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REPATRIATION FROM ALBANIA
DEC. 1944-SEPT. 1945

2698

250.

16.

Letter for signature - Anyon mid draft in your note, I like it that you wanted to sign. Q581119

We thank him acknowledged to

Re Carpenter's letter to 179100 in 3rd round

18/5

86.

My Kennedy.

Can you look into it please. I haven't look at it the letter is correctly in our file. There is a letter CAs are probably dealing with that case have letter taken off

18/9

103.

C.S.O

Ref 98 - Rem-Ser to 95 submitted

My Reminders:

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is correctly in our file. ~~from~~
Dispute a letter CAs are
for Duthy clearing - in which
Case he has letter taken off

4. 18/9

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C.S.O

Ref 98 - Remuneration to G's submitted
for signature.

CRUS 27/9 95

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CSO Executive Commission

Ref M 62 & 71 I spoke today to Maj Perkins AFHQ (tel 548). Approval for the despatch of a mission to Tirana has been received provided that it is agreed to by BMM already there.*. However official authority will not be given to us by AFHQ before Wed, 20 June, as the matter has first to be laid before the CAO.

* BMM agreed today.

Bh

18 June 45

Mant.

Si 18/6.

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TO: Executive Commission

1. This morning I saw Lieut. Col. PALMER of the British Military Mission in TIRANA, ALBANIA, who tells me that the repatriation of Italian military personnel has now been completed and approximately 14,000 have been returned to ITALY. It is his understanding that the repatriation of civilians will follow in accordance with signal from AFHQ (folio 55). He says however there are only between 3 - 4,000.

2. The next step is to send the Italian Mission. This has been approved by AFHQ but not yet in writing.

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X. BMM agreed today. *[Signature]*

18 June 45 *Month.*

Si 18/6.

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2. The next step is to send the Italian Mission. This has been approved by AFHQ but not yet in writing (minute 73 above) and it has also been approved by Lt. Col. Palmer, but agreement of General HOSIA will now have to be obtained and it is expected that he will counter by asking to send an Albanian Mission to ROME, which is considered most undesirable. Surprising civilian repatriation, therefore, one must expect further delay.

3. Among the names submitted by the Italian Government for the Mission *[Signature]* Prof. ROMANO. This individual is considered undesirable and should not be allowed to go. Another name, which has not yet been submitted, but might be is Signor IOLEI. He also is undesirable.

19 June 45.

[Signature]

[Signature]
Major.

62CSO

Ref M 58, AFHQ in 3rd para of 48 instructs us that a decision on the question of sending an unofficial mission to TIRANA depends on a reply being received from the Foreign Office. There is still no reply. Minuta 57 refers.

M.F/A was advised of FX 80457 on 26 May. Folio 59 refers.

7 Jun 45

She63So to CC

Please explain: Minuta 62
to CC as answering. X Min

Minuta 58.

S. 711

M.F/A was advised of TX 80407 on 26 May.
7010 59 refers.

7 Jun 45

Sh

63

So to CC

Please explain. In with 62
to CC as answering. X his
in with 58.

4.711

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CSO

Latter submitted for approval + signature
by C.C. replies to 64.

Sh

14/6/45

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Mr. Mader.

Quite right. Letter is signed.
Please make a note in the file as
to decision in the matter. A return
here to submit to SA on 15/6

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52note

(S)

Ref para 3 of 72 spoke Mr Halford. a further telegram has been sent to F.O. by Br Embassy as result of further pressure by M/FA to send a mission to Tirana. has suggested by M/FA that Signor Turcato goes alone.

Mr Halford advises no further action until reply from FO.

24/5/45
B/C 30/5/45

9 agree N/S/25/4

OSD

(30)

(45)

S7

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(54)

Please see folios 50, 72 para 3, Minute 77 and folio 85.

I spoke to Mr. Halford who told me that the Foreign Office had taken this matter up with AFHQ but that no decision had yet been reached. The attached interim reply to 85 has been approved by Mr. Halford.

You should also see folio 86 for information.

29 May 45.

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1 Spec N/S/1

J.C.A.

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until reply from FO.

9 agree DS/25/12

24/5/45
B/C 35/5/11/19/1

CSO

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29 May 45.

18 June 45
J.C.A.

Exec. Comm.

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I am now satisfied with the handling of this matter. We should renew request to AFHQ that mission be allowed to proceed. No record that that has been advised of FX 80457. This Commission does not take instructions from the F.O.

5/6

Two 11

Ex Com's

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Letter submitted for signature by C.C. is follow
up on 45 & 56.

11/5/45

Signed
aw (40)Elk43

Informer Italian Gov. that their wishes are reiterated
at meeting - 14/8 have been fully represented
to A.E.H.Q. who direct that no Italian mission
be sent to Albania until the evacuation of
military personnel which is now under way &
is completed.

DR/15/15-

45

Ex Com's

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is completed.

DR/15/5

~~45~~

Ex Com³ (14)

Ref M66 letter for signature by C.C. is
submitted for your approval.

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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

(43) (43) →

See min³ cbr. →
DR/16/5

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CC 0927
MAY 17 1960

CSO 50 to CC

Three letters submitted for signature by CC.
are in accordance with approved drafts at 40,

41, 42 + 43.

(23B) (23A) (24)
20 Apr 45

Si 20/4.

Sh

(NOTE: Above letters signed and dispatched 21 APR 45)

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50 to CC

Have you any special instructions on 54? (24)

Office of EC

30/4/45

Shorden any

50 to CC

~~37~~ 39

~~Ex Com~~

37+38.

Two letters submitted for signature by CC.

"A" replies to 34.

"B" is in further ref to 26. (26)

1/5/45

Si 4/5

Sh

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- LAG

Major.

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SO to CC.

The question of repatriation of Italians from Albania stands as follows:

1. On 2 February 45, G-5 AFHQ wrote a letter to the Allied Commission (for the attention of the Political Section) in which they stated that this repatriation had a complicated political implication, and that a small British mission attached to the military HQ of Col. Hoxha had been given instructions to explore the matter and to report. No report has as yet been received, and this letter did not come to light out of Political Section until the abolition took place.
2. The original of Folio 23 on this file, addressed to C.A. Section, was passed to Displaced Persons Sub Commission for action, and their explanation of the delay in producing a reply is that they had to wade through a large amount of correspondence taken over from the Political Section before they could see the wood from the trees. In a memorandum, dated yesterday 16 April, Displaced Persons made their recommendation to VP C.A. Sec., namely that they do not recommend repatriation of Italians from Albania at the present moment. I have learnt on the telephone from Lt. Col. Bonham Carter that VP C.A. Section will during the day support this recommendation. *X minute in file 382 14/3/45*
3. A draft letter to General Browning is opposite for the CC's approval.
4. As regards your fear that some repatriation may have already taken place on 15 April, this cannot have happened except by unauthorised means, of which we have no knowledge, since the shipping has not been allotted. In any case, the statement in Palermo's letter to General Browning is qualified by the last paragraph which says that he would be grateful to have General Browning's proposals with regard to the carrying out of the repatriation in question.
5. If the CC agrees with VP C.A. Section that no repatriation of civilians should take place at the moment, a reply to that effect should be made to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, answering their memorandum at Folio 20 on the attached Displaced Persons File.

17 April 1945.

Sum
C.S.O.

Thats. Suggest who matter is per before C.C. also
and the same time — i.e. when V.P. C.A. Sec. has

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17 April 1945.

*Y⁺
G.C.S.O.*

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and the same time — i.e. when V.P. C.A. S. has
produced his reply to 28.*

*THQ
17.5.45*

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note

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Spoke to Col Hotham ref 12. Under discussion
with Pol adv. Expects to reply by 18 apr.

14/4/45

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Ref: 2218/100/20

20 September 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Ministry for Foreign Affairs

SUBJECT : Evacuation of Civilians from Albania

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs Memorandum 6/3388/1616
of 15 September 1945 on the above subject is acknowledged.

The matter has been referred to AFHQ in order to have
the situation clarified.

R. W. KEMSLEY

Ref: 2218/99/EC

19 September 1945

SUBJECT: Unofficial Italian Mission to Albania

TO : AFHQ, G-5

1. Reference is made to your unnumbered letter of 22 June 1945 on the above subject addressed to the Allied Commission.

2. Further to that letter enclosed please find copy of memorandum 6/3388/1616 dated 15 September 1945 on the same subject from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

3. Are you aware please of any Allied authority in Albania which might be impeding the work of General Turcato's mission?

For The Chief Commissioner:

R. G. HENNING

1 Incl:
as above

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

See 104
BU 28
NOTED
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See 106

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

22/8

Giorgio

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U R G E N T

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SEP 18 1945

Subject: Evacuation of Italian civilians from Albania. -

Reference is made to foregoing correspondence on the subject.

Consul General TURCAJO, head of the semi-official Italian mission in Albania, has informed that the competent Allied Authorities in Albania have not yet received from the A.F.H.Q. of Caserta the necessary authorization to carry into effect the repatriation to Italy of Italian civilians, who could easily be embarked on empty ships bound to Italy from Albanian ports on their return journey. Such was the case of the Italian s/s PALLADE that in spite of the approval of the British Military Mission, of the UNRRA and of the Italian captain, had nevertheless to sail empty from an Albanian port.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs take the opportunity to emphasize the extreme urgency that said repatriations be carried out with as little delay as possible, in view of the ever worsening plight of the Italian nationals and their families in Albania.

