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REPATRIATION, FROM ITALY
SEPT. 1944 - NOV. 1945

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Kouine

1943-1946

Reparation

ITALY

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Ex Comm
To C.A. Section.

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Ref. Mins 91-92 and 93 -

A memo is now being sent to all Group Comds directing them to refer doubtful cases to Sicily before allowing these refugees to proceed to Sicily.

Cff

Rome 1st October 1945.

Ex Comm.

(C.A. Sec)

CSO

95

85, 89, 90 and mins 91, 92, 93 refer to min 94. I think the Ex Comm who are in fact up to min 92, would like to see mins. 93 & 94.

Cff 3/10

T.M. 3/10.

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TW 4/1

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92.

DPR.

V.P. CHS
6/2/79

I do not like the Disper letter. We are in fact transferring Italians who reside in Libya to Sicily. The fact that we ~~cannot~~ transfer them because they state they reside in Sicily does not alter that fact - though it does explain why we are doing so. We could I suppose remedy the difficulty to a certain extent by advising them

A who declare for Sicily whether in fact they are domiciled in Libya. MM/21/7

DPR.

93.

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Infer

See Munk 92. As regards photo 90. Ethen at PPS says we are allowing this traffic if the is so I cannot see how the Minister of Post & Air Assistance can control it ~~the Minister~~. vide 4 of 90.

If we are responsible we must take some steps to curb the traffic. The suggestion at A. is to try to get the traffic to stop. I am not sure if this is a realistic suggestion.

Transferring Persons who reside in Libya to Sicily.
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DPR.

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If we are responsible we must take some steps for curbing the traffic. The suggestion at A. Min. 92, but I do not know how refugees register for a move. When then it is done verbally & whether they have to fill in any papers. There are no doubt would be to make the names of all applicants for Sicily to the High Comm. Sicily and get clearance as Sicily residents before allowing them to move. MC 24/9.

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To: Executive Commission:

- 1. Encl. 75 is action taken by D.P.R.S.C. on 74.
- 2. D.P.R.S.C. omitted to send a copy to Ex. Comm.
- 3. D.P.R.S.C. request omission.

A. D. Brinkman -
 A.D. Brinkman - Capt. Lt. Col.
 C80. Civil Affairs Section.

23 May 1945:

52.

P. A. T. Executive Commission
 C80. 74 is for information of Exec. Com.
 25/5/45

4 7/8 17/8 18/8

86.

A. Executive Commission

74 is 85 for information please.
 25/5/45

17/5/45

87.

C80

I should like to know if there is any fault
 in this allegation

17/5/45

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88

Mr. Kuntz:

Has your place attempt to check statement as
 per min 87

17/5/45

Ex Comm

17/5/45. The Foreign Office alleged that - allies

P. A. 10
Executive Commission
4010 81 for information of Exec. Com.
205127/8

4 7/8 178/88

86.

A. Executive Commission

4010 85 for information please.
205125/8

4010 7/8

CSO

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Mr. J. Kennedy

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Ex letter

91.

CSO. Please see 90. Our 85 MFAA hinting for foreign affairs alleged that allies
were shipping ⁴⁰¹⁰ Hilaryans to S. Italy with promise of early passage to Africa. At
minute 87 ~~the~~ asked for 100 to be investigated.

Para 3 of 90 explains what actually happened

205121/9

4010 20/8

Ex lms

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CSO

Do letter submitted for signature refers to

53 A.

PSSC + Pol Sec. knows of nothing to prevent
Madame Galassio's return to Egypt whilst Dispo's
comment is at 56.

22 Feb 45

23/2.

letter signed 24/2.

Th

D.P. R.S.C.

68

Please see folio 67 and forward your comments.
The original to be forwarded to Gen. *W. K. K.* May.
26 Apr. ... CA. Section.

69

CA. Section

Reference (57)

- (1) - The whole question of repatriating Italian children to Libya, as tentatively agreed to by this Sub-Commission and Lt. Col. Corn. Day, Chief Secretary, BMA Tripolitania, has been put to G-5 Section AFHQ for approval. No reply has yet been received.
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- (3) - You will be informed as soon as a reply is received from AFHQ who have been asked to expedite their decision.

St.
3.4.45

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E.C.

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22 Feb 45

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Letter signed 23/2.

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E.C. Please see Wpr. 69. Please, may
 Zapr. CA Section

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Rec'd in min 22 and 2000

2000

26 DEC 1944

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CAS.

Military Travel Authorizations for the U.K. have now been granted to the Walters family. Mr. Walters is in FLORENCE at present and will not return to Rome till after the New Year. Their repatriation is now a question of arranging sea transport. —

DPR

27 Dec. 44

Sl.

COS

31.

Please see 30.

W. Walters
for VP.

CAS

28 DEC 1944

39

COS

Do letter for four signatures replies to 27. Whilst file is with you, you may care to see Do letter at 37 for which a reply is being prepared.

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E. Gardner Capt

30 Dec 44

49.
50.

C.O.S.

D.O. letter for your signature. The letter quoted is at 48. Your previous letter is at 12.

Dewell
Capt

COS (511735)

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C.O.S. (511735).
29.1.45.

Signed *[Signature]*
30/1.

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W. Walters

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DEOS CAS

(21)

I should like DFR Sec. to make special
 efforts to expedite the deflection of the Q. H. H.
 family so avoid a delay of 3 months I can
 prepare to sign any representation to the
 shipping authorities that may have to be made
 the more personal approached MS/25/10

DFR.

(22)

I understand that the reason for the time lag
 is not getting a birth but the time taken by formalities
 to obtain the MTA. If you can arrange for this to
 be completed within a matter of weeks only, etc but if
 not please say where the difficulty lies so that remedial
 action can be taken

[Signature]
 10/12/44

30 NOV. 1944

C.A. Section

(23)

DEOS A wishes will be given special attention

DEOS.

(24)

Please see 10/12/44

[Signature]
 10/12/44

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MSA 2/20/11

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Ref 27 will you please state the present position
so that reply can be made. 1 2/1 2

E. Horton
Cpt
Office of CS

26 Dec 44

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C.S.O.

Attached for the Brigadier's signature is approved is a reply to General Theron's letter of 3rd October (Encl. 2, flagged at "A").

His interim reply of 5th October, Encl. 3, is flagged at "B".

C.O.S. (Ext. 451)
16.11.44

H. Mason Jcan.

14.

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D.O. to Gen Theron opposite
Submitted. Which seems to meet
the case. see 15

ST. 16/11

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To Displaced Persons & Repatriation Subcommittee:

20/11/4

Reference folio 16, request information as to the proper procedure which Albert Liurni should follow in order to be repatriated to the United States.

20 Nov

42.

C.O.S.

The whole question of repatriation to the U.S. is summarised in Para. 5 of folio 16. LIURINI should register with the U.S. Consul in ROME, who will forward all relative data substantiating his claim to the State Department. The whole question is one of waiting till WASHINGTON has examined each individual case. There are thousands of similar cases of dubious American citizens in Italy. It is presumed that WASHINGTON will communicate with U.S. Consular officials in Italy at some future date giving them the results of their investigations and instructions for repatriating those who so desire.

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Ref. Gen's letter D.P.

1. Representations as to the inadvisability of the pay on which civilian employees/ex-convicts are entitled to assistance. Frequently 3778
1. 4546. It does not improve the situation. It deals with one particular case of hardship which strikes nearer home. This question still stands dealing with, there is evidence.
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31 Nov 44

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COS

Ref. to the case of...

