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IGCR
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all 6-1-60

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130 submitted for signature - 123 after col. rep. is
of 16W S/C requested this time.

Ad. 3/12
H.C. 4/12

130

H.Q. Count.

132

DEC 2 1945

Ref 131.

I should like IGCR to be treated as a

Sub Commission & for the Director to know

can assigned. Can this be clear?

Can we span the 2 typewriters?

Please do all you can to help & etc.

I know.

133 (3/11)

Ex Comr

133

4 Dec 45

A website has been

Addressed to Sub Comr

5158

Can we span the 2 typewriters?

Please do all you can to help & let

we know.

Dr (3/11)

Ex Comr

133

4 Dec 45

A substitute has been
Assigned to D & C R. 5:53
A - 4 (B) were to assign
2 typewriters.

Good.

W/3/11

E. W. D. L. L. L.
T. H. L. L. L. L.
O. H. L. L. L. L.

W/3/11

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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H.Q. Comdt.

DEC 2 1945

Ref 131.

I should like IGCR to be treated as a

Sub Commission & for the Director to have a

car assigned. Can this be done?

Can we spare the 2 typewriters?

Please do all you can to help & etc.

We know.

DS (S/X)

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Can we span the 2 typewriters?

Please do all you can to help & let

we know.

WS (3/10)

Ex Comr

133

4 Dec 45

A vehicle has been assigned to S & C R. 5158
4-4 (13) were to assign
2 typewriters

E. W. B. - L. -
T. & C. - L. -
C. & H. - L. -

Good.

WS (3/10)

WS - 4/2



affairs of I.G.C.R. ? Should Ed Hartley's letter be forwarded to AFHQ ? With comments ?
Sory to be so underinformed.

EBB 19/10

127.

Gen. Com.

P. 125 - presumably T-SS are taking the matter up thru channels with AFHQ. However before A.S. takes any action on para. 5 you may first wish to discuss with Col. Tomlinson.

T-SS

19/11

C.S.O.

128.

Col Tomlin spoke to me about this. He would prefer to keep open the home. I should like to have deeper views on it's (a) necessity (b) desirability

17/12/1941

ep

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By min 124. Ed Ryan will be returning 28/29 Nov. BU to CSO 30 Nov.

EBB 26/11

Ex. Com. 113

CSO Attached letter submitted for approval
in action on minute 111

EDS 3/10

TWO - 4/10.

114

CSO.

I think we should give more information to GOR.

We can refer to efforts which we have made to get them some
facilities as WARRA, we can tell them that AFTR considered
sending P 105-106 & we can advise them to telegraph -
the same strain to their own parent body. In the meantime
we can tell them that we are happy to hear them attached
to us & to afford them assistance. On the last point it
should be clearly pointed out that Comand, but
I think etc that they are attached to us & should be
afforded all assistance.

115 (4/1)

118.

C. S. For Comand.

Attached letter submitted for approval on 115:53
was suggested in minute 114

116 6/10

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the same strain to their own parent body. In the meantime
we can tell them that we are happy to have them attached
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should be clearly pointed out that Command, COT,
Dupes etc that they are attached to us & should be
afforded all assistance. MR 4/12

118.

c. 26. For Comm.

Attached letter submitted to approval on 5:55
lines, suggested in 114. 6/10. 115

9 June. MR 8/12

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Chief Commissioner.

Approved

Attached is submitted for your signature
information

P110

Returned

MR 10/12

95.

Telephoned Col. Toulon, explaining
 confusion had arisen owing to ambiguity
 of polyasceology. He then telephoned to
 AFHQ explaining the matter. P.R. 31/8/45.

96.Mem' Russell

Rq 97 I believe you know
 have about the other I do. —
 not difficult because I know
 history at all.

Σ 14/5.

100.

No action pending reply to 99.

P.D.G.R. 15/9102.Ex. Com.

Please see 101. opposite.

P.D.G.R. 15/9.

P/A

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not difficult because I know
history at all.

Σ 14/3.

100.

No action pending reply to 99.

P.D.G.R. 15/9

102.

Ex. Com.

Please see 101. opposite. P.D.G.R. 15/9.

P/A.

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Tell GEC Mr (17/5)

Informed Col. Tomlin by telephone - 15/9 PR

Minute ~~100~~ 105 to 110

Executive Commissioner.

Reference folio 92 and attached correspondence regarding status of I.G.C.R. It will be noted that G-5 after further consideration have decided to withdraw MAT signal. Position now is that I.G.C.R. should be invited to take up with their parent body the question of their administration when Allied Commission ultimately ceases to exist.

TX 392

24 September 1945.

(Hollis)

C.F. POTTERGILL

Lt. Colonel,

Deputy Director.

86.Executive Commissioner.

1. I have had a telephone message from G-5 this afternoon as follows:-

In order to get some ammunition to go to G-4, G-5 approached Mr. Broad and Mr. Offie with the request that they would recommend that IGCER be treated the same as UNRRA. The Political Advisers showed lamentable ignorance (according to G-5) of the importance of this subject, and Mr. Offie is reported to have said that if the Committee is doing a good job he would recommend that IGCER be given the facilities asked for.

2. G-5 suggest that a note from our Political Advisers as to the importance of IGCER might do the trick. Do you think we might ask them for one?

11 August 45.

87

C.S.O.

Yes do so - but I want to get a letter off

quickly on this subject.

W. L. R.

88.

Pol. Ad. (A)

Pol. Ad. (B)

In order to strengthen our efforts to get IGCER put on a similar footing to that of UNRRA, the Executive Committee asks if you could write a letter - as from the Embassy - to A.C. stressing the importance of IGCER.

Also, 69-75A and number 86987 in this file are of

interest.

Re: 69-75A and number 86987 in this file are of interest.

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See do go - but want to get
 quickly on this subject.

DR/ULE

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Also 69 & 78A and number 86 & 87 in this file are of

interest

Re: Kennedy's RA
 148

89.

5.52

Rx. Com.

I must confess I am embarrassed at this request, as I know little about the IGER, except what I learn from this file. After discussion with Major Kennedy, I have written Mr. Brook at Canton giving him the substance of 78D & asking him to give the matter a fair wind in the channels of HQ.

17/10/78

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Report
 Post. M. H. (Br)

I have followed a similar course with respect to Mr. Office at Canton.

W. H. Jones
 Pol. Ad. (Am) Aug 23/45

62.

Chief Commission...

Attached is submitted for your information/approval/signature.

12/10/6

✓

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Ex Com⁴

Please See 75.

Sh

29/6/46 30/6.

Ack & pass to D-PS 30/6.

81. Ex Com. - facio 80 for information. 29/6/46

Copy to CAS
Transferred: Sub Com
Dml

Please See 75.

29/6/46
30/6.

Sh

Ack 5 pass to D.P.S. 30/6

81.

Ex. 80 for information
Past 1/8

Copy to C.A.S.
Transferred. Sub. Co. - Dnd

3/8 5:51

84.

C.S.O.

83 for information - ~~unimportant~~

action at 85

3 Aug 46

M. P. S. San Luis

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DP + RSE

Please see folio 42 & minute 47. Will
you please make a recommendation.

19/5/45

EnCom

49

Folio 42 recommended that approval be given to
visit of D.S.U. Nahan. Advisable on 17 June 1945
at present.

21/5/45.

See 50

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C.S.O.

I think you must have asked for this?

26/45 MS/41

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visit of D.S.U. Nahan. Adorable on T. T. T. T. T.
at present.
21/5/45.

(H)

See 50

54.

C.S.O.

I think you must have asked for this?

14 2/6/45 MS/46

5150

61

Ex. C. 1. A very interesting report c. 60
from 18. 2. In June C.S.
will have to see S. H. 600000
P. 57 is the summary
of 18th stolen anthropic
will have with this.

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Ref ¹² I do not see any objection to Dr Nahon proceeding north, except that TRIESTE would be barred to him. Do you agree. Subject to army consent? (17)

16/5/45

14CD Touki (I.G.C.R.)

Why does he not go with Sir Clifford

850 sea transport?

MS/16/15

(15)

Ex Comⁿ

He can provide his own transport and requires no assistance except the official permission to go North -

He will be concerned entirely with Jewish emigration problems and his itinerary would not be so extensive as that contemplated by Sir Clifford. In any case Sir C could not have held up the arrangements for his tour on Dr Nahon's account -



CD Toulie (1.G.C.R.)

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MS/16/15-

(45)

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arrangements for his tour on Dr. Nahon's account =

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Dr. Nahon asks to be allowed to proceed early

next week -

Enclosure ^{the} is enclosed for general interest.

Promin

19CR.

18.5.45

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Only this should be handled by Dirfer.

Let them recommend or reject.

MS/15/18.

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→ Displacement Persons Sub Com. See Feb. 35

Will you (1) Tell IGCR how what to do & help generally

(2) Draft reply form to Sir Herbert

Enclosure. 18/5

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. I.G.C.R. have been given all assistance in establishing the Rome Hostel and will assist in any future projects.

2. The question of obtaining supplies from Army Sources on repayment on similar lines to U.N.R.R.A. should be taken up by H.Q. I.G.C.R. London with the War Office.

[Signature]
J.C. BROWN
Major
O.I/c ADM.

(38)

Ex Com

Ref your minute 36, draft at 39 is submitted for your approval.

18/5

Col Tomlin to speak. 18/5

[Signature]

5148 (38)

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[Signature] (39)

[Signature]

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Establishment

Re folio 26 The Resident Representative IG-CR wishes to leave as soon as possible.

Will you please arrange for proper transport and notify him directly.

[Signature] 7 May.

Exec Comm.

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Lt Col. Jamline was contacted and he is now planning request for orders with G-1 and the Adjutant. 8 May. Dick has been contacted and is arranging transport.

Est Sec.
10 May 46

[Signature] 10 May
Attainment
CWO and

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 now placing request for orders with G-1
 and the Adjutant. 6 May. Dick has been
 contacted and is arranging transport.

Est Sec.
 10 May 40

RAB *St. Lawrence*
 10 May 40

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21.

To E.C..

As this matter concerns the posting of an officer and the allocation of transport, it is suggested that this matter should be handled by Establishment Section. May the file be passed to them.

24th April 45.

C.A. Section.

See folio 22 *PWB*24

IGCR

See folio 23.

Please inform this office of your expected time of departure. Adjutant AC will issue appropriate orders.

2nd May.

L.W. Stearns
Maj

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Maj L.W. Stearns.
Office of E.C.

Thank you. Departure slightly delayed.
Will inform you in good time.

4 May.

C. Heathcote-Smith
5843 RCR

PA
[Signature]

C.O.S.

- (a) H concerns visit to Italy of one. NAHON
 (b) Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith is due to return at this time but his office informs me no communication has been received from him.

1/11 MRS/2/11

E.H.

E.H.

C.O.S.

Signal at 7 refers to second convoy of 900 Jews to Palestine. This is held up as in accordance with signal ~~from~~ at H it may not proceed until arrival of Nahon.

5 Jan 45

MRS/2/11

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E.H.

E.H.

Please see Folio 15.

C.O.S.
13.2.45

1/13/2

E.H.

MRS/13/2

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as in accordance with signal ~~from~~ at
it may not proceed until arrival of
hahon.

5 Jan 45

COA
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Please see Folio 15.

C.O.S.
13.8.45

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Mr.

13/2

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Civil Affairs Section

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Re. folios 17, 18 & 19. Necessary authority for Sir
Heathcote-Smith's trip to the forward areas has
been granted by the C.C. (folio 18).

Will you make the necessary arrangements through
Dief. Pers. Sec. and your representative at ISOL A by Hg
for attachment and transport.

24 Apr.

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Reference: 1/82

Allied Commission Headquarters,
Via Vittorio Veneto 13,
Rome.
(Telephone: 471322).

25th October, 1946.

Dear Brigadier Carr,

In continuation of my letter 1/82 of the 4th October
and our conversation to-day, I enclose a copy of a letter
from the Foreign Office dated the 14th October dealing
with I.G.C.R. activities in Italy.

I should be grateful for early notification of any
information you may receive on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

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

Brigadier M. Carr,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission Headquarters,
Rome.

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ACTION - EC. 1/23
INFO - *W. J. P.*

*See also ^{action} copy
on file 625/EC*

P.A. 28/10/46
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C. WR 2852/441/4B

Foreign Office,

S.W. 1.

14th October, 1946.

Sir,

With reference to your letter (797/118) of the 27th August regarding the resettlement of refugees and displaced persons, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bevin to inform you that the military authorities in Italy have been requested to afford all possible facilities to the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees in connexion with the probable extension of its activities in Italy.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd.) Ian L. Henderson.

Sir Herbert Emerson, GCIE, KCS,
Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees,
19 Hill Street,
W.I.

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28 December 1945

You may care to read copy of Col. Tomlin's last letter
to his HQ in the question of Jewish refugees and their Hasharat. He
spoke to you on the subject the other evening.

(Lga) M. S. LUSH

RE Sir Noel Charles, Bt, KCMG, MC,
British Ambassador,
Rome.

