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REPATRIATION FROM ALBANIA
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CSO ✓

Ex. Sec.

Minor amdt. 1×2

The British Emby. have also received a copy of the note at pp. 139, 140. I expect it will be forwarded to London, but there is little else we can do, since it seems that very soon there may not be any British representation in Albania either.

I agree with the M.F.A.'s note might usefully be copied to Office C. AFHQ

2/10/44

[illegible]
M. Ass. (Pol.)

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A/C.C.

CSO Letter at 144 for signature ~~by Sec~~ please
This is action on p 141. See m's 143 & 144. J.K.S. 4/4

[illegible] 5/4.

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OSO.

Ref p.115. I understand that Major Hartmen, DP, has already handled this. Let him report results.

MSL. 5/2.

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Ex Comm.

Ref para 4 at 120. See action by Maj Hartmen at 118. See also at 119 (3)

H.S. 6/2

Letter now issued to AFHQ. DP MS/7/2

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A/l.c.

~~AFHQ~~

Ex Comm. may wish to see BMM Albania's further signal at 126.

H.S. 12/2 CBT 11/2

MS/13/2.

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~~AFHQ~~ Ex Comm:-

Ref 128 - letter at 129 submitted for signature if approved. Ref para 3 - US & Brit Embassies at the moment have no representation in Albania since Albania is being very difficult.

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H.S. 13 HBT 24/2

Tell the MFA what we have done:-

MS/2/3

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Le Comm. may wish to [illegible]
further inquiry at 126. Hf. 1/2 CB 1/2

TT/13/2.

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Ltr Comm:-
~~Aftn~~ Ref 128 - Letter at 129 submitted for signature if approved. Ref para 3 - US & Brit Embassies at the moment have no representation in Albania since Albania is being very difficult.

131. Hf. #3 HBJ 28/2

Tell the MFA what we have done.

TT/2/3

142.

Polad 'A'
'B' May I please have your views on folio 141.

Alb 2/3

Ltr. Comm.-

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The U.S. Embassy rec'd. a copy of this note (fol. 4) & is reporting it to Washington. I assume similar communication went to British Embassy. I should merely ack. to St. Govt. saying contents have been noted. You may wish to send copy of Ital. memo (fols. 139 & 140) to AFHQ for information.

Apr. 2/46

J. Wesley Jones - Polad (A)

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(110)

Memo at (109) submitted for approval.
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs request
is at (94): AFHQ approval is given at (108).
In view of para 3 of (108) I have sent
copies of correspondence to Comm. S/C.

[signature] 26/10.

[signature] 26/10.

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C.S.O. (Exlon.
112 ~~for Exlon~~. in reply to ~~this~~ 111.

[signature] 1/12.

[signature] 1/12

115.

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A/CSO [signature] 1/12
Re see 115 for info. Dispers have it
all in hand and will keep us
informed. There is an additional
signal from AFHQ copy of which
I am getting for this file.

[signature] 1/12

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Ex.Com.
E.S.O. 112 ~~for Ex Com~~. in reply to ~~this~~ 111.

EBS 1/12

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A/CSO H.J. 42

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EBS 1/2

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A/CSO

Ref mem 116 & CC's & Ex C's comments on CC's copy of 115 (attd.)

1) Re 117 is the copy of AFHQ Signal referred to in mem 115: it does not much affect the issue

2) Re 118 is the report of Major Hartman's visit of yesterday

3) LtCol Hathaway is preparing a draft for CC's sig. to A.F.H.Q.

C/C Note & act → 4) Will send copies of 115, 117 & 118 to Embassies Done CL. 1/2

EBS 1/2

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Ref : 2218/157/30

17 May 1946

SUBJECT: Italians in Albania.

TO : The Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

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With reference to your letter no. 6/1635 dated 6 April 1946, I have to advise you that since the withdrawal of the British Military Mission from Albania on 5 April 1946 there has been no British representative in that country.

An American Mission has been established in Tirana and it is suggested that recommendations are therefore made to the American Embassy by you on behalf of Italians in Albania.

For the Chief Commissioner,

A. W. Kniely.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: United States Embassy.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5 : 014.33-67 23 May 1946

SUBJECT: Italians in Albania.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 794.

MAY 27 1946

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Reference your letter 2218/152/EC of 12 April with enclosure 6/1635 IMFA of 6 April 1946.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

for A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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PHT/fb

Ref.2218/155/SC 13 May 1946

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian from Albania.

TO : G-5 AFHQ

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Reference our letter 2218/152/SC of 12 April with enclosure 6/1635 IMFA of 6 April 1946 and hastener of 29 April 1946.

May this office be informed of what reply may be given to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

P. H. TUBBARD

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HT/eb

Ref:2218/154/30

29 April 1946

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Albania

TO : G-5 AFHQ

Reference our letter 2216/152/30 of 12 April with enclosure 6/1635 IMFA of 6 April 1946.

