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YUGOSLAV MISSIONS IN ITALY
JULY 1944 - SEPT. 1945

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Executive Commissioner's Office

1. Reference folio 78 we have the following comments to make:
 - (b) 84 Garigliano, Rome is now used as a Repatriation Office with Lt. MANDIC in charge.
2. Ref : folio 100, para 3. This is correct.
3. Ref : folio 102, para 3. Capt Edwin PERVANJE was appointed as the Yugoslav Representative for the purpose of repatriating Yugoslavs via Trieste. Cancellation of this appointment has been ordered by A.F.H.Q. Their letter ref: G-5 :383.7-2 dated 28 August 1945.
4. Ref: folio 107. The above comments give further details for your consideration.

10 September 1945

C. Foll. jill
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101

Ex Com.

This 100 for signature please: min 94 refers.
28 Aug 45.

M. P. R. S. / Com

MS 15/18

69

184.

So.

letter submitted for approval & signature.

Ex. Com.: signed previous letter referred to - at 100
p. 49

105.

May' Kennedy.

102 has had been speed
has acknowledged.

Sp 4/9.

108.

Displaced Persons & P Sub Com.

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105.

May Kennedy.

102 has had been speed
has acknowledged.

Sub 4/9.

Displaced Persons & P Sub Com. 108.

Please see 78, 100 & 107. Are you able to
supply any further information regarding
the activities of the fugitive agencies in
question?

7 Sept 45

M. P. S. S. / Cond

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Political Adviser (B)
Political Adviser (B)

few comments are requested on folio 78, paras 2 & 3 in particular. From information received from other sources it would appear that there is a good deal of truth in these allegations.

21 Aug 45

M. T. S. by Sam Connel

92

I recommend that the Italian Government's observations on the number and activities of Yugoslav official and military missions in Italy (folio no. 78) be referred to AFHQ, where it is understood some discussions on this problem have taken place. These various groups established themselves in Italy under Allied auspices and therefore Allied military authorities may have a responsibility to liquidate them.

August 24, 1945

J. W. H. J. J. J.
Pol. Ad. (AM.)

93

9 spec. This is entirely a matter for A.F.H.Q.

H. J. J. J. J.

Pol. Ad (B)

Aug 25

94

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August 24, 1945

J. M. H. Jones
Pol. Ad. (Am.)

93

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St. J. J. J. J.

Pol. Ad. (B)

Aug 25

94

Ex Com.

1. At folio 98 the M. of Foreign Affairs forwards a list of Yugoslav "agencies" in this country, which they allege (in paras 2 & 3), are engaged in a number of doubtful activities. U84
2. In mins 92 & 93 the Political Advisers recommend that the whole matter be referred to AFHQ.
3. Do you wish to make any recommendations to AFHQ on the subject?

27 Aug 45

Refer to AFHQ regarding X 972

M. T. Fisher Sen. Coun.

W. J. J. J.

C.S.O. to Ex. Com.

86

I approve of the letter (Jorgio 83)
drafted to Yugoslavian Delegation on
ACI.

J. Miller Jones
Pol. Ad (Am) Aug 13/45

89.

Explain.

J. J. Smollett is at it again.

Re position is well set out at

80 and letter for Legation

yes is submitted. Both P. B. & C. ^{copy} vide 6.55.46

I will have a reply sent to

82 which will, I think,

include a copy of this letter

has submitted.

21 14/8

The position is: Let set and at
 80 and letter for September
 9 cc is Submitted. Both PR and
 I will have a reply sent to
 82 which will, I assume,
 include a copy of this letter
 has Submitted.

11/14/8.

Chief Commissioner.

(90)

Attached is submitted for your signature/information/approval.

Please read min 85 under - 889

above.

11/14/8

ltr signed. - see 87.

81TO: CSO

1. Reference Col. Fiske's note at 79, on verbal requests made to him by Dr. Smodlaka of the Yugoslav Delegation to the A.C.I.
2. Please see memorandum and suggested action at 80.
3. All factions in this dispute are being as obstructionist as possible; in one of the cases under consideration (para 2-folio 80) Dr. Smodlaka has been told twice by the Chief Commissioner himself that his request cannot be granted, but he continues to attack the Commission at different levels on the same subject.
4. It is suggested that he now be dealt with rather firmly.

1 Aug 45.

A. P. S.
S/Comm.

84

Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)

Ref min 81. Do you approve of the draft
letter to Dr Smodlaka at 83?

4 Aug 45

A. P. S.
S/Comm

85

CSO & Ex. Com.

I agree to the 4th. letter is going forward.
I sh. report, however, that some apprehensions

Ref min 81. Do you approve of the draft
letter to Dr Smolaka at 83?

4 Aug 65

A. Pasby San Cal

CSO to Ex. Com.

85

I agree to the 4th. letter's going forward.

2. I sh^d want, however, that some apprehension
is felt at the bit. Entry over this whole question. Dr.
Smolaka will almost certainly report to Belgrade & the rest
development will be representations to our Auth. there to
open the question anew. Dr. Smolaka is a very persistent type
& not easy to shake off.

3. The fundamental difficulty is, of course, that we
British & U.S. Govts. must support / backed Tito's Govt. against
Yugoslav elements hostile to the present regime in Yugoslavia.
We might not like the idea, but then it is.

11/20/65

U82

W. A. Pasby
for A. A. Pasby (for.)

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TO: Executive Commissioner.

Royal Yugoslav Mission in Rome

1. With reference to Acting President's memorandum at 65, on 23 April a letter was written to AFHQ (folio 63) putting up the case of the premises used by the Welfare Society and some other premises at 10 Corso Trieste, Rome. The position is summarised in paras 2, 4 and 5, with recommendations in para 6.

2. Referring to enclosure (folio 64) with Acting President's memorandum, it will be noted that para 1 does not give an accurate picture. Refugee rations are supplied by the Commission but we have no knowledge of any vehicles operated. Para 4 briefly represents the case we submitted to AFHQ in folio 63.

E. Shurden
Major

Office of the Exec. Commissioner,
29 Apr 45.

68

Executive

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Chief Clerk

Requested Driver to follow up folio 63 if they had not already done so. Look out for copy.

1/14/45

12/5/45

E. Shurden

C.S.O.

72.

Excerpt

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note Chief Clerk

Requested Driver to follow up folio 63 if they had not already done so. Look out for copy.

[Signature]

12/5/45

6/14/50

72.

C.S.D.

Please see 71 for Tow information.

How exciting!
73.
H. 30/50
MAY 4/4

[Signature] 5/6

81

EC to CC.

Ref 24, please see 20, which replies to 9.

16.Mar.45

(Sgd) E.S. MCMEN, Capt.

CCO to Ex.Com.

Noted - Thank you.

16.Mar.45

(Intd) J.A.Q.

23a.

Ex.Com.

I have taken no action on your Minute 19 since the proposal to reduce the various Yugoslav agencies at the moment is only in draft, ie, the Supreme Allied Commander has, so far, only been requested to approve the recommendations contained in 15.

19.Mar.45

(Seen by EC and CC) (Intd) J.C. (Intd) E.T.

23.

Sir,

In view of SACRED decisions at 24, there will still be no action on Ex.Com's minute at 19. PA?

22.Mar.45

(Intd) A.R.M.P.

29.

Yes, thanks.

23.Mar.45

(Intd) E.T.

54

TO: Exec Commr

Please see folio 51. The original for this file has been passed to Displaced Persons for immediate action. (40-53)

19.Mar.45

(Seen by EG and CS) (Intd) J.C. (Intd) E.P.

28.

Sir,

In view of SACRED decisions at 24, there will still be no action on Ex.Com's minute at 19. PA?

22.Mar.45

(Intd) A.R.N.P.

29.

Yes, thanks.

23.Mar.45

(Intd) E.T.

54

TO: Exec Comm

Please see folio 51 to 53. The original of this file has been passed to Displaced Persons for immediate action. *See* (43-53)

7 Apr 45

note

Ref 55 spoke Lt Col Berthegill. meetings have taken place between VP C.A.Sec. Dir Dispor + Yugoslavia Commission. Lt Col F. expects to submit a reply to 53 on 16 or 17 apr.

14/4/45

BU 20/4/45
File

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14.

C.S.O.

1. Have we documentary evidence of the approval alleged to have been given in para 5 of Page 11?
2. The staff of 6 on Page 10 should surely be reduced.

10.Mar.45

(Intd) H.S.I.

15.

Major Stearns.

Ref para 1 of Minute 14. Will you try and trace - I suggest trying Political Advisers files.

12.Mar.45

(Intd) E.P.

16.

Political Advisers.

Re Para 5 of Page 11 and Para 1 of Minute 14. For action.

14.Mar.45

(Intd) L.W.S.

17.

The attached memo (Folio 1) from Mr. Reber to "Z" mission seems to be the only authority of which we have any record. Since November, Political Section have been trying to secure the Delegation's abolition.

15.Mar.45

(Intd) H.H.

18.

Ex.Com.

To see Minute 17 in answer to your query (1) at Minute 14.

14. Mar. 45

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15. Mar. 45

(Intd) H.R.

Ex. Com.

To see Minute 17 in answer to your query (1) at Minute 14.

16. Mar. 45

(Intd) J.G.

O.S.C. (L.C.)

Action as in 3(a) and 3(c) (Page 13) and a request to reduce numbers in Yugoslav Delegation to Advisory Council (we reduce rations, petrol, finance, accommodation, etc) to a reasonable amount.

16. Mar. 45.

(Intd) M.S.L.

579

CSC to Ex. Com.

Noted. But what action is being taken on Folio 9? I can see no reason for procrastination here.

15. Mar. 45

(Intd) J.A.G.

Ref: 2217/111/EC

11 September 45

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy

TO : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs

1. With reference to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs memoranda 6/2342/1077 of 21 July 1945 and 6/3052/1426 of 28 August 1945 on the above subject.

2. It is requested that the Ministry for Foreign Affairs should, if possible, give further details of the activities of the agencies listed and a recommendation as to the action to be taken in each case.

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B/V

Bu 29/9
R. K. H.

Noted

Noted

PAH 15/9

R. W. KEMSLEY

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(See M 109)

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2217/L TO
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ex. Comm
JLT/dmj

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G-5: 334-108

7 September 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy.

SEP 10 1945

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394.

Ref your 2217/103/EC or 4 Sep 45.

This question will be examined thoroughly on receipt of a reply to our letter 334-108 dated 5 Sep 45.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

JLT

J.L. TETLOW
Major
Balkans Section.

(Per KENSLEY)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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MJG/HFP/dmj

G-5: 334-108

5 September 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your 2217/100/EC of 28 Aug 45.

1. Your letter and the attached memorandum from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 21 July is now being considered at this Headquarters.

2. Although the tenor of the Italian memorandum seems to indicate that reduction would be desirable, no such firm recommendation is given and no discrimination is shown between the various agencies listed.

3. Before any further consideration is therefore given to the question of the possibility of reducing these agencies in number, it would be much appreciated if you could give any further details regarding the activities of the listed missions, and also the Italian Government's recommendations regarding them, together with your comments.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



M.J. Glenn

M.J. GLENN,
Colonel, G.S.

see 111
see 11108

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(S/Lmp Room) Puck

Ref: 2217/106/EO.

4 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy.

TO : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

1. ¹⁰² The Ministry for Foreign Affairs memorandum 6/3052/1426 dated 28 August 1945 on the above subject is acknowledged.

2. It has been forwarded to the appropriate authorities for their consideration.

see 103.

2. W. KEMSLEY

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Ref: 2217/103/EC.

Tel: 478603

4 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy.

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

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1. Further to my 2217/100/EC dated 28 August 1945 enclosing Memorandum from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on the above subject, enclosed is Memorandum 6/3052/1426 dated 28 August 1945 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on the same subject.

2. This is also passed to you for your consideration.

For the Chief Commissioner:

R. Telford
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

Copy to: Polad (A)
Polad (B)

see M 1049105
SEE F 110
BY 14/9.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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SEP - 3 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy.