Copy to:
G-5, AFHQ.
D.P. S/O.
6 copies.

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28/12

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PA
29/12

Reference: 11/72.

Allied Commission Headquarters, O.M.F.

17th December, 1945.

Dear Sir Herbert,

Thank you for your letter 10/372/116 of the 10th December.

1. The background of the picture is the situation I reported to you in my confidential letter of the 27th July.

2. Thousands of Jewish refugees have been "infiltrating" into Italy in groups of varying sizes for the last six months. Allied authorities have been unable to regulate the flow and ad hoc arrangements have continually had to be made to cope with the problems of accommodation and maintenance.

3. Jewish Communities supported by J.D.C. have done all they could to ease the situation and these "ghettos" or other so-called "training centres" which continue to emerge throughout Italy are the result of the efforts of the Jews themselves to solve their own problems (both physical and psychological).

4. The situation is not yet static. Meantime, J.D.C. have asked for early financial assistance, so that at least a start could be made towards housing together these groups of refugees and providing them, as possible, with some sort of occupational training.

5. I quote from a J.D.C. memo dated 10th August:-

"The need in Italy:

It is felt that in Italy these projects will fulfill a very real need, in as much as there are now in the country several thousand young people, mostly boys, who are concentrated in Refugee Camps where they have no useful outlet for their mental and physical energies. Knowing that it may be a considerable time before these young people will have any opportunity to emigrate elsewhere these projects will help to prevent these young folk becoming a nuisance and a burden to the Allied Authorities and Italian Communities.

There are at present some seven of these vocational training projects in operation in Italy and several others are envisaged in the light of the number of young refugees in the country."

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Here also is an extract from the United Displaced Persons Division report for September:-

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"Arrangements have been fairly well worked out with the American Joint Distribution Committee with respect to our assistance in the vocational training projects (Machshavar) which are being conducted under the auspices of the A.D.C. Most of the displaced persons in these centres are eligible for and receiving UNRRA assistance. In addition some basic supplies for the operation of the centres have been provided by us."

6. By classifying these activities as numbered "projects" I have tried to present them in concrete form for easier reference. This numbering is somewhat arbitrary, as will be seen below, but is

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Director,
Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees,
London.

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nevertheless necessary if we are to define what our commitments may be.

7. Projects No. 1 and No. 5 together cover the proposals disclosed to date by DEANMAN and J.D.O. for the Rome Area. I have personally visited all the sites except Acqua Santa (see Note B) and append a brief description of what I saw.

(a) At Ostia. Four fairly large empty bomb-damaged town houses have been rented, in which the Kibbutz No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 have been installed. They are all overcrowded by ordinary standards, but the living conditions depend on the time they have been occupied and the character of the inmates. For instance, No. 1 and No. 3 were clean, well organized and obviously happy communities, especially No. 3. No. 2, consisting of refugees of the orthodox Jewish faith, did not give that impression. No. 4 had only just moved in.

(b) At Girotto Pennate, two semi-countryside houses with gardens have been rented, and at Castel Comulio two more. These are all beautifully situated in the Alban Hills.

(The place at Castel di Annibale (Rocca di Papa) has been given up.)

(c) At Ponte di Nepi, a few miles out of Rome on the road to Tivoli, part of a fairly large farm has been rented. Here 22 refugees are actively cultivating about twenty acres of good farming land.

8. A "central refugee Jewish Committee" in Rome selects from the refugee camps young Jews (male and female) who wish to live in communities and to prepare themselves for reentering in new surroundings. Their ideal is evidently Palestine, but this does not necessarily mean active or militant "Zionism". The walls of the houses are profusely covered with Jewish nationalistic decorations. Their aspirations are 100% Palestine, and at present they will consider no alternative.

9. The great majority are Polish Jews who have suffered in the worst kind of German and Austrian concentration camps, whose parents have been killed and who do not wish even to think of "repatriation".

10. Irrespective of the feeling of uplift which the urge towards Palestine may produce in these people, I have no doubt about the moral and psychological effect upon them produced by the change from their existence in camps to the freedom of life in small communities of their own. The conditions under which they have to live in these houses is probably worse than those in some of the camps, and indeed would probably be a cause of complaint if these were camps. But in all cases I was impressed by the obvious pleasure they had in

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11. UNRRA has helped them a lot. In most of the houses they have installed tailoring "units" of about 15 sewing machines. They are being supplied with American clothing in need of repair, and are able to earn about 50,000 lire per month per "unit" for the work done. UNRRA are also supplying tools and material for shoe-making. Where land is available they intend to cultivate what they can and implements are being purchased for this purpose by J.D.C.

12. These places in the Rome area are not "institutions". They are merely empty houses and farms rented to get young Jews out of the camps and to provide some outlet for their mental and physical energies. The great majority are Polish Jewish refugees who receive UNRRA assistance. They are not technically "stateless", but as regards their eligibility for UNR cash assistance, please see the attached Note A.

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13. J.D.C. have repeatedly pressed me for "immediate partial contributions towards these projects, which have had to be started to alleviate the situation". I have not been completely satisfied with the "figures" as presented by IMASAM, but have no reason to suppose that the estimates for rent and initial expenses are not substantially correct. The overall estimate by IMASAM for the Rome Area schemes (Projects No. 1 and No. 5) is roughly four million lire (20,000) and I have contributed to date 21,000 towards this.

14. You ask for an expression of my views as to the assistance which should reasonably be given: -

- (a) I think that any proportionate contribution based on the number of "stateless" is unworkable in this case, and the amount of support which IGJR can extend must depend on the policy you wish to adopt and on the facts as presented in this letter.
- (b) Subject to this question of policy, I would recommend a further grant of 21,000 new towards Project No. 5 (this can be paid here out of the 210,000 operational grant you have authorized for 1945), making a total contribution of 22,000 for the Rome Area scheme (Projects No. 1 and No. 5 combined).
- (c) I recommend that no further grant be made towards the Rome Area schemes until I have had an opportunity of investigating more fully the details of Project No. 6 (Florence Area), any assistance to be given there being naturally subject to your general ruling as to policy.
- (d) Please see attached notes (marked C) after my recent visit to Milan with reference to Imasamat in that area, for which we have so far not received a request for assistance.
15. No letters on this subject dated 28th November have been received from Imasamat. I am therefore replying as fully as possible to yours in the hope that it will also answer the contents of his. Meantime I should be grateful for a very early reply to paragraph 14(b), as I am being pressed by J.D.C. for a further grant, and should like to give it before the end of 1945, if you approve.

Yours sincerely,

100-5143 - (c) I recommend that no further grant be made towards the Rome Area schemes until I have had an opportunity of investigating more fully the details of Project No. 6 (Florence Area), any assistance to be given there being naturally subject to your general ruling as to policy.

(d) Please see attached notes (marked C) after my recent visit to Milan with reference to Hesharet in that area, for which we have so far not received a request for assistance.

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Yours sincerely,

5:43
Lt. Col. Julian L. Sinding,
Acting Resident Representative,
I.C.C.R.

P.S. I have just received the attached letter from J.D.C. on the subject of these 'Hacking' etc.
(initialled S.L.T.)

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NOTE A.

1. The following criteria were recorded in our chart of eligibility after discussion with Mr. Beckelman during his visit to Rome: -

Any Pole who was living in Poland on 1/9/39 should be eligible for UNRRA assistance, and if refused by UNRRA, they should be consulted before ICOR gives aid, and their lead followed.

Any Pole living outside Poland on 1/9/39 who is refused by UNRRA is probably eligible for ICOR assistance, unless strong reasons obtained from UNRRA indicate otherwise.

Poles who inhabited the territory incorporated by USSR on 15/11/39, or that territory recognised by the US and UK as being incorporated on 11/2/45, are regarded by the USSR as Soviet citizens, by US and UK as Poles.

2. As UNRRA assistance has been almost invariably extended to Polish Jews (ex concentration camps) only two cases have so far been included in ICOR cash assistance lists.

NOTE BROME AREA REFUGERY

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<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of Refugees</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
Castis No. 1	100	Poles
No. 2	90	25 Poles, rest Romanians.
No. 3	80	Poles
No. 4	60	Poles
Grotta Ferrata No. 1	60	Poles
" " No. 2	100	20 Poles, rest Czechs and Hungarians
Castel Gonzolfo (two houses)	140	Poles
Ponta di Nona	22	Various nationalities, mostly Romanian.
Acqua Santa (not visited)	250	Poles, recently arrived. (situated 140 km. from Rome on the Ancona Road. An isolated house without land. Special arrangements made with UNRRA for assistance in bulk.)

20 Poles, rest Czechs
and Hungarians

100

No. 2

Castel Gondolfo
(two houses)

140

Poles

Ponta di Nona

22

Various nationalities,
mostly Romanian.

Acqua Santa
(not visited)

250

Poles, recently arrived.
(Situated 140 km. from Rome
on the Aveona Road. An
isolated house without
land. Special arrangements
made with UNRRA for
assistance in bulk.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2210/134/SC

10 December 1945

Dear Mr. Rosnik,

I thank you for your letter RSH/RS of 9 November 1945. I am afraid however that it is, at the moment, impossible for me to comply with your request. Lt. Michael Tor is fully occupied in the Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission and it is feared that, were he absent for 2 weeks, the Sub-Commission's work would be hindered.

However he has said that he is perfectly willing to sing in the evenings, or on Saturdays and Sundays, so if any of your camps are within easy motoring distance of Rome he could probably come out for the evening and give a concert.

I am sorry not to be able to send Lt. Tor to you for 2 weeks, but I am sure you will appreciate our difficulties with this shortage of personnel.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

HUGHEN B. ROSNIK Esq.
American Joint Distribution Committee
Inter-Governmental Committee for Refugees
Headquarters Allied Commission

Copy to: IPW Sub-Commission
6. Commission.

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Inter-Office Memo to CA Sec

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My Executive Commissioner's Office please have
Dispers view on letter 12/13 dated 12 November 1945 from
ACLO, Bari on the subject of smuggling unauthorized Jewish
Refugees from Italy to Palestine.

Re. Comm's Office Minutes 127 and 128 on file
2210/SC refer: Copies attached.

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B/U 29/11 238
24/11 742 744
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see M128

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~~SECRET~~ 2210
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

REF : LB/13 12 November 1945

SUBJECT : Smuggling of unauthorised Jewish
refugees from Italy to Palestine.

TO : HQ Allied Commission
Executive Commissioner

1. F.S.S. now have definite proof that unauthorised Jewish refugees are being smuggled in small luggers from this region to Palestine (No. 3 District monthly report Part II, para .I. (d) (VI) refers).
2. Four ships are known to be involved.
3. Embarkation has taken place at GALLIPOLI (Lecce Province) (Q.3969) and Stazione di CHIATONA (Taranto Province) (P.5917).
4. It is believed that the Headquarters of the Organisation are in MILAN.
5. It is recommended that the I.G.Q.R. Transit House BARI, be closed . This house was opened for the purpose of dealing with refugees moving without authorisation at a time when all camps in the South were full (which is no longer the case). From it one party of fifty vanished into thin air on 26 October .

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HSH/cb

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H. S. Hartley
H.S. Hartley, Col.
Liaison Officer
AC BARI

COPY TO : Lt. Col. TOMLIN , Inter Governmental Committee for Refugees.
: Civil Affairs Section
: D.P.&.R. Sub Commission.
: Public Safety Sub Commission.

S E C R E T

(COPY GRAYDON) 25/11/42

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AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

Telephones {
ROME { 471.536
471.537
489.081 ext. 211
MILAN { 13.631
12.641 } ext. 2042

Reuben B. Resnik
Director

9 November 1945

NOV 13 1945

Please refer to: RBR/RS

To: Brigadier M.S. Lush, Executive Commission, Allied Commission, HQ.

From: Reuben B. Resnik, APO 394, PM. NY.

Dear Brigadier Lush,

As you may know, Lt. Michael Tor has, on a number of occasions, presented concerts to and on behalf of refugees in this area. It occurred to me that it would be an excellent idea if from time to time we could present suitable programmes in the various camps and other refugee installations throughout Italy.

Lt. Tor, whom you know, and who is an accomplished artist, is willing to make his services available and could secure the services of a skilled accompanist. The American Joint Distribution Committee would be willing to pay the necessary expenses involved in presenting such a programme. It would mean touring some of the camps in various parts of the country. We understand that Lt. Tor is at present assigned to the Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission of Allied Commission.

If you concur in this suggestion and you believe that it is feasible, may we kindly ask you to arrange for Lt. Tor to be given a temporary assignment, if necessary, to our organisation for the period of his concerts, which I believe could be completed within two weeks.

By way of more personal comment, may I express to you and Mrs. Lush my appreciation for your courtesy in being present at the reception, and for the many other courtesies which you have extended to our organisation and to me.

With kindest personal regards, and looking forward to a long and happy association with you, I am

Sincerely yours

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see M. 124 9130 4 134
Reuben B. Resnik
REUBEN B. RESNIK
for the American Joint
Distribution Committee

(CSO)

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

Reference: 8/62

Allied Commission Headquarters, C.M.F.

