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ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWANCES
JAN. - DEC. 1946

65.

Financial Admin.

Ref #64 Can the Ex. Comm. have
your comments & recommendations please.

J. W. Hunt Smith.
Lt. Col.

9 Dec 46.

C. I. O. to Ex Comm.

66.

As per telephone conversation with Financial Advisor -
"Visit of VIP's into V. G. reported by the press -
In these circumstances, this expenditure seems
reasonable and is recommended."

4013

Jack Wallace, Jr.
Capt, Inf.
Asst Admin. Staff Officer

67

Woke C.C. Approved for actual expenditure
up to a maximum of \$50,000.

11/17/46

McCartney
E.C.

E.C.

Sir,

Letter at 55 to PC Uline for your signature please. 54
refers.

HR 24
10

59.

Economic Division.

Attention: Financial Adviser.

The application at 57-58 seems reasonable and subject to your
concurrence I propose to approve.

McLaurin
M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Exec. Comm.

19 Nov 46.

60.

Exec. Comm. Approval recommended 40, 12

please.

29 Nov 46.

bt.

EX-100

*Entertainment Adviser to G-2.
Could access G-2 to get the documents*

Economic Division.

Attention: Financial Adviser.

The application at 57-58 seems reasonable and subject to your concurrence I propose to approve.

McLamb

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Exec. Comm.

19 Nov 46.

60.

Exec. Comm. Approval recommended 12

please.

McLamb
Coe.

29 Nov 46

bt.

EX-100 (18)

Entertainment at dance for G-2.
Could traces of G-2 be found in the records?

63.

OFFICE NOTE

Lt Col BRIGHT raised with me the question of an entertainment contribution to the dance which it was proposed to give on 6 Jan. No entertainment of this kind has been given for over a year. It was proposed to ask C-in-C, CMF, senior officers from 88th Division and 1st Armoured Division, 86 Area and leading Italian officials. Matter was discussed with Colonel BATTENSBY, APA, on 3 December. Lt Col BRIGHT estimated that dance would cost up to 150,000 lire and he requested a contribution of 50,000 lire. Colonel BATTENSBY agreed to a sum of about 20,000 lire. Discussed the matter further with Lt Col BRIGHT and suggested that a cocktail party might meet the case instead of a dance which was more expensive. He stated that the officers were willing to contribute to a dance. I said that I would consider raising the amount to 25,000 lire on receipt of further details.

6 Dec 46.

McLamb
Brigadier.
Exec. Comm.

29.

A/C.C.

Sir. Please see letter from AC CNO Bolyano at 24 for your approval of expenditures.

165

30. J. 6/12.

Ask him to give detailed statement of expenditures

175/6/14

33.

P. 32.

£25,000 approved. 175/10/14.

36.

16.

Sir. Do this at £35 from AC CNO BARI for approval of expenditure.

175/9/16.

37

Approved. 175/3/16.

40.

Ex. 6/11

4011

175

30. 1/12
Ask him to give detailed statement of expenditures

1/12/4

33.

P. 32. 25,000 approved. 1/12/4

36.

4011

1/6. Sin. DO at 35 from AC and BAR for approval
of expenditure. 1/12/4

37

Approved. 1/12/3/6

40.

Ex. Com. Sin. Page 39 for your approval - otherwise.

Approved 1/12/4

by 10

E.G.

See. Please see Ltr at 9 requesting approval

of expenditure.

P. 3.

(11)

Approved. W 12/13.

13. 13

Ex Comm.

Ref 12. Do you approve? 12/13/13

15

See 16.

Approved. 15/13.

(21)

4010

C&O

CFA.

Ref

I have discussed the expenditure in minutes 2 &

3 with LTCr Tawa Cde. I am now prepared

to approve payment of £15,000.

12/14.

(20)

C&O, Ex. Commissioner's Office

Draft letter attached

13.

12.13

Ex Comm.

Ref 12. Do you approve? 12.13/13

RS

Approved. ~~12.13/13~~ See 1b.

(21)

4013

C&O
CFA

Ref

Have discussed the expenditure in minutes 2 &

3 with LTCM Teresa Coler. Sam now prepared

to approve payment of £15,000. 12/2/4.

(22)

CSO, Ex. Commissioner's Office
Draft letter attached

23.

A/c.c.

Ref you on 21 above. Letter opposite
submitted for signature. 12.13/14

12/13/14

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Ex Comm.

4.

Draft at 1 3 submitted by C.F.A.
for approval. H.S. 19/2

C.F.A.

5.

We spoke. Please draft a letter simply stating
that no approvals for entertainments will be
given ~~retro~~ post hoc & that approval must
be sought always in advance. This does not
affect the monthly allowance now given

4008

H.S. 22/2.

6.

Executive Commissioners:

1. New draft submitted herewith
2. Pl. note particularly 4th para.
3. Pl. indicate if you approve.

78.

C.F.A. 1

H.S. 25/2

Pl. Commission
W. Col.

C.F.A.

67

Issue is cancelled.

Done at 8

H.S. 26/2

to Com. ① 485
Cso. Files 4027483 for approval. ②
R4/3 H.S. 413 5/3/46

would you please sign memo opposite
R4/3.

- 2 -

A/CC.

1. Reference p.1, following is an extract from a DO letter written to Lt. Col. McCleary by Lt. Col. Turner Coles, CLO LIGURIA.

"I gave a Cocktail Party for various Heads of Services, Consular, Diplomatic and Italian officials on 25th January 1946, and I enclose herewith the bill, which I shall be glad if you will have authorized for payment."

2. List of some of the people who attended is attached to the bill.
3. Will you please say whether the expenditure is authorized or not.

H.A.

14 Feb. 46.

CSO.

3.

C.S.O.*I find the expenditure, for which previous**approval was obtained, excessive and do not**approve payment against S.C. funds.**-172/152.*

4008

File 68

Ref. : 4615/68/20

11 December 1946

SUBJECT: Special entertainment expenses.

TO : SCAG
Venetia Giulia.

I refer to your letter VC/AMG/FIN/A/05/NTB dated 6 Dec. 46 asking for approval for special entertainment expenses on the occasion of the visit of V.I.P.s to your Area.

Approval is given for the actual expenditure incurred up to a maximum of 50,000 Lire.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

MB
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

4005

Copy to: A.F.A.

