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EVACUATION OF ITALIANS FROM TERRITORY TO BE CEDED
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Letter at folio 37 for your signature, please.
Ralph Brown
C.S.O.

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28 January 1947.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of PULA - Italian request for assistance.
TO : Chief of Staff, A.F.H.Q., AFHQ J2, U.S. Army.

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1. I enclose herewith letter received today from the President of the Council of Ministers on the above subject. In the meantime, I have communicated to him the contents of your letter of 24 January 1947. 35
2. There is also enclosed a translation of the communique issued by the Italian Government on 24 January. I requested the Italian Government to telegraph its Venice office to make certain that the communique was published in both Trieste and Pola. 40
3. As stated in paragraph (d) of the enclosed letter, a prospectus or manifesto will be drafted for publication in Pola within the next few days.
4. With reference to paragraph (c) of the enclosed letter, the "TOSCANIA" is ready to depart from Venice for Pola upon receiving clearance from CINCPAC. I have requested POLI to endeavor to expedite this clearance.
5. The attached communications and the contents of this letter have been communicated to SACRED in Rome today who has expressed his satisfaction with the progress being made.

15/ ELSON W. Stone

ELSON W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Incl. 1-Translation
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2-Translation Press
Release #45.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

Rome, 27 January 1947.

Dear Admiral,

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Thank you for your letter of January 20 and the keen interest taken in the work of evacuating Italian citizens intending to leave the territory of Pola.

I can assure you that the plan for the organization of the exodus has been previously settled and that rapid and ample provisions will be adopted in order that it may be accomplished in the shortest time possible.

I note that about 750 Italian citizens of Pola will be employed by AMG in the Police of Venezia-Giulia. With regard to the transfer of the other refugees the Italian Government will take steps according to its agreed plan. Allow me to mention however that the operations for evacuation take place under the care of Allied Military Forces for the purpose of maintaining order and avoiding unpleasant incidents that could be provoked by disturbing elements.

Following exhortations made, I observe that:-

a) At the Presidency of the Council of Ministers an interministerial committee for Venezia-Giulia has been set up, of which the following are members:- the Undersecretary of State of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, the Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and the Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Post-War Assistance. The above mentioned Committee has established directives for the evacuation of Italian citizens who intend to leave Pola, and for their absorption into the national life. The same committee will have the responsibility for all the relative operations.

A special office for Venezia-Giulia at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers provides for the carrying out of the decisions taken by the above named Interministerial Committee.

b) At Pola the operations for the exodus will be directed by a special office entrusted to an official of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

In the meantime a local committee of assistance for the evacuation derived from the Committee of National Liberation, already set up some time ago, has provided for a census of the citizens who intend to leave the city and is in contact with the authorities and with the Italian Economic Organizations for the purpose of securing to said citizens their re-employment in Italy. To this Committee citizens can apply and by its means receive instructions and advice.

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c) The cargo-ships for the evacuation of Pola are now ready; the transport of their things by sea has been entrusted to a firm which will begin its operations on 27 January.

The ships "Toskana", "Messina" and "Monte Cassio" have been directed to the Port of Venice awaiting the moment in which they will be given orders to reach Pola to embark to people.

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I thank you for warmly recommending my request to AFHQ for a naval hospital for transportation of the sick.

d) I observe that the declaration of a political character to which you call my attention will be published shortly upon the return of the Under-Secretary of State of the Ministry of Post-War Assistance, H.E. Carignani, who recently has made a tour of inspection at Venice and Pola to settle the particulars of the plan for evacuation.

As H.E. Carignani will be back on Tuesday or Wednesday next it is expected that the said declaration can be published in a short lapse of time. I will not fail to hurry it up.

I thank you for your assurance that the Allied Military Authorities will accord to the Italian Officials sent to Pola to direct operations on the spot all possible cooperation that will facilitate the carrying out of their mission; it is to be hoped that this sad exodus takes place with order and discipline.

I trust that you will confirm the most favourable instructions to the local Commands of Pola and Trieste.

Yours truly,

/s/ De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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TRANSLATION

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
PRESS OFFICE

NO. 45.

The Press Office of the Presidency of the Council informs:

With regard to the news published by some daily newspapers on the emigration of citizens of Pola, it is stated that the problem has already been met by the competent authorities and that an opposite interministerial Committee has been set up with the participation of the Undersecretaries On. Cappa, Carignani and Corsi, of the Minister On. Facchinetti, and the Undersecretary of the Treasury On. Petrilli. The Committee, completed by technicians and representatives of various institutions, has already taken the necessary steps in accordance and with the efficient cooperation of the Pontificia Commissione di Assistenza.

The various arrangements concern the following:-

1. Means of naval transportation for the removal of household goods and of persons, with effect from 27 January 1947.
2. Organization of services for the reception of the refugees in the largest cities of Italy.
3. Actual organization of relief places in the principal centers of passage of refugees.
4. The institution in Pola of assistance, alimentary and sanitary services, in order to ensure peace of mind to the officials, employees, and professional men and workers who are compelled to remain in the city until the last moment.

Through the local civil and ecclesiastical authorities the following towns have already answered to the appeal: Trento, Venezia, Catania, Genova, Chiavari, Cremona, Bergamo, Sanigallia, Ariano Irpino, and Caltanissetta.

The news published in some papers regarding about 6000 refugees presumably camped in Rome at the Stazione Termini, has no foundation.

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Rome, 24 January 1947 - 1830 hrs.
Transmitted to RAI at 1835 hrs, who have broadcasted it in the
"Giornale Radio" at 2000 and 2400 hrs.
Transmitted to ANSA at 1850 hrs.