18th October, 1945.

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To: The Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission Headquarters

From: The Resident Representative, IGCR.

Subject: Administration of IGCR Personnel.

Thank you for your letter No. 2210/115/EC of the 8th October. I have sent the attached letter to Sir Herbert Emerson, which is self-explanatory.

In the name of the Intergovernmental Committee I should like to thank you personally for all the help you have given us in our work here.

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

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TO FOR ACTION AFHQ CITY AG PERSONNEL

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9 OCTOBER, 1945

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE ENTRY INTO THEATER OF MRS DORIS ELLI HAMMOND
AMERICAN CIVILIAN EMPLOYED BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES
ATTACHED ALLIED COMMISSION HOME PD

PARA TWO PD FOR ACTION AFHQ CITY AG PERSONNEL FROM ALCON CITY SARG-GRAN PAREN

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PARA TWO PD ALLIED COMMISSION HAS NO OBJECTION TO ENTRY OF ABOVE MENTIONED
INTO THE THEATER PD REQUESTS MATTERS BE NAUDEDITED AS ITEM GEORGE CHARLIE
ROGER ATTEMPTING AIRLAGE PASSAGE FOR MRS HAMMOND OF CRIPSHORN SAILING
FIFTEENTH OCTOBER PD

PARA THREE PD LETTERS IN THIS CASE FOLLOWING BY COURIER DEPARTING HOME
ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO HOURS NINE OCTOBER FOUR FIVE PD

Executive Commissioner

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G.J. LEWIS
CWO USA
ASS. ADJUTANT

J. C. Carlisle.

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ATTACHED ALIEN OMISSION ROME PD

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PAGE 10 FOR ACTION AFHQ CITY AG PERSONNEL FROM ALCH CITY 1940-00-11 PAREN

PARA TWO PD ALLIED COMMISSION HAS NO OBJECTION TO ENTRY OF ABOVE MENTIONED

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Executive Commissioner

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G.J. LEONE
C/O USA
ASS. ADJUTANT

J. C. Carlisle.

C. C. I. G. C. R.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2210/116/EC

6 October 1945

SUBJECT: Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees

TO : Headquarters Commandant

1. Reference is made to the present position of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees.

2. Until it is ruled to the contrary, all IGCR personnel are definitely attached to this Headquarters for administration, and every assistance in your power should be afforded them.

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Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Disp Persons S/c
C-4
IGCR

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Ref: 2210/115/20

8 October 1945

SUBJECT: Administration of IGCR Personnel

TO : Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees

1. We have been trying for some time to obtain a ruling on the status to be afforded and the administrative facilities to be accorded to IGCR personnel at present attached to AC. We have endeavored to get IGCR the same facilities and independence which are enjoyed by UNRRA, and asked AFHQ to take the matter up with CCS.

2. G-5, AFHQ, did in fact draft a cable to CCS on 15 September. In it they asked how far IGCR work for Displaced Persons is being co-ordinated on a long-term basis with the work of Allied Commission and later of UNRRA, and whether the representatives now in Italy should be regarded as governmental representatives and given administrative facilities from military sources or attached for administrative purposes to Allied Commission, Italy, and later to UNRRA. They pointed out that IGCR personnel are unofficially attached to, and work in collaboration with, Allied Commission, and suggested that this state of affairs be regularized and allowed to continue, to ensure proper coordination of all activity relative to displaced persons and that when it assumes responsibility for such persons IGCR could be attached to UNRRA.

3. However, on 24 September, G-5 decided to withdraw this cable and ruled that no change should be made in the present arrangements whereby IGCR personnel are attached to this Headquarters.

4. It is suggested that you take up with your parent body the question of your administration when Allied Commission ultimately ceases to exist. Provision could presumably be made for you to receive supplies direct from US/UK, or for you to participate in the supply arrangements made by the US/UK Governments for the maintenance of embassy and other government-sponsored staffs.

5. In the meantime we are happy to have IGCR attached to Allied

2. G-5, AFHQ, did in fact draft a cable to CCS on 15 September. In it they asked how far IGCER work for Displaced Persons is being co-ordinated on a long-term basis with the work of Allied Commission and later of UNHRA, and whether the representatives now in Italy should be regarded as governmental representatives and given administrative facilities from military sources or attached for administrative purposes to Allied Commission, Italy, and later to UNHRA. They pointed out that IGCER personnel are unofficially attached to, and work in collaboration with, Allied Commission, and suggested that this state of affairs be regularised and allowed to continue to ensure proper coordination of all activity relative to displaced persons and that when it assumes responsibility for such persons IGCER could be attached to UNHRA.

3. However, on 24 September, G-5 decided to withdraw this cable and ruled that no change should be made in the present arrangements whereby IGCER personnel are attached to this Headquarters.

4. It is suggested that you take up with your parent body the question of your administration when Allied Commission ultimately ceases to exist. Provision could presumably be made for you to receive supplies direct from US/UK, or for you to participate in the supply arrangements made by the US/UK Governments for the maintenance of embassy and other government-sponsored staffs.

5. In the meantime we are happy to have IGCER attached to Allied Commission, and we will continue to afford you every assistance in ²²³ your power.

For the Chief Commissioner:

See file 120

/s/ M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2210/112/NO

3 October 1945

SUBJECT: Administration of I.G.C.R. Personnel

TO : Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees

1. No change is made in the present arrangements whereby I.G.C.R. personnel are attached to A.C.; however, I.G.C.R. in Italy is invited, in the meantime, to take up with its parent body the question of its administration when Allied Commission ultimately ceases to exist.

2. Provision could presumably be made for you to receive supplies direct from US/UE or for you to participate in the supply arrangements made by the US/UK Governments for the maintenance of embassy and other government-sponsored staffs.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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destroyed -
see minutes 113,
114, & folio 115-*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 334.58

24 September 1945

SUBJECT: Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. After further consideration the draft MAT signal referred to in your DPR/1/ADM of 21 September has been withdrawn. It has been decided that no change will be made in the present arrangements whereby the IGCR personnel are attached to AC.

2. IGCR in Italy should, in the meantime, be invited to take up with their parent body the question of their administration when Allied Commission ultimately ceases to exist. Provision could presumably be made for them to receive supplies direct from US/UK or for them to participate in the supply arrangements made by the US/UK Governments for the maintenance of embassy and other government sponsored staffs.

F. G. A. Parsons

F.G.A. PARSONS, Brigadier G.S.,
Deputy Asst Chief of Staff, G-5.

See M. 115

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KCB/cp

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

DPR/1/ALM

Tel. 489081 Ext. 414

21 September 1945

SUBJECT : I.G.C.R.

TO : G-5 AFHQ,
Economics and Supply Division.

1. Reference your R-22 of 16 September re I.G.C.R.
2. This Sub-Commission is in agreement with the contents of the Draft MAT signal.

For the Director:

/s/ K.C. BROWN

for C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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

DFR/1/ADM

Tel. 489081 Ext 414

19 September 1945

SUBJECT: I.G.C.R.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
through C.A. Section,

1. Reference attached AFHQ letter R-22 of 16 September re I.G.C.R.
2. This Sub-Commission is in agreement with the contents of the draft MAT signal.
3. You may consider it necessary to obtain the views of other interested Branches of H.Q., A.C. before replying to AFHQ.

For the Director:

G.F. POTTERGILL
Lt. Colonel.
Deputy Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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Ref: R-22

16 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Attached is a draft MAT signal to the CC/S which is now being coordinated within this Headquarters.
2. If the AC have any comments it is requested that the undersigned be advised by phoning FREEDOM 628 on or before 20 September 1945.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

/s/ R. V. GRADY
Major, GSC
Economics & Supply Division

Incl: as above.

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MEMO CABLE

TO : ACHAR FOR COS
 RPTD : THOMPERS LONDON - ALCON HOME - BRITISH EMBASSY ROME -
 US EMBASSY ACHAR

Subject is Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.

1. Request that this HQ be given ruling on status to be afforded and administrative facilities to be accorded to representatives in ITALY of above Committee.

2. We are fully informed on origin, function and scope of Committee, but are NOT clear

a. how far its work for Displaced Persons is being co-ordinated on a long-term basis with the work of Allied Commission ITALY and later of UNRRA.

b. Whether its representatives now in ITALY should be regarded as governmental representatives and given administrative facilities from military sources on same basis as personnel of diplomatic missions, or whether alternatively they should be attached for administrative purposes to Allied Commission ITALY (Displaced Persons Sub-Commission) and later to UNRRA when UNRRA takes over responsibility for Displaced Persons.

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3. ICORA personnel at present in ITALY are 13 BRITISH (headed by Col. TOMLIN) and two US (Mr. Moses HERCKELMAN and Mr. RICHARD HARMON of the US Field Service). They are unofficially attached to and work in collaboration with ALCOM (DP Sub-Commission), live in ALCOM messes and obtain transport, POL, maintenance etc., through ALCOM. They have raised with AFHQ question of obtaining priority for their requirements.

4. It is suggested that this state of affairs should be regularised and allowed to continue. This ensures proper co-ordination of all activity relating to DPs and most economical use of all facilities afforded by the military for the benefit of DPs. When UNRRA assumes responsibility for DPs, ICORA

personnel could be attached to UNHRA for all purposes.

b. Alternatives are:

1. for local ICH representation to be given same facilities from military sources as those ~~afforded~~ afforded to diplomatic missions, if its status as a governmental body warrants it.

or 2. for local representation to be placed on identical footing with UNHRA mission and afforded similar assistance on repayment. This would include provision of rations, accommodation, medical aid, travel, POL, transport and maintenance, ordnance stores, PX/APT and officers' shop facilities, etc.

3. Request you inform us of ruling. We are provisionally affording ICH personnel as individuals the normal "camp follower" privileges and facilities afforded to UNHRA personnel

Co-ord: 0-4

Q(Maint)

UNHRA

Copies to: 0-4

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Ex Commr

Originator's Reference: F 43583

Message Centre No: F/7877

Date/Time of Origin: SEP 14 1944B

Date Time Rec'd: SEP 16 1630

FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACKED CITE PHAGE

Precedence: PRIORITY

TO : ALCOM

SEP 17 1945

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Travel of Mr BECKLEMAN, Mr HERRON and Miss GREENE to UNITED STATES and British controlled AUSTRIA. Visit now authorised. Clearances forwarded to ACA BRUCK 11 September.

ACTION

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ACTION EX COMMISSIONER 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
IGOR
FILE 2
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HEADQUARTERS
16 SEP 1945
A. C.

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221046
INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 43554
Date/Time of Origin: SEPT 14/2031B

Message Centre No: F/7696
Date Time Rec'd: SEPT 15/0900B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM AFHQ, SIGNED SACRED CITE MESSAGE
TO : ALCOM

SEP 15 1945

RESTRICTED
ACTION

RESTRICTED.

Travel British and American controlled zones AUSTRIA BY RECKLEMAN and assistant
HERON. Reurad 5269. Clearance still awaited from USFA. You will be notified when
authorized to travel

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DIST

ACTION : EAC COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

14th September 1945.

Ref/2210/EL.

You may remember our telephone conversation last week regarding a Pass to Austria for Mr Bechlesam and Mr Heron of the I.G.C.R. Prior to this I had signalled A.F.H.Q. twice requesting that a Pass be issued and owing to the ambiguous phrasing of the first telegram a delay arose. The Passes have still not been received and I should be most grateful if you would give the matter your personal attention and give the necessary instructions for the Passes to be issued immediately.

Brigadier-General A.R. Hamblen,
A.F.H.Q.,

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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by Commissioner

Originator's Reference:

Message Centre No: F/7490

Date/Time of Origin: SEPT

Date Time Rec'd: SEPT 131400

FROM BECKMAN HERON AMG VERONA

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

TO : ALCOM ROME FOR BRIGADIER LUCH

SEP 14 1945

UNCLASSIFIED.

Delayed en route by motor trouble. If Austrian travel orders arrived please signal AMG VERONA with repeat to Major GEDDES AMG BOLZANO authorizing the issue of necessary travel orders.

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ACTION EX COMMISSIONER
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
IGCR
FILE 2
FLOAT

13 SEP 1945 5113
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(CSO)

G-5, AFHQ

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13 SEPTEMBER 45

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD *93*

OUR FOUR THREE FOUR ONE OF TWO EIGHT AUGUST REFERS PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALCCOM CITE ACXCO PAREN

DO YOU APPROVE VISIT TO BRITISH AND AMERICAN CONTROLLED ZONES CMA AUSTRIA OF
MR BECKLEMAN CMA DEPUTY DIRECTOR INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES CMA
WITH HIS ASSISTANT MR HERRON PD

COPY TO: I. G. C. R.

Exec Commr

R. W. KEMSLEY

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AUG 31 1945

Originator's Reference: C 15733
Date/Time of Origin: AUG 30 1748B

Message Centre No: F/5941
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 30 2145B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ
TO: ALCOM ROME

UNCLASSIFIED.

Reur 4341. 93

More information E.G. nationality, purpose of visit, etc requested re proposed travel BECKLEMAN and HERRON. Visit to UNITED STATES requires approval of WAR DEPARTMENT through STATE DEPARTMENT solicited by Consul.