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HEADQUARTER
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FINANCE DIVISION
VENEZIA GIULIA

TELEPHONE: Nr. 29701/EXT. 13

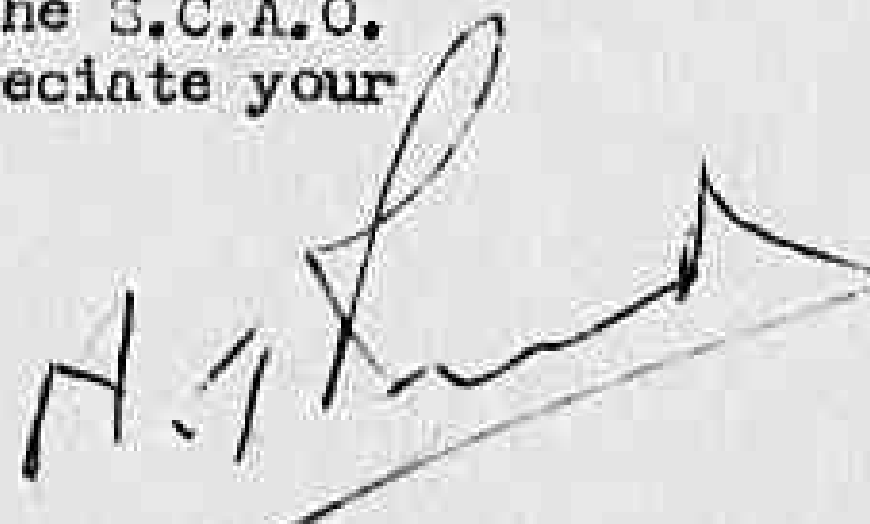
REF : VG/AMG/FIN/A/05/NTB 6 December 1946
TO : HQ Allied Commission
AFO 794, US Army.
(Attn. Executive Commissioner).
SUBJECT : Special entertainment expenses.

I am addressing you regarding the authority for special entertainment expenses for the S.C.A.O.

On about of the 8th of December certain V.I.Ps are expected in this Area, and they will be the guests of other formations, and it is the desire of the S.C.A.O. to receive them and the Heads of other formations at about the same time.

The anticipated expenditure for this hospitality will be about 50.000 Lire. It is outside the normal entertainings for which the S.C.A.O. receives an allowance. I shall appreciate your authority for this expenditure.

4005



N.T. BEARD, Lt. Colonel
Chief Finance Officer

Copy to: Chief Administration Officer.

See M 65, 66, 67. F68

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12/29

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

62

Ref: 4615/62/EE

30 November 1946.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Allowance

TO : Major General E.H. Goulburn, DCO.,
GOC, Land Forces Subcommission (1st),
H.Q. Allied Commission.

58

With reference to your G-3 of 14 November 1946, entertainment allowance at the rate of 10,000 lire per month with effect from the month of October is approved.

The above rate will be subject to review at any time. The rate will also be subject to your submitting the matter for review should you obtain any grant of allowance for official entertainment from the War Office under the provisions of Post-war Code of Pay and Allowances, Veto of March 1946.

4003

MC
Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Camp Commandant.
APX

PA 32

4615
Telephone:
Room 478661

58
LAND FORCES (-CCM, AC (MIA) CMT

G.8

14th Nov 46

15 Nov 46

Executive Commissioner AC

Subject:- Entertainment Allowance

1. I understood from my predecessor Major-General BROWNING that he used to claim the sum of 5,000 lire a month from AC as a refund towards expenses incurred in official entertaining. Since taking over the appointment of G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission (MIA) I have claimed, and have been paid, this sum for the months of July, August and September.

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(IV) The cost, quality and quantity of drink is a controversial subject. A limit on quality and quantity consumed is difficult to assess fairly.

(V) Both the individuals, assessing agreeing to the claims, are apt to find the situation awkward and difficult, and this leads to unpleasantness.

b) The Pamphlet "Post-War Code of Pay, Allowances, Retired Pay and Service Gratuities for Commissioned

Officers of the Armed Forces, Para 26, issued in March 1946, states in

See Mem. 59

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part: "Provision being made for an officer's necessary entertaining expenses by the grant of allowances for official entertaining". It farther refers to Appx. IV, the provisions of which are - an allowance, not liable to tax, may be granted to officers holding command appointments as approved by the Army Council etc. A rate is stated for Lt-Colonels, Colonels and Brigadiers, but rates for officers over the rank of Brigadier are under consideration.

c) I consider it my duty to entertain, and as official entertainment would quote the following:-

(I) I am the senior British officer in Rome, and as such entertain high-ranking British officers and officials visiting Rome, or who may be passing through to and from stations.

(II) I endeavour to entertain the Italian officers with whom I and other members of my Mission come in contact. I believe that this entertaining pays a good dividend. Friendships encouraged in this manner can frequently obtain that cooperation and assistance which official channels have failed to do.

(III) Officers and their wives of my own Mission, especially those who may be visiting Rome.

(IV) Members of AC and other Allied bodies in Rome.

(V) Members of the Diplomatic Corps.

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3. My predecessor told me that he had applied to the British War Office for an entertainment allowance. The reply laid down so many conditions that it was impractical to comply with them. I propose to submit a further claim to the War Office under the provisions of the pamphlet, quoted in para. 2 above. Should, at a future date, the War Office grant me an entertainment allowance, I would review my claim for L 10,000.

S. J. M. M.
Major-General
GOC (MILIA)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 4615/55/11

24 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses

TO : Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.S. 121113.

Approval is given for the payment of Lire 7,540 in respect
of entertainment expenses incurred by you, as reported in your letter
PC/AG/OUT dated 17 October 1946.

MC/ER

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M. GARD,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALD MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

Te. No. Udine 1516 Ext. 1

File No. PC/AC/OCT.

Date: 17 OCT. 1946

Subject: Extra expenditure.

OCT 21 1946

To : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
H.Q. Allied Commission
R O M E

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Authority is requested for extra expenditure of L. 7.610 in entertaining the Minister of Agriculture on his visit to this Province on Saturday 12 Oct. 46.

Approx 40 people including the Deputies were invited to meet him, besides other leading officials in the Province.

The Minister and his son were accommodated at this H.Q.

