained in this work both at H.Q. and in the Field. This is the only way in which continuity can be preserved.

Will you discuss with Displaced Persons and put this into effect.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

/s/ M.S. LUSH
BRIGADIER
Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 092.3-2

17 September 1945.

SUBJECT : Turnover to UNRRA of LP functions.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
HQ, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. On 2 September 1945 by letter subject "Turnover to UNRRA", file G-5. 092.3-5, you were requested to expedite the turnover of certain Allied Commission functions pertaining to Displaced and Stateless Persons to UNRRA. In view of the rapid run-down of army personnel in the Allied Commission and in AFHQ, it is important that there be no unnecessary delay in the assumption of these duties by UNRRA.

2. An early compliance with the instructions contained in subject letter is desired.

/s/ A. L. HAMBLIN,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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17
4th October, 1945

Ref/22/1/2
To: V.P., C.A.S.

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Will you discuss with Displaced Persons and put this into effect.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

R/M.S. Lush
BRIGADIER
Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

G-5: 014.33

29 May 45

SUBJECT: German Displaced Persons.

MAY 31 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.
APO 324.

1. Reference is made to your Ref/2201/15/EC.
2. Information copy of FK 75465, 14 May was on original distribution to Allied Commission, Rome for Repatriation Officer. Making an exact copy of the message is forbidden.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

HEADQUARTERS
30 MAY 1945
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E.B. HEYD,
Lt-Colonel.

Bla May. Monday

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Ref/2201/15/EC.

Tel : 473201

26 May 1945.

SUBJECT : German Displaced Persons.

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

Reference our 2201/12/EC of 13 May 45. It would be much appreciated if a copy of Signal PK 75465 of 14 May, could be forwarded to this HQ for our information as soon as possible.

For the Chief Commissioner :

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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[Signature]
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ, SIGNED SACRED CITE FIGURE

TO: ACTION: 15 ARMY, ALCOM ROME INFO: SHAFF, 6 ARMY GROUP, 12 ARMY GROUP, 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY, DISTONE, ACABRIT ROME, BINA

MAY 24 1945

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This supersedes EX 79968 of 22 May.

In accordance your request contained U 128 representation this headquarters will arrive yours 25 May for discussion policy on lines suggested as follows.

1. No Yugoslavs who have come into the hands of Allied troops will be returned direct to Yugoslavia or handed over to Yugoslav Troops, against their will.
2. para 1 includes ghetniks, Ustashi, Croats, Slovenes and miscellaneous refugees and dissident civilians including women and children.
3. All above will be moved to suitable concentrations areas and screened.
4. As a result of screening all will be divided into 2 classes: Class A those who have born arms against TITO and who will therefore be treated as POW or surrendered enemy personnel. These are AG-1 responsibility. Class B all others. These will be treated as displaced persons. Those in ITALY are an ALCOM responsibility. Those in AUSTRIA become an ALCOM responsibility as soon as passed over the ITALO-AUSTRIAN frontier by 5 or 8 Army as appropriate.
5. CCS are being asked for disposal instructions for persons in Class A.
6. Persons in Class B will be accommodated initially in ALCOM and UNHRA Displaced Persons Camps in ITALY and PHILLIPVILLE Camp.
7. Italians in AUSTRIA will be permitted to cross the frontier into Italy.

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at the discretion of 5 ARMY. No Germans or Austrians will be permitted to cross
the Austro-Italian frontier

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
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Ref: 2201/12/SC.

Tel: 478201

18 May 1945.

SUBJECT: German Displaced Persons.

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

Reference cable 3-68143 dated 15 May 45 from SHAPE to AFHQ,
copy to ALCOM for info, will you please forward for our information
copy of your FX 75465 of 14 May 45 therein referred to.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,

Executive Commissioner.

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PRIORITY

From: SHAFI MAIL SIGNED EISENHOWER.

To: AFHQ FOR ALEXANDER REPEAT FOR INFORMATION ALCON HOME FOR
REPATRIATION OFFICER; SHAFI FORWARD.

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German Displaced Persons persecuted because of their race,
religion or activities in favor of the United Nations are, according
to policy of this Headquarters, to be accorded the same assistance
granted to United Nations Displaced Persons, provided their loyalty to
the Allies has been determined and this is authorized by competent
Military Government authorities. Reference your FX-75455 of 14 May 1945
cite SHDB. Their repatriation to GERMANY will be coordinated under
direction of this Headquarters.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
D.P.R.S.C.