1. Reference is made to Memo. S/2342/1077 of July 12th, 1945.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to inform the Allied Commission that the Yugoslav Agencies in Italy continue to carry out an intense propaganda with Italian civilians of Julian origin, in order to induce the latter to return to their places of origin. The return journey, via Bari and through Yugoslavia, is implemented by the aforesaid Agencies free of charge. The centre of assembly is the Yugoslav Mission at via Garigliano.

3. A similar activity would be carried out by a Yugoslav Committee at Milan, Via Bocchetto n.6.

4. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be very grateful if the Allied Commission would consider the possibility of exercising at Bari a stricter control on the activities of the aforesaid Agencies, and eventually of closing them down as there does not appear to be any further use in their existence.



Rome, August 28th, 1945

12th, 1945.

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Rome, August 28th, 1945

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Ref: 2217/100/EC.

Tel: 478603

28 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy.

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

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1. A copy of Memorandum No. 6/2342/1077 dated 26 July from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is forwarded herewith for your consideration.

2. These various groups established themselves in Italy under Allied auspices and it is thought therefore that the Allied Military authorities may have a responsibility to liquidate them.

3. It is understood that the following have now been closed:

Rome : (c) R. Yugoslav Military Mission.

Naples: (a) Yugoslav Military Mission.

Bari : (a) Military base of the "Novj"

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. G. LUSH

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Polad (A)
Polad (B)

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Tel: 735

Ref: 2212/98/EC.

28 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Furniture at No.10 Corso Trieste.

TO : Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission.

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1. The attached receipt for furniture is passed to you for action in connection with para 2 (b) of the Chief Commissioner's letter 2217/87/EC dated 15 August 45.
2. You are requested to keep the Executive Commissioner's office informed of further development in this matter.

M.P.

✓
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

Copy to: C.A. Section

071

JUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Pov. br. 1222/45

Rome, August 25, 1945.

My dear Admiral Stone,

Would you please find enclosed a copy and a translation of the original receipt for the furniture loaned to the Yugoslav Officers Home, Nr. 10 Corso Trieste, from Nr. 24 Via dei Monti Parioli - for action - as mentioned in Para 2 section b) of your letter Nr. 2217/57/EC dated August 15, 1945.

Thanking in advance, I remain, my dear Admiral,
very truly yours

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L. von Bülow

Enclosure as stated.

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cc 1100

AUG 28 1945

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See 98

My dear Admiral Stone,

Would you please find enclosed a copy and a translation of the original receipt for the furniture loaned to the Yugoslav Officers Home, Nr. 16 Corso Trieste, from Nr. 24 Via dei Monti Parioli - for action - as mentioned in Para 2 section b) of your letter Nr. 2217/57/EC dated August 15, 1945.

Thanking in advance, I remain, my dear Admiral,
very truly yours

Lorenz B. von La Hay

Enclosure as stated

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

R o m e.

(S/Coma (Rear))
m.p.

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folios 95 & 96 sent to
S.P. & R S/C
see 98

Ref/2217/57/SC.

15 August 1945.

SUBJECT : Yugoslav Property in Rome, Bari
and Naples.

My dear Doctor Medlaka:

Reference is made to your three memoranda - ref. no. 1023/45, 1024/45 and 1025/45, all dated 23 July 1945 - addressed by you to this Commission on the following subjects :

1. The Yugoslav Welfare Society and the premises occupied by it on the third floor of No. 19, Via Angelo Secchi.

- (a) This matter was referred to AFHQ where it was ruled, that as the Welfare Society could not be considered as an official organization of the Yugoslav Red Cross, it could not remain in official accommodation; on instructions from this Headquarters, the society has therefore vacated No. 19 Via Angelo Secchi, which has been returned to the owners by RMAC.
- (b) For the reasons given in sub-paragraph (a) above, the Society cannot be required to hand over its archives or other property to your Delegation. It is not proposed to take any steps with regard to its closure.

2. Premises and Furniture of No. 10 Corso Trieste.

- (a) Your attention is drawn to two letters reference DPR/24-1/G-2 (WP), dated 28 March and 2 April, in which the Chief Commissioner informed you that these premises were in no way an official institution and could not be handed over to you as such. This ruling has been endorsed by AFHQ, and the subject should therefore be considered closed.
- (b) If you will forward an inventory of and receipts for the furniture loaned to No. 10 Corso Trieste from No. 24 Via dei Monti Parioli (as already requested in letter DPR/24-1-G-2 (WP) dated 11 April), this Commission will endeavour to assist you in obtaining their return to the Delegation.

3. The premises and inventory of the Royal Military Mission at Bari and Naples.

The Royal Military Mission at these places was accommodated in furnished, requisitioned buildings which have now been released. There is consequently no accommodation or property to be handed over to your Delegation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner.

Dr. Steven J. MacGlack,
Yugoslav Representative to Advisory
Council for Italy,
Via Quintino Sella, 56
Rome, Italy.

Copy to : G - 5, A.F.H.Q. (Ref G-5: 334-28 Jugoslavia, dtd 2 Aug 45),
Civil Affairs Section (For Displaced Persons & R. Subcom).

Subject Fugate Property
in Rome, Bari, Naples DRAFT

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furniture loaned to No. 10 Corso Trieste from No. 24 Via
dei Monti Parioli (as already requested in letter DPH/24-1-G-2
(DP) dated 11 April), this Commission will endeavor to
assist you in obtaining their return to the Delegation.

cc file DRP/24-1-G-2

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The property was bought with
funds provided by the Yugoslav
Govt. will be held responsible
if it is therefore Yugoslav State
property.

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76 3. The premises and inventory of the Royal Military Mission at
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Copies to: ~~CA Sec (For Disap Persons S/c) Ex. Rep.~~
G-5, AFHQ (ref. G-5: 334-28 Jugoslavia, dtd 2 Aug 45)

Dr. Slovenk Smolaka
Yugoslav Representative to the Advisory Council for Italy
Via Quintino Sella 56
Rome

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Chief 4.7
Commissioner
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2 August 1945

G-5: 324-22 Yugoslavia

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Missions in Rome.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394. —

1. On 28 July Dr. BMOBLAKA called at the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff AFHQ and raised the question of a reply to the two letters attached, which are addressed to Rear Admiral STONE. (ORIGINALS AT 74-75)

2. In order to prevent frequent demarches to this Headquarters, it is desired that early action be taken to bring these matters to conclusion. If further instructions are required from AFHQ, will you please set forth all pertinent facts and matters which cannot be handled within the scope of your authority and make the necessary recommendations. In any case it is desired that AFHQ be informed as to progress in case there is any delay in clearing up the situation.

3 AUG 1945

A.L. Hamblen

A.L. HAMBLLEN
Brigadier General, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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(1 S. RAKU COPY)

Memorandum.

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SUBJECT: Liquidation of YUGOSLAV Mission.

The Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy makes the following requests of A.C.

1. (at folio 74)

(a) That the premises of the "Yugoslav Welfare Society", at No. 19 Via Angelo Secchi, be transferred to the Delegation.

(b) That the papers, stamps, etc of the Welfare Society, and the M.I. Room (housed in the same building, } and stated by the Delegation to have been part of the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission) be handed over also.

(c) That the Welfare Society should be abolished.

Comments.

The history of the Welfare Society is given at folio 62, para 5. It will be seen that it was not an official institution (which would require to be handed over to the Delegation) and that A.C. recommended that it should be permitted to continue its activities. AFM agreed to this proposal (folio 69), but stipulated that they could not continue to occupy official accommodation and must make some private arrangement. At folio 74 in file DFR/21-1/G2(DP), we instructed the Welfare Society to move out of 19 Via Angelo Secchi, since the accommodation was no longer held officially and the owners did not wish to make a private lease with them. They do not appear to have moved; they have many other billets from which they could operate.

Suggestions.

(a) That the Delegation be informed:

(i) that since the Society was not official, neither its premises nor its belongings will be transferred to them,

(ii) that this HQ does not propose to take any action with regard to the suggested dissolution of the Society.

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para 5. It will be seen that it was not an official delegation (which would require to be handed over to the Delegation) and that A.C. recommended that it should be permitted to continue its activities. AFHQ agreed to this proposal (folio 69), but stipulated that they could not continue to occupy official accommodation and must make some private arrangement. At folio 74 in file DEX/21-1/G2(DP), we instructed the Welfare Society to move out of 19 Via Angelo Secchi, since the accommodation was no longer held officially and the owners did not wish to make a private lease with them. They do not appear to have moved; they have many other billets from which they could operate.

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(ii) that this HQ does not propose to take any action with regard to the suggested dissolution of the Society.

(b) That steps be taken to evict the Society if they have not yet left Via Angelo Secchi.

2. (at folio 75)

(a) That the premises and contents of No. 10 Corso Trieste be handed over to the Delegation.

(b) That the furniture loaned to that establishment by the Delegation be returned.

Comments.

Reference (a), No. 10 Corso Trieste has been used to house high ranking Yugoslav Displaced Persons and in addition members of the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission messed there.

The Delegation/.....

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(has now been vacated.)
MPH/s

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The Delegation was told twice by the Chief Commissioner (folios 44 and 51 file DPR/21-1/G2(DP) that 10 Corso Trieste cannot be regarded as an official institution of the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission, nor be handed over as such. The matter was later taken up with AFHQ (folio 63 para 4) who endorsed the Chief Commissioner's ruling above and approved the A.C. suggestion that the building should continue to be used for high ranking Yugoslav Displaced Persons.

Reference (b), we told the Delegation (folios 44 and 51 file DPR/21-1/G2(DP) that we were issuing instructions for the return of the furniture, but these instructions do not appear to have been put into writing. We were informed subsequently by AFHQ (folio 69) that furniture which did not come from Allied Military sources, was a domestic matter, with which we should not interfere; it seems doubtful whether, although A.C. administers 10 Corso Trieste, we have any power to order them to return the furniture.

Suggestions.

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3. (at folio 76).

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Comments.

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Suggestions.

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- (a) That the Delegation be told that the premises and inventories at BARI and NAPLES have been derequisitioned and cannot be handed back.
- (b) That we ignore the question of the archives. The Delegation knows what has happened to them, but to put it in writing might have unfortunate repercussions if the Delegation passed our statement on to REIGRADE. Should the Delegation take the matter up with us again, they can be referred to the fact that they failed to appear for the official handover.

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M. P. S. by Sen. Card.

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Missionis at BARI and NAPOLI
to be transferred. (76)

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Corso Trieste property reported
to be utilized as a
so called official office.
Check with DP Sub Com.
Their files should show.
Discontinue and ask AFHQ
for instructions.

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Return property now at 10
Corso Trieste to vic. M. Paire
list has been furnished. (75)

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society to be dissolved. (74)
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy.

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to inform the Allied Commission that the Yugoslav Military Authorities have set up in Italy several agencies in the undermentioned localities:

in Rome:

- a) Yugoslav Delegation on the Advisory Committee for Italy and relative Consular Section (via Quintino Sella n° 56).
- b) Military Mission of the Yugoslav Committee of National Liberation (via Garigliano n° 34).
- c) R. Yugoslav Military Mission (via S. Maria in Via, 37).

in Naples:

- a) Yugoslav Military Mission with the Yugoslav Consulate (via G. Battista Pergolesi n° 1).
- b) "Tito" billet and relative "Assembly Centre" known under the name of "Slav Legation" (Piazza Nicola Anore n° 6).

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- c) "Stanica" of villa Amore near Bari harbour -
It is used as a billet. **61**
- d) "Stanica" of villa Sicilia on the road to Can-
bonara. Billet for senior officers.
- e) "Stanica" of via Dalmazzo no 32: it carried
out propaganda. Now used as a billet for ju-
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rior officers and other ranks.

- f) Men of the Treci Otsek: Via Quintino Sella.
- g) Transport battalion with about 100 lorries.
- h) Refugees centre: Via de Romita no 4 3rd floor.

at Gravina of Puglia:

a) Motorschool

- b) ☒ Lagor Novj. It receives Yugoslav refugees from central and northern Italy. The refugees are assembled at Aversa (Naples) in a wing of the Lunatic Asylum and subsequently sent forward to Gravina (the women and children to Bari).

at Monopoli: ☒

Naval Command

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3. Lastly it is pointed out that at Avellino (Hotel Roma) there is a partisan centre whose only activity is that of selling on the Naples black market the oil purchased in the Bari Zone by the Command of the town.

