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REQUISITIONING, JULIUS LEVINE & ERWIN LUSTIG
FEB. - JUNE 1946

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CSO X-1 R. O. C. 29 for approval please. Auth
OK for typing. J.S. 11/4 ^{5/3}

cso Letter of 3rd for signature, please Auth./x
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C.S.O. Ref conversation. Letters of 34 & 5 were sent on 9-5-AFHQ request. Folio 33 refers. The letters in question were drafted by Legal S/C. Aut 1874.

38.

Ex Comm.

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Letter # 1 37 submitted for signature. H.S. 29/4

42.

Ex Comm

See p 4i for info. I will
send copy to I.G.C.R. N.S. 21/6.

8/12
— copy sent —

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P41. Too kind. NS 2/6.

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Legal Sub Comm.

Ref folios 1, para 4 and 5, para 5, in the
light of subsequent folios may this office please
have your opinion

Aut 21/3

CSO

Note from I GCR is ²⁰attached. It appears at
first sight that if unlawful requisitions
have been effected, the responsibility lies
with the requisitioning authorities and not
with the party is whose premises such property
may have been requisitioned.

Legal S/C

26 Mar 46.

G. S. Hammond

H. W. E.

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CSO. Letter at folios 21 & 22 for signature, please

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Aut 21/3

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48.3C

Public Safety S/C

Attn: Capt. Cox. (Trans. Control).

To see Solos 44-42 for info. 48.63.

48.30

Ex. 6. 30

Very interesting.

48.3E
Capt. D. P. D.

9 Mar 44.

Ex. 6. 3 Please see 3, 4.2's reply to your SO letter at 42.

48.3F 48.14
48.3

- ① P. 100 (B) and D. 100 to see 100/1913
- ② D. 100 P. 100 S/C

48.36.

Ex. 6. 30

Thank you.

May check off 1/1.47 per. 48.14

48.3H

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by. bawm.
Very interesting. *Chapman*
9 March. *Col. R. D. D.*

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Ex. 6. Please see ³ B's reply to your 20 letter

at 42.

3F *14/3*

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- ① P. 122 (B) and Dwyer base 18/13
- ② Dep. P. 125 5/2

Ex. 36.

Thank you.

My chance of 1/1.47 years? — sent 1/4

3H

17/13

C80. Have asked for several days for the papers
on the arrival of B. of some 60 Mega (F. 100).

This file does not contain the papers - Place problem.

Dwyer should be paper M. 2/13 - 2/13 18/13

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EX-COMM

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 386.2

21 June 1946

JUN 21 1946

SUBJECT: Property Occupation Use and Billeting.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794

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Reference your signal 3679 of 14 June.

1. The IGCR has for some months been aware of this position and has had time to take remedial action. It is agreed however that these refugees can not be evicted as short notice without time for other arrangements to be made.

2. The following action is being taken. 54 Area is de-requisitioning the premises forthwith; but, it is arranging with the Genio Militare that they will retain the premises pending further instructions from the Italian Government. This will give the IGCR ample time to approach the Italian Government and to arrange for use of the premises.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamblen

A. L. HAMBLIN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5. 4240

Copy to Col Tomlin IGCR

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED C. MISSION

Originator's Reference: C 49532

Message Centre No: H/4030

Date/Time of Origin: JUN. 191804B

Date Time Rec'd: JUN. 200900B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ Q GHQ CMF

TO: FOR Q DISTHREE INFO ALCOM 54 SUB AREA

JUN 20 1946

UNCLASSIFIED.

Subject is property requisitioned for American Joint distribution committee Bari area.

Understood instructions issued for 240 town Major to redeem any property in possession above named CRG. In order allow occupants time find suitable alternative accn arrange immediate derequisitioning premisis but inform CGM that they will be retained by present occupantd pending outcome of negotiations between Igor and Italian Government.

AC DIST

INFO ACTION

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INFO

CHIEF COMMISSIONER

FILE

FLOAT 2

Col. J. min 100K.

INFO - ACTION

HEADQUARTERS

20 JUN 1946

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AFHQ FOR G-5 SECTION FOR PERSONS

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PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

SUBJECT IS PROPERTY REQUISITIONED FOR AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION IN BARI AREA PD YOUR THREE EIGHT SIX POINT TWO DATED TWO EIGHT FEBRUARY AND SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE REFERS PD

I HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY ITEM GEORGE CHARLES ROGER WHO INFORM ME THAT ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY FIVE FOUR AREA TO TWO FOUR ZERO TOWN MAJOR TO REDEEM ANY PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF ABOVE NAMED ORGANIZATION PD IF THIS ORDER IS CARRIED OUT BEFORE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE GREAT HARSHNESS WILL BE CAUSED TO ABOUT THREE ZERO ZERO JEWISH REFUGEES NOW HOUSED AND CARED FOR IN SUCH PROPERTIES PD I SHOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF AUTHORITIES COULD BE REQUESTED TO GRANT A TIME LIMIT OF THREE ZERO DAYS BEFORE EVICTION SO THAT ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION CAN BE FOUND PD

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COPY TO: ICE (Your 9/131A of 13 June refers)
ACLO BARI

EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

JOO

N. W. HIND SMITH

M. S. LUSH
BrigadierNICHOLAS PIONBINO
CFO USA
Asst Adjt

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

URGENT

Allied Commission Headquarters,
Rome, C.M.F.