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24 January 1947

SUBJECT: Evacuation of POLA - Italian request for assistance.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference your Memorandum CC 3205 of 18 January 1947, and this Headquarters' Signal P 74448 of 20 January 1947, and NAF 1270 of 24 January 1947 (copy to you).

1. You are directed to inform the Italian Government that the Supreme Allied Commander notes with satisfaction the plans for the evacuation of Italian nationals from POLA outlined in its letter of 15 January 1947.

2. The Supreme Allied Commander, however, wishes it to be made clear to the Italian Government that it must be solely responsible for the organization and conduct of the evacuation. The responsibility of the Allied Military Authorities must be confined to ensuring that law and order is maintained and that no violation of the Duino Agreement occurs.

3. The replies to the specific requests for necessary assistance set forth in Paragraph E of the Italian Government's letter of 15 January are as follows:

Requests 1 and 2. In view of the limited scope of Allied Military responsibilities as defined above, the Supreme Allied Commander regrets that neither a Landing Ship nor Allied Motor Transport can be made available for the purposes for which they are required.

Request 3. It is understood that the Italian Government have already been informed that the Allies are not prepared to provide special rail services through Zone 'B' of Venezia Giulia or to guarantee the safe passage by rail of evacuees or their property.

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Request 4. The Allied Military Authorities will take such steps as they may consider necessary to guard against illegal interference with shipping during the evacuation period.

Request 5. It is the practice of the Allied Forces to relinquish requisitioned property as soon as it can be dispensed with. Moreover, the accommodation now occupied is the minimum required. Special derequisitioning of Barracks for the housing of refugees will not therefore be practicable. As the rundown of Allied Forces permits, derequisitioning will however continue as a matter of course. In this connection, the Italian Government should be reminded of the obvious undesirability both from the viewpoint of the Allied Military Administration and from that of the persons concerned of moving evacuees from FOLA into other parts of Zone 'A' of Venezia Giulia. The Allied Military Authorities are not prepared in any way to facilitate such movements unless the persons concerned have genuine family or other claims to permanent or temporary residence in the area.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:

L. C. JAYNES
Major General, U.S. Army
Acting Chief of Staff

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29 January, 1947

SUBJECT: Italian State Railways personnel
from zone "B"

TO : Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
A.M.C. Venezia Giulia.

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There is forwarded to you, copy of a memorandum dated 18th January, 1947, from the Italian Liaison Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to this Commission.

Can this Commission please be informed as to the present situation so that a reply can be made to the Italian Government.

BY ORDER OF REAR ADMIRAL SECRE:

N. W. BIND-SMITH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Rome 18 January 1947

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri
Ufficio del Funzionario distaccato
presso la Commissione Alleata.

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MEMORANDUM

For the Office of the Executive Commissioner

Subject : Italian State Railways personnel
from "B" Zone.

The writer has been requested by
the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to bring
the following points to the attention of
the Allied Commission :

1° - A considerable number of employees of the Italian State Railways formerly on duty in the "B" Zone had to leave their post on account of various understandable and quite justified reasons, in order to take refuge in the "A" Zone.

As long as their number did not surpass a certain limit, it has been possible to accommodate them, if also rather precarious.

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riously, in common dormitories, schools, and hotels requisitioned for this purpose or lent by the local Authorities. Later on, while their number steadily grew, some of the premises which had been temporarily borrowed had to be returned. Furthermore A.M.G. Authorities have called for the gradual evacuation of these refugees to a territory not submitted to their jurisdiction. The evacuation has already begun.

2° - On November 30th 1946 Lieut. Col. Pannell, British, A.M.G., Venezia Giulia, notified the Italian State Railways Administration that, as a result of the raise in the wages of their personnel to begin as from September 1st 1946, and to be effective also for Venezia Giulia, the deficit in the current budget of the "Compartimento Ferroviario of Trieste" as concerns the "A" Zone, has come up to about 1 billion lire.

For political reasons the Allied Command has no intention to meet this deficit by raising the present tariffs.

Therefore, on behalf of the a/m Command, Lieut. Col. Pannell asked that, in order to lower the expenditure, about two thousand employees exceeding the local requirements be transferred from "A" Zone.

The transfer to other Compartimenti of the Italian Railways Administration should take place gradually, on condition however

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that at least one thousand employees be removed at the very earliest convenience.

3° - Lt. Col. Pannell was then notified without delay that the Italian Government was willing to take the deficit on itself, if thereby the disagreeable results of a forced evacuation of such a considerable number of employees, and of their families could be avoided. His attention was called on the shortage of homes, and of the already serious difficulties met by the Railways Administration in accomodating homeless employees. Lt. Col. Pannell did not give a definite reply, but expressed the opinion that the evacuation should have to take place sooner or later when the Peace Treaty would be signed.

4° - The Ministry for Foreign Affairs wonders if, on the basis of a renewed statement by the Railways Administration of its willingness to take over itself the deficit of the Compartimento of Trieste

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and of an intervention by the Allied Commission the prospected evacuation may be suspended.

The writer would be very grateful if he was enabled to report at an early convenience on the Allied Commission's views on the subject.

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28 January 1947.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister: 9

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Further to my letter of 20 January in reply to your letters of 15 and 17 January from Undersecretary of State Cappa, I am directed to inform you as follows:

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The Supreme Allied Commander notes with satisfaction the plans for the evacuation of Italian nationals from POLA outlined in your letter of 15 January. The Supreme Allied Commander, however, wishes it to be made clear that the Italian Government must be solely responsible for the organization and conduct of the evacuation. The responsibility of the Allied Military Authorities must be confined to ensuring that law and order is maintained and that no violation of the Ruino Agreement occurs.

