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IDENTIFICATION OF WELFARE AGENCY VEHICLES
DEC. 1946, JAN. 1947

Chief Commissioner

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

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Further to min 23 letter at folio 22 for signature please. AWB 13/11

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May we have your comments on second para # of folio 25, please.

A. B. Wood Smith Col.

Further to letters at folio 17, letters at
folio 21, enclosing copy of folio 20,
for signature, please. *AWB 10/1*

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signature please. *AWB 13/1*

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May we have your comments on second
para # of folio 25, please.

*L. B. Hood Smith
Lt. Col.*

C. S. O. to Ex. Comm

20 Jan 46.

31.1.47 To C.S.O.

Ref. Folio 25 para 2. UNRRA is mainly responsible
for the "considerable number of transient D.P.s...." in Italy, so
further info. can be obtained from them. This Div. is only
responsible for a very occasional transient of D.P.s. in transit
from the Austrian border to port of embarkation for immediate
shipment. on which occasions the train is guarded by Italian
military guards - by request of Ministry of Interior. *AWB* S.O.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFO 512

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28 January 1947

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Personnel
and vehicles.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
AFO 794

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Reference your letter 4089/15/EC of 21 December 1946.

1. Please notify this Headquarters when the necessary action has been completed by the Welfare Agencies concerned in connection with the agreed identification of welfare agency personnel and vehicles.
2. As soon as this information is received an instruction is to be issued to Allied Military Agencies informing them of the means whereby personnel and vehicles of non-military welfare organization can be identified.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:

A.L. Hamblen

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

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January 14th 1947.

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To: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission,
ROME.
From: Polad B.

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Your letter No. 4069/15/EC of December 1946 to A.F.H.Q. regarding the arrangements made for the identification of welfare agencies' personnel and vehicles.

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In paragraph 1(a)(ii)¹⁴ of Mr. Keeny's letter of December 10th, enclosed in your letter under reference, mention is made in the last paragraph of "a considerable number of transient Displaced Persons from other countries" who are routed through Italy. We should be grateful for any further information about these persons which you may be able to obtain. If they consist only of the organised bodies who are escorted from the Austrian frontier to a port of embarkation by military guards and under the auspices of the D.P. and R.S.C., the question of whether or not they wear a uniform type of clothing is obviously not very important. On the other hand, if U.N.R.R.A. are bringing in other refugees into Italy to await emigration overseas, further details about them would be much appreciated.

With regard to Mr. Keeny's paragraph I(a)(iii), it is suggested that demands similar to those made to U.N.R.R.A. might profitably be

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made to the other welfare agencies, seconded to them, in view of U.N.R.R.A.'s declared inability to exercise the necessary control over personnel attached to these agencies. We should also be very grateful if a list of all such personnel could be obtained, showing the names of the agencies which they represent.

H.A. Hankey

H.A. Hankey.

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Ref: 4069/22/AC

13 January, 1947

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Personnel and Vehicles

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Attention: Deputy Chief of Staff.

1. I refer to my letter No. 4069/15/AC dated 21st December, 1946, on this subject.

2. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated 27th December, 1946, from the Director of the American Joint Distribution Committee, in which it sets out the arrangements to be made by the American Joint Distribution Committee in this matter. At the meeting held by the Chief Commissioner, it was agreed that the rear of vehicles should be painted with the orange diagonal stripe as well as the radiator. Mention of this point has been omitted from the letter enclosed, but it has since been confirmed verbally, subject to the availability of paint.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

E. W. HIND-SMITH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: G-5 Section AMHQ
Public Safety Div. A.C.

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Ref: 4069/21/FG

// January, 1947

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Organizations Vehicles.

**TO : Ministry of the Interior,
RCMR.**

I refer to my letter No. 4069/17/20 dated 21st December, 1946, on this subject.

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E. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Public Safety Div.

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AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEE

Headquarters for Italy: Via di S. Basilio, 9

ROME
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Offices in:
Rome
Milan
Bari
Lecce
Florence
Genoa
Naples

Jacob L. Trobe
Director

December 27th, 1946

TRF. No. 205.

TO: The Chief Commissioner./No. 15.
Allied Commission.
APO. 794.