Reference: 9/131A

13th June, 1946. JUN 13 1946

To: The Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission Headquarters.

From: The Resident Representative, IGCR, Italy.

File 4753/EC refers.

Without prejudice to investigations carried out by 54 Area concerning the general question of property requisition on behalf of Jewish organizations in Bari, I am informed that about 300 Jewish refugees are now housed and cared for in such properties, and that very serious hardship will be caused by any immediate eviction before alternative arrangements can be made.

The A.J.D.C. is prepared to negotiate with the owners of such properties, if no longer required for military purposes, but this must involve some delay.

In any case, immediate steps will be taken by A.J.D.C., in consultation with UNRRA or in other ways, to meet the urgent needs of these people, but it is strongly recommended that the existing arrangements be allowed to remain until alternative accommodation can be found or until the 15th July at the latest.

Julian Tomlin 4237
Lt. Col. Julian L. Tomlin,
Resident Representative,
I.G.C.R.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

CONFIDENTIAL.

April 1946.

Ref: 4753/37/EO.

SUBJECT: Illegal Requisitioning.
TO : G-5 Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

1. My attention has been drawn to a letter addressed to the Joint Distribution Committee (copy to you) reference 4753/34/EO dated 16 April 1946 which was signed in my absence by one of my staff, and with which I do not entirely agree.
2. I have therefore ordered this letter to be withdrawn as the statement that the Joint Distribution Committee has no connection with the Allied Commission is not correct. The Joint Distribution Committee works closely with the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, which in turn comes under the aegis of Allied Commission and is in fact housed in the same building as Allied Commission.
3. I have interviewed the head of the Joint Distribution Committee, Mr. Brook, and have pointed out to him quite clearly that it is improper for members of his organization to requisition property. Mr. Brook quite understands this and has assured me that there will be no further trouble of this kind in the future.
4. Mr. Brook also stated that the only reason why the name of Allied Commission appeared on Joint Distribution Committee notepaper was to facilitate postal delivery as they were situated in the Allied Commission building.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W. S. CUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to:

Allied Commission
Chief Liaison Officer,
BARI.

Disper Sub-Commission, AG.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

Friday, 13th

Dear Maurice

I told you yesterday that the houses at BARI were rented and not requisitioned for the Jews — Brook of I.D.C. has just informed me that he has again telephoned to LEVINE of I.D.C. Bari who now tells him that two houses were requisitioned for the Jews — This does not mean that they were requisitioned illegally or under false pretences, but does modify the information I gave to you yesterday —

I told Brook that he must explain all this quite clearly to you when you care to see him.

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Yours.

Julian Tomlin

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Please arrange meeting

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Ref: 4753/35/80

16 April 1946

SUBJECT: Illegal Requisitioning.

TO : Erwin Lustig,
Via Garruba, 63,
Bari.

It has been brought to my knowledge that you have made requisitions for certain stores as a member of the Jewish Chaplains' Welfare Centre, H.Q. 54 Area, G.M.F. I have to inform you that you have no right to represent yourself as a member or agent of the Jewish Chaplains' Staff of a British formation and must cease to do so immediately.

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Copy to: G-5 Section, AFHQ
Majors S/O, AG.
C/O BARI

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Ref: 4753/34/23

16 April 1946

SUBJECT: Illegal Requisitioning.

TO : Joint Distribution Committee,
Allied Commission Building,
Rome.

1. It has been brought to the knowledge of this Headquarters that representatives of the J.D.C. have obtained from Allied Authorities unaware of their status certain property for the use of Jewish refugees.

2. I have to inform you that neither your organization nor its agents have the right to requisition property which can only be done through the Allied Commission to which your organization does not belong nor with which is it in any way connected.

3. Will you therefore take the necessary steps to see that this practice is discontinued immediately and that neither you nor your agents will approach directly Allied Authorities with a view to requisitioning property.

4. It is further pointed out that the use by your organization of notepaper with a heading implying that it is connected with the Allied Commission is improper and must be discontinued.

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N. W. HIND-SMITH

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Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

See p 37

Copy to: G-5, AFHQ,
Dispersal B/O, A.C.
CLO Bari

[Handwritten signature]

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 386.2

9 April 1946.

APR 11 1946

SUBJECT: Julius LEVINE and Erwin LUSTIG

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394 31

Reference your 2224/30/EC of 1 April 1946.

1. It is agreed that, although the above persons have acted improperly, it would be difficult to take legal action against them.