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The replies to the specific requests for necessary assistance set forth in paragraph (e) of your letter of 15 January are as follows:

Requests 1 and 2. In view of the limited scope of Allied Military responsibilities as defined above, the Supreme Allied Commander regrets that neither a Landing Ship nor Allied motor transport can be made available for the purposes for which they are required.

Request 3. It is understood that your Government has already been informed that the Allies are not prepared to provide special rail services through Zone "B" of Venezia Giulia or to guarantee the safe passage by rail of evacuees or their property.

Request 4. The Allied Military Authorities will take such steps as they may consider necessary to guard against illegal interference with shipping during the evacuation period.

Request 5. It is the practice of the Allied Forces to relinquish requisitioned property as soon as it can be dispensed with. Moreover, the accommodation now occupied is the minimum required. Special derequisitioning of barracks for the housing of refugees will not therefore be practicable. As the rundown of Allied Forces permits, derequisitioning will however continue as a matter of course. In this connection, I am directed to remind you of the obvious undesirability both from the viewpoint of the Allied Military Administration and from that of the persons concerned of moving evacuees from POLA into other parts of Zone "A" of Venezia Giulia. The Allied Military Authorities are not prepared in any way to facilitate

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such movements unless the persons concerned have genuine family or other claims to permanent or temporary residence in the area.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide DeGasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Rome.

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- 2; 1. SINCE DESPATCH OF RAF 1256, SITUATION AT POLA HAS DETERIORATED AND DISORDERS HAVE OCCURRED REQUISITING THE USE OF ALLIED TROOPS TO ASSIST CIVIL POLICE.
2. THE MORALE OF THE ITALIAN POPULATION THROUGH THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE FUTURE HAS REDUCED TO THE LEVEL WHICH, UNLESS SOME OFFICIAL REASSURANCE IS GIVEN THEM, MAY TURN TO PANIC. PRO - SL V ELEMENTS ARE EXPLOITING THIS SITUATION TO THE FULL AND ARE SEIZING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO FOMENT UNREST.
3. THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS IS IN MY OPINION DUE TO THE FOLLOWING CAUSES:
- (A) CONVICTION OF ITALIANS THAT NOTWITHSTANDING PROVISIONS OF PEACE TREATY SAFEGUARDING INTERESTS OF POPULATION OF CEDED TERRITORY, THEY ARE GOING TO RUIN IF THEY AND THEIR PROPERTY ONCE FALL INTO HANDS OF YUGOSLAVS. FAILURE OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PLANS FOR EVACUATING THOSE OF THEIR NATIONALS WHO WISH TO LEAVE AND FOR RESETTLING THEM IN ITALY.
 - (B) UNCERTAINTY AS TO TIME REMAINING BEFORE YUGOSLAVS TAKE OVER TERRITORY. RUMOURS PERSIST THAT PEACE TREATY WILL COME INTO FORCE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH OR VERY SHORTLY AFTER SIGNATURE ON 10TH FEBRUARY 47. UNFORTUNATELY NEITHER I NOR GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED ARE IN POSITION TO MAKE ANY FIRM STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT.
 - (C) OBJECTION OF WORKERS TO REMOVAL OF ANY TYPE OF MACHINERY ON WHICH THEIR LIVELIHOOD DEPENDS COUPLED WITH POLICY OF PRO-SLAVS TO OBSTRUCT REMOVAL OF EVEN PERSONAL BELONGINGS, PRESUMABLY BASED UPON ASSUMPTION THAT, IF IT CAN BE DELAYED LONG ENOUGH, OWNERS WILL HAVE TO SELL AT NOMINAL PRICES.
4. ON GROUNDS OF MILITARY SUPREMACY, I HAVE TAKEN FOLLOWING MEASURES.
- (A) AUTHORIZED ISSUE OF STATEMENT THAT I AM WILL UNDERTAKE TO ARRANGE FOR EVACUATION, PRIOR TO HANDOVER OF TERRITORY, OF ANY GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES, PARTICULARLY V.G. POLICE, WHO WISH TO LEAVE POLA AND WHO ARE REQUIRED TO REMAIN AT THEIR POSTS UNTIL WITHDRAWAL OF ALLIED FORCES.
 - (B) ORDERED, PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU, THAT NO INDUSTRIAL PLANT OF ANY TYPE, WHETHER STATE OR PRIVATELY OWNED WILL BE REMOVED FROM POLA REGARDLESS OF DESTINATION.