The Allied Commission is therefore earnestly requested

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The Allied Commission is therefore earnestly requested to approach the A.F.H.Q. of Caserta in order that the necessary instructions be imparted to the competent Authorities in Albania.

Rome, September 15th, 1945



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Ref: 2219/95/MC.

17 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Mission in Albania -
Request for Radio Communication.

TO : C-5 Section,
AFHQ.

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The enclosed memorandum 6/343/1593 of 13 September 45 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is forwarded to you for your consideration.

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. TALBOT

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl: As stated.

See 102

for 108.

See

The enclosed memorandum 6/345/1593 of 15 September 45 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is forwarded to you for your consideration.

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. TALBOT

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl: As stated.

See
16/108

See 107

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DUPLICATE

6/30/45/1843

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SEP 17 1945

Subject: Italian Mission in Albania.

1. Reference is made to the Allied Commission's note no 2212/24/45, dated July 12, 1945, and preceding correspondence on the above subject.
2. The semi-official Italian Mission in Albania, headed by Consul General Turcato, has at its disposal a receiving and transmitting radio apparatus, which was left with the Mission by General Piccini at the time of his repatriation.
3. The use of such radio for communications is as between the Mission and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be very desirable for the efficiency of the service. All the more so because, as it is known, no normal means of contact if there are now available between Italy and Albania. Communications would be affected to some extent, and from there to Rome, through the "teletype" of the Beloon Military Base (Colonel Turcato).
4. The possibility of communicating with Rome would also be very helpful in co-ordinating between the various Italian Beloon Military Base and Rome, the air traffic connected with reinforcements from Albania, thus avoiding the considerable expense of in fact, for lack of co-ordination, some airplanes were obliged to return to base without carrying any passengers.
5. The head of the British Military Mission in Albania, has informed Consul General Turcato that the radio in question cannot be used without the authorization of the competent Allied authorities in Italy.



Ministero degli Affari Esteri

(Enclosure)

TRANSLATION

ITALIAN MISSION IN ALBANIA

List of parts of the receiving and transmitting radio apparatus.

1 apparatus TXO-003	no 1
Tension booster	" 1
Transformer	" 1
Quarz	" 6
Tubes	" 5
Aerial wires	" 2
Keys	" 1
Earphones	" 1
Microon bulbs	" 3

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Ref: 2218/92/EC

13 September 1945

SUBJECT: Return from Albania of the SOJLI Family

TO : Civil Affairs Section

May we please be informed if an early solution may be expected on the above subject referred to in letter 720/S GI of 10 August 1945 from General Infante.

R. W. KEMSLEY
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

Note
Sojli was something of a "thing" in
Lazari days & the Albanians are not anxious
to let him go. Major Simcoe (Dyer) is an idiot.
Let this fade out if possible!

PARK 20/9

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Noted

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A.P.O. 394

DER/60/301/G-II(DP)

21 August, 1945.

AUG 21 1945

My dear General,

I have received your letter of the 10th of August, 1945 and a request for the entry into Italy of the Sojli family is being submitted to higher authority.

I will inform you of the result as soon as I receive an answer.

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✓
HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
First Aide-de-Camp General to
H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Realm
The Quirinale
Rome

(Copy Forward for cc Files)

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21/8

Translation

720/3 GX

Rome, 10 August 1945

AUG 13 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom asked me to recommend the SOJLI family, residing in Tirana (Albania), via Bajram Curri (Rruga Dibra) n. 356 - composed of the following members:

- 1) - SOJLI Aslan, Albanian
- 2) - BOLTRINI Elisabetta, Italian, wife
- 3) - SOJLI Sonia, born in Italy, daughter (age 5)
- 4) - SOJLI Vera, born in Italy, daughter (age 3)

The above mentioned family wants to go back to Italy as soon as possible, for Mrs Boltrini and her daughter Vera require cares which they couldn't possibly get in Albania.

I have already written to the Chief of the Mission for relief to Italians in Albania, asking him to contact the SOJLI family, and try and help them in every way, mainly for what concerns repatriation.

You will do me a real favour if you see to it that the Allied Authorities do not oppose the return to Italy of the said family. I also draw your attention on the fact that the said authorization should be forwarded without delay to the Allied Mission in Tirana.

S. A. Infante

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Rome

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ACTION: C.A. Sec
INFO: C. H. C. Council
EX: Council

trans. e/c

Spec. Disper
Bu 5/9

Act. 30/8
Reply is awaited from
B. M. Albania
Risk 5/9
Bu 12/9

See Folio 91

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Ref : 2218/89/EC.

Tel : 473201

23 July 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Mission to ALBANIA.

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

1. With reference to our letter 2218/85/EC dated 12 July 45 the documentation of Consul General TURGATO and Signor BASTIANINI has been completed, and it is expected that they will be leaving for BARI in the course of the next day or so, where they have to report to the British Military Mission. On arrival of the party at BARI there will be a further delay of seventy-two hours, which is the period of notice required by British Military Mission, ALBANIA.

2. With regard to correspondence, it is assumed that you will inform those concerned at A.F.H.Q. of the arrangement whereby correspondence will be forwarded by B.M.M. ALBANIA to A.F.H.Q. for onward transmission to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs via Allied Commission. As regards correspondence in the reverse direction, communications for the Consul General from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be authenticated at this Headquarters and forwarded to you for onward transmission.

For the Chief Commissioner :

Dis.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to : Liaison Division.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ex Comm.
HFP/dmj

16 July 1945
JUL 18 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Mission to Albania.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394.

Ref your 2218/83/EC of 12 July.

1. A copy of your letter has been sent to BMM Albania for information.

2. This HQ has no objection to the course proposed in para 2, but detailed procedure will have to be agreed between Brig. HODGSON (of BMM Albania) and Consul General TURCATO on his arrival. This arrangement will apply to correspondence only and not to cables.

For Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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R.H. PEGLER,
Major
Balkans Section

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LWS/ejj
14 July 1945
JUL 16 1945
SEE FILE
CC 2205

Dear Monsignor:

The Holy Father's appeal in behalf of Luigi Aloisi, is sincerely appreciated by the Chief Commissioner.

During the past months the Chief Commissioner has been approached by several high Italian officials with a plea to intervene with the Albanian government on Aloisi's behalf. He has had this entire matter very thoroughly investigated and has personally made a direct appeal to AFHQ, the American and British Embassies, to have everything possible done to effect Aloisi's release.

Due to the international political complications surrounding this case, the Chief Commissioner regrets that he cannot press the matter any further.

Sincerely,

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

Monsignor Joseph F. McGeough
Via Villa Gabrielli, 16
Vatican City

CC: EXEC COMM —
CA SEC
POL ADVSR (A)
POL ADVSR (R)
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Dal Vaticano, li.....

Memorandum

Re: LUIGI ALOISI, Italian Vice-Consul at Durazzo (Albania) since 1932, arrested by Albanian Partisans on April 2, 1945 and awaiting trial in the Tirana prison where he is confined to the hospital owing to an aggravated heart condition. It is asserted that unless intervention in his favor is made the execution of Aloisi is probable in view of the present state of political passion in Albania. The wife and daughters of Aloisi have appealed to the Holy Father on his behalf. His Holiness who knows Aloisi personally would appreciate any effort made towards his release and repatriation.

In defense of Aloisi it is stated

- 1) that prior to his resignation on September 8, 1943 he never exceeded as vice-consul the limits of the function of the representative of his country even during the time Italy was at war and that during the war he did not take an active part in politics.
- 2) that after resigning in September 1943 as vice-consul, he was named by the Italian colony to be president of the Committee for the Protection of the Italians; that in this activity he did everything possible to avoid and prevent the deportation of Italians into Germany issuing false identification cards to thousands of soldiers about to be sent to the Reich for forced labor; that he assisted the Partisans by providing transportation and money; and that as a result of these activities he was arrested by the Germans and imprisoned during the months of August and September 1944.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 21453

Message Centre No: E/9418

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 121721B

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 122135B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITY PHOEG

JUL 1 1945

TO : ALCOM ROME

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Confirmation telephone conversation Major PERKINS-Major MORDEN.
Pass M F A , Albanian political office message number 14 from General
PICCINI. Paraphrase "Essential TURCATO mission arrives urgently
before request received to send Albanian mission to ROME".

DIST

ACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE

ACTION

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See 83 + 84

BU at 83

HEADQUARTERS
13 JUL 1945

A. C.

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(Per Nekoral)

Ref: 2218/84/EC.

12 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Mission to ALBANIA.

TO : Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

1. Reference to our letter 2218/77/EC of 25 June 1945 notifying you that approval had been received for the despatch to TIRANA of Consul General TURCATO and Signor BASTIANINI, this was the culmination of correspondence over a long period in which you reiterated the urgency of the matter. Despite this, Signor TURCATO is still in ITALY and there still remains certain formalities to be complied with before his departure is possible.
2. Marchese Cittadini-Cesl has no doubt conveyed to you the message which we received from General PIOCINI, through AFHQ, stressing that Signor TURCATO should arrive urgently. You should therefore arrange for Signor TURCATO to visit this Headquarters as early as possible as the formalities with which he must comply will inevitably lead to a delay of another three or four days.