Receipts in support of this claim are being lodged with the Finance Officer who will attach them to his Accounts.

HNB/tg.

H.N. Bright

H.N. BRIGHT, Lt.Col.,
Provincial Commissioner.

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Copy to : FINANCE O.
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Approved
M. L. Bright
Executive Commissioner

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
H.Q. Allied Commission
R O M E

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14-13-46

HNB/tg.

H.N. BRIGHT, Lt.Col.,
Provincial Commissioner.

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Copy to : FINANCE O.
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Approved
McLan Ryadier
Executive Commissioner

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See 4.55

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Official Entertainments Allowance

I hereby certify that I, Major General E.H. Goulburn have expended the sum of lire 5,000 on official entertainments during the month of September and ask that this sum may be refunded to me.

Statement of expenditure:-

Dinner party senior Italian Officers,
Ministry of War

5,000 lire.

Signature... E.H. Goulburn
Major General
G.O.C. M.M.I.A.

2 October, 1946.

Approved

M. Carr Brigadier
A/Ex. Comm.

5/10/46

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EX-COMM
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FINANCE DIVISION
13 CORPS
OCT 1 1946

TELEPHONE: Nr. 29701/EXT. 60

REF : 13C/AMG/FIN/A/04
TO : HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 794 - U.S. Army -
(for Executive Commissioner)
SUBJECT : Boundary Commission - POLA -

REH/DKR/tb
28 September 1946

49 48
1. Reference your signals 4906
dated 9 September and 4975 dated 17
September 1946.

2. This matter was discussed with
Lt. Col. FOGELBURG of the Allied Financial
Agency on his recent visit to this HQ,
and it was understood that he would take
it up with you on his return to ROME.

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(Capt K)
See 51
N.T. BEARD, Lt. Col.
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

PH
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

File 51

Ref. : 4615/51/ED

26 September 1946

SUBJECT: Expenses-Boundary Commission, POLA.

TO : SOAO
XIII Corps.

Approval is given for the payment of 50,768 Liro in respect of expenses incurred for entertainment during the Boundary Commission's visit to POLA.

The relevant FF 3's are returned.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: AFA

See 4.50, 49, 48 etc 52

P.A. 7/9/46
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O ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY O

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SEP 19 1946

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
G-5 Section CMF

Postal Address
APO 794 US Army

Ref: 20058/F/A/129

18 Sept 46

SUBJECT: Expenses Boundary Commission,
Pola.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794

Confirming telephone conversation this date,
Major Hughes, Executive Officer to GFC, AMG, 13 Corps
advises that Pola expenditures were not included in Vene-
zia Giulia expenditures because the GFC 13 Corps had no
knowledge of expenditures having been incurred at Pola.

for
RE: [Signature] 595
L.R. BATTENBY,
Colonel, G.L.,
Director
Allied Financial Agency

AET/lm

1 Incl

Cable from AC to AMG XIII Corps.

Ally
(Capt K)

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HQ ALOOM

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ANG XIII CORPS

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SUBJECT BOUNDARY COMMISSION DASH POLA PD REPLY REQUESTED TO MY
CABLE FOUR NINE ZERO SIX OF NINE SEPTEMBER PD

Copy to : A.F.A.

See 52.

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A. W. Knisely:

see 50-1

ROUTINE

Executive Commissioner

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PAUL COLE
1st Lt Air Corps
Asst Adjt

PA 13
R.

IN ALICE

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AND XIII CORPS

4906

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URGENT BUREAU COMMISSION DASH POLA PD URGENT INFORMATION
URGENT AS TO WHY POLA WAS NOT INCLUDED IN VERMONT GUILLA EXPEDITION
CIA AS REQUESTED IN MY CASE FOUR SIX NINE EIGHT, PD

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Copy to: AFA

A. W. Knisely

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See 49

See

NOTICE

Executive Commissioner

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PAUL COLE
1st Lt. Air Corps
Adj

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R.

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File
(4615/EC)

Ref. : 4645/EC

30 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

1. Reference your telephone conversation of 29 August 46
(Lt. Davis - Capt. Knisely speaking).

2. Please amend para 2 of letter No. 13075/P dated 14 May
46 to read:

"Authority is hereby given for an entertainment allowance
of 8,000 lire per month to the SCAC, AMB Venezia Giulia, in lieu of
the 3,000 lire mentioned in para 2 of the subject letter, effective
1st Feb 46".

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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22 August 1946 1100 hrs

HQ ALCOM

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, XIII CORPS

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UNCLASSIFIED PD SUBJECT BOUNDARY COMMISSION DASH POLA DASH EXPENDITURE OF
LIRE FIVE ZERO SEVEN SIX EIGHT PD REFERENCE YOUR CABLE FIVE SLANT ONE
THREE ZERO AND LATER CONVERSATION COLONEL BEARD CAPTAIN KNISLEY ON
POWERS VISIT TO ROME PD AS REQUESTED PLEASE FORWARD EXPLANATION WHY POLA
WAS NOT INCLUDED IN VENEZIA GIULIA CMA IN ORDER THAT PAYMENT MAY BE
AUTHORIZED PD

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Copy to : Allied Financial Agency

PRIORITY

A. W. Ritten

Executive Commissioner

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See 48.

NICHOLAS PIONBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

12/8/46

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COPY

Ref. 4605/EC

17 July 1946

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

I refer to your letter 20058/F/A/83 dated 15th July 1946.

Executive Commissioner has approved payment of L.64,465 in respect of expenditure incurred in the entertainment of the Boundary Commission on their visit to TRIESTE, and Form F/F.3, duly countersigned, is returned herewith.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

/S/ M.W. HIND-SMITH

Lt.Col. R.A.
Chief Staff Officer -
to the Executive Commissioner.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

Ex 60

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 5/130

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 09 1610B

Message Centre No: E/4526

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 10 1000

FROM: HQ AMG 13 CORPS

Precedence: ROUTINE
JUL 15 1946

TO: HQ ALOM CITE ACRC

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Reference your signal 4022. Following is repeat of this Office signal 5/125

" reference your signal no 2974 copy of signal from Freedom signed Sacmed to

Main 13 Corps not available. Does not contain authority. Under authority

your signal no 1874 Lire 63000 expended. Request further authority for Fola

expenditure "

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AC DIST

ACTION - EA COMM

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

FINANCE ER

AFA

FOG 2

FILE

ACTION

Spoke to Cal Beard

He will send letter

given full explanation

HEADQUARTERS

10 JUL 1946

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Origin: JULY 091610B

Message Centre No: 19452b

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 101000

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: HQ MAG 13 CORPS

TO : HQ ALCON CITE ACRXC

JUL 15 1946

UNCLASSIFIED:

Reference your signal 4022. Following is repeat of this Office signal 5/125
reference your signal no 2974 copy of signal from Freedom signed Seamed to
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expenditure.