1. Repatriation as to the inadvisability of the pay of a civilian employee consultant not expected to visit. It is suggested that the matter be dealt with the particular case of the individual which states residence. This question still would be dealing with, but is evidence.
2. DPR 5/2 has registered the whole of the Walters family for repatriation. They estimate that it will be two or three months before the actualy receives a passport.
3. G.I. B. is in communication with RIV with regard to the Walters being permitted to live and work in the accommodation as do other British and American civilians which will materially decrease the living expenses. If the Walters in the boy are also entitled for employment then it might be possible for the whole family to live in the accommodation, but that is not a C.O.S. problem.

21 Nov 1944

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Ref: 2202/97/EO.

22 November 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of British Born Subjects to U.K.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

The attached letter DFR/10/KW dated 19 November 1945 came direct to this office from Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission it is thought in error. Will you please let us have your comments.

C. R. BRAYBROOKE

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
As above

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

DEW/5/G-II (IT) TEL. 489061 EXT. 594 2 October 1945
SUBJECT: Refugees for Libya giving Sicilian destinations.
TO: Distribution

1. Cases still occur where refugees give an address in Sicily as their home, when in actual fact they are from Libya, or desire to go to Libya for one reason or another.

2. On arrival in Sicily these persons cause trouble in their efforts to get to Libya, and it is therefore desired to keep them out of the island.

3. During their registration all refugees giving addresses in Sicily should be carefully questioned and their documents examined to determine if they are, in fact, bona fide persons leaving their homes in Sicily.

4. In any case of doubt the refugee should not be sent to Sicily till the address he gives has been verified and found correct. Verification should be carried out by writing to:

Ufficio Assistenza Profano
Prefettura di..... (here insert name of place refugee
gives as his address.)

5. Suggested proforma in Italian with English translation attached
herewith for use.

For the Director,

C. A. Oliver
Lt. Colonel
G-1 Italian

Distribution: List "B" (Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 15, 17)
Executive Commissioner (through G.A. Section)

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(C.A. BLAIR) P.A.

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ENGLISH PROFORMA

To verify statements made by refugees that they are domiciled in Sicily.

Part I

Date.....

To the Prefect

The refugee named below has given the address shown as his place of domicile. Will you kindly verify fill in Part II below, and return this proforma to me as soon as possible.

Full names of refugee.....

Address given by refugee as his domicile in Sicily.....

Part II

I have verified the above particulars and certify them to be ++correct/incorrect.

Signature.....

Prefect of

++Cross out one of these.

Date.....

ITALIAN PROFORMA

Per verificare le asserzioni dei profughi di essere domiciliati in Sicilia.

Parte I

Data.....

Al Prefetto

Il profugo sottoindicato ha dato l'indirizzo indicato come luogo di suo domicilio. Vogliate gentilmente verificare, rispondendo la sottoindicata II parte, e ritornare a me il proforma al piu' presto possibile.

Nome e Cognome del profugo.....

Indirizzo dato dal profugo come suo domicilio in Sicilia.....

Parte II

Io ho verificato i sopraccitati particolari e certifico che essi sono ++ esatti-incorretti.

Firma.....

++ Cross out one of these () Prefetto ()

Date.....

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

DPR/10/RW

Tel. 489081 Ext. 239

20 September 1945

SUBJECT : Libyan refugees in Italy.

SEP 21 1945

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Palazzo CHIGI, Rome.N/R
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1. With reference to your memorandum 6/2906/1335 dated 25 August 1945.

2. The information that you have received from several quarters that the Allied Authorities are transferring groups of Italians, whose residence was in Libya prior to the war, to Southern Italy is inexact.

3. The fact remains that many refugees from Tripolitania at present in Northern Italy are registering themselves as Sicilians in order to obtain train facilities to travel South. It is only on arrival in Southern Italy that they declare their pre-war residence as being TRIPOLITANIA.

4. The attention of the Ministero Post Bellicum has been drawn to this practice on many occasions with-out any apparent practical results.

For the Director,

G. Hartman
G. HARTMAN
Major,
Repatriation Officer.

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Copy to : Office of the Executive Commissioner.

See M⁹¹ + 95

(P. H. KENSLEY)

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Ref: 2202/89/EO.

Tel: 735

27 August 45.

SUBJECT: Libyan Refugees in Italy.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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With reference to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs Memorandum 6/2906/1335 dated 23 August 45 on the above subject, the Executive Commissioner wishes to know if it can be ascertained if there is any truth in the allegations made.

R. W. KENSLEY M.A. R.A.
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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Noted

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See Section 134

No further action
only if necessary
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DUPLICATE

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AUG 23 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Libyan refugees in Italy.

1. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to inform the Allied Commission that, according to information which has been recently received from several quarters, local Allied Authorities are transferring groups of Libyan refugees to Southern Italy, assuring them that they will be able to sail for Libya, in the very near future.

2. This practice has been the source of serious incidents and disorders as, for instance, those which took place on the arrival in Sicily of some of said refugees, and were reported by the "Alto Commissario" in PALERMO.

3. In this connection it would be greatly appreciated if the Allied Commission would kindly inform whether new measures have been taken regarding the Libyan refugees in Italy. If this is not the case, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be grateful if the local Allied Authorities concerned could be instructed to discontinue the transfer of Libyan refugees from one place to another.

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Rome, August 23rd, 1945.

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Rome, August 23rd, 1945.

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(ORIGINAL PASSED TO CIA Sec)
(FOR ACTION - 25 AUG 45)

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FOR ACTION PLEMONTE REGION FOR BAKER GROUP DISPER

AUG 14 1945

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11 August 1945

ROUTINE

UNCLASSIFIED PD

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SUBJECT IS ETHIOPIAN PRINCES PD

PAPER TO FOR ACTION PLEMONTE REGION FOR BAKER GROUP DISPER FROM ALXOM CITE ACHER
PAPER

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR EASY HAN QUEEN SLANT DOG PETER SLANT BAKER UNDATED PD
SILASHI HAS VISITED HARTMAN IN ROME PD HAVE REFERRED CASE BY SIGNAL WITH STRONG
RECOMMENDATION TO ETHIOPIAN MINISTER CAIRO THROUGH MIDWEST CHANGOSIS PD SILASHI
HAS RETURNED MILAN AND INSTRUCTED TO REPORT BACK THIS OFFICE BY ONE SIX AUGUST PD
MEANTIME SIEMONDI SHOULD ACCOMPANY PRINCES TO ROME BY AIR AS PREVIOUSLY INSTRUCTED

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FOR ACTION MIDEAST

AUG 14 1945

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10 August 1945

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

SUBJECT IS REPATRIATION MINOR GRANDCHILDREN EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION MIDEAST FROM ALCOM CITE ACER PAREN

PARA ONE PD FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS PD PROPOSE SENDING PRINCES BY AIR TO CAIRO SOME TIME
 WEEK ENDING ONE NINE AUGUST PD PROPOSE THEY BE ACCOMPANIED BY SILASHI GABRE GHIORGHIS
 CMA. NURPHY OF BLATTA GHETTA WOLDE MARIAM CMA AGED TWO THREE CMA. PD SILASHI WAS
 A CADET AT HOLITTA MILITARY ACADEMY AT ADDIS ABABA AND BROUGHT TO ITALY AFTER ARMISTICE
 ON GRAZIANIS LINE IN ONE NINE THREE SEVEN PD HAS BEEN UP TO ARMISTICE WITH PATRIOTS
 IN NORTH ITALY PD REQUEST CASE BE PUT TO ETHIOPIAN MINISTER AS WELL AS UNDERTAKING
 FOR EXPENSES PD SIGNALLED REPLY EARLIEST APPROPRIATE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

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4 August 1945

SUBJECT : Travel from Italy to Egypt.
GALASSI Ferida.