For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Marchese Cittadini-Cesl.

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Ref: 2218/83/EC.

Tel: 478201

12 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation from ALBANIA - Italian Mission.

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

1. With reference to telephone conversation Major Perkins - Major Morden on 10 July, we are urging the Italian Government to despatch Consul General TURCATO as quickly as possible but we are not yet in a position to give you a date. However, we expect to do so within the next few days.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs points out that this Italian Mission in TIRANA will not be able to avail itself of the normal services of an official Legation and requests approval for the correspondence of Consul General TURCATO to be despatched to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs through the British Military Mission in TIRANA. It is presumed there will be no objection to this course but we shall be glad to have your confirmation.

For the Chief Commissioner;

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

See F
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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JUL 11 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Unofficial Italian Mission to Albania.

1. Reference is made to the Allied Commission's note N.2218/77/EC dated June 25th.
2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs have taken note of the approval to the appointment to Tirana of an unofficial Italian mission formed by Consul General Ugo TURCATO and signor Leone BASTIANINI and thank very kindly the Allied Commission for having used their good offices in view of reaching this favourable solution.
3. Consul General TURCATO is ready to leave shortly, and will visit personally the competent bureaux of the Allied Commission in order to make the necessary arrangements for the voyage.
4. As the Italian Mission in Tirana will not be able to avail themselves of the normal services of an official Legation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be grateful to the Allied Commission if they could kindly obtain from the proper Authorities that Consul General TURCATO be authorized to send his correspondence to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the British Military Mission in Tirana.

Rome, July 10th. 1945



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Rome, July 10th. 1945



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(1 copy)

(Mrs. P. P. P.)

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Translation

The Minister of Foreign Affairs

n. 1/2108

Rome 28 June 1945

Personal

JUN 29 1945

Dear Admiral,

I received your kind letter, (n. 2218/70-RC) of the 15th, and I thank you for your kind interest for the case of Mr. Luigi ALOISI, formerly Vice Consul of Italy in Durazzo, at present in the Tirana prison.

I trust, particularly in relation with the content of the last paragraph of the report of which you kindly sent me a copy, that it will be possible to avoid the very serious consequences which might be possible.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

S. De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

c/c

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Il Ministro degli Affari Esteri

Roma, li 28 ⁰⁰ 1945

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PERSONALE

Caro Ammiraglio,

ho ricevuto la Sua gentile lettera (n. 2218/70-23) del 15 corrente, e mi faccio premura di ringraziarla vivamente per l'interessamento preso al caso del signor Luigi ALOISI, già Vice Console d'Italia in Durazzo, attualmente detenuto nelle carceri di Tirana.

Confido, particolarmente in relazione al contenuto dell'ultimo paragrafo della relazione da Lei cortesemente inviata in copia, che si potranno evitare le gravissime conseguenze di cui si prospetterebbe la possibilità.

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All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE U.S.N.R.
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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Urgent

JUN 25 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Unofficial Italian Mission to Albania.

1. Reference is made to Memorandum 3/1753/803 of June 16th., 1945.
2. According to information verbally received from the Allied Commission, the repatriation of Italian civilians from Albania has commenced in these days. It is anticipated that the Allied Military Authorities will provide to the transport to Italy, in this first phase, of about 2000 persons.
3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wish to point out that even after the repatriation of Italian civilians, several thousand civilians and servicemen will remain in Albania detained there by the Albanian Government as technicians and skilled workers; to this end it will be necessary that they be assisted by an Italian Authority particularly as regards the stipulation of labour-contracts, the exchange with other qualified Italian workmen, etc.
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4. On the ground of the aforesaid considerations as well as of those connected with the protection of the persons and property of Italian citizens in Albania, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be very grateful if the Allied Commission will kindly interest the proper Authorities in authorizing, as soon as possible, Signor TURCATO's departure for Tirana.

Rome, June 21st., 1945

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Ref: 2218/78/EC.

Tel: 478201

25 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation from Albania, Unofficial Italian Mission.

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

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 22 June 1945 and it is confirmed that the two Italian officials who will proceed to TIRANA are Consul General Ugo TURCARE and Signor Leone BASTIANINI. Copy of memorandum addressed to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs notifying approval of this unofficial mission is attached.

For the Chief Commissioner:

By Morden
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl: 77
Memo 2218/77/EC dtd 25 Jun 45.

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Ref: 2218/77/EC.

25 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation from Albania.

TO : Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

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1. The Allied Commission makes reference to letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs No. 6/1753/803 dated 16 June 1945, paragraph 5, and to previous correspondence, and has the pleasure to inform the Ministry that approval has now been received for the despatch to Tirana of an unofficial mission comprising Consul General Ugo TURCATO and Signor Leone BASTIANINI. It is to be understood that these two officials will work in conjunction with General PIGNINI and their activities will be limited to the welfare and repatriation of Italian civilians.

2. These two officials may be despatched at any time to suit your convenience and arrangements for their reception in Tirana should be made by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs with General Pignini.

cc: G-5 Section, AFHQ.
Pol Adv (A)
Pol Adv (B)
Marchese Cittadini-Cesari
Finance S/C

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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22 June 1945
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SUBJECT: Unofficial Italian Mission to Albania.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference is made to the Palermo - Hoxha agreement of 14 March 1945 forwarded under cover of your letter 2215/45/EC of 21 April, also to this Headquarters letter of 14 May which stated that approval could not be given for the despatch of an unofficial Italian Mission to Albania until Foreign Office had indicated their agreement.

1. Foreign Office have now stated they have no objection to such a mission proceeding to Albania provided its activities are limited to the welfare and repatriation of Italian civilians, and provided the agreement of British Military Mission Albania is obtained. This latter has been done.

2. The documentation necessary in connection with the repatriation of Italian civilians from Albania has largely been completed by General Piccini, who, it is reported, has done very good work in this connection and in the matter of the repatriation of Italian soldiers.

3. In accordance with Signor Palermo's suggestions to H. M. Ambassador Rome, in which he stated that he would welcome approval for only one official to go, and in accordance with the Ambassador's suggestion, it is agreed to allow two officials to proceed to Albania to work in conjunction with General Piccini. Their work is to be limited to the welfare and repatriation of Italian civilians.

4. You are requested to forward the names of the two people selected to this Headquarters for security clearance before they are allowed to proceed. The Italian Government should be informed that the two officials are to work in close conjunction with General Piccini and that they are to limit their activities to welfare and repatriation of Italian civilians.

Copy to: Res Min
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BMM Albania

23 JUN 1945
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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6/1753/803

JUN 20 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Unofficial Italian Mission to Albania.

1. Reference Allied Commission's Memorandum 2215/87/12 of May 29th and preceding Memoranda on the subject.
2. The repatriation of Italian military personnel from Albania has been resumed and, thanks to the valid and generous assistance of the Allied Authorities, more than half of their number have already reached Italy. If their transport will be continued at this same rate, it is anticipated that the operations of evacuation will be terminated in about 15 days.
3. General CINC PRONT, present Commander of the Italian Forces in Albania, will repatriate with the military personnel.
4. As the Allied Commission are aware, several thousand Italian citizens will remain in Albania. Owing to the present political situation (already set forth with Memorandum 8/1375/14 of May 16th) they will undoubtedly need assistance and protection, which would be afforded them only through the presence in Albania of some Italian official.
5. As the evacuation of military personnel is about to be completed and in consideration of the humanitarian grounds suggested by the official situation of the Italians in Albania, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs warmly requests the Allied Commission to interest the Anglo in

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Done, 16 June 1945



Member of
official mission

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Ref: 2218/70/EC.

13 June 45.

Dear Dr. De Gasperi,

With further reference to your letter No; 1/1755 of 6th June, I attach hereto a copy of the report received from the British Military Mission to Albania concerning Sig. Luigi ALFOSI as a result of my urgent communication to AFHQ.

In view of the report I do not think that any further intervention is desirable and I propose therefore to let matters take their course.

Sincerely,

ELDER W. STONE

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

H.E. Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
R O M E.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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12 June 1945

14 JUN 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from
Albania - Luigi Aloisi.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your 2215/76/EC of 21 May 1945 and signal
9411 of 9 June 1945.

1. A report has been received from BMM Albania giving details concerning the charges against Luigi Aloisi, and is attached herewith.
2. Any further details received from Albania will be forwarded.
3. Please see this Headquarters' signal FX 91429 of 11 June addressed to BMM Albania repeated to you for information.

For Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. Jackman
Lt. Col.
T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.



Encl: copy of BMM/152 dtd 31 May

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C O P Y

Subject: Luigi ALIOSICONFIDENTIAL

British Military Mission Albania,
c/o HQ 54 Area.
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BMM/152

31 May 1945

To: C-5, AFHQ

Reference your HFP/j dated 19 May 45.

The following information has been obtained:

1. From the Legal Section of the Albanian Government. ALIOSI was a personal friend of General PARLANI and organised pro-fascist resistance in Albania prior to the Italian invasion in April 1939. He was also mainly responsible for organisation of Albanian resistance for the Italians in the war against Greece in 1942.