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ACTION: Ex Commissioner 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
IGCR
File 2
Float

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A.C.

ACTION

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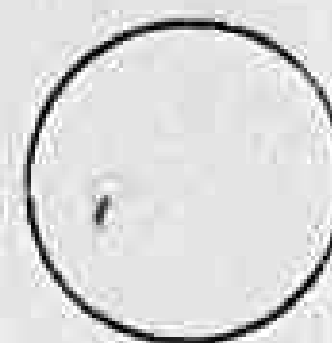
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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

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OPEN by cutting instead of tearing envelope.



MESSAGE

NO. 1000000000

AUG 31 1945

Message Number: 1000000000
Date: 31 Aug 45
Time: 10:00
Priority: 1000000000

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G-5 AFHQ

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28 Aug

PRIORITY

DO YOU APPROVE VISIT TO UNITED STATES AND BRITISH CONTROLLED
AUSTRIA OF MISTER BECKLEMAN DEPUTY DIRECTOR INTER GOVERNMENTAL
PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION FROM HQ ALCOON CIVIS
ACEMC PAREN

ON REFUGEES WITH ASSISTANT MISTER HERRON PD RECOMMENDED

Copy to: I.G.C.R.

Ex. Commissioner

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Brigadier
Ex. Commissioner

NICHOLAS PIONBINO
CWO, USA
ASST ADJT.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref/64/15/EST

19 August 1945

AUG 21 1945

SUBJECT: ICCR - Supplies and Transport

TO : G-5, AFHQ

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1. Reference your letter G-5: 334-58, of 13 August 1945.
2. Confirming telephone conversation of this date it is understood that the ICCR will deal directly with AFHQ in this matter and that the Commission as such will not comment as suggested in Para 3.

15/ Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

cc: Executive Commissioner

5:15

(Jas. Rigney)
S. C. (over)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

JB/pc (91)

13 August 1945

G-5 : 334-58

SUBJECT : IGCR - Supplies and Transport

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394. 13a

1. Reference telephone conversation Lt. Col. TALBOT - Maj. BYLES and your 64/EST of 30 June and 31 July.

2. While it is the general feeling of this Headquarters that IGCR should be supplied from civil sources available to Allied Commission, it is recognised that there may be practical difficulties standing in the way.

3. You are requested, therefore, to furnish additional comments on this point as well as supplementary information on the standing of the Committee and the effectiveness of its work.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

JULIUS BYLES
Major, G.S.C.

(See 92)
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Ref : 2210/85/80.

Tel : 735

4 Aug 45

SUBJECT: Accommodation.

TO : Lt. Col. J.L. Towlin
Resident Representative
I.G.C.R.

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I am directed to refer to your letter 3/131 dated 2 Aug 45 and to inform you that the HQ Commandant has been informed that Mr. Hammond is expected to reach Rome about 10 August. If the latter will call at the Billeting Office on arrival, he will be allotted accommodation in the Flora Hotel.

MP

f Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to : HQ Commandant
(conversation S/Genl Proby-Capt. Guarino
4 Aug refers)

E. P. H.
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES
ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
A.P.O. 394, C.M.F.

Reference: 3/151

2nd August, 1945.

AUG 3 1945

Dear Brigadier Lush,

Mr. Moses Beckelman, Assistant Director of this Committee, is coming from London about the 15th August to discuss the general policy of the IGCR in Italy with the Allied authorities. He is likely to stay a week or two.

I have asked the HQ Commandant to be kind enough to arrange accommodation for him at the Flora.

Mr. Eugene R. Hammond is joining the Committee in Italy as my assistant about the same time (probably the 10th August), and it is very desirable that he should be with Mr. Beckelman while he is here.

I should therefore be extremely grateful if he could also be accommodated at the Flora for an indefinite period.

Yours sincerely,

Julian Tomlin

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

Brigadier M.S. Lush,
Executive Commissioner,
AC HQ.

See 841285

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31 July 1945

AUG 1 1945

SUBJECT: IGH - Supply and Transport.
TO : AFHQ
G-5 Section.

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Reference is 64/102 of 30 June 45, and a reply is now given
to my recommendation in paragraph 5 of this letter.

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. Talbot
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES
ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
A.P.O. 394, C.M.F.

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(Telephone: Resident Representative - 471533
Personal Assistant to R.R. 471538)

Reference: 8/159

30th July, 1945.

To: Executive Commissioner, AC HQ
(Copy to Director, D.P.R.S.C., AC HQ)
From: Resident Representative, IGCR, Italy.

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The following information received from IGCR HQ in London may be of interest:-

Military Responsibility for Displaced Persons.

1. SHAEF have informed us that a Combined Displaced Persons Executive (CDEP) has been set up at Frankfurt to continue present operations and will probably last for about three months. It will be responsible for all matters hitherto handled by Displaced Persons Branch, G.5. Division, SHAEF, and will ultimately transfer to UNRRA those of its responsibilities that are within the UNRRA charter.

2. Existing policies of SHAEF relating to the care and repatriation of Displaced Persons will be continued by CDEP acting with the authority of the British Commander-in-Chief and of the Commanding General, U.S. Forces, in their respective zones of occupation. No French representatives have yet been assigned to CDEP. CDEP will not develop new policies.

3. The elements of CDEP will be -

- (a) British and U.S. Officers to be joined by French representatives if the French so desire.
- (b) Allied Liaison Officers.
- (c) AFM Liaison Officers.
- (d) POW Liaison Officers.
- (e) UNRRA representatives.
- (f) British and U.S. Transportation representatives from their respective zones.
- (g) Liaison Officer from the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.

4. The address of the new organisation is -
CDEP Headquarters,
U.S. Forces,
European Theatre, Main,
A.P.O. 757.

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see M81.
Lt Col. Julian L. Tomlin,
Resident Representative,
I.G.C.R.

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Ref: 2210/79/EG.

Tel: 478730

28 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees -
Supply and Transport.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
G-5 Section (Attn: Capt. Krnay)

In accordance with Lt. Col. Talbot's telephone conversation with
you today, a copy of letter 64/Est dated 30 June 45, subject as above,
is attached hereto.

For the Chief Commissioner:

15/ R. W. KENSLEY

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

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Tel: 478201

2 July 1945.

Ref: 2210/78/EC.

SUBJECT: I.G.C.R. Home.

TO : Lt.Col. Julian L. Tomlin,
Acting Resident Representative,
I.G.C.R.

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The Executive Commissioner has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter 11.71/1 dated 27 June 1945. The report you enclosed has been passed to Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission for any action they care to take.

[Signature] Chief Staff Officer,
to Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission - copy of letter from I.G.C.R. dated 27 June with report is attached.

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Ref: G4/Est.

30 June 45.

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Subject: Inter-Governmental Committee on refugees -
Supply and transport.

To: G-5, AMHQ.

1. Reference your G-5:334-56 of 19 June 45. The answers to para: 2 are as follows :-

- a) IGCR's terms of reference are long-term planning and the development of practical measures for the relief and relocation of "stateless" refugees, i.e. those who have had to leave their homes and countries of residence because of danger to their lives and liberties on account of race, religion or political beliefs.
- b) IGCR's needs are substantially those set out in AMHQ Administrative Memorandum No: 6 of 10 Feb. 45. The principal needs being rations, POL, transport, accommodation and the right to draw for these and related items on military stocks and services.
- c) IGCR's present work is described as :-

"The search for current information and the survey and classification of likely residual and well-defined groups of refugees; negotiations with Governments for the temporary or permanent asylum of refugees; assistance to individual persons (other than mass physical relief or repatriation) in such matters as welfare, aspirations, temporary employment, search for relatives, migration formalities and identity or travel documents. Financial assistance is given where distress is caused through lack of other representation (subject to certain principles of eligibility)."

2. There is little duplication of work between IGCR and the Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission. In practice, IGCR takes up where D-P leaves off, since the latter is engaged principally in mass repatriation, which is not IGCR's province. It is with UNHCR that IGCR has the closest relations and the aims and functions of the two organisations are similar.

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Owing to problems in connexion with resettlement and documentation of "stateless" refugees, it is probable that ICOR's work will expand considerably in the future, and it is considered that it would greatly facilitate administration if this organisation could be put on the same footing as UNRRA. It is therefore urged that the terms of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No: 6 of 10 Feb. 45 be extended to include representatives of ICOR in this country, who at the moment number five persons.

For Chief Commissioner

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy ICOR

Ex. Com.

This is Col. Tomlin's Memorandum on
which you are writing to AFHQ
regarding Admin. Memo. No 6. (Flagged)

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Admin Memo No 6

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This is to inform you that the following items are being transferred to the
Department of Defense (DDP) for processing.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REF. YES.

The Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees was formed as a result of the Evian Conference on refugees convened in July 1938 on the initiative of President Roosevelt.

The Committee is an official international humanitarian organization consisting of official representatives of thirty-six member governments, and held its Fourth Plenary Session in London during August 1944 under the chairmanship of the Right Honourable S.M. Bruce, High Commissioner for Australia.

The Executive Committee now consists of representatives of the following Governments: Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Mexico, Netherlands, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom and the United States of America.

The Committee's mandate covers all those persons, wherever they may be, who, as a result of events in Europe, have had to leave their countries of residence because of the danger to their lives or liberties on account of their race, religion or political beliefs.

It may be hoped that the great majority of the persons now displaced from their homes will have been repatriated by Military Authorities, Governments or UNRRA acting separately or in cooperation, so that the practical task so far as the Intergovernmental Committee is concerned is largely confined to those unfortunate people who for one reason or another will eventually be unable to return to their homes.

This entails long-term planning for the relocation and resettlement of the residue, a problem which presents peculiar difficulties and may extend over a long period.

The practical task covers: the search for current information and the survey and classification of likely residual and well defined groups of refugees; negotiations with governments for the temporary or permanent asylum of refugees; assistance to individual persons (other than mass physical relief or repatriation) in such matters as welfare, aspirations, temporary employment, search for relatives, migration formalities and identity or travel documents. Financial assistance is given where distress is caused through lack of other representation (subject to certain principles of eligibility).

The Committee's object in these tasks is to avoid duplication of effort and to maintain cordial working relations with all other national and international bodies and voluntary organizations.

The Committee is empowered to receive and disburse both public and private funds for these purposes. Administrative expenses are shared by all Member Governments; operational expenses are

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The Committee's address in London is: 19 Hill Street, Berkeley Square, London, W.1.

Chairman	-	The Right Honourable the Earl Winterton, P.O., M.P.,
Director	-	Sir Herbert Emerson, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., C.B.E.
Vice-Director	-	Mr. Patrick Murphy Malin.
Asst. Director	-	Dr. Gustav Kullmann.
Asst. Director	-	Mr. Moses Beckelman.
Secretary	-	Dr. John Sillen
Treasurer	-	Mr. S.H.G. Hughes, C.B., C.B.E.

Resident Representatives have been appointed in the U.S.A., most European countries, and in the Middle East.

The following are working for the Committee in Italy at present (June 1945): -

Rome (c/o Allied Commission HQ, C.M.F.)
Lt. Col. J.L. Tomlin, C.B.E., D.S.O.
Miss H.E. Jenkins

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ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS

A.P.O. 394, C.M.F.

Reference: 11.71/1

27th June, 1945.

Dear Brigadier Lush,

You may care to see the attached report on the
I.G.C.R. Home near Rome.

The place is not yet fitted up as we should like,
but if you and perhaps Colonel Findlay would care to
come and see it as it is, I'm sure Miss Macdonald would be
delighted.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking
you for the great help the A.C. generally have given us,
and are still giving, — especially the D.P.R.S.C.,
without whose assistance the project could never have
taken shape at all.

Yours sincerely,

Julian Tomlin

Lt. Col. Julian L. Tomlin,
Acting Resident Representative,
I.G.C.R.

Brigadier M.S. Lush,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

(Miss Norden)

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23 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Inter-Governmental Committee
on Refugees.

TO : Vice President,
Establishment Section.

1. The Resident Representative of the I.G.C.R. has spoken to me and shown me the correspondence ending with AFHQ letter 334-58 of 19th June.

2. We should answer para 2 of this letter with the help of Colonel Tomlin who will supply the material and put forward a strong recommendation that AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 6 of 10th February should apply to the I.G.C.R. who are working in very close connection with UNRRA and with much the same object.

3. Please submit draft to me earliest.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: I.G.C.R.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO #12.

G-5: 334-58

19 June 1945

SUBJECT: I.G.C.R. - Transport.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Office of G-4(B))

1. Reference your subject letter of 30 May 45.
2. May the following information be supplied regarding I.G.C.R.:

- (a) What the terms of reference of I.G.C.R. are and whose responsibility are they?
- (b) What I.G.C.R. actually want in the way of assistance?
- (c) What practical work are they doing at present, and how far is their work being done at present by A.C. DP & R Sub-Com.

3. With this information, this HQs will endeavour to obtain a policy on how I.G.C.R. is to be treated.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

(Sgd) W.B. HEMPHILL,
Lt. Colonel.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES.