AUG 6 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner. ✓

1. I have ascertained that AFHQ, G-5 Section, is prepared to authorize the above named to travel aboard an Italian warship from Italy to Egypt.
2. The authorization will be issued shortly. Meanwhile, AFHQ asks for information as to the date the warship will leave Italy and reach Egypt.
3. The required information will be obtained from Navy Sub-Commission.
4. Mrs. Galassi will be informed immediately the authorization is received from AFHQ.

W. C. Ballance May

WCB/ae

★ JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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(NOTE: EX COVERING IN PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED)

Have spoken to Mrs. Galassi
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See M. 82

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JUL 5 1945

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Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

Subject : Repatriation of Italians in Eritrea.

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4. As regards the request for the return of Italian refugees to Libya such a movement would, in the view of the British Government, seriously prejudice the future of that territory and is inadmissible. Further, on economic and practical grounds alone, such a mass incursion would be highly embarrassing to the military administration of Tripolitania. In the view of the British Foreign Office, the Allied Commission should therefore simply temporise so far as is possible but that, when it becomes necessary to reply to the Italian authorities, the request should be rejected by reference to practical and economic difficulties. I have the impression that your office has already sent a communication in that sense to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In the meantime the Italian Representative in London has raised this question with the Foreign Office and he is being informed that the matter is one for consideration by the Allied Commission, but that the British Government consider that the practical difficulties which the return of these refugees to Libya would cause preclude all consideration of the matter, at least for the time-being.

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/s/ A.S. HALFORD

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Asst. Political Advisor (BR)

ORIGINAL OF ABOVE ON FILE 2213/EC

Below is extracted from Minute Sheet
of same file.

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Note: Spoke with Mr. Halford re 31.

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8 June 1945

JUN 9 1945

SUBJECT: Movement to Brazil of Italian Husbands of
Brazilian Nationals

TO : G-5, AFHQ
(Attention: Major MacNamara)

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Reference telephone conversation MacNamara-Stearns
at 1700 hours, 8 June 45.

1. Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of
a letter received by the Chief Commissioner from the Brazilian
Ambassador, Pedro de Moraes Barros.

2. It is understood that the personnel in question have
been all approved by the Brazilian Embassy and accordingly have
visas; further, their movement will be made via Brazilian
shipping.

For the Chief Commissioner:

L. W. Stearns

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

1 Incl:
as above

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cc: Exec. Commr.
CC
C. A. Sec (4)

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(Not Acknowledged)

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7 June 1945

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your kind letter of 31 May inquiring as to the policy in regard to movement to Brazil of Italian husbands of Brazilian nationals.

The Chief Commissioner has referred this matter directly to AFHQ for a policy ruling. As soon as this information is received it will be passed on directly to you.

Yours very truly,

L. W. Stearns

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

His Excellency Pedro de Moraes Barros
The Brazilian Ambassador
Brazilian Embassy
Piazza Navona #14
Rome

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EMBAIXADA DO BRASIL

Rome, May 31st., 1945

No. 46

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

My Dear Admiral,

With reference to our conversation of yesterday afternoon, I would very much appreciate if you could inform this Embassy as to whether Italian citizens, husbands of Brazilian wives and bearers of Brazilian visas, will be allowed, by Allied Military Authorities, to leave Italy for Brazil, provided there is Brazilian shipping available.

2. I understand that there will be some Brazilian ships arriving soon and suppose that my compatriots' Italian husbands will be able to accompany their wives to Brazil, now that the war in Europe is over and military security reasons have ceased.

Thanking you for your kind attention in this matter,

I am

My dear Admiral

Yours sincerely

PEIRO DE MOURAES BARROS
Brazilian Ambassador.

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

DFP/10-7/RW.

Tel 489081 Extn. 239

14 May 45

SUBJECT: Repatriation - ERITREA.

TO: Ministero degli Affari Esteri
Palazzo Chigi, Piazza Colonna,
ROME.

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1. Your letter 6/1-2/460 regarding the repatriation of Signor Guglielmo Marino VESCI has been passed to this Headquarters.
2. It is regretted that at present it is not possible to grant permission for Signor VESCI to return to ERITREA.

for the Director:

(Signed) G. HARTMAN,
Major,
Repatriation Officer.

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Tel: 735

2 May 1945.

Ref: 2202/74/100.

SUBJECT: Repatriation to ERIITREA.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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Attached hereto is letter from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs dated 12 April 1945, No. 6/1024/460, making a request for the return to ERIITREA of Signor Guglielmo Marino VESCOI. In view of the delay which has occurred in the transmission of this letter will you please give it your immediate attention.

Esh Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

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Copy to: Marchese Cittadini-Cosi.

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[Signature]

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

6/1024/460

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT : Signor Guglielmo Marino VESCI -- Return to Asmara (Eritrea)

1. Signor Guglielmo Marino VESCI (Rome, Via Messina n. 25), an Italian Lawyer established for the past several years in Asmara (Eritrea) as a Notary Public, was, surprised in Italy, in 1940 by the declaration of war and has not been able, since to receive information about his interests there.
2. Signor VESCI would like, now, to return to Asmara in order also to resume his practice as head of the Public Notary's Office which he left in good working condition.
3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would much appreciate if the Allied Commission could examine the case of Signor VESCI with benevolent consideration, and await a kind reply on the matter at their earliest convenience.

Rome, April 12th, 1945

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19 April 1945

APR 19 REC'D

My dear Dr. De Gasperi:

I have given close attention to your letter Reg. Pol. No. 233 dated 15 March 1945 and have obtained the views of the competent Allied authorities on the plea you make for reconsideration of the repatriation of Italian subjects to LIBYA.

The political aspects of the situation will be plain to you and you will realize that they are not capable of a solution until after a cessation of the present conflict.

However, another important factor to which I must draw your attention is the economic condition of Libya. I have recently been advised by the Military Administration in Libya that existing conditions there are such that any large scale increase in the non-native population could not be supported. Unless extensive aid in the form of new and unexpected development works is forthcoming, a sharp rise in unemployment is to be immediately anticipated. It should be realized that the former economic activities of those Italian subjects whom it is now desired to return to the country were dependent on pre-war conditions which no longer exist. It is by no means clear that the plight of these people would be in any way improved by their return to Libya.

I very much regret that the utmost the Allied authorities can concede at the present time is the return to Libya of those Italian families where the "breadwinners" are actually residing in Libya, as set forth in letter P/34 dated 26 February 1945, addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a copy of which is attached.