He has been a SIM agent and Manager of the Italian firm AGIP. His politics, activities and past statements have been Fascist. ALIOSI will be brought up for trial by the Albanian Military Courts in Tirana in the near future. He is at present held by the partisans in the New Prison Tirana.

2. Right Wing Albanian circles in Tirana have in every case confirmed the statements of the Albanian authorities given above.

3. An informative Italian source states that ALIOSI, who fought in the last war, was a well known high official of the Banca Italiana di Sconto. In 1928 he came to Albania as an official of AGIP. He obtained the post through his cousin Doctor QUARONI, now Italian ambassador in Russia. In 1932 ALIOSI became manager of AGIP. During the war he did not take an active part in politics and limited his work to his consular activities. After the Italian occupation in Sep 43 ALIOSI became President of the Italian Committee of Assistance in order to protect Italian property and interests in Albania. He opposed the German attempts to export Italians from Albania for forced labour in Germany. Source states that ALIOSI has assisted the partisans by providing transport and money. Following the confiscation of AGIP by the Albanian administration ALIOSI went on to retirement and was

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4. It is hoped that the above information is what you require.

(sd) C. A. S. PALMER,
Lt Col

for

Brigadier,
Commanding
British Military Mission
ALBANIA.

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To: FROM ALBANIA INFO ALCOM ROME

13 JUN 1945

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Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs reports LUIGI ALDOISI trial impending and fear ~~death~~ ^{death} sentence might result. The Italian Govt and the Vatican have requested efforts be made to effect release and repatriation of ALDOISI. Grounds are stated in Memorandum from Italian MFA dated 15 May forwarded to you under G5 letter 28 May.

For ALCOM. Your 9411 refers and further details coming by letter.

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LWS/hjp

10 June 1945

JUN 11 1945

Dear Dr. De Gasperi:

This will acknowledge receipt of your 1/1755 of 6 June 1945 bringing to the attention of the Chief Commissioner the case of Sig. Luigi Aloisi's arrest in Tirana by the Albanian Government.

Admiral Stone has taken a personal interest in this case and immediately communicated with AFHQ giving them all pertinent information and impressing upon them the extreme urgency of the present situation as it affected Sig. Aloisi's life.

As soon as a reply is received, the Chief Commissioner will communicate with you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

L. W. STARNES

Major, A.G.D.

Staff Officer to CC

H.E. Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

cc: Exec. Comm.
CA Sec.
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8-5, AFHQ

9411

9 June 45

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SUBJECT RELEASE AND REPATRIATION SIGNOR LUIGI ALOISI CMA FORMER ITALIAN
VICE CONSUL IN DURAZZO CMA ALBANIA CMA ARRESTED AND BEING HELD BY THE
ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT AT TIRANA PD ITALIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DE
GASPARI REPORTS THAT ALOISI IS SHORTLY TO UNDERGO TRIAL WHICH MAY INVOLVE
HIS LIFE PD THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT ALL POSSIBLE STEPS BE
TAKEN TO HAVE ALOISI IMMEDIATELY REPATRIATED PD

PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALCON SIGNED ADMIRAL STONE
CITE ACSEC PAREN

IN THIS REQUEST I CONCUR PD YOUR ATTENTION IS FURTHER INVITED TO LETTER
THIS HEADQUARTERS FILE TWO TWO ONE FIVE SLASH SEVEN SIX SLASH HQ DATED
TWO ONE MAY SUBJECT REPATRIATION OF ITALIANS FROM ALBANIA PD PARAGRAPH
TWO OF THIS LETTER DIRECTED TO GEORGE DASH FIVE REQUESTED ALOISIS RELEASE
AND REPATRIATION PD NO ANSWER HAS BEEN RECEIVED PD IMMEDIATE ACTION IS
NECESSARY AS INDIVIDUAL APOSTROPHE SUGAR LIFE MAY BE AT STAKE

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Translation

State Department
1/1755

Personal-Urgent

Rome, June 6th, 1945

Dear Admiral,

The offices of this Ministry have brought to your attention the case of Mr. Luigi ALOISI, arrested two months ago in Tirana by order of the Albanian Government.

Mr. Aloisi has been in Albania for over 17 years as official of the A.G.I.P. (Azienda Generale Italiana Petroli) he was appreciated by everybody and from 1936 to 1943, he fulfilled the charge of R. Vice-Consul in Durazzo.

In spite of our urgent requests, the Albanian Authorities have not been able to give us any guarantee about the fate reserved to Mr. Aloisi. It appears that the said person, though never examined before, is soon to be tried under the charge of activities exercised while he was Italian Vice-Consul in Durazzo.

I therefore beg you to take whatever action you will deem appropriate to save, at least, Aloisi's life.

Thanking you, I remain, my dear Admiral,

S. De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

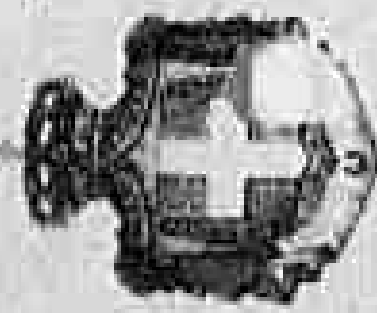
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

(Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission)

Subject: Evacuation of Italians from Albania.

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1. Memorandum DPR/13/5/C-II(IT) of May 26th states that "it has been proposed to evacuate by air from Albania to Italy not more than fifty Italian Nationals per month."

2. It is not clearly understood whether such proposal refers only to civilians or also to military personnel.

In the latter case, the proposal would be contrary to the agreements now in progress, according to which, as it is known, repatriation by sea of military personnel is going to be effected on a much wider scale.

3. If, instead, the above statement is dealing with the Italian civilian nationals now in Albania, such provision would be welcomed by the Italian Government, thus enabling repatriation of these civilians before completion of the operations of repatriation of military personnel.

4. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would much appreciate an explanation on the subject and are glad to communicate their full agreement and thanks, should the Allied proposal be accepted.

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Rome, June 4th 1945



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

JUN 8 1945

DFR/18/3/G-II (IT) Tel. 489081 Ext. 594

June 1945

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SUBJECT : Repatriation from Albania.

TO : C.A. Section (Attn: Lt. Col. BONHAM-CARTER)

Position of FX 80457 (we spoke).

1. On receipt of Signal (FX 80457) I immediately informed the Liaison Officer of It. Foreign Office Marchese Cittadini (24 May 1945). We obtained the verbal consent of It. Foreign Office within a few hours, and informed G-5 by telephone.

2. I followed this up with letter to It. Foreign Office (Copy attached) - No written reply received yet. (5 June 1945).

3. On receipt of FX 83371 (Copy to C.A. Sec). I asked G-5 if this cancelled FX 80457, and on receipt of F 85700 from A.F.H.C. (copy to C.A. Section) I notified Marchese Cittadini accordingly.

For the Director.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/18/2/G-II (IT)

Tel. 180081 Ext. 594.

26 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Evacuation of Italians from Albania.

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

1. It has been proposed to evacuate by air from Albania to Italy not more than fifty Italian Nationals per month. The method desired by A.F.H.Q. is that recommendations of the British Military Mission in Albania will be signalled to A.F.H.Q.

2. We shall be glad if you will agree to accept this proposal. In view of the urgency of the matter which we know you fully realise, we are sure you will give us your reply with the least possible delay.

For the Director : .

Sqn

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

Copy to: High Commissioner for War Refugees, Italian Gov't,
Piazza Micosia 1, Rome.

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FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACKED CITE FHGEG
TO : ALCOM ROME

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Signal FX 83371 to BMM ALBANIA does not cancel FX 80457 to
you. Arrangements to evacuate most urgent cases by air proceeding.
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Ref: 2215/87/EC.

29 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Mission in Albania.

TO : Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

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1. Reference is made to Ministry for Foreign Affairs memorandum 6/1394/628 of 20 May 1945 in which it is requested that Signor Leone Bastianini should proceed with Consul General Turcato on the Italian Mission to Albania.

2. While the Supreme Allied Commander will not at present give approval to the proposal to set up an unofficial Italian Mission at Tirana the matter is now under review and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be informed of any decision made.

Copy to: Marchese Cittadini-Cesi.

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From: AFHQ SICERO SACRED CITE PRIMO

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Reference conversation Brigadier HODSON.

Repatriation 500/6000 Italian civilians approved on assumption that these can be documented by general PICCHI and handled on same lines as military. Instructions GB 1-389.506/80-1 should generally be followed but appreciate that direct connection between group and loading not possible. Groups must be cleared for embarkation as shipping available. Number should be limited to 500 alternate days if possible provided shipping space is not sacrificed.

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29 MAY 1945
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Spoke Mr. Halford who advises no
action until he has found out whether
the Embassy has had an answer to
signal sent to F.O. on this subject.
See Min. 77. Jlt. 28/1/45. 50 .

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MAY 27 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Italian Mission in Albania: Signor Leone BASTIANINI.

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1. Reference is made to Memorandum 6/1079/493 of April 19th., 1945.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to inform the Allied Commission that with Consul General Turcato should also proceed to Albania Signor Leone BASTIANINI who will perform there clerical duties.

[Signature]

Rome, 20th., May, 1945

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Movement Italians ex Albania is the subject. B.M.M. recommendations
will be signalled to G-2 this HQ for not more than 50 rpt 50 per month
air evacuations.