Our Ref: IC/372/118.

Your Ref: LNE/DLD.

19. HILL STREET,
LONDON. W.1.

14th June, 1945.

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By 1944/1945.

I am most grateful for your letter 2210/EC of the 23rd May 1945. I knew that we could count on the friendly help of the Army authorities and am very glad to have this concrete indication that such co-operation has in fact been going on in connection with our hostel in Rome.

As you know, we have recently made a change in the office of our resident representative in Italy, which you and I had discussed, and I am currently asking Colonel Tomlin to review our activities and make specific recommendations for the future. I note your comment about the difficulty of establishing the principle of purchase by us from Army supplies and if Colonel Tomlin's proposals for future activities envisage such a procedure I shall follow your suggestion and approach the War Office here for a proper ruling. In the meantime it is good to have your re-assurance that our office in Italy can count on your help within whatever limits are available.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier M. S. Lush,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO. 394,
GRC.

Director

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS

A.P.O. 394, C.M.F.

Reference: 23.1.8
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9th June, 1945.

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TO : The Director, Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, London.
FROM : The Resident Representative, I.G.C.R., Italy.

Herewith a memorandum showing what information has been collected so far regarding the Jews deported from Italy from Rome and other centres in 1943 and 1944.

The portion dealing with the actual dates of the conveyance and the names of those persons in Italy who could furnish some degree of information regarding the deportations have been communicated to the Comitato Esecutivo Deportati Ebrei and to the Delasem here.

O.E. Heathcote Smith
Resident Representative
I.G.C.R.

Copy to: Ex Comm.
(11 JUNE 45)

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(Mrs. Nelson)

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MEMORANDUM

8th June, 1945.

Jews DEPORTED FROM ITALY TO GERMANY - MAINLY FOR EXTERMINATION -
THROUGH INTERMENT TRANSIT CAMPS FOSSOLI AND BOLZANO (GRIES)

On the 16th October 1943, 1,023 possible Italian Jewish citizens in Rome, comprising about 50% men, 33% women and 12% children, were roused from their sleep in their houses and apartments, at about 5 a.m., seized, and in due course deported. Subsequently, on the 23rd October and at a later date, another 1,067 were similarly dealt with. During the whole of last summer and autumn, despite the liberation of Rome and the region north of it, still no details could be obtained regarding the fate of any of these people.

I made special efforts then, and have since had subsequent periods endeavoured to discover whether any of these 1,066 men, 743 women and 281 children were still alive. The Roman Committee for the Research of Deported Jews (Comitato Ricerche Deportati Ebraici) was frequently calling the IGCR office, asking for details regarding the fate of these people, and similarly from Florence another 600 Italian Jews were deported, and from other towns it has now been ascertained that the full quota, comprising usually some 30% to 40% or more of the total Jewish community, was removed northwards. In some cases foreign Jews who had been interned in Italy, or who had escaped here from abroad and were in hiding, were recaptured and sent off to their doom.

Recently I was able to make enquiries on the spot at Campi, Fossoli Camp itself, and then later at Bolzano, where the Gries transit concentration camp lies; and from the lips of one survivor who reached Poland and was returned alive, a beginning of a consecutive story is possible.

The convoys leaving Rome have been traced through the railway sidings at Florence, and again on arrival at Bolzano, and in some cases up through the Brenner. Normal procedure was a two to three days' run in closed railway trucks, with anything from fifty up to eighty in a truck, a stay at Fossoli until it was closed about the 26th June 1944, before proceeding to Bolzano, and there again a stay of a few weeks for despatch into Germany or Poland.

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The Fossoli Camp fluctuated between 1,500 and 2,000 inmates and the Bolzano Camp reached a total of 3,000; and both camps had Italian Christians - political prisoners - as well as Italian Jews, but in different sections. Details which have been obtained of the convoys of Italian Christians will be omitted from the following table, which will deal almost exclusively with the Jews:-

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SOME OF THE WAVES OF JEWS DEPORTED FROM ITALY.					
Date	Town or camp whence deported	To	Numbers	Approximate percentage ages. M. W. F.	Remarks.
1) 16.10.43.	Rome	Fossoli	1023	50:38:12	50/60
2) Nov. & Dec. 43	"	"	1067	" " " "	"
3) During Other '44	Italian towns	Germany	6000	?	?
4) 25.10.43.	Fossoli	Oswiecim } Mikensu }	1023	As Sub. No. 1.	60
5a) 8.2.44.	Rome	Fossoli	65	?	?
5b) 17.5.44.	Fossoli	Oswiecim	65	mixed	60
6) 20.2.44.	Fossoli	To Germany via Tarvisio	5/500	mixed	50/60
7) 1-35.9.44.	Fossoli	Cavicecim	600	mixed	50/60
8) 25.6.44.	Fossoli	"Germany" via Tarvisio	730	"	60/70
9) Sept. 44.	Bolzano Gries	Mathausen	6007	"	50
10) 15.12.44.	"	Auschwitz	6007	"	60
1) 25.2.45.	"	Brenner and beyond (see remarks)	840	"	60

This cleared Fossoli camp 2 big (5/600 each) Italian Christian convoys had already left.

Information from those working in Gries camp.

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44. 5a) 17.5. Fossoli	65	65	60	This is 54 being moved on.
44. 5b) 17.5. Fossoli	65	65	60	Parish priest of Fossoli saw Jews being driven into railway vans at Fossoli.
44. 6) 20.2.44. Fossoli To Germany	5/500	mixed	50/60	
44. 7) 1-35.9				
44. 4.44. Fossoli	600	mixed	50/60	This cleared Fossoli camp 2 big (5/600 each) Italian Christian convoys had already left.
44. 8) 25.6. Fossoli	750	"	60/70	Information from those working in Gries camp.
44. 9) Sept. Bolzano	600?	"	50	
44. 10) 15.12. " Auschwitz	600?	"	60	
44. 1) 25.2. " Brenner and beyond (see remarks)	840	"	60	700 were Italian political prisoners, 140 Jews - mainly from N. Italian towns. That night Allies bombed and destroyed part of railroad to Brenner beyond repair. After 36 hours in open cattle trucks the deportees were huddled and returned to Gries camp. All were finally liberated on 27th to 29th April, except 54 Italian Christians sent North by road. 300 Jews were among the 3000 liberated, of whom 100 were foreigners now mainly at Meran and the remainder from N. Italy

From this table it will be seen that, of a total of about 8,000 Jews, whose departure from Italy has been traced, all were sent into either Germany, Austria or Poland. The chances of those who reached Poland having survived are most meagre. A certain Leone Fiorentino, 21 years old, a Roman Jew, who was seized on the 3rd February 1944, and who had returned alive from Gwiazdka, stated that as each new

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convoy of Jews arrived there - a daily occurrence - a high-ranking German officer had all ranged before him in ranks of fives and, as each column moved past him, with a flick of his finger he indicated those who were to go to the right - to be utilized for slave labour - and those who were to go to the left to be gassed and cremated. Except for a few strong young women, all other women, all children and all weak or elderly men were sent to the left. Of the more healthy workers, some were sent off elsewhere - to slave-labour camps - and most succumbed in the end. (Pioventino himself escaped, after being moved from camp to camp, a few days before the Allies entered Dachau, his last place of internment).

As regards further information from the Italy end, the following individuals alive in Italy can give some particulars, those marked ^x having particularly valuable information:-

- 1) ^x Pioventino, Leone (Rome)
- 2) Archbishop of Carpi
- 3) The Parroco, or Parish Priest, of Fossoli, Rev. Venturelli.
- 4) Commissario di Pubblica Sicurezza, Tagliatella, now in prison hospital at Modena; Commandant of Fossoli Camp for Fascist Republic, Feb.-Jun. 1944.
- 5) Bruno Fano del Sole, Via Foscardi 38, Florence (escaped from Bolzano, August 44)
- 6) Danon, Giulia, of Rome.
- 7) Mrs. Jacoby, now in Merano, Jewels in Bolzano Camp.
- 8) ^x Grandis, Milla - Bolzano camp; kept books in camp.
- 9) Zucchetti, Giana (works for C.I.C.)
- 10) ^x Cologna, Albino - was guard in Bolzano camp, now under arrest.
- 11) ^x Lohbert, Hildegarde (German); head of women's section at Bolzano - known as the "tigress". The Counter-Intelligence of the C.I.C. are believed to be tracking her in hills above Bolzano.
- 12) ^x Flatner, Paula: in Bolzano camp. Was employed in the Archives Section. Is now at Chiusa, north of Bolzano, on Brenner Road.
- 13) ^x Longho, Renata, Italian. Bolzano Camp. Did censorship work. Was always anti-Nazi.

(From 6 to 13 were all at Bolzano)

Especially cruel officers and guards in the two camps:-

- 1) Haage, Hans: Commandant both at Fossoli and Bolzano. Of Merisch-Schubert, address Neustädte-Strasse; said to be hiding in the Pusterthal, Tirol. He was Hauptschar-Führer.
- 2) Unterstirn-Führer Carl Tito, from Horn in Lippe.
- 3) Lohbert, Hildegarde, a Berliner. (See No. 11 in previous paragraph).
- 4) Seifert, Michael, } two Ukrainian 8/3 Guards, - particularly savage.
- 5) Sain, Otto }

- 2) Archbishop of Campi.
- 3) The Parroco, or Parish Priest, of Possoli, Rev. Venturelli.
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- 6) König, Josef
- 7) Tscharf, Max
- 8) Mail, August.

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Ref 2210/NO.

11th June 1945.

I should like to thank you on behalf of the Chief Commissioner for the work that you have done in Italy as Resident representative of the I.C.C.R. and for the assistance which you have given to the Allied Commission, particularly the Displaced Persons and Repatriations Sub-Commission. Your help, which has been given in a spirit of great sympathy with the problem and of cooperation with the officers concerned, has been greatly appreciated.

M. G. LUSH

Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith,
Inter-Governmental Committee for Refugees,
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REPORT ON TRIP UNDERTAKEN TO ASCERTAIN POTENTIAL NUMBER OF STATELESS REFUGEES THAT MAY BECOME A PROBLEM IN ITALY.

JUN 7 1945

1. I approached the Chief Executive Commissioner, Admiral Willey Stone, for authorization to visit as required in the North for the purpose of obtaining a general picture regarding the potential stateless refugees in the future. He supported the proposal, and AFHQ accorded the necessary permission. I left on the 16th May; and returned, interrupting my journey at Udine on the 29th May, and coming straight South to Rome, which I reached on the 31st May.

2. The journey, which covered some 1500 miles, was undertaken in a jeep driven by a British corporal. The itinerary forms an appendix to this memorandum.

3. During my journey I contacted unspecified numbers of Allied army officers, especially in the G-5 Section, Italian authorities, prefects and questors, Jewish communities and, above all, refugee officers of the Displaced Persons Branch. All without exception were unfailingly helpful and, wherever possible, informative.

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6. From the Austrian-German side North of the Brenner, none are coming through and, as things stand, none will be allowed through in the future.

7. On the Austrian frontier to the North-East of Italy -- Carinthia -- it was known that one hundred Jewish refugees had collected at Klagenfurt, and up to a few days ago there was practically no word of hope as to others coming: but these "Klagenfurt" Jews were to be sent down to Italy.

8. As most of the British zone in Styria is held by Russia, as is the rest of the Eastern portion of Austria, and as there is no indication of the Russians relaxing their frontier restrictions and allowing an exodus of Jews, it must be assumed that the total Jewish influx into Italy from Austria,

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as things stand, will not vastly exceed one hundred. Even a very optimistic rumor from a rather poor source only gives 500 or 700 Jews as the total who might be rescued from East Austria, failing a change of policy on the part of the Russians.

9. To sum up, therefore, the Jewish refugee problem in Italy, so long as the present policies hold, would not exceed 5,000. On the other hand, it is understood that there will come from Marseilles on the 4th June and on the 12th June to Italy two convoys of Jews, the first of 1000 out of an original 1000 from Belsen Bergen, the second, also 1000, out of an original 1200 from Theresienstadt. All are mainly from Hungary, and all have for some time been in Switzerland. They are to be housed in the UNRRA village camp in the South, Santa Maria di Bagui, near Lecce.

10. This brings the total Jewish refugee figures in Italy to the neighbourhood of a stable 7,000.

Polish Stateless

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16. The Polish Liaison Officer gave certain interesting details regarding the composition of the Poles in the camp. First, as regards Jews: he said that, of the 11,500 Poles, 683 were Polish Jews, and of these only 24 had signed documents declaring their readiness to go to Palestine as Zionists. Of the Polish Christians, 1500 were labelled as potentially ready to go and live in Poland under the Lublin Government, but the Liaison Officer thought that, when it came to the point, not more than 200 to 300 would go freely. The Poles in the camp included 800 Polish Catholic priests, and also the previous Polish Consul-General at Zagreb, M. Grabinskiy. The release of these priests and of the Consul-General from the concentration camps particularly exercised the mind of the Liaison Officer.
17. Very different from this picture was that given in Austria and largely confirmed afterwards by an officer in Italy attached to the Eighth Army.
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19. On the above figures, therefore, there should be 10,000 Poles coming from or already come from Austria into Italy, but a Displaced Persons Officer's estimate gave the numbers of Poles on the land who have not yet announced themselves to be sufficient to increase the 10,000 figure by about 4,000 more. In addition to these, the Polish Liaison Officer at Villa Bottego, just outside Verona, informed me that he had a nucleus of 1,000 civilian Poles found in Italy, and these too will all be grouped eventually around the core of the Polish forces.
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Yugoslavs.

