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DISPLACED PERSONS, JEWS
JULY 1945 - JAN. 1947

Enclom
 b6. Ref. folio 112 & m. 113. Please see fol. 114
 reply at folio 114 and covering letter. 115
 This statement has already been distributed.
 I presume no further action.

D. J. M. C. M. 16/9/52
19/9

118
 b6. Please see folio 117 for info. Public Safety
 file folio 14A also refers. (herein)
D. J. M. C. M. 19/9-52
 AC/14365/PS.

127
 C.S.O. & Comm.
 Please see folio 126 for info. *27/11*
27/11

MS 916

101.

also. Folios 99 & 100 for info. Folio 65 & 95 refer.

L. M. C. M. 31/5

103

COO Ex Comm.

Folio 102 for info please ante 20/6 MS 20/6

C.C. & Br Ambassador has been informed

MS 20/6

106

COO Ex Comm.

Please see collated 104 + 5 for info

MS 20/6

107

Chief Commissioner.

105

approval
attached is submitted for signature
information

We shall probably next hear that you
put the Jews on board!! MS 20/6

Maybe I
didn't find
MS 20/6

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M. 2/16. 157

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Chief Commissioner.

105

Approval
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information

We shall probably next hear that you
put the Jews on board!!
18/2/16
Maybe I
didn't end
15/1

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E.C. 113

Think you
should consult
Dads - in
preparing your
comments.

Statement
seems pretty
"wordy". 13/11/74

175/10/50

73

Disper

Please see E.O. Min 69 file was taken away from your office to file F.71 referred to in 65. Minutes 72 refers, copy for your retention.

S. M. M. 18/5
W. J. M. M. M. M. M.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

74

EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.

Your minute 69 noted and A.F.H.Q. is being kept fully in the picture. Full report on situation forwarded under our TOP SECRET letter DPR/11-2/EA dated 19 May, copy to you.

21 May 1946.

(H. H. H. H. H.)
DIRECTOR.

Ex Comm.

75-80
40

for info. H. H. 20/5

82

Copy to British Embassy 175/20/50 - Action at 83

1203

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21 May 1946.

~~Challinor~~
~~DIRECTOR.~~

Ex common.

1008-80

for info. H. 20/5

82

Copy to British Embassy

778/1015-Action at 83

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(1) Sticlinus Pub. Safety S/C

1) = ~~proper~~ please see

folios 94 + 5 for info

Q. 25/5

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
A. W. Kniely,

250.

Dear. Thank you.

25/07/46:-

Ernst Dyrlach

Ref Min 98 file returned from Disper Folios 9405 seen.

5/62

[Signature] SQMS

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61

CSO H.S. 115

Folio 60 for info, please CND-304

~~63~~ 63

CSO H.S. 115

Folio 62 for info and / hope the

class of this subject: *Polys informed*
H.S. 9/15

67.

Director - Prof.

*Will you please let the Dr. Gorman have
your comments on p. 65 from Col Miller.*
H.S. 11/5

68.

Executive Commissioner.

I had sent Major Hartman to Bolzano - Innsbruck and Munich - with instructions to follow up any rumours as regards Illegal Entry of Jews. He reported the facts contained in this letter to Col. Miller and also to the Security Officers in the Bolzano Area.

EX 392

13/5/46.

C.B. FIDLEY
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Colonel,
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13/5/46.

C.E. FINDLAY

Colonel,

Director, D.F.R.S.C.

69.

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Discon.

Please brief AER fully informed 12/1/46

12

CSE to Comm.

Yalioff and report at 70 for your info.

I will circulate to persons and safety after

18/5/5

you have seen

15/5/5

→ Sir, Page 71 is the report referred to in line 1 of Page 65. Delay in submission is due to the fact that the file was with Diaper & I thought it better for the correspondence to be complete before submission.

to Com: ^{Ref: 139} AD.
After an Jones S/C have prepared reply, which is negative,
I will have copy for us. MS 573

7/2/52
10. 45
CSO ^{10. 45} v/s. 42-143
folio 703 for your info, please MS 573

MS 51
A/C.C. ^{MS 24/4} by 1 5050

CSO ⁵²
I should like a copy sent to H.R. Section
who will probably be asked about it.
MS 24/4

CSO Letter at ⁵³ for signature please MS 24/4

A/C.C.
1) Letter at 1 ⁵³ submitted for signature.

me 1 0030 HJ. 24/4

C80

52.

I should like a copy sent to H.R. Ketchum
who will probably be asked about it.

NS (24/4)

~~NS~~ 54.

C80: Letter at 53 for Signature please ~~at 53~~ 24/4

~~NS~~ 57.

A/C.C.

1) Letter at 1 ~~53~~ submitted for signature.
+ 50 and your in 53 above refer.

1284

2) 10 55 + 86 for info. HJ. 24/4

~~NS~~ 58.

The last sentence should read "is raised by

the Vatican". NS (25/4)

59.

Ref 58 - Letter retyped, signed & appended.

~~NS~~ 53 ~~ref~~

1878

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~~180~~ 25 C

E.S.O.

Pse see 179 & 177 for info: Duster
are on file & I think no action
for us.

101

OB 10/11

~~148~~ 25 H

E.S.O. Enclom.

Pse see 187 & attachments - for En Comm.

~~8-11-11 for~~

OB 10/12

15/12

OB 10/12

349

Chief Commissioner

~~147~~ 25 J

Attached is submitted for your ^{approval} ~~signature~~
information

This is an important issue

1283

for J.P.

P186

OB 15/11

DEC 20 RECD
1155

~~E.S.O.~~ Enclom.

193. 25 K

190 & 192 for info. And still they come

18 20/12.

195.

~~E.S.O.~~ Enclom.

194 for info.

18 20/12.

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(22)

cp 21 is ~~also~~ inconclusive: when facts appear (ref para 4) BU to me

ERB 18/10

(24)

C.S.O. 20/10

Please see 21 & 23 for info.
It is still rather inconclusive.

ERB 20/10

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C.S.O. 20/10

Please see 25 for info

ERB 20/10

31

AKSO 25/12

Please see pp 28-29-30 for info - all regarding proposed visit of Anglo American Committee of enquiring into jewelry.

AKSO 25/12

37

AKSO to Com.

Letter 35 is forwarded to Ex C. as requested

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25574 JN. 7572

— 3 —

Re see pp. 28-29.30 for info - all regarding
proposed visit of Anglo American Committee
of Enquiry into Jewry. 17

2572

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Accepted by Council:

John 3:1 is forwarded to E. C. as requested.

J.H. 16/2 ERS 24/2

Yes:

C80

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Is Lt Col Fitzgill back?

2/12/54

✓ NS/243

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MINUTE SHEET No. 2.

- 15 -

TO: Executive Commissioner:

1. We discussed Minute 12 and as agreed, at 144 is a letter for your signature forwarding copies of the correspondence to AFHQ G-5.
2. I notice that Upjohn did not send a copy of our reply of 16 Aug 45 addressed to the President of the Italian Sionistic Federation to the American and British Embassies. You may wish to consider doing this.
3. A copy of our reply will be now in your file.

mc
M. CARR,
Brigadier,
VF CA Section.

30 Aug 45.

16

C.S.D. letters submitted for signature as instructed in

minute 12 para 2. RSK30/8

2. I think copies might go to the Embassies as suggested - minute 15.

17

May Kewster

*I signed this before Spottis
that it is wrong in two
respects "M.S. Lusk" should not
be there*

minute 12 para a. RSK 30/8

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May Kemster

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that it is wrong in two

respects (1) "M.S. Lusk" should not

be there
(2) It should not be copy
to Chief & Executive

Committee.

You should have seen the
mistake. S. 3/8

Yes with your para 2 of 16, Dec 18
S. 3/8 See below

C.S.O. ~~Examine~~ ^{Examine} ~~for your information~~ ^{for your information}, Disper. S.C. are preparing. (4)

| a strong letter for signature.
~~Disper~~ ^{Disper} ~~for your information~~ ^{for your information}?

Si 30/7
 C.S.O. To AFHQ. - by C.C. ~~Disper~~ ^{Disper} 1/8

Ex. Cane (11)
 C.S.O. ~~Disper~~ ⁹⁴¹⁰ for information RDXS/8

Will see Disper
 C.S. replace.
 Si 9/8

(12) Folio 8 up
 This should be in the file in which the whole
 matter was presented to AFHQ & copy of
 the with C.S. concerned should

(a) 806 AFHQ
 (b) for and for C.C. business with Ambassador

CPS replies.

5/9/8

(12)

File 8/8/8

This should be in the file in which the whole matter was presented to AFHQ & copy of

this with CTS comments should

(a) go to AFHQ

(b) be in (and for CC discuss with Ambassador

5/5/8

May Kemslay

Action plans in 12

5/10/8.

Civil Affairs Section

13.

Will you please take action on that part of the Executive Commission minutes 12 above, which is underlined in red.

Office of Executive Commissioner

File 10 DPA/501
C-24DP

25 Kennedy Way, D.C.

5/5/8
L. J. ...
on which action ...
MC 248

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TOP SECRET

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JAN 27 1947

EX 74533
JAN. 24 1225

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H/9361
JAN. 25 1000
ROUTINE.

APRO SIGNED SACRED CITE PUGGI

- ACTION:
1. SNUFFBOX FOR KELLAR.
 2. TROOPERS FOR MIKE ITEM THREE FOR PAGES.
 3. WIDEAST FOR SUGAR ITEM MIKE EASY.
 4. MILPAL FOR CANDLE.
 5. ACABRIT FOR INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION FOREYRES MONSELL
 6. ALCOM FOR DISPLACED PERSONS FOR HARTMAN AND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FOR BYE.
 7. BAOE FOR CONCORD INTELLIGENCE BUREAU
 8. CHQ CTF FOR GEORGE SUGAR ITEM FOR HORRBY.
 9. AFH NORTH DETACHMENT FOR PODESTA.
 10. RAAC FOR GEORGE TWO BRITISH FOR FORGIOME AND FOR LOVE OBOE BLANK ITEM ABLE ITEM FOR MORRIS.
 11. GREEKIL FOR BAKER CHARLIE ITEM SUGAR.
 12. POLI FOR SUGAR OBOE (1)
 13. ANG ITALY FOR INTELLIGENCE (BY) OFFICER
- EX74533 TOP SECRET. FROM GEORGE DASH TWO FROM YOUNG.

WITH EFFECT THE FEBRUARY BRITISH ELEMENT GEORGE TWO ABLE FOR
HOF QUEEN WILL CEASE FUNCTION ANY ENQUIRIES CONCERNING JEWISH
MATTERS IN ITALY SHOULD FROM THAT DATE BE SENT TO MAJOR STANKOPE
RIGHT NUMBER THREE SUGAR CHARLIE ITEM UNIT CARE OF ROME ALLIED
AREA COMMAND CHARLIE MIKE FREDDIE. ALL INFORMED.

ACT: DISPER 2/ ACT: F. SAFETY. INFO. C. COMB. EX COMB. FILE.

RECEIVED

TOP SECRET

JAN 25 1947

Cap A K.

2224 ⁴⁰
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

DEC 7 1946 25

Ref: AG/14388/25

6 December 1946.

SUBJECT: Clandestine Passage of Jews

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

ATTENTION: G-2 Section

THRU: G-5 Section.

1. Reference is made to this Commission's letter AG/14388/25 of 30 October 1946, which enclosed a copy of letter of even number dated 29 October 1946 addressed to the Director of A.J.D.C., on the subject of a military card in the possession of a stateless civilian which appeared to have been issued by the A.J.D.C.

2. Information has been received from the Director, A.J.D.C. that the stateless civilian named ACHORI Marco, who is alleged to have had in his possession in September 1946, military card no. 15/14, has never been in the employ of the A.J.D.C. and is, in fact, completely unknown to his Committee.

Any documents that this individual may have carried were not authorized by the A.J.D.C.

The Director of A.J.D.C. has also notified this Commission that his Committee do not use rubber stamps of the nature referred to in the letters under reference either at his Headquarters in Rome or at any of their Field organizations.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

B. H. LARR.

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: CC
EC ✓

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JVR 9/12

Capt V

2224
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

124
OCT 30 1946

Ref: 47/14388/79

29th October 1946.

SUBJECT: Clandestine Passage of Jews.

TO : Director,
American Joint Distribution Committee.

1. From a report received from the Ministry of the Interior dated 27 September 1946 on the subject of the clandestine passage of Jews across the Italo-Austrian frontier, the following facts emerged.

2. A stateless civilian named ROMONI Marco had in his possession a military card No. 15/11 which was shown as issued by the "American Joint Distribution Committee-Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, Allied Commission."

The card had also been stamped with a round stamp bearing the marking: "American Joint Distribution Committee H.Q. APO 334 P.M.N.J."

As neither the American Joint Distribution Committee nor the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees are a part of the Allied Commission I should be grateful if you would take the following action:

- (a) Please ensure that the address of your organization is not shown as Hq. Allied Commission but as 30-35 Via Veneto, Rome, or such other address as you consider appropriate.
- (b) Please ensure that no rubber stamps showing your organization as part of this Commission or of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees are used and that all such rubber stamps are destroyed.

It would appear from the report that the above-mentioned civilian was issued with his military card in Milan from which it seems possible that stamps of the type referred to above may be in use in some of your field organizations.

3. It is not known on what authority military cards are issued to personnel as in the case referred to above. 1277

4. I would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Copy to CC.
EC
IGCR

me
H. CARR, Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

(2/Comd Mc17)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

File 123

Ref. : 2224/123/30

26 October 1946.

SUBJECT: NAF 1130

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

1. Reference your G-5: 383.75 dated 23 October 1946.
2. NAF 1130 was received on 23 April 1946. The error is regretted.

For the Chief Commissioner:

G. McManis

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

OCT 25 1946

23 October 1946

G-5: 383.7-5

SUBJECT: NAF 1222.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
(Attn: Executive Commissioner), 120
APO 794.