FROM: AJDC, HQ. ITALY.

SUBJ: IDENTIFICATION AND MARKING OF UNIFORMS
AND VEHICLES.

Your Ref. 4069/18/EC dated 21/12/46.

We regret that we have not replied to your letter earlier. We had assumed that a letter would be forthcoming from the Ministry of the Interior which would take care of all the points of our discussion in detail.

We are listing below the steps that this organization will take prior to January 31st to concur with the Agreement made with the military authorities on December 10th.

1. UNIFORMS.

(a) AJDC STAFF - All outer garments of military type (i.e., jacket, trousers, grey coat and cap) will be dyed navy blue and AJDC flashes worn on the left shoulder.

(b) DISPLACED PERSONS IN HACHSHAROTS AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE AJDC.

In cases where Displaced Persons wear a military type of clothing, steps will be taken to arrange that such items of clothing be dyed brown. No displaced persons in AJDC installations will wear AJDC flashes.

(c) CLOTHING IN STOCK.

All military types of clothing in our stock will be dyed dark brown as soon as arrangements can be made in each of our Regions.

(a) INCOMING STOCKS.

All donators who have purchased military types of clothing within their country, for eventual distribution through the AJDC in Italy, will be informed to dye such

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clothing either dark navy blue or dark brown before sending such material to Italy.

2. VEHICLES.

All vehicles of military type and colour will be identified by: -

- (a) A 3-inch orange stripe painted diagonally across the front of the radiator or radiator guard, from the upper left to the lower right corners.
- (b) The front and rear bumpers will be painted either yellow or orange, subject to the availability of paint.
- (c) Front and rear license plates shall be fixed in the center of the bumpers and will be made of aluminium or other metal rectangular in shape, 32 centimeters by 22 cm. wide. The plates will be painted orange with two lines of lettering in black. The first line will be the letters "AJDC" - each letter will be 8 cms. high by 5cm. broad. The second line will show our vehicle registration number which will be 9 cm. high by 4 cm. broad.

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3. VEHICLES - CIVILIAN TYPE.

- (a) Same as 2(c) mentioned above.

We will forward to the Ministry, two copies of the list of our motor vehicles indicating the type of vehicle, the engine number, the chassis number, the plate number and we will continue to advise the Ministry of any changes or variations which may occur in this list in the future.

Jacob L. Trobe
JACOB L. TROBE.
Director for Italy.

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Ref. : 4069/18/20

21 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Organisation Vehicles.

TO : American Joint Distribution Committee
(Attention: Mr. Trobe).

1. With reference to the recent meeting on the subject of Identification of Welfare Agency personnel and vehicles, I enclose a copy of a letter dated 17 Dec. 46 from the UNRRA Chief of Mission in which is set out the arrangements to be made by UNRRA regarding this matter. At the meeting held by the Chief Commissioner it was agreed that the rear of vehicles should be painted with the orange diagonal stripe as well as the radiator, and also that the front and rear bumpers should be painted yellow. Mention of these two points was omitted from the UNRRA letter but it has since been confirmed verbally, subject to the availability of paint.

2. I should be glad to have your confirmation that the AJDC will be able to make similar arrangements in so far as they affect your organization and to know when you expect that such arrangements may be completed.

3. I enclose a copy of a letter from the Ministry of Interior dated 11 Dec. 46, ref. 300/6,518/14600 in which they set out the specifications required for the number plates to be used. It is requested that you will forward to the Ministry the necessary list of your vehicles for which they ask ~~for~~.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 4069/17/EC

21 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Organizations Vehicles.

TO : Ministry of the Interior,
ROME.

1. I acknowledge your letter No. 300/64512/14600 dated 11 December 1946 and I am forwarding copies to UNRRA and AJDC. I have asked them to forward to you the necessary details regarding their motor vehicles.

2. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated 17 December 46 from the UNRRA Chief of Mission in which is set out the arrangements to be made by UNRRA in this matter. At the meeting held by the Chief Commissioner it was agreed that the rear of vehicles should be painted with the orange diagonal stripe as well as the radiator, and also the front and rear bumpers should be painted yellow. Mention of these two points has been omitted from the UNRRA letter enclosed, but it has since been confirmed verbally, subject to the availability of paint.


Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. : 4063/16/30

21. December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification and marking of Uniforms and Vehicles.


TO : Chief of Mission,
UNTERA
Rome.

1. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter reference DACMA/787 dated 17 Dec.46 and am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Italian Ministry of Interior so that they may be fully aware of the position. 14

2. It is understood as a result of telephone conversation (Maj. Wyatt - Lt. Col. Hind-Smith speaking) that, subject to the availability of paint, you are also prepared to mark the rear of your vehicles with the diagonal orange stripe and paint the front and rear bumpers orange. 12

3. I enclose a copy of a letter from the Ministry of the Interior dated 11 Dec.46 reference 300/64513/14600 in which they give the required specifications for the number plates to be used on your vehicles. It is requested that you will forward to the Ministry the list of your vehicles for which they ask.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:


Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. : 4069/15/30

21 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Personnel and Vehicles.

TO : ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS,
Attention: Deputy Chief of Staff.

1. Reference is made to your unnumbered letter dated 3 December 1946.

2. As directed in your letter a meeting of all concerned in this matter was presided over by me on 10 December 1946. A copy of the minutes of this meeting is enclosed.

3. The following recommendations were agreed:

(i) Personnel

- (a) Any uniforms worn (except for serving service personnel) will be dyed a dark blue colour.
- (b) Uniforms will have an UNRRA or AFIC shoulder patch on each shoulder.
- (c) All personnel will carry identity cards with photograph. Specimens of these cards to be furnished to us.

(ii) Vehicles

- (a) A yellow diagonal stripe to be painted diagonally across the radiator and the rear of the vehicle.
- (b) Special number plates to be fitted at front and rear. These to be of yellow background with black letters and figure. Size required to be specified by Italian Government.
- (c) Front and rear bumpers to be painted yellow.
- (d) UNRRA silver "Globe" sign to be painted on front doors of UNRRA vehicles.
- (e) UNRRA and AFIC to furnish Italian Government with list of all their vehicles and numbers to be assigned.

The above scheme was to be subject to the availability of paint.

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4. As a result of the undertakings given by the Italian Government and UNRRA representatives at this meeting, I have now received communications from both parties setting out the arrangements to be made in order to achieve the purpose desired and I enclose copies of these letters. As regards the letter from UNRRA which makes no reference to painting of rear and bumpers, verbal agreement has since been reached on this point. The Italian Government are being informed of the details given by UNRRA, and AJIC are being requested to conform as was agreed at the meeting. I am also forwarding to UNRRA and AJIC the requirements of the Italian Government.

5. I feel that with the ready co-operation of the Italian Government and the Welfare Agencies concerned to carry out the suggested forms of identification, the likelihood of confusion regarding the proper identification of personnel and vehicles will be eliminated as far as is possible.

6. The arrangements made are considered most satisfactory by the American and British Embassies.

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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- AJIC
- Dispor Div
- Legal Div
- Public Safety Div
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- AFHQ, G-5 Section.

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17 Dec 46
Ref No. DACPA/787

The Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Identification and marking of
Uniforms and Vehicles

1. With reference to the meeting which was held in your Headquarters on 10 December, I wish to confirm the agreement made with the military authorities:-

(a) UNIFORMS.

(i) UNRRA Staff

It is agreed that all outer garments of military type (i.e. Jacket, Trousers, Greatcoat and Cap) shall be dyed navy blue, and UNRRA flashes worn on each shoulder.

(ii) Displaced Persons in UNRRA D.P. Camps

In all cases where Displaced Persons wear items of military-type clothing, arrangements will be made for such uniforms to be dyed brown.

This procedure is necessary in order to make a distinction between UNRRA staff and D.P.'s. For the same reason, D.P.'s do not wear UNRRA flashes.

All D.P.'s do not wear items of military-type clothing; issues were made in those cases where civilian-type clothing was not available.

N.B. A considerable number of transient D.P.'s from other theatres are routed through Italy of whom a certain number may wear military type clothing. It is understood that the undertaking mentioned above does not refer to these Transients, and it is requested that this point be brought to the attention of any military personnel with whom you may communicate on this matter.