21. Here, for those who might have come down from the North through the Brenner into Italy, the policy is the same as for the Poles. But in any case, the potential numbers are vastly less, however, - for example, in Dacia there were only about 1,000 Yugoslavs. And as the Italian frontier is closed to non-Italians, no Yugoslavs will come that area.

22. Yugoslavs in Austria. In the Eighth Army Zone. Here the same policy is being followed as for the Poles - always inspired by the desire to remove the persons who fought on our side or suffered on our side from a zone of greater danger where they might be caught and drastically dealt with by the opponent parties of their own nationality, to a country of greater security.

23. As regards the British zone, in the Eastern portion of Austria, there were held in the Displaced Persons Camp or by the army at Klagenfurt 7,000 Yugoslavs, and at Villach 1,500, while there were estimated to be at large in our present small area of Austria another 4,500, making 13,000 the total of Yugoslavs who may be moved from Austria into Italy. These include men, women and children, and there had already arrived in Italy another 1,000. This gives an effective 14,000 figure at present of potential stateless Yugoslavs for Italy.

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24. This figure is exclusive of the 5,000 Yugoslavs -- civilians and those formerly of military formations -- who had already frequently been reported as scattered over Southern Italy.

25. Again, these figures are exclusive of some 2,000 anti-Tito but partly pro-German Croations, mainly women and children, and some 12,000 so-called Chetniks, who, mainly in the Commandoes, came North out of Serbia, and who have recently been disarmed, and are now at Forlì and other places in North Italy. While it is certain that many had fought the Germans, a larger number later, being under German occupation, were forced to work in with their conquerors, -- in short, some of these are white and some gray and a small residue are actually black as regards their reputation. One thing is certain, that nearly all might risk the death penalty if returned to Tito. Consequently, these people cannot be dismissed as potentially outside the scope of IGOR.

26. Without burdening this report with very illuminating details that were learnt, it may be roughly summed up that the effective potential problem of Yugoslav stateless might be as high as 33,000 (14 + 5 + 14 thousand). Indeed, this figure might be considerably increased if events in Styria and Istria allowed of the free access of all dissident Yugoslavs into the safer area of Italy.

Nationals of the Baltic States.

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Anticipated General Figures of Stateless.

29. Thus, the total anticipated stateless refugee figures in Italy may fluctuate between a minimum of 30,000 and a maximum of 55,000. The maximum figures would be reached as follows:

(i) Jews	7,000
(ii) Poles (civilians only)	15,000
(iii) Yugoslavs (civilians and military)	33,000
(iv) Baltic States citizens etc.	1,000
Total	56,000

This figure excludes the Polish regular forces - i.e., the Polish Corps that has been fighting throughout the campaign in Italy.

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The Stateless - The Present and Their Future.

30. Many Officers of the Displaced Persons Branches and others discussed with me this problem, and all wanted to know if any policy for alleviation of the lot of the stateless had yet been formulated, and if so, if it was being put into practice. A widely prevalent view can be given roughly in these terms: This problem of the stateless, which may well cover a million persons, in the most tragic heritage of the war. Unless it be treated at the highest level as a matter of acute urgency, it is probable that many of those who have already suffered the torments of hell over a period of years will drag on in a purgatory for an indefinite period. Unless another war breaks out and really prevents the problem being tackled, an early decision on the question must be taken and must be carried out. One proposal was the immediate constitution of temporary, say five-year zones, either along the German North-Western seaboard or along the Rhine, into which British or American area could be brought all those whose future national status is a matter either of conjecture or, unfortunately, no longer a matter of conjecture because they would be for all time stateless; and that then, within this area, these "stateless" individuals could be organized, each in their own zone, according to their race and former nationality, so that they could at least live lives approximating slightly to those of ordinary citizens pending the hoped-for opening-up of permanent facilities for their settlement elsewhere, or pending, in more favourable cases, arrangements for their return to their land of origin, if subsequent events make this possible. Should such a solution be adopted, two of its great merits would be that none of those who suffered as enemies of our enemies would be subjected any longer to the life of concentration camps or to camp life as it is normally understood: while the country that would be obliged to provide the necessary facilities for them during the five-year interim period would be the very one that had wrought such evil against them. While, within such zones and areas, freedom of movement would be complete, clearly the stateless placed there would only in individual cases have freedom of movement outside those areas; but already a great step would have been taken on their behalf, if such a scheme could be put through. In the meantime, any emigration schemes to be arranged on behalf of those living temporarily in these zones would be carried through much more smoothly and without the sense of pressing urgency which must attach to this problem so long as the stateless, as victims of war, remain scattered throughout Europe in concentration camps and in refugee transit camps.

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ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS

A.P.O. 394, G.M.F.

Reference: I.IGCR.79.

6th June, 1945.

TO: Chief Commissioner
thru: Executive Commissioner

AC HQ

With the compliments of the
Resident Representative, IGCR.

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Friday	May 18	A & D. Carpi A & D. Fossoli A. Verona. D. " "
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Sunday	May 20	A. Bolzano. D. " "
Monday	May 21	A & D. Merano A. Bolzano. D. " "
Tuesday	May 22	A & D. Bremer
Wednesday	May 23	A. Igls, Innsbruck. D. Innsbruck. A. Dachau D. " "
Thursday	May 24	A. Igls. D. " "
Friday	May 25	A. Bolzano. D. " "
Saturday	May 26	A. S. Ceneda. D. " "
Sunday	May 27	A & D. Milieu A. Villach D. " "
Monday	May 28	A & D. Udine A. Padova. D. " "
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A.P.O. 394, O.M.F.

(Telephone: 471535
and 471538)

Reference: 3.IGCR.105.

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1st June, 1945.

TO: G-5 (Air and Sea Travel), A.F.H.Q.

FROM: Resident Representative, I.G.C.R., Italy.

SUBJECT: Sea Passage to the United Kingdom.

As I am relinquishing this post and have to return to Great Britain at short notice, I should be most grateful if a sea passage to the United Kingdom be obtained for me at the earliest possible moment. I would be ready to travel any day as from the 4th June.

Your assistance in this respect would be much appreciated.

(Sg) C.E. Heathcote-Smith

C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH
RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE
I.G.C.R.

1.6.1945.

To the Executive Commissioner

with the compliments of the
Resident Representative,
Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees,
Italy.

(Sent in accordance with this morning's telephone
conversation with the office of the
Executive Commissioner)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Message Centre No: E/2882
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TO: HQ ALCON FOR ACENS

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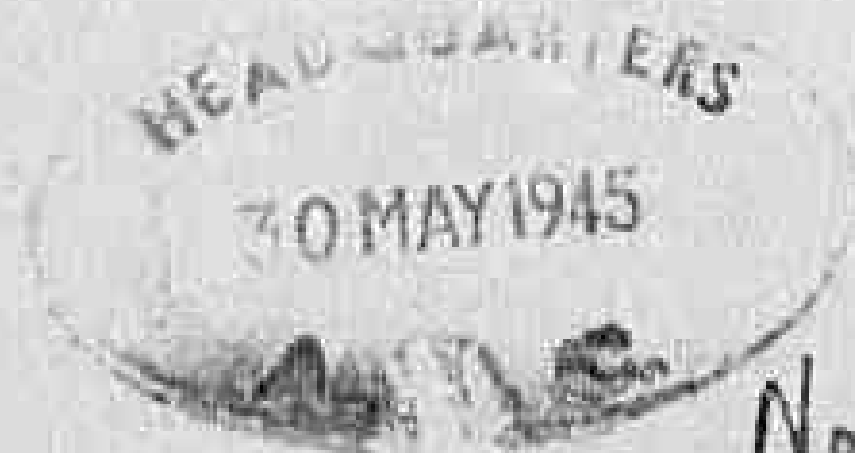
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Ref your 8637 of 28. Request you inform Colonel TOMLIN that Sir CLIFFORD HEATHCOTE SMITH will arrive ROME 31 May.

ACTION

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Action - Exec Comm 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
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23 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Visit to Northern ITALY.

TO : Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission.

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1. With reference to ICR's letter of 15 May 1945 approval is given to the visit of Dr. S. U. NARON to the places named, with the exception of TRIESTE.
2. This approval is, of course, subject to the necessary permission being obtained from the Armies.

EL
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

C.M.F.

17th April 1945.

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Dear Doctor Nahon,

Now that the Second Palestine Convoy has safely arrived at its destination, I must write you a personal letter of thanks for the quite invaluable part that you played in the success of this most excellent enterprise.

2. Your task was a very difficult one as it meant choosing some candidates and refusing others: acting in cooperation with those who did not always regard the problem from the Zionist point of view and having to acquaint yourself in a remarkably short time with the machinery whereby an operation could be carried through which involved collecting immigrants from some forty scattered localities and engaging the support of the very many authorities that had the power to make the whole operation an exceedingly long and difficult proceeding.

3. As it is you have won golden opinions from all sides by your clear thinking, tact and understanding and the tolerance of your attitude, and in congratulating you I wish also to congratulate the Jewish Agency on the choice of their Representative.

4. I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the Jewish Agency in Palestine and trust that firstly there will soon be another substantial convoy of immigrants for Palestine and secondly that you will again be the chosen Representative.

Yours sincerely
C.E.H.S

Doctor S.E. Nahon,
Representative of the Palestine Jewish Agency,
ROME.

Copy of a letter for Sir Clifford

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

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A.P.O. 394, S.M.P.

Ref.:
9.IGOR. 95.

15th May, 1945.

To: The Executive Commissioner of the Allied Commission, AC HQ.

From: The Resident Representative, IGOR, Italy.

MAY 15 1945

Dr. S.H. Nahon is the accredited Representative in Italy of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, attached as a British Civilian to the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.

He is anxious to visit the Jewish Communities of Northern Italy and namely those of Genoa, Turin, Milan, Venice, Trieste and Bologna.

The chief purpose of his visit will be to ascertain the number of Jewish refugees and of local Jews who want to emigrate to Palestine and to establish branches of the Palestine Office for the proper registration of would-be emigrants.

We should be grateful if you would kindly authorize him to proceed as indicated above.

A copy of a previous Authority in Mr. Nahon's case is attached for reference.

(H)
Julian Tomlin
LT. COL. JULIAN T. TOMLIN
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(Mrs MARDEN)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Adj: 230.3

8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Attachment

TO : All concerned.

1. Mr. Solomon U. Nahon, British civilian, having reported this Headquarters per Letter, Government of Palestine, file G.S. 681, dated 9 November 1944, is attached to the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, Allied Commission, for duty.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

(386.) NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant.

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Thank you for your letter IG/372/418 of May 3rd. Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith has been working in cooperation with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of this Headquarters and I think has been given a great deal of assistance in the establishment of your hostel in Rome. Amongst other material aid which we and others have been able to provide are beds, timber, nails, food, telephonic communication and transport, and I believe the situation is quite satisfactory at the moment. We shall, of course, be only too pleased to help in any way possible in any future projects.

The question of accommodation stores is a little difficult. The principle of purchase by you from Army supplies is one which needs recognition of a high level and I think it would be wise if you approached the War Office for a ruling which can be communicated to this theatre. In the meantime be assured that we will do anything, even if irregularly, to help.

M. S. LUSH

Sir Herbert Emerson, GCIE, KCSI, CBE,
Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees,
112, Regent Street, LONDON, S.W.1.

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Telephone: ANNEX 65934-64678

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

Our Ref: IC/372/118
HME/EMS.

Your Ref:

By Agent Pyndia.

110 REGENT STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

3rd May, 1945.

MAY 7 REC'D

You will recall that in the discussion we had in our office I told you something about our plans for so-called "projects" in connection with our work in Italy. These include at the moment the establishment of two hostels and a convalescent home. The purpose of the hostels is to provide lodging for persons who can find employment provided living accommodations can be made available to them at a moderate cost, but are at present unable to take available employment because of the absence of such accommodations. Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith has been pushing forward with plans for the organisation of these hostels and in this connection has been writing us regarding certain supplies and equipment which he will require.

I need not elaborate to you the variety of minor utensils, tools and housekeeping materials which go into the furnishing and operation of a small hostel or restaurant such as we are now contemplating. The total number of units which we require of any single item is very small. On the other hand the variety of such items is large. It seems entirely impracticable to attempt to set up our own purchasing and delivery arrangements at least while our operations are in their present limited stage.

I understand that in similar situations in the past, UNRRA at
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the beginning of its operations obtained, by purchase from Army salvage and surplus stocks or directly from Army Quartermaster, the various items necessary for its camp operations which are in many respects similar to those contemplated for our welfare projects in Italy. In addition it contracted with the Army for the delivery of rations on a scale worked out with Army approval to its camps against reimbursement by UNRRA.