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- (C) INSTRUCTED CHIEF COMMISSIONER, TO PRESS THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO :
1. ISSUE A CLEAR PROSPECTUS DESCRIBING ITS ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT IN ITALY OF POLA REFUGEES.
 2. SET UP A REGISTRY IN POLA TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EVACUATION.
 3. ARRANGE FOR ADEQUATE SEA TRANSPORT.
5. I REALISE THAT THE MEASURE DESCRIBED IN 4 (B) IS CONTRARY TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN FAN 686 AND IMPAIRS EXERCISE OF LEGAL RIGHTS OF OWNERS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY. I DO NOT HOWEVER CONSIDER THAT ALLIED TROOPS, WHO WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR MOVEMENT OF PLANT, SHOULD ON THIS ACCOUNT BE EXPOSED TO RISK OF BECOMING INVOLVED IN DISTURBANCES LIKELY TO LEAD TO BLOOD SHED AND LOSS OF LIFE. REQUEST EARLY ENFORCEMENT OF MY ACTION AND RECOMMEND THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO GUARANTEE OWNERS OF PLANT WHICH THEY ARE COMPELLED TO LEAVE IN SITU FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR REMOVING IT AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF ALLIED TROOPS.
6. IN RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATION REFERRED TO IN 4 (C) ABOVE, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN TO ISSUE PROSPECTUS AND IS SETTING UP A REGISTRY AT POLA. YUGOSLAV MISSION TO GHQ CMF ARE BEING INFORMED THAT I HAVE AGREED TO THIS BEING DONE.
7. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ALSO HAS OFFICIALLY REQUESTED FOLLOWING ALLIED ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATION :
- (A) USE OF A LIFT LIFT FOR TRANSPORT OF PERSONNEL AND BELONGINGS.
 - (B) USE OF ALLIED MOTOR TRANSPORT TO MOVE EVACUEES AND THEIR PROPERTY TO POLA DOCKSIDE.
 - (C) THE PROTECTION OF VESSELS ENGAGED IN EVACUATION AGAINST INTERFERENCE WHILST AT SEA.
8. I HAVE REFUSED REQUEST FOR 7 (A) and (B) ABOVE AS I DO NOT CONSIDER IT PROPER THAT ALLIED WARSHIPS OR MILITARY VEHICLES SHOULD BE USED IN EVACUATING ITALIAN NATIONALS. AS REGARDS REQUEST 7 (C) SUCH OFFERS AS ARE REQUESTED WILL BE TAKEN.
9. I STRONGLY URGE THAT RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF RAF 1256 BE IMPLEMENTED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY AND REQUEST THAT YOUR SUPPORT OF MEASURES I HAVE ALREADY TAKEN MAY BE MADE KNOWN TO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

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Reference NAP 1269 of today.

You are directed to inform Italian Prime Minister of Sacmeds
reply as set forth in Para 2.

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24 January 1947.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In reply to your letter of 22 January²⁶ requesting the placing of a hospital ship at the disposal of the Italian Government and the Italian Red Cross, I have transmitted your request to Allied Force Headquarters yesterday with a strong recommendation that your request be granted.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide DeGasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Rome.

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CC 2205

24 January 1947.

Dear Dr. Cappa:

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Confirming oral advices to Consul Colonna yesterday, the Supreme Allied Commander has directed General Headquarters at Padua and AMG Venezia Giulia to grant permits for all of the officials assigned to the Pola evacuation project which are mentioned in your letters of 15 January and 17 January respectively, including members of their staffs. They are to be afforded all possible cooperation including facilities for setting up the registry office at Pola. 9

I trust that I may receive the draft prospectus or manifesto of the Italian Government to the Italian residents of Pola at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Paolo Cappa,
Undersecretary of State to the
Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Rome.

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23 January 1947.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Hospital Patients from POLA.
TO : G-5 AFHQ.

1. There is forwarded herewith a translation of a letter dated 2 January from the President of the Council of Ministers requesting the use of a hospital ship for the evacuation of hospital patients from POLA.
2. I have been advised orally that the Italian Red Cross or the Italian Government would be prepared to charter the hospital ship requested if this were necessary to avoid political repercussions for the Allies. They will further be prepared to fly the Red Cross flag, if necessary, and are prepared to supply doctors and nurses (sanitary crew) for the hospital ship if the use of one can be obtained.
3. It is believed that the provision of a hospital ship would be an act of mercy and that therefore every effort should be made to grant this request if at all practicable.
4. May I be advised as to the nature of the reply I should make to the President of the Council of Ministers.

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for
HARRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 22 January 1947.

Dear Admiral,

Among the Italians who wish to leave the city of Pola are also the patients interned in the civilian hospital and several other patients who are being taken care of in their own homes, the approximate total number amounting to around 500 people.

Since, for well-known security reasons, it is impossible for them to cross the B zone and travel by land, it is necessary that provisions be taken to enable them to travel by sea.

Our Navy has no hospital ship at its disposal at present. The only ship which might be made use of is the Vulcania, but she is due to depart for Mombasa on the 25 January to take on board our civilian internees.

Turning once more to the generosity of the Allies, the Italian Government expresses the hope that the Allied Authorities will examine in the most favourable light the possibility of putting a hospital ship at their disposal.

Should this request be favourably accepted we will specify exactly the port of disembarkation. We can however say right away that in all probability it would be Venice, since the hospitals of that zone have a greater possibility of receiving the people of Pola.

The Italian Red Cross, in agreement with the Italian Government, would take charge of the transportation of these patients from the harbour of disembarkation to the hospitals, and of all the other operations connected with their transfer from Pola.

I would be grateful if you would let me have an early reply as the matter is urgent.

Very truly yours,

/s/ DeGasperi

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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This is NAF 1269. Reference Para 4(Point D) of PAN 709.

- 1°) De Gasperi has asked me formally, through Admiral Stone, whether the Anglo-American Forces in Zone "A" will withdraw from Morgan line including specifically Pola in the event that the treaty goes into effect on "R" day without Jugoslavia's('s?) signature or ratification;
2°) I am answering that such a decision is outside my competence and that the question is being referred to You.
3°) Request Your early instructions.

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JAN 23 1947

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
Press Office

No. 43

The Press Office of the Presidency of the Council communicates:

The notice which appeared in the newspaper "IL TEMPO" on Saturday, 18 January 1947 according to which Mr. De Gasperi had given formal assurances to the American authorities concerning the evacuation of Pola, is without any foundation. It is however true that on the occasion of his visit to Washington, Mr. De Gasperi drew the attention of the most authoritative members of the American Government to the problems deriving from the impending evacuation, emphasizing the seriousness of the situation and requesting from the American Government the collaboration and assistance deemed necessary.

Rome, 22 January 1947 - 13 Hrs.