4. According to the last informations which have reached this Ministry the following Yugoslav agencies have been recently

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closed down:

- R. Yugoslav Military Mission in Rome (via S. Maria in Via no 37).
- "King Peter" billet at Naples (Riviera di Chiaia, 6).
- Yugoslav Military Mission with the Yugoslav Consulate at Naples (via G.B. Pergolesi, 1).

The commercial office of the Military Base of the NOVJ at Bari (Via Piccinni with offices in via de Rossi) is reputed to be now closing down.

Rome, July 21st 1945

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JUGOSLAV DELEGATION

TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY
POV. DT. 1025/45.

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FILE DK/24-1/G-11(DP)

The Yugoslav Acting Representative on the Advisory Council for Italy presents his compliments to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, and with reference to his letter DPR/24 - 1/G-II (DP) dated April 1945, has the honour to inform that

according newly received instructions from the Yugoslav Government, and having in consideration the fact of the liquidation of the H.Q. Base Yugoslav Army in Italy has to request please that the premises, inventory and archives of the Royal Yugoslav Military Missions in Bari and Naples be taken over by a liquidator who will be appointed by this Delegation.

Rome, July 23, 1945.



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JUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

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The Yugoslav Acting Representative on the Advisory Council for Italy presents his compliments to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission and has the honour to inform as follows:

1. With reference to your letter dated April 2, 1945, DPR/24-G-II (DP), the Yugoslav Acting Representative has to request please that the items taken from our building, 24 Via dei Monti Parioli, be handed over to the Yugoslav Delegation as soon as possible.

2. According instructions newly received from the Yugoslav Government and having in consideration the fact of the liquidation of the H.Q. Base Yugoslav Army in Italy, the Yugoslav Acting Representative kindly requests that the premises and inventory at Nr.10 Corso Trieste, Rome, be immediately handed over to the Yugoslav Delegation on the Advisory Council for Italy.

Rome, July 23, 1945.



Rear Admiral
Elery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Rome, July 23, 1945.



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- 1) the handover to the Yugoslav Delegation on the Advisory Council for Italy of
premises at 3rd floor, Mr.19, Via Angelo Secchi, Rome;
inventory of the Yugoslav Red Cross Sub-Committee acquired with peculiar means of the Yugoslav State (see previous correspondence);
archives, official stamps and papers of the Yugoslav Red-Cross Sub-Committee;
inventory of the M.I. Room of the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Italy, which was incorporated to the so called "Yugoslav Welfare Society";
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Rome, July 23, 1945.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DFR/24-1/1-II (DP) Tel. 489081 Ext 201 29 May 1945

SUBJECT: Closing of Royal Yugoslav Missions and Welfare Society.

TO : Rome Area Allied Command.

1. Further to your letter Q.241/4 dated 16 April 1945.

2. A.F.H.Q. have issued proposals to cover all relevant services under cover of letter dated 16 May 45 copy attached herewith.

has been advised

3. The following action to be taken:-

(1) 10 CORSO TRIESTE HOME ACCOMMODATION OF YUGOSLAV OFFICERS.

On authority AFHQ provision of Accommodation for stateless persons of one time senior position to continue.

Present issue of rations and NAIFI to cease w.e.f. 31 May 45 and as from 1 June 45 rations to be issued on United Nations Nationals Scale.

(11) 19 VIA ANGELO SECCHI premises of I.S. Welfare Society.

Official provision to cease but private rental by occupants to be facilitated.

Furniture and equipment if supplied by ALLIES not to be claimed.

A.F.H.Q. consider it advisable that the Welfare Society should continue to function and be allowed unofficial contact with Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, as the representatives of the Provisional Government of Yugoslavia allocated to this work would take no interest in the dissident group.

4. The Allied Commission will inform Lt.Col. Vukotitch representing those at 10 Corso Trieste and Doctor Krek representing the Welfare Society at 19 Via Angelo Secchi of the status of these two places in accordance with A.F.H.Q. instructions.

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to G.R. UPJOHN,
Brig. Vice President,
C.A. Section.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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16 May 1945

SUBJECT : Closing of Royal Yugoslav Missions
and Welfare Society.

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

1. It is regretted that a reply to your DFR/24-1/G-II (DP) dated 23 April 1945 has been so long delayed but a course between political expediency and humanitarian considerations was evidently necessary, and this has at last been found.

2. The proposals, thought to cover all relevant services, at Appendix A have been approved and are passed to you for guidance and action.

3. It will be seen that accommodation and such amenities as might reasonably be allowed to stateless displaced persons of one time senior position have been allowed, while facilities and services only appropriate of official recognition are to be discontinued.

4. The proposals are thought to cover all relevant services. Action for any which have been overlooked can probably be deduced therefrom.

For Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

MRS. RESIDENT
Colonel,
Balkans Section.

Copy to:
British Resident Minister
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APPENDIX "A"

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FACILITIES AND SERVICES BEING ACCORDED TO
DISSIDENT JUGOSLAVS IN ROME

(proposals for continuation or cessation)

1. Accommodation

a. 10, Corso Trieste

Provision to continue as
accommodation for stateless
persons of one time senior position.

b. 19, Via Angelo Secchi
(Welfare Society)

Official provision to cease
but private rental by occupants
to be facilitated.

2. Furniture and equipment.

a. If not supplied by us

This is no concern of ours and we
should not interfere in a domestic
matter.

b. If supplied by us

We should not claim it.

3. Cars

a. If not supplied by us

As for 2 a.

b. If supplied by us

It should be withdrawn and reallocated
as required. There seems to be no reason why
additional cars should be provided for the
Jugoslav delegation of the Advisory Council.

4. Electric light and water

Free provision should cease

5. Rations and Petrol

Free provision should cease

6. Service facilities
(if any)

Provision should cease.

It is assumed that the dissident Jugoslavs affected by the above proposals
have funds of their own, which will enable them to live without assistance from
us.

It seems desirable that the Welfare Society should continue to function
and be allowed unofficial contact with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
of the Allied Commission, as the Jugoslav Government staff allocated to this
work would take no interest in this group.

Ref: 2217/67/83.

2 May 1945.

MEMO TO : Acting President.

FROM : Executive Commission

Royal Yugoslav Mission in Rome.

1. I am sorry that events of the last few days have prevented my giving full attention to your memorandum of 27 April 1945.

2. Dr. Smolaka, Acting Representative of Yugoslavia, seeks to take over two lots of premises in Rome. These are:

(a) A Mess at 10, Corso Trieste used for the accommodation of dissident Yugoslav officers whom it was not considered desirable to send to refugee centres. The premises were requisitioned by RACQ and made suitable to accommodate Yugoslavs of officer status. This Mess was not part of the Royal Yugoslav Mission. In the absence of some suitable accommodation it was likely that senior Yugoslav officers would be sent to refugee camps and treated as refugees.

(b) The Welfare Society at 19, Via Angelo Secchi. The purpose of this society is to look after the welfare of Yugoslavs in Rome living outside refugee camps. It is run by a Sub-Committee which came into existence at the beginning of September 1944. Improperly, for a time, it called itself the Yugoslav Red Cross, but as it could not obtain official recognition of this title it named itself the Welfare Society. There is no evidence to support the contention of the Yugoslav Government that the Welfare Society is a branch of the Yugoslav Red Cross.

3. ARHQ has not taken up the matter with the Commission, but we were asked by Dr. Smolaka to obtain a decision from ARHQ and on 23 April we submitted to G-5 all the correspondence received together with a recommendation that this Commission be authorised to inform the Yugoslav Representative that:

(a) Premises at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome, will continue to be used for the accommodation of dissident Yugoslav officers;

officers would be sent to refugee camps and treated as refugees.

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(a) Premises at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome, will continue to be used for the accommodation of dissident Yugoslav officers;

(b) That the Welfare Society at 19, Via Angelo Secchi, Rome, will be permitted to continue to carry out its work of assistance to Yugoslavs in Rome.

4. With reference to paragraph 1 of the enclosure to your memorandum, refugee rations are supplied to the Welfare Society by the Commission but we have no knowledge of any vehicles being operated.

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M. S. LUSH

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the President

APO 394

To: Brigadier Lush.

From: Mr. Macmillan.

Royal Yugoslav Mission in Rome.

I understand from Broad that he has already asked A.F.H.Q. to take up this matter with the Allied Commission.

Perhaps you would let me know whether the Commission has yet replied, and if not, what they feel about it.

HM

27th April, 1945.

See Minute 66.
Folio 67.

COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM BELGRADE TO RESMED CASERTA

NO. 184 of 24.4.45.

Your telegram No. 573.

(1) I understand that the Royal Yugoslav Mission in Rome has now camouflaged itself as Royal Yugoslav Welfare Society and Employment Agency under "the old management" and with the consent of Allied Commission from whom they still hold military vehicles and draw rations.

2. Their methods of financing their continued activities might be worth scrutinizing.

3. In view of the fact that we asked the Yugoslav Government for their agreement to close this mission we seem to be on very doubtful ground in permitting it to continue operating under another guise with ostensibly official support.

4. It may of course be that gaining this "welfare society" in helping Allied authorities over relief of dissident Yugoslavs, outweighs disadvantages of allowing their continued activity in Italy, but I confess that I do not feel very happy about it.

5. I should be glad of your views.

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23 April 1945

APR 23 REC'D

SUBJECT: Closing of Royal Yugoslav Missions
and Welfare Society.

TO: G-5 Section, Allied Forces Headquarters.

1. Forwarded herewith is a letter addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander by Dr. Sloven J. SMOLJAKA, Acting Representative of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy. Copies of the documents listed hereunder are attached to Dr. SMOLJAKA's letter:

"A" Letter from the Royal Yugoslav Mission to Headquarters Rome Allied Area Command, reference No.O.1401 dated 4th September 1944.

"B" Order No.O.1395 dated 4th September 1944, signed by the Head of the Mission.

"C" Order No.O.1517 dated 16th September 1944.

"D" Letter No.O.1547 dated 17th September 1944. Signed by the Head of the Mission, addressed to Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

"E" Letter No.O.1545 dated 17th September 1944, from Head of the Mission to British Town Major, Rome.

"F" Order No.O.1531 dated 17th September 1944, signed by Head of the Mission.

"G" Order No.O.1842 dated 17th October 1944, signed by the Head of the Mission.

"H" Order No.O.2003 dated 20 November 1944 in which Head of Mission authorizes membership.

2. Two questions have arisen and are at present under discussion with Dr. SMOLJAKA:

a) His request to close and take over the Mess at 10 Corso Trieste, Rome, used solely for the accommodation of Yugoslav Officers, when it was not considered desirable to send to Refugee Centres.

b) His request to take over the Yugoslav Welfare Society at 19 Via Angelo Secchi, Rome.

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3. It is considered essential to put forward the facts with regard to the Welfare Society at the same time as the question concerning the premises at 10 Corso Trieste, Rome.

In both cases Dr. SMODLAKA claims that they are official institutions of the Yugoslav Government, which he has a right to take over. The facts concerning these two questions are set out separately in the following paragraphs.

4. Premises at 10 Corso Trieste, Rome. These are premises requisitioned under RAAG and have been used for the accommodation of Yugoslav Officers when it was not considered desirable to send to Refugee Centres. There were empty premises not specially requisitioned for the Yugoslavs, but made available to accommodate Yugoslav individuals of officer status.

For convenience, officers of the Military Mission used the messing facilities and, as they were the more permanent members, Lt. Col. VUKOTICH, former Head of the Royal Yugoslav Mission, acted as President of the Mess. This Mess was not part of the Royal Yugoslav Mission and was used for the accommodation of Yugoslav Officers generally.

It has not been considered desirable to compel senior officers, some of whom have fought on the side of the Allies, to suffer the indignity of being sent to refugee camps and treated as refugees, treatment which they would not receive had they been captured by the enemy.