SUBJECT: Additional Personnel &
Transport
TO : Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. A.C.

FILE No. DPR/1-8/ADM

5 May 1945

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Copies of the following correspondence are forwarded as
requested by Brigadier LUSH.

- (1) Aide Memoire on D.P.R.S.C. requirements for North Italy,
- (2) Map showing Collecting, Transit & Frontier Posts.
- (3) A.FHQ letter G-5: 383.7 - Assistance by Combat troops
in dealing with Displaced Persons & refugees.
- (4) AFHQ letter WSD/174 - Formation of Units - Displaced
Persons.

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COPYAide Memoire

1. It is anticipated that Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission will have to handle 1,000,000 persons in their camps and centres.

2. It is necessary to establish 22 Reception and Transit Centres and, in addition, 20 Frontier posts.

3. The minimum personnel and transport required to carry out this task in addition to that already on strength is

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>EM/ORs</u>	<u>Italian Army</u>	<u>Jeep, PU, Staff Car</u>	<u>15 cwt.</u>	<u>3 ton</u>	<u>Water Trailer</u>
D.P.R.S.C.	65	43	2035	71	60	99	53
P.W.S.C.	20	40	1320	20	20	-	-

4. It is urged most strongly that these increases be allowed if the task is to be properly carried out.

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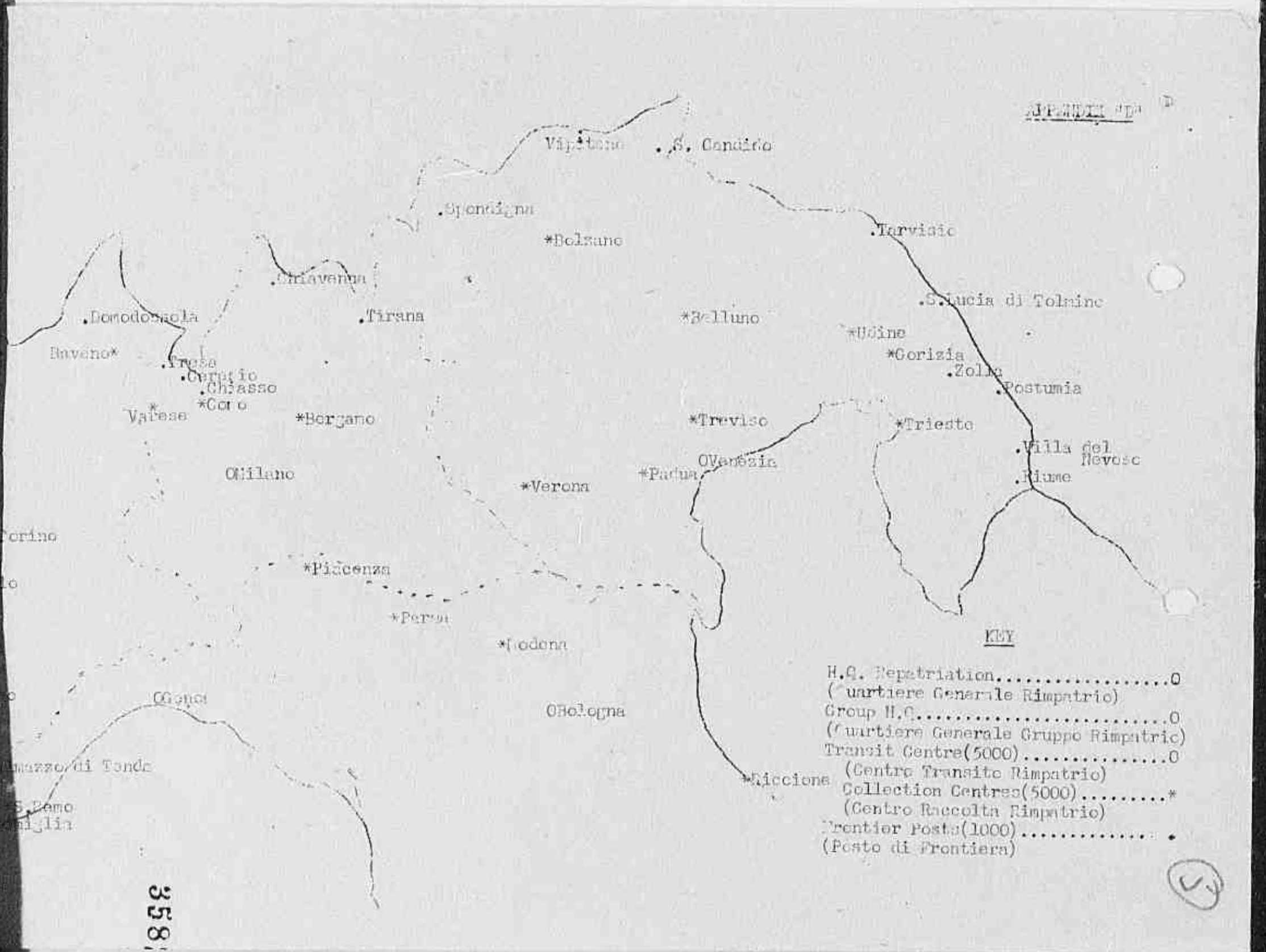
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