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To see

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PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
Press Office

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The Press Office of the Presidency of the Council communicates:

The notice which appeared in the newspaper "IL TEMPO" on Saturday, 18 January 1947 according to which Mr. De Gasperi had given formal assurances to the American authorities concerning the evacuation of Pola, is without any foundation. It is however true that on the occasion of his visit to Washington, Mr. De Gasperi drew the attention of the most authoritative members of the American Government to the problems deriving from the impending evacuation, emphasizing the seriousness of the situation and requesting from the American Government the collaboration and assistance deemed necessary.

Rome, 22 January 1947 - 13 Hrs.

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L'Ufficio Stampa della Presidenza del Consiglio comunica:

La notizia apparsa nel giornale "IL TEMPO" di sabato 18 gennaio 1947, secondo la quale l'On. De Gasperi avrebbe ricevuto formali assicurazioni dalle Autorità americane relativamente alla evacuazione di Pola, è infondata. E' vero però che, in occasione della sua visita a Washington, l'On. De Gasperi espone ai più autorevoli esponenti del Governo americano i problemi derivanti dalle imminenti operazioni di evacuazione, sottolineando la gravità della situazione e chiedendo al Governo americano la collaborazione e l'assistenza ritenuta necessaria.

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SUBJECT IS EVACUATION OF POLA.

REF YOUR MEMORANDUM CC POINT 2205 OF 18 JAN AND ATTACHED LETTER FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN OUR FX 74432 OF 20 JAN ADDRESSED TO GHQ CMF. YOU MAY INFORM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OF CONTENTS OF PARA FIVE OF THAT SIGNAL.
2. CONTENTS ARE BEING EXAMINED OF PARAGRAPH (E) OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENTS LETTER OF 15 JAN.

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INFO: ALCOM ROME AMB VENEZIA GIULIA.

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1. REF BRIEF ON SITUATION IN POLA DATED 14 JAN HANDED TO SACMED DURING RECENT VISIT. CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALCOM HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REPRESENT REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 8 OF APPRECIATION TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.
2. CHIEF COMMISSIONER HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO DRAFT A PROPOSITION SETTING OUT CONDITIONS AND PLANS FOR EVACUATION OF THEIR NATIONALS WHO WISH TO LEAVE AND ALSO TO OPEN A REGISTRY OFFICE AT POLA.
3. DR GIUSEPPE MENECHINI HAS BEEN PLACED IN CHARGE OF ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVACUATION FROM TERRITORY DESTINED TO GO TO JUGOSLAVIA. UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS ALREADY CONTACTED AMB VENEZIA GIULIA.
4. DR TEOFILO UNI HAS BEEN APPOINTED ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT POLA WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF DR MENECHINI. COLONEL MAZZOCCHI IS TO ASSIST HIM.
5. PERMITS SHOULD BE GRANTED FOR ENTRY INTO AMB TERRITORY FOR THE ABOVE OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFFS, AND AFFORDED ALL POSSIBLE CO - OPERATION INCLUDING FACILITIES FOR SETTING UP REGISTRY AT POLA.
6. PENDING REPLY TO THIS HQ SIGNAL NAF 1256 TO CCS, ANY REQUESTS FROM ITALIAN OFFICIALS REPRESENTATIVES FOR ALLIED ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATION OPERATIONS WILL BE REFERRED THIS HQ.
7. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVES PROPOSALS TO USE AS A TRANSIT AREA FOR REFUGEES ANY PART OF ZONE A, AND PARTICULARLY TRIESTE SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED; SEE PARA ONE OF OUR LETTER G5 CLN 902. 40 OF 3 JAN TO ALCOM; COPY TO YOU.
8. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED THAT PERMISSION TO RUN DAILY TRAIN FROM POLA REFERRED TO IN YOUR COS:/94 RECEIVED 31 DEC CANNOT BE GRANTED AND APPRECIATE REASONS. CHIEF COMMISSIONER HAS ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE CLEAR TO THEM THAT SAFE CONDUCT CANNOT BE GUARANTEED FOR RAIL OR ROAD MOVEMENTS THROUGH ZONE B.

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G-5: 902.40 P

18 January 1947

SUBJECT: Evacuation of POLA.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.*MC*

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1. Since this Headquarters' letter G-5: 902.40 of 3 January was despatched to you, the situation at POLA has worsened and disorders necessitating the intervention of Allied Troops have occurred.

2. Uncertainty as to the future has lowered the morale of the Italian population to a level, which, unless some official reassurance is given to them, may possibly turn to panic.

This state of affairs is considered to be due to:-

- a. the conviction held by a large part of the population that, notwithstanding the safeguards of the Peace Treaty they are doomed to ruin if they or their property fall into the hands of the Yugoslavs.
- b. the fact that they have no knowledge of the extent and nature of any plans for their evacuation and resettlement which the Italian Government may have.

3. The Supreme Allied Commander has recently been in consultation on the subject with the British and U.S. Embassies and directs that you will forthwith inform the Italian Government to the following effect:-

- a. It is most important in the interests of all concerned that immediate plans should be made by the Italian Government for the orderly evacuation of those Italian citizens who desire to leave the POLA enclave in anticipation of its transfer to Yugoslavia. It is under-

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stood from HBM Ambassador that the Italian Government estimates the number involved as at least 25,000. 17