5. Welfare Society at 19 Via Angelo Secchi, Rome. The Sub-Committee for the administration of this society came into existence at the beginning of September 1944, shortly after the appointment of Dr. SMODLAKA as Yugoslav Delegate to the Advisory Council, Italy. The purpose of the society was to look after the welfare of Yugoslavs living outside Refugee Camps in Rome. The Sub-Committee continued to function as such under the presidency of Dr. SMILJANIC, then Deputy Yugoslav Delegate to the Advisory Council, Italy, until about the end of November 1944, when Dr. SMODLAKA arrived in Rome. During this period the Deputy Delegate (Dr. Smiljanic) authorized the payment by the Yugoslav Delegation to or for account of the Sub-Committee of some L.67,000. These amounts, it is stated, were outright gifts to the society and cover certain essential materials and wages of the dentist employed by the society.

There is no doubt that this society for a time, without authority, improperly called itself the Yugoslav Red Cross; subsequently, as it could not obtain official recognition, it named itself the Welfare Society.

It appears that there is no real evidence to support the

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contention of the present Yugoslav Government that the Welfare Society is a branch of the Yugoslav Red Cross.

6. It is therefore requested that SACMED authorize this Commission to inform the Yugoslav Representative that he has decided :

- a) that the premises at 10 Corso Trieste, Rome, will continue to be used for the accommodation of dissident Yugoslav Officers;
- b) that the Welfare Society at 19 Via Angelo Secchi will be permitted to continue to carry out its work of assistance to Yugoslavs in Rome.

7. For your information, although in his letter to SACMED Dr. SIBULAKA expresses his refusal to take over the Missions in BARI and NAPLES until these questions are settled, in fact the Missions have been closed and the assets retained by this Commission.

[Signature] Henry V. Stone

HENRY V. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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File No. DPA/24-1/3-2(D.P.)

7th April, 1945

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SUBJECT: Closing of Royal Yugoslav Missions Bari and Naples.
FROM: Director, Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission.
TO: C... Section, H.Q., Allied Commission.

1. On 26th March Dr. Smoljaka and Colonel Vukotich were informed that I was prepared to help in the liquidation of the Royal Yugoslav Missions at Naples on 30th March and at Bari on 1st April. As a reply had not been received from Dr. Smoljaka by 29th March I requested Colonel Vukotich to be prepared to hand over the Mission to the Liquidator at Bari on 4th April, and Naples on 6th April.

2. At Bari on 3rd April I rang up the local Yugoslav (ex-Partisan) Mission and asked Dr. Bruno to confirm that the Liquidator from Dr. Smoljaka would be available at 0900 hrs. on 4th April. He informed me that he knew nothing but he would try and find out and let me know. He neither rang up nor left a message. I failed later to get a reply. Subsequently, I got through to Colonel Fothergill in Rome, who told me that the matter was in abeyance and to hold hard for the moment. At 0900 hrs. on 4th April, I went to the Royal Yugoslav Mission to inform Colonel Vukotich. He handed me the attached document. I gave Colonel Vukotich a receipt for the letter but refused to accept the Yugoslav "stamps" which were the property of the Yugoslav Government. I later saw the Town Major who confirmed that the previous office of the Royal Yugoslav Mission had been handed back to him. I also saw the area concerned on the question of a car which had been lent by them to the Royal Yugoslav Mission.

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Colonel,
Director,
Displaced Persons & Repatriation
Sub-Commission.

Copies to: Executive Commissioner, H.Q., A.C.

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Sub-Commission.

Copies to: Executive Commissioner, H.Q., A.C.
Political Division, H.Q., A.C. (2)
Liaison Division, H.Q., A.C.
Lt. Colonel J. De Salis,
Liaison Section,
Public Relations, A.F.H.Q.

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ROYAL YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY

O. No. 2605/1

Bari, 4th April, 1945.

SUBJECT: Liquidation of the Mission.

TO: BP and MSC-AC-APC 394

In connection with the letter of this Mission O. No. 2605 of 26th March, 1945, the I Section of this Mission has been liquidated on the 4th April, 1945 in Bari.

In connection with the a/m, I am reporting as follows:

1. The archives of the I Section have been destroyed because the original archives have been given over at the liquidation of the Royal Military Mission in Rome.
2. The place where the I Section was located has been de-requestioned and the keys given back to the Town Major in Bari.
All furniture has been given back to the proprietor (joined signed list by proprietor).
3. The I Section has not in its possession any Yugoslav State property. There are 4 stamps only:

- a) One round stamp with inscription in English.
- b) One rectangular stamp with inscription in English.
- c) One rectangular stamp with the inscription in Yugoslav.
- d) One rectangular stamp with the inscription in Yugoslav. NR(LC)

4. The receipts and counts for personal and material expenses for the personnel of the Mission for December, 1944, January, February and March, 1945 in connection with the letter of this Mission O. 2382 of the 7th February, 1945 to the Allied Finance Agency (Banco d'Italia - Roma; attention Major Peterson) which was confirmed by the letter of the H.Q. LPA/25-2/III (LP) of 24th March, 1945.

The Chief of the I Section has submitted all undersigned documents for each when the financial liquidation will be discussed.

I am kindly requesting that the reception of this letter, also the reception of the stamps could be confirmed.

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Vuk J. Vukotich
Lt. Colonel,
Chief.

Copies to:

H.Q. BP and ESC - 40 APO 394
Lt. Col. Vukotich, Head of the Mission.
Major Slavko Andrej, Head of the I Section.

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Ref: 2217/57/EO.

7 April 1945.

SUBJECT: ~~REMITTANCE~~ Jugoslav Organisations
and Missions in ITALY.

TO : CA Section,
Political Advisers,
Liaison Division.

1. Reference Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 20 of 3 April 1945,
(copies attached for Political Advisers and Liaison Division).

2. Attached is extract from the Minutes of SACRED's
Political Conference of 5th April at which this paper was dis-
cussed.

/JC.

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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Extract from the Minutes of SACMED (Political)
Conference of 5th April 1945 - Original on 217/EC.

Minute 5.

"5. JUGOSLAV ORGANISATIONS AND MISSIONS IN ITALY.

(Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 20). — (39)

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper recommending that diplomatic approaches should be made to the Yugoslav government to obtain their approval for the closure of the Yugoslav military missions in ITALY and to the method of disposal of the personnel concerned, and further recommending that no action should be taken to request the closure of the Yugoslav Army military mission in ROME or the reduction in size of the similar military mission at BARI.

MR. MACMILLAN pointed out that in fact the old Royalist missions in ROME and NAPLES, which had consisted of elements who refused to recognise the new government in JUGOSLAVIA, had now been closed and the closure of the similar mission at BARI was in progress. The question of obtaining the formal approval of the Yugoslav government did not, therefore, arise. He did not consider it was desirable to make official representations on the question of the disposal of the personnel of these missions as the Yugoslav government would undoubtedly order them back to JUGOSLAVIA and, equally certainly, the people concerned would refuse to go. The Yugoslav personnel involved had certain funds in ITALY on which they could continue to subsist, and individual cases of hardship could be dealt with in the normal way as displaced persons. The Yugoslav Army military missions, in respect of which the Supreme Allied Commander had previously decided to press for the closure of the one at ROME and the reduction of that at BARI, had however previously been partisan missions and were composed of personnel favourably disposed towards the new Yugoslav government. Mr. Macmillan now believed, in view of the advice he had received from the British Ambassador at BELGRADE, that it would be unwise to apply such pressure. The decision, as to whether the advantages obtained from our present military missions in JUGOSLAVIA outweighed the disadvantages involved by allowing the partisan missions in ITALY to continue to function at their present scale, was, however, a military one.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER felt that it would be unwise to press at present for the reduction of the Yugoslav military missions in ITALY. He considered that no further action should be taken in this respect at least while the present Yugoslav offensive operations continued. The matter should, however, be brought up at once if any Yugoslav tendency to increase their missions was observed.

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THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

- (a) Took note of the report by the British Resident Minister regarding the closure of the Royalist Yugoslav missions in ITALY and directed that no approaches should be made to the Yugoslav government either in respect of the closure of these missions or in regard to the disposition of the Yugoslav personnel thereof.
- (b) Directed that no further action be taken to request the closure of the Yugoslav Army (formerly Partisan) military mission in ROME or the reduction of the similar mission at BARI, and instructed the Chief of Staff to inform 37 Military Mission accordingly.
- (c) Directed that a procedure similar to that described by Air Marshal Slessor at SAC (P) (45) 3rd Meeting, Minute 3, should be followed in respect of any Yugoslav personnel, in regard to whose disposition the Allied authorities in the Mediterranean Theatre were concerned. "

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. 2217/55/EC

7 April 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Director, Displaced Persons & Repatriation S/c

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Reference attached documents, please take immediate
action on this matter and clear through the Executive Commissioner.

/s/ LWS

Chief Staff Officer
To Acting Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner } with copy of documents
CA Section } under reference.

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DEPUTY DELEGATE OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY.

Pov.br. 395/45.

Rome, April 3, 1945.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter
DPR/24-1/G-II (R) of 2 April 1945.

Attached hereto is a letter with documents which
is addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ. May this letter
please find your consideration for your detailed information on the
subject in question.

If you might consider that on the ground of these
documents, too, you were unable to comply with my request, in such
a case I beg to request you kindly to forward the letter to the
Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ.

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours

/s/ Dr. Sloven J. Smolaka

Enclosure: as stated.

/t/ Dr. SLOVEN J. SMOLAKA,
Acting Representative of Yugoslavia
to the Advisory Council for Italy.

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

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DEPUTY DELEGATE OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY.

Pav. br. 359/45.

Rome, April 3, 1945.

Sir,

1. By order of the Yugoslav War Minister of February 1, 1945, Nr. O. 186 the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Italy was abolished, and the Head of same Mission ordered to hand over the Mission's premises, inventory and archives to a Liquidator whom I had had to appoint. By same order the Head of the mentioned Mission was ordered to place himself and his personnel at the disposal of Representatives of the Yugoslav Army in Italy for the purpose of their transportation to Yugoslavia.

Since on February 12, 1945 the Head of the above Mission refused to carry out the order of the Yugoslav War Minister and to hand over the Mission to the Liquidator, I sent a letter to you requesting that any further activity of the said Mission be stopped and its premises, inventory and archives handed over to the Liquidator.

It was not before March 26, 1945 that the Head of the former Mission was ordered to hand over to the Liquidator the office premises of the Mission at 37, Via Santa Maria in Via, Rome. On this occasion the Head of the Mission did not hand over a single piece of inventory belonging to the Mission, he also failed to consign any motor-car serving with the Mission, and he only let us have such remnants of the archives which he did not consider necessary to burn. He even issued a written order for the burning of the archives which should have been handed over.

After the taking over of the office premises at 37, Via S. Maria in Via, Rome, I requested by a letter Pav. br. 359/45 dated March 27, 1945, addressed to Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, which had received your order to compel the Head of the R. Yugoslav Military Mission to carry out the handover, that the handover of the Mission in Rome might be completed by handing over to the Liquidator the remaining premises making the "JUGOSLOVENSKI OFICERSKI DOM" (Yugoslav Officers' Home) at

Field Marshal the Honourable

Sir Harold R.L.G. Alexander, G.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.,
Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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10, Corso Trieste, Rome, together with its inventory part of which had been taken from this Delegation on the Advisory Council for Italy.

In an answer to this letter the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission stated on March 26, 1945 (IPR/24-1/G-II DP) that the premises at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome were in no way an official institution and could not be handed over as such. He further said that the handover of the Mission's Sections existing at Naples and Bari would take place on March 30 and April 1, 1945 respectively.

I thereupon informed the Chief Commissioner through my letter Prov.br. 383/45 dated March 31, 1945 that I had instructions to take over through a Liquidator the whole Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Italy; that same Mission had in Rome its office premises at 37, Via S. Maria in Via, as well as its Mess at 10, Corso Trieste; that this Mess was part of same Mission and as such an official institution of the Yugoslav Army bearing an official denomination "Jugoslavenski Officirski Dom" (Yugoslav Officers' Home); that its premises had been requisitioned by Allied authorities for an official purpose of the Mission; that the "Yugoslav Officers' Home" was regularly drawing from competent Allied Depots field service rations for the Officers of the Mission; that officers who were messing in the "Yugoslav Officers' Home" wear Yugoslav uniforms. I therefore requested that any necessary police assistance be granted to the Liquidator for the purpose of taking over premises and inventory of the "Jugoslavenski Officirski Dom" (Yugoslav Officers' Home) at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome. I added that only afterwards I would instruct the Liquidators at Naples and Bari to take over the respective Sections of the abolished Mission with all their parts.