2. Please arrange:

a. For the Headquarters of the J.D.C. to be informed that neither they nor their agents have the right to requisition property and that their notepaper should not be headed so as to imply that they are connected with the Allied Commission.

b. For Erwin LUSTIG to be informed that he has no right to represent himself as a member or agent of the Jewish Chaplain's Staff of a British formation and that he must cease to do so forthwith.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Col
4232
A. L. HAMLEN,
Brigadier General, GSC.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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(CAPT K)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

CONFIDENTIAL.

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Ref: 22214/30/EC.

/ April 1946.

SUBJECT: Julius LEVINE and Erwin LUSTIG.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. Reference your G-5: 386.2 of 28 February 46 and 13 March 46 on the a/n gentlemen.
2. Neither Mr. LEVINE nor Mr. LUSTIG have any right to requisition property. To imply by the notepaper that they are representing Allied Commission is without the authority of Allied Commission.
3. It is understood that the Jewish Chaplain, Capt. EPSTEIN, who was in charge of the Jewish Chaplain's services in the HARTES, BARI, TARANTO areas and maintained welfare centres for Jews at those places, requested Mr. Erwin LUSTIG to represent him at BARI.
4. Capt. EPSTEIN has now returned to U.K., and it appears that Mr. LUSTIG has continued his duties in this particular centre.
5. Mr. LUSTIG is an Austrian Jewish refugee who came to ITALY in January 1944 from YUGOSLAVIA. 4296
6. He is now the representative and presumably employed by the "Jewish Refugee Organization" in ITALY at BARI, with which organization both the J.D.C. and UNRRA have dealings.
7. It is considered that Julius LEVINE and Erwin LUSTIG have been acting "ultra vires" but have not acted contrary to any regular 4291

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Displaced Persons S/C.

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

CONFIDENTIAL

DPR/52/G-II (DP)

28 March 1946

SUBJECT : Displaced Persons - BARI.

TO : Executive Commissioner, A.C.

1. Reference your letter 183/36/EC dated 22 March 1946.
2. The problem of the control of the Displaced Persons in UNRRA's 4 Camps in the Lecce Area has been taken up with the Chief of UNRRA Italian Mission and his reply is expected.
3. Neither Mr. Levine or Mr. Lustig have any right to requisition property. To imply by the note paper that they are representing Allied Commission is without the authority of Allied Commission.
4. The setting up of Jewish Colonies without any authority is entirely undesirable.
It is essential that authority be obtained prior to any Jewish establishment being set up. It is for consideration if this should now be the Italian Government.
5. It is considered that the whole question of the Jewish settlements, mostly I understand rationed by UNRRA, should be reviewed by D.P.R.S.C. and UNRRA.

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C.B. Findlay
C.B. FINDLAY
Colonel,
Director.

(Capt K)

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Ref. : 183/36/30

22 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Displaced persons, Bari.

TO : GA Section (for D.P. & R. S/C)

1. The attached extracts from a recent report by the Chief Liaison Officer Bari are passed to you for your information:

A)

" Lt. Col. KERR, LEGAT informed me that the Jewish Displaced Persons in the villages comprising the 4 camps in the LEGAT Area are causing a lot of trouble.

These people are housed in requisitioned villas and are indulging in wanton destruction and the owners of the villas are very much concerned about it.

There is also grave tension between these displaced persons and the civil population. There appears to be no control over the Jewish displaced persons and there is a large number of real bad hats amongst them.

Naturally the civil police can do nothing in the matter and the UNRRA camp Officials are at a loss to know what to do and look to Lt. Col. KERR to put matters right.

He has passed this information on to me.

One suggestion I can offer is that these disturbers of the peace, and flouters of all authority, might be clearly told that they either behave themselves and obey instructions given them by the displaced persons camp authorities, or they will be removed to a properly controlled camp somewhere in the North. 4249

The persons who are selected as Camp Police are apparently quite useless and exercise no authority over the persons living in the villas. 4220

Something must be done in the matter otherwise retaliation by the Italian civil population who are interfered with will result."

B)

" I again visited the local displaced persons camp. The conditions in the camp leaves little to be desired. The food produced is of first rate quality, and lots of it. Displaced persons in the camp are required to obtain a pass to leave the camp - but if any wish to leave the camp for good - it is the easiest matter in the world for them to do so "over the garden wall" so to speak. Persons do leave

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the camp, and if they do not turn again, their names are just struck off the registry and that's all there's to it. So it comes to this - those who wish to remain in the camp may do so - those who do not want to just leave - and are free to wander and go where ever they wish to - but I have reason to believe that with regard to the latter - they do not make a move to leave the camp until and unless they have laid something on.

In this connection there is a matter which has greatly intrigued me, and I have consulted No. 38 P.S.S. and the Town Major in this connection. The first inclination I got that something new was being started, was from a letter which came to my notice addressed to the C.R.E. 54 Area BARI from a Mr. Lustig. The heading of the letter - "Jewish Chaplain Welfare 54 Area" and signed by Mr. Lustig as "Director of Education Board". The contents of the letter was a request for certain repairs and supply of material to 4 villas which were being utilized by some 200 Jewish displaced persons. The request was refused by the C.R.E. and 54 area informed me that no such branch as the Jewish Chaplain Welfare existed. I enquired from the Town Major particulars about the villas in question. He informed me that the villas had been requisitioned some time ago for Allied requirements and that the personnel concerned had left BARI, and these 4 villas along with 5 others were standing empty.

