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SEIZURE OF ITALIAN BOATS BY YUGOSLAVS
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Esc Comm

304.

Ref minus 300 + 301.

5337

Letter at 302+3 for signature, please.

Aug 20/8

AUG 27 1946

298.

Chief Commissioner.

(296)

approval
Attached is submitted for your signature
information

The books remain illegally seized. I am

decline with this on a separate file

HS (26/11/41)

F.C. - *[Signature]*

Enc. Comm.

~~297~~ 300

Ref letter at folio ~~297~~ 299

- 1) suggest sending a copy of the maps to G.S.
- 2) Copies without the map to ~~Amos~~ Embassies.
- 3) a letter to Mr. Smolloba enclosing paras 2.5.6 & 7.

4) letter of ack at folio ~~297~~ 299 — signed *[Signature]*

Do you agree please.

[Signature] 115

~~297~~ 301

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1. I agree - remind them that the sailors have returned.
2. NW understood. G.S. a A.C.H.O.
3. If there is to be any financial bond the matter should be taken up by Pale with Holic Ent. & he should be told to do this. It: Ent. then a. [unclear]

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decline with this on a separate page

EC 27/11/11

SS 26/11/11

Esc. Comm.

~~300~~ 300

Ref letter at folio 297

- 1) suggested sending a copy of the maps to G-5.
- 2) Copies without the map to ~~Embassy~~ Embassies.
- 3) a letter to Mr. Smolodsky embarking on 2.5.67.

4) Letter of act at folio 299 — signed 11/8

Do you agree please. 24/8 11/8

~~301~~ 301

5836

- 1. I agree - remind them that the salaries have returned.
- 2. NB understood. GS a AC-40.
- 3. If there is to be any financial bond the matter should be taken up by Park with Station Cpt. & he should be told to do this. It: Cpt. then approach

Yugs. thro' AC.

18/20/11

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P247 NDED

P243 Let AOK try to write her minutes with greater accuracy and emphasize true facts.

252

cso. Ex Comm.

Folio 251 for signature please. The original letter was sent to St. Smocollaba on

12 June 46. 1206.

Autz 1/7 H.S. 117

261

cso. ~~Autz~~ Letter at folio 260 for signature, please. ~~Autz~~

264

263

cso. Letter at folio 263 for signature please.

Folios ~~264~~ 264 refers. Autz 1/7

268.

cso. Ex Comm. Type Letter at folio 267 for signature, please. There are action on p. 258. Autz 18/7. H.S. 1817

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58127

291

cso. Letter at folio 279 for signature please

St. Smocollaba's letter is at folio 276. Autz 14/7

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C.S.O. to Comm.

Folio 251 for signature please. The original letter was sent to St. Smollaka on

12 June 46.

206.

AUG 1/7 H.S. 117

MS. 117

261

C.S.O. ~~MS. 117~~ letter at folio 260 for signature, please. ~~MS. 117~~ 261

264

C.S.O. letter at folio 263 for signature please. ~~263~~ 264
Folios ~~263~~ 264 refers. AUG 1/7

C.S.O. to Comm.

268.

Three letters at folio 267 for signature, please. There are within on 4 258.
AUG 18/7. H.S. 1817

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MS. 117

291 ~~291~~

C.S.O. letter at folio 279 for signature please

St. Smollaka's letter is at folio 276. AUG 14/7

297.

the Comm.

Please see folio 296. This is as a result of a verbal answer to folio 294. AUG 14/8

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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for signature approval information

JUN 11 RECD

2 Letters.

Mr. [unclear]

Chief Commissioner.

237

On May 20, [unclear] wrote p. 170.

On May 31, [unclear] [unclear] words p. 178

The letter report was correct. Both refer to same "incident".

My letter is a polite hint to P.M. that his information correct!

5334

15/12/6

JUN 13 RECD

238

F.C. Suggest rewording, as indicated.

GW C.C.

15/VI 239

Issue A amended Mr. [unclear] [unclear]

243.

cc. to Comm.

Please see Folio 240-2 for info. This is basically the same as [unclear]

Attached is submitted for signature
information

JUN 11 RECD

2 letter.

MS/Lt

Chad Consequence.

227

On May 20, the P. 17 write p. 170.

On May 31, the Min of Marine wrote p. 178

The letter report was correct
13th refers to same "accident". Last few words

1) my letter is a polite hint to P. 17. to get her
information correct!

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18/12/6

238

JUN 13 RECD

F.C. Suggest rewording, as indicated.