To this letter the Chief Commissioner answered on April 2, 1945 (IPR/24-1/G-II DP) to the effect that the premises at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome were in no way an official institution and could not be handed over as such; that those premises were on requisition by Rome Area Allied Command, and were therefore completely under the control of that Command. He further stated that Colonel C.B. Pindley, Director of Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission would be available to assist us in the transfer of the Mission's Sections at Naples and Bari on April 4 and April 6, 1945 respectively, and that if I was not disposed to take over the Sections, he would make a report to you.

2. Owing to the fact that I have got instructions from the Yugoslav Government to take over the whole Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Italy, and not its single parts, it is clear that I cannot agree that the Liquidator take over the Sections at Naples and Bari before the Yugoslav Officers' Home in Rome, as part of the Mission's Centre is handed over; after all the whole inventory belonging to the Mission in Rome, which had not been handed over at all, is being in the mentioned "Yugoslav Officers' Home." In addition on its premises

is some furniture, too, which belongs to the Yugoslav Delegation's building at 24, Via dei Monti Parioli, Rome.

I am sure that when writing that the premises at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome, where the "Yugoslav Officers' Home" is seated, were in no way an official institution and could not be handed over as such, the Chief Commissioner was insufficiently informed, since it was not he but the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission which had been in direct contact with the Head of the foresaid Mission.

As evidence for the "Yugoslav Officers' Home" at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome being an official Yugoslav institution, subject to the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Italy, and as such latter's constitutive part, please find attached hereto copy-translation of the following official documents from the Mission's own archives:

ANNEXE "A" A letter of the Mission Nr. O. 1401 dated September 4, 1944 to H.Q. RAAC, from which it will be seen that the Mission itself had established the "Yugoslav Officers' Transit Mess" at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome, as its subject institution, and that the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission itself was indebted for rations issued to the said Mess resp. Home.

ANNEXE "B" An order of the Head of the Mission Nr. O.1395 dated September 4, 1944 to the effect that the requisition of premises at 10, Corso Trieste, had taken place at request of the Mission and that the Mission took those premises in possession.

ANNEXE "C" A decision Nr. O.1517, dated September 16, 1944 from which it will be seen that on the ground of an authorisation received from the Chief of Staff, Section of the Supreme Command, Nr. 165144, the Mission acquired with its own means kitchen implements for the "Yugoslav Officers' Home" as well as that 30 garnitures of dining implements had been taken from the Mess belonging to the Mission's Section at Bari.

ANNEXE "D" A letter of the Head of the Mission, Nr. O.1547 dated September 16, 1944, addressed to Colonel Findlay, Director of Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission through which latter was informed that the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission had established a "Yugoslav Officers' Transit Mess" at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome.

ANNEXE "E" A letter of the Head of the said Mission, Nr. O.1546, dated September 16, 1944, addressed to the British Town Major Rome, informing that the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Italy had established a "Yugoslav Officers' Transit Mess" at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome.

ANNEXE "F" An order of the Head of the Mission, Nr. O.1531 dated September 17, 1944, to the effect that the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission had according to the wish expressed by competent Allied authorities opened a "Yugoslav Officers' Home" at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome, the official denomination of which was ordered to be "Jugoslovenski Oficirski Dom" (Yugoslav Officers' Home) in Rome, and that authorities for messing in this Home would be issued

by the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission, to whom all applicants have to report.

ANNEXE "G" An order of the Head of the Mission, Nr. 0.1842 dated October 17, 1944, involving a disposition concerning visiting of the Home.

ANNEXE "H" An order of the Head of the Mission, Nr. 2083 dated 20 November 1944, by which he admitted one Bokun Branko to membership of the "Jugoslav Officers' Home."

3. Hence from the above documents, the originals of which are of course any time at your disposal, it will clearly be seen that the "Jugoslav Officers' Home" at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome

- (a) is doubtlessly an official institution;
- (b) is an official institution of the Yugoslav Army, and
- (c) it is constitutive part of the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Italy.

Accordingly it appears obvious that the Head of the said Mission is bound to hand over same institution to the Liquidator.

The circumstance that the premises referred to had been requisitioned by Real Estate Section, RAAC, just proves that in question is a part of an official institution, since solely for official purposes are premises being requisitioned by RAAC. RAAC may in this case certainly have no objection that the requisitioned premises are handed over to the Liquidator following an order of an Allied Minister within his competence.

4. I therefore beg to request you again that you might issue strict instructions that the Liquidator be granted any necessary assistance for the taking over of the remnant parts of the abolished Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Italy, and those are in Rome

- (a) premises and inventory at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome;
- (b) motor-cars belonging to or requisitioned for the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Italy.

On completion of the handover of the Mission's centre in Rome as above pointed out, I will issue instructions to the Liquidators of the Mission's Sections at Naples and Bari to take over same Sections with their constitutive parts.

5. It might be known to you, Sir, that the Yugoslav Government pay great attention to the handover of the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Italy, and I feel convinced that you will appreciate that and let the case be finally settled.

Assuring you of my highest esteem,

Sincerely yours

/sgd/ Dr. Sloven J. Smolaka
Dr. SLOVEN J. SMOLAKA

Acting Representative of Yugoslavia to
the Advisory Council for Italy

Enclosure: as stated

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ROYAL YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY

O.No. 1401.

Rome, 4th September 1944.

SUBJECT: Rations for the Yugoslav Officers in Rome who will take their meals in the Yugoslav Officers Transit Mess in Rome.

TO : HEADQUARTERS - R.A.A.C.

I beg you to issue an order for rations for the Yugoslav Officers Transit Mess which will be established in Corso Trieste 10, Rome, for the officers who are named in the attached list.

Would you please take note of the following:

- 1) That premises have been found for the Mess in Corso Trieste 10.
- 2) That a certain number of unemployed officers are at Rome awaiting orders.
- 3) That this number will be in continual flux by the comings and goings of officers.
- 4) That the Mess will be under the auspices of this Mission.
- 5) That the Yugoslav Royal Military Mission, respectively the Royal Yugoslav Army, should be debited with the rations issued.
- 6) That it is necessary to arrange the time and place of issue of the rations and their transport as this Mission does not possess the necessary means of transport.

The fore-going is in connection with the letter of this Mission O. br. 1331 of the 26th August 1944.

Lt. N. Markovic, adj.
for Vuk J. Vukotich
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Chief

Enclosed: List of officers.

Stamp:

ROYAL YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION
IN ITALY

Translation

ORDER Nr. O. 1395

OF THE CHIEF OF THE ROYAL JUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY
for the 4 September 1945

Since a building has been requisitioned by the Allied Authorities for a transit Mess of Yugoslav Officers in transit in Rome, at 10 Corso Trieste, flats Nrs 10 and 11,

I ORDER

The following will be members of a commission for the taking over and examination of the building, making of an inventory and making of arrangements in accordance with the request of the Allied authorities in a letter dated 31 August 1944:

Radojica Popovic, Army Chaplain in Reserve,
Cotic Vojislav, Lt. Inf.
Ing. Lazar Jovanovic, Pte.

The Commission will after having taken over ~~and~~ examined the flat, and after making a detailed inventory in accordance with the request of Real Estate Section RAAC, send over a copy of the Commission's report and inventory (4 copies) in English.

DISTRIBUTION:

Radojica Popovic, Army Chaplain in Reserve.

The Chief, Lt. Colonel
VUK. J. VUKOTIC

(Circular rubber stamp: ROYAL JUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY.)

Translation.

R E P O R T

to the Chief of the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Italy.

Since by authorisation of the Allies a Royal Yugoslav Officers' Home, which will house a Mess too, has been constituted, the following items are required to be acquired:

- 30 deep plates,
- 30 shallow plates,
- 30 small plates,
- 30 big glasses for water and tea,
- 20 small cups for coffee,
- 4 dishes for soup,
- 4 wooden spoons, various,
- 6 big plates, long for food,
- 6 big plates, long for salad,
- 2 big soup dishes,
- 2 big food dishes.

Since in the flat designed for the Officers' Home there are no kitchen implements at all, it is requested please that the above items be acquired as soon as possible thus enabling the Mess to start its activity.

30 garnitures of eating implements have been received from the Mess of the 1st Section of the Mission in Bari.

16 September 1944, Rome.

The Chief of the Officers' Home
Lt. in Reserve of Chemist's Branch.

(Quadrangular rubber stamp: ROYAL JUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY)

Nr. O. 1517
16 September 1944, Rome.

On the ground of the above report of the Home Chief of the Royal Yugoslav Officers' Home in Rome, and with reference to an authorisation Nr. O. 16165/44

I LAY DOWN

that the above implements be urgently acquired. The acquirement will be carried out by a Commission in which I appoint

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ROYAL YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY

O. No. 1547

Roma, 17th Sept 1944

Subject : YUGOSLAV OFFICERS TRANSIT MESS.

TO : Col. C.B. Findlay
director I.D.P.S.C.

We beg to inform you that this Mission has established an Yugoslav Officer's Transit Mess in Corso Trieste 10, Apartments 10 and 11 on the V-th floor. As all officers will, in the future, take their meals there, including the officers employed by this Mission, we beg to inform you that this Mission will not receive rations from your Sub-Commission but directly from the R.A.A.C.

V.J. Vukotitch

.....
Lt. Colonel
Deputy-Chief.

COPIE

ROYAL YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY

C.No. 15/6

Rome, 17th September 1944.

SUBJECT : Yugoslav Officers Transit Mess.

TO : British Town Major

This Mission has established a Transit Mess for Yugoslav Officers in Corso Trieste 10, Apartments 10 and 11 on the V Floor with the help and authorisation of the Allied Authorities.

We beg you to direct all Yugoslav Royalist Officers, in the future, to this Mess. Please be so kind as to inform all Allied Messes of this Mess.

V.J. Vukotitch

.....
Lt. Col.

Deputy-Chief.

Translation.

ORDER Nr. O. 1531.

OF THE CHIEF OF THE ROYAL YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY, 17 SEP 1944.

In accordance with the desire of competent Allied military authorities in Rome, this Mission has opened the "JUGOSLOVENSKI OFICIRSKI DOM" (Jugoslav Officers' Home) in Rome, having its premises at 10, Corso Trieste, Flat Nr. II.

The Home will have the name JUGOSLOVENSKI OFICIRSKI DOM in Rome.

In the premises of the Home a Mess has been started in the form of Allied Transit Messes, besides in the Home there are premises adapted for lodging of transient Officers.

By Order of this Mission, Nr. O.1319/44, POPOVIC, Lieutenant of the Chemist branch in Reserve has been appointed Chief of the Home.

At an Officers' meeting in Rome there will be appointed 3 Officers, Members of the Control Committee, when Regulations are fixed.

All Officers, those of career and of reserve, as well as members of their family, being in Rome or in transit, those ones who are employed in the Mission, will be allowed to mess in the Home;

Further those ones employed in the Representation of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy;

Also those ones who are waiting for disposition from the Ministry of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and who had passed regular military allied channels in Italy.

Since food for members of the Mission will not be received in future separately, in the Home will mess also the other members of the Mission who are not officers.

Forwarding the above

(continued)

(Order Nr. 0. 1531. Page 2)

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I ORDER

I. All officers, who are in Rome, and to whom this Order applies, will take note of it and comply with it;

II. All officers to whom this Order applies and who were up to now messing in Allied Messes, will mess in the Yugoslav Officers' Home w.e.f. 18th instant.

III. Authorities for messing in the Mess of the Officers' Home will be issued by this Mission; accordingly all officers will call on the Mission for collection.

IV. The Officers' meeting for the election of a Control Committee will be held in the premises of the Home on September 20, this year, at 15.00 hrs.