May this office be informed of what reply may be given to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER

P. H. TINNARD

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Commissioner
Liaison Division PHT/eb
APO 394

Ref: 2218/153/EC 11 April 1946

TO: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Reference your 6/1635 dated 6April 1946

Your letter has been forwarded for consideration to G-5 AFHQ and necessary action will be taken.

P. H. TUNNARD

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

See 148.152

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FMT/eb

Ref: 2218/152/HD 12 April 1946

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Albania

TO : G-5 AFHQ

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The enclosed from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is forwarded to you for your attention. Could this office be informed of what reply may be given to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

D. H. TOLLARD
Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

Encl: ltr 6/1635 fr DEA of 6 April 1946

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PWT/sb

Ref: 221/151/80 11 April 1946

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Missionary Fathers in Albania.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Reference your 6/344/438 of 26 February 1946 and 6/369/195 of 7 February 1946.

The following information has been received from AMG:

1. Reference repatriation of Missionary Fathers in Albania, Giovanni Parmasso, Mario Penna, and Luigi Bettiol of the s/s organization, left Durazzo on 24 February for Brindisi on USSTA ship.

2. Reference Sgt Major Vittorio Morelli and the balance of Missionary Fathers, any information received will be transmitted to you promptly.

P. H. TUNNARD
Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

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WFE/eb

Ref: 2218/150/E

11 April 1946

SUBJECT: Capt. Achille Sinopoli.

TO : Chief Liaison Officer
HQ Lombardia
Liaison Group

Reference your LOMB/CLO/24 of 7 February 1946.

It has been reported that Captain Achille Sinopoli left Albania for Italy 24 March on UNRRA ship. May this information be passed to the Mayor of Milan.

D. H. TUNNARD
Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383-1 3 April 1946

APR 9 1946

SUBJECT: Italians in Albania

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 374.

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References: a. 997/233/EC, dated 8 February 1946
b. 997/247/EC, dated 19 February 1946
c. 2218/129/EC, dated 2 March 1946

1. The above referenced letters deal with Italians in Albania; viz

a. Sergeant Major MARELLI
b. Captain Achille SIMOPOLI
c. Repatriation of Missionary Fathers in Albania

2. It has been reported that Captain Achille SIMOPOLI left Albania for Italy 24 March on UNRRA ship, and that Giovanni FARINASSO, Mario PENZA, and Luigi BETTIOL, of the Missionary Fathers left Durazzo on 24 February for Brindisi on UNRRA ship.

3. Inquiry will be made in the case of the balance of Missionary Fathers and also Sergeant Major MARELLI. Any information acquired will be transmitted to you promptly upon receipt.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. WAMBLIS
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

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Rome, April 6th, 1946

APR 9 1946

Dear General Lush,

I beg to draw your kind attention upon the following urgent matter.

As you are well aware, the situation of Italian citizens in Albania has become particularly serious after the departure from that country of the Apostolic Delegate.

Recently three Italian engineers, who had asked to be allowed to repatriate, were forbidden to move from Albania by the Government of that country although the firms of which they were managers had been confiscated. The three above mentioned Italian subjects decided therefore to escape to Italy and were successful in their attempt.

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Since the news which have reached this Ministry concerning the situation of Prof. Venanzio Lozzi are the cause of great concern and since it is believed that the British Mission in Tirana thought highly of Prof. Lozzi, may I ask you to be so kind as to request the intervention of the above named Mission on behalf of Prof. Lozzi's liberation? It seems that Gen. Hodson and Major Smith in Caserta would be the proper authorities to deal in this matter.

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With many thanks in advance I remain, dear General Lush,

Yours sincerely

P. Pumet

General S.M. LUSH
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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(Capt. K).

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Ref: 2218/146/EC

4 April 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for your letter no. 71/2597/C of 23 March 1946 enclosing a copy of a "note verbale" in relation to the existing situation of the population and Italian interests in Albania.

I have passed copies to the American and British Embassies for their information.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH
Brig.
A/C.e.

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Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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Ref: 2218/145/80

3 April 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Interests in Albania.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

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For the Chief Commissioner,

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. No. 71/2597/C.

THE MINISTER.

Rome, 23 March, 1946.

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Dear Admiral,

I enclose a copy of a 'note verbale' in relation to the existing situation of the population and Italian interests in Albania, which, as you will see, are today completely at the mercy of the Local Authorities. This situation troubles the Italian Government, who have done their best to set it on a reasonably normal footing, and is instead compelled to denounce it.

The Italian Government cannot remain indifferent to the misfortunes of many thousands of compatriots, and intends to discuss the matter in the appropriate Offices, at the appropriate time.

With regards,

Yours truly,

(s) De Gasperi.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

(MR)

ECDIST - 25 Mar

ACTION - EC
INFO - CC

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see MH2 to HH.147
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POLAD 'B'

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
No. 71/2522/C

VERBAL NOTE.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour of bringing to your attention the unlawful proceedings and methods of oppression lately perpetrated by the present Government of Tirana, to the detriment of Italian Nationals as well as Italian Bodies in Albania.

