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RECEPTION SCHEME, REPATRIATED ITALIAN NATIONALS
& POW'S
FEB. - JUNE 1945

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Ref #, I consider that action should be taken by Diaper,

Your instructions in such cases are that EC must be included in ^{action} district, but divided action is dangerous. An info copy is sufficient for coordination or follow up by this Office.^{8.} Will you reconsider?

2/6/45

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*: An initial cable addressed AEXC is only on a par with corres. addressed to C.C. or EC : not on policy.

93652

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My Mother,

Vapour. Defumation. Caper

example: but it went ^{by} ^{* 41} better

* An initial cable addressed ACEC is only on a par with corres. addressed to C.C. or EC - not on policy.

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May Naden.

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Japan: Information: Cey
i. example: but it must be by
to Ex Com. After Pelling * M. Peller
M. V. K. : Will Show Ex Com.

21/6

* M.C. instructed
21 June 45.

98E

note 988

* refers to an airt to repatriate
30,000 Itz. from Switzerland & has no
connection with Belgians - Shaef airt.
Starts on 28 June. 1000 pd. 5 days per.

98E

22/6/45

No further action 12/6

12/6

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Chief Commissioner.

M. Sec 76. V.P. CAS and

Directa 6/17/51 1 Pm S/c bills

attend. 6/6.

Noted by G.C.L.

SB.

Executive Commissioner:

Reference above minute.

It has now been decided to send, in addition to VP Civil Affairs and Director War Material, Colonel FINDLEY from MIA and Colonel FINDLEY, Displaced Persons. 76 refer.

Si
C.S.O.

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8 June '45.

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Inform ACMA. *WV/SP*

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See memo by telephone

Executive Commissioner:

Reference above minute.

It has now been decided to send, in addition to VP Civil Affairs and Director War Material, Colonel FIDLEY from MIA and Colonel FIDLEY, Displaced Persons.

76 report.

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8 June '45.

C.S.O.

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Inform AEC.

DR/8/6

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84 done by telephone

8/9/46.

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CSD

Please see 83 in reply to 70.

E.C. may be interested to see agenda for
BOZZANO Conf at 93.

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11/6/45

Ex line

MR 12/6

Pl See Agenda to Bozzano at 93

Also 83 in reply to 70. 11/16

C.S.O

68.

Attached letter (see 67) is submitted for signature

7/16 - 2/1/45

71

Director of WFO Me

fraternal if in bill let me
know what you are doing

2270. Greatly
2/6.

72.

E.C

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Have asked the Italian Government for
their views and will let you see my
sample reply to AFHQ before despatch.

So far so good

4 June 1945

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Know what you

2270. Signatures
if 6.

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E.C. / Have asked the Italian Government for
their views and will let you see my
sample reply to AFHQ before dispatch.

For Campbell
H.H.O.

4 June 1945

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CSC

Please see 76. Ref para 4 as this is to be
a high level conf of Spoke VP CASS who
will attend together with Dir WHD & PW SIC.
"Action" has been altered accordingly.

Ed

6/6/45

Exec. Comm.
(Personal)

Have adequate
instructions to
call on 5th Army
units been sent
to DP S/C units
in the field?

Sup 1

Ex. Commissioner

Re: Chief Commissioner's query which
was attached to folio 51,
folio 54 was sent out, as well as a
telegram, to all concerned

23 May

D. S. Buchanan 161
CAS

(53)

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May Stearns

54 answers C.C. note 53 above.

Dr 23/5

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May Stearns

54 answers Cc kote 53 cote.

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C.S.O.

You should see 57060 for information.

~~You have seen so before~~ 30/5.

C.S.O.

64.

63 for information.

31/5.

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Ext Com²

C.C. Should see 41. The report attd Harato was sent to you today on C.A. See file.

18/5/45

[Signature]

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Chief Commissioner.

To see p 41. I submitted the memorandum by Novst. Carroll in a separate file with my comments. Draft reply submitted.

See 48

11/17/45

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CASec

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Will you please comment on 51 & its attached note by C.C.

Office of EC
22/5/45

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[Signature]
King

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Ex Com30

Personnel supplies for refugees is being very well organized & our requests thoroughly supported all round. See folios ²⁸⁻²⁹ 1 & 2. Main file is with you.

12/5/45

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JH

MINUTES EXTRACTED FROM FILE 152/ECC.S.O.

Ref folio 444

To VP C.A. Section for examination and discussion. We must take line that we cannot accept non-Italians into Italy. Draft to AFHQ attached. Clear with sections for issue.

Exec Comm.

Please see AFHQ's reply to folio 468
you wish to alter draft at 46A?

In view of this do

M.S.L.
17/5~~22~~ 46E

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D.L.

MINUTES EXTRACTED FROM FILE 152/EC

C.S.O.

Ref folio 44

To VP C.A. Section for examination and discussion. We must take line that we cannot accept non-Italians into Italy. Draft to AFHQ attached. Clear with sections for issue.

M.S.L.
17/5

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~~46~~ 46E

Exec Commr.

Please see AFHQ's reply to folio 46E In view of this do you wish to alter draft at 46A?

D.L.L.
18/5

~~46~~ 46F

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M.S.L.
19/5

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C.S.O.

Please see 8. ~~Ex. 3~~

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C.S.O.

13.

Please see folio 11.

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7 Apr.

17 Apr. Partridge. 100 + 1070. (20)

Passed to you on Ex. Conis instructions for minutes of Meeting on 10/5/45.

See folio 21

PA 11/7/4

P.H.G.R. 11/5/45
PA to Ex. Con.

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Ex. Conis

To see 24 & 25.

11/5/45

Ex.

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Subbed to you on Ex-Com instructions for
minutes of Meeting on 10/3/45.

See Feb 21

P.H.G.R. 11/5/45
Pa to Ex-Com

1226

Ex Com

To see 24 & 25

Ex

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11/5/45

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24 to 26
10-16-26 sum by cc sec 14/5

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CONFIDENTIALFX 96559
JUNE 202119BN/5973
JUNE 210930
PRIORITY
21 JUN 1945

From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHRG

TO: ACTION IV CORPS, BRITISH LEGATION BERNE, US LEGATION BERNE (US PASS TO BRIT LEGATION) INFO 5TH ARMY, ALCOM ROME, WESTMOVES, IV CORPS FOR ANG LOMBARDIA REGION FOR HIRTZEL, US LEGATION BERNE FOR DE JONGE.**CONFIDENTIAL**

Repatriation Italians from SWITZERLAND.

1. Request proposals agreed Swiss authorities and Major DRIFFIELD - WHITE AFHQ June 4 and 5 be put into action.
2. Movement can commence June 28 or any other day after on CHIASSO - COMO route only, rate 1000 per day. Other movements now being negotiated make use of Brig-DOMBDOSSOLA route undesirable this operation. *leave pd 5 days per.*
3. Inform ANG LOMBARDIA Region through nearest Consul to MILAN times arrival trains at CHIASSO onwards for COMO giving number.
4. Priorities as lists submitted and arranged.
5. BERNE to notify agreement date commencement operation.
6. Frontier Italo-Swiss remains closed until controlled operations completed and until further notice.
7. ANG LOMBARDIA Region to report arrivals ALCOM repeating AFHQ.
8. Lieutenant FEHR to contact Swiss authorities CHIASSO 25 June. Officers HIRTZEL, ENTHOVEN Majors will be COMO 26 June. Agreed with ALLIED COMMISSION.

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 INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
 EX COMMISSIONER
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21 JUN 1945PA
(Mas Robert)

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 MAF
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A
INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1243
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 191030B

Message Centre No: E/5754
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 191920B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: LOMBARDIA REGION COL POLETTI
TO: HQ ALCON ROME ACEXC

JUN 20 1945

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1. In view of subsequent SHAEF movement of Italians from Germany through SWITZERLAND it is highly urgent that we commence at once pulling out of SWITZERLAND Italians now there.
2. We are ready to receive them at DOMODOSSOLA and CHIASSO.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
File 2
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EX 95600

JUNE 19/1522B

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JUNE 19/1728B

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From: AFHQ, SIGNED SACRED CITE THOMAS

To: MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

JUN 20 1945

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To meet commitment for receiving displaced persons about to arrive in ITALY from SHAEF Area additional displaced persons assembly centers likely to be required in Northern ITALY. Can you make available up to 3 displaced persons assembly centers for cooperations under Allied Commission ITALY. Signal number and date available soonest

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**INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
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PARA ONE RE REFERENCE TELETYPE CONVERSATION HEADS DASH CANTRELL TWELFTH JUNE
CMA GRATEFUL IF FOLLOWING MESSAGE CAN BE SENT SHANT RE

PARAS TO ADVISE GEORGE DASH FIVE SPECIAL FROM ALGER CITE ABOVE

QUOTE EXHIBIT FIRST RE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESS DESIRE COLONEL RINALDO FIGE-
VERGASIA CMA ATTACHED COMBONE PARIS AS LIAISON OFFICER IN CONNECTION WITH ARRESTING
AND CLASSIFICATION OF ITALIAN PERSONNEL IN POW CAMPS CMA SHOULD HEAD ITALIAN
OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN SENT TO GERMANY AS INTERPRETERS AND LIAISON OFFICERS
AT ARMY GROUP RE RE

RECEIVED RE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT STATES COLONEL RINALDO FIGE-VERGASIA IS SENIOR
ITALIAN OFFICER ON DUTY AT AFOUR CMA AND THAT IF STATIONED AT SHANT REAR RE
PARIS CMA CAN DEAL WITH FOLLOWING MATTERS ON BEHALF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CAN
ABLE RE ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING AS INSTANCE AND REPARATION ITALIAN NATIONALS
ALL TYPES CMA INCLUDING POW AND OTHERS FORCED AND COMING FROM GERMANY RE
BANKER RE BE AUTHORIZED TO ORGANIZE ACTIVITIES OF ITALIAN OFFICERS ATTACHED TO
ARMY GROUPS AND UNITS AT SHANT CMA IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR ORDERS RE

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AFHQ G-5 SECTION

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13 JUNE 1945

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CHARLES ED ALLOWED TO VISIT THE ITALIAN CAMP AND LOADING CENTERS AND THAT
HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED BY THE AFHQ-G-5 SECTION AUTHORITY AND WHATEVER THAT ARE IN
QUOTE REDE ED

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WMD/IPW DIST. 5519

EXEC. COMM R.
C.A. SEC.

WMD & IPW Sub-Com

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Nicholas P. Nichols
C.F.O., U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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JUNE 111715

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12 JUN 1945

From: CG 5th ARMY

TO: SHARP FORWARD, CG 12th ARMY GROUP, CG 6th ARMY GROUP, CG 7th UNITED STATES ARMY,
CG 1st FRENCH ARMY, SHARP MISSION FRANCE, CG COMZONE, AIGOM, DISTONE, MIA, CG
3rd UNITED STATES ARMY, CG 15th ARMY GROUP, 8th ARMY MAIN, SACRED, AFHQ

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Re SACRED F 90684 dated 09 June and AFHQ F 90877 dated 10 June (to 5th ARMY only)
Subject BOLZANO conference.

Conference will start 14 June. Accomodations will be ready for all representatives who will arrive on 13 June. Upon arrival in BOLZANO representatives can follow 5th ARMY military police and signs that are posted directing them to billeting office. General officers will be billeted in WOLFF Villa. Officer in charge of billeting and accomodations is Lt Colonel BARKIN. Notify 5th ARMY 538 Rm BOLZANO airport. Conferees will be met and conducted to quarters.

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11 JUN 1945

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ROUTINE

FROM SHAEF FORWARD SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE SHGE
TO AMHQ FOR ALEXANDER REPEAT FOR INFO TO ALCOM LOME (?); CG 12TH ARMY GROUP

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The reference is your FX-87966 dated 5 June 1945.