THE CHIEF, LIEUT. COLONEL,

(signed) VUK. J. VUKOTIC.

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Representation of the Kingdom of Jugoslavia
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with B.A.F.

Delegate of the Yugoslav Navy, Taranto;

Chief of Officers' Home.

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ROYAL YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION
IN ITALY)

Translation.

ORDER, Nr. O. 1842.

OF THE CHIEF OF THE ROYAL JUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY for
17 October 1944.

Owing to the fact that costs for life (lodging and food)
in Rome are very high, and that the Officers' Home has no more
possibility whatsoever to afford any facilitation in this respect

I ORDER

That no personnel be sent to Rome except in exceptional
and indispensably necessary cases, and even then for the indispensable
time to be spent in Rome.

THE CHIEF, LT. COLONEL:

(Signed) VUK. J. VUKOTIC.

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IN ITALY

Translation

To: Administration of the Yugoslav Officers' Home,
Rome.

May I please be inserted on the List of
Members of the Administration of the Home since I am working
with the Secretariat of the Yugoslav Red Cross.

I trust that favourable action will be taken.

Rome, 18 November 1944.

(Signed) BOKUN BRANKO
Yugoslav Red Cross.

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Nr. O. 2083,
20 Nov 1944, Rome.

I authorise.

The Chief, Lt.Col.
(Signed) VUK. J. VUKOTIC.

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Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

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SAC (P) (45) 20
5 April 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL).

YUGOSLAV ORGANISATIONS AND MISSIONS IN ITALY.

Note by Secretary.

1. At SAC (P) (45) 3rd Meeting, Minute 3, the Supreme Allied Commander:

(a) Invited the British Resident Minister and the U.S. Political Adviser to obtain the formal approval of the Yugoslav Government to the closure of the Royalist Yugoslav Missions in Rome, Naples and Bari, and to the disposition of the Yugoslav personnel of those missions in a manner agreeable to the Allies.

(b) Instructed the Chief of Staff to make representations to the Yugoslav military authorities, through 37 Military Mission, to the effect that the Yugoslav Army Military Mission in Rome should be closed and the similar delegation at Bari reduced in size.

2. The British Resident Minister subsequently reported at SAC (P) (45) 4th Meeting, Minute 2, that although he had made arrangements for the matter of the closure of the Royalist missions to be taken up with the Yugoslav Government, he did not consider it was yet opportune to raise the question of the disposal of the Yugoslav personnel concerned. The Supreme Allied Commander, therefore, directed that the latter question should not be raised until the United States Ambassador had arrived in Belgrade, when joint representations on the subject would be possible.

3. The British Ambassador in Belgrade has now reported that both he and Air Vice Marshal Lee consider that a request for the closure of the Yugoslav military mission in Rome should not be pressed, as it might react most unfavourably on the position of the Allied Sub-Commissions in JUGOSLAVIA. Mr. Stevenson states, for instance, that if questioned by the Yugoslavs, we might find it difficult to justify on military grounds the retention of certain of our intelligence officers in the field and at key points such as SKOPJE.

4. The British ambassador further understands that so far as the military mission at Bari is concerned, the Yugoslavs themselves are only too anxious to cut down their establishment. He therefore considers that

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4. The British ambassador further understands that so far as the military mission at Bari is concerned, the Yugoslavs themselves are only too anxious to cut down their establishment. He therefore considers that it is unnecessary for this subject to be raised at the moment.

5. The US Political Adviser has received reports in similar terms from the head of the Independent United States Military Mission in Belgrade.

6. The Supreme Allied Commander is accordingly requested:

(a) To direct that in regard to the Royalist Yugoslav Missions his existing policy should not be changed, and that

(i) The formal approval of the Yugoslav Government to the closure of these missions should be obtained as soon as possible.

(ii) Joint representations should be made by the British and United States Ambassadors, on the subject of the disposal of the Yugoslav personnel of these missions, as soon as the United States Ambassador is established in Belgrade.

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(b) To revise his previous policy in regard to the Yugoslav Army Military Missions, and to direct that

(i) No action should be taken to request the closure of the mission in Rome or the reduction of that at Bari.

(ii) The direction at SAC (P) (45) 3rd Meeting, Minute 3 (b), should be regarded as cancelled.

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(Signed) J.G. SWEETMAN,
LIEUTENANT COLONEL,
SECRETARY.

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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION.

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DPR/24-1/G-II (DP)

Tel. Ext: 201.

3rd April 1945.

SUBJECT : Liquidation of Royal Yugoslav Military Mission. APR 3 1945

TO : C.A. Section, A.C.
Executive Commissioner, A.C.
Liaison Division, A.C.

1. Herewith copy of Chief Commissioner's letter of even reference dated 2nd April 1945, for your information.

For the Director:

C. P. Fothergill

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

see also file 99A

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DPR/24-1/G-II (DP)

2 April 1945

My dear Doctor Smolaka:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 31st March. My letter 28th March clearly states that the premises at 10 Corso Trieste, Rome, are in no way an official institution, and cannot be handed over as such. These premises are on requisition by ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND and are therefore completely under the control of that Command.

I have issued instructions that the furniture which belongs to the Delegation's building at 24 Via dei Monti PAROLI, will be returned. The question of the premises at 10 Corso TRIESTE is in no way related to the hand over of the missions at NAPLES and BARI.

Colonel C. B. FINDLAY, Director of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, will be available to assist you in the transfer of these missions as follows:

Wednesday, 4 April 1945 - 1000 hrs. BARI
Friday, 6 April 1945 - 1000 hrs. NAPLES

I should be grateful therefore if you will arrange for the hand over at the time and dates above indicated. If you are not prepared to do so, a report to that effect will be made to the Supreme Allied Commander.

Very truly yours,

ALLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Sloven Smolaka,
Yugoslav Representative to Advisory Council, Italy,
Via Quintino Sella, 56,
ROME.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 2214/91/EC.

31 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Organisations and Missions in ITALY.

TO : CA Section.

Reference this office letter 2214/78/EC of 21 March, herewith for your further information extract from the Minutes of SACRED's Political Conference of 22 March at which this matter was again discussed.

/JG.

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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DEPUTY DELEGATE OF JUGOSLAVIA

TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY.

Pov.br. 383/45.

Rome, March 31st. 1945

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28 March 1945, DPR/24-1/G)- II (DP). Owing to an absence from Rome I could not answer before.

I have instructions from the Yugoslav Government to take over through a Liquidator, the whole Royal Yugoslav Military Mission. Same Mission had in Rome its office premises at Br. 37, Via Santa Maria in Via, as well as its Mess at Nr. 10 Corso Trieste.

The following will be full evidence that this Mess at Nr.10 Corso Trieste is part of same Military Mission, and as such an official Institution of the Yugoslav Army :

1. It bears the official denomination "JUGOSLOVENSKI OFICIRSKI DOM " (Jugoslav Officers' Home), as it will be seen from inscriptions and stamps which have been used by its Administration. We are in possession of a written document bearing the Signature of Officers, who were in official charge of same Institution, proving that that Institution is named "Jugoslovanski Oficirski Dom ".
2. For its official purposes Allied authorities have requisitioned the premises at Nr.10 Corso Trieste.
3. As official part of the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Rome, the "Jugoslovanski Oficirski Dom" regularly draws from competent Allied Depots rations for the Officers of the Mission.
4. Officers who are being messed in the "Jugoslovanski Oficirski Dom" wear Yugoslav uniforms with Yugoslav officers' insignia, and flashes on their shoulders with a wording " YUGOSLAVIA".

Since by Order of the Yugoslav War Minister Nr. OBR 16 of February 1st 1945, the Head and the personnel of the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission were ordered - all Officers and O.R.s had received similar orders also at an earlier date - to put themselves to the disposal of Representatives of the Yugoslav Army for the purpose of their transportation to Jugoslavia, by that more fact any activity of the abolished Royal Yugoslav Military Mission, as well as that

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Accordingly my instructions are to the effect that through a Liquidator I have to take over the "Jugoslavski Oficirski Dom" at Nr. 10 Corso Trieste, Rome, too, as being an official Yugoslav military institution and part of the said Military Mission.

I therefore beg to request that any necessary police assistance be granted to the Liquidator for the purpose of taking over the premises and inventory of the "Jugoslavski Oficirski Dom" at Nr. 10 Corso Trieste, Rome.

Only after this had been carried out, I will instruct the Liquidators at Naples and Bari to take over the respective Sections of the abolished Mission with all their parts.

My request is based on instructions from the Yugoslav Government to whom I shall have to submit a report.

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

423 Sincerely yours,

DR SLOVEN J. SODOLAKA.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

SAC (P) (45) 5th Meeting
29th March 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

2. JUGOSLAV ORGANIZATIONS AND MISSIONS IN ITALY

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 4th Meeting, Minute 2)

MR. OTTIE stated that he had received a message from Lieutenant Colonel Thayer, head of the Independent American Military Mission in BELGRADE, expressing the hope that representations to the Yugoslav government concerning the matter of closing or reducing the number of personnel in Partisan Missions in ITALY would not be unduly strong as Marshal Tito might consider this sufficient cause for requesting similar reductions in British and American missions in JUGOSLAVIA. In reply to a question by the Supreme Allied Commander, he agreed that the Partisan missions in ITALY were unduly large.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER pointed out that Marshal Tito should welcome the proposal to abolish the Yugoslav Royalist Missions in ITALY.

MR. MACMILLAN stated that as Ambassador Patterson would not arrive in BELGRADE until 30th March, joint action as directed at SAC (P) (45) 4th Meeting, Minute 2, had not yet been possible.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Directed that his previous decisions, in regard to this subject, remain unaltered.

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DPH/24-1/G-2 (DP)

28 March, 1945.

MAR 29 1945

My dear Doctor Smolaka,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th March, and wish to inform you that I will issue instructions that the furniture which belongs to the Delegation will be returned.

The premises at 10 Corso Trieste, ROME, are in no way an official institution and cannot be handed over as such.

I consider that the question regarding these premises should in no way delay the handing over of the Royal Yugoslav Mission at NAPLES at 1700 hrs. on Friday 30 March, 1945, and EARL at 1000 hrs. on Sunday 1 April, 1945.

I should be grateful for an early reply to allow for handing over to proceed according to plan.

Very truly yours,

Is/ E. W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Dr. Sloven Smolaka,
Yugoslav Representative to Advisory Council, Italy,
Via Quintino Sella, 56,
ROME.

The premises at 10 Corso Trieste, Rome, are in no way an official institution and cannot be handed over as such.

I consider that the question regarding these premises should in no way delay the handing over of the Royal Yugoslav Mission at Ljubljana at 1000 hrs. on Friday 30 March, 1945, and BARI at 1000 hrs. on Sunday 1 April, 1945.

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ROME.

cc: Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sec.

LIAISON SECTION (Ex. Comm.)
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FIN. ADV. (C) ADVIS.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/24-1/ G-II (DP)

27 March, 1945.

SUBJECT: Closing of Royal Yugoslav Missions.

MAR 27 1945

TO: C.A. Section, H.Q., A.C.

1. The Royal Yugoslav Mission in ROME was handed over on Monday 26 March, 1945 to the liquidator appointed by the Yugoslav Representative to the Advisory Council, ITALY.
2. The archives, Seals and Premises at 37 Via Santa Maria in Via, ROME, were handed over and the liquidator gave a temporary receipt for the archives, Seals and Premises with contents.
The Chief of the Royal Yugoslav Mission submitted a certificate that the Mission in ROME has no goods of Yugoslav State property.
Such documents as concerned the Allied Commission were handed over to the Representatives of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and signed for.
3. It is to be noted that no account book or money was handed over, nor was the flag of the Mission handed over.

4. Certain amounts claimed to be outstanding by the Royal Yugoslav Mission will be the subject of separate correspondence. These amounts re- present salaries for the months of December, 1944, and January and February, 1945, 501,480 lire, and General Administrative expenses of the Mission, December, 1944, January, February and March, 1945, 66993 lire.