- b. Some 750 of these will be employees of the Allied Military Government, including Venezia Giulia Police. The Allied Military Authorities accept responsibility for the evacuation of these employees, their families and personal effects. They are not, however, in a position to accept responsibility for the movement of the remainder, nor can they place shipping for this purpose at the disposal of the Italian Government or guarantee the safe passage of evacuees or their property by rail or road through territory under Yugoslav control.
- 2. It is feared that a most dangerous and confused situation may arise if the move of these persons is left to the last moment and it is considered essential that the Italian Government should make very early and comprehensive arrangements for their removal from POLA and their resettlement in Italy.
- 4. You will urge the Italian Government most strongly to take immediate action:-
 - a. to set up a special Italian authority to be responsible for all aspects of the evacuation of Italian citizens desirous of leaving POLA and for their reception and resettlement in Italy.
 - b. to establish without delay a bureau in POLA to which citizens may address themselves and through which they may receive instructions and advice.
 - c. to make available sufficient Italian merchant shipping for this move in readiness to begin the evacuation as soon as the necessary administrative machinery has been provided both in POLA and Italy. For political reasons Italian warships will not be acceptable in POLA.
 - d. to publish at the earliest possible moment a statement of their policy and programme for the evacuation of citizens desiring to leave POLA, including information as to the administrative 5196

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machinery to be set up at POLA and the arrangements to care for and resettle the persons concerned on their arrival at Italian ports.

5. The greatest importance is attached to full information of the resettlement plans being made quickly available as uncertainty as to their future is a cause of fear and despondency in the minds of the Italian population of POLA.

6. You can assure the Italian Government that, while the Allied Military Authorities are unable physically to assist the evacuation, they will accord the Italian officials sent to POLA for this purpose all reasonable facilities and cooperation to enable them to carry out their mission.

7. When representing the foregoing matters to the Italian Government, you are authorized to omit reference to any points which you have already raised as a result of the verbal instructions recently given to you by the Supreme Allied Commander and to which you have received satisfactory replies.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:

L. C. JAYNES
Major General, U. S. Army
Acting Chief of Staff, APHQ

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20 January 1947.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

1. Your letters of 15 and 17 January from Undersecretary of State Cappa have been forwarded to the Supreme Allied Commander with appropriate recommendations. Before its receipt by the Supreme Allied Commander, I received his letter on the same subject dated 18 January and am directed by him to inform you that:-

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- (a) It is most important in the interests of all concerned that immediate plans should be made by the Italian Government for the orderly evacuation of those Italian citizens who desire to leave the POLA enclave in anticipation of its transfer to Jugoslavia. It is understood that the number involved ranges from 20,000 to 25,000.
 - (b) Some 750 of these will be employees of the Allied Military Government, including Venezia Giulia Police. The Allied Military Authorities accept responsibility for the evacuation of these employees, their families and personal effects. They are not, however, in a position to accept responsibility for the movement of the remainder, nor can they place shipping for this purpose at the disposal of the Italian Government or guarantee the safe passage of evacuees or their property by rail or road through territory under Yugoslav control.
 - (c) It is feared that a most dangerous and confused situation may arise if the move of these persons is left to the last moment and it is considered essential that the Italian Government should make very early and comprehensive arrangements for their removal from POLA and their resettlement in Italy.

2. I am further directed to urge the Italian Government most strongly to take immediate action:-

- (a) to set up a special Italian authority to be responsible for all aspects of the evacuation of Italian citizens desirous of leaving POLA and for their reception and resettlement in Italy.
- (b) to establish without delay a bureau in POLA to which citizens may address themselves and through which they may receive instructions and advice.

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(d) to publish at the earliest possible moment a statement of their policy and programme for the evacuation of citizens desiring to leave POLA, including information as to the administrative machinery to be set up at POLA and the arrangements to care for and resettle the persons concerned on their arrival at Italian ports.

3. It is appreciated that some of the foregoing requirements have already been anticipated, as evidenced by On. Cappa's letter of 15 January and as a result of discussions which I have held during the past several days with Consul Colonna of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attached to my office.

4. The Supreme Allied Commander considers it of the greatest importance to make available as quickly as possible to the Italian population of POLA the fullest possible information as to the plans of the Italian Government for their evacuation and ultimate resettlement in order to alleviate so far as possible fear and despondency in the minds of the Italian residents of POLA. While Vice-prefect Meneghini's visit to POLA last week will no doubt have been of material benefit in this regard, the publication of an official statement of the Italian Government as to its plans and intentions in this matter is viewed of the greatest and most urgent importance.

5. I desire to assure you that while the Allied Military Authorities are unable physically to assist the evacuation, they will accord the Italian officials sent to POLA for this purpose all reasonable facilities and cooperation to enable them to carry out their mission.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide DeGasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Rome.

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18 January 1947.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Pola.

TO : G-5 AFHQ

1. There is forwarded herewith translation of letter dated 15 January from the Undersecretary of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers with the following comments:

Paragraph (b) - It is understood that Vice President Meneghini has already been authorized by AMG Venezia Giulia to enter Pola and has in fact arrived at Pola.

Paragraph (c)(3) - Pursuant to my conversation with SACMED in Rome on 15 January, the Italian Government understands that permission for the requested daily train cannot be granted and appreciates SACMED's reasons therefor.

Paragraph (c)(4) - This refers to Allied naval protection. While it is not expected that a guarded convoy operation is required, the Italian Government believes that the presence of Allied naval vessels in the waters between Pola and the Italian ports mentioned in paragraph (f) will be adequate.

General - The Italian Government expects that the total figure will not exceed 20,000.

2. Pursuant to SACMED's personal instructions to me, the Italian Government is prepared to draft a prospectus or manifesto to the population of Pola stating the terms and conditions of the acceptance and transport by the Italian Government of inhabitants of Pola, together with their personal goods, to the Italian mainland. The prospectus will give full details as to the ports to which Pola residents may be transported. The Government proposes to define with some exactness the qualifications of these inhabitants whom it will transport. For this purpose it is prepared to open a Registry Office in Pola, as suggested by SACMED. The prospectus will be submitted to this Commission for approval.