FX-83352 has not been received here or anywhere in 12 ARMY GROUP. However there are 518 well and 266 hospital cases Italians in DACHAU.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
Ex Commissioner
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SECRET 2216
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JUNE 092007B

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JUNE 101045
PRIORITY

FROM - AFHQ BUREAU OF MILITARY CITE PHSAB

10 JUN 1945

TO - SHAEP FORWARD INFO CG 5TH ARMY, CG 12 ARMY GROUP, CG 6 ARMY GROUP,
CG 7TH US ARMY, CG 1ST FRENCH ARMY, SHAEP DIVISION FORTUNE, CG
CG 1ST, ALCON, DISTANCE, RMIA, CG 3RD US ARMY, CG 15 ARMY GROUP,
5TH ARMY MAIN.

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Your FEB 23932 dated 7 June cite ENGE.

Following is proposed Agenda for BOLZANO conference. Begins.

1. In addition to problems in para 2 below on which the policy has already been determined, a policy has yet to be agreed upon
 - (A) The disposal of Nationals whom no country is willing to receive, the method by which they will cease to be a military commitment and to whom the responsibility for their upkeep will then be transferred.
 - (B) Is movement through SWITZERLAND acceptable and feasible.

2. Problems.

(A) How and when repatriation to GERMANY may be effected of approximately 100,000 German prisoners of War or surrendered personnel now in British or American hands in ITALY, and immediately available.

(B) How and when SHAEP will return from areas under SHAEP control.

- (1) Italians to ITALY. Number to be provided by SHAEP.
- (2) Austrians to that portion of AUSTRIA under AFHQ control. Numbers to be provided by SHAEP.

(C) The regulation and control of the Cross-Flow of other nationalities whether of military or displaced person status, who in course of repatriation from territory

(1) Under SHAEP control enter territory under AFHQ control. Numbers to be provided by SHAEP.

(2) Under AFHQ control enter territory under SHAEP control.

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Estimated number 70,000.

(D) Outflow of those known to be in SWITZERLAND

(1) To SHAEP

(2) To AFHQ.

3. Method as affecting each of the sub-heads of para 2.

(A) Controlling agency

(B) Route

(C) Means of transportation

(D) Rate of flow

(E) Staging

(F) Medical

(G) Screening for war criminals etc

(H) Documentation

(I) Target date for start

4. Miscellaneous.

(A) Priority of classes for disposal and method of call forward of selected.

(B) Disposal of women of Prisoner of War and surrendered enemy status.

(C) Disposal of long term sick.

(D) Guards. Agenda ends.

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5. Where numbers are shown in text as due to be supplied by SHAEP it is requested that SHAEP give them soonest to this Hq and all information addresses. Breakdown by Nationalities under para 2 (g) will be required and provided at conference.

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EX 4312 (92)
JUNE 09 1943
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FROM: SHAFF FWD BGD EISENHOWER CITY SHGH AND SHGH

To: FREEDOM FOR ALEXANDER, CG 5 ARMY, CG 12 ARMY GP, CG 6 ARMY GP, CG 7TH US ARMY, CG 1ST PRINCH ARMY, SHAFF MISSION FRANCE, CG COMONE ALCON, BISTONE, BIA, CG JRD US ARMY.

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JUN 9 1943

The ref is para 4 of FREEDOM FI 87917 of 5/6. Points for discussion (1) reception delivery camps GERMANY AUSTRIA ITALY. (A) BRENNER PASS Route. In SHAFF Area INNSBRUCK might be considered (B) SWISS Route. Reception delivery camps near SWISS - GERMAN and Italian SWISS frontiers. (2) means of In and rate of flow. (3) movement of miscellaneous Southern Europeans from SHAFF such as YUGOSLAVS ALBANIANS GREEKS BULGARIANS. (4) exchange of FRENCH repatriates ex ITALY and Italians ex FRANCE and BELGIUM. (5) evacuation of Austrians in SHAFF Area to AFHQ Area your P-88073 of 5th June refers. (6) what guards will be required for transit through SWITZERLAND and the question of the guards carrying arms. Have asked reps of USA Embassy to attend conference to discuss these matters. Your para 5. Party from SHAFF Area. Brigs 1 Col 5 Lt Col 7 Majors 3 Capt 1 Milty Rly Service Offrs 1 total 18. Presume you will supply clerical staff.

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9-JUN-1943
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ROUTINE
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From : AMO 5 ARMY CITE 314

To : AFHQ FOR ACTION AND TO SHARP TO 7 ARMY AND TO ALCOM FOR INFO

9 JUN 1945

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Reference your EX 87966 cite PHGEO and 7 Army cable AX-18428 of 3 June.

Not advisable to repatriate Italian refugees from DACHAU to 5 Army at this time.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
Ex Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/18/G-II (IT) Tel. 489081 Ext. 594

8 June 1945.

MEMO TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.

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JUN 8 1945

Reference your 2216/67/SC dated 2 June 1945.

1. A memo has been addressed to the Austrian Commission (copy attached marked 'A') asking that the matter may be taken up.
2. A letter has been addressed to the Prefect (through A.M.G. Lombardia Region) telling him that his telegram has been forwarded to the proper quarters, and assuring him that everything possible will be done. Also that a regular system of repatriation to Italy is being set up. (Copy of letter attached marked 'B').-

For the Director.

PA Ghy
C.A. OLIVER,
Lt. Colonel,
G-I Italian.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

JFR/lf. **A**

DPR/18/G-II (IT) Tel. 489081 Ext. 594

8 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Mauthausen Camp.
TO : Austrian Commission.
2800th Special Det.
A.P.O. 400.
U.S. Army.

1. The attached copy of translation of telegram to the S.A.C. Med. Theatre has been received from the Prefect of Milan through the Provincial Commissioner (Milan City) and A.M.G. Lombardia Region. It has been decided not to forward the telegram to Field Marshal Alexander.

2. Will you please take up this matter. In the meantime we are assuring the Prefect of Milan that everything possible will be done and that a regular system of repatriation to Italy is being set up.

For the Director.

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

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

DPO/18/G-II (IT) Tel. 489081 Ext 934

8 June 1945

SUBJECT: Mauthausen Camp.

TO : The Prefect of Milano
Lombardi
(through AEE Lombardia Region).

Dear Sir

We have received your telegram concerning the Italians in Mauthausen Camp and have forwarded it immediately to the proper quarters.

You can rest assured that everything possible will be done. We are able to assure you also that a regular system of repatriation to Italy is being set up which should enable Italian refugees and internees in Austria and Germany to return to Italy with the least possible delay.

Yours faithfully

C.A. OLIVER,
Lt.Col.
G-1 Italian.

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From: SHARP FORWARD SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE BRGE
To: AFHQ FOR ALEXANDER; CG 5TH ARMY RPT FOR INFO CG 12 ARMY GROUP; 4 CG
6 ARMY GROUP; CG 7TH US ARMY; CG 1ST FRENCH ARMY; SHARP MISSION FRANCO;
CG COM BONE; ALCOM; DIST NE; MHLA; CG 3RD US ARMY (PAGES 9, 10, 11)
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The reference is para 4 AFHQ FEB7917. 5/6 points for discussion.

1. Reception delivery camps GERMANY AUSTRIA ITALY.

(A) BRENNER passroute. In SHARP Area INNSBRUCK might be considered.

(B) SWISS Route. Reception delivery camps near SWISS-GERMAN and Italian-SWISS Frontiers.

2. Means of transportation and rate of flow.

3. Movement of miscellaneous southern Europeans from SHARP such as YUGOSLAVS, ALBANIANS, GREEKS, BULGARIANS.

4. Exchange of French repatriates ex ITALY and Italians ex FRANCE and BELGIUM.

5. Evacuation of Austrians in SHARP Area to AFHQ Area your FEB073 of 5 June refers.

6. That guards will be required for transit through SWITZERLAND and the question of the guards carrying arms. Have asked representatives of US Embassy to attend conference to discuss these matters. Your para 5. Party from SHARP Area. Brigadier 1, Colonels 5 /Lt Colonels 7 Majors 3 Captains 1 military railway service officer 1 total 18. Presume you will supply clerical staff.

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8 - JUN 1945
A. C.

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Chief Commissioner
Exec. Commissioner
C.A. Section
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10: AFHQ G-5 SECTION

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6 JUNE 1945

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JUN 8 1945

PARA ONE PD REUR FX EIGHT FOUR NINE SEVEN ONE DATED THREE ONE MAY PD
PAKEM TO AFHQ GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION FROM ALCOM CITE AOWAD PAKEM
PARA TWO PD AFTER CONSULTING ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THE FOLLOWING IS
SUGGESTED PLAN PD

PARA THREE PD REF PARA THREE PD

(a) REPATRIATION TO COMMENCE AUGUST AT RATE OF
40.000 FIRST MONTH - 20.000 PER FORTNIGHT
50.000 SECOND MONTH - 25.000 PER FORTNIGHT
80.000 THIRD MONTH - 40.000 PER FORTNIGHT
UP TO 100.000 FOURTH MONTH - 50.000 PER FORTNIGHT
(100.000 BEING MAXIMUM FIGURES PER MONTH UNTIL REPATRIATION COMPLETED)
FIGURES GIVEN FOR FIRST AND SECOND MONTHS TO INCLUDE 10.000 PER MONTH
ALREADY ACCEPTED CMA BY SIGNAL EIGHT ONE NINE NINE DATED TWENTY
SECOND MAY ONE NINE FOUR FIVE REFERS PD

(b) (c) PORTS - GENOVA WITH TRANSIT CAMP FOR 10.000
LEGHORN OR CIVITAVECCHIA CAMP FOR 10.000
NAPOLI WITH TRANSIT CAMP FOR 10.000
CAGLIARI WITH TRANSIT CAMP FOR 3.000

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FRON: WAD & IPOW SUB-COM

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Nicholas Pionbino
CWO., U.S.A.
Asst., Adjutant

(Mas Nelson)

AFHQ G-5 SECTION

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8 JUNE 1945

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PALESTINE WITH TRANSIT CAMP FOR	3.000
TARANTO WITH TRANSIT CAMP FOR	10.000
ANCONA OR VENEZIA WITH TRANSIT CAMP FOR	10.000

- (a) THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST GROUPS CONSIST OF CAMP UNITS UNDER OWN LEADERS AND ARE SHIPPED TO PORTS NEAREST THEIR HOMES PD FIRST SHIPMENTS TO INCLUDE ALL COAL MINERS AND THOSE IN OLDER AGE GROUPS PD

PARA FOUR PD REF PARA FOUR PD

- (b) (c) RECOMMEND THAT ITALIAN ARMY TRANSPORT UNITS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ROAD HAULS AS NECESSARY PD TO EFFECTUATE PROPOSALS NEW TRANSIT CAMPS WILL REQUIRED AT GENOVA OR ANCONA OR VENEZIA OR AND LEGHORN OR CIVITAVECCHIA FOR 10.000 WITH CAMPS AT NAPLES AND TARANTO INCREASED TO TAKE FURTHER 5.000 PD EXTRA ITALIAN PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO ADMINISTER AND RUN 5506 AND INCREASED CENTRES - ONE TWO EIGHT OFFICERS ONE FIVE 5507 HOURS AND EIGHT FOUR ZERO ONE PD TRANSPORT FOR CAMP ADMINISTRATION - EIGHT CARS OR UTILITIES TWO ONE THREE TON TRUCKS AND SIX M/CS PD

From: WMD & IPOW SUB-COM

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Nicholas Piccino
CWO., U.S.A.
Asst., Adjutant

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PARA FIVE PD ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL NOMINAL ROLLS BE RECEIVED THIS
HQ BEFORE ARRIVAL OF ANY PERSONNEL PD

PARA SIX PD IF PERSONNEL AND TRANSPORT AS REQUESTED CAN BE PROVIDED
FROM ITALIAN ARMY CMA THIS HQ AGREE TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS
AND OF OPINION THAT MOVEMENT FROM CAMPS TO VICINITY OF HOMES AND
DEPOTS CAN BE ARRANGED PD

PARA SEVEN PD MMIA REQUEST EARLY STATEMENT OF POLICY ON USE OF
ITALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL AND TRANSPORT PD

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From: WND & IPOW SUB-COM

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CWG., U.S.A.
Asst., Adjutant

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ROUTINE

From: ARIA

TO: AMB LIGURIA REGION INFO IV CORPS AND EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER AICOM

JUN 8 1945

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Your signal 185 of 3 June.