At the moment our operations are on a much smaller scale than those being conducted by UNRRA, although as you know they may expand in the future if we are called upon to take over residual groups of UNRRA present camp populations. By way of example I mention at random some of the items which Heathcote-Smith requires for the equipment of the hostels and the convalescent home:- frying pans, scissors, household tools, knives, light bulbs, padlocks, drinking mugs, scrubbing brushes, etc., etc.

I wonder whether you could give him any suggestions as to how he might establish a purchase arrangement with Army supplies similar to that which UNRRA had or has on behalf of its camps, remembering that the quantities which we want are indeed very small and could I should assume almost certainly be provided out of Army surplus or stocks without inconvenience. We would, of course undertake to pay the appropriate Army authorities whatever the cost of these items was. I do not know whether Heathcote-Smith envisages a proposal to purchase rations from the Army also or whether this would indeed be necessary or practicable, but it might well be included in the general discussion.

I shall be most grateful for any assistance you can give us in this direction and shall be looking forward to your comments after you have had an opportunity to see Heathcote-Smith.

Yours sincerely,

H. W. Smith.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS

A.P.O. 394, C.M.F.

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IMMEDIATE.

12th May, 1945.

MAY 15 REC'D

To: Director, Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, London.

From: Resident Representative, ICGR, Italy.

Subject: MANDATE AND FEEDING HUNGARY DISSIDENTS.

Ref.: 27/ICGR/73.

Your letter and Assistant Director's Memorandum both of 26th April on Mandate and its scope.

Briefly these indicate that although Director of ICGR and his colleagues are anxious and ready to assume responsibility for all irrepatriables, no assistance should at present be afforded to Nationals of United Nations whose Government in power disclaims or disapproves of them.

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Also certain help, especially to sick persons, is being provided by the American Joint Distribution Committee.

To date, only a few dissidents have returned to the Allied Commission's Displaced Persons Camps: and more than half the dissident civilians are ex-internees.

Para. 4. Three suggestions have been made for temporary handling of problem:-

(a) If Government participation is the crux, could funds collected from philanthropic non-political or Yugoslav Dissident Sources abroad be distributed by some private Voluntary Agency?

(b) The second suggestion is that contained in the UNRRA Belgrade telegram re housing dissidents in Camps, but this has the disadvantage that it could at any moment be objected to by the Yugoslav Legation.

(c) My own suggestion is that, as in principle ICGR does any residual

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work on behalf of refugees not taken up by UNHRA, could IGCR propose to the powers that be that "without prejudice to the main issue" INTERIM assistance should be given either by IGCR or, still better, by UNHRA, or failing both, by some voluntary body with funds supplied from IGCR or UNHRA sources, pending settlement of the main issue by UNHRA, Washington and the powers concerned.

Even those accused of capital crimes are locked after and fed without prejudice to the final verdict until such time as sentence is pronounced, — and here various Great Powers have undertaken a humanitarian obligation to feed refugees and fugitives so that the interim carrying out of that programme until such time as a final agreement or disagreement on the issue is reached between the powers concerned would seem to be both a logical and unassailable method of dealing with this delicate problem.

Para. 5. The Yugoslav Authorities' attitude is today truculent, but fortunately illogical and allows of loopholes for assistance. If it became wholly logical some of these dissidents, many of whom fought valiantly against the Germans, "could" die of starvation whilst Allied Relief Organisations are actually on the spot with the requisite foodstuffs. The knowledge of any such threatened denouement could have disproportionately unfortunate repercussions in our own countries. And this same local problem can recur widely elsewhere.

The four Freedoms which the Atlantic Charter set out to establish include specifically the Freedom from Want and Fear, from neither of which are these dissident Yugoslavs here free.

Para. 6. I understand that the setting up of the Mandate of IGCR was fundamentally for humanitarian non-political purposes; and that therefore it can urge that aside of any issue without incurring the reproach of having any political bias.

In view of the incontrovertible facts that, apart from the human beings involved, the length of time taken to reach a political agreement is not a matter of urgency, but that certainly those concerned will suffer acutely and could ultimately perish if a veto to success be maintained, I beg most strongly to urge that, without prejudice to the main issue, an INTERIM decision be sought, permitting interim assistance, on a reduced scale if necessary, for these dissidents and all other doubtful or not yet included groups and individuals.

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A copy of this savingram is being communicated to Rear-Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R., Chief Commissioner, Allied Comdiseib 77

C.F. HEATHCOTE-SMITH
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Your 5912 of 22 April.

1. Memo 6 April received.
2. Problem complicated as UNRRA aid to displaced persons hitherto not repeat not envisaged by us as aid for political refugees from states members of United Nations and UNRRA Council.
3. If precedent UNRRA support for these Yugoslavs accepted it logically involves UNRRA support for many further thousand Yugoslavs now in Germany but opposed present regime and for political refugees other members United Nations including hundreds thousands Poles unwilling return Poland.
4. Further difficulty is that acceptance by UNRRA of responsibility these Yugoslavs against wishes Yugoslav Government will lead not only to violent conflict between Yugoslav authorities and UNRRA with most adverse effect on work UNRRA Yugoslav mission but Yugoslav attitude will certainly find support with number other Council members with consequent serious split in Council.
5. After detailed discussion with American and British Embassies Belgrade consider decision should be postponed and Yugoslavs held provisionally in Italy in camps under military or AO control. Advantage this postponement is that it gives time for consideration on high level between major powers of general questions of (A) handing over to United Nations Governments of their nationals accused by them of war crimes (b) general disposal political refugees of United Nations nationality.
6. Suggest in any case general policy should be threshed out at next UNRRA Council.
7. Have deferred discussion on above with Yugoslav Ministry Foreign Affairs pending your reply.

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SUMMARY OF REPORT OF YUGOSLAV WELFARE SOCIETY ON DISSIDENT
YUGOSLAV IN ITALY. Date: 16th April, 1945.

Total numbers in liberated Italy are about 5,000, comprising ex-prisoners-of-war, ex-internees and the refugees.

In Rome there are about 1,000 individuals, of whom some 650 (list of names and addresses were attached to the Report) are inscribed in the Society's Assistance Registers. Of these, 300 are women and 50 children. Only 60 found work. The remainder are in a very indigent condition.

At Bari and in its neighbourhood there are about 1,000 dissident Yugoslavs, of whom 750 are registered with the Welfare Society, of whom 350 women, 60 children. Same remarks apply as for Rome.

A further thousand are North of Rome, principally in the Pescara Province. These are nearly all peasants who were brought over en masse to escape the difficult war conditions, and whose houses have been destroyed.

In the Santa Cesarea Refugee Camp there were 650 refugees, of whom 100 women and children. Many of the men are military and still in uniform, and were fed and housed by UNRRA, but they are mostly without beds or furniture. They particularly need clothing, and apart from being fed they just exist.

Near Naples and Brindisi, in aerodromes, there are some 600 Yugoslavs in ancillary services of the R.A.F. These are well looked after in every way, in food and clothing, but receive no money subsidy.

At Santa Croce Camp there are 250 Jewish Yugoslavs, and of them 100 are women and children. They too receive no subsidy.

In other parts of Italy, Naples Taranto and certain villages, others are scattered about all in a very indigent condition.

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	Bari and surroundings	.	1,000
	North of Rome	.	1,000
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	R.A.F.	.	600
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Conditions anticipated in the North.

There are probably some 10,000 Yugoslavs, of whom some are ⁵ in various parts of the country, but the majority were in concentration camps and prisons. Some of us Yugoslavs estimate at 50,000 the numbers of those who might succeed in escaping from Yugoslavia proper, where they fear reprisals from followers of the present Government. While this figure may be much too high, certain sources of information indicate that up to some 25,000 persons might try to emigrate, clandestinely, from Slavonia into Italy; and from Croatia into Istria, even 20,000 are expected. It is known that there was a movement from Serbia, and it is hoped that some 10,000 people might come through. All these will be democrats, pro-Ally and anti-German and of course Anti-Communist.

Note: It is very probable that these figures are interpretations of the wishes of members of the dissident Welfare Society rather than statistics that will be confirmed by later events, especially in view of recent developments.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES
(ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS)
A.P.O. 394, G.M.F.

7th May, 1945.

To: The Executive Commissioner, HQ AG.

From: The Resident Representative, IGCR, Italy.

Subject: Authorisation for Inspection Travel in North Italy.

Your reference: 2210/22/EC, 24th April.

Our reference: IGCR/79.

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Headquarters 15th Army Group, G-5 Section, APO 777, addressed a communication to you (Reference G-5/1/5.1 of the 1st May) stating that this visit for inspection travel was authorised, but that it was regretted that no transport was available there, and saying that I should bring a vehicle with either an American or a British driver.

2. As I cannot procure these myself, could the Executive Commissioner kindly help me by procuring them.

Julian Tomlin

COLONEL JULIAN L. TOMLIN
for C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH
R.R. I.G.C.R.

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
G-5 SECTION
APO 777

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Ref: G-5/1/5.1

1 May 1945

SUBJECT: Authorization for Inspection Travel.

TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

1. Reference your 2210/22/EC of 24 April 45, Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith will be very welcome to stay with AMG Fifth Army provided his visit is deferred until on or after 8 May 45. Colonel Sutherland will do all he can to help him.

2. It is recommended that Sir Clifford should bring a bedroll with him as whereas this would be provided at AMG Fifth Army it might not be possible when he is in the field.

3. It is regretted that no transport can be supplied so perhaps Sir Clifford will bring a vehicle with either an American or British driver.

4. AMG Eighth Army would also be pleased to receive Sir Clifford within their territory though as they are frequently on the move and under canvas they very much regret they could not arrange to provide accommodation at their Headquarters.

Robert Jones

Lt Colonel
for DCCAO

Copy to:
AMG Fifth Army
AMG Eighth Army

(Mrs. S. J. Jones)

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Ref: 2210/22/EC

24 April 45

SUBJECT: Authorization for Inspection Travel

TO : G-5, Hq 15th Army Group

1. Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, resident representative of the Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees, Italy, desires to make a trip to the army areas in connection with his activities in Italy. In this respect your attention is invited to inclosures 1 and 2 which detail the purpose of his intended visit.

2. This proposed trip has the Chief Commissioner's approval, and it is desired that Hq 15th Army Group's permission be obtained for a temporary attachment thereto for a period not to exceed six weeks.

Major L. W. STEARNS

NORMAN E. FISK

Colonel

Acting Executive Commissioner

2 Incls.
as above

Incl #1-Cy ltr ref IGCR/78,
Hq AC, 20/4/5

Incl #2-Cy NOTES re visit
IGCR rep: 23/4/5

Copies to: IGCR, Hq AC
Sir. Heathcote-Smith
Establishment Section

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re:

VISIT OF INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE
TO NORTH ITALY (- North of PO)

His exact mission.

To ascertain probable approximate numbers and conditions of Stateless Refugees in North Italy for whom his Committee will later shoulder full responsibility:-

1. Authorisations necessary for executing this mission.

- I. Attachment to appropriate GHQ or HQs with full military authorisation and permits for fulfilling mission:
 - (a) Liberty to utilise information on Refugees that reaches HQs.
 - (b) Freedom to travel in so far as military conditions allow, to various centres, and to collect through Allied and Italian sources all local information and thereby form an over-all general picture.

Length of mission:

Minimum four weeks: maximum about six weeks.

2. Means necessary for execution of mission.

- I. The travel and attachment authorisations themselves.
- II. Transport: any suitable vehicle with driver - preferably a Jeep.
- III. If thought advisable, authorisation to wear a British uniform, with Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees on shoulder-strap or as arm band.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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21 April 1945

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TO: CSO to Executive Commissioner, Hq A.G.

Reference attached note to the Chief Commissioner from Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, please take whatever steps may be necessary to facilitate Sir Clifford's journey northwards.

JAQ

J.A.Q.

Incl:

Ltr, I.G.C.R., A.C.

Ref IGCR/78, 20 Apr 45

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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594.

20 April 1945

REF. : IGCOR/78

TO : Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

FROM : Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees,
Italy.

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF TEMPORARY ATTACHMENT OF
INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES
REPRESENTATIVE AT A.M.G. IN NORTH ITALY.

The Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees (I.G.C.R.) has as its ultimate chief responsibility all such Refugees found outside the frontiers of their country, as may become or have become STATELESS in law or in fact.

The I.G.C.R. therefore has a pressing interest to ascertain, at the earliest possible moment, what the eventual extent of the problem is likely to be, in each liberated territory.

On receipt of the requisite information, the I.G.C.R. in London can then make its plans accordingly to cope with the responsibilities which lie ahead.

2. I would therefore be grateful if, through your assistance, the due authorization of AMHQ could be obtained for me to be attached for a short period (four to six weeks) to AMHQ Headquarters, or possibly HQ., Army, on the occupation of territories North of the PO.

My functions, as I see them, would be to investigate the foreign situation in its broadest aspects, so as to be able to report on the probable magnitude of the problem of the Stateless found in North Italy.