Sincerely yours,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Aloide DE GASPERI
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
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Copy to : Political Advisers (A) and (B)
Executive Commissioner
A/President

US and Br. Ambassadors
AFHQ G-5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref: P/364

26th February 1945

The Political Section of the Allied Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and with reference to their memorandum No. 236/110 of the 20th January has the honour to inform them that the appropriate military authorities in the Middle East have confirmed that they have agreed to the return to Libya of a small number of Greeks and Maltese nationals who had established residence there but were evacuated by the Italian authorities when the latter were in control of that territory. It is in pursuance of this policy that action has been taken to arrange the repatriation of these persons from Italy to Libya. This question is in no way connected with the problem of the return of Italian subjects to North Africa. As already stated in the Political Section's memorandum No. P/242 of 18th February 1945, the return of Italian families to Tripolitania can only at present be considered if the breadwinner of a family is already resident in Tripolitania.

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The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Palazzo Chigi,
ROME.

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Translation

State Department
Reg. Pol. n. 233

Rome, 15 March 1945

MAR 18 1945

Dear Admiral,

a long time ago, the State Department drew the attention of the Allied Authorities on the serious situation in which thousands of refugees from Libya find themselves in Italy. You will have witnessed a huge exchange of letters on this subject, and by now, you will know all the reasons for repatriating these refugees without delay. There is therefore no need for me to go into the question. I only wish to draw your particular attention on two recent notes from the Allied Commission: n. P/242 of February 18th, and n. P/344 of February 26th.

In the first one, the Allied Commission, ending a long correspondence, stated that the return to Libya of all the refugees was impossible, and only accepted to take in consideration some specific cases relative to persons who 'live in precarious conditions in Italy, and have in Tripolitania some body, economically independent, able to support them'.

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I cannot conceal from you, my dear Admiral, the fact that these regulations are a cause of deep regret for us, for we cannot help considering, if you allow me to say so, that they are unjust.

The first note mentions persons 'who are living in precarious conditions in Italy'. You know better than I do the living conditions of these unfortunate families taken away years ago from their houses and in most cases from the only centre of their economic activity. If you could personally witness the misery of thousands of these unfortunate people, you would realize that it is impossible for us to 'limit ourselves to specific cases' and to establish a priority in their distress.

The fact that for returning to Libya priority was given to Greek and Maltese subjects rather than to our own settlers, whose hard work made the Libyan wilderness bloom, cannot but be felt by all Italians, and not only by those whom it concerns directly, as a grave regulation deliberately directed against them.

The above mentioned note P/242 of February 18th, referring to the repatriation of our refugees, states that their possible return is 'limited to specific cases and cannot be extended to the point of including large-scale immigration'. As it has been made clear since our first requests, this is not a case of immigrants, but of refugees, i.e. persons whom the war removed from their usual place of residence. It is one of the many cases of 'displaced persons' and certainly not one of the least pitiful. We therefore do not understand why they should be treated differently from the million of refugees scattered all over Europe, and whom the various Governments are trying to repatriate with unanimous solicitude.

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Then there is also the problem of the children who had been given hospitality in Italian colleges before the war, who have been separated from their people for over five years, who are now temporarily accommodated, for the schools which were housing them have been requisitioned by allied troops, and who should all be repatriated.

Admiral Ellery Stone

Chief Commissioner

Allied Commission - Rome

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I also want to point out that from the practical point of view, it seems more adequate and also easier to organize repatriation by groups rather than by single cases.

I wanted to draw your personal attention on all this complex problem, my dear Admiral, so that, stressing the human aspect of the question, you may intervene with the military authorities, asking them to interpret broadly and understandingly the order to transfer part of these refugees to Tripolitania.

S. De Gasperi

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26 February 1945

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I attach a copy of a memorandum on the subject from the Political Section of the Allied Commission showing the status of the affair and suggesting the action which Signora Rosso might now take.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CG

Miss Sandra Masproni
Secretary to the Hon. M. C. Taylor
2, Via Boncompagni
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Political Section
APO 394

Ref: P/505/EO

24 February 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Commissioner

1. Reference your Memorandum dated 23 February 1945 on the subject of the travel to the United States of Signora Rosso.
2. On September 4, 1944 the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs addressed a memorandum to Political Section requesting travel facilities to the United States for Signora Frances Rosso, wife of the former Italian Ambassador to Washington. This request was refused by Public Safety Sub-Commission on September 27th on the ground that the travel involved would not be of direct benefit to the war effort. The Ministry was informed of this decision and nothing further has been heard regarding the desire of Signora Rosso to proceed to the United States.

3. Should Signora Rosso still entertain the desire to proceed to the United States it is suggested that a request for Military Travel Authorization and travel facilities again be made through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs inasmuch as Signora Rosso is married to an Italian diplomat and hence undoubtedly now is of Italian nationality. She will require an Italian passport upon which she must have placed a visa good for the United States which the Embassy can issue after having received the approval of the Department of State.

4. There is a precedent for travel such as that of Signora Rosso in that only recently AFHQ approved the travel of Signora Casardi, former American citizen, married to an Italian diplomat. In this case, however, the stipulation was made that the authority for travel covered one trip only, i.e. that Signora Casardi was to be repatriated to the United States for permanent residence.

/s/ W. W. Schott
/t/ WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

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23 February 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. W. W. Schott.

FEB 25 1945

What is the status of the application for repatriation of Signora ROSSO, wife of the former Ambassador to Washington, who is an American citizen?

Ambassador Taylor called this morning to say that the matter had been taken up with the Rome Area Allied Command and with this Commission but nothing has occurred in two months.

He referred to the fact that Margaret Roosevelt PALLAVICINI is being repatriated by ship in a few weeks and it would be appreciated if Signora Rosso could be repatriated on the same vessel.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEAY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Ex. Commr. ✓

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Reply received on the
instrs of Capt Gordon
passed to CC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2202/61/EC

22 February 1945

As I expect you know, Madame Friden GALASSI called to see me at the beginning of the month and since that time I have been making enquiries from the various interested authorities to see what obstacles, if any, ~~that~~ there may be to her return to Egypt.

From our point of view I am glad to say there are none, and I would advise her in the first place to initiate formalities towards obtaining a visa for Egypt with the Visa Department, British Embassy, ROSE. It is a process which is likely to take some time and there will no doubt be difficulties to be overcome by Madame Galassi, but if she feels that the Commission can be of further assistance to her then I suggest that she gets in touch with the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission at this Headquarters.

As I do not appear to have Madame Galassi's address will you be kind enough to convey the contents of this letter to her.

M. S. LUSH

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Mrs. Audrey Theron,
C/o General Officer Administration,
Union Defence Force,
R O M E.

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P. O. M. R.

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

REF. : SD/378.07

19 February 1945

FEB 20 1945

SUBJECT : GALASSI, Friden

TO : Executive Commissioner, HQ. ALCOM.

I. Reference your 2202/53/CO3 dated 6 February 1945, enquiries have been made at P.S. Sections, C.I.C., S.C.I. "Z", and S.C.I. Units and no trace on a/m has been found on their records.

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C. Hayes
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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19 February 1945

FEB 20 1945

TO: Major Hartman, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Hq A.C.

Attached is the letter which I have received from the Chinese Minister to the Vatican about which I spoke to you on the telephone.

15/ J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to, CC

1 Incl:
Ltr fr Chinese Minister
dtd 16 Feb 45 "Repatriation of
Chinese Priests to China"

cc: Ex. Com. ✓
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Ltr fr Chinese Minister

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"Representation of Chinese Priests to China"

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Ref: 1/242

18 February 1945

FEB 19 1945

The Political Section of the Allied Commission presents its compliments to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, with reference to their memorandum no. 6/371/10 of the 5th February and previous correspondence regarding the return of Italian subjects to Libya, has the honor to state that the appropriate military authorities cannot for the present agree to the Italian Government's proposal that approximately 12,000 Italian subjects should be permitted to return to North Africa.