Request permission be obtained Italian Govt. to accept at this rate
persons nominated by B.M.M.

Unstable political situation and lack of resources indicating delays
may cause starvation deaths. MESSENGER will concur on urgent cases arising
prior to agreement.

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Ref: 2215/76/EC.

Tel: 47822

21 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Albania.

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

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1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated 14 May 1945 and the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs has been notified of its contents.

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2. Attached hereto is copy of a memorandum from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, reference 6/1325/614 dated 15 May 1945. This deals with the alleged arrest of Italians by the Albanian authorities and makes a request for the Allied Mission at TIRANA to intervene on behalf of the arrested persons. It requests in particular for steps to be taken for the release and repatriation of Signor ALOISI.

3. It will be appreciated if you would take such action as is considered appropriate and notify us of it so that we can inform the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. Talbot

LT Col

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

Copy to: C.A. Sec.
Pol Adv (A)
Pol Adv (B)

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Ref: 2215/74/EO.

19 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Albania.

TO : Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

1. The Allied Commission acknowledges receipt of memorandum from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, reference 6/1328/614 dated 15 May 1945. Note is taken of request that the Allied Mission at Tirana should intercede with the Provisional Albanian Government in the interests of those persons of Italian nationality who it is alleged are being arrested.

2. This request is being referred to Allied Forces Headquarters for appropriate action. (48)

3. This opportunity is also taken to acknowledge receipt of memorandum 6/1300/602 dated 12 May 1945 and with reference to para 2 it is the understanding of the Allied Commission that the repatriation which has commenced is dealing only with military personnel. The Allied Commission's memorandum reference 2215/67/EO dated 18 May 1945 makes it clear that no permission has yet been received to commence the repatriation of Italian civilians. (44)

(Sgt) ESM

Copy to: Marchese Cittadini-Gesi

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Situation of Italians in Albania.

1. Reference is made to Memorandum 6/1300/03 of May 12th. and preceding Memoranda on the subject.
2. The Allied Commission is already aware of the extremely difficult situation in which thousands of Italians in Albania now find themselves owing both to the obstacles that hinder their repatriation and to the severe dispositions issued by the present Albanian authorities as regards Italian citizens and their property.

3. While the repatriation of Italian military personnel has begun in these days, thanks to the valid cooperation of the Allied authorities, the situation of Italian civilians has further deteriorated owing to the measures taken against them by the Albanian authorities: in fact already three directors of Italian firms (among whom Ingegnere Tarasconi, who has worked for 18 years in Albania in the oil industry), have been condemned to death and executed; a few dozen Italians have been detained now for months in prison on unknown charges and without being questioned; among them there is a military chaplain, a catholic priest, some directors of commercial firms and an official of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, V. Consul Luigi Aloisi, who has held a post at Durazzo and whose repatriation has been requested by the Ministry for official reasons; lastly some technicians of the Azienda Italiana Petroli Albanese have been recently tried and condemned.

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May 12th. and preceding Memoranda on the subject.

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4. According to a temporary agreement stipulated on March 14th. with the provisional Albanian Government, the latter should notify to the Italian Authorities the eventual arrests of Italians and the relative charge, and consent to their defence before the tribunals pursuant to the existing Albanian laws; but the protection of Italian citizens, which appears to be so necessary owing to the aforesaid peculiar situation, cannot be implemented on our part in account of the fact that the unofficial Italian Mission, in the journey of which the Allied Commission has been interested with Memorandum 5/1059/478 of April 17th. and 6/1079/493 of the 19th of the same month, has not been yet able to reach Tirana.

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See 76/30 p.t.o.

3. In these circumstances and in consideration of the pressing appeals received by the Italians in Albania and their relations in Italy, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, trusting that the Allied Authorities will fully appreciate the humanitarian grounds which underlie their action, earnestly request the Allied Commission to interest the Interallied Mission at Tirana in considering the possibility of intervening in favour of these Italian civilians whose life is often threatened for unjustified motives. In particular, it would be much appreciated if it were possible to release and repatriate at the earliest opportunity Signor Aloisi, owing both to the position held by him in the past, to his advanced age (he is over 60 years old) and to his precarious conditions of health.

Rome, 15th. May, 1945

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

14 May 1945

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Italians from Albania.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394. ✓

Reference your 2215/45/EC dated 21 April 1945 and 2215/56/EC of 30 April 1945.

36 1. The process of evacuating Italian military personnel from Albania has been started, and although it was temporarily suspended on account of an outbreak of small-pox, it is hoped to recommence evacuation almost immediately. Instructions have been issued for the evacuation to continue till all the Italian military personnel have been repatriated.

2. It is not considered expedient at this stage to arrange the evacuation of Italian civilians. They will be subject to the arrangements for Displaced Persons and their repatriation will be a matter for future action to fit in with the general plans for all Displaced Persons throughout the Theatre.

3. Regarding the proposal to set up unofficial Italian and Albanian missions in Tirana and Rome respectively, approval cannot be given at present. The presence of an Italian mission in Albania to supervise the evacuation of military at present taking place is considered unnecessary, since all arrangements have been made by the British Military Authorities. Further, the text of agreement between Enver Hoxha and Signor Mario Palermo has been referred to the Foreign Office by His Majesty's Embassy at Rome (Telegram 143 of 25 April). Until comment on this has been received from the Foreign Office, it is regretted that a decision cannot be given. It is suggested you keep in touch with the British Embassy in order to ascertain when a reply is received.

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for T. R. HENN,
Brigadier G.S.,
Deputy Asst Chief of Staff, G-5

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Subject: Registration of Firearms from Residents.

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1. Reference is made to Memorandum of the Allied Commission N. 2245/45 of April 1st concerning the repatriation of Italian soldiers and civilians from Albania.
2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to inform that pursuant to the agreements reached at Tirana on April 29th. between the British Military Mission, General Piccini and General Roxa the repatriation has begun from Durazzo harbour on May 2nd. The first convoy has arrived at Brindisi on the 5th. inst.
3. In forwarding this information the Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to thank the Allied Commission for their valid cooperation in this delicate question and they will be grateful if the latter in view of the urgent necessity of providing to the protection of Italian civilians in Albania, they will kindly grant as soon as possible the authorization for the journey to Tirana of an Italian mission.

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Sign N. 2215/13 20 of April 1945 concerning the repatriation of Italian soldiers and civilians from Albania.

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Rome, 12th. May 1945

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Ref: 2215/67/EO.

18 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Soldiers and Civilians from Albania.

TO : Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

1. With further reference to your memoranda, No. 6/1055/478 dated 17 April, and No. 6/1079/493 dated 19 April 1945, on the subject of the proposal to send an unofficial mission to Albania.

2. Yesterday, 14 May, a visit was received from Signor Palermo, Ministry of War, who further explained the purpose of this mission, as a result of which your views were further represented to Allied Force Headquarters. However, Allied Force Headquarters has decided today that the mission may not be despatched to Albania until the evacuation of military personnel, now proceeding, has been completed. This decision must be considered as final.

3. No decision has yet been given with regard to the repatriation of Italian civilians from Albania.

4. It is requested that Monsignor Nigris, Apostolic Delegate in Albania, be informed of the foregoing.

ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section (2215/58/EO dated 1 May refers)

Pol Adv (A)

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Marchese Cittadini-Cesi

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Notes on Meeting between Signor PALERMO,
Minister of War, and the Executive Commis-
sioner at 1200 hrs on 14 May 1945.

REPATRIATION FROM ALBANIA

1. The Minister of War wished to know the situation with regard to the repatriation of military and civilian personnel from ALBANIA. He was informed that AFHQ had agreed to the repatriation of military personnel forthwith, but the question of civilians was still under consideration by higher authority.
2. H.E. referred to the Italian Government's request to send an unofficial mission to ALBANIA and the Executive Commissioner agreed to press AFHQ for a decision and advise H.E. on 15 May. The purpose of this mission was said to be to select suitable civilians to replace military technicians such as bridge builders and others employed in reconstruction work.
3. Executive Commissioner, referring to the civilians, pointed out the difficulty of absorbing them at the present time and of their transportation. It should be recognized that in addition to movement of the Allied Armies, large numbers of IPW's and refugees had to be handled in the immediate future.
4. Executive Commissioner said that arrangements for the handling of returning IPW were working well but it was necessary to get the Italian Military District Commanders in place as soon as possible. The Prefects of MILAN and TURIN were assisting in arrangements for food and billeting.
5. H.E. referred to ten Italian doctors who were waiting at BRINDISI for permission to proceed to ALBANIA to carry out vaccination. Executive Commissioner undertook to enquire into this.
6. H.E. expressed his keen desire to go North to see conditions for himself. Executive Commissioner counselled patience and expressed the hope that this might soon be arranged.

14 May 45.

Thurston
Major.

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Ref: 2215/63/EC.

13 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Albania.

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

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With reference to my letters of 21 April and 30 April 1945,
I should appreciate it if you would let me know when you expect to
be in a position to give a decision on this matter.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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Ref: 2215/58/EC.