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AC DLST

ACTION - EM COMM

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

FINANCE ER

AFA

FILE

ACTION

Spoke to Col Beaud
He will send letter

given / full explanation

(CAPT)

RECEIVED
10 JUL 1946

File 995
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HQ ALCOM CITE AXES

51420 July 1946

HQ ANG 13 CORPS

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355 *refuse*

REFERENCE YOUR FIVE SLANT ONE TWO NINE DATED TWO JULY PD. NO TRACK THIS HEADQUARTERS OF YOUR FIVE SLANT ONE TWO FIVE PD PLEASE REPEAT PD 3988

ROUTINE

Executive Commissioner

S/ A. Kennedy

NICHOLAS PICHENNO
CWO U.S.A.
Assistant Adjutant

5/1
Ref

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 5/129

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 020930

FROM: HQ AMG 13 CORPS

TO: HQ ALCOM CITE ACCEMC

Message Centre No: 844352

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 021730

Precedence: ROUTINE

JUL 5 1946

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Reference our signal 5/125. Please expedite reply.

AC DIST

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ACTION

see 356



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Ref: 4615/EC.

17. June 1946.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenditure.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

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I refer to your letter 20006/P/A/13 dated 8th June.

Approval is given for the payment of Lire 5,000 in respect of entertainment expenses incurred by Regional Commissioner LIGURIA Region during the month of January.

M. S. 1-134

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
G-5 Division CMF

Postal Address:
APO 794 US Army
Tel: 478456

Ref: 20006/F/A/13

8 Jun 46

SUBJECT: Entertainment Allowance.

JUN 10 1946

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

1. Reference is made to letter 13075/F dated 14 Feb 1946, subject "Entertainment Expenses", signed by Brigadier Lush as Acting Chief Commissioner. This letter reduced the monthly entertainment allowance for Regional Commissioners, etc., from L. 5000 to L. 3000 as from 1 Jan 1946.

2. The Regional Commissioner for Liguria Region, Col. Jordan, received payment for January of L. 5000. An observation was raised by this Agency requesting refund of L. 2000 through the Sub-Accountant, Liguria Liaison Group. Subsequent correspondence reveals that Col. Jordan has been re-deployed to U.S.A.

3. In view of the foregoing, and with particular reference to the date on which the instruction concerning the reduction was issued, it would be appreciated if the Executive Commissioner could signify his approval to the payment of L. 5000 to Col. Jordan.

F.B. Forster
F.B. FORSTER, Major R.A.,
Assistant Chief of AFA.

FBF/lt

Affirmed.

W. Lush
Brigadier

14/6/46

(EC)

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Ref: 4615/EC.

4. June 1946.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses.

TO : AC Chief Liaison Officer, BARI.

Approval is given for payment of Lire 9,500 in respect of entertainment expenses incurred by you, as reported in your letter LB/110/LEV dated 30 May 1946.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
BARI LIAISON GR P
ALLIED COMMISSION

(CONFIDENTIAL)

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REF : LB/110/LEV

30 May 1946

JUN 3 1946

Dear Brigadier Lush,

Reference your D / O letter 4615/EC dated 6 March 1946 on the subject of submission of Entertainment Bills.

In return for hospitality received from different Units and people in this Area I gave a dinner party for 17 people at the Officers Garrison Club BARI, at which I asked representatives of different Units, the British Consul, matron of 98 General Hospital etc.

It was an all British Party, as no other nationalities are permitted to the Club.

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I have paid the bill which amounted to Lire 9,500.

I could not ask for advance sanction as I arranged the party as soon as I heard definitely when 54 Area and odd people were pulling out and I could not estimate how many could accept the invitation until replies had been received.

However, if this is not in order, in so much as advance approval was not obtained from you, I do not press for being re-imbursed.

The L/ 3,000 which is granted monthly just covers the tea and short drinks, served at small parties which I give periodically to Italian Officials and their wives and others.

Yours Sincerely
L. Vining

See Lm 36 37
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(EC)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Coordinator's Reference: 5/125
 Date/Time of Origin: 150930B
 Message Centre No: H/2980
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 160900B
 Precedence: ROUTINE
 FROM: AMG 13 CORPS
 TO: HQ ALGOM CITE AC3XC
 MAY 16 1946

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Ref your SIG NO 2974 copy of signal from Freedom signed
 Secmed to Main 13 Corps not available. Does not contain authority.
 Under authority your SIG NO 1874 lire 63000 expended. Request further
 authority for Pola expenditure.

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AC DIST
 ACTION: EX COMMISSIONER 2
 INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
 A.F.A.
 FILE
 FLOAT 2

after board. after
1 spoke to Pol board. after
We is working on it
b.v.

ACTION

HEADQUARTERS
 15 MAY 1946

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

Message Centre No: H/2980
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 16 0900B
Precedence: ROUTINE
FROM: AMG 13 CORPS
TO : HQ ALCOM CITE AUXXC
MAY 16 1946

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ACTION

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16 MAY 1946
HEADQUARTERS

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Finance Sub/Comm
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HQ ALCOM CITE AGEKO

10 MAY 46

AMG VENEZIA GIULIA

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REF ABLE MIKS GEORGE POLA EXPENDITURE FOR BOUNDARY COMMISSION OF FIVE ZERO
SEVEN SIX EIGHT LIRE PD NO COPY OF SIGNAL FR OM FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED TO
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CONTAIN AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT PLEASE FORWARD COPY OR REVELANT EXTRACT

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Copy to: Allied Financial Agency.

(Add bills and pay)
note of 7 may returned

ROUTINE

Office of the Executive Commr

Adj Capt
10/5

SEXON E. HUMPHREYS
Asst. USA
Adjut.