121 Reference your ²²²⁴ ~~6410~~/119/EC of 16 October.

1. FAN 695 is being repeated to you today.
2. ALCOM Rome was an information addressee on NAF 1130, AFHQ reference, FX 65077 of 20 April, and should have been received by you. 47

47 BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

J. G. O'Leary, Major, RC

f. A. L. HAMBLIN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

See F 123.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

121

Originator's Reference:
Date/Time of Origin:

Message Centre No: H/7386
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 23 1030
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: WAR CCS

TO : AFHQ DOR MORGAN

ALCOM ROME

INFO: CABINET OFFICES FOR BCS

OCT 24 1946

SECRET

Ref NR WAR 1130 and 1131

This is F (FAN?) 695 to Alcom Rome. NGD as follows:

The Foreign Office have already instructed HON. M. Representative in Belgrade to approach the Yugoslav Government on the lines of paragraph seven of NAF 1130. ————— 47

The Department of State for its part considers the present is not a propitious time to approach the Yugoslav Government concerning this matter. In view of the lapse of time since your last report of large scale unauthorized crossing of the Morgan Line, and the probability that a final settlement of the boundary dispute will soon be evolved and Allied responsibility terminated, the State Department does not propose to initiate Diplomatic action at this time.

No further action is proposed unless the conditions which prompted you to dispatch NAF 1130 have contrived and constituted as serious problem at the present time.

AC DIST

Action: Ex Commissioner 1274

Info: Chief Commissioner

Polad A

Polad B

File

Skeleton

See 4.119

ACTION SECRET

OCT 23 1946

(S/cond m/r)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

File 120

Ref. : ¹²²⁴ ~~3610~~/119/EC

16 October 1946.

SUBJECT: NAP 1222.

TO : AFHQ
Attn: C-5

1. Reference your signal FX 72639 received in this office
14 October 1946 (NAP 1222).

2. No copies of NAP 1130 or PAN 695 have been received in
this office and it would be a prectised if copies of each could be
forwarded for information.

¹¹⁸
G. McMaster
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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[Handwritten signature]
PR
14/10/46

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 72639
Date/Time of Origin: OCT 14 1946

Message Centre No: H/7178
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 14 1130
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG

OCT 14 1946

TO : AGYAR WASHINGTON FOR CCS

INFO: CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL, FOR BCS; ALCOM ROME; GHQ CME, C
IN C MED.

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This is NAF 1222.

Agreed no further action required at present because of the
time elapsed since despatch of NAF 1130 and reported diminution
of Clandestine Crossing Morgan Line near FAN 695.

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AC DIST

Info: Action: Executive Commissioner

Info: Chief Commissioner

File

Float

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AGREED BY ALCON

13 SEPTEMBER 1946

AFH

SEP 19 1946

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UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT IS ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO ITALY OF JEWS PD

PARA ONE PD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE LEGION COMMANDER GERM BELZANO QUOTE AT ZERO TWO THIRTY ZERO HOURS SEVENTEEN SEPTEMBER CMA THREE ALLIED TRUCKS CARRYING SEVENTY JEWS MAJORITY MEN WHO HAD CLAMOROUSLY CROSSED THE FRONTIER INTO ITALY OVER THE RIVIA MOUNTAINS NEAR CASPACCO WERE STOPPED NEAR THE RIVIA PASS BY GERM AND GOTT FROM THE STATION CIRCH VEROSTA PD JEWS NOW LODGED IN GOTT BARRACKS CIRCH VEROSTA PD THE VEHICLES CAME FROM MILAN WHERE THEY LEFT AT TWO THREE ZERO ZERO HOURS SIXTEEN SEPTEMBER PD TWO WERE DODGE TRUCKS USA NUMBERS TWO ZERO EIGHT FOUR THREE NINE ONE AND TWO ZERO FOUR FIVE ONE SEVEN SEVEN MARKED QUEEN CMA AXEL CMA YORE CMA ODON CMA CHARLES HOW QUEEN TWO DRIVEN BY ROBERT WOLFGANG IN POSSESSION OF MILITARY CARD NUMBER ZERO ZERO THREE FOUR ZERO AND SABIN OZIER IN POSSESSION OF MILITARY CARD ZERO ZERO THREE TWO THREE PD THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY KOCHALSKI LEON WITH BLACK MILITARY CARD PD JEWS STATE THEY INTENDED TO PROCEED TO TRIESTE NEAR MILAN AFTER THREE DAYS HERE INTENDED TO PROCEED TO LA SPEZIA AND REMAIN FOR PALESTINE UNQUOTE PD

PARA TWO PD CIO BELZANO INFORMED PD LEGION COMMANDER COMMUNICATING WITH ITALIAN HQ RE: PD JEWS BEING HELD AT VEROSTA PENDING INSTRUCTIONS PD

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION

Executive Commissioner
D.P. & R S/C.

ROUTINE

Public Safety S/C

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E. J. BYR, Colonel.

(y/cmm)

See 17-118

1st Lt., Air Corps
Asst Adjutant.

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PA 11/19

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B.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.O. 794
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DFR/3-3/EA

Tel. 489081 Ext 392

13 September 1946

SUBJECT : Displaced persons.

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

Reference your undated signal C 62775.

1. The attached document was translated into Yugoslav and Italian and distributed to all D.P. Centres concerned on or about 30 August 1946.

2. It is believed that information contained in this document is essentially the same as in the a/m signal.

For the Chief Commissioner:



Edward PURDY,
Lieut. Colonel,
Asst. Deputy Director.

M-116 refers

Copy to Exec Commission

PA 11/9

1270 *PS*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

29 August, 1946.

TO: Displaced Persons in Italy

1. After many enquiries, conferences and discussions in London, I wish to tell that it is still my advice that you should go home to your own families, villages, towns and countries.

2. For those of you who feel that you cannot take this advice and still wish to emigrate beyond the seas, I wish to confirm in writing as I have previously told your Camp Committees, that emigration will be a slow process even for the fortunate ones who have close relatives beyond the seas. You must remember that there are many, many thousands of people to be considered; if it was only the few hundreds in your Camp it would be easy. In a group settlement in a new land there will be many hardships to be faced and it will take time, perhaps 10 years or more, after you have arrived in the land, to be able to say - "now we are safe, happy and well established".

3. Shipping is still difficult, many ships were sunk by the Germans, many were built quickly during the war, to last only a short time. To give you an example how difficult ships are to obtain, there are twenty thousand wives and children of American Soldiers still in Great Britain still waiting to go to Canada to join their husbands.

4. As regards emigration to different parts of the world, the following is an outline :-

(Your Camp Committees will have more details)

U.S.A. - Even if you hold an affidavit from relatives or friends in the United States, your name must be on your own very limited national annual quota.

CANADA, SOUTH AFRICA and AUSTRALIA

A naturalised citizen can apply for entry for a very close relative. The relationship is at present confined to Father, Mother, unmarried brother/sister, orphan nephew/niece under 16 years of age.
(NOTE: orphan = both parents definitely known and proved to be dead; parent or parents missing is not accepted.)

in your Camp it would be easy. In a short time it will take time, perhaps 10 years will be many hardships to be faced and it will take time, perhaps 10 years or more, after you have arrived in the land, to be able to say - "now we are safe, happy and well established".

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There is no present prospect of group immigration. South Africa require a few professional men, especially engineers. Normally 9 guarantors are required who must be responsible nationals of South Africa.

SOUTH AMERICA - Individuals or small parties

Approval can be generally obtained if approx 500 dollars (American) are available per head for deposit. In addition the voyage at present costs approximately 500 dollars (American) per head.

Large groups - Brazil and Paraguay at present appear the most hopeful. Conditions in these and other countries are being further investigated.

It is thought that Brazil might be able to accept up to one thousand per month from the whole of Europe.

C.B. FINDLAY,
Colonel,
Director.

See M-116

RE-SETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED PERSONS.

For information of Camp Commandants and Committees.

BRAZIL.

1. Prepared to receive a number of Displaced Persons of any nationality, having agricultural training and experience.
2. A representative of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees is at present in the country, making investigations on the spot.
3. Provisional plans have already been made for the emigration to Brazil of some thousands. Departure depends upon final reports from the country, shipping, payment, etc., etc.

PARAGUAY.

1. See re Brazil, para 1, above.
2. A confidential report is awaited from American and British diplomatic representatives in Asuncion as to local conditions, suitability of climate, etc.

CANADA.

1. At the present time no applications made by nationals other than British subjects, are accepted for immigration.
2. A law has recently been passed under which a Canadian citizen is permitted to apply for permission to invite to settle in Canada, relatives of other than British nationality, i.e.:
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The initiative in making such applications must originate from the relative in Canada and full documents establishing identity must be produced. All cases to be screened individually before being finally accepted, by representatives of the relevant department of the Canadian Government, who will be established at Centres in Europe. None of these representatives has yet been appointed and it is not known when their Offices will begin to operate.

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AUSTRALIA.

1. See re Canada, para 1, above.
2. It is hoped that:
 - a) When Australians who are or have been overseas with the Australian Forces are re-established.
 - b) Such British relatives of (a) as wish to do so, have been received in Australia and established.
 - c) Any other British immigrants have been received and established.
 - d) Housing and other provision necessary for a large increase in population has been organized.

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7 August 1946.

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Colonel,
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ROUTINE

AFHQ G-5
ALCOM ROME UNRRA ROME
FOR DESPER

UNCLASSIFIED:

1. To give non Jewish Dps a better understanding of their resettlement problem and to stimulate repatriation, WDSCA suggests that a statement along the following lines be circulated among non Jewish Dps and posted in every Dp camp except those for Jewish persecutees.

" US Policy Dps is to encourage voluntary repatriation wherever possible as best solution for all concerned. As it is, moreover, manifestly impossible to continue operating Dp camps indefinitely, US Govt has assisted in initiating international action to investigate resettlement for those Dps unwilling for valid reasons to return to their homelands.

Negotiations for resettlement have been instituted with number of countries in Eastern Hemisphere. Immigration into US is definitely limited within current laws in specific quotas. Possibility of any liberalization of these laws is uncertain. Canadian Govt has not announced any policy for admission of Dps other than 4000 Poles from Italy, it is understood that no special provision for admission of unusual numbers of immigrants exists at this time.

Conversations with Latin American Govts indicate that resettlement of Dps in those countries is not likely to begin in any sizeable numbers for at least a year, nor will conditions of resettlement be easy. These countries desire chiefly small families units of skilled farmers able to work in sub tropical

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or tropical climate , often under pioneering circumstances id smaller numbers of mechanics semi-skilled factory operatives, and construction workers may also be admitted Countries often refer immigration of nationalities not included in Dp categories. It may be expected that before new immigrants can acquire land holdings of their own most of them will have to work for varying periods as farm laborers at modest wage level..Indeed substantial improvement in their economic conditions in countries of reception over such conditions in countries of origin is problemetical . Large fo rapid group resettlement programs can not be expected unless substantial gifts of loans in Foreign exchange or machinery imports are provided . Possibility of this is not great.

In view of this information it is believed that you should reexamine desirability of repatriation to your own homeland while there are still months of good weather ahead. For vast majority of Dps the only alternatives to repatriation are :

1. Resettlement possibly after a wait of several ~~years~~ years , for a limited number of acceptable immigrants, probably several thousand miles away in sparsely inhabited areas under conditions such as those cited,
2. Eventual absorption into German population.
3. This information is presented so that you will have something more than rumors of easy, quick and large-scale resettlement upon which base your decision of

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 173/37/33

15 July 1946

SUBJECT: Jewish Petition.

TO : British Embassy,
Rome.

I enclose for your information a copy of a petition handed by the
Prefect of Genoa to the Allied Commission Italian Officer.

For the Chief Commissioner,

no/61 of 8 July 1946 file 173/37/33
A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

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3rd July 1946

Prefettura of GENOA
Div. Gab. Prot. no. 5521

Subject; Petition of the Jewish Community of GENOA Province.

TO : Allied Commission - Genoa.

Herewith please find enclosed for your information, a petition dated 2/7/46, addressed to me by the Jewish Community of Genoa Province, that I am asked to forward to higher Authorities.

Sgd. Il Prefetto

Jewish Community
Genoa
Esso Assorotti 6

Genoa, 2nd July 1946

The members of the Jewish Community in GENOA, in this Jewish Temple, assembled with the refugees staying here temporarily, herewith express their deep regret and their protest against the recent anti-Jewish measures taken by the British Authorities in Palestine causing suffering to so many of their co-religionists and which prevent thousands of their brethren to reach the only country where they could settle down and live in peace.

They insist herewith on the Jewish people's right to have in Palestine a place to live and to work, after having so badly suffered by the barbarous hands of the Nazis. They express their utter disappointment upon seeing that the obligations taken by the Mandatory Power on the basis of the Balfour declaration have been ignored and they remember deeply moved in this tragic hour their brethren in Palestine and assure them of their utter solidarity.

They will request the democratic Italian Government to inform the Allied Authorities of their present feelings.

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Sgd. Il Capo di Gabinetto

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OUTGOING MESSAGE.

FROM ACPSF HQ ALCOM

20 June 1946.

TO (FOR ACTION) G-5 AFHQ.