He had been approached in a letter with the heading "The Allied Commission" and signed by a Mr. Levine, American Joint Distribution Committee, requesting that 4 villas be made available for his organization. On this the Town Major gave the necessary authority for the A.J.D.C. to occupy them. This request was followed by another, for 5 more villas to be handed over to the A.J.D.C. but at the present this request has not been complied with.

The reason given for the necessity for the villas was to train Jewish displaced persons in shoe mending - carpentry and other such industrial pursuits. I may here remark that such forms of trade are conducted in the Displaced Persons camp, and as I am under the impression that our policy is to direct all displaced persons to authorized camps, where some form of check can be kept on them. I was at a loss to understand the reason for Mr. Levine and Mr. Lustig starting a Jewish colony on the TARANTO road. There are roughly 200 of these people in the 4 villas and accommodation is sought for another 300.

Major Good of the Displaced camp to whom I had referred the matter informed me that he had been requested a few days ago by Mr. Lustig to release 20 persons from the Displaced persons camp to go to the villas for training - but had replied that he would first have to refer the matter to ROSE. P.S.S. were asked whether they knew anything about the scheme or about Mr. Lustig and they said they did not, but as P.S.S. were interested in the matter they would take steps to make a reference to AFHQ.

The question that arises is, whether this move to have a Jewish colony or whatever it is, is to be encouraged or not - and whether the persons organizing and fostering it, are properly authorized persons

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to do so, and who should receive help. As there is no one here who can give me an answer (but are endeavouring to obtain one for me - confidentially) I would appreciate any directive in the matter.

I have neither met Mr. Levine or Mr. Lustig as yet, and have not brought myself into the picture, save to make personal enquiries from P.S.S. the displaced persons camp Commandant, and the Town Major.

The British Consul BARI and NAPLES are interested in the question of Jewish Farms, but there are none in this Area - I am seeing the British Consul BARI this evening and will ask him what he knows of the organisation in connection with the TARANTO road villas and its occupants. Up to this no one appears to have been aware of this project - which has not attracted lime light or been given publicity."

For the Chief Commissioner

F. H. McCLEARY

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy :- to 2224/KC

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My Jls

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 2224/22/EC.

March 1946.

SUBJECT: Julius LEVINE.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. Reference your G-5: 306.2 of 28 February 46, on the a/n gentleman.
2. The requisitioned villas referred to by you were used to house Jewish refugees under the HASHERAT Scheme, which has been recognized by UNRRA.
3. With regard to para 4, the American Joint Distribution Committee are given the same facilities as those afforded to the Inter-Governmental Committee of Refugees, but A.J.D.C. should not use stationery headed "I.G.C.R."
4. It is considered that LEVINE has been acting "ultra vires" but has not acted contrary to any regulations.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 2221/21/EC.

March 1946.

SUBJECT: Erwin LUSTIG

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. Reference your G-5: 586.2 of 13 March 46 on the a/n gentleman.
2. I am informed that the Jewish Chaplain, Captain EPSTEIN, who was in charge of the Jewish Chaplain's services in the NAPLES, BARI, TARANTO areas and maintained welfare centres for Jews at these places, requested Mr. Erwin LUSTIG to represent him at BARI.
3. Capt. EPSTEIN has now returned to U.K. and it appears that Mr. LUSTIG has continued his duties in this particular centre.
4. Mr. LUSTIG is an Austrian Jewish refugee who came to ITALY in January 1944 from YUGOSLAVIA.
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For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Legal S/C

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The AJDC does not form part of the IGCR, but is a voluntary society working in Italy in close touch with the IGCR.

For administrative purposes the AJDC are given the same facilities as those afforded to IGCR by AC.

Strictly speaking, AJDC should not use stationery headed IGCR.

Reference folio 1, if Levine represented himself as an agent of HQ AC he was acting ultra vires.

The four villas referred to in folio 1 are presumably to house refugees, Jewish only, under the general Hasherai scheme which has been recognised by UNRRA.

Reference folio 5, if Tomlin's information in folio 15 is correct, Lustig may have received unofficial permission ^{from the Jewish Chaplain.} to use the address of Jewish Chaplain's Welfare Centre on correspondence ~~from the Jewish Chaplain~~. If so, the fault lies with the Jewish Chaplain's Service, and not with Mr. Lustig.

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These people may have been acting ultra vires, but are not in my opinion liable to any charge of breaking the law or acting contrary to any regulations.