It has, however, been agreed in principle by the appropriate Allied Authorities that some dependents in Italy, such as children of "breadwinners" in Tripolitania, may be allowed to return to that territory in cases where it can be shown that they are living in circumstances of hardship in Italy and that the "breadwinner" in Tripolitania will be able to maintain them. The Political Section must, however, emphasize that this scheme is limited to specific cases and cannot be extended to cover the large-scale immigration apparently visualized in the Ministry's memorandum under reference.

Major A. J. STEWART

10: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Copies to: C-5 Section, AFHQ
 British Embassy
 U. S. Embassy
 Civil Affairs Section, A.C.
 Executive Commissioner, A.C. ✓

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM
Political Section

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SUBJECT: Madame Friden Galassi

FILE No. P/505/GA

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner

17 February 1945

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FEB 18 1945

1. Your letter No. 2202/53/GCS of February 6th.
2. The Political Section sees no objection to the course proposed in para 2 of your letter under reference.

A. Stewer
Vice President, Political Section

Copies to: Displaced Persons and
Repatriation Sub-Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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

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DFR/11-2/RW

Tel. 478301

15 February 1945

FEB 16 1945

SUBJECT : Return to Egypt - Madame F. GALASSI

TO : Chief of Staff,
Allied Commission.

1. Reference your 2202/53/COS dated 6 February 1945.
2. Madame GALASSI should first of all initiate formalities for obtaining a visa for Egypt with the Visa Department, British Embassy, Rome.
3. However, it is pointed out that the Egyptian Authorities are very reluctant to grant entry visas for Egypt to those, who, in some way or another, have been away from that country since the outbreak of war. The fact that Madame GALASSI's husband was a leading light in Fascist circles in CAIRO would certainly not help her case, and it is very probable that an eventual application for M.T.A. would also be turned down by A.F.H.Q.

For the Director:

G. Hartman
G. HARTMAN
Major
Repatriation Officer.
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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Madame Friden GALASSI.

FILE NO. 2202/COS

TO : Displaced Persons S/C
Public Safety S/C

16 Feb. 1945

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Reference letter by Office of Chief of Staff
2202/53/COS of 6 Feb. 45. May your views now be forwarded.

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R.E. CHIEPS Col
CSO CA Section

Copy to: Chief of Staff.

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Ref: GOR/4

GENERAL OFFICER ADMINISTRATION,
U.D.F. ADM. H.Q. (MAIN)
C.M.F.

4 Feb 45

My dear Lush,

FEB 7 1945

Thank you for your letter of the 29th January. We have heard nothing further from Mrs. Rathfelder regarding her daughter in reply to a letter my office wrote her after receipt of your letter of the 16th November, and I am writing to her again to ask her whether she wishes to pursue the matter, and if so that steps to gain permission for her daughter to enter South Africa should be initiated at her end. If and when I hear from her I shall write to you again.

Thank you very much for the trouble which you and the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission have taken in the matter.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Mearns.

SEEN BY COS

Brigadier Maurice Lush, C.B. M.C.
HQ Allied Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 2202/51/008.

6 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Madame Friden GALASSI.

TO : Political Section.
Displaced Persons S/C } through
Public Safety S/C } CA Sec.

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1. The subject of the attached letter is the French wife of the late editor of the "Giornale Orientale" published in CAIRO. This paper was Fascist in outlook and the editor left Egypt at the outbreak of war with the Italian diplomats. Since then Madame GALASSI's father has died in Egypt and she is most anxious to get back to her mother. She is perfectly open about her husband but, rather naturally, says he is not really Fascist and merely edited the paper in order to earn his living.

2. It occurred to me that if she is a proper person, and if her mother, Madame FOUCART, Address: Marchantelli House, 16, Sharia Wilson, Cairo, is also an acceptable person, it might be possible to get her away in charge of a party of displaced persons if no other procedure can be found.

3. Will:

- (a) Public Safety S/C screen her;
- (b) Political Section give their views;
- (c) Displaced Persons S/C give their views.

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M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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UNION OF
SOUTH AFRICA 53A



27th January,
1945.

General Officer Administration
Union Defence Force
Middle East DIST.

FEB 7 1945

Dear Maurice,

This will introduce to you Madame
Erica GALASSI, who lives in Rome with her
husband. Her mother, who is a friend of
mine too, is Mrs. FOUCAULT, a Frenchwoman,
living in Cairo. Mrs. Galassi's father
died in Egypt during this war, and she is an
only child. Her widowed mother is very
anxious indeed that her daughter might be
allowed to proceed to Cairo, both to be with
her and to deal with certain financial matters
which are outstanding.

I know there is the question of the
entry permit, as far as the Egyptian ^{Govt} is con-
cerned; but I should imagine this would be
overcome fairly easily by Mrs. Foucault,
who is well known in Cairo, and her daughter
used to be a resident there.

Anything you could give to Mrs. F.
Galassi in the way of advice or assistance
would be immensely appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

André Thérèse

André Thérèse, C.B.,
A.C. Agas, ROME.

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Sigra Fonda y Fonda
 V. Flaminia 129
 Tel: 33083

Mr. Foucault

Manhattan House
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 General Director
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Ref: 232/-/001.

3 February 1945.

FEB 7 1945

To: M.A.T.S.,
Tripoli.

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The bearer of this letter is Lt. Col. G.H. GIBSON, First Secretary
to the Chief Administrator, Tripolitania.

He has been allotted a No. 3 priority to return to Tripoli by air.
I would be most grateful if you could arrange a higher priority than this,
as his return to Tripolitania is very urgently required.

E. I. ALLOE
Col. F. C. H. H.
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Ex/act of Minutes Chief of Staff's Meeting held 2nd February 1945.

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Repatriation. CA Sec reported that Lt. Col. Cornley, First Secretary, Tripolitania had been negotiating with Disper for a minor repatriation scheme on a reciprocal basis, which would involve repatriation to and from Tripoli. CA Sec asked if AC could approve this in principle subject to concurrence of G-5 AFHQ. It was not desirable that it should be handled by the Italian authorities and COS agreed provided it did not throw too heavy a burden on AC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Adj: 300.4

1 February 1945

SUBJECT: Travel Orders

FEB 2 1945

TO : All Concerned

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1. Lt Col C. H. CORMELEY, 230139 Hampshire Regiment, (B) British Military Administration Tripolitania, having completed his temporary duty with the Allied Commission, will return to proper station, Tripoli, Libya, on or about 4 February 1945.

2. Travel by military aircraft and/or any other available transport is authorized.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

Nicholas Piombino
NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

PA [initials]

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Ref. 2202/49/GOS.

Tel. 478201

29 January 1945

With reference to the case of Signora Adine Viotti and children, and my letter 2202/12/GOS of 16 Nov 44, Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission have reported to me as follows:

"G-2 (C.I.) Section, A.F.H.Q. are prepared to issue Military Travel Authorisations in respect of the above mentioned upon assurance that they are in possession of:-

- (a) a British passport.
- (b) Egyptian transit visas.
- (c) Permission to enter the Union of South Africa.