1 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Mission to ALBANIA.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has made a tentative proposal to send an unofficial mission to ALBANIA in connection with the question of repatriation dealt with in the Chief Commissioner's letter 2215/45/EC of 21 April 1945, copy to you. This mission includes the names of Signor TURCATO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Signor Alberto ROSSI, Lieut. Giorgio LASTRICARI and Prof. ROMANO.

2. It is desired that these persons be screened from a security standpoint and I am given to understand that in particular Prof. ROMANO may be found unsuitable. Will you please report as soon as possible.

/s/ E.S. MORDEN

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 2215/57/EC.

30 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Soldiers and Civilians from Albania.

TO : Apostolic Delegation in Albania, Rome.

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1. I am in receipt of your letter of 23 April 1945 and thank you for the details of the Mission which the Italian Government intends to send to Albania for the purpose of dealing with the preliminaries of repatriation of Italians from that country.

2. As you mentioned, I have received two letters from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on this subject which is one that must be referred to higher authority. As soon as a reply is received I will notify the Italian Government.

/S/

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

*Original letter destroyed.
Delegation return to Albania.
No mail service.*

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Ref: 2215/56/NO.

30 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Albania.

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

1. With reference to my letter of 21 April, reference 2215/45/NO, I attach hereto copies of letters from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Nos. 6/1059/478 dated 17 April and 6/1079/493 dated 19 April.

2. You will see from these that it is desired to despatch to Tirana an unofficial mission to handle the preliminaries to the repatriation of the military personnel and civilians dealt with in my letter referred to above.

3. You will no doubt consider this request in conjunction with the broader aspect of policy and I shall be glad to have your guidance as soon as possible.

/s/

MILTON W. STORM
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:

Incl 1 - Memo fr Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 6/1059/478, 17 Apr 45.

Incl 2 - Memo fr Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 6/1079/493, 19 Apr 45.

cc: Land Forces S/C, (MMIA)

Pol Adv (A).

Pol Adv (B).

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Apostolic Delegation to
in Albania

Rome, 28 April 1945

APR 30 REC'D

To Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
R. O. M. B.

I am most grateful for your kind welcome, and for your
taking in consideration the problems which I submitted to you.

I want to tell you that a proposal of the head of the
Italian Mission to Albania, the Foreign Office forwarded to the
(Political Section) the memorandums, one on April 17th (N. 6, 1945,
178) and the other, on the 25th (N. 6/1070/195).

The mission would include 4 members: in case there should
be some difficulty of a political character about any of them, I
thought that meanwhile, their Chief, Consul General Dr. UGO TURCATO,
reliable from every point of view, could be allowed to leave,
thus not to postpone any longer the protection of the Italians,
whose situation seems to be getting worse and worse.

As for the repatriation of the Italians, I can guarantee
that the greatest number is anti-communist, so that this shouldn't
cause any preoccupation; a longer delay might on the contrary be
dangerous, for it would irritate them and this would lead to no
good.

Trusting in your humanitarian feelings, I want to express
my gratitude and also that of all the Italians to whom they will
benefit.

Sincerely yours,

G. Mons. Leone G.B. Nigris
Archbishop Apostolic Delegate

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ACTION: EX COMM
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DELEGAZIONE APOSTOLICA
IN ALBANIA

APR 28 RECD

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Roma, 28 Aprile 1945

All'Illustrissimo Signor Ammiraglio STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata

R O M A

Le sono molto riconoscente per la Sua gentile accoglienza e per la Sua benevola considerazione dei problemi, che Le ho sottoposti.

Sono in grado di farLe conoscere che il Ministero degli Affari Esteri in relazione all'invio della Missione Italiana in Albania trasmise alla A.C. (Political Section) due memorandum, uno il 17 Aprile (N.6/1059/478) e l'altro il 19 successivo (N.6/1079/493).

La Missione sarebbe composta precisamente di 4 membri: se per qualcuno ci fosse qualche difficoltà di carattere politico, penso che intanto si potrebbe far partire il Capo di essa, Console Generale Dottor UGO TURCATO, uomo sicuro sotto ogni riguardo, e ciò per non ritardare oltre la tutela

degli Italiani, la situazione dei quali pare che vada peggiorando.

Quanto al rimpatrio degli Italiani posso assicurare che la massima parte è anticomunista, per cui non ci possono essere preoccupazioni a tale riguardo; invece potrebbe essere pericoloso un ulteriore ritardo, perché ne conseguirebbe una esacerbazione, che è sempre cattiva consigliera.

Confidando nel Suo alto senso di umanità, Le porgo l'espressione della massima riconoscenza da parte delle migliaia di Italiani che ne beneficiranno, e La prego di credere ai sensi della mia alta considerazione.

*mons. Leone G. B. Nigri
Sacerdote Delegato Apostolico*

Monsignor

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Ref: 2215/52/EO.

28 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Soldiers and Civilians from Albania.

TO : Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

1. Reference is made to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs memoranda Nos. 6/1079/493 and 6/1059/478 on the subject of the repatriation of civilians and troops from Albania.
2. The Allied Commission informs the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that both these matters were referred to in their letter reference 2215/46/EO dated 21 April 1945, from which it will be noted that they have been addressed to higher authority.
3. Further action must therefore be delayed until a reply is received by the Allied Commission.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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Immediate

Office of Executive Commission

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Italian Mission in Albania.

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1. Reference is made to Memorandum S/1033/473 of 17th inst. of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to inform that Lt. Giorgio LASTRICARI and Prof. ROMANO have been appointed members of the Italian Office in Albania, presided over by signor TURCATO.
3. The Ministry earnestly requests the Allied Commission to arrange that signor Turcato and the other personnel be afforded the necessary facilities in order to reach Tirana as soon as possible. In these days, in fact, General PICCINI and the Apostolic Delegate have pointed out that the presence of an Italian Representative in Albania, qualified to handle both the questions relating to the lists of soldiers to be repatriated and the general question of the status of Italian citizens in that country, is necessary and urgent. Many of these soldiers have been recently arrested on vague charges and without any serious reason and are liable to be executed, should nobody take interest in their fate, after summary and illegal trials.
4. In consideration of the foregoing humanitarian reasons the Italian Government intend sending to Tirana an unofficial Italian Mission and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs trust that the Allied Commission will afford all necessary facilities for an early transfer to Tirana of its members.

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Rome, April 19th 1945

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Repatriation of Italian soldiers and civilians from Albania.

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1. Reference is made to Memo. no 6/365/375 of March 28th.

2. Pursuant to the agreement recently reached between the Italian Undersecretary of State to War and the Albanian Authorities, the repatriation of Italian soldiers from Albania, envisaging about 20,000 men, will be implemented at an early date.

3. The formalities which regulate the application of the agreement and which, as may be deduced from its text, are somewhat complicated, are being carried out at present by General Piccini who will be recalled as soon as the first repatriations are under way and substituted (according to art. VII of the agreement) by an unofficial civil mission charged with the same duties and with the protection of Italian economic interests in Albania.

4. This mission will be formed by Signor Turcato, an official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Signor Alberto Rossi, secretary; an employee and an officer with whose names the Allied Commission will be acquainted in due course.

5. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be very grateful if the Allied Commission could kindly authorize the journey to Tirana of the aforesaid persons and interest the com-

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5. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be very grateful if the Allied Commission could kindly authorize the journey to Tirana of the aforesaid persons and interest the competent Authorities with a view to obtaining that they be accorded the necessary travel facilities.

Rome, April 17th 1945.



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20 April 1945

Ref: 2215/47/EC.

21 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Personnel in Albania.

TO : Major General L. Browning,
G.O.C.,
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA).

1. I refer to your letter of 29 March 1945 addressed to "AFHQ (through A.C.)", enclosing a copy of proposals made by Signor Palermo for the evacuation from Albania of Italian military and civilian personnel.

2. I feel bound to point out to you that you are not in order in addressing AFHQ on matters of policy affecting civilians. I am sure on reflection you will realise that it is for me to decide, after consultation with my Political Advisers and with my Economic and Civil Affairs Sections, whether or not to recommend to AFHQ the repatriation of civilians from former Italian colonial territory, including Albania.

Your letter of 29 March should have been addressed to me.

3. I enclose a copy of the letter which has been sent on this subject to G-5, AFHQ, and also of the Memorandum forwarded to the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

MILROY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:

Incl 1 - Ltr. to G-5, AFHQ,
2215/47/EC dtd 20 Apr 45.
Incl 2 - Memo to Ital Ministry for
Foreign Affairs, 20 Apr 45.

Ref: 2215/46/EC.

21 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Soldiers and Civilians from Albania.

TO : Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

1. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs memorandum number 6/856/575 enclosing a copy of the summary minutes of the conversation between H.M. the Undersecretary of State for War and Colonel General River Nodda has received close attention at this Headquarters.

2. Since the final decision on repatriation rests with the higher Allied military authorities, the memorandum has been referred to them.

3. An early reply is hoped for and will be communicated to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs as soon as it is received.

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

cc: G-5, AFHQ.
Land Forces S/C (MCLA).

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Ref: 2215/45/EC.

21 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Albania.