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HEADQUARTERS
BARI LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

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REF

: LB / 10

SUBJECT

: Requisitioning by JULIUS LEVINE

TO

: HQ Allied Commission

Office of the Executive Commissioner

14 March 1946

Recd. 21 Jan 46
1500 hrs

Reference your letter 4755/5113/EC dated 5 March 46
enclosing copy of AFHQ letter G-5/386/2 of 28 February 46.

What is stated in Paras 1,2,3 in AFHQ letter is correct
in so much as I have seen stationery headed as shown in para
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at the request of Mr. LEVINE who also asked for an additional
5 to be allotted to him for housing Jewish Displaced persons.
These villas have no connection with the AG/UNHRA No. 1
Camp for displaced persons BARI.

Para 2 of your letter under reply.

In September last a cable was received from "Temlin IGOR
ROMER" to the Liaison Officer BARI as follows:

"Have been asked by Jewish Refugee centre care of Jewish
Chaplain BARI to request Town Major allot temporary
accommodation for varying number Jewish refugees arriving
BARI unorganised STOP understand Town Major knows situation
but wishes official request from us STOP grateful your
help we support request if reasonable"

This message was forwarded to the Town Major who was asked
that after consultation with the Jewish Chaplain, to inform
this Office how far he would be able to meet the needs of
the case, in order that a reply could be sent to I.G.C.R.

The Town Major sent the undernoted information and copies
of letters in reply :

"To the President, Jewish Refugee Centre BARI -
It is laid down by HQ 54 Area that responsibility for
Displaced persons arriving in BARI is the concern of the
displaced persons Sub Commission & No.1 Transit Camp.
Existing accommodation must be utilised and requisitioned
premises in BARI can not be made available."

Copy of letter from

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5.

Copy of letter from A.A.&Q.M.G. 54 Area to the Town Major on 13 September 45.

- "1) Approval cannot be given to the establishment of such a Transit Centre and all displaced persons arriving in BARI are the responsibility of Displaced Persons Sub Commission and No.1 Transit Camp.
- 2) It will be appreciated that any relaxation of the present policy will encourage the irregular movement of refugees to the prejudice of the existing organisation and control"

Only
Ref. K

5.

On 12 November: Liaison Officer BARI ^{Wrote} ~~writes~~ to HQ AC Executive Commissioner as per his letter LB/13, extract reads as follows:

"Para 5 - It is recommended that the IOCR Transit House Bari be closed. This house was opened for the purpose of dealing with refugees moving without authorisation at a time when all camps in the South were full (which is no longer the case). From it one party of fifty vanished into thin air on 26 October."

6.

On 26 October 1946 Lt. Col. Julian L. Temlin wrote to Col. Hartley, Liaison Officer BARI:

extract "He (Lt. Col. Pethergill) does not like the term "transit house" for the place we recently got requisitioned to meet the emergency disposal of such refugees, as he thinks it might be construed as an encouragement to such refugees to "transit" through BARI to the South. In fact, he deprecates anything which might favour an unregulated flow (as we all do)."

At the same time, I am quite sure that this house has saved a lot of distress to refugees and will, if properly regulated, help them in many ways. I am not at all sorry that I was able to get it requisitioned.

Julius Levine of the I.D.C. and our Mrs. Nemlich must between them see that it is not abused, and if the Jewish Community wish to use it for purposes for which ~~it is~~ ²³ is not intended, they must be told that its use will be withdrawn.

It was requisitioned:

- (a) to house temporarily and at short notice refugees who had nowhere else to go, pending their disposal by AC or UNRRA;
- (b) for refugees from camps, authorised by UNRRA, to come to BARI for specific purposes;
- (c) for special admission for limited periods where there is obvious need.

I should be most grateful for your advice after talking it over with Levine and Mrs. Nemlich."

7.

In reply to the above letter Col. Hartley on the 12 Nov. 1945 replied to Lt. Col. Temlin:

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6. On 26 October 1946 Lt. Col. Julian L. Temlin wrote to Col. Hartley, Liaison Officer BARI :

extract " He (Lt. Col. Pethergill) does not like the term "transit house" for the place we recently got requisitioned to meet the emergency disposal of such refugees, as he thinks it might be construed as an encouragement to such refugees to "transit" through BARI to the South. In fact, he deprecates anything which might favour an unregulated flow (as we all do).

At the same time, I am quite sure that this house has saved a lot of distress to refugees and will, if properly regulated, help them in many ways. I am not at all sorry that I was able to get it requisitioned.

Julius Levine of the I.D.C. and our Mrs. Nemlich must between them see that it is not abused, and if the Jewish Community wish to use it for purposes for which it is not intended, they must be told that its use will be withdrawn.

It was requisitioned :

- (a) to house temporarily and at short notice refugees who had nowhere else to go, pending their disposal by AC or UNRRA ;
- (b) for refugees from camps, authorised by UNRRA, to come to BARI for specific purposes;
- (c) for special admission for limited periods where there is obvious need.

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Mr. Levine was desperately keen to keep the Transit House open. I have no proof, but I trust none of them, and wish they could be replaced by other personnel. I would be glad if you cared to show this letter to Brigadier Lush."