It is well-known that no state of war exists between Italy and Albania. Nevertheless, after the liberation of Albania from Nazi occupation, the position of the Italians, who had already suffered so much under the Nazi regime, became worse. The treatment used against approximately t wenty thousand soldiers who succeeded in escaping from the Germans, and a great part of whom have generously and valiantly fought side by side with the Albaniens, has become worse. A great many civilians and several officers have been exposed to oppressive measures, such as arrests for trifling or inexisting reasons, requisitions and confiscations of goods, obligatory work which has often not even been paid for.

In June 1945 an agreement was reached between the Head of the Albanian Army and an Italian Delegation, whereby it became possible to initiate, despite the obstacles interposed by the Authorities of Tirana, the repatriation of a great many Italians. Besides this the Agreement also established provisions relative the treatment of Italians: but the Albanian Government f ailed to comply with these provisions.

Many Italians were not allowed to leave Albania, though it had been agreed that the Albanian Government had authority to retain only a certain number of experts and specialists. Many physicians are still there, and are treated inadequately by comparison with their Albanian colleagues. Numerous Italian citizens and officers are still inprisoned without being charged of anything, while others have already been prosecuted and charged unfairly. Some were sentenced to death for sabotage. And, in spite of the fact that it was provided for by a special clause in the agreement, it was never possible to obtain a list of those arrested, or know the reasons why such action had been taken against them.

Italian citizens returning to their country were not allowed to take with them their furniture, clothing etc., and they were thoroughly searched before embarcation, which resulted in confiscation of money and personal effects, and sometimes ended with the arrest of the person in question.

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The technicians and experts were not allowed to send money home to their families, or be substituted by other workers coming from Italy. The obligations assumed by the Albanian Government to fulfil the labour contracts were never maintained, and several Italians were dismissed without obtaining payment due to them.

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The firms, some of which have willingly and efficiently cooperated in reconstruction work, were heavily taxed, and if payment was not made the proprietors or managers were arrested. The Italian Mission which was sent to Tirana in July 1945, tried to induce the Albanian Government to be lenient towards those so severely tried by the vicissitudes of war. But it was useless, and the activity of the Mission was abruptly suspended.

Since then the persecution of Italians has increased.

The confiscation and sequestration of properties belonging to the Italian State went on, and was extended to private firms. In an amazingly short time the managers and personnel were fired, their homes taken from them, and they were left with little clothing and no money. Some of them were temporarily arrested and treated disgracefully. Among the people to be repatriated, were about one hundred catholic monks, priests and nuns. The monks were arrested, and tried at Scuteri, under charges of having committed terroristic activity against the State. Some of them were sentenced to death.

There are two to three thousand Italians in Albania today. Their fate is a cause of great anxiety to the Italian Government, and to their families in Italy. The unlawful proceedings and the oppressive methods used by the Albanians damage both the workers and the undertakers , who have contributed with their labour and savings, to the civil and economic progress of Albania, as well as the Italians who fought side by side with the partisan troops for the liberation of Albania, whose work, both in the economic and military fields,-the Italian Government reserves the right to supply documentation.

The Italian Government considers it their duty to denounce these methods and proceedings which are in sharp contrast with the most elementary principles of humanity and friendship among peoples.

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

IL MINISTRO

N. 71/3597/C

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Roma, li 23 Marzo 1946

Signor Ammiraglio,

Le invio qui unita copia di una nota verbale, relativa all'attuale situazione dei cittadini e degli interessi italiani in Albania che, com'Ella vedrà, sono oggi in completa balia delle autorità locali. Tale situazione preoccupa vivamente il Governo italiano, il quale ha tentato invano ogni mezzo in suo possesso per cercare di avviarla verso una ragionevole normalità, ed è oggi costretto a denunciarla nella sua dolorosa crudità.

Il Governo italiano non può mostrarsi indifferente alla presente offesa di parecchie migliaia di connazionali e si riserva di tornare sulla questione, ad ogni fine utile, a momento opportuno e nella sede più appropriata.

Voglia, signor Ammiraglio, credere mi sensi della mia alta considerazione.

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AMMIRAGLIO ELLERY W. STONE
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

N. 71/2522/C

NOTA VERBALE

Il R. Ministero degli Affari Esteri ha l'onore di attirare l'attenzione di codesta Rappresentanza sui procedimenti illegali e sui metodi di sopraffazione perpetrati, specie in questi ultimi tempi, dal presente Governo di Tirana ai danni dei cittadini e degli enti italiani in Albania.

Come noto, fra l'Italia e l'Albania non esiste stato di guerra. Ciononostante, dopo la liberazione dell'Albania dall'occupazione nazista la situazione degli Italiani, che durante la dominazione tedesca avevano già crudelmente sofferto, è andata via via peggiorando. Particolarmente severo è stato, in generale, il trattamento usato a circa 20 mila militari, che erano riusciti a sottrarsi alla cattura da parte dei tedeschi e di cui buona parte aveva generosamente e valorosamente combattuto a fianco delle forze partigiane albanesi. Nello stesso tempo alcune migliaia di civili e numerosi Ufficiali si sono visti esposti a misure vessatorie, quali arresti per motivi futili e inesistenti, requisizioni e confische di beni, imposizione di lavoro obbligatorio, spesso neppur retribuito o retribuito irrisoriamente.