It is confirmed that you are in no way responsible for the demobilization of the Italian Army.

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From: MMIA

To: AFHQ INFO CG 5 ARMY, ALCOM

JUN 8 1945

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Colonel PIDSLEY will represent MMIA at BOLZANO conference reference your EX 87917 of 5 June cite PHGAB.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: EX 57817
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 051409ZMessage Centre No: 3/3757
Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 052150Z
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER SITE PHOAR

6 JUN 1945

TO: ADDITION: CG 5 ARMY. INFO: SHAEF FWD SHAPE MAIN FOR 25, CG 15 ARMY GROUP, CG 12 ARMY GROUP, CG 6 ARMY GP, CG COMZONE SHAPE MISSION FRANCE, DISTONE, MILA ALCON

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1. Conference planned to take place BOLZANO between AFHQ and representatives of all information addressees and yourself to discuss repatriation from ITALY of German surrendered personnel in exchange for Italians now under SHAPE control. Repatriation of ex PW and DPs of Allied nationalities from present locations whether under SHAPE or AFHQ to parent countries will also be discussed.

2. Estimate approximately 60 officers from SHAPE and GAF will attend. Request you confirm earliest that accommodation can be arranged (A) for conference and (B) for officers probably nights 13/14 14/15 June. If you desire we will send an officer to your Hq to assist in Adm arrangements.

3. Number and ranks attending from GAF will be notified to you soonest.

4. For SHAPE FWD. Your FWD 2322 Tel(?) of 2 June not to all. Will send you points we propose to raise at BOLZANO conference. Suggest you send us points you wish to discuss soonest and we propose combined agenda and forward to you prior to meeting. Propose 14 June date for conference which we suggest starts with high level meeting

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to decide policy followed by meetings between staff sections to work out details. Request confirmation you agree.

5. For SHANT FORWARD. Request you notify 5th ARVN District of overall numbers by ranks of *officers* attending conference on your behalf.

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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGEG

ACTION: SHAET, 7TH ARMY, 5TH ARMY. INFO: ALCOM ROME

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1. Possibilities proposed routes and receiving centres being investigated prior meeting referred to your FWD 23229 of 2 June 45. Reur AX-18428.

2. Confirm whether you consider advisable repatriation of 500 Italians ex DACHAU PIPS others to capacity of lift as proposed our FX-83352. If approved request routing instructions.

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FROM: ABG LIGURIA REGION
TO: IV CORPS AND RETD HL ALCON FOR INFO

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Reference your letter 31 May subject refugee and PW camps and telegram 05 5 ARMY nr 1314. Request information relative to Regional responsibility for establishment of PW transit camps and demobilisation of Italian Army. Accommodation in GENOA strictly limited. Supervisory personnel not available. Source of stores supplies and transport unknown. Suggest MELA is logical organisation handling this task.

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FROM: AFHQ RIGNED SACRED CITY PHOEN
TO: ALGER BOMB INFO EMIA

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Repatriation of Italian PW abroad in U.S.A. and U.K. custody.

1. Consideration being given here by American and British personnel sections for phased plan repatriation Italian P.W. now held outside ITALY. U.S.A. policy known to be to repatriate soonest possible from abroad and also reduce considerably forthwith numbers held in ITALY and NORTH AFRICA as service units personnel. Policy not yet known on U.K. side but is being sought.

2. Proper execution any plan dependent on ability of Italian authorities receive and dispose without affecting stability of Italian economy of repatriates not required for re-enlistment Italian Army.

3. In order to assist preparation plan request you consider in conjunction with Italian authorities and submit urgently.

- (a) Phased plan, which should show progressive increases from month to month giving maximum numbers considered disposable to civilian life.
- (b) Suggestions as to ports at which repatriates should disembark.
- (c) Plan for accommodation pending final disposal giving details of transit and staging areas envisaged.
- (d) Preferences for repatriation by age groups and types of repatriations.

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4. In consideration of the above following should be borne in mind.

- (a) G-1 responsibility will finish at Dockside.
- (b) Short interim period after arrival and pending disposition necessary in transit areas to check records and carry out demobilisation if returning to civil life. Responsibility this period will be that of the ALLIED COMMISSION in conjunction with MIA.
- (c) Movement to railhead within vicinity of home will probably be carried out when Allied re-deployment traffic will be heavy and movement of repatriates will be correspondingly difficult. Hence proper interim staging areas will be necessary en route home.

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Ref: 2216/67/EC.

Tel: 735

2 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Concentration Camp at MAUTHAUSEN.

TO : Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Comm (Thru C.A. Section)

1. A letter and telegram from AME Lombardia Region (RC/6-13/113) and the Prefect of MILAN respectively are attached. MAUTHAUSEN is in Upper AUSTRIA, as shown on the attached map.

2. It has been decided not to forward the telegram to Field Marshal Alexander as requested in the telegram from the Prefect of MILAN. You are required to take this matter up and to report the action taken to this Office.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION LOMBARDIA
APO 394

Reference : RG/G-1B/113

Subject : Telegram - (Prefect of Milan)

To : Headquarters,
Allied Commission (attn: Executive Commissioner)

1. The attached telegram addressed to the S.A.G. Med. Theatre has been received through the Provincial Commissioner (Milan City) from the Prefect of MILAN.

2. The telegram is forwarded for such action as may be deemed advisable.

For the Regional Commissioner:

V.B. WATCHER,
Capt., E.A.
Adm. Officer.

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Translation

Milan Prefecture

n. 029/7608

Milan, 26 May 1945

TELEGRAM

To H.E. Marshal Alexander

The population of Milan was greatly upset on hearing of the tragical fate of the Italians interned in the Mauthausen concentration camp, and begs your Excellency to take immediate action to relieve, as much as possible, the sufferings of the survivors, and repatriate them as soon as possible. Trusting in your kind interest, I thank you and remain, Excellency,

THE PREFECT OF MILAN LOMBARDI

seen: IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGBI

15 ARMY GROUP, INFO : IV CORPS, FIFTH ARMY, ALOON

MAY 30 1945

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1. Effective 1 June CIC Italian Frontier Control Detachment will revert to operational control of AFHQ in accordance with paragraph 5 of this Headquarters' AG 371.2/167 GEL-0 dated 28 April.
2. Reference your OPS 564 dated 28 May. From 1 June French and Italian nationals sponsored by AMG may be repatriated across Italo-French frontier subject to prior approval of Frontier Control Detachment. This applies only to one way travel to homeland, and does not authorize temporary visits. French approval should be obtained locally.
3. IV Corps please advise Frontier Control Detachment, who should submit nominal rolls of individuals repatriated to this headquarters.

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ROUTINE

FROM: IV CORPS SIGNED REGIS CRITTENBERGER COMDG
TO: LT COL CAMPBELL, VMD AND IPW SUB CCMD AC ROME

MAY 30 1945

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Italian teams cut to 35 persons. Col FINDLEY recommended cut and I had to agree, as he would not feed or house over that number. At a conference at G-3, IV CORPS, I secured two trucks for each team from LEGNANO Group. Teams will report to following camps: MILANO, TORINO, COMO, VERONA. Col FINDLEY wants additional team for MODENA, GENOA. FIFTH ARMY HQ contacted and approved GENOA team. No other teams can be released ^(unless?) unless G-3, 15th ARMY Group gives proper orders. I will go by air to 15th ARMY Group HQ and arrange for PADOVA, TREVISO, MODENA teams. Plan for repatriations of Swiss internees explained in my last signal to you abandoned. Movement will start June 1 to CCNO. Will keep you informed.

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From: AFHQ, SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PHONG
To: ACTION SHAEE FOR 7TH ARMY, 5TH ARMY INFO ALCON HOME

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1. Archbishop MILAN offers personnel, clothing, certain medical stores and 200 trucks to collect Italian nationals whom it is desired to move from DACHAU and LINZ areas.
2. Request your approval estimated numbers involved and any routing instructions.

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ROUTINE

From: LOMBARDIA REGION DFR FOR FOLETTI SIGNED HIRTZEL
To: ALLIED COMMISSION ROME ACDPR

MAY 23 1945

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1. Situation 25 May 45. Milan 1000 refugees. Evacuated to REGGIO 300. BRESCIA has evacuated 87000 since 1 May mainly through agency of Bishop CAMP.
2. When Austrian border open anticipated increase to 6000 daily as previously. COMO ready for SWISS intake which am now informed will be opened 1 June 45. VARESE available for any overflow. No food yet received but expect tomorrow.

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FROM: HQ AND TOSCANA REGION
TO: HQ AICCH

MAY 29 1945

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29 MAY 1945
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1. Approximate numbers of ex Italian PW in and arriving in FLORENCE Area May 27 are as follows. DOMICILED SICILY Area 435, ROME Area 85, NAPLES Area 150,heel of ITALY 115, Toe of ITALY 245.

2. Similar information regarding civilian refugees NAPLES Area 22. Similar information regarding civilian refugees as follows. DOMICILED SICILY Area 565, ROME Area 685, NAPLES Area 275,heel of ITALY 105, Toe of ITALY 115

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ROUTINE

FROM: 15 ARMY GROUP
TO: AFHQ, INFO 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY, ALCOM

MAY 29 1945



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Approval is requested to open the French-Italian frontier to the extent that controlled movements of French and Italian refugees may be permitted. It is believed that French or Italian refugees properly sponsored by duly recognized repatriation officers should be permitted to cross the frontier into their home lands, with the minimum of delay.

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From: HQ PIEMONTE REGION

To: LT COL J. A. CAMPBELL WMD AND IPW SC ALCOM

MAY 28 1945

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VARESE discontinued as reception camp for DP used by Italian Army. New camp COMO. The SWISS Govt official and G2 AFHQ and 4 Camps decided to list all persons interned in SWITZERLAND, lists will be forwarded for approval at AFHQ and AC. Approved lists will then be returned to the SWISS Govt and IPQ COMO and DOMODOSSOLA. Priorities will be as follows: First Carabinieri. Second ex IPW and all military personnel. Third important civilians etc. Instruct me where to send the VARESE team. I will be at PRINCIPE and SAVONA HOTEL MILAN Sunday. Brig UPJOHN was contacted in MILAN and he telephoned G5 5th ARMY to iron out difficulties. UPJOHN plans to be in ROME by Sunday please contact him.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

May 22

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FROM : VI Corps Signed Walter S. Carroll

TO : AFHQ PASS TO JJSK ALCOM ROME TO VERY REV JOSEPH MCGUOUGH,
DEPUTY MILITARY VICAR DELEGATE ? HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394 ARMY

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URGENTLY RECOMMEND VATICAN REQUEST IMMEDIATE RESCINDING AFHQ ORDER
CLOSING ITALIAN GERMAN FRONTIER SO THAT THOUSANDS OF ITALIAN NOW
LIVING UNDER UNAVOIDABLY TRAGIC CONDITIONS IN DACHAU AND OTHER CAMPS
NEAR FRONTIER MAY BE EVACUATED. ON ITALIAN SIDE EXCELLENT ORGANISATION
WITH NECESSARY FOOD CLOTHING SHELTER AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WAITING TO
RECEIVE THOUSANDS DAILY. CANNOT EXAGGERATE DESPERATE CONDITIONS LOCAL
CAMPS EFFECT. WIRE ANY INSTRUCTIONS THIS ADDRESS.

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Info: A/Pres
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Chief Commissioner

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ROUTINE

From: LOMBARDIA REGION FOR POLETTI SIGNED HIRTZEL
To: ALCOM ROME CITE ACDPR

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MAY 25 1945

1. Your 7947 refers. MILAN two camps able to operate. Today 1100 inmates 2000 evacuated since commencement. BRESCIA receiving from AUSTRIAN border and evacuating.