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(iii) Other Welfare Agencies

Other Welfare Agencies working in Italy have a small number of personnel seconded to UNRRA. Some of these personnel wear civilian type clothing whereas others wear military-type uniforms with the appropriate shoulder signs of their particular agencies. Our authority over such personnel does not extend to a point where we can dictate to them

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- (a) (iii) what colour uniforms they will wear, but they will be asked to co-operate by wearing UNRRA flashes. In the event of their refusing to wear these flashes, it is not within our authority to compel them to do so. However, such personnel involve a small number of people by comparison with the size of the UNRRA staff.
 - (iv) Personnel of the United States Public Health Service These personnel are of military status and subject to military law. Therefore, they will wear the approved military uniform with insignia and badges of rank.
 - (v) Military Personnel seconded to UNRRA We have a small number of personnel seconded from the British Armed Forces. All such personnel are subject to military law, and are authorised to wear military uniform with the appropriate badges of rank and insignia.
- (b) VEHICLES: All vehicles of military type and colour will be marked with:-
- (i) An orange stripe painted diagonally across the front of the radiator or radiator guard. *back also agreed by [unclear]*
 - (ii) Front and rear License-Plates shall be fixed, such License-Plates to have an orange background with black letters.
 - (iii) The UNRRA "Globe" sign shall be painted on the front doors.

As you know, we have a number of vehicles which are of NON-MILITARY type, i.e. Hudson Sedans, Fiat Sedans, etc., all of which are painted with colours normally used for civilian-type vehicles. In view of this I am willing to allow License-Plates of the type specified above to be fixed to such vehicles, but I feel that no useful purpose could be served by covering civilian-type vehicles with the other markings mentioned in Sub-Para (i) and (ii) above, as their present identification marks, together with the new license-plates, should be quite sufficient to relieve anyone's mind of the doubt that such vehicles may be military vehicles.

2. If you will please notify us of the approved dimensions of the License-Plates, we will place an order for their manufacture.
3. I am very anxious to co-operate with the military authorities in every feasible way, and every effort will be made to have this work completed by the 31st January 1947.

*Ref para (b) above I spoke to
my flight who agreed that
rear of vehicles would be painted
& also front & some bumpers,
subject to availability of paint
H.P. 19/12.*

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S. M. Keeny,
CHIEF OF MISSION.
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Translation

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
General Direction
of Public Safety

Rome, 11 Dec 46.

Div. PP. e TT. Sez. I
No. 300/64518/11600

TO : The Allied Commission,
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Identification of vehicles belonging to welfare organizations.

For further clarification of the suspended question in yesterday's meeting, we suggest that the plates to be fixed at the rear of motor vehicles belonging to UNRRA and ATDC should be made of aluminium or other metal, rectangular in shape and 32 centimetres long by 22 wide.

The plates should be painted yellow with two lines of lettering in black. The first line should bear the sign of the organization to which the vehicle belongs (UNRRA - ATDC) and the second line show the registration number.

The lettering should be 5 cm high by 5 cm broad.

The registration numbers should be 9 cm high by 4 cm broad.

UNRRA and ATDC should send to this Ministry two copies of the list of motor vehicles used by them and bearing for each vehicle the following particulars: type of vehicle, engine No., chassis No., plate No.

Any variation of the above should be forwarded in due course.

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SUBJECT : Identification of vehicles belonging to welfare and assistance institutes.

Clearing the point discussed in yesterday's meeting, we suggest that plates to be placed on the back side of U.N.R.R.A. and A.J.D.C. vehicles should be made out of aluminium or other metal with a rectangular shape of thirty two centimeters long and twenty two centimeters wide.

The plates should be painted yellow with inscriptions in black on two lines. The first line will bear the name of the institution to which the vehicle belongs (U.N.R.R.A. - A.J.D.C.); the second one the number of registration.

The letters in the first line should have the following measure: 8 cm. high 5 cm. wide.

The numbers of the second line should have the following measure: 9 cm. high 4 cm. wide.