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
G-5 Division CMF

Postal Address:
APO 794 US Army
Tel: 478456

MAY 11 1946

Ref: 20058/F/A/43

7 May 46

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses - Visit of Allied
Boundary Commission to Venezia Giulia.

TO : Executive Commissioner
H.Q. Allied Commission.

1. The enclosed forms F/F3 with supporting bills, amounting to a total of L. 50.768, represent expenditure incurred by AMG POLA Area in entertaining the Allied Boundary Commission during their visit to Pola.

2. These vouchers have been submitted by Chief Finance Officer, AMG Venezia Giulia, quoting as terms of reference a signal from "Freedom signed Sacmed" to Main 13 Corps. No copy of this signal is held by Allied Financial Agency. It is stated that no authority for payment was given in the signal, and this Agency is requested to submit the vouchers to the Executive Commissioner for approval prior to payment.

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L.R. Battensby
L.R. BATTENSBY,
Lt Col, G.L.,
Chief of AFA.

FBF/lt
Atty

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

Ref: 4615/EC.

18 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenditure.

TO : AC CLO, BOLZANO.

Reference your letter ACIB/BZ/1 dated 12th April 1946, the Acting Chief Commissioner has approved payment of Lire 25,000 (Twenty Five thousand) of the amount involved.

/s/ N.W. HIND. SMITH

Major, RA.,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
BOLZANO

REF: ACLO/EZ/I.

DATE: 12 April 1946
APR 15 1946

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenditure.

TO: Acting Chief Commissioner,
HQ, Allied Commission, ROME.

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In accordance with your 4615/EC of 9th April, 1946
I forward a detailed statement of the main items of expenditure
involved:-

Band	-	Lire	10,000
Wine (70 at 100)	-	"	7,000
Cognac (12 at 400)	-	"	4,800
Personnel (5 at 400)	-	"	2,000
Hire of crockery	-	"	2,000
glasses etc.	-	"	8,000
Foodstuff	-		
TOTAL			33,800.

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Certified correct.

S. W. Miller

S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Chief Liaison Officer,
BOLZANO.

See m. 33.
4.34

REF: ACLO/BZ/I.

DATE: 12 April 1946

APR 15 1946

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenditure.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner,
HQ, Allied Commission, ROME.

I forward a detailed statement of the main items of expenditure involved:-

Band	-	Lire	16,000
Wine (70 at 100)	-	"	7,000
Cognac (12 at 400)	-	"	4,800
Personnel (5 at 400)	-	"	2,000
Hire of crockery glasses etc.	-	"	2,000
Foodstuff	-	"	8,000

TOTAL

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Certified correct.

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S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Chief Liaison Officer,
EOLZANO.

See m. 33.

4.34

(EC)

Ref: 4615/EC.

9th April 1946.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenditure.

TO : AC CIO, DOLZANO.

27.
The Acting Chief Commissioner has asked me to acknowledge your letter ACIO/NZ/1 dated 2 April 46, subject as above, and wishes you to let him have a detailed statement of the expenditure involved when he will give the matter his further consideration.

(Sgd) O. W.

PA to Acting Chief Commissioner.

See folio 32

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
FINANCE BRANCH
APO 324

13075/2

1 April 1946

SUBJECT : Reimbursement for Entertainment Expenses.

TO : The Executive Commissioner.

1. Attached is request from Director, Land Forces
Sub-Commission, for reimbursement of entertainment expenses.

2. Please indicate if this request is approved.

B. E. L. Wilson
B. E. L. WILSON, Lt. Col.
Director, Finance Branch
Economic Section 3373

Incl.

Approved & returned.

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See 7-32

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(EC)

1615 *Ad* 37

ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON OF CER
BOLZANO

APR 5 1946

DATE: 2 April 1946
SWM/lc

REF: ACLO/BZ/1

Dear Brigadier *Lusk* 126

When in the Mess you told me you had sent cable "A" I rang Rome in the early hours of the morning and asked them not to deliver letter "B" to the Admiral. This was done vide "C". 126

The facts are as stated in the letter and you therefore might be inclined kindly to reconsider your decision in the light of the explanation given in the letter, and provided the H.Q. Fund is meant to cover an entertainment such as mine.

With my kindest regards

Yours

Sincerely 3573

Dwight

Brig. M. S. LUSH, CB, MC,
Executive Commissioner,
HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, CMF.

See by 29.30.

REF:

ACLO/B7/1

DATE: 2 April 1946
SWK/lc

Dear

Brigadier Lusk (26)

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Enig. M. S. LUSH, CE, MC,
Executive Commissioner,
HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, CMF.

See May 30.
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FROM : HQ ALCOM FROM LUSH

18-3.

TO : ALCOM BOLZANO

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE YOUR NUMBER ONE OF SIX MARCH
PD REGRET CANNOT APPROVE PD WHILE APPRECIATING YOUR
GESTURE DO NOT CONSIDER VISIT APPROPRIATE FOR
RECEPTION PD THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER FEELS THAT SUCH
EXPENDITURE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ARE
NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE WISHES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
AND THEREFORE CANNOT GIVE APPROVAL.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

26
B

19 March 46
SWM/lc.

ACLO/BZ/l.

Dear

Admiral Shina

I have to thank you for the telegram received to-day and I feel that mine to you did not fully explain the reason for my request for entertainment funds. For some time I had intended giving a dance in my house as

- a) a small return for the hospitality Officers have received both officially and socially during the past nine months in this Province (no return has been made before)
- b) a farewell to the Commander and Staff of 60 Sub-Area leaving here next week
- c) a welcome to the new Prefect and his staff.

I had intended it to take place next week, but when I heard Brig LUSH was coming I decided to put it on whilst he was here, thus giving him a chance to see everybody and us the pleasure of seeing him.

I had no intention of asking for an allowance until I read #4 letter 4615/EC of 6th March, which letter appeared to cover my entertainment proposals entirely. I hasten to say that prior to this letter I was prepared to still am quite prepared, to meet this expenditure myself. Though a certain duty devolves on me in this respect I must say I shall receive a deal of pleasure out of it too.

I hope when you have time to spare you will kindly come to Bolzano where you will be assured of a hearty welcome, and where the Sun and the Dolomites are at their best at present.