2. Few days ago several thousand daily mostly RUSSIAN patriots. SWISS commission met yesterday COMO operating two gates CHIASSO and DOMODOSSOLA but not for two weeks. COMO camp ready and will accommodate 5000. VARESE now becoming holding and hospital centre. Food still awaited for all centres.

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI FIRENZE

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE

P.M.219

N° 3000/Op

May 18th 945

MAY 25 1945

As Tuscany Territorial Commander
I am facing the sudden necessity of settling
the affluence of a great number of our soldiers
coming back from German Concentration Camps.

We have to provide them, while in
Florence, with suitable lodging, food, equipment
and transportation to move them southward.

I am glad to tell you that this
difficult task has been carried out through
the assistance of the Allied Authorities and
thanks, particularly, to the personal attention
of Ambassador Myron Taylor and of Provincial
Commissioner Col. L. Hensley.

Will you please accept my gratitude
for the assistance that you also are giving
any time requested and I hope that your help
will not fail when the local Allied Authorities
and my Command will have probably to face a
greater affluence of ex-prisoners.

With my best regards
sincerely yours

Carlo de Simone

Carlo de Simone
Lt. Gen., Commander
Italian Army.

To: Admiral E.W. Stone
Allied Commission HQ
via Veneto ROME

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CO. HMO MILITARE AMMINISTRATIVE - Firenze (VII)
Ufficio del Generale

P.N. 242, 14 13 maggio 1943

Illustre Ambasciatore,

Venuto recentemente a trovare, quale Comandante Militare Territoriale di Firenze, nella necessità di far fronte alla imminente affluenza di un gran numero di ex prigionieri italiani provenienti dai campi di concentramento della Germania, ai quali, durante la permanenza in Firenze, occorreva assicurare alloggio confortevole, viventi, oggetti di corredo e mezzi di trasporto per proseguire verso l'Italia meridionale; mi è stato informato che S.V. che se mi è stato possibile attuare tale difficile compito, molto è dovuto al largo aiuto avuto da tutte le autorità alleate locali e centrali ed in special modo all'interessamento personale dell'Ambasciatore Byron Taylor e del Colonello Lester Henaley Commissario Provinciale.

Nel darne comunicazione alla S.V. tengo ad esprimere la mia gratitudine anche alla S.V. che se per l'occasione te sempre pronto a andare incontro a tutti coloro che hanno bisogno di assistenza, con la fiducia che l'ampio apporto della S.V. verrà egualmente servire la buona azione della autorità alleate locali e mie nei prossimi giorni, come è prevedibile, l'affluenza dei prigionieri in loro diventerà ancora maggiore.

Vuolli, con l'occasione, esprimere, Illustre Ambasciatore,

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di per fronte alla improvvisa affluenza di un gran numero di ex prigionieri italiani provenienti dai campi di concentramento della Germania, ai quali, durante la permanenza in Firenze, sono state assicurate alloggio confortevole, viventi, oggetti di corredo e mezzi di trasporto per proseguire verso l'Italia meridionale; mi è stato informato che S.V. che se mi è stato possibile attuare tale difficile compito, molto è dovuto al largo aiuto avuto da tutte le Autorità Alleate locali e centrali ed in special modo alla intervento personale dell'Ambasciatore Karen Taylor e del Colonnello Master Hensley Comandante Provinciale.

Nel darne comunicazione alla S.V. tengo ad esprimere la mia gratitudine anche alla S.V. che so particolarmente le sempre pronto ad andare incontro i tutti coloro che hanno bisogno di assistenza, con la fiducia che l'amicizia appoggiata della S.V. vorrà nuovamente sorvegliare le esigenze delle Autorità Alleate locali e mia nei prossimi giorni come è prevedibile, l'affluenza dei prigionieri in parole diventerà ancora maggiore.

Voglio con l'occasione esprimere, Illustra Ambasciatore, le espressioni della mia alta considerazione ed i miei saluti distinti



IL COMANDANTE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE
(Carlo de' Signori)

Cole Simon

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Ref: IM/4/23/48

24 May 1945

MAY 24 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In reply to your letter of 24th April 1945, I can assure your Excellency that everything possible is being done to administer to the needs of the returning Italian prisoner soldiers from Germany.

Camps for this purpose, staffed by Italian Military Detachments, have now been formed at the following places:

VARESE
TREVISO
PALAVA
VERONA
MILANO
TORINO
GENOVA

BERGAMO
BRESCIA
MONFALCONE
ASOLO
PADOVA
TREVISO
VERONA

As your Excellency is aware, the Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission is working in the closest liaison with General Macmillan, and is available at any time to assist and advise on any questions in connection with Italian Prisoners of War problems.

Yours very truly,

ALBERT W. BROWN
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Coordinator

His Excellency Franco Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

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From: AMS 5 ARMY G-5 SIGNED REGIS CITE OUR F 177
To: HQ ALCON FOR WND AND IPW SC FOR CAMPBELL

MAY 23 1945

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G-1 operations 8 ARMY claims he did not see any of previous cables dealing with allocationing teams of Italian Army personnel for IPW camps. He requests more information on subject from your office. No transportation available at 8 ARMY for 2 Italian officers flown with me from ROME, at this time. Brigadier UPJOHN taking over from G-5 8TH ARMY. Will contact. G-5 8TH ARMY claims movement of IPW in TREVISO, PADOVA area is practically nil and will continue to be so as there are no IPW in area controlled by them. Four teams secured from G-3 5 ARMY. G-5 ARMY is not prepared to use teams at this dated. Administrative details, commander of camps, etcetera not clear. Suggest detailed information be furnished him by cable. He will call for teams when wanted. G-4 will not release transportation from captured enemys material at this time. G-5 will keep after him. I am going on to MILAN and TURIN. Visit commissioners and camps for cite our F 177.

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Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
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23 MAY 1945
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(Mrs. Nelson)

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From: AFHQ, SIGNED SACRED CITE THREE
To: ALCOM ROME

HEADQUARTERS
22 MAY 1945
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Message received here from International Red Cross ROME today states GENEVA Committee says more than one million POW and Italian workers emigrating from GERMANY to ITALY over BRENNER. Large numbers of them are ill and infected. Message goes on to state Swiss Army proposes immediate establishment sanitary cordon between Lake GARDA and Adriatic to avoid spreading of illness. Cordon to be formed by sanitary units Swiss Army and composed of 80 doctors and 150 soldiers. All details stated already established between Swiss Army, local American authorities, local Civil Italian authorities, local Red Cross and CIAS. Message request this HQ back proposal and states local American military authorities making parallel request.

No knowledge here of proposal. Reference conversation with BONHAM-CARTER request your comments and suggest you contact SALIS INCC ROME to obtain clarification.

Separate request in 8 May letter from International Red Cross ROME asks for permission to send physician-delegate of IRC from SWITZERLAND to BOLZANO with medical supplies for Italian Ex-soldiers and civilian internees returning ITALY over ALPS. Request clarification this request also.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Tel. 489081 Ext. 414

10 May 1945

SUBJECT : Assistance from the Army in dealing with Displaced Persons and Refugees in North Italy.

TO : Distribution.

1. A.F.H.Q. have issued instructions to the Commanding General of 15th Army Group, 5th and 6th Armies under cover of A.F.H.Q. Cable FX 68656 of 1 May 1945 to the effect that all D.P. & R.S.C. Officers and Units operating in North Italy may call on the Army Services under command 15th Army Group for assistance in regard to the following:-

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

2. All D.P. & R.S.C. Group Commanders, D.P. & R.S.C. Forward Representative Lt. Col. Oldfield, S & T Officer Capt. Martin are authorised to make such demands in cases of extreme emergency and when all other sources have been explored and found inadequate to meet requirements. The authority for making such demands will be A.F.H.Q. Cable FX 68656 of 1 May 1945.

3. Individual Refugee Centre Commanders, except in exceptional circumstances, will NOT approach Army Services except through their respective Regional Headquarters.

4. All stores equipment and assistance supplied by Army Services will be reported to H.Q., D.P. & R.S.C. weekly as at 1200 hours each Saturday.

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G.R. HUGHES, Major
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U.P. OFFICER, *Refugee*
Vice President **5478**
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Lt-Gen Sir Brian H. Robertson Et.,

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

C. M. F.

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18 May 1945

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My dear Admiral,

When I was in ROME on 5 May you handed me an aide memoire on displaced persons, requesting particularly that instructions should be given to produce the personnel necessary for handling this problem from US combat units.

I attach a copy of a note from General Magruder which, I hope, will answer your query.

Yours sincerely,

B. H. Robertson

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the A. C. of S., G-4

12 May 1945

SUBJECT: Handling of Displaced Persons.

TO : The Chief Administrative Officer.

Reference is made to Aide Memoir on "Displaced Persons", which was called to the attention of the undersigned on 7 May 1945.

In the particular case in question, AFHQ (OR) set up T/S-W/Es to cope with the Displaced Persons problem in the forward areas. AFHQ in turn authorized the CG, Fifth Army to deal with the situation in the manner deemed most expedient. The issue of equipment on a loan basis was authorized, as was the use of army supplies on a repayment basis. PBS was instructed to fill Fifth Army requisitions for this purpose.

The expeditious use of enemy equipment is also considered a problem for the Army Commander and the proper employment of captured transportation will undoubtedly be used by the Army Commander to best serve all the interests for which he is responsible.

Concurrently or immediately subsequent to the issuance of the basic Aide Memoir, action was initiated by this headquarters to augment AMG facilities for processing Displaced Persons.

Cables covering these actions are:

(Tab "A") - FX-68656 to Fifteenth Army Group and the Armies stated the problem, with particular reference to the AMG's possible need for assistance from the armies.

(Tab "B") - FX-72457 to Fifth Army and U.S. Base Sections paraphrased FX-68656, and authorized Fifth Army to make loans and directs Base Sections to make necessary replacements to Fifth Army.

(Tab "C") - FX-72728 provides 4500 Italian military personnel to assist in the operation.

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Fifth Army has been contacted by phone and report that the calls for supplies by AMG have been small. Only two requests have been made. These have been met and Fifth Army is prepared to meet further demands within their capacity to supply.

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CARTER B. MAGRUDER
Major General, G.S.C.
A. C. of S., G-4.

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TO FOR ACTION: CG 15TH ARMY GROUP

INFORMATION: CG 5TH ARMY : CG 8TH ARMY

REF NO : FX 68656

SIGNED : SACMED

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Personnel of Displaced Persons and Refugees Subcommission of Allied Commission have been attached to Field Commands to assist in care and control of displaced persons and refugees north ITALY in conjunction with AMG Officers 5th and 8th Armies.

Numbers and condition of such persons are considered likely present very serious problem to military apart from humanitarian aspect.

Commanders will be approached for assistance by officers engaged in handling. Probable needs are:

A. Loan Administrative and Medical Officers and EM/OR.

B. Loan trucks and water carriers.

C. Diversion food and medical supplies.

D. Loan tentage for hospitals.

E. Loan messing equipment.

F. Loan blankets.

G. Loan sanitation supplies and equipment **5475**

H. Assistance in enforcement of standstill orders and in control refugee movements.

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In all help you are able to give you will be backed by Supply Services to extent of availabilities.

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20 May 1945

My dear Mr. Taylor;

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As always, SHESF come to the fore with generous help.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Harry W. Stone

HARRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Byron C. Taylor
Personal Representative of the
President of the United States
To His Holiness the Pope
2 Via Boncompagni
Rome

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Yours sincerely,

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Tel: 735

Ref: 152/354/EC

19 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Military Government Staff (AUSTRIA)
Signal M.1015 of 16 May - Refugees.

TO : V.P., Civil Affairs Section.

Reference the above mentioned signal and draft signal to AFHQ attached, the Executive Commissioner directs that you consider this matter and discuss with him. Our policy must be that we cannot accept non-Italians in ITALY.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
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Reur M 1015 of 17 May 45.

Appreciate gravity of position and grateful for information but consider unlikely can accept further refugees ITALY. Food can be made available when transportation possible. Phased requirements should be bid 1 8th Army and by latter on AFHQ copy ALCOM from whose stocks food will be borrowed.