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SUBJECT IS ILLEGAL EMIGRATION PD

JUN 20 1946

PARA ONE PD FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICER
GMA GENOA PD

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GMA BELIEVED PANAMA REGISTRATION PD

PARA THREE PD THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES BOARDED VESSEL AND GAVE INSTRUCTIONS
THE SHIP WAS NOT TO SAIL PD

PARA FOUR PD MR PD JIG PD FOX PD STONE GMA AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT AND SERENI
GMA ADA INTERPRETER GMA OF ROME GMA WHO WERE WITH THE PARTY WERE NOT ALLOWED
BY THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES TO EMBARK PD

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ONE NINE PD DESTINATION BELIEVED PALESTINE PD

PARA SIX PD MR PD STONE DID NOT SAIL AND HAS SINCE LEFT SAVONA GMA BELIEVED
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BY PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICER GMA GENOA PD

PARA SEVEN PD NUMBER THREE DISTRICT INFORMED BY FBI PD SUGAR PD SUGAR PD

PRIORITY.

PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION.

(SGD) M. CARR BRIGADIER, VP CA SECTION.

NICHOLAS PIGBINO
CWO USA
ASST. ADJUTANT.

Internal Dist.

Chief Commissioner.

Executive Commissioner.

May S/C.

D.F. & R. S/C.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1913

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 190024

Message Centre No: H/4050

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 201045

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: LIAISON OF GENOA NET

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION EX COM ROME ALCOM, INFO: NO 3 NORTHERN NET MILAN 59 AREA
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION AC ROME DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COM ROME

RE: AMERICAN EMBASSY ROME

UNCLASSIFIED:

Information has been received at 930 hrs 1946 from the Questore on SABONA that at 920 hrs the ship PANAMENTE BUHAROLS with approx 1300 Jews aboard illegally sailed from VADO LIGURE SAVONA PROVINCE apparently bound for PALESTINE period. The Jewish subjects are stated to have arrived at 0100 hrs by means of civilian truck & boarded the ship which was moored off shore. Italian Police later boarded the vessel & suspecting the movement to be a clandestine 1 ordered the vessel to remain at its mooring. This order was disregarded at the hour quoted & the vessel 5 subjects sailed. The vessel is stated by the Italia authorities to be of the Republic of PANAMA registration. Report follows.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478427

19 June 1946

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SUBJECT : I legal Emigration.

TO : VP. CA. Section.

1. The following information was received at 1100 hrs, 19 June 1946, by 'phone, from the Public Safety Officer Genoa Liaison Group.

2. At about 0100 hrs 19th June 1946, 1,300 Jews arrived at Vado Ligure, Province of Savona, in civilian transport (point of departure not known) and boarded the SS RANARONTE BURARINIO, which was lying off shore.

3. The Italian Police, suspecting illegal immigration, boarded the vessel and gave orders the ship was not to sail, however, at 0920 hrs, the ship sailed, believed for Palestine.
It is believed she bears a Panama Registration.

4. P.S.O. has informed No. 3 District. Cable follows.
No further information available.

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E. J. Byr
E. J. Byr, Colonel
Acting Director.

Copy: - Chief Commissioner
- Executive Commissioner ✓
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FROM : 311 PS Section 21-1515

TO : CS (I) Disthree (Northern Det.)

MAY 28 1946

Col. MILLER Chief LC Bolzano AC

S/ST/A. SUBJECT IS RESIA PASS. POLISH FORCES CONTROLLED AT FRONTIER BY PENCO. 0400 HRS 16 MAY 46 320 REFUGEES FROM VIENNA EN ROUTE SO SALING CAMP MERANO ON VAGUE ORDERS REQUESTING ASSISTANT FROM ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL SIGNED BY HON. SIMON MAJOR USTRA CONVOY. THEY WERE TURNED BACK IN ACCORDANCE INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY GIVEN BY MAJOR HARTMAN DP SUB COMMISSION AC ROBE

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TO : HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROBE
for Executive Commissioner.
" Director, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

The above copy of a telegram sent by 311 PS Section is forwarded to you in continuation of my letters NCHO/BZ/141.a dated 6th and 16th May, 1946.

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/s/ S.W. MILLER, Colonel,
Chief Liaison Officer,
Bolzano

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Travel Control Division
APO 394, U.S. Army

GBI. 389-506/40

23 May 1946

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SUBJECT: Illegal Entry into Italy.

TO: A.C. of S., G-2, A.F.H.Q.
A.C. of S., G-5, A.F.H.Q.
Executive Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission. ✓

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter sent to the Ministry of the Interior by this Sub-Commission.

2. This letter was originated on account of the discovery by an officer of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, this Headquarters, of the illegal entry of over 1400 persons thru the Italian controls at the Resia Pass during the month of April 1946. (Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission letter DPR/11-2/EA dated 19 May 1946 refers). 80

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R. J. BYR,
Colonel,
Acting Director.

Encls.: Letter GBI. 389-506/40 dated 23 May 1946 to Ministry of Interior.

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Copy to: Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Travel Control Division
APO 394, U.S. Army

GBI. 389-506/40

23 May 1946

SUBJECT: Illegal entry into Italy.

TO: The Ministry of the Interior.

1. As a result of a visit by an officer of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, this Headquarters, it would appear that your Frontier Controls on the Resia Pass are unaware of the correct documentation required by persons to enter Italy.

2. It will be recalled that as a result of a meeting between Drs. Migliore and De Vito of your Ministry and F/Lt. Baker and Capt. Rausi of this Headquarters, on the hand over of responsibility of the frontier, airport and seaport controls, your ministry sent a cable Nr. 443/43837 dated 19 April 1946 informing all your controls of the categories of persons which were to be permitted entry into Italy.

3. During the month of April it was determined that over 1400 illegal immigrants were permitted through the Resia Pass under the guise of Displaced Persons.

4. Your attention is drawn to the agreement for entry into Italy of Displaced Persons whereby Italian and Alien Displaced Persons will only be brought into Italy after your Ministry's approval has been obtained and this approval has been endorsed on their D.P.2 cards and when your Ministry has advised the Frontier Control point concerned of their intended arrival. Furthermore in the case of Italian Displaced Persons these parties will be accompanied by Italian officers and other Displaced Persons will be accompanied by a conveying officer of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

5. It would therefore be appreciated if urgent action could be taken to inform the Resia Pass controls, and once again draw to the attention of all your other controls, the categories of persons they should allow entry into Italy.

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E.J. BYE,
Colonel,
Acting Director.

Copy to: Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
BOLZANO

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REF: ACLO/BZ/41.a

DATE: 16 May 1946.
SWM/gq.

SUBJECT: Entry of Jews into Italy.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
HQ, Allied Commission, ROME.

MAY 21 1946

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- 1.) The attached copy of a telegram sent by 311 F.S. Sec C.M.F. sent to GS(I) 3 Dist in connection with the entry of Jews into Italy is forwarded to you in continuation of my letter ACLO/BZ/41.a of 6 May 1946.
- 2.) A copy of the protocol referred to in para.6 of the above quoted letter is attached.
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MESSAGE FORM

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311 P.B. Sec C.M.F.

Originator

Date-Time of Origin
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GS(I) 3 DIST (Northern Element)
c/o 427 P.B. Sec C.M.F.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Col MILLER CLO AC POLAND (2 copies)

Message Instructions

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OFFICE OF PUBBLICA SICUREZZA ON THE FRONTIER FRONTIER

TO : Vice Questore Bolognesi
Chief Liaison Office for Pizia di Frontiera
c/o the F.S.S.
Palazzo Litta,
MILAN

13 Jan 1946

Copy to: P.S. Frontier Office S. CANDIDO
" " P.S. Frontier Office RESIA

No. 326

Reply to No. 117 of the 10.1.46.

SUBJECT: Frontier Movement in the Province of Bolzano

In reply to the a/m letter, herewith is a copy of the existing regulations for the crossing of the frontier by this pass.

Those who may cross the frontier are:-

1. Italians and Austrian subjects living in the frontier zone who possess a frontier pass. It not having yet been possible to issue the said documents, Allied HQ have authorized the Communes concerned to forward to this office a list of the people possessing a frontier pass in 1943 and to allow them transit on presentation of the old frontier pass or of any document of identification.

2. Italians or foreigners of every nationality possessing any document of identification or pass issued by AMG HQ in Bolzano and visaed by the Commandant of the French occupation forces in Innsbruck and viceversa.

According to the agreement made at the time between the HQs concerned, with a view to helping trade, the said passes are issued to persons resident in the area between Innsbruck and Bolzano and only for reasons of commerce.

3. Italians and foreigners entering or leaving the Kingdom in possession of a passport of the nation to which they belong and of A.F.F. (Allied Force Permit.)

The A.F.F. is a white passport issued by AFHQ.

Entrance into Italy is also permitted to Italian subjects who are repatriated in groups and whose names are entered in the lists compiled by the Commandants of the camps existing in foreign territory.

Foreigners can leave the Kingdom who are repatriated in groups and whose names are entered in the lists compiled by the Commandants of the evacuee camps in Italy.

Polish subjects in groups possessing the authorisation of General Anders or a document of identification are also permitted to enter Italy.

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All Allied military who cross the frontier must possess a travel permit issued by their own Commands which they must show when crossing the frontier to the Allied control post stationed at each pass.

In the near future UNRRA will arrange for groups of foreigners to cross Italy in transit to their own countries. From time to time the Allied HQ will authorize and give notice in advance of such groups.

From Jan 1st, although the territory has passed under the administration of the Italian Government, the Allied office attached to the Counter Intelligence Corps, has given orders that the same regulations be carried out until further orders arrive. For foreigners entering the Kingdom, they gave orders for the carrying out of the instructions in the circular of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs R.20 of the 26.11.1945.

At the present time the Liaison Office in Bolzano is drawing up an agreement with the Commandant of the French occupation forces in Austria for continued transit permission to be granted to business men in the Innsbruck-Bolzano area, in possession of a pass signed by the questore of Bolzano and visaed by the French Commandant or viceversa.

For further enlightenment on the matter we are enclosing Italian translations of the circulars received from the Counter Intelligence Corps.

As soon as further orders are received, they will be translated by this office and sent to you and to other offices on the frontier of this Province.

IL COMMISSARIO A.C.C. DI P.S.
Dr. Francesco PLAZZI

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

1. All persons entering Italy must have permission from the Allied Forces (Allied Force Permit) except:-

- (a) Allied service personnel so declared by this Allied HQ.
- (b) Diplomats and Consular officials of the United Nations.
- (c) National employees of the United States and Great Britain who are travelling for reasons connected with the following organizations:-

Allied Commission	Ministry of War Transport
Allied Force Headquarters	MAAST
American Red Cross	Office of War Information
American Field Service	PWB
British Red Cross	Red Cross (British and US)
Catholic Women's League	Salvation Army
Church Army	Too H
Church of Christ Scientists	UNRRA
Church of Scotland Bute	USO
EWSA	War Shipping Administration
Friends Ambulance Unit	YACA
Information Service Bureau	YWCA
Jewish Hospital Comité	

- (d) Persons belonging to the Ministries in the service of the United States or Great Britain in possession of identity documents issued by the American or British service.
- (e) Merchant Marine sailors serving on ships.
- (f) Correspondents of newspapers accredited to AFHQ.
- (g) Those in possession of a permit of the Allied Expeditionary Corps "Valid for Italy".
- (h) Those in possession of a permit "For Chief of Staff".
- (i) Those in possession of a permit MFO London "Valid for Italy".

2. Permits of the Allied Forces may be issued in:-

<u>ALBANIA</u>	British Military Mission, Tirana
<u>BELGIUM</u>	British Military Mission, Brussels, BIA
<u>BULGARIA</u>	Allied Control Commission, Sofia, (British or US Delegation)
<u>DENMARK</u>	British Military Mission
<u>EGYPT</u>	HEU Midest, A-2 Branch, Cairo
<u>FRANCE</u>	USFET Mission to France-Military Permit Office, Paris

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This authorization may be withdrawn or changed at any time. A copy of the permit issued under "Granted without reference" must be given in every case to A.C. of G-2 AFHQ.

- (A) Officials who are employed and payed by the Government of the United Nations or by Italy who are travelling for reasons connected with these countries.
- (B) Persons who must enter Italy for urgent reasons.
- (C) Students, artists and members of educational professions who are travelling in order to study the Italian race and the people of the United Nations. Naturally the granting of a permit in this case depends on whether the person is considered fit from every point of view. **1250** receive it; if this is not so the case must be referred to AMHQ.
- (D) Italians returning to their own country.

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4. All other cases must be first referred to AFHQ.

5. It is understood that the Allied Force Permit does not absolve the person from first obtaining the necessary documents (identity documents, visa, passport, expatriation papers) from the country from which he comes and to which he is travelling.

If there are several persons (a group etc.) the permit may be issued without nominating each person, but only after having referred their names to this HQ.

COUNTY INTELLIGENCE CORPS

Italian Frontier Detachment
Brenner Section APC 51.2

1. Allied Force Headquarters on the 19.10.1945 orders:

an (AG 371.2001-0) that all civilians entering Italy must be provided with Allied Force Permit except those who are being repatriated in groups. This order also specifies that the permits may be issued in Germany by the US Combined Group Control Council, Combined Travel Board. Nothing has yet been settled for Austria.

Sgt. SORRY

UFFICIO P.S. DI CONFINE DEL BRENNERO

No 326 di prot.
risp.al n.117 del 10/I/1946

Brennero li 13 Gennaio 1946

OGGETTO: Transito alla frontiera della provincia di Bolzano.