3. Since present directives do not permit the Italian Government to maintain offices in Zone A, may the necessary authorizations be given, including entry permits for Italian officials. In this latter connection, there is also forwarded translation of letter dated 17 January from the Undersecretary of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

4. Because of the urgency of this problem, I should be grateful if, where practicable, necessary instructions may be sent me and AMG authorities by signal.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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15 January 1947

Dear Admiral Stone,

with reference to your letter n.2628/3/EC dated January 8th, 1947 (addressed to the Prime Minister) I have the honour to inform you of the following:

- a) The Italian Government agrees, to assume, within the limitations imposed by present circumstances, the responsibility for the transfer of Italians who intend to quit the city of Pola or the territories which under the Peace Treaty are to be ceded to Yugoslavia.
- b) The Italian Government, while taking pleasure in acknowledging receipt of the communication, thanks the Allied Authorities for their intention to consent Italian Officials to enter the territory under the administration of the Allied Military Government in order to undertake the operations relating to the transfer of persons and removal of their belongings. The Italian Government informs that Vice-Prefect Dr. Giuseppe MENEGHINI has been appointed to carry out such a work. He has expressed the wish to be authorized to contact the Trieste Allied Military Command with a view to avoiding delay which might cause repercussions and complications hindering the operations of transfer.
- c) He reserves to communicate to the Trieste Allied Military Command the names of some of his assistants who will need to enter the zone in connection with the above stated operations.
- d) As far as concerns the evacuation of the Allied troops from territories to be ceded to Yugoslavia, the Italian Government, while taking note of the communication, considers necessary to refer to the clause of Art. 77-bis of the Paris draft of the Peace Treaty which provides that "the provisions of the present Treaty shall confer no right or benefit on behalf of any State which is mentioned in the preamble of the Treaty under the denomination of Allied or Associated Power or to its citizens, unless such a State becomes a contracting party of the same Treaty, through the deposit of its instrument of ratification."
- e) The Italian Government agrees that if and when the Trieste Free State is created all questions arising within the boundary of the Free Territory concerning Italy and Italians, are to be dealt with the Officials of the Free State and not with the Allied Military Commands.
- f) The Italian Government, though realizing that the Allied Military Authorities will find it difficult to give a positive technical assistance owing to the scanty means at their disposal; it is yet confident that the following requests will favourably be taken into consideration by the Allied Military Authorities:

- 1) To grant a steamship of the "Landing Craft" type which by a few voy-

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ages could effect the transportation of a considerable number of persons and speed up the transportation of their belongings;

2) To grant in Pola a certain number of motor-cars in order to effect the transportation of furniture and household-implements from houses to port;

3) To provide as soon as possible the service of a daily train, between Pola and Trieste, composed of a minimum of 20 freight-cars for the transportation of belongings, provided that said train be duly protected. This would greatly help operations inasmuch as the railway-carriages in question could be made to proceed directly for the appointed destinations;

4) to furnish with an adequate protection the Italian ships due to enter or leave Pola harbour. This in order to avoid the repetition of inconveniences such as those which took place a few days ago when the fishing motor-boats "Dionisio" and "Maria", registered at the Naval District of Chioggia, while approaching Pola because of the weather, were compelled to change their course towards Fasana and subsequently to Rovigno d'Istria, where they were detained by the Yugoslav Police together with their crews;

5) To derequisition and put at the disposal of the Italian Authorities those barracks in Gorizia which are not indispensable to the Allied Forces. In such barracks the refugees could find appropriate accommodation, at least for a certain period of time.

f) The Italian Government, following the suggestion contained in your letter dated January 8th, has drafted a project which should be carried out in two stages: First the transportation of belongings; secondly, the transportation of persons.

The transportation of belongings is scheduled for January 27th, 1947. About 60.000 tons of material have to be loaded at Pola and unloaded at the ports of Trieste, Venezia, Ravenna, Ancona and Brindisi where appropriate warehouses have been provided for the storage of furniture and household-implements. Five or six sailing motor-boats are due daily to leave Pola harbour.

The date of the transportation of persons has not yet been fixed.

The refugees to be transported have been reckoned from 20.000 to 25.000. They are due to disembark at Venice and Ancona, where, after a brief stay in shift camps they will proceed to the various rallying centres which are administered by the Ministry of Post-War Relief.

Instructions on the matter are issued by the Venezia Giulia office, which is a dependency of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

In order to enforce the a/m instructions a local detached office for Venezia Giulia has been opened in Venice. Its address is Castello 4426 (telephone number 25888). Vice-Prefect Dr. Giuseppe MENECHINI, already mentioned above is in charge of said office. 5190

Owing to the urgency of the matter, I should be most grateful to you,

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Dear Admiral, if you would kindly let me have an early reply, especially in connection with paragraphs b) and c) of this letter,

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone, to be

very sincerely yours,

/s/ PAOLO CAPPA

(On. Avv. Paolo Cappa)
Sottosegretario di Stato
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

P.S.

Should the request of a Landing Craft not be granted, we would be faced with the necessity of using an Italian naval vessel, at least in one of the phases of the evacuation.

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TRANSLATION

Rome 17 January 1947

My dear Admiral,

Following my letter dated January 15th 1947 I beg to inform you that the interministerial Committee for Venezia Giulia established at the Presidency of the Council has decided that Consigliere di Prefettura Dr. Teofilo Uni should leave for Pola and reside there permanently until the evacuation process will be over.

Dr. Uni will take orders from Vice Prefetto Meneghini, already mentioned in my previous letter.