Signora Viotti is only in possession of an Italian passport. It is suggested that the Visa Department, British Embassy, be contacted by the U.D.F. General Officer from whom the original D.O. letter to Brigadier Lush emanated, with a view to his facilitating a speedy solution to the required formalities. As matters stand, it might be necessary for a British passport to be issued in the Union, or by the British Consul in Rome on authority from the Union."

I hope that you will be able to obtain the required passport from the British Embassy and that Signora Viotti will be repatriated without much further delay.

M. S. LUSH

Major-General F. Theron, OBE, MC
U.D.F. Adm HQ (Main)
C. M. F.

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see Minute 50

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

Tel. 478301

DPR/10-23/RW

26 January, 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation - South African Nationals.

TO: Office of the Chief of Staff, A.C.

Mrs. Adine VIOTTI and Children.

1. Reference your memorandum No. 2202/4/CCS dated 6 October, 1944, and further to this Headquarters letter DPR/10-23/RW dated 14 November, 1944.

2. G-2 (C.I.) Section, A.F.H.Q. are prepared to issue Military Travel Authorisations in respect of the above mentioned upon assurance that they are in possession of:-

- (a) a British passport.
- (b) Egyptian transit visas.
- (c) Permission to enter the Union of South Africa.

3. Mrs. VIOTTI is only in possession of an Italian passport. It is suggested that the Visa Department, British Embassy, be contacted by the U.D.F. General Officer from whom the original D.O. letter to Brigadier LUSH emanated, with a view to his facilitating a speedy solution to the required formalities. As matters stand, it might be necessary for a British passport to be issued in the Union, or by the British Consul in ROME on authority from the Union.

For the Director.

G. Hartman
G. HARTMAN,
Major,
Repatriation Officer.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: BEAT/1037
Date/Time of Origin: JAN 161300

Message Centre No: C/8213
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 170945
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: BEAT TRIP AREA
TO: HQ ALLIED COMMISSION FOR BRIG IESH

JAN 17 1945

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GORMLEY due arrive NAPLES 19th January grateful arrangement onward transport.

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Message Centre
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change ACTION as follows

ACTION - DPR up DCA/10/11/11
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Ref: DFR/10/87.

6 January 1945.

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With reference to your letter 37/3/2 dated 20 December 1944, I am sorry that you have not had a reply to the letter you addressed to the Inter-Governmental Committee for Refugees on 7 Sep 44.

As it is agreed in principle that Italian families shall be united, the broad winner being in TRIPOLITANIA, I suggest the matter is best tackled by your sending us the names and addresses of the children whose repatriation is desired.

There is however one thing that should not be forgotten. Those Fascist youths who left Tripolitania in 1940, in their 'teens, are now young men, and, up to six months ago, were still regimented and drilled in the best 'eight million bayonets' tradition. Those in Rome still wear a sort of uniform and the wall opposite the offices of the "Italians Abroad" Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is one of the only places in the city to boast chalked ruderies about A.M.C. So "Italian Child" will need defining from the security angle.

Cornley's visit to Rome will be very welcome and the whole question will then be thrashed out.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier T. R. Blackley,
Headquarters,
British Military Administration,
TRIPOLITANIA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 735

4 January 1945

Ref. 2202/45/003.

SUBJECT: Repatriation from Italy to Tripolitania.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Attached hereto is D.O. letter from Brig. H.T. Blackley dated 20 Dec 44 with its enclosures.

2. You have already seen this letter on file 2202/003, since when inquiries have been made with the Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees whose letter to this office dated 3 Jan 45 with its two attachments is also sent to you. You will note that the subject was referred on 3 Oct 44 to DP and RSC although there is no indication ~~to take~~ of the action desired.

3. With this information at your disposal, it is requested that a draft D.O. reply to Brig. Blackley's letter of 20 Dec is prepared for submission to the Chief of Staff.

4. It would be appreciated if this could have your immediate attention.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Encl.

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From: Major-General R. G. Lewis, 144
G-4(R), Allied Force Headquarters,
C. M. F.

2 January, 1945.

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My dear Lush

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Many thanks for your letter 2202/38/008 dated 30th December regarding the repatriation of Mrs. Walters and her son.

I am very glad to know that everything is fixed up, and am extremely grateful to you for all the trouble you have been to.

Thank you very much indeed.

Yr
Dick Lewis.

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Brigadier M. B. Lush, CBE, MC,
Chief of Staff,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

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Tel: 478733

DMR/10-7/RW

1 Jan 45.

JAN - 3 1945

Dear

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Thank you for your 37/2 dated 22 December 1944.

I have passed the case of the ZUCCARELLA children to our Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

The children will be contacted through Sicily Regional Headquarters, and will be sent to a Reception Centre for Allied Nationals near Naples.

Their inclusion in the next draft of refugees for Tripoli will be attempted, though it is not certain whether they will arrive at the Reception Centre in time for the next departure. As you know, we are hoping to send you a mixed draft of Greeks and Maltese about the 15th of January. All relevant data should have reached you by now and I hope your approval will be expedited.

M. S. LUSH

To: Lt. Colonel Charles GORMLEY,
Chief Secretary,
HQ, British Military Administration,
TRIPOLITANIA.

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Ref: 2202/38/003

30 December 1944.

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In reply to your letter of 21 Dec 44 I am glad to be able to tell you that progress is being made with the repatriation of Mrs. Walters and her son, complying with formalities being the cause of the delay.

M.T.A's for the U.K. have been obtained and there remains only the booking of a sea passage. Capt. Walters is at present in Florence and it is hoped to move his family when he returns to Rome early in the New Year.

*James H. Smith
(Lg) R. S. Smith*

Major-General R. G. Lewis,
C-4(B),
Allied Force Headquarters,
C. M. F.

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Ref: 2202/7COS.

27 December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Repatriation to TRIPOLITANIA.

TO : DOOS, Civil Affairs Section.

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The attached copy of DO letter received by Chief of Staff from HQ. BMA regarding the repatriation to Tripolitania of the son and niece of Sig. ZUCCARIELLO is forwarded for necessary action. Will you please submit a reply for signature by the Chief of Staff as soon as possible.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Headquarters,
Brit. Mil. Adm.
Tripolitania.

37/11/2.
22 Dec 44.

27 DEC 1944

Dear Brigadier Lush,

see file 33

I will be grateful if you will be so kind as to consider what can be done to repatriate the only surviving child and niece of Sig. ZUCCARELLO, an Italian podesta, who has given the Administration loyal service in Western Province since our occupation of Tripolitania. You may perhaps remember the man personally.

Some time ago Sig. Zuccarello received news that his wife and three of his children had been killed in the Italian campaign and he is much concerned about the fate of his small son.

He has therefore asked that

- (a) NICOLO MARIO FRANCESCO aged 10 his son, and
- (b) FELICE GENOVEFFA his niece, both of No. 60 REGALBUTO, PROVINCIA ENNA, SICILY,

be repatriated to Tripolitania.

Sig. Zucarello himself is now serving as Podesta at Zuara. I think that this is a specially compassionate case and any help you can give in this matter will be much appreciated.

With apologies for troubling you personally with this.

Yours sincerely

Charles Gornley
CHARLES GORNLEY

Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
H.Q., Allied Commission, C.M.S.

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From: Major-General R. S. Lewis,
G-4(B), Allied Force Headquarters,
C. M. F.