Yours

Dear

Admiral Stone

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Yours



Rear Admiral Ellery W. STONE,
Chief Commissioner,
HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, CMF.

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IMPORTANT

From ACG4B HQ ALCOM

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To ALCOM LO BOLZANO

REF No. 047. Unclassified. Subject is your message
of two two March four six. Para one. Letter referred
destroyed.

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13075/F

4 April 1946

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenses

TO : Lt. Col. Turner Coles
Allied Commission
Chief Liaison Officer
Liguria

1. I refer to your DO/15 dated 8 February, 1946, forwarding the bill for 29,650 Lire expenditure for a Cocktail Party.

2. Approval is hereby given for payment of 15,000 Lire only of the above amount from AC/AMG funds.

M S LUSH

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

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WAR 28 1946

28 MAR 46

~~XXXXX~~ ALCON
REQ ALCON

P. G. UDINE

(INFO) XIII CORPS

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UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF TWENTY SEVEN MARCH PD YOU SHOULD
CONSULT THIRTEENTH CORPS BEFORE ARRANGING ANY LARGE SCALE ENTERTAINMENT
OF COMMISSION PD ONLY IF THEY CONCUR WILL FINANCIAL APPROVAL BE GIVEN
BY THIS HEADQUARTERS PD SUCH APPROVAL TO BE REQUESTED OFFICIALLY BY
SIGNAL

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PRIORITY

Office of the Executive Commr

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Capt Knisch

PA 8/3

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
FINANCE BRANCH
APO 394

MAR 22 1946

Ref: 13075/F

21 Mar 46

SUBJECT: Approval of AMG/AC Expenditure.

TO : Executive Commissioner
HQ Allied Commission.

1. Enclosed are payment voucher and account for L. 62.800 relating to purchase of fuel for heating of AC/AMG offices at GENOVA.
2. The expenditure appears to have been properly incurred and has been forwarded to this HQ for approval prior to payment in accordance with Change No 2 to Establishment Memorandum 33 of 1944.
3. It would be appreciated if you could sign the payment voucher as Authorising Officer.

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BEZ
L.E.L. FIMMONS, Lt. Col.
Director, Finance Branch
Economic Section.

Copy to: file 20670/F/A

PBF/cjl

Approved & vouchers
returned to Finance S/C
on 25. March.

(EC)

P.A.
25/3

HQ ALCON FROM LUSH CITE AGEXC

18 MARCH 46

ACLO POLZANO

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CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE YOUR NUMBER ONE OF ONE SIX MARCH PD

REGRET CANNOT APPROVE PD WHILE APPRECIATING YOUR GESTURE

DO NOT CONSIDER VISIT APPROPRIATE FOR RECEPTION PD

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OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ARE NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE WISHES OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER AND THEREFORE CANNOT GIVE APPROVAL

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PRIORITY

Executive Commissioner

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Lt. Col.
C. S. C.

F. H. McCLEARY

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **1**

Date/Time of Origin: **16 MAR 1946**

Message Centre No: **15/771**

Date Time Rec'd: **16 MAR 1946**

Precedence: **IMPORTANT**

FROM: **CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER BOLZANO**

TO : **EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ER ALCOM BOMB**

CONFIDENTIAL **CONFIDENTIAL**

YOUR 4615/EE OF 6 MARCH 1946 RECEIVED. REQUEST APPROVAL EXPENDITURE APPROXIMATELY
LINE 25,000 FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF UP TO HUNDRED INCLUDING PROTECT AND ALLIED
AND ITALIAN ARMY AND CIVIL OFFICIALS AND IMPORTANT CIVILIANS THIS PROVINCE ON
OCCASION VISIT OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER TO BOLZANO.

AC DIST

ACTN: EX COMM 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

FILE

SECRETION

ACTION

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
16 MAR 1946

Date Time Rec'd: 16 MAR 1946

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER BOLZANO

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER ER ALCON ROME

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YOUR 4615/EL OF 6 MARCH 1946 REFERS. REQUEST APPROVAL EXPENDITURE APPROXIMATELY
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AND ITALIAN ARMY AND CIVIL OFFICIALS AND IMPORTANT CIVILIANS THIS PROVINCE ON
OCCASION VISIT OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER TO BOLZANO.

AC DIST

ACTN: EX COMM 2
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE
SKELETON

ACTION

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
16 MAR 1946

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HQ ALGOM

15 MAR 46

HQ AUG 13 CORPS

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FOR REASONABLE ENTERTAINMENTS EXPENDITURE DURING VISIT OF DELEGATES
COMMISSION

Copy to: Finance S/O.

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PRIORITY

Office of the Executive Officer

300 N. W. FUND-SMITH

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

(14)

Ref: 4615/EO

15 March 1946

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : AC OLO NAPLES.

9
Approval is given for entertainment expenditure contemplated in the last para of your letter D/O 152 dated 7 March 1946.

For the Chief Commissioner,

(Sgd) M. J. Lusk.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

PA. 8/15/3

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 8/122/11

Message Centre No: H/487

Date/Time of Origin: MAR

Date Time Rec'd: MAR 120930A

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: HQ AMG 13 CORPS

TO : AICOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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REFERENCE YOUR LETTER ~~██████████~~ 4615/EC DATED 6 MARCH.
FOR

REQUEST APPROVAL FOG LIMITED BUT REASONABLE ENTERTAINMENTS EXPENDITURE DURING

VISIT OF DELEGATES COMMISSION. NOT POSSIBLE AT PRESENT TO GIVE DATES AND DETAILS OF
ENTERTAINMENTS BUT WOULD LIKE ASSURANCE THAT EXPENDITURE BE LEFT TO MY JUDGEMENT
AND WILL RECEIVE YOUR APPROVAL.

AC DIST

ACTION

ACTION: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

FILE 2

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HEADQUARTERS
12 MAR 1946
A. C.

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO. 394.

D/O 152

7 March, 1946

MAR 9 1946

Dear Brig. Lush.

Your 4615/EC of 6th March, I can see no difficulty over the arrangement you suggest.