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The above is the only correspondence I have managed to trace on the subject of request for requisitioning by Mr. LEVINE to this Office.

Mr. LEVINE has however been in direct communication with the Town Major BARI with regard to villas being requisitioned for Jewish Displaced Persons.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

Reference: 20/72

Allied Commission Headquarters,

Rome, C.M.F.

(Telephone: 470480

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Your Reference: 224/EC
of 19th March.

19th March, 1946.

To: The Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission Headquarters, C.M.F.

From: The Resident Representative, ICCR, Italy.

Subject: Erwin Lustig.

1. I am informed that the Jewish Chaplain, Captain Epstein, who was in charge of the Jewish Chaplain's services in the Naples, Bari, Taranto areas and maintained welfare centres for Jews at these places, requested Mr. Erwin Lustig to represent him at Bari.

2. It is understood that Captain Epstein has now returned to England, and it is assumed that Mr. Lustig has continued to give the address which he had previously used.

3. Mr. Lustig, who lives at Via Carruba 63, Bari, is an Austrian Jewish Refugee who came to Italy in January 1944 from Yugoslavia.

4. He is now the representative of and presumably employed by the "Jewish Refugee Organization" in Italy at Bari, with which organization both the J.D.C. and UNRRA have dealings.

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: LB/92

Date/Time of Origin: MARCH 191620B

Message Centre No: H/916

Date Time Rec'd: MARCH 20091

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: ALCOM LO BARI

TO : HQ ALCOM ACEXC

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Subject is Julios Levine . Ref your letter 4755/554/EC dated 14 March 46 and your signal 1914 dated 18 March 45. A reply was sent to you on 15 March 45 under ref LB/10.

M/C note. No trace of receipt.

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Ref. : 2204/33

19 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Erwin Lustig.

TO : ICOR

1. A report has been received about the a/n individual using note paper headed "JEWISH CHAPLAINS' WELFARE CENTRE, HQ 54 Area".
2. Inquiries through Headquarters 54 Area and the Assistant Chaplain-General's office at this Headquarters have elicited the information that there is no "Jewish Chaplain Welfare Centre" at Headquarters 54 Area and that Erwin Lustig had no authority to represent himself as acting on the half of such an agency.
3. It is not clear whether Lustig is an Allied subject or whether he is displaced person. It appears probable however that he is an employee of yours or one of your subsidiary organizations.
4. Any information that you can give would be appreciated.

For the Chief Commissioner.

A. W. Knisely.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 2224/12/EC.

18 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Julius Levine.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

1. Reference your letter G-5: 386.2 of 14 March 46.
2. This HQ has signalled to the Allied Commission Liaison Officer, BARI, asking him to investigate and report. On receipt of this information, a reply will be sent to your G-5: 386.2 of 28 February 46. The delay is regretted.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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REGARDING JULIUS LEVINE

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Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 386.2

14 March 1946

SUBJECT: Julius LEVINE

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

It is requested that the reply to our G-5: 386.2 of
28 February 1946 may be expedited.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to:
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G-5: 386.2

13 March 1946

SUBJECT: Erwin LUSTIG

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

1. A report has been received that the above individual using note paper headed "JEWISH CHAPLAINS' WELFARE CENTRE, Headquarters 54 Area, CMF" has submitted an indent for engineer stores to "Q" Branch 54 Area. Copies of his letter and the indent are attached.

2. It appears that the stores were requisitioned for the purpose of reconditioning the villas in BARI which were improperly requisitioned by one Julius LEVINE whose activities were the subject of our letter G-5: 386.2 of 28 February 1946. X

3. Inquiries through Headquarters 54 Area and the Assistant Chaplain-General's office at this Headquarters have elicited the information that there is no "Jewish Chaplain Welfare Centre" at Headquarters 54 Area and that Erwin LUSTIG had no authority to represent himself as acting on the half of such an agency.

4. It is not clear whether LUSTIG is an Allied subject or whether he is a displaced person. It appears probably however that he is an employee of I.G.C.R. or one of its subsidiary organizations. It is therefore requested that you will take the matter up with the Rome Headquarters of I.G.C.R. with a view to ascertaining whether LUSTIG is employed by them and if so whether they can offer an explanation of his status and conduct.

5. At the same time your opinion is requested as to whether LUSTIG could ~~be tried~~ be tried under Italian law on the grounds that he has improperly represented himself as acting on behalf of an Allied military organization, i.e.: Headquarters 54 Area.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN

F. G. A. PARSONS
Brigadier

Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff

Copy to: G-2

Incls: Copy of ltr. & indent from E. Lustig
dtd. 31 Jan. 46, Subj: Supply of Engineer Stores

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JEWISH CHAPLAINS WELFARE CENTRE
H. 54 Area C.M.F.

Ref. EB/96
Jan 31 1946

Subject:- Supply of Engineer Stores

To: - Q Branch 54 Area C.M.F.
From:- s/m office Education Bord.