Al V.QUESTORE BOLOGNESI

Capo Ufficio Collegamento per i servizi di Polizia di
Frontiera presso Commissariato Compartimentale P.S.S..
Palazza Litta

MILANO

All'Ufficio P.S. di Confine

S.CANDIDO

All'Ufficio P.S. di Confine

RESIA

In risposta alla nota sopraindicata si trascrive qui di seguito
le disposizioni vigenti per il passaggio della frontiera attraverso
questo valico:

Possano attraversare la frontiera:

- 1) Italiani e cittadini Austriaci residenti nella zona di confine
muniti di tessera di frontiera. Non essendo stato ancora possibile
addevenire al rilascio di detti documenti il Comando Alleato ha
autorizzato i Comuni interessati ad inviare a quest'ufficio un
elenco delle persone munite di tessera di frontiera nel 1943 ed
a, permettere il transito dietro presentazione della vecchia
tessera di frontiera o di un qualsiasi documento di identità.
- 2) Italiani e stranieri di tutte le nazionalità muniti di un
qualsiasi documento di identificazione o di un lasciapassare
rilasciato dal Comando del Governo Militare Alleato di Bolzano
e vistato dal Comandante delle forze di occupazione francesi ad
Innsbruck, viceversa.
Detti lasciapassare secondo l'accordo fatto a suo tempo fra i
comandi interessati per agevolare il commercio, vengono rilasciati
alle persone residenti nella zona fra Innsbruck e Bolzano e solo per
motivi di commercio.
- 3) Italiani e stranieri sia in entrata che in uscita dal Regno
muniti di passaporto della nazione alla quale appartengono e di
A.F.F. (Permesso delle Forze Alleate).
L'A.F.F. consiste in un passaporto di colore bianco rilasciato
dall'Allied Force Head Quarters.
Possono inoltre entrare in Italia i cittadini italiani che rim-
patriano in convoglio iscritti in apposite liste compilate dai
Comandanti dei campi esistenti in territorio straniero.

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Possano uscire dal Regno gli stranieri che rimpatriano in convoglio iscritti in apposite liste compilate dai campi di evacuazione esistenti in Italia. Sono autorizzati infine ad entrare in Italia i sudditi Polacchi in convoglio muniti di autorizzazione del Generale ANDERS e di un documento di identificazione.

Tutti i militari alleati che attraversano la frontiera debbono essere muniti di foglio di viaggio rilasciato dai propri Comandi che debbono far vistare all'atto del transito al posto di blocco alleato esistente presso ciascun valico.

Prossimamente saranno organizzati dall'U.R.R.A. dei convogli di stranieri che attraverso l'Italia raggiungono i propri paesi. Detti convogli saranno di volta in volta autorizzati e preannunziati dal Comando Alleato.

Dal 1 Gennaio, pur essendo il territorio passato sotto l'amministrazione del Governo Italiano, l'Ufficio Alleato addetto al Counter Intelligence Corp ha disposto di mantenere le stesse disposizioni fino a quando non perveniranno altri ordini. Per l'ingresso nel Regno degli stranieri ha ordinato l'attuazione della circolare del Ministero degli Esteri n.20 del 26/11/1945.

L'Ufficio di Collegamento di Bolzano sta in questi giorni concretando un accordo con il Comandante delle Forze Francesi di occupazione in Austria per continuare a permettere il transito a commercianti della Zona Innsbruck-Bolzano con lasciapassare firmati dal Questore di Bolzano a vistati dal Comandante Francese o vice versa.

Si allegano, a maggior chiarimento, le circolari, nella traduzione Italiana, pervenute dal Counter Intelligence Corps.

Appena perverranno altre disposizioni sarà cura di quest'ufficio provvedere alla traduzione ed all'invio a V.S. ed altri uffici di confine di questa provincia.

Il Commissario Agg. di P.S.
F/to (Piazzini Dr. Francesco)

ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS

Tutte le persone che entrano in Italia debbono avere il permesso delle Forze Alleate (Allied Force Permit), eccetto:

- a) Personale del servizio Alleato dichiarato da questo Comando Alleato.
- b) Diplomatici ed Ufficiali di Consolati delle Nazioni Unite.
- c) Impiegati nazionali degli Stati Uniti e dell'Inghilterra che viaggiano per ragioni delle seguenti organizzazioni:

Allied Commission
 Allied Force Headquarters
 American Red Cross
 American Field Service
 British Red Cross
 Catholic Women's League
 Church Army
 Church of Christ Scientist
 Church of Scotland Huts
 ENCA
 Friends Ambulance Unit
 Information Service Bureau
 Jewish Hospital Comité

Ministry of War Transport
 Naafi
 Office of War Information
 PWB
 Red Cross (British and US)
 Salvation Army
 Tce H
 UNRRA
 USO
 War Shipping Administration
 YMCA
 YMCA

- d) Gli appartenenti ai Ministeri in servizio degli Stati Uniti o dell'Inghilterra, in possesso di documenti di identità del servizio Americano o Inglese.

2. "Arinati marina mercantile che fanno servizio sulle navi.

- f) Corrispondenti dei giornali accreditati al A.F.H.Q.
- g) Coloro che sono in possesso di un permesso del corpo Alleato di spedizione "Valevole per l'Italia".
- h) Coloro che sono in possesso di un permesso del "For Chief of Staff".
- i) Coloro che sono in possesso di un permesso del MPO London "Valevole Per l'Italia".

3. Permessi delle Forze Alleate possono essere rilasciati:

ALBANIA British Military Mission, Tirana
BELGIUM British Military Mission, Brussels, BLA
BULGARIA Allied Control Commission, Sofia, (British or US Delegation)
DENMARK British Military Mission.
EGYPT HKU "idest, A-2 Branch, Cairo
FRANCE USFET Mission to France-Military Permit office, Paris

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICA British Consulate General Visa Section, Algeria.

GERMANY US Combined Group Control Council Combined Travel Security

GREECE ECIS, HQ Land Forces Greece, Athens

OLLAND British Military Mission, Budapest

HUNGARY British Military Mission, Budapest

JUGOSLAVIA US or British Embassy, Belgrado

NORWAY Military Permit officer, c/o HQ Allied Land Forces, Oslo

PALESTINE GHC Mideast, A/2 Branch Cairo

RUMANIA Allied Control Commission, Bucarest

SWITZERLAND US or British Consulates or Embassies

SWEDEN British Passport Control Officer, Stockholm

TURKEY British Military Attaché, Istanbul

UNITED KINGDOM Military Permit Office, Dartmouth Street London

UNITED STATES Joint Chiefs of Staff Permit Office, Washington

URSS US or British Military Mission, Moscow

4- Se specialmente autorizzati da questo Comando Alleato gli ufficiali Military (Permit Officer) possono dare permessi senza riferire al AFHQ a persone appartenenti alle Nazioni Unite o a nazionalità Italiana, sempre che non ci sia nulla d'incontro dal punto di vista dell'autorità che dà il permesso.

Questa autorizzazione può essere ritirata o cambiata in ogni tempo. Una copia del permesso rilasciata in base a "Granted without reference" deve essere data in ogni caso al A.C. of G-2, AFHQ.

A. Persone Ufficiali che sono impiegati e pagati dal Governo delle Nazioni Unite o dall'Italia, il cui viaggio serve a scopi di questa paese.

B. Persone che devono entrare in Italia per ragioni urgentissime.

C. Studenti, artisti, e membro della professione Studiando che viaggiano per poter conoscere e studiare il popolo italiano e i popoli delle Nazioni Unite. E naturale che la concessione in questo di un permesso dipende che la persona sia in ogni parte in ordine in caso contrario deve essere prima riferito al AFHQ.

D. Italiani che ritornano in Patria.

5. Per tutti gli altri devono prima essere riferito a AFHQ. 1245

6. E naturale che il permesso delle Forze Alleate non assolve la persona di procurarsi prima ~~il permesso~~ i documenti necessari (documenti di identità, visto, passaporto documento di espatrio) del paese di cui viene e deve recarsi.

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Se sono più persone (una compagnia ecc) il permesso può essere dato senza badare su ogni persona, ma soltanto prima averli riferito a questo AFHQ.

COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS

Italian Frontier Detachment
Brenner Section APO 51.2

I. Allied Force Headquarters in data 15/10/1945 ordina:
(AG 371.2GDI-0) che tutti i civili che entrano in Italia devono essere provvisti di un permesso delle Force Alleate, eccetto coloro che rimpatriano in convoglio. Quest'ordine precisa anche, che i permessi possono essere rilasciati in Germania dal US Combined Group Control Council, Combined Travel Board. Niente previsto ancora per l'Austria.

F/to SORRY

TOP SECRET

Confidential

Ref: 2224/83/DC.

21 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Jews in ITALY.

TO : The British Embassy,
Rome.
Attn: Mr. A. Halford.

(80.)
I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to forward the attached copy of a memorandum prepared by the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission on the subject of illegal entry of Jews into ITALY from AUSTRIA and GERMANY.

Please acknowledge.

(Sgt) W. L. Hind-Smith
Major, RA.,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/11-2/EA.

Tel. 489081 Ext 239

19 May 1946.

MAY 20 1946

SUBJECT:- Illegal Entry of Jews into Italy from Austria
and Germany.

TO :- Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission. ←

A.C. of S.,
G-5.
A.F.H.Q.

A.C. of S.,
G-2,
A.F.H.Q.

Public Safety Sub Commission,
Allied Commission Headquarters.

1. Attached is Copy No. 1 of a memorandum on the
above subject compiled from data collected by this Sub
Commission.

2. The facts pertaining to the RESIA Pass have been
reported to C.L.O. BOLZANO and to O.C. 311 F.S.S. The latter
was going to investigate the matter more fully and report to
his immediate superiors.

For the Director.

G. Hartman

G. HARTMAN,

Major.

Emigration and Advisory.

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*See in. 81-82-97
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TOP SECRET

COPY NO. 1MEMORANDUM Confidential

SUBJECT: Illegal Entry of Jews into ITALY from AUSTRIA and GERMANY.

1. Colonel THIÉRAUD, in charge of the DP Section of the French Military Government in the French Zone of AUSTRIA, said that there were only about 350 non-Austrian Jews in the French Zone a few months ago. Since then there had been a steady trickle from the U.S. Zone through the French Zone. Such would-be immigrants to PALESTINE were provided with food by the A.J.D.C. at DUISBURG. The French authorities protested about these unauthorized moves to the A.J.D.C. representative, Mr. MENDELSON, who promised that such malpractices would cease. However, the promise has not been kept, and Colonel THIÉRAUD conservatively estimated that 2,000 Jews had passed through the French Zone of AUSTRIA to ITALY since the 1st January, 1946. The French authorities closed a Jewish camp run by the A.J.D.C. in the DUISBURG area on account of this breach of promise.

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COMMENT: Professor LASKI's recent successful intervention on behalf of the "LA SPEZIA Jews" and the world-wide publicity given to the case would lend even more truth to allegations such as those put forward by MENDELSON.

4. Colonel THIÉRAUD thought, but had no definite proof, that LASKI's director in the French Zone, a certain Canadian by the name of ASHLER, was connected with the illegal movement of Jews. He also stated that LASKI were preparing a series of camps in the U.S. Zone of AUSTRIA to house part of the anticipated "100,000" whose immigration into PALESTINE was recommended by the Anglo-American commission. ASHLER, according to THIÉRAUD, was to be the over-all Director of these camps.

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COMMENTS: (a) Another source, thought to be reliable, mentioned that Mr. Jan Van HANDEL, LARPA Camps Director for the MITTENWALD-CORBALENGAU area, was also connected with the clandestine Jewish movements into ITALY. VAN HANDEL, a Dutchman, and, from his physical appearance possibly a Jew, was paying very frequent visits to MEMELSON. Colonel THREDAID was not cognizant of these visits but promised to investigate. VAN HANDEL was very reticent about Jews in his area and, when the topic was broached with him, invariably changed the conversation.

(b) LARPA are contemplating setting up a delousing centre on the BRENNER. A certain MELVIN-THOMAS (name?) was sent to the BRENNER to inspect accommodation and report.

5. Colonel THREDAID reported that the clandestine (comment: "officially clandestine") Jewish drafts were coming from the U.S. Zone of AUSTRIA and were passing into ITALY by the LANDON-MAUMES-IERANO route (i.e. via the RUSIA Pass). He believed that similar groups of Jews, ex-camps in the U.S. Zone of GERMANY, were also passing through LANDON on their way to ITALY.

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COMMENT: In general, the impression gained was that the French were adopting an impressive attitude as long as the movement of Jews through the territory administered by them did not impair the already precarious economic situation in the French Zone of AUSTRIA.

6. The MITTERWALD-ONERAMEGAU-JUNCTION area is full of Jewish Camps and "Haksharoth".

One of the latter communal organizations was set up in a charming chalet - type of hotel at MITTERWALD. The front of the building was tastefully decorated with scenes depicting in ghastly detail, life in German Concentration Camps, the whole topped by a realistic figure of HITLER hanging from a gibbet. Slogans, explaining the martyrdom of the Jews, in letters a foot high, completed the decoration of the building.

Most of the Jewish Camps and "Haksharoth" flew both the Jewish and the Red "Harmer and Sickle" Flags.

7. The Camps and "Haksharoth" were all dependant on A.J.D.C./MIRANO for rations and financial support.

8. C.L.O. BOLZANO was interviewed and was informed that French sources suspected that illegal entry of Jews into ITALY was taking place through the RESIA Pass. The C.L.O. was sceptical as to the truth of this information as the local OCCR and F.S.S. both had only very recently, on being queried, declared to him that no known unauthorized moves of DPs had been reported in this area. Permission was asked of and obtained from the C.L.O. to visit the RESIA Pass with a promise to report any findings.