TO : Allied Forces Headquarters, APO 512
(Attn: G-5 Section)

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1. Reference is made to your letter HQAF/J dated 2 February 1945.
2. Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum from the Minister of Foreign Affairs dated 26 March 1945, together with its enclosure, the "Summary Minutes" of a meeting between General Enver Hoxha and Signor Palermo, Undersecretary of State for War.
3. The repatriation of Italian military personnel from Albania forthwith is recommended by Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMSA). I concur with the recommendation.
4. As regards the Ministry of Foreign Affairs proposal to repatriate approximately 10,000 civilians, on humanitarian grounds this cannot but have sympathetic consideration. However, the economic considerations which have governed the policy of repatriation of Italians from Africa apply equally to repatriation from Albania. These consist of feeding so large an addition to the population, the difficulty of finding employment and the complication of housing these refugees. You may also consider that any agreement to this repatriation from Albania would create a precedent which the Italian Government could use for requesting a similar course of action in regard to other countries.
- For these reasons I submit that the request for the repatriation of civilians from Albania should be refused at the present time, unless for political reasons it should be deemed advisable.
5. It is appreciated that the repatriation of Italians from Albania has in the past been considered undesirable in case the Italian Government might thereby become involved in granting recognition to the Provisional Albanian Government at a time when recognition has been withheld by the United States and British Governments. There is no indication from the Italian memorandum that such recognition has in fact been given and, although it is not clear from the terms of PAR 487 whether or not the Italian Government is now free to establish relations with Governments not yet recognized by the Allies, yet it could be pointed out to them that were they to accord any such recognition to General Enver Hoxha's Provisional Government, such an act would not be considered desirable by the Allied Governments.

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6. Copy of my letter to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is attached.

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

3 Incls:

Incl 1 - Memo fr Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 6/866/375, 26 Mar 45
(with incl "Summary Minutes")

Incl 2 - Ltr, Land Forces S/O (MMIA)
No. S/A/10/1, 29 Mar 45

Incl 3 - Memo to Ital Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 21 Apr 45

cc: Land Forces S/O, (MMIA)
Pol Adv (A), AC
Pol Adv (B), AC
Civ Aff Sec, AC

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Albania

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(Attn: G-5 Section)

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3. The repatriation of Italian military personnel from Albania (forthwith) is recommended by Land Forces Sub-commission (MLIA). ~~with~~ ^{1 can con} ~~the~~ ^{to} ~~recommendation~~.

4. As regards the Ministry of Foreign Affairs proposal to repatriate approximately 10,000 civilians, on humanitarian grounds ^{not} this can but have sympathetic consideration. However, the ^{economic} ~~political~~ considerations which have governed the policy of repatriation of Italians from North Africa apply equally to repatriation from Albania. ^{large consular} ~~Economic consular~~ ~~deviations~~ ~~of feeding~~ so large in addition to the population, the difficulty of finding employment and the complication of housing these refugees. You may also consider that any agreement to this repatriation ^{from Albania} would create a precedent which the Italian Government could use for requesting a similar course of action in regard to

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For these reasons I submit that the request for the repatriation of civilians from Albania should be refused at the present time ^{unless for political reasons it should be deemed} ^{advisable}.

5. It is appreciated that the repatriation of Italians from Albania has in the past been considered undesirable in case the Italian Government might thereby become involved in granting recognition

7. In parenthesis, if the British mission which went to Albania has rendered its report, I would like to be informed on it as it should provide interesting background on the conditions of the ~~country~~.

6. Copy of my letter to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is attached.

MILVY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

- 3 Incls:
Incl 1 - Memo fr Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 6/366/375, 26 Mar 45 (with incl "Summary Minutes")
Incl 2 - Ltr, Land Forces S/C (MIA), No. S/4/10/1, 29 Mar 45
Incl 3 - Memo to Ital Ministry for Foreign Affairs, — Apr 45

cc: Land Forces S/C, AC
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Civ Aff Sec, AC

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Soldiers and Civilians from Albania
TO : Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs memorandum number 6/366/375 enclosing a copy of the summary minutes of the conversation between H.E. the Undersecretary of State for War and Colonel ^{Scavini} Hoxha has received close attention at this Headquarters.

2. Since the final decision on repatriation rests with the higher Allied military authorities, the memorandum has been referred to them.

An early reply is hoped for and will be communicated to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs as soon as it is received.

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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MILTON M. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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*Copy to: US
Land Forces.*

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Ref: 2215/EC.

17 April 1945.

Subject: Italian Personnel in Albania.

To: Major General L. BROWNING,
G.O.C.,
Land Forces Sub Commission (LMIA).

1. I refer to your letter of 29 March addressed to "AFHQ (through A.C.)", enclosing a copy of proposals made by Signor Palermo for the evacuation from Albania of Italian military and civilian personnel.

2. I feel bound to point out to you that you are not in order in addressing AFHQ on matters of policy affecting civilians. ^{It is for me to decide, after consultation with my Political Advisers and with my Economic and Civil Affairs Sections, whether or not to recommend to AFHQ the repatriation of civilians from former Italian colonial territory, including Albania.}

Your letter of 29 March should have been addressed to me.

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The conditions ruling in Albania are similar to a great extent to those ruling in East Africa and it is considered that the decision taken with regard to East Africa must apply to Albania.

The conditions which supported the decision were:

- (a) Mass repatriation should not be carried out so long as hostilities are continuing.
- (b) The housing problem already difficult in Italy, should not be further complicated by an influx of 10,000 to 15,000 refugees and repatriates.
- (c) Conditions as regards employment and food are probably no better in Italy than they are in Albania.
- (d) To avoid creating a precedent which the Italian Government could use for demanding repatriation from other countries which it is desired to avoid at the present time.

While conditions existing in Albania are not fully known, it is to be remembered that AFHQ have sent instructions to the British Mission attached to the HQ of General Hoxha (Albania) to investigate and report and it is advisable to wait for the report. It is suggested that AFHQ be written to and asked when this Report might be expected.

The humanitarian grounds apply equally to East Africa and other places and I am of opinion that repatriation from Albania should be refused at the present time.

18 April

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/18-3/G-II (IT)

16 April, 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Albania.

17 APR 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: V.P. C.A. Section, H.Q., A.C.

Reference your 6/13.1/C1 dated 3 April, 1945.

1. The question of repatriation of these civilians (upwards of 10,000) has reached the following point:-

(a) A.F.H.Q. (G-5) stated (2 February) that there is a small British Mission attached to the Military Headquarters of Colonel General HOXHA (Albania), and that instructions have been issued to that Mission to explore the matter and report.

(b) A.F.H.Q. also stated that the position is complicated by unwillingness to recognise the authorities currently in control in ALBANIA as the Government.

(c) The British and American Political advisors attached to this Headquarters recommend the repatriation on humanitarian grounds, while the American Political advisor adds political grounds as well, both agree that any action on our part must not be taken which would involve recognition of the ENVER HOXHA administration as being the legal ALBANIAN Government (April, 1945).

(d) The Italian High Commissioner for War Refugees has been warned of the possibility of the return of these refugees, as that administration will, in all probability, have to handle them if they arrive in Italy.

2. (a) In the light of the above only, repatriation would appear to be desirable on humanitarian grounds, and also on political grounds with certain reservations.

(b) However, this repatriation, if it took place, would in all probability flood the country with refugees.

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(c) Further, repatriation of large numbers of civilians - as this would be - creates a precedent and opens the way to other countries abroad demanding like repatriation (for example East Africa with its 25,000.)

3. In any case the final decision rests with A.F.H.Q. In the circumstances we do not recommend the repatriation.

For the Director.

(F. J. Fothergill)

F. J. FOTHERGILL,
Lieut. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

Tel Ext 341

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. ~~2215/EC~~

2 April 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO : Civil Affairs Section, Hq, AC

1. Land Forces Subcommission has received the attached proposal concerning the return of Italian military personnel from Albania.

2. It will be noted that in addition to the military (of which Land Forces S/c recommends approval), there is a large block of civilians that are involved in the proposed movement.

3. Your comments and recommendation are desired by the Executive Commissioner. May this matter please be treated as urgent?

1 Incl.
as above

Chief Staff Officer,
To Acting Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces S/c.

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SUBJECT: Italian personnel in ALBANIA

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/A/10/1
29 March 45

TO : AFHQ (through A.C.)

1. Ref para 5 of A.C. letter 800/EC of 26 March, herewith MARIO PALERMO's proposals for the evacuation from ALBANIA of Italian Military and civilian personnel.
2. In accordance with Allied policy over the last several months, I recommend that this repatriation be implemented.

L. Browning
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: G(SD)

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TRANSLATION

From: Under Secretary of State for War

Ref: 537L/SS.06.IV

To : Gen BROWNING, GOC MIA

Date: 24 March 45

SUBJECT: Italian Military Personnel in Albania

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 - (1) All military personnel (including those incorporated in the "GRASCI" Brigade and in the two Batteries stationed at Tirana) and sick personnel.
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 - (3) All remaining civilians.
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- (e) The Albanian Government will inform the Italian Government the categories of specialized men together with the number of men required of each category whom they will consider necessary to retain for the reconstruction of the country.

The Albanian Government agrees that the Italian Government may replace specialists remaining in Albania and who desire to be repatriated, with other specialists of the same category.

Italian workers remaining in Albania or those who go there from Italy will be in possession of a regular working contract in which their pay will be shown. The clauses of this contract will be made out with the agreement of both parties.

I shall be grateful to hear your proposals with regard to the practical carrying out of the repatriation in question.