U.N.R.R.A. and A.J.D.C. should send to this Ministry two copies of the list of vehicles employed by them bearing for each vehicle the following particulars : type of vehicle, number of engine, number of chassis, plate number. Any variation to the above should be, in due course, communicated.

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Roma, 11 Dicembre



Ministero dell'Interno

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DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Direzione FF. e TT. Sez. I
Prot. N. 300/64518/14600

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir. Sez. 49

OGGETTO Identificazione dei veicoli degli enti di assistenza.

A chiarimento del punto rimasto in sospeso nella riunione di ieri, si suggerisce che le targhe da applicarsi nella parte posteriore degli autoveicoli dell'U.N.R.R.A. e della A.J.D.C. sieno costruite in lamiera di alluminio o di altro metallo e abbiano forma di rettangolo della lunghezza di trentadue centimetri e dell'altezza di venti= due cm.

Resta inteso che il fondo delle targhe sarà di colore giallo e le scritte di colore nero, su due righe. Sulla prima riga, sarà scritta la sigla dell'ente al quale il mezzo appartiene (U.N.R.R.A. - A.J.D.C.); sulla seconda riga il numero di immatricolazione.

Le lettere di individuazione dovrebbero avere le dimensioni di cm. 8 di altezza e cm. 5 di larghezza.

I numeri di immatricolazione dovrebbero avere le dimensioni di cm. 9 di altezza e cm. 4 di larghezza.

L'U.N.R.R.A. e l'A.J.D.C. dovrebbero far pervenire a questo Ministero un elenco in duplice esemplare degli autoveicoli da essere contenuti, per ciascun autoveicolo, i seguenti dati: tipo dell'autoveicolo, numero di motore, numero di telaio, numero della targa assegnata. Ogni variazione dovrebbe altresì essere comunicata.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner
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Direzione FF. e TT. Sez. I.
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Risposta al foglio del
Dir. Sez. N. 21

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

13 December 1946.

MINUTES of a Meeting held at 1600 hours, 10 December 1946, in the Chief Commissioners Conference Room, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Rome, to discuss the subject of Identification of Welfare Agency Personnel and Vehicles.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brig Carr, Lieut Col Hind-Smith, Col Purdy, Maj Martin, Lieut Col Mansford, Capt Ellis, all from the Allied Commission; Maj Oswald and Major Wyatt from UNRRA; Mr. Trobe from AJDC; Dr Varino, Dr Pignattaro and Prince Colonna from the Italian Government; Mr Hankey from the British Embassy; and Mr. Greene from the U.S. Embassy.

The Chief Commissioner opened the meeting by referring to the letter of 3 December 1946 from the Supreme Allied Commander directing that the Chief Commissioner convene a conference between representatives of UNRRA and AJDC, of the United States and British Embassies in Rome, and the Italian Government to determine the most feasible method of assuring that personnel and vehicles of the two principal Welfare organisations concerned should not be mistaken for military personnel and vehicles.

The Chief Commissioner asked if anyone present had any objection to the propriety or even desirability of having a clear identification of vehicles used by UNRRA and the American Joint Distribution Committee (AJDC) and of their personnel who wear uniforms similar in appearance to Allied military uniforms. There was no objection.

The Chief Commissioner stated that the suggestion had been made that identification of the staffs and vehicles of welfare agencies be such that the Italian authorities would not feel that they were doing something improper in stopping an UNRRA or AJDC vehicle to satisfy themselves that the movement of that vehicle was a legal one. He added that the Supreme Allied Commander felt that there was a tendency for the Italians, whose cooperation with the Military was well known, to hesitate in the stopping of such non-military vehicles in the mistaken assumption that the vehicles were military vehicles. Dr. Pignattaro added that the question of identification and movement of DF's and vehicles was connected with the general problem of the control of foreigners in Italy at present under consideration. On the other hand, he stated, the Italians were anxious to cooperate.

IDENTIFICATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS.