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TO : AFHQ for G-5, rptd AMG 8th Army.

MGS AUSTRIA reports (here quote para 3 of signal at Folio 347).

Quite willing to absorb 25,000 mixed nationalities but consider that Slovenes must be matter between AUSTRIA and YUGOSLAVIA and that they should not be burden on Italian economy and repatriation organisation. Overall policy, require decision urgently.

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FIRST. PRESENT AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE COMMITMENTS WILL PROBABLY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE ARMY UNDERTAKE ANY FURTHER CIVILIAN SUPPLIES FOR PROVINCES IN N E ITALY. THIS PARTICULARLY REFERS TO UDINE PROVINCE. IT FOLLOWS THEREFORE ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR VENEZIA REGION WILL HAVE TO BE HAULED BY LOCAL TRANSPORT AND ANY TRANSPORT THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE BY ALLIED COMMISSION ROME.

SECOND. AUSTRIAN FLOUR SITUATION REGARDING AVAILABILITIES IN PRESENT BRITISH OCCUPIED ZONE IS ALREADY SERIOUS. MY SITREP OF 14 MAY REFERS REPORTS FROM MY LIAISON OFFICER WHO HAS CONTACTED AMERICAN FORCES ARE THAT SUPPLY POSITION THEIR AREA NO BETTER IF NOT WORSE. HAVE NO EXACT INFORMATION ON RUSSIAN ARMY BUT CANNOT COUNT ON ANY ALLEVIATION FROM THAT QUARTER. RATIONS AUSTRIA IS BEING CUT MINIMUM TO SUPPORT EXISTENCE. IMPONDERABLES ARE REMOVAL OF EXISTING FOOD BY JUGOSLAVS IN COUNTRYSIDE OVER WHICH IMPOSSIBLE AT PRESENT KEEP CONTROL AND INFUX REFUGEES.

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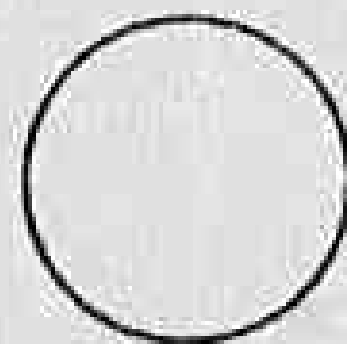
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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

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APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/1-5/ADM

17 May, 1945.

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SUBJECT: Italian Refugee & Repatriation Situation
as at 16 May, 1945.

TO: Executive Commissioner, H.Q., A.C.

Herewith "Notes on Repatriation and Refugee
Situation on 16 May, 1945. It changes almost hourly.

Distribution List attached.

C.B. FINDLAY

C.B. FINDLAY,
Colonel,
Director.

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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/1-5/ADM

17 May, 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes on the Italian Refugee and Repatriation Situation as at 16 May, 1945.

TO: THOSE INTERESTED

L. (1) PRESENT PROBLEM

Repatriation :-

- (a) Those who crossed before the Frontiers (with exception of North East) were closed.
 - (b) These "Southerners" in the North and those "Northerners" in the South. **
- Approximate number to be dealt with at least 100,000.

(11) FUTURE PROBLEM

Repatriation of those outside the Northern Frontiers. This, it is hoped can be "controlled", but the condition of those north of the Austrian Frontier is not yet known. Approximate number to be dealt with on all Northern Frontiers 1,000,000.

2. MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES.

Movement of refugees from the North by means of returning Army Transport is easy as far as Emilia Region. This is the "Bottleneck" of the North, as the capacity of the railway lines is very limited. This "Bottleneck" should be eased when sea transport from Venice and Genoa is available. It is hoped shortly to obtain sea transport from Ancona to Bari and the South, and on the West Coast from Piombino to Reggio Calabria and Sicily. This will solve the second "Bottleneck" at ROME. Only one refugee train (1,000 persons) per day is available South from Rome. Five thousand Italians arrived on the 16th.

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Some 30 to 40 Refugee Centres have already been established in Northern Italy. Some with great capacity, such as FREGISO 20,000 and MODENA, 12,000 and several between 3,000 and 5,000. In addition there are many camps set up in the Provinces and Communes available for those walking or trucking East or West.

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- (b) Those "Southerners" in the North and those "Northerners" in the South. **
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4. FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS

The food scale is laid down by Allied Commission and supplied, when possible, by SERPA from local resources, in order to save transport for other purposes. In cases where this is not obtainable army or Allied Commission stocks are drawn on. Food stops are established on all railway lines and are the responsibility of the Prefect and Commune concerned. In addition to the food stops sufficient rations for the journey are put on each train.

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Many refugees are arriving in Rome - an average of at least 2,000 a day. Some of them have been away from their homes for many years and require a friendly welcome and a helping hand after the long journey. Many have walked from Berlin and Danzig to the frontiers.

C.B. Findlay

C.B. FINDLAY,
Colonel,
Director.

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N.B.

- (a) The term "Southerner" indicates an Italian in Northern Italy whose home is south of the Appennines.
- (b) The term "Northerner" indicates an Italian in South Italy whose home is north of the Appennines.

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To: AICOM ROME

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Reur 7562 of 14 May 1945.

15 ARMY GROUP advised on 1 May of refugee and displaced persons problem to secure army assistance in newly liberated areas only. AICOM has responsibility for stabilized area outside army boundaries. It was not intended that 15 ARMY GROUP or JCS be requested to assist in area of AICOM responsibility unless specific emergency required supplemental action by this Hq.

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AFHQ signal FA 740870 of 12 May authorizes employment of Italian Combat troops with AC IPW Sub Com for administration of Italian ex prisoner of war camps. A request has been received for approximately 130 troops for duty in ROME and will be met as follows. The Commanding Officer Reinforcement TRG Depot at CESANO will detail today 2 companies each of 11 officers 15 NCO's and 40 men with an additional commanding officer and adjutant in charge of the 2 companies. Total 134 all ranks to report to representative of General MANNERINI at CASERMA BIANCA VIA NOMEANTANA ROME at 2000 hours today 17 May. Equipment personal kit blankets and cooking utensils will be taken, no arms or ammunition except for a small guard for each company. Rations for 18 and 19 May to be brought. Subsequent rations will be drawn from ROME Depot as directed by General MANNERINI. Mattresses will be provided at barracks. Essential best types are selected for this duty including as many clerks and administrators as possible. Probable duration 2 months during which release may be effected by 5/4/51 arrangements

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(Mrs. Morgan)

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THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE

MAY 16 1945
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Dear Admiral Stone:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a memorandum made by Monsignor Carroll-Abbing as a result of a situation which developed on the occasion of my recent visit to Florence, apart from installing in full possession Vatican authorities in Villa Schifanoia which Mrs. Taylor and I donated to Pope Pius XII for use as a school for graduates of American Dominican Colleges.

I was interested to discover what facilities had been set up by E.A.D.S.I. for distribution of materials furnished by American Relief for Italy in the Tuscany area upon the surrender of that area to the Italian Government and the departure of the Allied Military Government. In the course of this investigation I became aware of the situation in the refugee and war prisoner fields which Monsignor Carroll-Abbing describes in the memorandum. You will recall that I telephoned you regarding trucks and shipping facilities by rail and also the possibility of transportation by ship from Genoa, Livorno and Venice to avoid accumulation of refugees and Prisoners of War enroute to their homes in the interior cities of Italy. If these suggestions which I have made will help in any way to relieve the situation I shall be more than grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Myron C. Taylor

Myron C. Taylor

Enclosure:

Memorandum by Mons.
Carroll-Abbing re
refugees in Florence.

Read Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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(MAJOR MORAN)

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR RETURNING
FROM GERMANY

On Tuesday evening, May 8th, Mr. Myron Taylor and Mgr. Carroll-Abbing visited the Civilian Refugee Camp in Via della Scala. It is very clean and orderly and seems well run.

From there they went to the Caserma delle Oblate in Via Oriolo, a small and dilapidated ex-convent and courtyard. Here they found some 500 men, Italian ex-Prisoners of War from Germany, who were lying on the ground in the last stage of exhaustion. They had come down on trucks and a great number on foot, and the majority of them had not had any food for two days. Many of them were t.b. cases.

Nothing had been organized for them. There was one Italian officer, who was interrogating them. There seemed to be no possibility of their being fed.

Mr. Myron Taylor and Mgr. Carroll-Abbing then called on Colonel Lester Hensley, Provincial Commissioner of Florence, and explained to him the situation that had arisen in Florence overnight.

All three returned to the Camp and Colonel Hensley gave orders for the men to be fed, releasing civilian rations for this emergency case. Colonel Hensley summoned the Capo di Stato Maggiore (Chief of Staff) of General Di Simoni, the Italian General in charge of the Florence Territorial Forces of the Italian Army, and complained of the situation of these ex P.O.W.s. The Chief of Staff, Colonel Piccinini, explained that they had received assurances that the P.O.W. from Germany would be held in camps further north and would not be allowed to arrive in big numbers in Florence. Up to the day before only a few had arrived.

Colonel Hensley arranged the question of feeding these soldiers, and invited Colonel Piccinini to find larger quarters for the men.

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On Wednesday, May 9th, a meeting was held in the Office of the Provincial Commissioner to deal with this problem.

Later on in the morning a second meeting was held in the Office of the Prefect, at which the Allied Provincial Commissioner, General De Simoni, two other Italian Officers, the Provincial Doctor and Mgr. Carroll-Abbing were present. The Provincial Commissioner explained his point of view on the necessity of encouraging collaboration between the Italian Military and Civil Authorities to meet the emergency.

Later in the day a site for a new camp was found in Via Tripoli. It was an old and partly ruined barrack, without toilet accommodation, kitchen facilities or other necessary qualities, but it was larger and, if another empty building across the street were taken in, about 4,000 men could be accommodated.

Colonel Hensley gave orders for the place to be cleaned, and put in order.

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In the meantime Mr. Myron Taylor had discussed the problem with Colonel Kirkwood, the Regional Commissioner, and had spoken with Admiral Stone by phone.

Mr. Taylor announced that the next day three E.M.D.S.I. trucks were leaving Rome for Florence, carrying blankets, canned meat, chocolate, soap and other relief material for the soldiers.

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On Thursday, May 10th, Mr. Myron Taylor, Colonel Hensley and Mgr. Carroll-Abbing visited the new camp in Via Tripoli and found that it had begun to function. Soldiers were still coming in.

The food problem had been temporarily solved, owing to the energetic action of the Provincial Allied Authorities. The E.C.A. of Florence (the municipal relief office) had helped out by assigning from their stores food to provide a second soup a day for the returning soldiers.

In the evening the new kitchen in Via Tripoli - capable of providing food for 1,200 men at a time - was already being used.

The most pressing problem now to be faced was the immediate one of transportation. Unless a very ugly situation was to arise in Florence the soldiers coming in would have to be carried nearer to their homes as soon as possible after their arrival.

Mr. Myron Taylor spoke with General Mark Clark by phone and explained the situation to him.

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On Friday, May 11th, the camp in Via Tripoli was in full swing. The soldiers were questioned on arrival, their papers were made out, they were given a sum of money - part of their pay on account - by the Italian Military Authorities, they were fed, and accommodated on straw in the upper rooms of the barrack. A medical service began to function.

A meeting was held at 10 o'clock in the Palazzo Vecchio, in the office of Colonel Kirkwood, Regional Commissioner, attended by Mr. Myron Taylor, Colonel Montfort of General Clark's staff, Colonel Hensley and Mgr. Carroll-Abbing.

Colonel Montfort informed Colonel Kirkwood that the 15th Army Group was anxious to help in the emergency situation that had arisen, and stated that FMS had been authorized to loan food and equipment to meet the needs of the problem, and to lend 4,500 Italian officers and men for a period of thirty days. They would also try to help with transport. He asked Colonel Kirkwood to write out a statement of his needs.

Mr. Taylor suggested that the only effective way of dealing with the whole problem was to have boats at Livorno and at Venice ready to take the men south. He had suggested this solution to Admiral Stone.

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In the afternoon Colonel Hensley left for Livorno to discuss the various problems of food, transport, etc., with PBS.