/s/ Mario PALERMO

NOTE

The points above are the same as those made in letter from MFA dated 26 Mar 45 file 20, file 18/3/G-2 (IT).

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Ref. 800/EC

26 March 1945

SUBJECT: Signor PALERMO, Italian Government Under-Secretary of State for War.

TO : G-5 AFHQ

Ref. AFHQ letter file G-5: 300.4-4 dated 21 March 45, subject as above.

1. In so far as this Headquarters is concerned, the matter of Palermo's unauthorized visit to Albania has been thoroughly investigated. In brief, there is no record of any specific authority ever having been given by this Headquarters for such a visit. Originally, an Air Forces Sub-Commission operational report disclosed that such a trip had been made. Accordingly, a full investigation was immediately instituted.
2. On 22 February 45 the former Political Section received a memorandum from the Minister of Foreign Affairs stating that within the next few days it was expected Signor Palermo would ask MMIA for permission, etc., for a brief journey to Tirana (see incl 1). The Political Section referred the memorandum to Land Forces Sub-Commission MMIA, and it was agreed that any expression of opinion on the proposed trip would be reserved until such time as the Minister of War directly approached MMIA (see incl 2). However, no such formal request was ever received by MMIA from the Minister of War and thus the matter was allowed to stand with no further following up.
3. Meanwhile, however, Air Forces Sub-Commission on 4 March 45 had received directly from the Italian Air Ministry a request for air transport facilities to be extended to Palermo in order that he might undertake an important Tirana trip (see incl 3). Believing that official permission for the trip had been settled on a much higher level, Air Forces Sub-Commission arranged to facilitate the passage. The request was accordingly referred to the Balkan Air Forces Movement Section (see incl 4), where, eventually, aircraft was provided for the trip.
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regard to this plan is being held up pending the return of Major General Brown-
ing the la tter part of this week.

6. In order to help prevent recurrence of similar incidents, the Civil
Affairs Section, this Headquarters, has prepared and submitted to your Section a
plan for processing trip requests of Italian officials.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

5 Incls.
as above.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA)
Air Forces Sub-Commission
Liaison Division.

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TRANSLATION

From Under Secretary of State for War Ref 5371/SS.3.6.IV
To Gen BROWNING, GOC MMIA Date 24th March 45
Subject; Italian Military Personnel in Albania

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Italian workers remaining in Albania or those who go there from Italy will be in possession of a regular working contract in which their pay will be shown. The clauses of this contract will be made out with the agreement of both parties.

I shall be grateful to hear your proposals with regard to the practical carrying out of the repatriation in question.

/s/ Mario PALERMO

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

6/866/375

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Repatriation of Italian soldiers and civilians from Albania.

1. With reference to Memorandum 6/618/270 of February 28th and to previous Memoranda on the subject, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to forward herewith enclosed copy of the summary minutes of the conversations which have taken place at Tirana between the Albanian Authorities on the one side and the Italian Undersecretary of State for War, Signor Palermo, on the other.
2. These conversations, as may be deduced from the minutes, remained strictly confined to the question of the repatriation of Italian soldiers and civilians from Albania.
3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, with particular reference to the Allied Commission's Memo.P/370/385 of March 3rd, beg to draw the Allied Commission's close attention to the paragraphs II and IV of the enclosed minutes, warmly requesting them to interest the competent Allied Authorities in granting the necessary means for the transport of the Italians from the Albanian to the Italian ports. Should the Allied Authorities consider it convenient, the Transport might be carried out by same convoys destined to repatriate the "Garibaldi" Division.
4. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs trust that the Allied Commission will do all in their power to render possible the implementing of the aforesaid repatriation, and they would much appreciate an early reply on the matter.

Rome, March 26th 1945.

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SUMMARY MINUTES

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OF THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE AT TIRANA ON THE DAYS 10, 11, 12 and 14th of MARCH 1945 BETWEEN H.E. GENERAL ENVER HOXHA AND THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR, SIGNOR PALERMO.

H.E. GENERAL ENVER HOXHA

AND

H.E. THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR, SIGN. PALERMO

firmly convinced of the necessity that the traditional relations of esteem and friendship between the Italian and Albanian people, unfortunately interrupted in recent years owing to the nefarious Fascist policy, universally disavowed by the Italian people, be re-established in the common interest.

convinced furthermore that in order to favour the reestablishment of such relations it is necessary to solve since now in a friendly spirit those questions which, for their urgency, cannot be postponed to the time in which it will be possible to definitely settle Italo-Albanian relations:

have agreed as follows:

1. - The Albanian Government agree to the proposal advanced by H.E. the Undersecretary of State for War, Signor Palermo, of repatriating all Italians residing at present in Albania, except for the Italian firms and for those experts who are indispensable for the reconstruction of the country.

2. - The repatriation will be carried out by groups, beginning from April 15th, in the following order:

a) All military personnel (including those belonging to the "Gramsci" Brigade and to the two batteries stationed at Tirana) and invalids;

b) A group of about 10,000 civilians (including their families);

c) The remaining civilians.

3. - The nominative list of repatriates will be communicated as soon as possible by General Piccini to the Albanian Government.

4. - The detailed agreements as regards the ports of embarkation, the transport, etc. will be settled as soon as possible. The necessary means of transport will be furnished by the Italian Government.

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5. - The repatriates will be authorized to take with them all their belongings, house-hold goods and personal effects.

6. - The Albanian Government will communicate to the Italian Government the categories of experts, and, for every category, the number of persons considered necessary for the reconstruction of the country.

7. - The Albanian Government agree to that the Italian Government should substitute the experts destined to remain in Albania and who may wish to repatriate, with other experts of the same category.

8. - The Italian workers left in Albania or arrived from Italy will be employed under a regular contract which will also fix their pay. The terms of the contract will be established by common agreement. The workers will be authorized to correspond with Italy, and, in the limits laid down by the contract, to return at intervals to Italy for technical or family reasons.

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11. - The Italian Government undertake to consider the means of purchasing, in the limits of their possibilities, goods in Albania in exchange of Italian goods.

12. - The Italian Government will send to Tirana an unofficial mission, charged with handling in their name all the questions which may rise, in the future, and the Albanian Government will send to Rome a similar mission. The missions have the purpose of serving as direct link of communication between the two Governments.

(TRANSLATION)

From: Under Secretary of State for War.

Ref 5374/82.c.6.IV

To: Gen BROWNE, GOC NWIA

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Ref. 800/EC.

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For the Chief Commissioner :

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Acting Executive Commissioner

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Land Forces Sub-Commission (MFA)
Air Forces Sub-Commission
Liaison Division.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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2 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian subjects from Albania.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Political Section).

Reference your letter F/370/385 dated 29 January 1945.

1. Action with a view to the evacuation of Italian nationals from Albania is complicated by unwillingness to recognize the authorities currently in control in Albania as the government.

2. There is at present a small British Mission attached to the military headquarters of Colonel General Hoxha, and instructions have been issued to it to explore the matter and to report.

For Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

/s/ H. E. HERBERT
/t/ H. E. HERBERT,
Colonel,
Balkans Section

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Ext: 388

Ref: 2215/CCS

23 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Repatriation to Italy of Medical Officer Brunchi Vittorio.
TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

The attached correspondence, which was handed to this Office by a representative of C-5 Section, AFHQ, is forwarded to you. Will you please pass it to the Director of the LPW Sub-Commission, to whom it should have been addressed in the first instance instead of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

Major E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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

DPR/3/C-II (IT) Tel: 489081 Ext: 594. 19th December 1944.

SUBJECT : Repatriation to Italy of
 Medical Officer BRUSCHI Vittorio.

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

1. Enclosed herewith are copies of letters relative to the a/m repatriation.
2. Your reply is requested in regard to security and concurrence.

For the Directors:

James F. Sullivan
for: C.A. OLIVER,
 Lt. Colonel,
 G-1 Italian.

Capt.

Copy to : High Commissioner for War Refugees, Italian Govt.

Encl : Memo from M.M.I.A. dated 15 Dec enclosing:
 Letter from Ministry of War, dated 6 Dec '44. (Ref 303911/2/OA)
 (Translation to you).

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

ROMA P.M. 3800, 6 December 1944.

Prot. No: 306911/2/GA.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (ROMA)
(Attn: Lt. Col. Campbell).

SUBJECT: Medical Officer,
BRUSCHI Vittorio.

The a/m Medical Officer who was at Valona (Albania) when the armistice was signed, joined the partisans (with which he still is) to fight against the Germans.

Recently an English officer brought me a letter from Lieut. Bruschi who writes that he is very ill, suffering many months from rheumatism and colitis with hemorrhoidal haemorrhage.

He is under the Komanda e Stabit Zones i Valona, Argirocastro (Albania). I will be very grateful to this Sub-Commission, if they would signal ~~this~~ this case to the Allied Authorities in Albania, so that the a/m officer could be repatriated.

sgd. The Undersecretary of War.

MEMO FROM M.M.I. (9)

TO: Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, A.C. (2)

Att letter is passed to you for necessary action, please.
If arrangements can be made for this officer to be repatriated, the
Ministry of War are prepared to re-employ him in the Italian Army.

Sgd.

S.P. ARCHER Capt.,
for Maj.General,
M.M.I.A.

15th December 1944.