9. It was originally thought that if such clandestine movements were, in fact, taking place through the RESIA Pass then route 38 through GIORENZA-IRANCO-SANDRIGO-Eastern bank of Lake OMO to the MILAN area, (Comment: where the existence of important A.J.D.C./MIRANO run Jewish Camps and "Haksharoth" have been reported at ARSIANE GUAZZOLE, TRADATE (see para 12), ANSELMO and numerous other localities) would be a likely path to be taken.

This theory proved incorrect as subsequent inquiries in the SPONDIGNO area revealed that route No. 38 passed through the SENEVIO Pass at over 2,000 meters and was still impassable even at this time of the year.

NOTE: The existence of an A.J.D.C. hostel at MIRANO was not known till after a visit to the RESIA OCCR Post.

10. About 5 miles from the RESIA Pass a OCCR Frontier Guard was given a lift. A few questions put to him discreetly revealed that what he termed "Rumanian, Polish and Hungarian prisoners" were continually passing

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9. It was originally thought that if such clandestine movements were, in fact, taking place through the RESIA Pass then route 58 through GIOVENZA-TRAVIC-SCHINDHO-Eastern bank of Lake COMO to the MILAN area, (Comment: where the existence of important A.J.D.C./AMTRA run Jewish Camps and "Kaschnaroth" have been reported at ABBIATE GRASSANO, TRAVATI (see para 12), ANSELMO and numerous other localities) would be a likely path to be taken.

This theory proved incorrect as subsequent inquiries in the SPONDICHO area revealed that route No. 58 passed through the SHELWIO Pass at over 2,000 meters and was still impassable even at this time of the year.

NOTE: The existence of an A.J.D.C. hostel at MERANO was not known till after a visit to the RESIA OGER Post.

10. About 3 miles from the RESIA Pass a OGER Frontier Guard was given a lift. A few questions put to him discreetly revealed that what he termed "Rumanian, Polish and Hungarian prisoners" were continually passing the RESIA frontier post.

11. Permission was asked and granted to peruse the OGER Frontier Control books and the following interesting facts were elucidated :- 1240

(a) The following Jewish convoys had passed into ITALY from AUSTRIA through the RESIA Pass during APRIL, 1946 :

2/4	-	100
3/4	-	104
4/4	-	129
5/4	-	200
6/4	-	0
7/4	-	200
15/4	-	220
18/4	-	360
29/4	-	100

TOTAL 1,433

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COMMENT: 6 April was the "Sabath" and the absence of "clandestine" movements from 18 April onwards could, perhaps, be accounted for by the fact that Passover devotional exercises impeded Jews from travelling.

(b) Such drafts usually travelled at night in what the CRR described as requisitioned lorries. Nominal rolls made out on "ALLIED TRAVEL PERMIT - ALLIED TRAVEL PERMIT - LAISSEZ PASSER" pro-forma, and again, according to the CRR, bore the stamp of both UNRRA and a Military Government authority (U.S. Zone of AUSTRIA or GERMANY).

One "Allied Travel Permit" in particular, pertaining to the group that passed through on 3/4, bore the serial No. 67940 and was issued by the "Military Government - S. WROCLAW - SAIZBURG".

(c) Lorries had each a spare driver and each convoy was accompanied by "Convoy Leaders". Lorries, Drivers and "Convoy Leaders" usually returned to AUSTRIA one, two at the maximum, three days after entering ITALY.

The following drivers and "convoy leaders" accompanied the draft that passed through PESSIA on 3 April:

WASSMANN, Moses,	"Convoy Leader"
KOMAR, Jacob,	- do -
KOTER, Josef,	Driver
ROSEN, Emerich,	- do -
ROBERT, Victor,	- do -
STEINBERGER, Franz,	- do -
STEINGOLD, Max,	- do -

NOTE: The CRR Frontier Control books were very neatly kept and give full numbers, names of drivers, convoy leaders, identity or other documents held by travellers, etc. It was thought fit to leave the task of more detailed investigation to JLI P.S.S.

(d) The CRR stated that the convoys were accompanied to the frontier by what they described as "British soldiers" who did not enter ITALY.

NOTE: Para 9 of the BOLZANO C.L.C.'s report reads as follows:

"Two Polish Army trucks on loan to the American Joint Distribution Committee, Austria were recently halted in the PESSIA area, and the four passengers questioned. Two were members of the Palestinian Brigade, on leave from Bruxelles, in uniform with shoulder Tassels marked P.A.S.G. The other two were also in British Battle Dress though in fact

three days after entering ITALY.

The following drivers and "convoy leaders" accompanied the draft that passed through KESIA on 3 April:

WALISSAID, Moses,	"Convoy Leader"
KORNA, Jacob,	- do -
EDER, Josef,	Driver
HOSSE, Eusebio,	- do -
HOFER, Victor,	- do -
SCHNEIDER, Franz,	- do -
FRANZ, Max,	- do -

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(e) The OCHR stated that convoys proceeded to MERANO where the drafts were accommodated at an A.J.D.C. hostel situated in Via MANZONI (Tel: MERANO 1520).

NOTE: A check at the MERANO telephone exchange revealed that the phone number "MERANO 1520" was that of the "Organizzazione Ebraica" situated at 26 Via MANZONI. Neither F.S.S. or C.I.O. had heard of its existence.

(f) The OCHR stated that a further convoy was expected through the KESIA Pass on the 7th May though they were not sure whether it would materialize owing to what they described as "changed policy". Reported to C.I.O. and F.S.S.

COMMENT: "Changed Policy" might well be the recent announcement that the Anglo-American Commission had recommended the granting of 100,000 immigration certificates to Jews in Europe.

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(G) When asked why they were allowing these convoys of Jews to enter ITALY, the OERR stated that they were acting in accordance with instructions contained in a circular "No. di Procedimento 326" dated 13 January, 1946 emanating from the "Pubblica Sicurezza del Brennero" Office in BOLZANO, who in turn, the OERR Brigadiere believed, had received their orders from their Superiors in MILAN.

The Circular in question, of which the Frontier Control Post had a copy, contained descriptions of A.F.P. policy towards frontier residents, etc, and a statement that "MURRA would, in the future, be organising convoys through ITALY".

The MURRA stamp on the Allied travel permit, the "British soldiers" and the A.F.P.O. hostel at MERANO, coupled with the fact that an F.S.S. Sergeant had perused their books, had, according to the OERR, lent every semblance of legality to the entrance into ITALY of persons whom they referred to all the time as "prisoners".

COMMENT: The OERR at RESIA seemed genuinely surprised when told that such moves were unauthorized. Similarly, the OERR C.O. at BOLZANO, when told about the moves and taxed that he had only recently reported that no illegal movements into ITALY were taking place across frontiers under his control, stated that he thought such convoys were part of an organized Allied DP programme, and that he had in no way tried to mislead the C.I.O. by his previous statement.

COMMENT ON RESIA PASS INFORMATION:

An extract of a report dated 26 February 1946 from a confidential source reads as follows:

"The member of the Anglo-American Investigation Committee told Colonel LOGAN-CRAY (Note: Director of DP and PW Division - A.C.A.) that they had uncovered during their investigations in AUSTRIA that Jews from BUDAPEST are being conveyed by train direct to VIENNA where they are placed in a large TRANSIT CAMP in the U.S. Sector of the city. There they remain for 72 hours or less. The Americans then put them on to through trains to LITZ in the U.S. Zone. After that we understand that they move on daily via a series of TRANSIT CAMPS, NOT D.P. Camps, and eventually end up in BAVARIA!! No one quite understands why it should be BAVARIA, nor can we discover their subsequent destination. We imagine that they must turn South eventually, but up to now we have no more information. We understand that they never stay longer than 72 hours in any TRANSIT CAMP en route to BAVARIA. It is as a result of this organization of course, that the flow of Jews into the British Zone of AUSTRIA has practically ceased and also that they know that no help can now be expected in British Zones".

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12. A source considered reliable recently visited a Jewish "Haksharoth" situated at TATTAPE (about 50 miles North of VIENNA). The "Haksharoth" had 800 members, all disciplined and drilled to parade, meals and camp chores. They even marched in step to the local village cinema.

The same source stated that there were about 25 other "Haksharoth" in the area.

13. A "Haksharoth" situated at TRASCATI in a beautiful villa which was at one time KESSELMAN's Headquarters was recently paid a second visit by a source who had been there two months ago. The second visit was unaccompanied by any representative of Jewish organizations. Source, who was thought to be a Jew by the inmates, was well received and free conversation was established.

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Source remarked that the inmates of the "Haksharot" were not the same as those he had met on his last visit and was told that the previous "Kebutz" had left. On being jokingly asked if the "Kebutz" in question had left with the "La Sibbia" Jews, an affirmative answer was received.

A number of members of the new "Kebutz" installed in the villa had only recently come from RUSSIA. They said that there existed a certain amount of anti-Semitic feeling in RUSSIA, principally taking the form of favoritism to Gentiles over questions of rehabilitation in devastated areas. They alleged that the Russian authorities were indifferent to whether they left the Soviet Union or stayed.

(COMMENT: A Soviet equivalent of acquiescence?)

17 May, 1946.

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17 May, 1946.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
BOLZANO

REF: ACLO/BZ/41.a

DATE 2nd May, 1946
SWN/lc

SUBJECT: Illegal Entries of Jews
into ITALY.

MAY 14 1946

TO: HQ, Allied Commission, ROME -
for Executive Commissioner.

In view of the La Spezia incident I have tried
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The attached report is the result and may interest
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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
BOLZANO

REF:

ACLO/BZ/108.2.1

DATE 30 April 1946
WRH/mab

SUBJECT: Clandestine Movement of Jews.

TO : C.L.O., Bolzano

1. With reference to your memorandum of the 26 inst. respecting subject.
2. I have made enquiries of the CC.RR. and other Italian Police Agencies and also the F.S.S., but none of these agencies has received any definite information on the subject.
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THIS OFFICE PD PLEASE PROVIDE TWO COPIES PD

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Office of the Executive Commr

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SEYMOUR E. HUMPHREYS
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ALLIED COMMISSION

OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER

BOLZANO

SECRET

Copy No. 1

REF: ACIO/BZ/41.a

DATE: 6th May, 1946
SWM/lc

SUBJECT: Entry of Jews into ITALY.

MAY 10 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner, (3)
HQ, Allied Commission,
ROME.*Confidential**lea 66**71*

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4. The groups travel by night, have their own transport, and are well organized under escort leaders etc.
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7. There is a Sergeant of the F.S.S. stationed in RESIA Pass. I have seen Capt. Douglas of 311 F.S.S. this morning and he is now strengthening the post. (He, of course, comes direct under A.F.H.Q. but is a willing co-operator).

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See M. 67 68 69.

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8. ^{but} It is intended discreetly to examine the frontier records of the BRENNER, St. CANDIDO and TUBRE Passes when, if necessary, a further report will be sent to you.

9. Two Polish Army trucks on loan to the American Joint Distribution Committee, Austria were recently halted in the RESIA area, and the four passengers questioned. Two were members of the Palestinian Brigade, on leave from Bruxelles, in uniform with shoulder flashes marked R.A.S.C. The other two were also in British Battle Dress though in fact they were civilian members of the A.J.D.C. The F.S.S. told them they had no right to be in British uniform and let them go.

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UGS COLONEL TOMLIN H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION I.G.C.R. - ROMA -

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GLADLY INFORMING YOU TWO SHIPS WITH 1014 JEWISH EMIGRANTS ON BOARD
BOARD LEFT TODAY AT 9/40 AM REGARDS ~~DE~~ NAHON ~~DE~~

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British Legation to the Holy See,

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ROME.

29th April, 1946.

APR 30 1946

My dear Brigadier,

Many thanks for your 2224/54/EC of April 27th about conditions in the Displaced Persons Camp in Turin. If the Vatican write to me I shall have great pleasure in sending them the information supplied by Colonel Findlay, which seems clearly to indicate that there are no grounds for complaint.

Yours sincerely,

D. G. Owen.

Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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DATE 21 April 46

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Ref: 2224/B4/NO.

27 April 1946.

I was informed recently that the Jews in the Displaced Persons Camp in TURIN intended to complain to the Pope regarding the conditions in that camp. I therefore requested Colonel Findlay, Director of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, to investigate the matter and let me have a report.

Colonel Findlay informs me that this camp in TURIN is one of the best run and happiest camps that he has seen and that although there was a little trouble recently over the question of supplies for the Passover, all is quiet again there now.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter sent to His Eminence The Cardinal Archbishop of TURIN by the Camp Commandant, Major S.F. Burnell, as I feel that the information contained therein is most interesting and should be of use if the matter is raised by the Vatican.

M. S. LUSH

Sir Francis D'Arcy G. Osborne, KCMG,
British Minister to the Holy See,
R O M E.

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D.O. Letter from Colonel C.B. FINDLAY, Director, D.P.R.S.C.

DFR/91/ADM

23rd April 1946

APR 24 1946

Dear *hansie*

I think I told you Turin (D.P.R.S.C.) Camp Jews were complaining to the Pope !!

Mr. Joseph (prominent British Jew) and Mr. White (Head of A.J.D.C. North West Italy) when I saw them a month ago, informed me that it was quite the best and happiest Camp they had seen - I agreed (in comparison with other Jewish Camps).

Recently they had a riot - Non orthodox attacked orthodox, as orthodox were supposed to have got more supplies from A.J.D.C. for Passover ! All is quiet again now. But I thought you would like to see Burnell's (Camp Commandant) excellent letter.

Yours

Charles Lush

Brigadier M.S. Lush,
Executive Commissioner, A.C.

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C O P Y

TO : His Eminence The Cardinal Archbishop of TURIN.

FROM : Major S.F. BURNELL
Oxf. & Bucks Light Infry.
"C" DISPLACED PERSONS ASSEMBLY CENTRE,
GRUGLIASCO,
TURIN.