Nel giugno 1945, essendo stato raggiunto un accordo fra il Capo dell'Esercito albanese e una Delegazione italiana, fu possibile iniziare, pur fra continui ostacoli frapposti dalle Autorità di Tirana, il rimpatrio di gran parte degli Italiani. Con il medesimo accordo erano state fissate, oltre alle modalità del rimpatrio, anche quelle per il trattamento in genere degli Italiani; senonchè il Governo albanese venne meno a quasi tutti gli impegni assunti.

Molti Italiani non furono lasciati partire, sebbene fosse stato convenuto che il Governo albanese aveva solo facoltà di trattenere, per i bisogni della ricostruzione, un certo numero di tecnici e di specialisti civili. Dovettero rimanere, fra gli altri, alcune decine di medici che prestano tuttora la loro opera in condizioni di grave disagio e di patente inferiorità di fronte ai sanitari albanesi. Nume-

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loro contestato alcun addebito, mentre altri furono processati e condannati con procedimenti sommari. Ad alcuni è stata inflitta la condanna capitale sotto la speciosa e vaga accusa di sabotaggio. Nè fu mai possibile, malgrado ciò fosse previsto da una precisa clausola dell'accordo, ottenere l'elenco degli arrestati e conoscere il motivo dei provvedimenti presi a loro carico.

Ai cittadini italiani rimpatrianti è stato generalmente impedito, sempre in violazione dello stipulato accordo, di portar seco gli averi, le masserizie e gli indumenti. All'atto dell'imbarco essi dovettero subire minuziose perquisizioni, eseguite nei modi più offensivi e arbitrari, con la conseguenza di innumerevoli confische di denaro, di effetti di stretta necessità e di oggetti personali e conclusesi talora con l'arresto della persona perquisita.

I tecnici e gli specialisti, sottoposti ad un regime di lavoro obbligatorio, non hanno potuto ottenere di effettuare rimesse alle famiglie, nè essere sostituiti con altri lavoratori provenienti dall'Italia. L'impegno assunto dal Governo albanese relativo alla stipulazione di regolari contratti di lavoro è rimasto lettera morta; e non pochi Italiani, che erano alle dipendenze di aziende confiscate o sequestrate, sono stati licenziati senza che si facesse luogo alle liquidazioni cui avevano diritto: essi furono così abbandonati nella più squallida miseria.

Le aziende, alcune delle quali avevano volenterosamente ed efficacemente concorso alle opere di ricostruzione, sono state tassate per cifre astronomiche, e allorchè i proprietari o i dirigenti non erano in grado di pagare, si è proceduto al loro fermo.

Una Missione ufficiosa italiana che, in esecuzione dell'accordo già citato, trovavasi a Tirana dal luglio 1945, ha esperito tutti i mezzi per indurre le Autorità albanesi a rispettare i loro impegni e, sopratutto, ad usare un trattamento meno inumano nei confronti di persone già così provate dalle dure vicende belliche. Ma tutto è stato vano, chè anzi l'attività svolta dalla Missione venne bruscamente interrotta da un'ingiunzione del Governo di Tirana, che l'ha costretta a rientrare il 21 gennaio in Italia.

Da allora il metodico programma di persecuzione e di totale spogliazione a danno degli Italiani è stato continuato su scala anche più vasta e senza freno.

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conoscere il motivo dei provvedimenti presi a loro carico.

Ai cittadini italiani rimpatriati è stato generalmente impedito, sempre in violazione dello stipulato accordo, di portar seco gli averi, le masserizie e gli indumenti. All'atto dell'imbarco essi dovettero subire minuziose perquisizioni, eseguite nei modi più offensivi e arbitrari, con la conseguenza di innumerevoli confische di denaro, di effetti di stretta necessità e di oggetti personali e conclusesi talora con l'arresto della persona perquisita.

I tecnici e gli specialisti, sottoposti ad un regime di lavoro obbligatorio, non hanno potuto ottenere di effettuare rimesse alle famiglie, nè essere sostituiti con altri lavoratori provenienti dall'Italia. L'impegno assunto dal Governo albanese relativo alla stipulazione di regolari contratti di lavoro è rimasto lettera morta; e non pochi Italiani, che erano alle dipendenze di aziende confiscate o sequestrate, sono stati licenziati senza che si facesse luogo alle liquidazioni cui avevano diritto: essi furono così abbandonati nella più squallida miseria.