We have been referred to you by DCRE 365 Works Sect.
R.E. in view of the grant of the permission of an authority for
the supply of engineering stores according to enclosed indent
sheet.

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Our office is working on an vocational training
project for refugees in southern Italy. Through Town Major
lumb we secured a number of requisitioned villas but in order
to get those villas occupied we need to repair them and to build
beds, tables, benches and other necessary furniture.

Your cooperation in granting us permission to draw
required stores according to enclosed indent sheet would be
very much appreciated by all concerned.

Yours:-

Jewish Chaplains Welfare Centre
H. 54 Area C.M.F.

Signature

E. Justig
Director of the Education Bord.

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COPYJewish Chaplains Welfare Centre
H.Q. 54 Area C.M.F.

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INDENT FORM

Window Lights:- For the repair of the windows of 5 houses:- 8 rolls
 Timber:- For construction of 4 Partitions, 300 beds, 30 tables and 30 benches.

1"x4"x400	375 pieces	
1"x5"x400	55 "	
2"x2"x400	150 "	
2½"x2½"x400	30 "	
1"x10"x400	40 "	
¾"x12"x400	45 "	
¾"x10"x400	75 "	) for partitions
2"x2"x400	20 "	

Tentage to cover 300 beds

Water supply requirements:- for water installations into 5 houses:-

2 large tanks			
1 portable tank (to be put on horse car)			
Pipes ¾"	100 m	1"	60m.
Water taps ¾"	10	2"	15
T "	15	"	10
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Pipcocks "	6	"	24
Plugs "	6	"	6
Records "	6	"	6
Nipples "	24	"	27
Niagara (W.C. tank)	3 pieces		
Hand pump	1 "		
Reducers ¾"x½"	6 "		

Electrical supply requirements:-

Cable	2000 m	) for overland installations
Wooden poles 9m	7 pieces 12m	) for a length of 1000 ..
Electric wire	550 m.	2 pieces) metres.
Switches	50	
Bulbs and mount-ings	50 x 40 watt	
	20 x 60 watt	
	5 x 100 watt	
Insulators small	200 pieces	
Main switches & Fuzes	3 pieces	

Rails or thick timber 5 m. long 2 pieces
 Shovels R.L. 200 "
 Other gardening tools

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES
General Staff Intelligence

From: Colonel C.R. TUFF

GBI/DO/49/46

11 March 1946

Dear Brigadier,

1. Thank you for your letter 2224/42/EC of 7 March 1946.
2. The establishment of the "hachshara" and the attempt to indent for stores was reported to us on 14 February 1946. We took up the question of LEVINE requisitioning premises and LUSTIG calling himself "Director of the Education Board, Jewish Chaplains' Welfare Centre, HQ 54 Area, C.M.F." with G-5 here.
3. They are now examining the legality of LEVINE's action and the possibility of deporting LUSTIG. We have suspected both of them of complicity, to a greater or lesser extent, in the illegal immigration of Jews to PALESTINE since last November, and would be glad to see them removed.
4. As regards the more general questions of camp locations and Jewish D.P. movements, we are opposed to the almost uncontrolled establishment and existence of semi-private settlements which we suspect are or may be used as bases for illegal immigration operations, and have consulted G-5 on the degree to which D.Ps. are or can be made subject to Italian laws regarding the registration of aliens.

Yours sincerely

Brigadier M. LUSH, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army.

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

Ref: 2224/42/EC. ✓

7 March 1946.

I forward below for your information and any action you may think necessary, an extract from a report I have recently received from our Chief Liaison Officer in BARI:

Displaced Persons.

I again visited the local displaced persons camp. The conditions in the camp leaves little to be desired. The food produced is of first rate quality, and lots of it. Displaced persons in the camp are required to obtain a pass to leave the camp - but if any wish to leave the camp for good - it is the easiest matter in the world for them to do so "over the garden wall" so to speak. Persons do leave the camp, and if they do not turn up again, their names are just struck off the registry and that's all there is to it. So it comes to this - those who wish to remain in the camp may do so - those who do not want to - just leave - and are free to wander and go where ever they wish to - but I have reason to believe that with regard to the latter they do not make a move to leave the camp until and unless they have laid something on.

In this connection there is a matter which has greatly intrigued me, and I have consulted No. 38 P.S.S. and the Town Major in this connection. The first feeling I got that something new was being started was from a letter which came to my notice addressed to the CKE 54 Area BARI from a Mr. Lustig. The heading of the letter - "Jewish Chaplain Welfare 54 Area" and signed by Mr. Lustig as "Director of Education Board". The contents of the letter was a request for certain repairs and supply of material to 4 villas which were being utilized by some 200 Jewish displaced persons. The request was refused by the CKE and 54 Area informed me that no such branch as the Jewish Chaplain Welfare existed. I enquired from the Town Major particularly about the villas in question. He informed me that the villas had been requisitioned some time ago for Allied requirements and that the personnel concerned had left BARI, and these 4 villas along with 5 others were standing empty.