Your Eminence

I have the honour to refer to your enquiries through the Resident Priest at Grugliasco on matters appertaining to the conditions existing in this Centre and to apologize for not having been able to receive the priest as I was out on duty. I understand that these enquiries have been instigated from His Holiness the Pope through the Papal Secretary and in the ordinary way the answers required should be sent through NW Group D.P.R.S.C.

The Officer Commanding NW Group is away in consequence I am replying to you direct and am sending a copy for information to the H.Q.

The detail required to convey to you the correct picture is :-

The following items are supplied free :-

(a) Centrally heated accommodation/ light/ bedding/ soap/ hot and cold water/ hospital treatment including cost of maternity or T.B. cases/ dental service/ provision of surgical appliances including surgical boots/ plates, knife, fork, spoon etc./ rations etc. etc.

(b) As regards rations, these are the Scale 8 of the Allied Scale and these consist of white bread/ white pasta/ jam or marmelade/meat/ potatoes or flour/ fresh vegetables/ fresh fruit/ coffee/ sugar/ milk etc. etc.

The white bread scale is 100 grams a day more than the Italian civilian ration. In addition nursing or pregnant mothers get an additional 20 oz. of milk per day.

(c) There is a Clinic with medical attendance/ bathing and feeding facilities throughout the day and night with qualified attendants.

(d) There is a school for children with qualified teachers.

(e) There is a Canteen run entirely by Displaced Persons, and profit devoted by the Committee to Welfare purposes.

(f) There is a first class Hospital with 2 Doctors and 5 Nursing Sisters in attendance day and night. This likewise provides inoculations and vaccinations and has two ambulances on duty at all times. Drugs including Penicillen is available. Mothers in childbirth are provided with complete outfit of clothing.

(g) There is a Synagoge and complete freedom of religion.

(h) Reading and writing rooms exist with Radio and loudspeakers.

(i) People are free to enter and leave this Centre between 0600 hrs. and 0030 hrs; and reduced fares on trains and trams are in existence.

(k) All male persons receive the correct cigarette or tobacco ration.

(l) All persons receive from the American Joint 600-900 Lire per month.

I would be pleased to receive Your Eminence here at any time to show him around this Centre when without doubt I can convince you that there is no foundation in the report which has reached the Vatican.

Finally might I add that in my present duty I have been asked from time to time to assist Italian families here in Turin and in these cases I have found conditions existing such as never exist in this Centre, and I would suggest that if it is a matter that some thought is being given to financial aid, then I may beg of you to come here first and the things for yourself and come to the conclusion as I am sure you will that it is totally unnecessary.

I thank you for your having received me and I offer no objections to this letter being used verbatim in order that the true facts to his Holiness The Pope.

I am, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

Major
Commanding "C" DISPLACED PERSONS
ASSEMBLY CENTRE.

GRUGLIASCO, TURIN, 30/3/1946

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APR 23 1946

FROM FREEDOM SIGNED SAGGED

AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR CCS

INFO: CABINET OFFICERS WHITEHALL FOR BCS ALONG BUREAU OF PASS, 13 CORPS CINC
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1. THERE HAS RECENTLY BEEN AN INFUX OF JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS INTO ZONE "A" OF VENEZIA GIULIA FROM ZONE "B" .
2. BETWEEN 4 AND 10 APRIL 8 PARTIES OF SUCH PERSONS TOTALING 468 HAVE ARRIVED BY TRAIN AT THE FRONTIER CONTROL POST AS DIVACCIA(DIVACCIA) IN ZONE " A " WITHOUT PRIOR CLEARANCE FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS OR A PERMIT FROM VENEZIA GIULIA.
3. ALL PARTIES WERE ORGANIZED UNDER LEADERS WHO STATED THAT THEIR MEMBERS HAD COME TO JUGOSLAVIA FROM AUSTRIA CZECHOSLOVAKIA ROMANIA GERMANY AND POLAND AND THAT THEY WERE ENROUTE TO ITALY.
4. Owing to difficulty of turning them back without resort to violence these parties were allowed to enter ZONE " A " NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN OPENED WITH THE JUGOSLAV MISSION TO HEADQUARTERS 13 CORPS WITH A VIEW TO THEIR RETURN TO JUGOSLAVIA BUT ARE UNLIKELY TO PROVE SUCCESSFUL.
5. SINCE 10 APRIL FURTHER PARTIES OF JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS HAVE ARRIVED AT THE FRONTIER BUT HAVE BEEN HELD IN THEIR RAILWAY COACHES AND RETURNED TO JUGOSLAVIA. THIS PROCEDURE IS HOWEVER LIKELY TO LEAD TO UNPLEASANT INCIDENTS POSSIBLY VIOLENCE AND IN ANY EVENT THE NATURE OF THE TERRAIN IS SUCH THAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS STILL POSSIBLE BY INFILTRATION ACROSS FRONTIERS WHERE THERE ARE NO PERMANENT GUARDS.
6. THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ITALY AND IN ZONE " A " OF VENEZIA GIULIA IS SUCH THAT PERMISSION CANNOT BE GRANTED FOR THE ENTRY OF NON-ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS AND THE

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UNAUTHORISED ARRIVAL OF PARTIES SUCH AS THOSE MENTIONED IN PARA 2 ABOVE IS A SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT TO BOTH ALLIED AND ITALIAN AUTHORITIES.

7. IT APPEARS THAT THIS UNAUTHORISED IMMIGRATION INTO ZONE 'A' MUST BE TAKING PLACE WITH EITHER THE ACTIVE ASSISTANCE OR THE CONNIVANCE OF THE JUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AN APPROACH BE MADE TO THE BELGRADE GOVERNMENT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WITH A VIEW TO THEIR ENSURING CORRECTION IN PREAMBLE INSERT THIS IS NAF 1130 . THAT DISPLACED PERSONS ARE NOT (NOT) PERMITTED TO ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE MORGAN LINE WITHOUT PRIOR CLEARANCE FROM HEADQUARTERS 13 CORPS.



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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

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DPR/88/ADM

Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

14 March 1946

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SUBJECT : The Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry.

TO : Executive Commissioner, A.C.

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Attached herewith for your information terms of reference of the Anglo-American Committee of inquiry.

Would you kindly return after you have finished with it as it is the only copy.

For the Director:

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& original returned

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(C.F. Fothergill)

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

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Jan. 17. 1946
11.25 A.M.

The Anglo-American Committee of inquiry, after completing its series of hearings in the United States, will proceed on January eighteenth to London, via the Queen Elizabeth, to conduct a series of hearings there from January 25 to 31. Although the itinerary from that point is tentative at this time, it is expected that the Committee will depart for the continent approximately February first to visit Germany and various other countries for a period of about one month. While on the continent the Committee will have Berlin as its headquarters and most of the travel in other countries will be by small sub-committees. It is planned that the Committee will open hearings in Cairo on March 1. After a short stay there it will proceed to Palestine, where it plans to remain for a period of about one month.

As announced by the Governments of the United States and Great Britain on November 3, 1945 the terms of reference of the Committee are as follows:

"1. To examine political, economic and social conditions in Palestine as they bear upon the problem of Jewish immigration and settlement therein and the well-being of the people now living therein.

"2. To examine the position of the Jews in those countries in Europe where they have been the victims of Nazi and Fascist persecution, and the practical measures taken or contemplated to be taken in those countries to enable them to live free from discrimination and oppression, and to make estimates of those who wish or will be impelled by their conditions to migrate to Palestine or other countries outside Europe.

"3. To hear the views of competent witnesses and to consult representative Arabs and Jews on the problems of Palestine as such problems are affected by conditions subject to examination under paragraphs 1 and 2 above and by other relevant facts and circumstances, and to make recommendations to His Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States for an interim handling of these problems as well as for their permanent solution.

"4. To make such other recommendations to His Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States as may be necessary to meet the immediate needs arising from conditions subject to examination under paragraph 2 above, by remedial action in the European countries in question or by the provision of facilities for emigration to and settlement in countries outside Europe."

The Committee consists of the following members: (American) Judge

Joseph C. Hitchenson, Chairman; Frank Rydeloite; Frank C. Buxton; Bartley C. Crum; James G. McDonald; William Phillips; (British) Sir John E. Singleton; Chairman; Wilfred P. Griok; Richard H.C. Crossman; Sir Frederick Leggett; Major Reginald E. Manningham-Duller; Lord Morrison.

A staff of approximately twenty-four persons, twelve British and twelve American, will accompany the Committee. The following have already been appointed:

Research assistants (American) Evan Wilson; Frederick Loud; William W. Stenespring; (British) Paul Wilson.

Secretaries (American) Leslie L. Reed; (British) Harold G. Vincent; r. Beeley.

Administrative Officer (American) William M. Rountree.

Court Reporters (American) Helen B. Campbell; Margaret Jane Omer.

Stenographic Staff (American) Dorothy Herohenroeder; Mary Sue Freshman; Helen K. Randall; Frances R. Warden; Suzanne McDowall; (British) Daphne Wakelen; Audrey Greig.

The War Department has dispatched to the various Theater Commanders communications requesting the Army facilities be made available to the Committee. You are likewise requested to render to the Committee every assistance in the discharge of its responsibilities.

Funds have been allotted to the Committee by the Department of State and current expenditures will be met by the administrative Officer. Any expenses incurred on behalf of the Committee by you will be reimbursed by him in cash or by check.

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DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED ORAL FX 61959. SUFFICIENT FACTS DISCLOSED
FROM OTHER SOURCES AND REPORTS CALLED FOR FROM ADDRESSEES NOT NOW DESIRED.

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. ROME.

TO: COMGEN MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. ARMY.

MAR 7. 1946

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REPLYING TO YOUR SIGNAL FX 61959 DATED 4 MARCH 1946, NO RPT NO
PERSONNEL AS STATED IN ABOVE REFERRED SIGNAL HAVE BEEN
TRANSPORTED IN AMERICAN CREWED PLANES WITH DESTINATION
PALESTINE OR OTHER DESTINATIONS (.)

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WILLIAM L. LEE,
BRIG. GEN. U.S.A.,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
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(CAPT O) *[Signature]*

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ROME AREA COMMAND, ALCOM, CO FOGGIA ARMY AIR REENK BASE, 68 DIVISION.

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The following information of a very urgent nature is requested:

Since 1 December 1945 what American aircraft crewed by Americans or under control of US has originated flight or been in transit through your area carrying civilians with destination PALESTINE ? to ALCOM for LEE rpt LEE.

Give dates, type aircraft, full names of crew and civilians and for what purpose the civilian travel was made query what clearance was obtained for travelling to PALESTINE ? have you any knowledge their propoganda activities?

Any information at hand regarding known Jewish agitators or anti - Arab propaganda that have passed through your area, will be reported with all known facts. If known that other nations have been transporting Jewish agitators or carrying anti - Arab propaganda through this theater include that information in your report.

Can each addressee state definitely that no such personnel have been transported in American crewed planes with destination PALESTINE ?.

For RAC only: Request above information be secured from ATC ROME.

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INFO ALCON UNRRA MISSION ROME

FEB 26 1946

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From travel bureau ref our 24045 of 25 Feb special Dakota aircraft carrying GW members Anglo-American committee left Vienna 0930 HRS this morning ETA Bari 1400 HRS.

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MEMORANDUM ON THE JEWISH SITUATION IN ITALY

FEB 25 1948

1. JEWISH IN ITALY:

- (a) - According to A.J.D.C., there are from 15-16,000 Jews in Italy of foreign origin. Italian Jews number some 30,000
- (b) - These non-Italian Jews are located as follows:

UNION Camps in the "Hoel"	6,500
TURIN	500
CHRONA	800
"MAISHARA" or "FERRELLIN"	4,000
In Towns in precarious financial circumstances.	4,000
In Transitory inter-camp stages	300-400
	<u>15-16,000</u>

NOTE: The above figures do not include Jews of foreign origin who are, to all intents and purposes, of independent means and who have mingled with the local population. For example, there are about 800 Jews of Yugoslav origin in Bari alone, and all the bigger Italian towns boast of sizeable colonies of Jews of non-Italian origin.

- (c) - There are 40 "Makshara" in Italy in the following areas:

ROME	1,800
BLOXNA, Milan,	1,800
TURIN and Modena	400
BARI	<u>4,000</u>

- (d) - The Palestine Office in 1943 has registered ~~over~~ 11,000 Jews in Italy since the cessation of hostilities.

2. RELATIONS by Nationalities in Camps and "MAISHARA"

- (a) - Comment: It is difficult to give an exact nationality breakdown as some UNION Camps still insist on showing Jews of diverse nationalities.

15-16.000

NOTE: The above figures do not include Jews of foreign origin who are, to all intents and purposes, of independent means and who have mingled with the local population. For example, there are about 800 Jews of Yugoslav origin in Bari alone, and all the bigger Italian towns boast of sizeable colonies of Jews of non-Italian origin.

(c) - There are 40 "Hakshars" in Italy in the following areas:

HUNG	1.500
BOLOGNA, Milan,	1.800
TURIN and Modena	400
BARI	4.000

(d) - The Palestine Office in Rome has registered ~~over~~ 11,000 Jews in Italy since the cessation of hostilities.

2. BREAKDOWN by Nationalities in Camps and "HAKSHARS".

(a) - Comment: It is difficult to give an exact nationality breakdown as some UNRWA Camps still insist on showing JEWS of diverse nationalities as "Jews", "STATELESS" and even "PALESTINIANS" instead of by nationality, as requested on numerous occasions by this Headquarters.