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I provvedimenti di confisca e di sequestro che avevano colpito in un primo tempo le proprietà statali e parastatali italiane ed alcune aziende private, sono stati estesi, senza distinzione, a tutti i beni mobili ed immobili appartenenti agli Italiani. Nello spazio di due ore, capi di aziende e gran parte del personale, impiegati ed

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operai, venivano estromessi, scacciati dalle abitazioni, e sospinti verso Durazzo, con solo qualche effetto di vestiario e nessuna somma di denaro. Alcuni sono stati temporaneamente arrestati e sottoposti ad angherie di ogni genere. A Durazzo, soggetti al trattamento riservato ai delinquenti comuni e in attesa del rimpatrio che fu per lungo tempo ostacolato dalle autorità albanesi, si sono trovati anche un centinaio di religiosi cattolici, sacerdoti e suore di carità, espulsi essi pure, nel giro di poche ore, dalle loro case. La persecuzione contro i religiosi italiani ha raggiunto il suo culmine in un processo celebrato a Scutari e che è stato motivato da una loro pretesa «attività terroristica contro lo Stato»: alcuni di essi sono stati condannati alla pena capitale.

Vivono ancora in Albania da due a tre mila Italiani, e la loro sorte è motivo di viva apprensione per il Governo italiano e per le famiglie residenti in Italia. I procedimenti illegali e i metodi di sopraffazione perpetrati dal Governo albanese colpiscono sia lavoratori e imprenditori che hanno contribuito, con la loro fatica e i loro risparmi, al progresso civile ed economico dell'Albania, sia Italiani che hanno generosamente fiancheggiato le forze partigiane per la liberazione di quel Paese e la cui opera a beneficio dell'Albania, nel campo economico come in quello militare, il Governo italiano si riserva di documentare.

Il Governo italiano ritiene tuttavia suo dovere di denunciare sin da ora al mondo civile tali metodi e procedimenti che sono in stridente contrasto con i principi più elementari di umanità e di convivenza fra i popoli.

Roma, 22 marzo 1946.

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FMZ/eb

Ref: 2218/135/52 28 March 1946

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Missionary Fathers in Albania.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Reference your memorandum 6/944/438 of 26 February 1946. The following reply has been received from AFHQ:

" Request for repatriation of the Missionary Fathers of "Don Orione" has not as yet been made due to lack of diplomatic representation in Albania. Representation will be made as soon as possible."

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

D. H. TUNNARD

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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20 March 1946

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Missionary Fathers in Albania.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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Reference: 2218/129/EC, 2 March 1946.

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2. Representations will be made ~~just~~ as soon as possible.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Ref. 2213/133/53 19 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of missionary fathers in Albania.

TO : G-5 Section AFHQ.

It would be much appreciated if a reply could now be given please to my letter ref. 2213/129/53 dated 2 March 1946.

For the Chief Commissioner

A. W. Kniffely

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to DP S/C

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Ref: 2218/132/EO. 4 March 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Missionaries in Albania.

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1. Your memorandum 6/9/4/438 dated 26 February 1946 is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Allied Force Headquarters has been requested to make representations to secure the repatriation of these missionaries.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 2218/129/EC 2 March 1946

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Missionary Fathers in Albania.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

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1. Attached is a copy of a letter 6/344/433 dated 26 February 1946 received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. Can representations be made to secure the repatriation of these Missionaries please.

3. In view of the present position regarding diplomatic representation in Albania it is felt that this channel cannot be used.

M. S. USHI
Brigadier
HILARY W. STEWS
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: D.P. S/C.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Rome, February 25th, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Repatriation of Missionary Fathers of the "Don Orione" Institution from Albania.

1. The well known Religious Institution "Don Orione" has been carrying on, in Albania, for the last 11 years a very meritorious charitable and welfare work among the poorest sections of the population of that country taking particular care of orphans and abandoned children.

2. The Missionary Fathers of "Don Orione" were left undisturbed up to the beginning of January, but since then they were taken away from their homes, prevented to carry out their work and interned at Durazzo with many other members of religious orders.

3. On February 10th the Albanian Authorities denied them the possibility which was offered them of being repatriated on board of a UNRRA ship, under the pretext that they were to return to Italy, via Yugoslavia. It is feared that such pretext is only an excuse to keep the a.m. Missionary fathers interned in Albania.

4. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be very grateful to the Allied Comission if they would take an interest in the matter with a view to have the Missionaries in question released from internment and repatriated at the earliest moment.