27

21 December, 1944.

23 DEC 1944

My dear Lush

Reference your D.C. letter 2202/14/303 dated
17th November, regarding the repatriation of Mrs. Walters
and her son.

Would you please let me know how the matter now
stands? I hope it is not causing you too much bother.

Yc

Rich Lush

see minutes
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Brigadier M. S. Lush, CBE, MD,
Chief of Staff,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

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ROUTINE

From: BEMA TRIPOLI AREA FROM GORNEY
To: HQ AG FOR BRIGADIER LUSH

7 DEC 1944

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Your DPH/10-3/R# of 23 November. Agree repatriation ORHAN KARAMAN provided he understands no grant available here and no guarantee of employment.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

TEL : 478733

Ref DMR/10-3/RH

28 November 1944

30 NOV 8-44

Parrot to Office
as per 8

Dear

Since receiving your 27/D/4 of 8th November 1944, Okran KARAMANLI has been interviewed by the Repatriation Officer, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, and has reiterated his desire to be repatriated to TRIPOLITANIA.

Okran KARAMANLI is a youth of twenty, and a student at ROME University. He is receiving a subsidy of one thousand lire a month plus free food and lodging at the Rome University Student's hostel from the Italian Government. He considers this quite insufficient and would like to return to his mother in TRIPOLI even though such action on his part would entail his having to renounce any form of grant, be it British or Italian.

Prince Souleiman KARAMANLI has had his monthly grant from the Italian Government raised to 35,000 lire. He is still reluctant to renounce such magnificence, and has not, as yet, decided to change his present allegiance. Young Okran seems embittered by the fact that he is not helped in any way by his cousin.

I would be very grateful if you would give your early approval for Okran KARAMANLI's return to TRIPOLI as his case has been in abeyance since early October of this year.

Signed M. S. L. [unclear]

Lt Col Charles GORTON,
Chief Secretary,
HQ British Military Administration,
TRIPOLITANIA.

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From:- Major-General R. G. Lewis,
G-4, Allied Force Headquarters,
C. M. F.

22 November, 1944.

My dear Lush

Thank you for your D.O. letter 2202/14/COS dated 17th November, and for your trouble in investigating the question of repatriation of Mrs. Walters and her son. Anything you can do in this connection will be very greatly appreciated both by Capt. Walters' relatives and by myself.

Many thanks.

Yours truly
Dick Lewis

P.S. I can say Chuck wd bring my
stick back for me Sat: next.

Brigadier M. S. Lush, CBE, MC,
Chief of Staff,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 289

Ref: 2202/19/003

24 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Repatriation.

TO : Mr. Albert Liurni,
C/o Message Center, Allied Commission.

1. In reply to your letter requesting repatriation to the USA.
2. It is presumed from your letter that you have registered your application at the American Consulate in ROME.
3. This is the correct procedure. The Consulate will have referred your application to WASHINGTON and it is a case of now waiting a reply from WASHINGTON, which will be communicated to you by the Consulate.

Major L. W. STEARNS

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Commodore Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission - Rome -

The undersigned ALBERT LIURNI, American citizen, came to Italy in 1940 before the beginning of the war when he was 11 years old, to accompany his mother who was in need of cures.

He has remained separated from his father who lives in New York for a period of time longer than he forsook.

In order to help his mother's position, he is now employed as a messenger at the Allied Commission.

The writer, desirous to join his father, whom he has not seen for four years, asks to obtain his repatriation; also to avoid further interruption of his studies.

55 | The American Consulate in Rome is missing of dispositions for the repatriation of the citizens.

Is it possible to have a passage on one of the many ships which go back even as a worker?

Your respectfully,

Albert Liurni
Message Center A.C.C.

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

Repatriation from Italy.

2202/15/COS.

17 November, 1944.

DOOS CA Section.

1. I attach copy of 13 letter dated 13 Nov which I have received from General Lewis at AFHQ. Will you please have enquiries made about this case and let me have your recommendations.

2. I have acknowledged General Lewis' letter and told him that I will let him know what action will be taken.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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PERSONAL.

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Ref: 2202/14/COS.

17th November, 1944.

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Thank you for your letter of 15th November regarding
the repatriation of Mrs. Walters and her son.

I am having enquiries made about this case and will
let you know what can be done to help.

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M. S. LUSH

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Major-General R.G. Lewis,
D.Q.M.G., G(4) British,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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From:- Major-General R. G. Lewis,
G-4(E) Allied Force Headquarters,
C. M. P.

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To be opened by officer
answering if addressee
absent.

13 November, 1944.

My dear Lush

I wonder if you can help me in a personal matter.

It concerns a Capt. D. O. Walters, who, before being commissioned, was interned in an Italian Concentration Camp with his wife and son. After his liberation Capt. Walters worked with the Property Control, A.M.G. It appears that it costs the family some 30,000 lire a month for bare living expenses in a pension, and at this rate what small accumulation of money Walters has in Italy will soon be exhausted. Also, the boy is 15 and his father is most anxious to send him home for his education.

The last letter received by his relatives in England gave his address as:-

Collegio S. Giuseppe,
Piazza di Spagna,
Rome,

and stated that he was "working with A.M.G. and very busy."
I understand that this letter was written on 30th August.

I would be most grateful if you could have some enquiries made to see if it would be possible to grant some priority for return to U.K. of Mrs. Walters and the boy.

Thank you very much indeed.

Je

Stik Lewis

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Brigadier M. S. Lush, CBE, MC,
Chief of Staff,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

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Ref: 2202/12/COS.16 November 1944.

My dear General:

Further to my letter of 6th October Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission have now investigated the case of Signora ADINE VIOTTI and she is being asked to apply through the Sub Commission's Florence detachment for a Military Travel Authorization to leave ITALY. This can take up to three months, but would be greatly expedited if the South African authorities could be asked to signal to the British Embassy, Rome their approval for her return to the Union. I suggest therefore that her mother contact the South African authorities as soon as possible and ask them to do this.

Signora VIOTTI does not appear to mind when she is repatriated, provided she does not go by air and is allowed to leave before the Allies themselves have left the country - ~~both~~ of which I can guarantee, the first if not the second.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Maurice Lush.

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Major-General F. Thoron, CBE, MC
 U.D.F. Adm HQ (Main)
G. H. F.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPM/10 23/RW

Tel. 478401

14 November 1944.

SUBJECT @ Mrs. ADINE VIOTTI and children.

14 NOV Recd

TO : Office of Chief of Staff,
Allied Commission, HQ.

1. Reference your 2202/4/COS dated 6 Oct. 1944.
2. Copy of a report on the a/w by the B.C.R.S. representative in enclosed.
3. Mrs. VIOTTI is being requested to apply for an M.T.A. through the Florence Detachment, D.P. and R.S.C..

For the Director.

K. C. Brown
K.C. BROWN, Capt
Major,
O. i/c ADM.

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COPY

REF: 29 ADW/P/F
29 Armd Div Workshop (V) TSC
UDF CMF
Sep 44. (10)AA & JMG
Rear HQ 6 SA Armd Div.Subject: Signora VIOTTE

- 1) This letter is an effort to speed up any identification procedure to enable

Signora ADINE VIOTTE

to obtain a passport and passage to the Union of South Africa as soon as possible.