(b) - However A.J.D.C.'s figures for nationality breakdown in Camps and Hakshars correspond to those of D.P.R.S.C. and are as follows:

POLIS	75%
RUMANIANS	7%
CZECHS	5%
HUNGARIANS	5%
AUSTRIANS	2%
GERMANS	1%
BALTIKS	1%
OTHERS (Russian, Yugoslav, - 4%	
Greek, genuine "Stateless", etc)	

(c) - The A.J.D.C. are of the opinion that Yugoslav, German and Austrian Jews are in preponderance amongst those Jews living in precarious financial circumstances or otherwise in the towns of Italy.

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See memo 37.38.

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3. EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM ITALY.

- (a) - The following Group emigration moves to Palestine have taken place since the Allied occupation of Italy:

MAY, 1944	571
MARCH, 1945	900
JUNE, 1945	150
NOVEMBER, 1945	800
	2,421

- (b) - About 500-600 Jews emigrated from Italy since the Allied Occupation of Italy in family units or small groups. The following countries were their principal destinations:

PALESTINE (Certificates held before the war, exceptional compassionate cases, married to Palestinian soldiers, etc).

FRANCE
S.AMBEDIA
BELGIUM
UNITED STATES
U.K.

- (c) - 960 Jews were moved to the United States in July, 1944, at President FORDEVALT's invitation.

- (d) - About 100 North African Jews, ex-internees or deportees in Italy, were returned to their homes in TUNISIA and CYPRUS.

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- (b) - 50% - 60% of Jewish refugees are under 25 years of age.
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Age	
0 - 1	73
2 - 4	50
5 - 7	72

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2 - 4	50
5 - 7	78
8 - 13	234
14 - 18	981
19 - 25	4802
26 - 35	3223
36 - 45	1177
46 - 55	278
over 56	77
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(d) - 300-400 births are expected in "HAZSHARA" and Camps. Marriages are encouraged and are daily occurrences in Camps and "HAZSHARA".

5. PROFESSIONS.

(a) - It must be remembered that 60% 60% of the recent Jewish arrivals in Italy are under 25 years of age. In 1939, the eldest were teen-aged and had hardly had the opportunity to be trained for a trade or a profession in the difficult period immediately preceding the war. Such young Jews are being trained in Camps and "Hickshara" in a variety of useful trades such as Carpenters, tailors, shoemakers, mechanics

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and electricians, while two training centres are devoted to Agriculture and two to fishery.

- (b) - The other 50% are mostly artisans and small traders and shop-keepers. Liberal professions only form a very small percentage (5%) of those foreign Jews at present in Italy.

6. Other Points of Interest.

- (a) - According to A.I.D.C., approximately 250 non-Italian JEWS are war invalids having been wounded while helping Partisan and other underground activities in Axis occupied Europe.
- (b) - A.I.D.C. states that about 2000 Jews now in Italy were in some way or another connected with Europe's underground movements during this war (Warsaw Ghetto, Russian Partisan and other anti-German activities).

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FEB 25 1946

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REF TD/41 OF 21 FEBRUARY NOT TO ALL.

1. SPECIAL AIRCRAFT WILL DEPART VIENNA 250930 FEBRUARY ARRIVE BARI 251400 FEBRUARY.
PLEASE ARRANGE PLANE BE MET.
2. COMMITTEE REQUEST MILITARY AUTHORITIES BE READY WITH INFORMATION AND FOR
CONSULTATION DURING AFTERNOON 25 FEBRUARY.

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FEB 23 1946

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1. Arrangements being made to accommodate Anglo American Committee of enquiry at Bari 25 February. (Rear TH/119 for road Secretary Anglo American Committee). Staff Officers with necessary information will be present and will arrange itinerary to suit Committee's convenience.
2. Please report ETA to 54 Area for action and AFHQ for information.

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ACARRIT VIENNA ROAD SEC ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE
AFHQ CASERTAKKX ALCOM UNRRA MISSION ROME

FEB 23 1946

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The Anglo-American Committee of enquiry into European Jewry and Palestine wishes to pay a ~~brief~~ brief visit to Italy enroute from Vienna to Cairo. Weather permitting a party of approx 12 persons including some women proposes to fly from Vienna to Southern Italy on 25 Feb. They wish to spend 2 days there before proceeding to Cairo. The Committee understand that Bari would be the most preferable centre for an investigation of the problems of displaced Jews. Please reserve accommodation in Bari for 3 nights from 25 Feb. The Committee hopes to receive from the Military Authorities information bearing on its terms of reference. Please also arrange an itinerary and provide the necessary transport guides and interpreters. The substance of the above was telephoned this morning to Major Drifffield White.

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UNDERSTAND ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY PROCEEDING TO ITALY FROM VIENNA.
REQUEST FULL DETAILS INCLUDING ETA.

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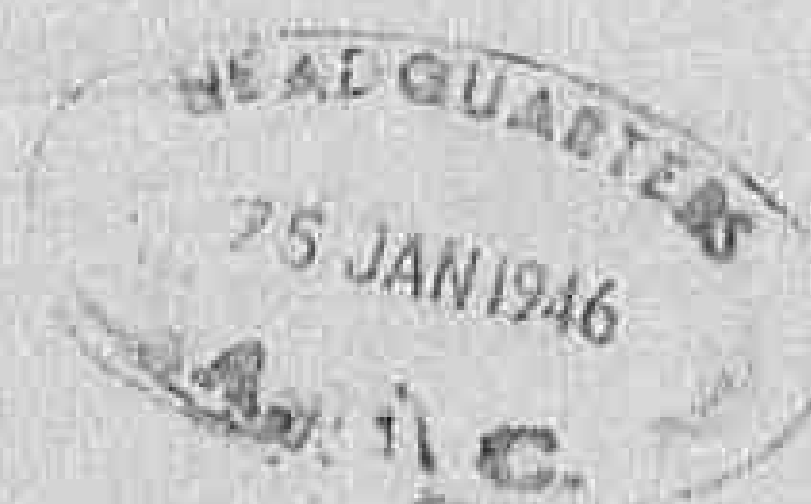
Cannot agree to accept 250 Jews as requested.
REARR (rearr PWDP/65/1). Policy is to accept DPS from
outside ITALY only when their onward shipment is
assured. Your last sentence not clear but BONA FIDE
DPS already in ITALY be accepted in camps. No record
your HQ 172 of 4 January.

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INFO: MIDEAST CHQ, CMT USFET MISSION TO FRANCE AFHQ ALCON CG WESTERN BASE SECTION
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JEWISH IMMIGRATION PART 1. REFERENCE BMFC 647 OF 12 DECEMBER PALESTINE GOVERNMENT REPLIED TO H M EMBASSY IN PARIS AS FOLLOWS QUOTE NUMBER 15 HAVE BEEN INFORMED THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS THAT 44 JEWISH CHILDREN FROM BERLIN ARE AT Marseilles WAITING TRANSPORT TO PALESTINE. MESSAGE STATES THAT YOU HAVE CONFIRMED THAT VISAS ARE IN ORDER. 2. PLEASE TELEGRAPH URGENTLY AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH THESE VISAS WERE GRANTED. UNQUOTE. PART 2. REFERENCE BOC 4015 OF 15 DEC. AND BMFC 666 (BMFC 666?) OF 27 (17?) DECEMBER PALESTINE GOVERNMENT HAVE REPLIED TO H M EMBASSY IN PARIS AS FOLLOWS QUOTE NO 21 SECRET IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUIRED BY TELEGRAM NO 15. (NOT REPEATED TO SECRETARY OF STATE) JEWISH IMMIGRATION. HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED BY MILITARY HEADQUARTERS PALESTINE THAT PARTY OF 44 CHILDREN IS PART OF LARGER CONSIGNMENT OF 200 JEWS FOR WHOM SHIPPING BID FOR PALESTINE HAS BEEN MADE TO BRITISH MILITARY MISSION FRANCE. 2. IN VIEW OF VIRTUAL EXHAUSTION OF WHITE PAPER QUOTE I AM CONCERNED AT THESE REPORTS AND ASK FOR URGENT TELEGRAPHIC CLARIFICATION OF POSITION BOTH AS REGARDS THE 44 CHILDREN AND THE CONSIGNMENT OF 200 JEWS UNQUOTE.

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PART 3. PLEASE DO NOT DESPATCH THESE OR ANY OTHER PROPOSED IMMIGRANTS TO PALESTINE EXCEPT ON A CONFIRMATION THAT THEY CAN BE ACCEPTED BY PALESTINE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THIS HEADQUARTERS. YOU WILL SEE FROM SIGNALS REPEATED THAT PALESTINE GOVERNMENT IS CLARIFYING URGENTLY THE POSITION WITH H M EMBASSY IN PARIS

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Every effort being made USFA to prevent by road and rail blocks illegal entries refugees into other countries. Impossible for this Headquarters to control situation on rail line leading through Brenner as this area borders on French Zone.

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ALCOM ROME

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DEC 18 1945

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Refer your FX-55907. We have authorized no movement of Jews to Italy.

Will investigate.

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(5) CONCOMB (6) BERCOMB

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CITE CRM 265. Alcom reports that 300 Jews arrived Bolzano illegally
in 4 day period as passengers on Italian displaced person trains through
Brenner. They are returning them to country of. Fara request that action
be taken to stop such unauthorized movements.

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To the Executive Commissioner.

Attached is a letter to G-5 signed by me, which I think you should see.

Ysy
C.B. FINDLAY
Colonel,
Director.

12 December 1945.

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

DPR/G-11(IP).

Tel. 489081 Ext. 201.

12th December 1945.

SUBJECT: Illegal entry of Jews into Italy.

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

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1. Reference is made to your G-5:383.7-6 dated 30th November 1945 in respect of the a/m subject.
 2. During the last four months the number of Central-European Jews in Allied Commission Centres and UNRRA Camps has increased from approximately 1,500 to at least 8,000.
 3. In addition, various Jewish Agencies have established training centres all over Italy. The Allied Commission know the location of many of these. The numbers in these training centres may be well over 3,000.
 4. Furthermore, it is estimated that there are more than 3,000 Jews, also of recent entry into Italy, living precariously in Rome, Milan, Florence and other cities.
 5. Out of the 14,000 persons whom UNRRA are assisting, it may be assumed that half are Jews. The bulk of these persons have come from American and British Zones in Austria, and recently comparatively few have come via the Brenner Route, but there are signs there also of renewed activity - viz. 300 who arrived by various civilian trains at Bolzano.
 6. Various steps have been taken to restrict this illegal entry but as soon as one traffic is sealed others start.

In addition to the constant daily traffic of parties of 20 etc., during the last 2 weeks, two parties of some 300 each appeared outside the Padua Camp after dark. Interrogation failed to produce reasonable answers as to how they had arrived. The investigations are continuing.

7. Col. Findlay, Director DP & RSC, after the arrival of the first three hundred made investigation from Police, R.T.O.'s and Frontier Posts. He discussed the matter with Colonel Logan Gray, Director Displaced Persons B.T.A., who promised to do all in his power to stop this traffic. He also visited the H.Q. of the Jewish Camp at JUDENBURG, AUSTRIA.

There is no doubt that Austria is being similarly flooded from Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

8. It is obvious that this movement is part of a very large organisation with the objective of using Austria and Italy as "transit camps" between Central Europe and Palestine.

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9. Although there are a few older people, the great majority are well made, well fed young men and young girls between 16 and 25. The young men in many camps are drilling as soldiers and all are being definitely propagated that their job in life is to fight, cost what it may, to make Palestine into a Jewish country.

The young women are getting married so that every single certificate to Palestine will ensure two instead of one being admitted.

10. This is not a movement with which the Allied Commission Italy can deal effectively. The parties arriving illegally across the Austrian frontier could only be returned to Austria by the use of armed force. Similarly in Austria they can only be returned to the Russian Zone by armed force.

11. If these people are to be allowed to flood Italy without any means of support, they will be driven by hunger to crime. Therefore, those who arrive must be given food and shelter. It is questionable if many of them are within the UNRRA's Charter. Meanwhile, in accordance with your instructions, entry into DP Centres is being again "tightened up".

12. I consider that this matter should be taken up on the highest level. If the movement is permitted to continue, there will be many thousands arriving in Italy in the next few months.

C.B. Findlay

C.B. FINDLAY.
Colonel.
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512.

G-5: 383.7-5.

30th November 1945.

SUBJECT: Illegal Entry of Jewish Refugees into Italy.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Headquarters,
Allied Commission, A.P.O. 394 U.S. Army.

1. It has been established that an effective "Underground Railway" for the westward transit of Jewish refugees into Italy exists, as an initial stage in their journey to Palestine. This system is controlled by a well organised committee of Jewish D.P.s which operates independently of constituted authority. Having arrived in Italy the refugees are said to be cared for by the Joint Redistribution Committee until they can be moved to Palestine.

2. Efforts are being made to co-ordinate the activities of this committee with US D.P. authorities in Austria and Germany. It still appears probable that numbers of Jews may be infiltrated into Italy illegally, some of whom may try to effect entry to D.P. camps.

3. In order to resist this movement and discourage illegal entry, action will be taken to ensure that:

- (a) No person will be admitted to a D.P. camp unless he or she is a genuine displaced person.
- (b) Every individual seeking admission to a D.P. camp is carefully screened to ensure that he or she is a genuine displaced person, i.e. a civilian displaced from his or her country, during and by reason of the war.
- (c) No person who has entered Italy illegally is accepted.

4. In this connection attention is invited to the Weekly Strength Report - Refugees for the week-ending 24 November 1945 from E Group Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, Emilia Region, which shows that 449 Jews were received at the Cremona camp during the week.

5. Any information uncovered relative to the activities described in paragraph 1 and 2 above will be promptly forwarded to this Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN;

SIGNED. A.L. HAMBLIN.