5. The names of the Missionaries concerned are: 116

1 – Father Dante CIMELLI
2 – " Giulio SPADA

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5. The names of the Missionaries concerned are: N. 116

1 - Father Sante CENELLI
2 - " Giulio SPADA
3 - " Giovanni FARINASSO
4 - " Luigi LAZZARIN
5 - " Mario PENZA
6 - " Alceste MION
7 - " Luigi BETTIOL
8 - " Agostino ANGELLAI
9 - }
10 - } Three apprentices.
11 - }

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6. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will greatly appreciate if the Allied Commission will treat the matter as being very urg[illegible]

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REFERENCE YOUR FX 5997O OF 2 FEBRUARY. HEREWITH DETAILS OF ITALIANS WAITING TO BE REPATRIATED. 1. ITALIANS WHO HOLD ALBANIAN EXIT PERMITS HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED AND ARE NOW WAITING YOUR APPROVAL. 88 CIVILIANS MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND 6 SOLDIERS. NOMINAL ROLL FOLLOWING BY AMERICAN AIRCRAFT ON 9 FEBRUARY. 2. ITALIANS WHO HOLD ALBANIAN EXIT PERMITS BUT WHO ARE NOT YET DOCUMENTED APPROXIMATELY 50. WILL SEND NOMINAL ROLL AS SOON AS RECEIVED. 3. REFUGEE RELIGIOUS BODIES WAITING AT DURAZZO THESE NOW NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 150. ALBANIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED TO ALLOW ITALIAN CIRCLO GARIBALDI TO DOCUMENT THESE SAYING THEY WILL DO IT THEMSELVES. NO DEMANDS FOR PERMITS OR SHIPPING YET MADE BY ALBANIAN AUTHORITIES TO US OR UNRRA ALBANIAN AUTHORITIES AT PRESENT NEEDED THEM. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. 4. TOTAL ITALIANS IN ALBANIA ESTIMATED AT 2500-3000 BUT UNLIKELY THAT ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ORDER OR ALLOW ALL TO LEAVE AT ONCE. DEPARTURE PROBABLY BE SPASMODIC AND AT APPROXIMATELY SAME RATE AS ~~HERE~~ BEFORE. WILL GIVE YOU MAXIUM NOTICE POSSIBLE. 5. SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING DRILL BE ADOPTED FOR THESE ITALIANS WHO HAVE NOT YET VALID PASSPORTS OR ALLIED FORCE PERMITS. DOCUMENTATION WILL BE DONE BY UNRRA (QUERY) OR ITALIAN CIRCLO GARIBALDI LATTER UNDER CONTROL OF ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT. WILL SIGNAL NUMBER OF ITALIANS AND WILL SEND USUAL 2 COPIES OF LISTS. SUGGEST THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY SCREEN THESE ITALIANS ON ARRIVAL IN ITALY. 6. PLEASE SIGNAL HOW MANY

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EXTRA LISTS WILL BE WANTED FOR ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OR OTHER SOURCES. IT IS EMPHASISED THAT WE DO NOT CONSIDER CORCIO GARIBALDI A SUITABLE SCREENING AGENCY

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I. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO ALLIED COMMISSION.

"SUBJECT - ITALIAN MISSION IN ALBANIA.

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO ALLIED COMMISSIONS VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE DISMISSAL OF THE ITALIAN MISSION IN ALBANIA.

2. THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BEG TO INFORM THAT, ACCORDING TO A CABLE RECEIVED ON THE 10 INST FROM SIGNOR TURCATO, HEAD OF SAID MISSION, THE LETTER WAS NOTIFIED THAT SAME DAY BY THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT, IN VIEW OF THE DELAY IN GRANTING THE ALBANIAN MISSION THE PERMITS TO PROCEED TO ITALY, THE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS OF SIGNOR FONI QIRKO AND OF HIS SECRETARY HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN BY THEIR GOVERNMENT, AND THE QUESTION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO NEW CONSIDERATION.

3. HOWEVER, AS THE ITALIAN MISSION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY COMPELLED TO LEAVE, AT THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENTS REQUEST, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FEELS NOW THAT THE DESPATCH TO ROME OF THE ALBANIAN MISSION SHOULD BE WITHELD, UNTIL THE TIME WHEN IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO SEND BACK TO TIRANA A SIMILAR ITALIAN MISSION."

II. IF PERMITS FOR TRAVEL TO ITALY OF MISSION HAVE BEEN ISSUED THEY SHOULD BE CANCELLED. ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT CANCELLATION AT REQUEST OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. IF PERMITS NOT YET ISSUED AND ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT APPLY, THEY SHOULD BE REFUSED FOR SAME REASON.

III. ACK.

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

7 February 1946

SUBJECT: Eviction of Italians from Albania.

TO : G-5 AFHQ. (2)

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1. In accordance with the instructions contained in your signal F 60028 dated 4 February 1946 the Director of the Albanian Section of the Italian Ministry in Rome was contacted. A conference was held on 5 February 1946 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at which were present Signor Zoppi, Director of the Albanian Section, Consul General Turchato (recently Consul in Albania) and representative Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

2. Signor Turchato left Albania 15 days ago and he stated that at that time there were about 100 Italians at Durazzo waiting transport to Italy. Turchato had not heard of further large scale confiscations of Italian property, nor of the eviction from their homes of many Italians of larger enterprises by Albanian soldiers, nor of these persons being sent to Durazzo. Turchato gave the impression of not having kept the Italian Government fully informed.