He had been approached in a letter with the heading "HQ Allied Commission" and signed by a Mr. Levine, American Joint Distribution Committee, requesting that 4 villas be made available for his organization. On this the Town Major gave the necessary authority for the A.J.D.C. to occupy the villas. This request was followed by another, for 5 more villas to be handed over to the A.J.D.C. but at the moment this request has not been complied with.

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Major Good of the Displaced Persons camp to whom I had referred the matter informed me that he had been requested a few days ago by Mr. Lustig to release 20 persons from the Displaced Persons camp to go to the villas for training but had replied that he would first have to refer the matter to ROME. RPS were asked whether they knew anything about the scheme or about Mr. Lustig and they said they didn't but as RPS were interested in the matter they would take steps to make a reference to AMHO.

The question that arises is whether this move to have a Jewish colony or whatever it is is to be encouraged or not, and whether the persons organising and fostering it are properly authorized persons to do so, and who should receive help. As this is no one here who can give me an answer (but

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are endeavouring to obtain one for me - confidentially). I would appreciate any directive in the matter.

I have neither met Mr. Levine or Mr. Lustig as yet and have not brought myself into the picture, save to make personal enquiries from PSS, the displaced persons camp commandant, and the Town Major.

The British Consul BARI and NAPLES are interested in the question of Jewish farms, but there are none in this area. I am seeing the British Consul BARI this evening and will ask him what he knows of the organisation in connection with the TARANTO road villas and its occupants. Up to now no one appears to have been aware of this project - which has not attracted limelight or been given publicity.

Illicit Travelling.

I realise there must be a good reason why Jewish Displaced Persons should be sent to camps situated in the toe of Italy where they are all so close to the sea. Situated as they are, the opportunities for illicit exit from Italy are unbounded.

Now that camps well up in Northern Italy have been closed, for instance DUCOSSOLA, would it not be possible to retain these people in such camps?

Orders could be issued that Jewish displaced persons must not proceed to Southern Italy, and any being found down this way would be directed to return to Northern Italy. No provision would be made to house, clothe or feed them here.

As it is they get clothes, collect necessary provisions and other necessities, right on the coast, and are on the spot and can plan and arrange for a sea trip.

At the larger ports, ships are controlled and checked but I have noticed at small ports such as MESSINA, TRANI, etc., that there are a large number of auxiliary schooners and fishing boats over which there is no check.

When I was Provincial Commissioner here orders were issued by the Italian Naval Authorities that no fishing boat was to leave harbour between sunset and sunrise and moreover that each boat must be in possession of a license showing the name of the owner, who was held responsible for seeing that his craft only carried the authorised crew and no passengers. Similarly, auxiliary schooners had to be licensed and to carry only a signed on crew and no passengers. All these craft were subject to be checked by patrol boats.

It would make things much more difficult for unauthorised persons to leave Italy if such passages were subject to a check, and shipowners would not be so ready to take on passengers if they ran a risk of incurring severe penalties for doing so.

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- (a) They are housed and fed and authorized to be on the spot most convenient for a passage.
- (b) Every opportunity is afforded to make local arrangements for a passage over which there is no check.
- (c) Can at their leisure collect what they are likely to require for their journey at the end of a sea trip.

It would be a very different proposition for them if there were no displaced persons camps for Jewish persons in the South of Italy nor any organization whatsoever down this way to help them.

Colonel C.N. Tuff,
G-2 Section,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Copy to: Lt. Ambrose

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B/O 13/3.

Ref: 4755/51/EC

5 March 1946

SUBJECT: Requisitioning by Julius Levine.

TO : HQ, Bari Liaison Group, AC,
APO 394

1. Attached please find copy of letter G-5:386.2 of 28 February 1946 from G-5 AFHQ concerning Julius Levine.
2. It is understood that in the past, when the Inter-Governmental Committee of Refugees wished to requisition any property, application was first made to your office.
3. Could you please inform us as soon as possible whether Julius Levine has made any such application in this instance.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 366.2

28 February 1946

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SUBJECT: Julius LEVINE

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

1. A report has been received that the above individual, using stationery headed "American Joint Distribution Committee, Inter-Governmental Committee of Refugees, Headquarters, Allied Commission. Julius Levine, Bari" has been approaching 240 Town Major, Bari for the use of requisitioned premises.

2. In January 1946 he was allotted four villas in the Via Salerno, Bari, apparently on the strength of his assertion that he was an agent of Headquarters, Allied Commission. It is understood that these villas are now housing Jewish Displaced Persons. It is not however clear whether these are connected with the AC/UNRRA Displaced Persons Camps in the neighborhood or not.

3. He has more recently asked for the requisition of four more villas for use as a hospital.

4. Please say whether Julius Levine has been acting in any sense under your authority. If he has not acted under such authority it is considered that the Rome Headquarters of I.G.C.R. should be asked for an explanation for the information of this Headquarters.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

F. G. A. PARSONS
Brigadier

Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to:
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