Actually as I mentioned in my letter drawing attention to the reduction of the allowance, I have at no time ever put in an entertainment bill so I don't think your letter really applies to me.

as regards past behaviour as regards past behaviour.
I would like permission, however, to break this past custom this month for a special reason. A new Prefect is being sent to Naples and I propose to organize a quite small party to let him meet informally the Commanders P.B.S., Navy, Naples Area and RAF, and my own few officers and about 20 persons in all. This party would be sometime after the 15th March, the expected date of arrival of the new Prefect and it will, I think involve rather unusual expenses. If, therefore, you approve, I would ask for consideration for the special expenditure of say 2,000 to 3,000 Lire on cakes, food and wine for this particular occasion. It will not be in a restaurant, but I don't think I can do it on much less.

Yours sincerely

MC. *[Signature]* 3365

See M 10.11.14.

Brigadier M. S. LUSH, CB, CBE, MC.
Executive Commissioner,
HQ. A. C.

(EC)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

CONFIDENTIAL.

Ref: 4615/EC.

6. March 1946.

I am becoming rather concerned over a tendency among AC/AMG officers to incur large entertainment bills for which covering authority is sought from this Headquarters after payment has been effected.

In order to institute a more effective control over the expenditure of AC/AMG funds for official entertainment, I would ask your cooperation in giving effect to the following procedure. In the future, all proposed entertainment expenditure must receive in advance the approval of the Chief Commissioner or myself. Such approval may be requested by letter or by telegram and requests should be accompanied by information indicating the purpose of the entertainment, the number and type of persons who would be present, and the estimated cost.

You will appreciate, I am sure, that since all AC/AMG expenditure is chargeable to the account of the Italian Government, we have a strong moral responsibility to limit such expenditure to the lowest figure consonant with our official duties.

Requests for entertainment expenditure will not be accepted from any officer of AC/AMG other than the Chief Commissioner, the Executive Commissioner, Vice Presidents of Allied Commission, Directors of Sub-Commissions, SCAO AMG Venezia Giulia, Provincial Commissioner Udine Province, and Chief Liaison Officers.

The terms of this letter do not effect the monthly entertainment allowance of 3,000 lire now granted to certain AC/AMG officers by authority of letter 13075/F of 14 February 1946.

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DISTRIBUTION:

AC CIO's SICILY
NAPLES
BARI
LIVORNO
BOLOGNA
LIGURIA
PIEMONTE
ROMAGNOLA
BERGAMO
VENEZIA

PC, AMG UDINE PROVINCE
A/SCAO, AMG VENEZIA GIULIA.

M. S. LUSH

Copy to: VP, CA Section
A/VP, Economic Section
Finance Sub-Com (3)
HQ Commandant

See 7-17

See 1

See 7-35

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Commissioner

D/O.

18 February 1946

Dear

I am becoming rather concerned over a tendency among AC/AMG officers to incur large entertainment bills for which covering authority is sought from this Headquarters after payment has been effected.

In order to institute a more effective control over the expenditure of AC/AMG funds for official entertainment, I would ask your cooperation in the following procedure. In the future, ~~entertainment expenditure will not be approved, except in the most exceptional circumstances, for any AC/AMG officer other than the Chief Commissioner, Executive Commissioner, Vice-Presidents of AC, Directors of the Service Sub-Commission, SCAO AMG Venezia Giulia, PO Udine Province, and Chief Liaison Officers. For these officers other than the Chief Commissioner, only one entertainment per month, in an amount not to exceed 9,000 lire, will be approved after the expense has been incurred. Additional entertainments, or expenditure of an amount in excess of 9,000 lire, must receive ~~approval~~ in advance~~ *the approval of the Chief Commissioner*

You will appreciate, I am sure, that since all AC/AMG expenditure is chargeable to the account of the Italian Government, we have a strong moral responsibility to limit such expenditure to the lowest figure consonant with our official duties. ~~Please do not feel it is necessary to utilize each month~~

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giving effect to

all proposed

3rd of Feb.

Such approval

may be requested by letter or telegram

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~~your maximum amount, and I should be grateful if
you would inform your officers that entertainment
claims from officers other than those named in this
letter will not be accepted.~~

[Handwritten signature]

Requests for 2

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13075/P

February 1946

FEB 14 1946

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenses.

TO : S.C.A.O., AMG Venezia Giulia
 Provincial Commissioner, AMG Udine Province
 HQ Naples Liaison Group, AC

" Livorno	"	"	"
" Bologna	"	"	"
" Liguria	"	"	"
" Piemonte	"	"	"
" Lombardia	"	"	"
" Bolzano	"	"	"
" Venezia	"	"	"
" Sicily	"	"	"
" Bari	"	"	"

1. Letter No. 13075/P of 4 February, 1946, entitled "Entertainment allowance for Regional Commissioners, etc." is hereby revoked.

2. The SCAG Venezia Giulia AMG, the Provincial Commissioner, AMG Udine Province, and all Chief Liaison Officers are hereby granted an entertainment allowance of 1,000 lire per month as from 1 January, 1946. This allowance will be drawn each month by the officer concerned from his HQ Sub-Accountant, who will charge it to "Entertainment allowance drawn by for month of as authorized by the Chief Commissioner".

3. In the event of any addressee of this letter having expense in connection with entertainments of an exceptional nature, he may apply for a special refund of such expenditure; such application is to be made to the Executive Commissioner who will consider each case on its merits.

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M. S. L. L. P. A.
 M.S. L. L. P. A.,
 Brigadier,
 Acting Chief Commissioner.

(M. H.)

H. H. T. / p. 1

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13075/F

27 February 1946

MAR 2 1946

SUBJECT : Entertainment expenses

TO : Col. J.A.C. Pennycuik
Chief Liaison Officer
Naples Liaison Group
A.C.

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1. Reference is made to your letter C/2112 of 21 February 1946.
2. I regret to inform you that your request for the continuance of a 5000 lire monthly allowance for entertainment expenses cannot be granted and the 3000 lire rate must be applied to all officers entitled to the allowance.
3. Should you incur any expenses in connection with entertainments of an exceptional nature, you may apply in accordance with circular No. 13075/F of 14 February 1946 for a refund of such expenditure; such application is to be made to the Executive Commissioner who will consider each case on its merits.
4. For the months of January and February of this year, however, your withdrawals of 5000 lire for each month have been approved.