5. Handover of the Missions at NAPLES and BARI will take place respectively on Friday 30 March and Sunday 1 April, 1945.

6. Throughout the proceedings two officers of D.P.R.S.C. were present, and at NAPLES and BARI an officer will be present. If these two officers had not been there the handover certainly would not have taken place, and an ugly incident would have occurred.

C.B. FINDLAY,
Colonel

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Copies to:

Executive Commissioner, H.Q., A.C.
G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q. (2)

Lt. Colonel J. De Salis, Liaison Officer,
Advanced H.Q. Public Relations, A.F.H.Q.

C.E. FINDLAY,
Colonel,
Director.

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Extract from Minutes of SACMOT's Political Conference held on 22 March 1945.

2. JUGOSLAV ORGANISATION AND MISSIONS IN ITALY

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 3rd Meeting, Minute 3)

X MR. MACMILLAN, referring to the Supreme Allied Commander's invitation to the British Resident Minister and U.S. Political Adviser to obtain the formal approval of the new Yugoslav government to the closure of the Royalist missions in ROME, NAPLES and BARI, reported that he had forwarded a communication on this matter to the British Ambassador to the Yugoslav government; no action had, however, been taken to raise with the Yugoslav government the questions of the disposition of the Yugoslav personnel of these missions or the enlistment of Yugoslavs in Allied forces. He was of the opinion that this matter should be taken up jointly by the British and United States Ambassadors to JUGOSLAVIA after the latter had assumed office.

MR. OFFIE stated that no diplomatic action in regard to the closure of the missions had yet been taken by the United States. The matter would, however, be raised when the United States Ambassador had arrived in BELGRADE. He agreed with Mr. Macmillan's proposal in regard to the question of the disposition of Yugoslav personnel.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) Directed that the reference to the disposition of the Yugoslav personnel, contained in Minute 3(a) of SAC (P) (45) 3rd Meeting, be regarded as cancelled.

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(b) Invited the British Resident Minister and the U.S. Political Adviser to arrange for joint representations to be made to the Yugoslav government, in accordance with Mr. Macmillan's proposal at 'X' above, when the United States Ambassador to JUGOSLAVIA had arrived in BELGRADE.

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Ref: 2214/78/10.

21 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Organisations and Missions in ITALY.

**TO : GA Section.
Liaison Division.**

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1. Reference Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 14 dated 7 March 1945, subject as above, copy of which was forwarded you by this office.

2. Herewith for your information extract from the Minutes of SACMED's Political Conference of 16 March 1945, at which this paper was discussed.

/JG.

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

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S A C (P) (45) 3rd Meeting (Addendum)
20th March 1945 (Original in 217/EC).

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

1. The Deputy U.S. Political Adviser has requested that the following amendments be made to the minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political) circulated on 16th March 1945 :-

Min 3 ⁽²⁵⁾ Page 3, line 2. Delete the words "In LONDON".

Min 4 ⁽¹⁴⁾ Page 4, Item 5, 3rd paragraph. Delete the words "In FRANCE" and substitute the word "heretofore". N/A

2. Copy holders are requested to amend their copies accordingly.

J.G. SWEETMAN,
Lieut. Col.,
Secretary.

Amended

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

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SAC (P) (45) 2nd Meeting
16th March 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

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3. JUGOSLAV ORGANISATIONS AND MISSIONS IN ITALY

(Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 14)

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper surveying Yugoslav organisations and missions in Italy and recommending that the so-called Royalist missions in ROME, NAPLES and BARI were redundant, that the delegations of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation in ROME should be closed and the similar delegation at BARI reduced in size.

MR. BROOK stated that about a month ago a communication had been received from Mr. Subasic ordering the disbandment of the Royal Yugoslav Mission in ROME, and asking the Allied authorities to pass this instruction to the mission. The letter, however, had refused to acknowledge the order, stating that as their oath of Allegiance was to the Royal Yugoslav Government, and they were accredited to the displaced persons Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission, the order could not be accepted unless it were delivered in the form of a command from the Supreme Allied Commander. In answer to a question by the Supreme Allied Commander, he observed that the communication from the Yugoslav Government did not apply to the Royal Yugoslav missions in BARI and NAPLES. However, he could state to the Yugoslavs that it was presumed they would wish the Supreme Allied Commander to take similar action in respect of these missions to that which they had requested in regard to ROME.

MR. OFFICE observed that it would be desirable to have this order from the Yugoslav Government ~~in the form of a request~~ in the form of a request in writing, after which, if the mission in ROME still persisted in its refusal, their relations, fuel and utilities could be withheld.

AIR MARSHAL BLISSON stated that the entire matter of allegiance of Yugoslavs was a complicated one as it applied also to members of the Royal Yugoslav Air Force. He had reached a provisional agreement with Marshal Tito that such personnel would be divided into three categories:-

1. Those who were willing to return to JUGOSLAVIA.
2. Those who were unwilling to return but could usefully be enlisted in, or employed by the RAF.

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1. Those who were willing to return to YUGOSLAVIA.
2. Those who were unwilling to return but could usefully be enlisted in, or employed by the RAF.
3. Those who were unwilling to return, but were not of use to the Allied forces. Such Yugoslavs would be sent to a displaced persons camp.

He had, however, experienced difficulties with the Yugoslav representative at Bari, who was endeavouring to order otherwise.

VICE ADMIRAL HAMILTON observed that a similar difficulty presented itself in regard to the Royal Yugoslav Navy, since those personnel who refused to serve in the Adriatic under the new arrangements, would have to be shipped to a displaced persons camp in MIDEAST. It was not proposed, however, to enlist any Yugoslav personnel into the RNF.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER said that he did not believe this presented

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a serious problem as it was his opinion that members of the Royal Yugoslav Navy and the Partisan Navy would eventually unite without undue difficulty.

REAR ADMIRAL PACKER remarked that it was expected a decree declaring the United Yugoslav Navy would be issued in the near future.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL KAWER stated that there were at the present time twelve Yugoslav airmen serving with the United States Air Forces, but under War Department regulations these men could not be properly enlisted in the United States Army without the approval of the Yugoslav government. He suggested that the United States Ambassador to JUGOSLAVIA should take this matter up on a diplomatic level, and in the event of a negative reply, these twelve men might be enlisted in the RAF.

AIR MARSHAL GLESSOR stated that as the policy of the Royal Air Forces had been to accept such enlistments in the past without seeking the concurrence of the Yugoslav government, the question of the enlistment of these personnel in the United States Air Forces should be raised in such a way as not to prejudice previous Yugoslav enlistments in the RAF.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER :

(a) Invited the British Resident Minister and the U.S. Political Adviser to obtain the formal approval of the new Yugoslav government to the closure of the Royalist missions in ROMS, NAPLES and RAIL, and to the disposition of the Yugoslav personnel concerned in a manner similar to that suggested by Air Marshal Glessor at 'X' above, and report to him the result of their representations.

(b) Instructed the Chief of Staff to make recommendations to the Yugoslav military authorities, through 37 Military Mission, in accordance with the conclusions in paragraphs 3(b) and 3(c) of paper No. SAC (P) (45) 14. ¹⁶

(c) Approved the conclusions of paragraphs 3(d), (e) and (f) of paper No. SAC (P) (45) 14. ¹⁶

(d) Invited the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander to take up with the Yugoslav government, through diplomatic channels, the question of the enlistment of Yugoslavs into the U.S. Air Forces, as raised by Lieutenant General Baker at 'Y' above.

Adviser to obtain the closure of the Royalist missions in Rome, Government to the closure of the disposition of the Yugoslav per- NAPLES and BARI, and to the disposition of that suggested by Air scandal concerned in a manner similar to that suggested by Air Marshal Slesser at 'X' above, and report to him the result of their representations.

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(c) Approved the conclusions of paragraph 3(d), (e) and (f) of paper No. SAC (P) (45) 14. ⁶⁶

(d) Invited the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander to take up with the Yugoslav Government, through diplomatic channels, the question of the enlistment of Yugoslavs into the U.S. Air Forces, as raised by Lieutenant General Baker at 'X' above.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: P/396.3

14 March 1945

SUBJECT: Royal Yugoslav Military Mission

To : Dr. Sloven Smolaka
Deputy Representative of Yugoslavia to
the Advisory Council for Italy

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1. Reference is made to your letter to the Chief Commissioner, no. 149/45 of 7 March 1945.

2. It is understood that the question of closing the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission has been discussed with you and with Colonel Vukotich. The method by which this should be accomplished was also discussed and verbal agreement was reached that the handover should be to an intermediate person.

3. Certain difficulties with regard to the handover exist, and it is hoped that these will be overcome in due course.

(Sgd) RANFUELY, Capt.
for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

JUGOSLAV ORGANISATIONS AND MISSIONS IN ITALY.

Note by Secretary.

1. In early December a letter was received by MAIA from the Italian Ministry of War, alleging that representatives of the Yugoslav Partisans were inviting the desertion of Italian soldiers. At the same time other information suggested that the numbers and size of Yugoslav organisations and missions in ITALY had become excessive and that certain of these missions were undertaking improper activities. As a result paper No. PC (44) 150 was prepared and was considered at the Political Committee of the Supreme Allied Commander's conference on 9th December (PC (44) 35th Meeting, Minute 4). The Supreme Allied Commander directed that an interim reply be forwarded to the Italian Ministry of War and appointed a sub-committee composed of G-2, G-3, G-5, Liaison Section and 34 Military Mission to prepare a report as to the numbers, location and activities of unauthorised Yugoslav liaison officers and missions in ITALY and as a result of their investigation to recommend what further action should be taken when the United Provisional Yugoslav government was established.

2. This subcommittee has now completed its investigations and finds that, with the exception of one mission at NAPLES the abolition of which is recommended below, the Yugoslav liaison officers and missions at present established in ITALY were originally duly authorised by the Allied authorities. A list of Yugoslav liaison officers and missions which have been located is attached as an Annex to this paper.

3. The Sub-Committee makes the following recommendations as to action which may be taken to induce the Yugoslav Government to reduce certain of its organisations in ITALY:

- (a) The so-called Royalist missions in ROME, NAPLES and Bari will, with the establishment of a United Provisional Yugoslav government, become redundant. The Allied Commission might therefore be directed formally to request the closure of these missions. There is evidence, however, that although the head of the Yugoslav delegation to the Advisory Council for ITALY, acting on instruction of Dr. Subasic, is already attempting to liquidate the Royal Yugoslav military mission in ROME he is encountering opposition from the

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- (b) The Yugoslav Army of National Liberation delegation in BARI, while fulfilling certain useful functions, is unnecessarily large. It is thought that No. 3 District and 57 Military Mission should be requested to make detailed recommendations as to the reduction of this delegation. These recommendations if approved might then be passed to the new Yugoslav government.
- (c) The Yugoslav Army of National Liberation delegation in ROME is fulfilling no useful purpose and its closure should be requested.
- (d) There is no objection to the small liaison department of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation continuing to function at NAPLES. It is, however, suggested that the new Yugoslav government be requested to provide assurance:

(i) that this organisation will not be increased;

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(ii) that it is a regular detachment either of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation delegation at BARI or of the Yugoslav delegation to the Allied Advisory Council for ITALY.

(e) No reductions are at present necessary in the 4th Yugoslav Overseas Brigade, since this organisation is performing useful work on behalf of SCW.

(f) There is not at present any evidence to justify a general recommendation for the removal of Yugoslav commissars from hospitals.

4. The Supreme Allied Commander is requested to approve the foregoing recommendations and as a result:

(a) To direct the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission to take action in accordance with paragraphs 3(a) and 3(c)

(b) To instruct the Chief of Staff to take appropriate action in regard to the remaining recommendations.

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(Signed) J.H. LASCOMBES,
COLONEL,
SECRETARY.

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Annex.

JUGOSLAV ORGANISATIONS AND MISSIONS IN ITALY.

1. Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Rome.

Strength: Approximately 80.

Location: Corso Trieste 10, Rome.