To achieve this purpose, freedom of movement within the limits dictated by military necessity would be essential.

3. The categories of potentially Stateless refugees most likely to be encountered are:

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3. The categories of potentially Stateless refugees most likely to be encountered are:

"Dissident" Yugoslavs:
non-Italian Jews:
Poles.

The various estimates as to their probable numbers differ remarkably.

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4. If my presence could be at any time of help to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, my services would be at their disposal.

C. E. Heathcote-Smith

C. E. HEATHCOTE SMITH.
P.R.
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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION,
APO 394.

12th February, 1945.

REFERENCE : IGC/18/1. FEB 12 1945

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission,
Movements Division,
H.Q. Allied Commission.
Attention: Col. Belfour.

FROM : Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.

SUBJECT : Transport of 900 Emigrants to Palestine.

1. A representative of the Jewish Agency, working under the Government of Palestine, has arrived here to assist in choosing 900 Jewish emigrants for Palestine from among the refugees scattered over Liberated Italy.

2. I shall be grateful for early information as to whether these emigrants can be conveyed to Palestine in the next convoy proceeding to the Eastern Mediterranean - and this without disembarkation on any foreign territory; and if so what would be the approximate date of this and also of the next following convoy, and the collecting point, as it is not yet definitely known in how many weeks, four or more, the refugees can be got ready for this.

(Sgd) G. E. Heathcote Smith
G.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
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C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
R.R., I.S.O.R.

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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES,
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26th January, 1945.

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REFERENCE : IGCR/18/1.
TO : See Distribution below.
FROM : RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.
SUBJECT : Emigration to Palestine.

The following telegram has been received from the High Commissioner,
Palestine.

Telegram No. 681 dated 20th January.

"Your telegram No.2. Second Convoy. Percentage of Italian
Nationals immaterial so far as this Government is concerned.
Suggest matter be left to discretion of NAHON on arrival."

(Sgd). H. Leippert
for C.B. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
R.E. I.G.C.R.

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Distribution:-

The Director, Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees, London.
The Chief of Staff, H.Q., A.C.
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ON REFUGEES,
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24th January, 1945

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REFERENCE : IGOH/18/1.
TO : See Distribution below.
FROM : Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.
SUBJECT : Palestine Convoy.

The following telegram has been despatched to-day to the
Resident Minister, Cairo, repeated to the High Commissioner, Palestine:-

"Reference MILPAL CS 681. All have most grateful if you
can give date expected arrival Jewish Agency Representative NAHON."

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(Sd) H. Keuffner
for C.E. HARRIS-COPE-SMITH,
R.R., I.C.C.R.

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REFERENCE : ICOR/18/1.
TO : See Distribution Below.
FROM : Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.
SUBJECT : Palestine Convey.

The following telegram has been received from the Government of Palestine:-

"Following from High Commissioner Palestine, GB 681.
Your telegram No. 3 of the 13th January. Resident
Minister, Cairo has been asked to advise you of expected
date Nahon's arrival."

C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH.
R.R., I.G.C.R.

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13th January, 1945.

REFERENCE : IGCR/18/1. **JAN 14 1945**
TO : See Distribution Below.
FROM : Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees,
Resident Representative.
SUBJECT : Second Convey to Palestine.

The following telegrams have been exchanged between the
Government of Palestine and this Office:-

(i) From MILPAL:

Telegram No. 1/12 of the 9th January, 1945.

"SECRET": Your telegram No. 1 dated 3rd January.

Palestine Government request no further migration
Jews in Italy to Palestine pending arrival in Italy of NAHON."

(ii) From Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees: Italy.

Telegram No. 3 of the 13th January, 1945.

"RESTRICTED": Your telegram No. 1/12. **7A**

Greatly appreciate if you will give expected date
Nahon's arrival. Can I help this and?"

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APO 394.

10th January, 1945.

REFERENCE : IGCR/18/1. JAN 13 1945
TO : See Distribution below
FROM : Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.
SUBJECT : Second Palestine Convey.

The following telegram has been sent to the Government of Palestine:

"Telegram No. 2 (of the 10th January).

My telegram No. 1 of the 3rd January: Second Convey.

Preliminary lists compiled by Joint Palestine Emigration Committee contain thirty percent Italian Jews who have relatives in Palestine.

Please instruct what percentage, if any, of Italian nationals will be permitted."

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G.N. DE TROCH-SMITH,
R.R., I.G.C.R.

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To: NO ALLIED COMMITTEE FOR STONE.

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Your telegram No 1 dated 3rd January.

PALESTINE Government request no further migration Jews in ITALY to PALESTINE pending arrival in ITALY of HAMON.

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ON REFUGEES,
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APO 394.

3rd January, 1945.

The following telegram has been sent to MILPAC, under date 3rd January, 1945, from the Resident Representative, I.G.C.R.

RESTRICTED.

Telegram No. 1. My telegram No. 12 of 28 November. Second Convoy to Palestine of 900 souls. This was agreed in principle in October. Then arose question of early arrival of Jewish Agency representative MAHON to select emigrants in consultation with Inter Governmental Committee.

Paragraph 2. It is urgently desirable to avoid further delay.

Paragraph 3. (a) Could you ensure arrival of MAHON here by 20th January for this purpose?

(b) Failing this will you authorize me to approve selection either of all 900 or alternatively of 800 and to despatch them to Palestine as soon as possible?

In either case numbers would be inclusive of those named persons already authorized by you.

Paragraph 4. Joint Palestine Emigration Committee has prepared provisional comprehensive lists of would-be emigrants from all liberated Italy; and our role would be that of final supervision and approval, just as in the case of the First Convoy of 570 souls sent to Palestine in May.

Paragraph 5. If only 800 sent then MAHON could later make any special selections from among the 100 remaining vacancies.

C.E. HATHOR-SMITH,
R.R. I.G.C.R.

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G.E. HATHCOTE-SMITH,
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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION
ON REFUGEES,
HEADQUARTERS ARABIAN COMMISSION
APO 391.

5th January, 1945.

REFERENCE : INCI/RS/1. JAN - 6 1945
TO : The Chief of Staff,
HQ., A.C.,
Attention: Col. Shinn.
FROM : Resident Representative,
Inter-Governmental Commission on Refugees.
SUBJECT : Palatine Convoy.

Following your verbal request of to-day, herewith
for your information the text of telegram No. 12 of the
28th November last addressed to "MILPAC":-

"When can we expect RAISON'S arrival".

C. Heathcote-Smith

C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
R.R., I.G.C.R.

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SECRET. Following from Officer administering Consulate of PALESTINE.
Telegram No. 681, dated 24th October, 1944.

Number 681. Message begins: - 3

Your telegram numbers 10 and 11. Immigration of JEWS in ITALY to PALESTINE. Important. Number of Jews who may be admitted to Palestine from Italy under arrangements notified in my former telegram number 681 in answer to Heathcote-Smith's telegram No. 8 is 900 persons as an overall figure and not yet 900 persons per month.

2. All JEWS in LITWAKIA ITALY are eligible for selection within the overall figure of 900 not yet 900 solely Jews from Yugoslavia.

3. JEWISH Agency wishes to send HATCH as its representative to ITALY. He will be mainly responsible in consultation with you for selection of suitable immigrants to PALESTINE within the overall figure of 900 which is subject to increase or decrease as described in my former telegram No. 681. It is most desirable that until HATCH arrives no further immigrants for PALESTINE be permitted to proceed until these already in possession of immigration authorities. Suggest that HATCH'S previous experience may be useful.

4. It is essential that JEWS admitted to proceed to PALESTINE should be in possession of valid travel documents preferably valid national passports upon which VISA for PALESTINE has been affixed.

5. Further telegram will be sent on subject of HATCH. Message ends.

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2. ALL JAWS IN BLENDED TREAT are eligible for selection within the overall NUMBER OF 500 not yet not solely from the Yugoslavian.

3. That the Agency proposed to send HANON on the transportation in TRAIN. He will be mainly responsible for coordination with you for selection of suitable immigrants to PARROTIER within the overall figure of 900 which is subject to increase or decrease as described in my former telegram No. 681. It is most desirable that until HANON arrives no not no immigrants for PARROTIER be permitted to proceed apart from those already in possession of immigration authorities. Suggest that HANON'S previous experience may be useful.

It is contended that JAMES was entitled to proceed to England should he be in possession of valid travel documents properly valid national passports upon which VISA for England has been obtained.

5. Further telegram will be sent on subject of HALLIV. Insurance made.

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Copy to:-

Chief of Staff, H.Q. A.D.,

13-5 Goodwin, A. H. Q. 2

W. O. Inge, D. P. S. O.

H. C. Norton, Eng.; Head of Vase Section, Twickenham Railway, Ross.

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1. Following from officer administering Government PALESTINE. Nr 681. four telegram 11 and my telegram 681 in reply thereto. JEWS in ITALY and NAHON. Following is text of my telegram 1399 to Secretary of State for Colonies on subject.

"NAHON is still in JERUSALEM and Allied Forces Hq in ITALY have informed Hq Allied Control Commission in ITALY that it has no knowledge of NAHON'S application to enter ITALY having been received. I have informed Allied Control Committee "it is most desirable that until NAHON arrives no immigrants for PALESTINE be permitted to proceed apart from those already in possession of immigration authorities." In view of allocation of a figure of 900 persons for immigration of JEWS in ITALY to PALESTINE I consider it most desirable that NAHON should arrive in ITALY as soon as possible in order to assist in selecting suitable immigrants. I shall be grateful for your assistance in securing authority for his admission to ITALY at an early date." Ends.

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FOLLOWING FROM ACTING ASSISTANT REPRESENTATIVE INTER

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGERS PD

PAGE TO MILPAL FROM ACO SIGNED STONE PAPER

TELEGRAM NUMBER ELEVEN YOUR TELEGRAM SIX EIGHT ONE

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ITALY WE WILL BEGIN SELECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER QUOTA OF APPROXIMATELY
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Chief of Staff, AOC., HQ.,
G-5, AFHQ.,
Director, D.P. & R.S.C.,
Repatriation Officer, D.P. & R.S.C.

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OTHER MESSAGE FROM : MILZAL,
TO : HQ., ADU.,

REFERENCE NUMBER : 1/346.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET.

Date and Place of Origin: 131820A.

Following for Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, Resident Representative
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.

From Officer Administering the Government of Palestine.

No. 681. Begins.

Y our telegram No. 6. IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE.

Secretary of State has approved entry into Palestine of further
20,000 Jewish immigrants provided that not more than 1,500 persons may be
admitted in any one month. Of this quota 900 persons are distinguished
from principal immigrants allotted to Italy. This number to include
authorized immigrants at present in Italy who hold visa authorities and
are awaiting transport facilities. This number of 900 may be increased
or decreased at the request of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and any
change so made will be communicated to you.

I suggest that you discuss with KAHN when he arrives in Italy.
Provided that he agrees on behalf of Jewish Agency and that Jewish
Agency ensures that number of Jews reaching Palestine in any single month
from all quarters does not exceed 1,500, and that figure of 900 persons
coming to Palestine from Italy is not exceeded without prior notification
to us then there is no objection to your proposal. Ends.

Y our telegram No. 8. IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE.

Secretary of State has approved entry into Palestine of further 20300 Jewish immigrants provided that not more than 1900 persons may be admitted in any one month. Of this quota 900 persons are distinguished from principal immigrants allotted to Italy. This number to include authorized immigrants at present in Italy who hold valid authorities and are awaiting transport facilities. This number of 900 may be increased or decreased at the request of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and any change so made will be communicated to you.

I suggest that you discuss with HANSEN when he arrives in Italy. Provided that he agrees on behalf of Jewish Agency and that Jewish Agency ensures that number of Jews reaching Palestine in any single month from all quarters does not exceed 1500, and that figure of 900 persons coming to Palestine from Italy is not exceeded without prior notification to me then there is no objection to your proposal. Mds.

Copy to:-

A.F.H.Q., APD 512., G-5 Section.

The Director, D.P. & R.S.C., H.Q., A.C.C.

The Chief of Staff, H., A.C.C. ✓

COPY.

TO: MILPAL,

FROM : H.Q., ACC.,

Reference No. 3861.

Security Classification. CONFIDENTIAL.

Date: 25th September, 1944.

Following from Resident Representative, Inter Governmental
Committee on Refugees.

To Milpal, from ACC., signed Stone.

Following from Heathcote-Smith. Telegram No. 8.

Subject: EMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE.

1. Your cable of 12th June. Group of Jews who have suffered persecution internment and utmost privations for several years are now being brought out from inside Yugoslavia gradually by Allied Authorities. Up to 18th September 29 had been brought across. Total may reach 670. They are portion of a larger group, some of whom were deported and almost certainly exterminated.

2. Please grant me authority to add up to 300 heads of families from among this remnant, some of whom should be able to join in next emigration convoys to Palestine which might be towards end October.

Copy to:-

A.F.H.Q., APO 512.,
The Director, D.P. & R.S.C.,
Chief of Staff, H.Q., ACC.

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