M S LUSH
M S LUSH 3860

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

PA 8/3

The following comment was made by Brig. Lush after the above letter was signed and which he asked to be passed on to you:
"The increase in the cost of wine is noted but cannot be regarded as sufficient reason. RAAPX alcohol is rationed and would, I venture to suggest, be drawn fully whatever allowance was granted."

ZG/ml

Sgt. E. L. TIMMONS

Lt. Col. H. E. L. TIMMONS

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13075/F

2 March 1946

1946

SUBJECT : Reimbursement for
Entertainment Expenses.

TO : The Executive Commissioner.

1. Attached is request from Director, Land
Forces Sub-Commission, for reimbursement of
entertainment expenses.

2. Please indicate if this request is approved.

[Signature]
DIRECTOR

Finance Sub-Commission

Approved
&
Returned

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See M 485

(RC)

PA. 27
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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO. 394.

CONFIDENTIAL

21 February, 1946

C/2112

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenses.

TO : HQ. A. C.

FEB 23 1946

1. With reference to 13075/P of 14th February 1946 Entertainment Expenses for Chief Liaison officers, I have been drawing an allowance of 5,000 Lire a month under HQ A.C. letter 13075/P of 4th February 1945, and ask for consideration for this to be continued.
2. I first drew this allowance as Regional Commissioner in Sardinia and when I moved to Naples in April 1945, as I was no longer a Regional Commissioner I referred the point to the then Financial adviser, Brig. Craftey Smith. He told me that the allowance to Regional Commissioners had been originated as a result of a case put up of the expenses of Naples and gave me full authority to continue to draw it, and I have done so ever since.
3. He said further that if there should be an occasion for a special dinner or entertainment to high officials such as the Prefect or Italian Ministers I could submit a claim with bills for repayment, over and above the entertainment allowance. I have, however, felt rather strongly that members of the Allied Commission should set an example by refraining from big dinner parties in public restaurants because of abuses in the rationing system.
4. The expenses of my entertainments have consisted mainly in the cost of wines, whisky, gin, beer, fruit juices, cigarettes and sandwiches, cakes and other food made up without drawing on civilian rationed supplies, and I have on no occasion put in any request for the repayment of a restaurant bill as a matter of policy. Bills at the officers Club have come out of the ordinary allowance.

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5. Since February last year the cost of wine has nearly doubled and the cost of all NAAPFI supplies whisky, gin, beer, fruit juices, cigarettes etc. has been more than doubled in terms of Italian Lire, by the recent alteration in the exchange. May the continuance of at least, the 5,000 lire rate for Naples, please, therefore, be given consideration. I should also say I have already drawn it in the usual way for January and February and spent it.

J. A. C. Pennyquick

J. A. C. PENNYQUICK
Colonel

Chief Liaison Officer
Naples Liaison Group
Allied Commission.

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Copy to: Executive Commissioner.

From Major N. W. Hind-Smith.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMIS. N

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4615/EC.

18 February 1946.

Dear

I am replying to your DO/15 dated 8 February addressed to Col. McCleary, who is in the U.K. on LIAP. I do not think he will be back for at least another two weeks and in the meantime I am sitting in his chair and endeavouring to carry on his work.

I placed the matter of the expenditure for your Cocktail Party before the Executive Commissioner for his approval and I quote as follows his written comments:

"I find the expenditure, for which previous approval was not obtained, excessive and do not approve payment against A.C. funds."

I am afraid that in view of the above there is little further I can do personally in the matter.

Yours

N. W. HIND-SMITH

*Incl:
Copy of Bill.*

Lt. Col. Turner Coles,
Allied Commission
Chief Liaison Officer,
Liguria.

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Handwritten initials and date:
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GRANDE ALBERGO DI GENOVA & DEI PRINCIPI

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Genova, 25th Jan. 1943
Via Balbi, 36

COL. TURNER-COLAS RECEPTION

DRINKS

N° 30 Bottles Vermouth at 320 = Lit. 9600.==
" 12 " Gin " 850 = " 10200.==

Lemons, Oranges, Bitter

" " 350.==

Service

" 8000.==

1500.==

TOTAL " 29650.==

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See in 2.3
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GUESTS AT RECEPTION HELD BY C.L.O.

All Officers of Liguria Liaison Group.

Lt. Col. A.J.C. Prickett - 2 Monmouthshire Regt.
 Lt. Col. L. E. Vining - Allied Commission.
 Lt. Col. E.H.J. Nicholls - A.M.G.
 Major Duffy - 2 B.L.U.
 Major H.E. Thrupp - 2 B.L.U.
 Major Blackie - Town Major.
 Capt. Stapleton Martin.
 Major Hulme.
 Capt. McLelland - Asst. Town Major.
 Lieut. Richard.
 Comdr. Whitford - H.M.S. FLY and Adjutant.
 Lt. Comdr. Phillips - M.O.I.C.
 Miss. T. Morgan - British Red Cross.
 Lieut. Monsior - Polish Liaison Unit.
 O.C. 3 C.C.S. and Nurses.
 Mrs. Chaisson - U.N.R.R.A.
 Avv. Errico Martino - Prefect of Genova and wife.
 Avv. Enrico Raymond - President of the Provincial Deputation.
 Signor Mecca and daughter - Vice Sindaco of Genova.
 Capt. Di Vascello Garrino-Capitaneria di Porto.
 Col. Ruffini - Comando Marina.
 Col. Andreoli - Comd. of the C.C.R.R. and wife.
 Cav. di Gr. Croce Lanero - Public Prosecutor.
 Cav. di Croce Aroca - First President of the Court of Appeal.
 Comm. Palladini - Intendente di Finanza and wife.
 Dott. Palma - Questore.
 G. B. Biaggi de Blasys - Swiss Consul. and wife.
 Mr. Elow Kihlgren - Swedish Consul.
 Mr. Picasso - Peruvian Consul. and wife.
 Capt. de Fregate Douet - Delegation Navale Fracais.
 Mr. Lancial - French Consul.
 Com. Arteta - Consul General of Ecuador and wife.
 Mr. Anuplio de Lemos, Consul General of Portugal and wife.
 Mr. P.J. Droogendyk - Netherlands Consul.
 Mr. Swan - British Consul and family.
 Mr. Mohse Ang - Acting Chinese Consul.

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