Activities: This mission, under Lieutenant Colonel VUKOTIC, was formed from the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Bari, permission for the establishment of which was given by Allied Force Headquarters early in 1944. Application for its despatch was received at Allied Force Headquarters from the Royal Yugoslav authorities in Cairo, who desired to have representation in Italy to superintend arrangements for the care of Yugoslav refugees arriving in Southern Italy from JUGOSLAVIA. After its establishment in Bari the mission recruited a larger staff and widened the scope of its activities. The mission is primarily concerned with looking after the interests of Yugoslavs of Royalist sympathies as opposed to the Partisan organisation in Italy which cater for Partisan adherents.

2. Royal Yugoslav Military Mission Liaison Centre, Naples.

Strength: 1 Officer, 2. ORs.

Location: 24 Riviera di Chiaia, Naples.

Activities: It is assumed that this liaison centre grew out of the Royalist Yugoslav military mission which was established in Bari. It looks after the interests of Yugoslavs of Royalist sympathies.

3. Royal Yugoslav Military Mission at Bari.

Strength: Approximately 20 Officers, 5 ORs.

Location: Via Marchese di Montrose, 47, Bari.

Activities: This mission is concerned with looking after the interests of Yugoslavs of Royalist sympathies. Sub-missions have been organised at LECCE and GALLIPOLI where the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission have permanent camps for refugees, and at TARANTO where the Sub-Commission operated a staging camp for refugees en route to the Middle East.

4. Jugoslav Army of National Liberation Delegation at Bari.

Strength: Approximately 1100.

Location: Via Piccini, Bari.

Strength: 1 Officer, 20 men.

Location: 84 Riviera di Chiaia, NAPLES.

Activities: It is assumed that this liaison centre grew out of the Royalist Yugoslav military mission which was established in BARI. It looks after the interests of Yugoslavs of Royalist sympathies.

3. Royal Yugoslav Military Mission at BARI.

Strength: Approximately 20 Officers, 5 ORs.

Location: Via Marchese di Montrone, 47, BARI.

Activities: This mission is concerned with looking after the interests of Yugoslavs of Royalist sympathies. Sub-missions have been organized at LECCE and GALLIPOLI where the internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission have permanent camps for refugees, and at TARANTO where the Sub-Commission operated a staging camp for refugees en route to the Middle East.

4. Jugoslav Army of National Liberation Delegation at BARI.

Strength: Approximately 1100.

Location: Via Piccini, BARI.

Activities: This organization was formed in November or December 1943, under the auspices of Headquarters Force 266, on the authority of Allied Force Headquarters. The delegation is in command of all Yugoslav Partisan forces in ITALY and is also responsible for liaison with the Allied forces in ITALY.

5. Jugoslav Army of National Liberation Delegation in ROME.

Strength: Approximately 30.

Location: 84 Via Garigliano, ROME.

Activities: Permission for the establishment of the delegation was given by the Allied Central Commission. It is suspected that this delegation concerns itself largely with politics, recruiting and black marketeering.

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6. Jugoslav Delegation to the Allied Advisory Council for ITALY.

Strength: Approximately 50.

Location: Via Quintino Sella 5, ROME.

Activities: The normal duties of a delegation to the Allied Advisory Council are performed by this organization.

7. Liaison Department of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation at NAPLES.

Strength: 3 officers, 12 OKs.

Location: Via Pergolesi No. 1, NAPLES.

Activities: This liaison department was established at NAPLES in the middle of December 1944. Its purpose is to look after refugees and reinforcements for the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation arriving in NAPLES, from overseas.

8. Fourth Overseas Brigade.

Strength: Approximately 1350.

Location: Headquarters MONOPOLI.

Activities: This organization provides certain guards and also assistance in the packing of supplies for infiltration into the BALKANS for Headquarters Special Operations Mediterranean. Detachments of this organization are believed to take part in recruiting for the Partisan forces.

9. Commissars in Hospitals.

There are about seven hospitals in the Bari area in which there are Yugoslav patients. Each of these has a Yugoslav Partisan commissar who is responsible for the discipline and welfare of the Partisan inmates of the hospital. Commissars are also responsible for the political instruction of the Yugoslav patients. Authority for the establishment of semi-medical camps for Yugoslav Partisans in ITALY and for the acceptance of Partisans in British hospitals was given by Allied Force Headquarters.

8. Fourth Overseas Brigade.

Strength: Approximately 1550.

Location: Headquarters MONOPOLI.

Activities: This organization provides certain guards and also assistance in the packing of supplies for infiltration into the BALKANS for Headquarters Special Operations Mediterranean. Detachments of this organization are believed to take part in recruiting for the Partisan forces.

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DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY.

Pov. br. 249/45

Rome, March 7th, 1945

Dear Sir,

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With reference to your P/396.3 of February 17th, 1945 I have the honour to inform you as follows:

The Yugoslav Government cannot comprehend why the taking over of the abolished Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Rome has been postponed since early February, and what is the hindering that prevents from carrying out of their decision.

Since the Yugoslav Government pay to this matter greatest attention, I was instructed to submit forthwith a respective report.

Having from you no further news in this question since your letter of February 17th, I beg to request kindly to let me know whether I can expect an imminent compliance with my request, the more as Colonel Findlay mentioned me on February 28th that AFHQ have already issued necessary orders in this respect.

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,
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ELLERY W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 334-100

20 February 1945

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SUBJECT: Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Rome.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Instructions have been issued by the Yugoslav War Minister that the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Rome is abolished and that:

a. The Mission premises, furniture, money and archives are to be handed over to a liquidator to be appointed by the Yugoslav delegate or deputy delegate to the Advisory Council.

b. The head of the abolished Mission and his personnel are to place themselves at the disposal of the JAWL Military Mission in Rome, in accordance with the order and for the purpose of their transportation to Yugoslavia.

2. Mr. Smolane, the deputy delegate on the Advisory Council accordingly appointed a liquidator and instructed him to take over, but Lt. Colonel Vukotic, the head of the Mission refused to hand over, as "my Allied Commander has not given me any orders".

This was reported in a letter dated 13 February by Mr. Smolane to the Supreme Allied Commander. It is understood that he also appealed to you and to the British and American members of the Advisory Council, none of whom felt able to help him.

3. While it would be in our interests to have this Mission closed down it would be inappropriate to interfere in what is essentially a domestic matter for the Yugoslavs. An instruction issued by the Supreme Allied Commander might also be disobeyed, and we might be involved in the matter in an active role. This is undesirable generally and especially at the present moment when the United Provisional Government is in process of being set up.

4. The Royal Yugoslav Military Mission was originally in Bari and was officially accredited to the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission, and it is therefore appropriate that any necessary action should be taken by you.

It is suggested that this should be limited to an intimation to Lt. Colonel Vukotic that the Supreme Allied Commander has been informed

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that the Yugoslav War Minister has issued orders for the disbandment of the Mission, that in view of the impending establishment of the United Provisional Government of Yugoslavia he sees no further need of the Mission will be served by the continued existence of the Mission and he has no objection to the instruction issued for its disbandment.

5. It would be appreciated if discreet enquiry could also be made and this office notified, of any action which Lt Colonel Vidulich takes or course of action that he intends to pursue, so that conditions such as refusal to supply those facilities as are normally given to Allied military missions may, if necessary, be applied.

It is probable that the majority of the personnel of the mission will refuse to place themselves at the disposal of the JGH Military Mission and will therefore become displaced persons.

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T. R. NEW, Colonel,
Deputy Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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17 February 1945

My dear Doctor Szodlaka:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th of February and have to inform you that I have already approached ASHQ requesting that an appropriate order may be issued to wind-up Lt. Colonel Vukotich's Mission. I will inform you as soon as I have received instructions.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Steven J. Szodlaka,
Hungarian Representative to Advisory
Council for Italy,
Via Quintino Sella, 56
Rome, Italy

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DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF JUGOSLAVIA
ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Rome, February 13th, 1945

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you as follows:

1. On the 10th inst. I received a cable through the British Embassy in Rome from Dr. Ivan Subasic, Prime Minister and War Minister of the Yugoslav Government in London. Copy is attached hereto.
2. Accordingly I appointed Mr. Ilija Jovicovic, Attache' to this Delegation Liquidator of the abolished Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Rome, and ordered him to take over immediately same Mission.
3. On the 12th inst. Lt. Col. Vusakin Vukotic, Head of the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Rome refused to hand over the Mission to the Liquidator, and stated: "My Allied Commander has not given me any orders."
4. Since Lt. Col. Vukotic has refused to carry out an order issued by the Yugoslav War Minister and as the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Rome has been accredited to the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission at Headquarters Allied Commission, I beg to request that any further activity of the said Mission be stopped, and its premises, inventory and archives handed over to the Liquidator in accordance with the above decision of the Yugoslav War Minister.
5. Same application has been submitted to Field-Marshal Sir Harold R.L.G. Alexander, Allied Commander-in-Chief in this Theater.

I remain, Sir,

very sincerely yours

/s/ Dr. Sloven J. Smolaka

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

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Message for Yugoslav Deputy Delegate on the Advisory
Council in Rome, from Prime Minister, Dr. Subasic.

Received 9th February 1945

Begins:

By decision of War Minister OBR 186, February 1st, 1945, the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Rome is abolished. The head of the Mission is ordered to hand over Mission's premises, furniture, money, and archives to liquidator who will be appointed by Yugoslav Delegate or Deputy Delegate in Advisory Council in Rome. The head of the Military Mission and his personnel will place themselves at the disposal of Military Mission of National Army of Liberation in accordance with existing orders and for the purpose of their transportation to Yugoslavia.

Please proceed immediately with the execution of these instructions which are to-day being notified through the same channel to head of Military Mission. Ends.

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Ref: P/396.2

9 December 1944

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SUBJECT: Yugoslav Partisan Military Mission in Italy.

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

1. In my letter HMF/ARD of 14th November, I forwarded a paper on the activities of Yugoslav Partisan elements in Southern Italy and recommended that if it was not possible to control these activities, the Partisan Military Mission should be abolished and the assembling, training and organising of Yugoslav nationals into a Yugoslav army should be transferred to Yugoslavia.

2. In this connection I feel it necessary to draw your attention to the fact that for some considerable time the members of the Yugoslav Partisan Army Mission have been engaged in illegal recruiting of members of the Italian armed forces of Yugoslav origin into the Yugoslav forces. The Allied Military authorities have always refused permission to the Yugoslavs to carry on such recruiting which is entirely illegal by Italian law. Nevertheless, it is understood that such recruiting has been prevalent particularly in the Rome area. The representative at Bari of the British Resident Minister at Allied Force Headquarters has reported that the Head of "Z" Military Mission is convinced that the only means of curtailing these activities is to confine the Partisans as far as possible to Bari itself pending their eventual return to Yugoslavia. Mr. Broad states that the Partisan General commanding the Mission in Bari, Major-General Peljanac, seems either incapable or unwilling to take any action in the matter. He suggests therefore that the Partisan Mission in Rome should be either drastically reduced or closed down altogether and recommends that this matter should be taken up with Colonel Pahacsek through the Commander of No. 3 District. He suggests further that if Colonel Pahacsek failed to take any action in this matter, it should be taken up in Belgrade.

3. The above considerations re-inforce the view expressed in my letter under reference that it would be best to abolish the Yugoslav Partisan Mission entirely. Such a proposal however obviously raises the issues of high political importance which can only be settled after discussion with the Yugoslav Government. If, therefore, it is decided to proceed with my proposal, any preliminary approach to Colonel Pahacsek on the subsidiary question of the Partisan Mission in Rome would seem to be unnecessary.

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/S/ ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: U. S. Political Adviser
British Resident Minister
Representative at Bari of the
British Resident Minister

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Advanced Headquarters Allied Control Commission

APC 394

July 3, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Colonel W.E.S. WHITHERLY
Headquarters "Z" Military Mission, C.M.E.

Reference is made to your Memorandum G/9/1, 26 June 1944 concerning the desire of the Headquarters of the National Liberation Army of Yugoslavia to establish a Delegation or representative body in Rome. There should be no objection to the assignment of officers of the National Liberation Army of Yugoslavia to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission so that they may be of assistance to Yugoslav Nationals adhering to the Partisan cause. It is considered that their activities for the time being should be limited to those of assistance to Yugoslav refugees under the specific control of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

/s/ Samuel Reber
Vice President, Allied Control Commission
Political Section

See Minute 70.

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