In reply to the Chief Commissioners question, Maj Wyatt stated that

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The Chief Commissioner stated that the suggestion had been made that identification of the staffs and vehicles of welfare agencies be such that the Italian authorities would not feel that they were doing something improper in stopping an UERRA or AJDC vehicle to satisfy themselves that the movement of that vehicle was a legal one. He added that the Supreme Allied Commander felt that there was a tendency for the Italians, whose cooperation with the Military was well known, to hesitate in the stopping of such non-military vehicles in the mistaken assumption that the vehicles were military vehicles. Dr. Pignattaro added that the question of identification and movement of DP's and vehicles was connected with the general problem of the control of foreigners in Italy at present under consideration. On the other hand, he stated, the Italians were anxious to cooperate.

IDENTIFICATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS.

In reply to the Chief Commissioners question, Maj Wyatt stated that there had been discussions between the Italian Government and UERRA regarding the action to be taken to control the movement of DP's. UERRA movement of DP's would always be between one camp and another and notification was always made to the Quastura two days in advance. Mr. Trobe stated that AJDC did not undertake any mass movement but that UERRA handled such movements.

With respect to illegal movements of DP's Maj Wyatt stated that there were no known unauthorised movements of DP's in UERRA. To back that statement, UERRA had asked the Italian Government, if at any time they have any doubt with respect to any UERRA movement, to stop the truck, hold the occupants, and arrest the driver until verification of the move could be made by telegram to UERRA. If UERRA denied knowledge of the move then the matter was one for the Italian authorities.

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The Chief Commissioner asked Mr. Trobe if AJDC would have any objection if the Italian Government took the same action as above with regard to the illegal movement of AJDC DP's. Mr. Trobe replied that he would be glad to accept such action on the part of the Italian authorities.

The Chief Commissioner asked who was responsible for the movement of DP's outside the camps. Major Wyatt replied that UNRRA DP's were allowed to leave the camps but they should have leave passes in their possession. All UNRRA DP's have DP identity cards. In reply to the Chief Commissioner's question, Major Wyatt said that generally speaking UNRRA DP's were not furnished with clothing which could resemble military uniforms.

Mr. Trobe stated that all Jewish DP's in Italy received UNRRA services. They were either located in UNRRA camps, where they receive AJDC supplementary assistance, or in collective groups where they pooled the individual assistance, or they lived separately in towns. The two groups outside the camps were allowed a good deal of liberty.

IDENTIFICATION OF WELFARE AGENCY STAFF PERSONNEL.

The Chief Commissioner stated that a suggestion had been made that staff personnel of the welfare agencies should wear an "UNRRA" or "AJDC" shoulder patch to enable Italian authorities to determine quickly that such personnel were not Allied military personnel. Neither UNRRA nor AJDC had any objection to this proposal but Dr. Pignatello stated that conditions by which the Italians could assert control were such that the mere wearing of a patch would not be sufficient to enable the Italians to determine whether personnel were UNRRA, AJDC or military personnel. Dr. Pignatello suggested that welfare agency personnel should wear a uniform of a different colour and cut.

In reply to the Chief Commissioner's question, Mr. Trobe stated that many DP's on the AJDC staff wore quasi-military uniforms that had been issued to them. However, Mr. Trobe stated that if the wearing of the uniforms was an obstacle to proper identification he would study the problem with a view to doing away with the wearing of uniforms by AJDC personnel.

Major Wyatt stated that UNRRA non-Italian staff personnel were divided into the following groups: (a) Allied civilians, who did not wear military uniforms, (b) U.S. Public Health Service personnel who wore military personnel and subject to military law; (c) British service personnel seconded to UNRRA who had the right to wear military uniform but when so doing were subject to military law; and (d) personnel of various voluntary organizations attached to UNRRA, such as Jewish Relief, Catholic Charities, etc., who wore military type uniforms with a shoulder patch identifying their organization. In reply to the Chief Commissioner's question, Major Wyatt stated that there was no order prohibiting the wearing of uniforms, as such an order would be a hardship on Italian employees such as drivers who were furnished with military uniforms.

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Dr. Pignattaro also recommended that all welfare agency staff personnel carry identity cards, with the photograph of the bearer appearing thereon. He further requested that UNRRA and AJDC furnish the Quastura with specimens of the identity cards used.

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IDENTIFICATION OF WELFARE AGENCY VEHICLES.