The same afternoon the Allied Commission sent 40 trucks to help the Provincial Commissioner. They left about four o'clock for Rome, carrying more than 800 of the soldiers from Via Tripoli. This active measure helped to solve the immediate problem.

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On Saturday, May 12th, Colonel Hensley returned from Livorno and it was found that PBS had not been authorized to release material as had been stated. It was the 5th Army and 15th Army Group which had been Authorized to help. As a result PBS would not release food or equipment.

The Camp in Via Tripoli had now had time to reorganize and showers were being built and the other arrangements already made were being improved on. Men were still coming in on foot: many of them were from Prison Camps near Vienna.

The Provincial Committee for Aid to the Returned Soldiers, had been organized and already had done good work. The citizens had made voluntary contributions in food and money to enable the Committee to give each parting soldier a food packet to take on his journey. The Committee was housed in the building in Via Tripoli which is across the street from the soldiers' camp. Major Taffiorelli of the Italian Army had been named as go-between between the Committee and the Italian Military Authorities.

The E.N.D.S.I. trucks had already arrived and the material stored in a warehouse in the Archbishop's Palace.

These trucks now left, carrying 100 soldiers down to Rome.

At 1300 hours five more E.N.D.S.I. trucks arrived carrying clothing, blankets, canned meat and other relief supplies for the returned soldiers. The population of Florence and the various authorities appreciated very much this practical interest taken by E.N.D.S.I. in their urgent problem. This material was stored in rooms provided by the Italian Military Authorities and will be administered by them, with the assistance of Mr. Monetti of E.N.D.S.I. who will remain in Florence for this purpose.

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Although reference has only been made to the problem as it has manifested itself in Florence a view should be taken of the general situation regarding the returned Italian soldiers.

Hundreds of thousands of soldiers have crossed or are waiting to cross the Alps and enter northern Italy. The main problem will be further north but the minor problems of Livorno, Florence, Pisa, Ancona and other more southerly towns should not be forgotten.

On Friday, May 11th, about 2,000 soldiers were sent down south from Livorno. On Sunday, May 13th, about 2,600 arrived in the same town. On

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Monday morning more than 1,000 entered Livorno.

It is obvious that the only way to prevent a more difficult situation from arising is to keep these men on the move towards the south.

On Sunday morning four of the E.N.D.S.I. trucks left for Rome, carrying more than 120 soldiers down south.

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The problem of finding additional hospital accomodation for the incoming refugees, both Military and Civilian, was solved by the Italian Red Cross putting their Hospital at S. Maria Nuova in Via del Castellaccio at the disposal of the authorities for this purpose. The hospital can accomodate about 350 patients.

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HQ ALCON FOR ACDEP FOR INFO, AME REGGIO EMILIA FOR HOBBS FOR
INFO, AME MODENA FOR HARRIS FOR INFO, AME BOLOGNA FOR ENGLISH.

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Reference signal CAS/507 of 15 ARMY GROUP. Please establish release to MODENA dump rations AME scale 7 according to requirements of and applications by camp commanders of DPRSC camps REGGIO EMILIA capacity 5000, MODENA capacity 11500, BOLOGNA capacity 3500, rations to be delivered at camps by army transport. Please confirm and treat as most urgent.

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(Maj Morden)

Translation

Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Memorandum for the Allied Commission

The Government hopes that the repatriation of the Italian prisoners of war may take place without delay.

Because of its moral, political and social repercussions, the problem of the prisoners of war is one of the most urgent and important questions of the present period of national life. It concerns an important mass of youthful energies - the strongest from the moral and productive point of view, - which have been for a long time - from two to four years - in captivity abroad, without feeling the psychological process of the new democratic life of the nation and its hard work for reconstruction. The precarious and uncertain moral situation of our prisoners has immediate and constant repercussions in the country on several million members of their families, whose thoughts, political attitude and social activities depend on the problem of over one and a half million Italians scattered in concentration camps all over the world.

This painful situation obliges the Government to stress the fact that it is necessary to repatriate without delay all our prisoners, in conformity with the wish of all the Italian nations.

Trusting that this may soon take place, the Government is taking the necessary action to welcome in the country this large mass of repatriated, prisoners, interned persons, officers and other ranks who find themselves abroad because of the war.

The organization of the relief services for officers and other ranks who are being repatriated has been entrusted to the War Department which has drafted a detailed plan, foreseeing the establishment of various 'gathering centres', adequately placed, where the soldiers will be sent when being repatriated.

Considering the urgency for this organization for the reception of interned prisoners to start functioning, the Government begs the Allied Authorities to allow as soon as possible the Italian military personnel indispensable for the functioning of the organization, as from the plan drafted by the War Department and forwarded, last January, to the War Material Disposal and Italian P.W. Sub-Commission, to get ready.

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The main cause of preoccupation is the lack of clothing for the soldiers coming from Germany.

Because of the raw materials we can dispose of, as well as because of the working, the possibilities of the national production do not allow us to cope with this requirement.

We want to submit to the attention of the Allied authorities the following proposals which aim at solving this important question:

- 1) The Allied Commission might examine the possibility of ceding to the Italian Government such clothing as the Commission does not mean to remove from Italy.
- 2) The raw materials necessary for the working in the manufactures might be unblocked, and the transfer of such raw materials to territories under Italian Administration authorized.
- 3) The clothing, barracks equipment and outfit belonging to the German and fascist troops in North Italy might be reserved for the Italian Government, for the requirements of repatriated prisoners.

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4. In case it would not be possible to cover thus the entire clothing requirement, the Allied Authority might examine the possibility of ceding to the Italian Government, against payment, a certain amount of clothing, to cover the remaining requirement.

The situation of the great mass of Italians who were interned in German prisoner camps and have now been liberated by the advance of the allied armies is a cause of great anxiety.

Though for various reasons it isn't yet possible to give the exact figure of Italian citizens at present in Germany, we believe that in German territory there must be over a million Italian, between prisoners of war and civilian workers who were deported there. There are over 600.000 prisoners of war, and over 200.000 civilians.

To most of the interned Italian soldiers, the Nazi authorities one-sidedly gave the qualification of workers; qualification which was only a disguise for the compulsory work which the Italians had to do.

The state of these numerous Italians, most of whom are in bad physical conditions because they suffered from want, is very serious.

We quite realize the very great difficulties which the problem of the prisoners in Germany represent for the Allied Governments and we are grateful for all the allies do for them.

However, we feel it is our duty to contribute, more than we have been allowed to do, through practical action, direct intervention and to the limit of our possibilities, to the solution of a problem which is of such concern for us.

The Italian Government renounces therefore the request for missions of the C.R.I. to be sent without delay in Germany and Austria to cooperate in the relief work for so many unfortunate compatriots.

The delegates of the C.R.I. appointed for Germany are Adv. Enrico VITALA and Dr. Eng. Adolfo RIZZI DEL RIOGIO; for Vienna and Austria, Mr. Henry REYER.

The Italian Government is ready to pay the expenses of the assistance and only asks that the above mentioned missions might be helped to buy the occupation currency which will be put in circulation in Austria and Germany.

Rome, 10 May 1945

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Enclosure 1

Action taken by the Italian Government to organize relief and repatriation for Italians who were deported in Germany.

In the meeting of April 20th, the Council of Ministers asked the State Department to express to the Allied Governments the wish that the Italian Government might be enabled to bring relief directly and as soon as possible to Italians who have been deported and interned in Germany, and facilitate their return in the country, keeping in mind that their detention and the hardships they suffered are due to their refusing, in the interest of Italy and of the United Nations, to collaborate in any way whatsoever with the common enemy.

In conformity with the above mentioned decision, H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs has given instructions to the Italian Ambassadors in the Allied capitals to make arrangements in this sense with the Governments to which they are accredited.

The Italian Government considers that an Italian participation in the relief and repatriation organization for the Italians deported in Germany might take place by sending in the Reich, representatives of some Italian organization, with the Commissions which U.N.R.R.A. organized there, for instance, delegates of the Italian Red Cross. These delegates would ~~be~~ operate with the U.N.R.R.A. Commissions for all things concerning the Italians.

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Chief Commissioner.

14th May 1945.

MAY 15 1945

V.P. Civil Affairs Section, reports Refugee problem (including
IPOW) at TURIN & MILAN in hand.

Number in BOIZANO increasing, but matter in hand.

Camp for 10,000 ready at MOISNA.
4-5000 ready at FLORENCE.

(Sgd) M.S.L.

(W. Morden)

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IMMEDIATE

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Ref: 2201/EC

12 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Transportation - Refugees, etc.

TO : VP, Economic Section.

1. We shall be faced almost at once with urgent demands to transport refugees, Italian OW, etc., from North to South. The pressure on transportation from the military side is very great and we are now no longer in the happy position of being able to depend on empty trains running South for they will all be full of military troops. We must bear this in mind when arranging for the many thousands of refugees which will have to be carried and it will be as well to explain this urgently to AFHQ by signal or letter in order that the proper priority can be given to our bids.

2. G-5, AFHQ have suggested that we should step up our bids in order that the inevitable out-back may affect us less.

MLL/JC.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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MAY 12/0830
HOOTINS

From: 15 ARMY GP

To: 5TH ARMY FOR AMG, 8TH ARMY FOR AMG, INCO, EMILIA REGION FOR
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, TOSCANA REGION FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER,
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MAY 12 1943

Subject Handling Displaced Persons and Italian Ex Prisoners of War.

1. AFHQ have directed armies districts and base sections to
make available to ALLIED COMMISSION Italian Army combat units with
their commands as may be required to undertake the increased work as it
develops.

2. MPOUSA has authorized FBS 5TH ARMY to loan ALLIED COMMISSION
minimum essential quantities of food medicines and equipment.

3. Prompt and adequate action is necessary to solve this
problem. You will present your requirements to nearest Italian and
or US unit notifying this Headquarters if demands not promptly
satisfied.

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1. ALLIED COMMISSION already experiencing great difficulties in dealing with Italian (?) ex POW. Refugees and displaced persons in north ITALY and must face much larger numbers in immediate future. Italian military assistance has been requested and granted up to a ceiling of 4500 Italian military personnel from combat formations and units.
2. Armies Districts and Base Section are directed to make available to ALLIED COMMISSION Italian Army combat units with their commands as may be required to undertake the increased work as it develops.
3. Such units will be on temporary attachment only until the commitment has decreased and can be undertaken by the ALLIED COMMISSION normal displaced persons organisations. ALLIED COMMISSION are authorised to deal direct with all commands in this theatre in this matter.
4. ALLIED COMMISSION will ensure that demands placed do not exceed the 4500 ceiling authorised.
5. ALCON 7115 of 6 May refers.

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COMMISSIONERS MUST INSIST THAT THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES IN BIG TOWNS SET UP FORTHWITH
CAMPS TO ACCOMMODATE STRAGGLING RETURNING ITALIAN SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS WHO HAVE
NOT BEEN ACCOMMODATED IN REGULAR RECEPTION CENTRES PD

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ROUTINE

From: CG MTOUSA CITE NAGDS

10: ACTION CG, PBS; CG, 5TH ARMY; CG, A.B.C. INFO: 15 ARMY GPS, ALCOM

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Displaced persons is subject.

Message FX 68656 from SAC to 15 ARMY GROUP, 5TH and 8TH
ARMIES paraphrased:

Conditions and numbers of displaced persons are likely
serious problem. Personnel of Displaced Persons and Refugee Sub
Commission, ALCOM, have been dispatched to Armies to assist in
handling. Such personnel will require considerable assistance in
loans of equipment and supplies. Whatever help Armies can give
will be backed within availabilities by the service by the supply
services. End of paraphrase.

Loans within capabilities of Army may be made in minimum
essential quantities not to exceed 30 days unless approved by this
Hq. MTOUSA supply directive number 7 governs. Issuing organiza-
tion responsible for control and recapture of equipment. Issues
of foods and medicines must be limited to types known to be in
ALCOM stocks and within ALCOM scales. PENBASE and ADRIATIC will
requisition on ALCOM for prompt replacement of military food
and medicines. Utilize captured items before releasing UNITED
STATES stocks.