At the same time, in order to avail himself of the large experience and the organization already set up at the Ministry of War for the repatriation of the P.O.W., Vice Prefetto Meneghini will work in close understanding with General Mannerini, Head of the competent Department of the Ministry of War. The latter will be assisted by Colonel Fornara and Colonel Mascochi.

The three a/s Officers intend to leave within the next days for Trieste and Pola in order to contact Vice Prefetto Meneghini and the Allied Authorities. Col. Mascochi should reside in Pola together with Consigliere Uni until the evacuation is completed.

I will be very grateful, my dear Admiral, if in replying to my letter of January 15th, you will consider also the further information which I have intended to bring to your knowledge by the present letter, and if you will kindly issue instructions to the effect that all a/s agents of the Italian Government be granted by Allied Military Authorities every possible facility.

Agree please, my dear Admiral, my sincere thanks and my most cordial greetings.

(On. Avv. Paolo Cappa)
Undersecretary of State
to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

See 4.15.28

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Ref. : 2620/8/47

16 January 1947

SUBJECT: Evacuation from ZARA.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

Reference is made to your unnumbered memorandum dated 14th January 1947.

The Allied Military Authorities in Venezia Giulia state that they have received no such reports, but should any be forthcoming, the information will be forwarded to you.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. K.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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FROM: HQ AMG VENEZIA GIULIA
TO: HQ ALCOM CITE ACEXC

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Ref your 6050 dtd 14 January. No reports re matter in question received here or DP & P. Div. Will inform you immediately should any be forthcoming.

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JAMES L. HAYES
MAJOR AGENT
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Rome 14 January 1947

MEMORANDUM

According to unconfirmed report which have reached the Italian Government, the Yugoslav Government has apparently decided to authorize Italians from Zara to leave the city with their personal goods. The prospected evacuees amount to about 700.

The Italian Government would be grateful if the Allied Commission would either supply or obtain confirmation of the above information.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

EADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Ref. Para 6D of Your planning notes forwarded with VG/AMG/240 of 2 Jan 47. Undesirable that you prepare list indicated or in any way indicate responsibility for evacuation until so authorized. Present thinking is that it is matter for Italian Government except for Police and other Officials who have identified themselves prominently with AMG and who must remain on job as long as possible. Plans should be made by You for the evacuation of these latter under AMG arrangements. Pending agreement to proposed Policy by CCS no assurances will be given to those concerned and number involved must be kept to minimum.

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Ref: 2628/3/20

8 January 1947

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

In connection with the repatriation of Italians from territory to be ceded to Yugoslavia under the terms of the Peace Treaty, I am directed to inform you of the following.

- a. that no instructions on the matter have been received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff but that subject to such instructions for planning purposes it is the view of the Supreme Allied Commander that the movement and all other matters connected with such repatriation is responsibility of the Italian Government.
- b. that it is planned to permit entry of Italian officials into AMG territory with the full knowledge and consent of the Yugoslav Government to make plans for and execute all functions in connection with such repatriation of persons, property and chattels.
- c. that it is proposed that all Allied troops will leave territory to be ceded to Yugoslavia on the day of Ratification of the Peace Treaty.
- d. that, while Allied occupational troops will remain in Trieste Free State after the day of Ratification that all arrangements for Italian activities in that State after the day of Ratification must be made with State officials and not with Allied military commanders.
- e. that it is extremely doubtful due to lack of supplies, equipment and personnel if any active assistance can be given to the Italians in their repatriation. Full cooperation will, of course, be extended in matters not in controversy between the Italians and Yugoslavs.
- f. that it should be borne in mind that between date of signature and ratification of the Peace Treaty there will be a very heavy Allied military commitment on railway facilities. The Italians should, therefore, make adequate provision for the movement of refugees and their goods. Furthermore, Trieste will be a bottleneck from every point of view, and so should be avoided as a transit station for refugees. Those from Pola particularly should not transit Trieste.

I should be grateful, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if you would let me have as a matter of urgency the plan of the Italian Government

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in general outline, bearing in mind the factors mentioned above.

Yours very truly,

HILARY W. STONE

HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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SUBJECT: Evacuation of Italians from
Territory to be ceded to Yugoslavia

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

1. In connection with telephone conversation Admiral Stone/Col. Hamblen on the repatriation of Italians from territory to be ceded to the Yugoslavs, it is desired that you inform the Italian Government in substance:

a. that no instructions on the matter have been received from the GCS but that subject to such instructions for planning purposes it is the view of SACMED that the movement and all other matters connected with such repatriation is responsibility of the Italian Government.

b. that it is planned to permit entry of Italian Officials into AMG territory with the full knowledge and consent of the Yugoslav Government to make plans for and execute all functions in connection with such repatriation of persons, property and chattels.

c. that it is proposed that all Allied troops will leave territory to be ceded Yugoslavia on R day.

d. that, while Allied occupational troops will remain in Trieste Free State after R day that all arrangements for Italian activities in that State after R day must be made with State officials and not with Allied military commanders.

e. that it is extremely doubtful due to lack of supplies, equipment and personnel if any active assistance can be given the Italians in their repatriation. Full cooperation will, of course, be extended in matters not in controversy between the Italians and Yugoslavs.

f. that it should be borne in mind that between date of signature and ratification there will be a very heavy Allied military commitment on railway facilities. The Italians should, therefore, make adequate provision for the movement of refugees and their goods. Furthermore, Trieste will be a bottleneck from every point of view, and so should be avoided as a transit station for refugees. Those from Pola particularly should not transit Trieste.

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8. that a general outline of the Italian plan would be helpful, so as to avoid conflicts with plans for military evacuation.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:



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