- 2) Signora VIOTTE, whose photograph dated May 1930 is attached, was born and grew up in the Cape, Union of South Africa. She is the daughter of OTTO RATHFELDER, a Union National, very well known at Constantia Cape Peninsula where he resides.
- 3) I have known ADINE VIOTTE personally since her childhood. She married Sig. VIOTTE, the Italian Consul for South Africa in the Union, and when his term of Office expired, she accompanied to him to live in Florence.
- 4) Sig. VIOTTE is now deceased, and his wife is entirely alone and destitute. Her only salvation is to return to Union of South Africa, her Native land, where she will have the protection and be cared for by her father.
- 5) It is suggested that if the Certificate hereunder be completed, it should satisfy AMGOT or other Authorities of my identity and my bona fides in the identification of Sig.ra VIOTTE.

(Signed) A.A. CHIAPPINI Major
O.C. 29 Armd. Div Workshop (V) TSC CMF

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the signature of "A.A CHIAPPINI" above is that of Major A.A. Chiappini, Officer Commanding 29 Armd Div Workshop (V) TSC UDF, and that this HQ is satisfied with the identification by Major Chiappini of the said Sig.ra ADINE VIOTTE.

(Signed) 3722 Col.
7 Sep. 44 A & J

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Florence 22 Oct. 44.

TO: Capt. HALLISON

FROM : J. COUPER B.R.C.S.

SUBJECT: Repatriation, Union of South Africa Nationals
Interview with Sig.ra VIOTTI.

I have this morning visited Sig.ra ADINE VIOTTI, 65 Via Masaccio Florence.

Sig.ra ADINE VIOTTI is the daughter of Otto RATHFELDER a Union national and was born at Constantia, Capetown 16/4/1904.

She is the widow of Sig. VIOTTI former Italian Consul in South Africa and has lived in Italy since 1927, returning to South Africa for three months in 1937 and in 1938 (with children). She came back to Italy in 1939 just before the war broke out.

Sig.ra VIOTTI has three children:

Vera Evelyn VIOTTI (born Cape Town	28/3/28)
Frances Maria VIOTTI (Italy	19/2/31)
Giovanni Mario VIOTTI ("	24/2/33)

She left Florence with the children on 22 June 1943 and went to Villa STRICIA, Castagno Florence Province where she stayed until brought back to her home by a South African Workshop Unit.

She holds an out of date Italian passport No. 628/689 on which her three children are entered.

Sig.ra VIOTTI wishes to be repatriated to South Africa, but states that in no circumstances would she consent to return by air. She hopes that a passage could be arranged for February or March 1945 and although she wishes to store her furniture at present, wishes to take with her, household effects such as silver, in addition to her personal baggage.

She also said, that although the exact date of her return was a matter of indifference to her, she felt very strongly that it was essential that she should be allowed to leave before the Allies themselves left the country.

J. COUPER
B.C.R.S. Representative
attached D.P.R.S.C. Florence 3721

Attached : Copy of letter from
O.C. 29th Army Div. Workshop (V) TSC
U.D.F. C.M.F.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 2202/8/COS

14 November 44.

SUBJECT: The KARAMANLI Family.

TO : Civil Affairs Section
(Displaced Persons & Repatriation
Sub-Comm - Capt. Hartman)

1. Attached for your retention is a letter from B.M.A. TRIPOLITANIA, No. 27/D/4 of 2 Nov 44 reference the above. I would be grateful if you would take the necessary action and submit a reply to Tripolitania in D.O. form for Brigadier Lush's signature.

2. You will find attached also previous correspondence concerning the KARAMANLI family. This family was originally handled by R.C. & M.G. Section, but I would be grateful if you would now take care of them as this matter is primarily one of repatriation.

H. M.

see folder 24
for Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff

Incl:
as above

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MS/hjp

Ref: P/242

30 October 1944

Dear General Infante:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 25th October asking whether it would be possible for Italian war refugees to obtain permission to go back to Tripoli. I have looked into this question and fully understand the interest which H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Realm takes in this question. I regret to say, however, that permission cannot be obtained from Allied Authorities at the present time.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
The First Aide de Camp General
of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the
Kingdom
Rome

cc: Political Section
Chief of Staff
"A" Files

Note: P/242 is Political Section file.

3 cheers!!

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73 cheers!!

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 388

2202/6/003.

Political Section.

28 October 4.

Attached copy of translation of letter from General Infante to the Acting Chief Commissioner is forwarded with the request that you reply on his behalf.

(Said) ET

Copy to: Major Quayle.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Translation

The First Ali Camp General
of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom

Obl/S. P.

Rome, 25 October 1944

Dear Admiral Stone,

Following a recent visit of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom to the war refugees, many of this - coming from Libya - asked to be allowed to go back to their farms in the neighbourhood of Tripoli.

H.R.H. takes a great interest in their condition and would like to do something for them.

Do you think it would be possible for these refugees to obtain the permission to go back to Tripoli?

(General Adolfo Infante)

/s/ A. Infante

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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I am directed by the Chief of Staff to enclose herewith copies of correspondence relating to the case of Signora Adine Viotti. I am to add that the Brigadier would be pleased to receive an answer to the points raised as soon as possible.

Major A. J. Stewart

Major,
MA to Chief of Staff.

Capt Hartman has this in hand - sending
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
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Office of the Chief of Staff

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Thank you for your letter GOA/4 of 3rd October. I have asked my Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission to investigate the case of Signora Adine Viotti and to see whether it is possible to get her repatriated to the Union. You will realise, of course, that she is an Italian subject and, therefore, the consent of the Union Government will have to be obtained before she will be allowed to land. All this may take some time but I will let you know as soon as I have a report on the case.

M. S. LUSH

Major-General F. Theron, CBE, MC,
U.D.F. Adm HQ (Main),
C. M. F.

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General Officer Administration,
UDF ADM HQ (MAIN)
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3 October 44.

My dear Maurice,

The enclosed copy of a letter from Mrs. Bathfelder, near Cape Town, regarding her daughter explains itself. I have discussed this case with Eversed Poole who has seen the daughter and considers it would be real charity to return this family to South Africa; I do not know how to set about it, will you please be so good as to give me advice?

Carrol Overard referred to in the letter is the wife of Tony Morse's secretary; I saw Morse when I was in Naples and he told me they had got money through to Signora Viotti.

I may add that of course it is out of the question sending this family down by military aircraft, but if we could get them evacuated to Egypt, perhaps E.C.A.C. or steamship arrangements could be made.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Meyer

Brigadier W. Lush,
Allied Control Commission,
ROME.

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Belle Ombre
 Constantia,
 Cape Town.
 7/8/44

Dear General Theron,

My niece Carol Overeré has forwarded me your address and I am writing to ask you if there is any possibility of sending my daughter and her three children out by plane. Perhaps Maj-Gen Poole has already approached you as he has been very kind and arranged for my daughter's return to her flat, 35 Via Masaccio, Florence.

They were evacuated to the country where the villa was bombed leaving only one room where Poole found them. Commander Viotti died some years ago and Adine and her children have endured terrible hardships at the hands of the Germans and her losses have been terrific. She naturally longs to come home and my anxiety on their behalf is still very great. I really wish you could meet her. If you can help in this most urgent matter I will be very grateful and know that you will advise her to the best of your ability.

If she cannot find the money I will guarantee its return to anyone able to pay for their passage by air which I consider far safer than by sea.

Wishing you the best of luck in all your undertakings and hoping to meet you on your return.

Yours sincerely,
 Eveline Rathfelder.

Daughter's name is: Signora Adine Viotti.

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