Refer excessive or unreasonable demands to MTOUSA for
decision.

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2216/EC

12 May 1946.

Chief Commissioner.

1. Colonel Kirkwood on the telephone this morning said that matters were in hand with regard to refugees and returning POWs. He despatched 300 to the South yesterday, was fixing up rations and transport, and lunched with Mr. Myron Taylor yesterday who appeared placated.

2. He had, curiously enough, failed to get into contact with Colonel Bowman, his next-door Regional Commissioner, to find out what was happening to the alleged 10,000 in BOLOGNA and was unsure that he could contact him on the telephone. I have put this right.

3. BOLOGNA (Lt.Col.Hartley) report all well and are holding refugees.

MSL/RJ.

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Through usual channels request names and fuller particulars of further 18 English speaking Italian officers to G2 here for screening and issuance of orders to proceed FRANCE. SHAEF want these officers by 20 May therefore no time to be lost. Suggest you have them warned to stand by. On receipt by you of orders all will be equipped to UNITED STATES officer field scale. To SHAEF. Will answer your S-87596 soonest.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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NOTES OF A MEETING HELD IN EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S
OFFICE AT 1200 HOURS ON 10 MAY 1945.PRESENT:In the Chair: Brig. LUSH, Executive Commissioner.

The Undersecretary to the Presidency.

A Representative of the Ministry of Treasury.

Brig. UPJOHN, C.A. Section.

Brig. GRANTLEY-SMITH, Finance Sub-Com.

Lt. Col. POTTERGILL, D.P. and R. Sub-Com.

Major PARTIDGE, IAW Sub-Com.

Capt. PACINI, M.M.I.A.

1. Letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
The Undersecretary to the Presidency presented to the meeting a letter received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, concerning Italian refugees coming back to Italy. This letter expressed the Italian Government's concern in this matter, in regard to which there are many difficult problems.
2. Plans Made for the Reception of Refugees.
The Exec. Comar. explained in some detail what plans had been made to receive these refugees. D.P. and R. and IAW Sub-Coms were co-ordinating their efforts, and authority has to-day been received from SICMED to withdraw up to 4,500 men from Italian Army Combat units to provide the necessary personnel to run Reception Centres and Frontier Posts to receive refugees.
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 4. Assistance from UNRRA.
The Exec. Commr. explained that at the present moment UNRRA are unable to assist with supplies in N. Italy. They work only in territory under Italian Government administration but may take over D.P. and R. work in the North later. An UNRRA meeting is to be held shortly to discuss the whole problem, with special regard to UNRRA taking over the whole practical side of the organisation.
 5. Hospital Accommodation and Supplies in N. Italy.
Questions about hospital accommodation and supplies in N. Italy were raised and discussed. The Exec. Commr. stressed the willingness of Allied Commission to help in every possible way, but emphasised the need for coordination.

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H. ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2216/52.

11 MAY 1945.

Chief Commissioner.

1. The following action has been taken to meet the emergency in FLORENCE regarding displaced persons and Italian POW:

- (a) 17 QM Truck Company has been placed at Colonel Kirkwood's disposal by Transportation Sub-Commission. This is in addition to a Truck Company which Colonel Kirkwood hopes to get from 15th Army Group.
- (b) APIS have been asked for several days to arrange rail transport South from FLORENCE at the rate of 300 per day but have not approved. I have personally represented the matter to G-5 and asked for urgent representation to be made to the GAO.
- (c) Transportation Sub-Commission are trying to arrange a coaster from LIVORNO to SICILY.
- (d) 4 Lt.Cols are being sent to Colonel Kirkwood to assist him.
- (e) Food Sub-Commission is arranging to move food from LIVORNO to meet the emergency.
- (f) RS, BOLOGNA (BOLOGNA) from which direction the 10,000 are alleged to be coming, will be told to take steps to hold them.

2. I spoke to Colonel Kirkwood and he really seems to have the matter in hand. He told me that Ramsey is making all preparations possible against the receipt of 10,000 and that he is getting help from the Italian authorities although the Italian military authorities, who are supposed to handle Italian POW, are unsatisfactory. This I will take up with General Browning. He told me that Mr. Byron Taylor and Colonel Monfort visited him this morning.

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 2201/EC.

5th May 1945.

AIDE MEMOIR FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON.

DISPLACED PERSONS.

1. The implementation of AFHQ's instructions to Military Commanders to assist the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission in every way is being carried out most satisfactorily on the British side with regard to personnel. On the American side there is difficulty and at the moment no American personnel are forthcoming. It is hoped that instructions may be given to produce the necessary personnel from US combat units.

2. On both sides there will be difficulty with regard to transport and it is strongly recommended that an order be issued freezing the necessary amount of captured German transport for this work.

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Ref: 2216/17/EC.

5 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation - Italian Nationals and PW.

TO : War Materials Disposal & Italian PW Sub-Commission. 15

1. Attached is letter from the Prime Minister dated 24 April 1945 to the Chief Commissioner. 16

2. There was a doubt as to the figure of 700,000 PW quoted in this letter but from the further letter enclosed, dated 4 May, you will note that approximate verification is given.

3. Will you kindly prepare a reply for signature by the Chief Commissioner. An interim reply should be submitted if the subject is likely to require lengthy consideration.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Translation

Presidency of the Council of Ministers
Chef de Cabinet

n. 33902/10909/2 19/5

Rome, 4 May 1945

Dear Cittadini,

In answer to your letter of April 28th, I want to tell you that, though it isn't possible for various reasons to know the exact number of our compatriots who are in Germany, it seems that there are at present in German territory - between prisoners of war and civilian workers who were deported there - over a million Italians. There are over 600,000 prisoners of war and over 500,000 civilians.

As it is well known, the Nazi authorities gave the qualification of workers to a large part of these Italian interned soldiers; qualification which was but a disguising of the compulsory work to which our compatriots had to submit.

Today, in relation with the development of the war, the situation of this large mass of Italians, most of whom are in bad physical conditions because of the sufferings they went through, is more serious than ever.

In his letter of April 24th, addressed to Admiral Stone, His Excellency the President of the Council stressed the fact that it was our duty to contribute more than we have been allowed to, through practical action, through direct intervention, and as much as we can, to this work of relief for so many unfortunate compatriots.

I shall therefore be most grateful if you can confirm to Admiral Stone the advisability of drafting a preliminary agreement on this delicate and urgent question, in an interview with His Ex. the Undersecretary of State to the Presidency of the Council.

Truly yours,

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Marchese Giangaspare CITTADINI*CMHI
A.C. - Via Veneto
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The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 24 April 1945

My dear Admiral,

the possibility that the events in Germany will suddenly bring about the liberation from internment camps of the 700 thousand Italians who preferred sacrifice to adhesion to the fascist government, makes me ask you for the assurance that these Italian prisoner soldiers will also have the assistance and protection of the Allied armies to supply them with foodstuffs and clothing till their repatriation, and that their return will be facilitated.

Grateful for the numerous assurances received a propos of this assistance, the Italian Government stated it was ready to make any financial sacrifice whatever, and on this subject, the Treasury Department sent note 108958 on December 16th, 1944 - which was preceded by an interview between the Minister of Treasury and Brigadier Graffley-Smith - to the Allied Commission, and note 108905 on March 5th.

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To prove that no stone has been left unturned, I enclose a copy of the note sent to U.S.A.R.C. by the same Ministry of February 9th 1945, and I know that the same action was taken later on by the State Department.

I want to tell you again that the Government, through its various organs, including the financial ones, is at your disposition for the settling of this matter, and to stress the opportunity of receiving my Undersecretary to the Presidency, possibly together with the representative of the Ministry of Treasury, to coordinate the preliminary regulations which may have to be made.

Truly yours,

G. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery A. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Ministry of Treasury
n. 103636

Rome, 9 February 1945

To : The General Direction of U.N.R.R.A. for Italy
and for the attention of

The State Department
Cabinet

SUBJECT : Proposal for relief (foodstuffs and clothing) to the Italian prisoners in Germany.

I hear that the confidential request made by the representative of the Treasury Department, Dr. Marcelini, to Mr. Reany, President of the U.N.R.R.A. Mission in Italy to supply foodstuffs and clothing to the Italian prisoners in Germany, and carrying them to our debit, was cordially answered by the President who promised his support and intervention with the Central Seat of U.N.R.R.A.

The necessity of such assistance has already been pointed out to the Allied Commission, in note 15 December 1944, after having asked for Colonel Greifney-Smith's interest. We must again state that it is impossible for Italy to supply clothing, sanitary assistance and foodstuffs for her own prisoners when the collapse of Germany will deprive them of what little supplies they now receive.

There are no less than 600,000 Italians who were arbitrarily made prisoners on the date of the armistice for they refused to fight at the side of the Germans, and have now been deported for eighteen months, first in Poland and now in Western Germany.

What is more, since last April, it has been impossible, not only to write to them, but also to send them food and clothes-parcels.

From this we must infer that these Italians are reduced to the point of starvation, and that the day of victory might be that of their death.

To be repatriated, they will require relief expeditions to clothe and feed them.

Italy has no means of relief and is ready to do anything to save her children.

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I shall be most grateful if this problem can be examined without delay and submitted to the Central Seat, in agreement, of course, with the competent Military Authorities.

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I thank you for the confidential assurance that everything will be done for the requested intervention to be decided in the first meeting of the Central Council of U.N.R.R.A. in the United States; our Ambassador in Washington will be personally informed. Dr. Marcolini has been entrusted with the study of the whole operation in Italy and wherever it will be necessary; not to create expectations which might be disappointed, this is to be kept secret, in expectation of the final resolves of the American Authorities and of the engagements that the Royal Government will take on the subject.

THE MINISTER

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6 April 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I refer to your letter of the 23rd March in which you inclose a request from the President of the Italian Red Cross concerning the requisitioning of Red Cross Hospitals in the north of Italy.

I am pleased to inform you that this matter has already been the subject of discussion between the Secretary General of the Italian Red Cross, the military authorities and representatives of the Allied Commission and, the Military have given every assurance that as far as possible no requisitioning of Red Cross Hospitals will take place.

Yours very truly,

/s/

ELBERT B. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

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Tel : 735

Ref: 2216/10/30.

29 March 45

SUBJECT : Sanitary organization in North Italy,
in favour of repatriated prisoners.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference letter from PM Bonomi dated 23 March 45, enclosing report of Dr. Umberto Zanotti Bianco, President of the Italian Red Cross, subject as above, dated 14 March 45.

2. For your information and appropriate action the Chief Commissioner has directed that copies of this letter should be sent to Brig. Parkinson, Public Health Sub-Commission and Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

P. Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to : SO to Chief Comm.

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We sent the answer down to you some days ago

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The President of the Council of Ministers

MAR 27 1945

Dear Admiral,

I draw your attention on the report of Dr. Umberto Zanotti-Bianco, President of the Italian Red Cross.

I remain,

Yours truly,

B. I. Bonomi

Rome, 25 March 1945

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Translation

Italian Red Cross
Gen. S.M.

Rome, 14 March 1945

Subject: Sanitary organization in North Italy, in favour of repatriated prisoners.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROME

attention of : Military Board of Health
(War Department)

Autonomous Repatriated Prisoners Office - War Department
Sovereign Military Order of Malta
High Commissariat for Refugees - Dir. San. Serv.
High Commissariat for Repatriated Prisoners.

In prevision that North Italy might possibly soon be liberated, and that the development of the war might bring the hostilities to an end before too long, arises the problem of the repatriation to Italy of the enlisted men and interned civilians, of whom a large number is being detained in German, Yugoslav and French territory.

Their number is of about 1,200,000 individuals, of whom about 600,000 are soldiers and 600,000 civilians; when the liberation takes place, they will need the frontier passes and the roads leading towards home, to reach the houses they had left for so long.