Turchato stated that there were about 2,500 - 3,000 Italians still in Albania. Of these 1,000 were specialists and technicians whom the Albanians were "employing" in key positions and whom they were reluctant to allow to leave Albania. Signor Zoppi considered that these key men were in fact "slave labourers" and were only kept working by threats and intimidations. Signor Zoppi requested that AFHQ should ascertain if such specialists were being also expelled from Albania as previous requests that they be returned to Italy had met with a blunt Albanian refusal.

3. Signor Zoppi requested that UNRRA Albania look after these destitute Italians until they could be shipped to Italy. In this respect, Turchato stated that UNRRA ships often called at Albanian ports and could be used for such a move.

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4. It was considered impracticable to use an Italian ship as this might give rise to an incident. Signor Zoppi further suggested expelling the Albanian Mission from Italy as a reprisal but this would probably jeopardise the return of these Italians.

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5. I consider that firstly immediate action be taken to ask UNRRA Albania to handle such Italians as arrive at Durazzo and that UNRRA Albania repatriate these Italians to Italy. I have signalled you to that effect.

Secondly that the question of holding these "slave labourers" be taken up through diplomatic channels.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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MINUTES ON CONVERSATION HELD AT ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BETWEEN SIGNOR ZOPPI, DIRECTOR ALBANIAN SECTION, CONSUL GENERAL TURCHATO AND MAJOR HARTMAN AT 1230 HRS ON 5 FEBRUARY 1945.

1. Turchato left Albania 15 days ago. There were, at the time, about 100 Italians at Durazzo waiting for transport to Italy and Turchato did not seem to know about this new move by the Albanian Government and, in general, gave the impression of not having kept the Italian Foreign Office au courant of developments.

2. Turchato stated that there were about 2,500 - 3,000 Italians still in Albania. Of these, about 1,000 were specialists and technicians whom the Albanians were "employing" in key positions and whom they were reluctant to allow to leave Albania. Zoppi intervened that such key men were, in reality "slave labourers" and were only kept working by threats and the usual partisan intimidation technique. Zoppi requested that AFHQ be contacted and asked if such specialists were being also expelled from Albania as previous requests that they be returned to Italy had met with a blunt Albanian refusal.

3. All three Foreign Office Officials joined in a request that UNRRA look after these destitute Italians until they could be shipped to Italy. In this respect, Turchato stated that UNRRA ships often called at Albanian ports and could be used for such a move.

4. Zoppi suggested the use of an Italian ship but all agreed that this might give rise to an incident. Zoppi further suggested expelling the Albanian Mission from Italy as a reprisal. Major Hartman suggested that this would perhaps jeopardise the return of these Italians and that, in any case, his visit was to discuss the humanitarian and practical, not the political angle of the problem.

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YOUR G/665 OF 28 JANUARY. BEFORE ANY ACTION CAN BE CONSIDERED MUST HAVE FULLER DETAILS AS TO NUMBERS ETC. POLICY FOR BMA WOULD BE TO GIVE UNOBTRUSTVE ASSISTANCE IF REQUIRED.

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C. S.O.

I understand that Maj Hartman D.P. has already handled this. Let me refer results.

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1. FOLLOWING SIGNAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM HMG ALBANIA. "PARA 1. FURTHER LARGE SCALE CONFISCATIONS OF ITALIAN PROPERTY BY ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

2. MANY ITALIANS OF LARGER ENTERPRISES EVICTED FROM THEIR HOMES BY SOLDIERS AND INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED TO DURAZZO.

3. REQUEST URGENT POLICY DECISION TO PERMIT HMG ALBANIA TO EVACUATE LARGE NUMBERS OF DESTITUTE ITALIANS " PARA 2. PRESUME ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FULLY INFORMED BY TURVATO. REQUEST YOU KEEP AFHQ INFORMED OF ANY STEPS CONTEMPLATED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

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There is more than DP's involved here. You should handle. Please send copies to Embassies.

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Ref: 2218/114/EC. 2. December 1945.

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Thank you so much for your letter FHT/RAB 25/650/45 of 24th November. I am so sorry that by an error I implied criticism of your visa office. I should, of course, have said the Egyptian Government visa office in the last line of my letter. I should know Egypt well enough not to have made that mistake. Please accept my apologies and thanks. The lady has left Italy.

(Sgd) M. S. [illegible]SH

Sir Walter Smart, K.C.M.G.,
Oriental Secretary,
British Embassy,
CAIRO.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
CAIRO.
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24th November, 1945.

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FHT/BAB.
25/650/45.

Dear Lush,

Your letter No.2218/EC of 7th November about Princess Hamida Nazy.

We informed our Embassy Rome by telegram on 12th November that the Egyptian authorities had no objection to the grant of an entry visa to the Princess on an emergency travel document.

I agree that there has been considerable delay in this case, but I am afraid you are mistaken in thinking that our "visa office" wants stirring up! The facts are that we have been pressing the Egyptian authorities continually since the beginning of October to authorise the grant of a visa to Princess Hamida Nazy following a telegram from Rome, informing us that she had arrived there. But despite our efforts it was not until the 11th November that we succeeded in squeezing a satisfactory reply out of them.