At the suggestion of Dr. Pignattaro, it was agreed that all welfare agency vehicles would be identified by a yellow diagonal stripe across the grill and across the back of each vehicle, and that both front and rear bumpers would be painted solid yellow, the yellow to be deep orange-yellow. The Chief Commissioner asked the UKMA representative if there was any objection to standardizing the UKMA silver globe emblem on UKMA vehicles, to which Major Wyatt replied that there was no objection. The whole scheme would depend on the availability of paint.

With regard to the registration of welfare agency vehicles, the Chief Commissioner suggested that each vehicle be assigned a registration number by the agency concerned and that the number assigned appear on a plate. He also suggested that the Questura be furnished with a list of all registration numbers used, together with a description of the cars in which the numbers were assigned. Major Wyatt said that this would be done. Dr. Pignattaro requested that the registration plates used on these vehicles be painted white with the numbers painted black. This black-on-white scheme would contrast with the Italian civilian white-or-black plates and with the Italian military red-or-white plates. The Chief Commissioner felt that a yellow background with black numbers would be more easily recognizable and Dr. Pignattaro agreed to this. The Chief Commissioner suggested that the Questura submit within the next two days precise specifications of the size of the plate to be used and also a list of the identification particulars required for the vehicles to be registered. Dr. Pignattaro said that this would be done. In reply to the Chief Commissioner's question, Dr. Pignattaro stated that AJDC could use the same colours but that they would of course use different numbers.

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Ref. : 4069/7/EO

10 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Vehicles.

TO : Major C.S. Wyatt
UNRRA, Italy
Room 355, 3rd Floor.

Herewith copy of our letter 535/89/EO dated 7 December 46 4
together with enclosure from AFHQ dated 3 Dec. on the subject of
Identification of Welfare Agency Vehicles.

May acknowledgement of receipt be made on copy letter please.

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

Received

[Signature]

Date

10 Dec: 46. 11.45. HRS

*Major Wyatt & Major Osmond
will attend.*

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Ref. : 535/90/EC

7 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Vehicles.

**TO : The Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.**

**Ministry of Interior,
Rome.**

Reference is made to the attached copy of a letter dated 3/5
Dec. 46 from AFHQ on the subject of Identification of Welfare Agency
Vehicles.

It is requested that you send a representative to attend a
meeting to be held at 1600 hrs on Tuesday 10 Dec. 46 in the Chief
Commissioner's Conference Room, 3rd Floor, AC Building, at which this
matter will be discussed.

The Chief Commissioner will preside.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

B. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

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3 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Vehicles.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 794.

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2. The two principal welfare organizations engaged in the movement of displaced persons and refugees in Italy are UNRRA and the American Joint Distribution Committee (AJDC). It is understood that members of both organizations often wear uniforms which are easily mistaken for military uniforms and that they use vehicles easily mistaken for military vehicles. It is believed that if the present condition of confusion and embarrassment were brought to the attention of responsible officials of these organizations, prompt steps would be taken to correct it.

3. As the State Department and the Foreign Office are interested in the matter and as the Italian Government is faced with the practical identification of all persons and vehicles engaged in the movement within Italy of displaced persons and refugees, it appears desirable that there be a conference among representatives of the two welfare organizations, of the United States and British Embassies in Rome, and the Italian Government to determine the most feasible method of assuring that personnel and vehicles of the two organizations not be mistaken for military personnel and vehicles. The Supreme Allied Commander desires that you convene such a conference.

4. In due course you will report the results of your discussions.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

/s/ L.C. JAYNES
Major General, U.S. Army
Deputy Chief of Staff

cc: UNRRA-Italy
AJDC
British Embassy, Rome,
American Embassy, Rome.

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Ref. : 535/89/20

7 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Vehicles.

- TO : UNRRA - Italy
- American Joint Distribution Committee
- U.S. Political Advisor A.C.
- British Political Advisor A.C.
- Director Public Safety Division
- x Director Legal Division
- Director Repair Division

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The Chief Commissioner will provide and representatives of the Italian Government have also been invited to attend.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M. W. KING SMITH
Brigadier,
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cc: UNRRA Italy
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 United States Embassy, Rome.

/s/ L.G. JAYNES
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 Deputy Chief of Staff

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