From the informations we obtained on this subject, and from previous experiences, we must expect this mass of 'reduci' to reach the country in miserable conditions; they will require all kind of relief and assistance. It must also be foreseen that a large proportion, not inferior to 10%, of these people will have to be admitted in hospitals on their return home, and as the number of the patients to be admitted will be considerable, it is necessary to start organizing an adequate net of hospitals, trying to make the most of the organizations which already exist.

The military hospitals of North Italy might be made use of, for the Military Board of Health would be willing to hand over their management to the Italian Red Cross, and to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, as it did in Central and South Italy for the accommodation of the Italians repatriated from prison or from the Balkan.

The War Department - letter n. 1/494/ser., 5-2-945 - already sent a request to the Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C., for a certain number of Italian military hospitals existing in North Italy to be reserved from now on for the Italian Army

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This second group of hospitals, numerically far greater than the former, even if scattered in a large number of small units, might be, in part at least, destined to the above mentioned hospital requirements choosing those which are located near the zones where the transit and re-grouping camps for these 'reduci' will be established.

Therefore, an agreement was made between the Military Board of Health, the Italian Red Cross, and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, and a list of the hospitals in the Venice, Verona, Milan, Turin and Genoa Provinces was prepared (we enclose this list); with the request that the mentioned hospitals be left at the disposal of the C.R.I. and S.M.O.M. relief organizations, to enable them to organize from now on and to exercise in due time hospital relief for the 'reduci', we submit this list to the approval of the Allied Authorities.

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Considering the importance of the problem in question, we hope that this request will be granted, in which case there still would be an important number of military hospitals in North Italy which could be used by the Allied troops for their requirements.

The number of beds required for each region is approximately proportioned to the supposed number of repatriated persons who will be accommodated in the respective camps, and amounts to 3,500 for each region; this makes a total amount of about 20,000 beds. This amount was made to leave a certain margin, considering that a large number of the hospitals we are counting on will probably be found destroyed, or looted, or somehow damaged, so that it won't be possible to make use of them.

Should the said hospitals be left free for the use for which they are requested, in spite of the limitations in the practical application of the plan, which are easy to foresee, we could reasonably nurse the hope that the hospital service for repatriated persons would be adequate; in case of need, we could also link it to the net of civilian hospitals, which, as previous experience has shown, will probably be far less damaged by war.

According to the agreements on general principle made with the Military Board of Health, the Italian Red Cross would take over the management of the hospitals in the Venetia, Verona, and Genoa provinces, while the Sovereign Military Order of Malta would take care of those of the Milan and Turin provinces. Besides, both Associations would put at the disposal of these services their own hospitals created in these areas during the war to protect against air raids the civilian population and those who belong to their permanent organizations in peace time.

Of course, the enclosed list has only a temporary value, and a value of indication, and can be modified in whatever way will prove advisable or necessary according to the conditions in which the hospitals of North Italy will be found after the liberation, and to all the modifications which may possibly be brought to the repatriation plan and to the localities chosen to establish regrouping camps.

Trusting this request will be favourably received, and hoping to get the approval on general principles of the enclosed list of hospitals, I remain,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE C.R.I.
(Umberto Zanotti-Bianco)

s. Umberto Zanotti-Bianco

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LIST OF MILITARY HOSPITALS (RESERVE) THE MANAGEMENT OF WHICH WAS HANDED OVER
TO THE ITALIAN RED CROSS FOR RELIEF TO REPATRIATED PRISONERS AND INTERNED CIVILIANS

Province of Venice	n.
1) 'MID' civilian hospital, beds	400
2) Venice civilian hospital	200
3) VIGENZA territorial military hospital	380
4) PORDENONE "	250
5) CASTELFRANCO "	250
6) VALDOBBIAD "	190
7) UDINE 'Gianellino' "	200
8) UDINE 'Santa Maria Misericordia' "	660
9) UDINE Seminario Arcivescovile "	350
10) NOALE C.R.I. special nursing establishment	150

Province of Verona	n.
11) VERONA municipal Institute	190
12) VERONA 'stimato' Institute	200
13) ex-civilian Hospital	700
14) RIVA DI TRENTO 'Europa' Military hospital	240
15) RIVA DI TRENTO 'Sole' military hospital	160
16) RIVA DI TRENTO 'Lago e parco' military hospital	170
17) TRENTO 'Dams di Sion' military hospital	300
18) BOLZANO 'Scuola Regina Elena' military hospital	450
19) BOLZANO 'Scuola Duca di Pistoia' military hospital	200
20) MERANO 'Grande Albergo Merano' military hospital	500

Province of Genoa	n.
21) CELLE LIGURE Milanese colony	500
22) PIERRA LIGURE 'Sacro Cuore' Institute	500
23) LOANO Pienestese hospice	450
24) CHIUVARI Piano e Piaggio Colony	650
25) GENOVA RIVAROLO Calesia Hospital	150
26) GENOVA SAMPIERDARENA Civilian hospital	150
27) VARAZZE Bargasese conv. colony	470
28) FIMINIPIA Lemis Colony	320
29) LAVAGNA Puzostene Ope a Pia	380
30) CHIUVARI hospital for special cures (C.R.I.)	200
31) SAVONA (Legino) hospital for special cures (C.R.I.)	100

C.R.I. Hospitals handed over for for relief organizations for repatriated

persons in North Italy

19) SUIN O. Giovanni hospital

150

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- 15) RIVA DI TRENTO 'Bola' military hospital 170
- 16) RIVA DI TRENTO 'Lago e Parco' military hospital 300
- 17) TRENTO 'Dams di Sion' military hospital 450
- 18) BOLZANO 'Scuola Regina Elena' military hospital 200
- 19) BOLZANO 'Scuola Duca di Pistoia' military hospital 800
- 20) MERANO 'Grande Albergo Merano' military hospital

Province of Genoa

- 21) CALE LIGURE Milanese colony 500
- 22) PIETRA LIGURE 'Sacro Cuore' Institute 500
- 23) LIANO Pienontese hospice 450
- 24) CHIAVARI Piano e Piaggio Colony 630
- 25) GENOVA RIVAROLO Galea Hospital 150
- 26) GENOVA SANPIERDARENA Civilian hospital 150
- 27) VARAZZE BARGAMESSA conv. colony 470
- 28) FINISIPRA Lancia Colony 320
- 29) LAVAGNA Parmatens Opera Pia 380
- 30) CHIAVARI hospital for special cures (C.R.I.) 200
- 31) SAVONA (Legato) hospital for special cures (C.R.I.) 100

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C.R.I. Hospitals handed over for for relief organizations for repatriated

persons in North Italy

- 32) TURIN S. Giovanni hospital 150
- 33) TURIN n. 3 hospital for special cures 100
- 34) BRESCIA DI LANZO (Turin) women sanatorium 200
- 35) GUASSO AL MONTE (Varese) men sanatorium 260
- 36) LESIO 'Scuola Cavazzi' hospital for special cures 200
- 37) MILAN Ist aid and sorting establishment (n. 1) 80
- 38) MILAN Ist aid and sorting establishment (n. 2) 80
- 39) OLTRA (Trieste) navy sanatorium 400

total n. of beds 11.690

LIST OF MILITARY HOSPITALS (RESERVA) HANDLED OVER TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE

SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA

Province of Bologna

40) BOLOGNA 'San Leonardo' orphanage	300
41) BOLOGNA Seminario Diocesano	400
42) VIGNOLA Scuola di Avviamento	260
43) VIGNOLANNO district court	140
44) S. GIOVANNI PERSICETO hospital	400
45) PARMA Scuola Magistrale	250
46) PIACENZA Morigi School	250

Province of Milan

47) PAVIA 'Barone' college	350
48) MILAN Observation hospital	600
49) MILAN Maggiore hospital	370
50) LEGGO Centro mutilati Scuola avviamento	500
51) VARESE Palace Colle Campollo Hotel	720
52) VARESE Macchi College	330
53) VARESE girls orphanage	300
54) COMO Civilian hospital pavilion	400
55) BELLARIO Le-Hotel Gran Bretagna	500

Province of Turin

56) ASTI military hospital section	500
57) ASTI military hospital	270
58) ASTI military hospital of observation	150
59) PIEMONTE S. Maria Annunziata hospital	300
60) SALLAZO Opera Pia Cafferelli military hospital	110
61) AGGLI hospital	200
62) VARENNIA Private Regoleto nursing home	300
63) VARENNIA Villalba Royal hospital	250

Hospitals of the S.M.O.M. put at the disposal of the relief for repatriated persons in North Italy

64) TORIN Ettore de Sonnaz Institute	300
65) MILAN Maggiore hospital	100
66) BARIAMO first aid post	50

total n. of beds

8.590

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22 February 1945

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SUBJECT: Italian Nationals and Prisoners of war in Germany, France and Switzerland - formation of Centres for reception in Northern Italy.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. The control of Italian Nationals, including Prisoners of War, immigrating from Germany, France, and Switzerland into North Italy on the cessation of hostilities has now become a pressing and serious problem. The total numbers involved are estimated to be over ONE MILLION.

2. The Italian Government have expressed a deep concern over this question which this Commission fully shares.

3. In some cases it will be possible to exercise control within the countries where these Italian Nationals are held; however, preparation must be made for those who, when the Germans are defeated, escape (or are intentionally released by the enemy to cause confusion) and find their way across the frontier.

4. A scheme has been prepared to establish a considerable number of collection points along the frontiers of Italy from which groups can be immediately passed back Southward and dispersed.

5. This scheme is entirely dependent on TRANSPORTATION. There will be little or no rail facilities in the North for the movement of these returning Nationals and if riots, starvation and death, apart from epidemics, are to be avoided sufficient road transport must be made available to convey them to their homes or Reception and Transit Centres as quickly as possible. 500/600 vehicles will be required for this purpose, made up into five or six General Transport Companies of 100 vehicles per Company. 5433

6. Reception and Transit Centres should be formed in or near towns such as MILANO, TORINO, GENOVA, VERONA and VENEZIA, with the addition of some Southern towns. These main Centres will number approximately 32 and it is proposed in the first instance to take care of military and civilian personnel in the

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same forward Centres in order to reduce staffs, administration, stores and equipment to a minimum. The Centres in the South will be used for the transit of those Italians returning to PUGLIA, CALABRIA and SICILY and will ultimately be used as Transit Centres for Italian Prisoners of War repatriated from the UNITED STATES, BRITAIN and the DOMINIONS.

7. The main points for consideration are as follows:

(a) Transportation, consisting of 500/600 vehicles (to include 50 ambulances and 50 water carts) to be held at call to meet requirements.

(b) Reception and Transit Centres or Camps to be set up to handle these Italian Nationals including Prisoners of War.

(c) Italian Military personnel numbering SIX THOUSAND to be made available to the Italian Government Departments concerned to man these Centres and forward collecting points. It is essential that military personnel be provided at these Centres to enforce discipline necessary for the quick handling of numbers and the care of Prisoners of War, who come under military discipline until demobilized. I therefore request that MMIA be instructed to make available to the Italian War Ministry the actual bodies as and when necessary; a small cadre to be made available immediately. (The number SIX THOUSAND is against a figure of TEN THOUSAND asked for by the Italian Government).

(d) A small number of additional Allied Personnel to be earmarked for attachment to each Reception and Transit Centre (totalling 60/70 officers and 150 Other Ranks).

(e) Equipment, Food, Clothing etc., (to be considered on the estimated numbers to be handled).

8. The majority of the material, transportation and personnel requested will not be required until fighting has ceased, and it is therefore suggested that the requirements may easily be supplied out of Army reserves. Items such as TRANSPORTATION could probably be earmarked from RASC Ammunition Companies, PERSONNEL from Reinforcement Training Depots or Replacement Centres and STORES from reserves held by Ordnance.

9. The problem is one which, in my opinion, should be studied at SHAEP and in LONDON. I, therefore, intend, with your permission, to send the Directors of the War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War and of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commissions to France and England to confer with the departments concerned on the many points that arise in connection with this question.

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10. I consider this problem a most urgent one and, pending a definite decision, I request that the scheme be agreed in principle so that early planning may be commenced.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Prepared by:

Lt. Col.

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