Best of wishes to you both

Yours W. A. Smart

Brigadier M.S.Lush, C.B., C.B.E.,M.C.,
Headquarters Allied Commission for Italy,
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Ref: 2215/EC ✓

7. November 1945

Princess Hamide Nezy

In August 1945 Prince Mahmud Shawket asked H.M. Embassy in CAIRO to assist in bringing his daughter Princess Hamide NEZY from ALBANIA to EGYPT.

Your Embassy passed on the request to AMG and a great deal of trouble has been taken by military authorities and UNRRA to have the girl brought from ALBANIA to ITALY where she now is (in ROME).

Having brought her here we made arrangements for her onward journey by air, her maintenance in a hotel here, and her general well being. All arrangements for travel are complete except an entry visa into Egypt. The British Embassy in ROME have twice telegraphed (131 of 3 Oct and 134 of 19 Oct) without obtaining a reply.

It seems odd that your Embassy should initiate action and then that the obstacle should be silence at your end and no visa. The girl, who is a cripple, is naturally most anxious to move on. She asks why, if we had to move her from ALBANIA, we cannot move her on. It is a pathetic case and I should be most grateful if you would stir things up in your visa office and let her proceed.

(Sgd) M S LUSH

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Sir Walter Smart, K.C.M.G.,
Oriental Secretary,

Embassy in Cairo [illegible]
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Sir Walter Smart, K.C.M.G.,
Oriental Secretary,
British Embassy,
CAIRO.

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Ref: 2218/109/SO

25 October 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: The Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government

SUBJECT : Italian Mission in Albania

1. Reference is made to your memorandum 6/3343/1593 of 13 September 45 on above subject.

2. Authority has been granted by AFHQ for the use by the Italian Mission to Albania of radio communication with LECCE, Italy, provided the following conditions are observed:

a. Signal traffic to be limited if so required by British Military Mission Albania.

b. The net to be operated on frequencies and within power limitations determined by this headquarters.

3. Further information regarding equipment is needed prior to the assignment of frequencies, including the frequency range and power of the set to be used.

Copy to CommaS/C including
AFHQ ref AG 311.23 GEO-O of 20 Oct 45;
ALCOM ref. 2218/95/SC of 17 Sept 45
Min of For Aff ref 6/3343/1593 of 13 Sept 45

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 311.23 GEG-O

20 October 1945

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SUBJECT: Radio Communication for Italian Mission to Albania.

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394

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1. Reference is made to your letter, file 2218/95/EC, dated 17 September 1945, with which was inclosed a copy of a memorandum from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. Authority is granted for the use by the Italian Mission to Albania of radio communication with LECCE, Italy provided the following conditions are observed:

a. Signal traffic to be limited if so required by BMM Albania.

b. The net to be operated on frequencies and within power limitations determined by this headquarters.

3. Further information regarding equipment is needed prior to the assignment of frequencies, including the frequency range and power of the set to be used. These detailed arrangements should be made through Signal channels between Allied Commission and this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

D. C. KIRLEY
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Ref: 2218/107/MC

5 October 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ministry for Foreign Affairs

SUBJECT : Evacuation of Italian Civilians from Albania

Reference is made to your memorandum 6/3388/1616 dated 15 September 45.

General Turcato has stated that the difficulties were due to UNRRA's inability to ship Italian civilians for a month. The evacuation by UNRRA craft has now been resumed and the situation is satisfactory.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 334-126

3 October 1945

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SUBJECT: Unofficial Italian Mission to Albania.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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Ref your 2218/104/EC dated 1 October 1945.

1. The following signal has now been received from FMM ALBANIA who were asked to report on Gen TURCATO's difficulties.

. "TURCATO states difficulties were due to UNRRA's inability to ship ITALIANS for a month. Evacuation by UNRRA Craft has now been resumed and situation is satisfactory."

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K B Hicks

K. B. HICKS
Lt. Colonel

Lt Col RD .

(Capt Burroughs)

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APO 512

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G-5: 334-126

1 October 1945

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

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Ref your 2218/102/EC dated 27 September 1945.

1. Approval cannot yet be given to this application.
2. You will be given a decision as soon as possible.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

C. O. BENSON
Major, R.A.

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Ref: 2218/104/EC 1 October 45

SUBJECT: Unofficial Italian Mission to Albania

TO : AFHQ, G-5

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A reply to our 2218/99/EC dated 19 September 45 with enclosure, would be appreciated.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 2218/102/MC

27 September 1945

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

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ

A reply to our 2218/95/MC dated 17 September 45, with enclosure, would be appreciated.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 2218/101/SC

20 September 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Ministry for Foreign Affairs

SUBJECT : Italian Mission in Albania

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs Memorandum 6/3343/1593 of 13 September 1945 on the above subject has been received.

It has been forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters for their consideration.

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R. W. KEMSLEY

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