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

COPY TO: G-2, AFHQ
(attention Lt.Col. Kyres-Monsell).

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ALCOM REPORTS 300 JEWS ARRIVED BOLZANO ILLEGALLY IN 4 DAYS PERIOD AS PASSENGERS ON TRAINS THROUGH BRENNER. PRESUMPTION THAT THEY INFILTRATE AMONG ITALIAN REPATRIATES. REQUEST STEPS BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THIS PRACTICE. INVESTIGATION BEING MADE. PROPOSE TO RETURN THEM TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN WHEN FACTS ARE KNOWN.

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INFO: G2 AFHQ G5 AFHQ 60 SUB AREA CIC FRONTIER CONTROL MILAN

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Illegal entry of jews via Brenner ref your EG 170 dated 6 Dec not to G2 AFHQ. CIC handed over Frontier Control to italians WEF 1 Dec and now ACT only in inspectoratg capacity. CIC will admonish local Publica Sicurezza for their inefficiency but suggest this case also be taken up on high level with your Allied Travel Control Office and italian authorities

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Allied Commission Headquarters, C.M.F.
(Telephone:
Resident Representative: 471533
P.A. to Resident Representative: 471539)

19th October, 1945.

To: The Director, Labour Sub-Commission, AO HQ
From: The Resident Representative, IGOR, Italy.
Subject: Jewish Refugees.

OCT 19 1945

With reference to your letter 190/803 of the 16th October.

1. Neither this organization nor the American Joint Distribution Committee have any knowledge of the individual to whom you refer nor of his activities to secure unpaid employment for Jewish refugees in Bologna.

2. We can assure you that such activities would meet with our strongest disapproval, and would inevitably be to the disadvantage of the refugees themselves.

3. Should we be able to find out anything which might trace the individual concerned we will let you know at once.

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

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Copy to: Executive Commissioner
Joint Distribution Committee.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : 489081 - 204
REF : LSC/803
SUBJECT: Jewish Refugees Bologna.
TO : Executive Commissioner.

16 October 1945.

1. A protest has been received by the Italian Government from the Prefect of Bologna who alleges that certain establishments in Bologna have been visited by an American officer who is said to be attached to "A.C. Modena".

2. The officer concerned is stated to be endeavouring to secure employment for Jewish refugees in industrial establishments in the Bologna area, and it is understood that he is offering to supply free Jewish labour who would work without remuneration of any kind.

3. Labour Sub-Commission is entirely unaware of any such project but views with apprehension any large scale action of this nature which would undoubtedly result in serious repercussions from Italian nationals who might find themselves displaced as a result of the introduction of Jewish refugees who would apparently be prepared to work without remuneration.

4. Lt.Col. J.L. Tomlin, O.B.E., of the International Committee of Refugees has been consulted, and he is endeavouring to trace the identity of the officer concerned and to ascertain whether the statement made by the Italian Government has in fact any foundation.

W.H. Braine
W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labour Sub-Commission.

Copy to:

Vice-President, Economic Section,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Lt.Col. J.L. TOMLIN, C.B.E., D.S.O.

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Ref: DPR/52/G-II (DP)

10 September 1945

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SUBJECT : Petition submitted by Italian
Sionistic Federation.

TO : AFHQ, G-3 Section.

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Further to this Headquarters DPR/52/G-II(DP) of 22
August 45.

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I am forwarding herewith copy of a letter received
from the President of the Italian Sionistic Federation and also
a copy of the reply sent by this Headquarters.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

(19)

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner,
Executive Commissioner
United States Embassy
British Embassy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

DPF/52/G-II (DP)

16 August 1945.

SUBJECT : Petition submitted by Italian
Sionistic Federation.

TO : The President,
Italian Sionistic Federation,
R o m e.

1. Reference your petition dated 3 August 1945 submitted to Admiral Stone, Chief Commissioner Allied Commission.
2. The contents of your petition are noted. It should be borne in mind that all Stateless persons receive identically the same treatment as United Nations Nationals. Camps are in existence for their reception which provide for their physical and moral care. The voluntary societies assist with clothing and other contributions towards their welfare.
3. The care and welfare of these unhappy people is a matter which concerns this Commission closely. Your assistance in assuring that all refugees who arrive in the North remain in the Northern Camps will contribute much towards the organized care of those persons with whom you are particularly concerned.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

(Sgd) G.R. Upjohn.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

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Tel: 735

Ref: 2224/18/PC.

31 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Petition submitted by Italian
Sionistic Federation.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

With reference to the attached letter DFR/52/G-II(DP)
will you please have it retyped,

1. omitting "M. S. LUGH",
2. omitting the distribution from the original copy,
3. including copies for the American and British
Embassies as suggested by Brigadier Carr.

R. W. KEMSLEY

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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12 August 1945

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Movement into ITALY.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your DPH/52/G-II(DP)Sup dated 8 August 1945.

1. Your views in this letter have been carefully noted, and the facts are as you describe. The whole series of incidents is most unfortunate, but the action was completed before this Headquarters could intervene.

2. For your own information:

a. the Jewish Brigade is in process of being transferred to HLA;

b. suitable action is being taken with regard to those who authorized, or connived at, these movements;

c. this Headquarters has put up a paper to UNRRA, for the Council Meeting now in progress, on the whole question of the future of Jews.

3. We are quite clear that no further entry of any description should be allowed into this country, other than those who are acceptable to the Palestinian Government under the present quota arrangements. Such of these as are already in ITALY will be cleared as soon as possible. The question of some permanent policy (which is obviously the province of UNRRA, the IGOR and the JDC working in conjunction) is under urgent consideration.

4. We are satisfied that the Joint Distribution Committee is not in any way to blame for these recent movements.

T.R. HENRY

T. R. HENRY,
Brigadier GS,
Deputy Asst Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Translation

Italian Zionist Federation

Rome, 3 August 1945

To Admiral Stone, Allied Commission
To the American Embassy
To the British Embassy

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Ever since last May, numerous groups of Jews started coming to Italy from the deportation camps in Germany. The fact that the number of the refugees might reach a considerable figure, was immediately brought to the attention of the American Joint Distribution Committee, for it was necessary to receive and supply these refugees with accommodation in an adequate manner; premises had to be found to house them, foodstuffs, clothing, medicines to be collected. Nothing was done. No action was taken.

In June and in July, the rhythm of the arrivals increased. Thousands and thousands of people who escaped death in the camps of Auschwitz, and Dachau, Mathausen or Bergen Belsen with the hope of being enthusiastically and fraternally welcomed, trusting that their sufferings and privations were over. Their disappointment and resentment is therefore the greater for after nursing such hopes after long years of anguish and suffering, they come to Italy where they find no clothing, nor even a parcel of foodstuffs.

More camps are waiting for them in Italy; more camps where they are to sleep on the ground, and where they will be together with the Nazi and fascists, together with the people who tormented them a few months ago.

The Joint gives a hundred lire to every newly arrived person with the order to proceed to Cinacitta.

The matter is morally and socially grave.

Our brothers are given neither shirt, nor handkerchief, still less a coat or a pair of shoes. Most of them are ill and they are given neither medicine, nor a decent shelter.

What do our brothers say? Of course, they demand immediate and complete relief.

What will they do if they do not get the brotherly assistance which they expect? It isn't difficult to foresee. This might be very dangerous by bringing about a new antisemitism. They might take some action of which people who, though they understand their situation, are yet unable to do anything through lack of means would be the victims.

The Joint reached the conclusion that it had better do everything to prevent the coming of more refugees.

We are of an entirely different mind, and hope that many more will come to Italy for this country is bound to be a bridge for emigration towards Palestine or towards the West; but we think it indispensable that our brothers be put in conditions where they cannot be dangerous, by giving them decent accommodation

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food, clothing, and by taking care of them morally and physically.

If the Joint cannot fulfil this task, the Allied Governments will have to help and support it.

It is a duty of humanity.

If the Allied Governments are ^{able} and know how to organize camps with folding beds and every comfort for the German and Nazi-fascists, they must be able and know how to organize more camps for the Jews that are coming back after for years in the camps of death.

As the Allies certainly understood the tragedy lived by our people, as the Allies do not want to fail for what concerns one of the highest and noblest aims for which they fought this terrible war, which they definitively won, we trust the Allied Government will adequately solve this serious problem.

We therefore demand:

- 1) to be given:
 - a) camps, by requisitioning hotels or houses, or also by building adequate huts, exclusively for the Jews who are coming back from the camps;
 - b) foodstuffs, clothing and medicines.
 - c) financial means to organize religious and moral assistance.
- 2) to open Palestine to a free emigration, to enable those of our brothers who want to do so to go to our country.

The situation is very grave, and the situation can no longer be delayed. We trust in the generous comprehension of the great people of free America and England that must live up to their noble traditions, and ask for the whole problem to be reexamined.

Thanking you, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

THE PRESIDENT

for (Avv. Carlo Alberto Viterbo)

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August 1945

DFR/52/G-II(DP)Sup.

Subject: Unauthorized Movement into Italy.

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To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
Attention: G-5

1. Your signal FX 88327 dated 5 June 45, addressed to 8 Army AMG, information this HQ and 15 Army Group, requested that no further movement southwards from 8 Army area or over the Austrian border of displaced persons other than Italians, should take place. On 12 July 45 this HQ signalled you the belief that negotiations were taking place between representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and Military Government Staff, Salzburg, Austria, concerning the movement of some 3,000 Jews ex-Austria, to Italy. Your signal FX 22076 dated 13 July 45 addressed to SHAEF Main, information to GOC 8 Army, 5 Army and this HQ, stated that you have issued instructions to 8 Army for no movement southwards over the Austrian border of any displaced persons, other than Italians, and requesting SHAEF to ensure no movement of persons other than Italians into Italy without your prior concurrence.

2. On 17 July 45 in this HQ's signal 2008 we informed you that 1,400 Jews from Salzburg arrived by rail BOLOGNA on 17 July 45. Your signal FX 24718 dated 18 July 45 to USFET for GDFX and information US GOC (A), 8 Army, 5 Army and this HQ, stated that 1,400 stateless persons arrived BOLOGNA from SALZBURG on 17 July 45, the movement not having been authorized by you and requesting enquiries to be made and that you be advised who was responsible; also that necessary action be taken to ensure that this did not occur again.

3. On 25 July 45 this HQ reported in our signal 2534 that the movement of Jews into Venezia Region continued and on 27 July 45 this HQ was informed that 300 Jews had arrived at MESTRE Camp (IT 13) Venezia Region. Instructions were issued that these 300 be returned from whence they came in Austria. Total unauthorized Jews in camps is now 4,204.

4. Mr. Reanik, Joint Distribution Committee, on his return to ROME, reported to this office on the afternoon of 27 July 45 and by the statement he made he clearly has had nothing whatever to do with these unofficial moves, and has by his actions in Austria done everything to discourage unofficial movement.

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5. By such information as is at present available it seems clear that the body that is sponsoring, encouraging and assisting this unofficial movement by the use of its transport is the Jewish Brigade.

6. It is submitted that Italy may have been selected as the "dumping ground" for Jews for the following reasons:

a. Geographical convenience for onward transmission to Palestine.

b. To draw attention, under Italy's present difficult economic conditions, to a foreign population which Italy can do little to assist, and thereby compel the British Government to agree to increasing the quota of certificates to Palestine.

There is evidence that quite unprincipled promises of certificates to Palestine are being made to encourage Jews to move to Italy and that in the case of the move of 1,400 Jews from SALZBURG to Italy, the Italian Committee of the camp at SALZBURG agreed that they would send these Jews as Italians. It is understood that the Jewish Brigade have an unofficial refugee camp at PONTEBBA, near TARVISIO, on the Austrian-Italian frontier to which they bring refugees by truck from Austria.

7. The future problem of the Jews in Europe needs very urgent consideration. In the American, British and French zones in Germany and Austria there are some 5,000 Jews who may leave these countries and move to Italy. In France there are many Jews who wish to go to Palestine; present French policy discourages it, but unofficial movement over the Italo-French border can easily involve large numbers. Hungary, Roumania and Poland have Jewish populations who wish to move out. No official exit is permitted by the Soviet from Roumania. The tendency is for the majority of Jewish movement to converge on Austria with Italy as the objective. The problem is intensely serious with large numbers involved.

8. It is recommended that:

a. Investigation be made into the activities of the Brigade and that if my information is correct that they be moved to some innocuous location.

b. Control on the frontiers be tightened up.

c. In the meantime any unauthorised persons entering Italy will be returned from whence they came.

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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FROM: SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PHGEH

TO: USPET FOR ODPX INFO USF AUSTRIA 8TH ARMY 5TH ARMY ALCOM
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Ref our FX 22076, FX 24718.

Subject is movement of JEWS AUSTRIA to ITALY.

ALCOM reports unauthorized movement of JEWS into ITALY through BRENNER continuing despite requests that such movements be stopped. Total unauthorized move to date 4204 of which 1700 arrived 26 July.

Imperative this unauthorized movement ceases immediately. Request you take firm action to stop.



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Ref our FX 22076 of 13 July.

1400 stateless persons arrived BOLOGNA from SALZBURG on 17 July. This movement not authorized by this HQ. Will you make enquiries and advise as to who was responsible. Also take necessary action to ensure this does not reoccur.

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1. Unofficial report received of current negotiations between REZNIK Joint Distribution Committee and military government SALZBURG AUSTRIA for movement 3000 JEWS AUSTRIA to ITALY.

2. Instructions already issued 8TH ARMY for no movement southwards over Austrian border of any Displaced Persons other than Italians.

3. Request ensure no movement persons other than Italians into ITALY without prior concurrence this Hq.

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