WDW/cml.

G-5: 383.7

2 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Assistance by Combat troops in dealing with Displaced Persons and Refugees - N. Italy.-

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. There follows a paraphrase of a signal that was sent to the Commanders of 15th Army Group, 5 and 8 Armies on 1 May 1945.

Paraphrase begins.

Displaced Persons and Refugees Sub-Commission Officers of Allied Commission have been assigned to assist AMG Officers of 5 and 8 Armies in the care and control of displaced persons and refugees uncovered by the advance of the armies into N. Italy.

Apart from the humanitarian aspect these persons may, by reason of their numbers and condition present a serious problem to the military conducting operations.

Approach will possibly be made for help in the following matters. You will be assisted by the supply services to the extent of available resources.

- a) Diversion of food and medical supplies.
- b) Loan of accommodation stores, including blankets.
- c) Provision of hygiene equipment and supplies.
- d) Administration and Medical attention - use of Officers and EM/ORs including medical personnel.
- e) Road transportation, especially water-carriers.
- f) Tentage for hospitals.
- g) Enforcement of standfast orders and control of movement.

Paraphrase ends

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2. As far as possible demands on these lines will be met when made by responsible officers who may quote as authority AFHQ cable FX 68656 of 1 May 1945.

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It should, however, be made clear to your officers that demands should only be made in cases of extreme urgency and when all other sources have been explored and found inadequate to meet requirements.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 :

W. DRIFFIELD-WHITE,
Major.

Copy to: CG 15 Army Group
CG 5 Army
CG 8 Army.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 DIVISION

(FREEDOM 986)

FILE NO : WSD/174

3 May 1945

SUBJECT : Formation of Units - Displaced Persons.

MEMO TO : G-1 (B).

Ref G-5:322-92 dated 28 Apr 45 (copy to you).

1. Authority is granted for the formation of the following units w.e.f. 30 Apr 45 under the supervision of HQ Rome Area Allied Command in conjunction with HQ Allied Commission for ITALY at ROME :*

Ten Control Camps on WE CM/976/1
Eleven Assembly Centres on ME CM/975/1
One Civilian Transport Platoon on WE CM/632/1

2. The following will not be implemented in respect of each Control Camp on WE CM/976/1 :-

Clerk, general duties, (any arm), (Serjeant) 1
Trailer, 15-cwt. 2-wh, water, 180 gallons 1

3. The following will not be implemented in respect of each Assembly Centre on WE CM/975/1 :-

Duty H.C.Os. (serjeants) 2
Clerk, general duties, (any arm), (serjeant) 1
Trailers, 15-cwt, 2-wh, water, 180 gallons 2

4. Task vehs of Civilian Transport Platoon on WE CM/632/1 will be ambulances.

5. The following will not be implemented in respect of Civilian Transport Platoon on WE CM/632/1 :-

Civilians, Drivers for vehs. 9
Ambulances, task. 6
Ambulances, relief 3

6. All personnel shown on WEs CM/975/1 and CM/976/1 as "may be civilians" will be civilians. Military personnel on WE CM/632/1 may be of any arm.

7. Vehs will be issued as available.

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Copy to : HQ Rome Area Allied Command.
HQ Allied Commission for ITALY.
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G-5.

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Signed ????

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPA/LL/ADM Tel. 459081 Ext. 392 23 December 1944.

26 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Advisory Committee on Displaced Persons and Refugees.

TO: Secretary Advisory Committee D.P. and Refugees, M.T.O.
c/o G-5 A.F.H.Q.

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Copy to: Chief of Staff,
C. A. Section, A.C.

C. B. FINDLAY,
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