15/VI

239.

Issue A amended

MS/Lt. See 206.

243.

cc. to Comm.

Please see folio 240-2 for info.
This is basically the same as the

Staff study at 230 and contains the
same error in the spelling of the ships

even tho' correction was sent at 235 !!!
Action taken at folio 246
MS. 20/6. 22/6/76

232

CSC

Please have the following facts clarified & the letters corrected if necessary

(1) Is the group of islands LISSA
or USSA
or RUSSIN

(2) Were the prisoners taken to SPIT
or CATARO
or VOLK

CSC

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Ref min 232

785017/10/6

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- 2) The Italian Seamen were taken to SPIT.
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CSO

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Do you wish these errors corrected

by signal, please. 1/50, Signal at 235.

4) Letter re. submitted for signature, for

Please tell CS by telephon 11/12/6 11/18

are

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CSO. Ex Comm. Seen *My* 204
1) Please see draft at 202 for approval.
2) Please see Signal at 201 for info. *8/16*
108 *Alt 6/6*
To Ex Comm.
Letter at 205+6 for signature please *Alt 6/6*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A.P.O. 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. : 5609/303/EC

28 August 1946

SUBJECT: Fishing Rights in the Adriatic.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFH.

I enclose for your information a copy of a letter dated 21 August from Mr. Perle, the representative of the owners of the ships that were seized by the Yugoslavs on 19 May. This encloses a map showing the position of the ships at the time of their capture.

As stated in my signal no. 4745 the fishermen have all been repatriated.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

296 M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

Copies to: British Embassy

U.S.

Navy S/C

Polad A

" B

Recon. Sec.

Legal S/C

Without the map.

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P.A. 28/8/46
S.P.

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

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File

Ref.: 5609/302/EC

28 August 1946

Dear Mr. Perla,

With further reference to my letter no. 5611/23/EC dated 26 August 1946.

If you wish to raise the question of paying a sum as security to obtain the immediate release of these fishing boats, you should take up this matter with the Italian Government in order that they may pass your proposals to the Yugoslav Government through the Allied Commission.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Reg. Ardorio Perla
Via Alessandro Perio 127,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 5611/23/20

26. August 1946

Dear Mr. Perla,

I have to acknowledge with thanks your letter dated 24 August 1946 on the subject of the Italian fishing vessels seized by the Yugoslav Authorities.

The chart enclosed with your letter together with your suggestions are being forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

Yours very truly,

W. G. LUSK

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Mrs. Ardore Perla
Via Alessandro Poerio 127,
Rome.

See 17-24 300

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PA 10/23/46
H. J.

Translation ²⁹⁸

FROM : Rag. AUBERIO PERLA
Via Alessandro Poerio 127,
R o m e.

TO : Allied Commission,
R o m e.

24 August 1946

1 In the name of the shipowners of the motor fishing boats captured by the Yugoslav authorities on the 19 May last and of the crews living near me and represented by me, I would like to express my warm sense of gratitude for the active interest of the Allied Commission in obtaining the restitution of the said motor fishing boats and their respective crews.

2 The sailors composing the said crews have returned to S. Benedetto del Tronto after being interned for about three months in Yugoslav territory, while the motor fishing boats are still arbitrarily withheld.

3 I consider it useful to inform the Allied Commission that from the concurring statements of all the sailors made to the Italian and Allied Maritime authorities of Venice, the captured motor fishing vessels were not navigating at all in Yugoslav territorial waters but at a distance of more than six miles from the Yugoslav coast.

4 According to very reliable information, the capture took place because of suspicions that the said motor fishing vessels had on board arms and spies in favour of the Partisans and General Mihailovich. The fact that the sailors were released and that no arms were found on board the motor fishing boats should be sufficient motives for the immediate release of the craft.

5 If the Yugoslav authorities should insist in affirming that there was a violation of their waters, the shipowners, in order to have their craft immediately and recommence their own work, are prepared to pay out a considerable sum as security for eventual penalties caused by the said violation.

6 This security can also be paid by me immediately to the Allied Commission.

7 For the tranquillity of my associates, permit me to request information from you about the present state of the matter in question.

8 I enclose herewith a map showing precisely the position of the craft at the time of capture.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Perla

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Encl: Map of the Adriatic Sea and Dalmatian Coast.

ALL 303 4299
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RAG. ARDERIO PERL.

CONSULENZA MARITIMA

Via Alessandro Poerio, 127 - Telefono 584463

ROMA

On. Commissore Alleato
Via Veneto
Roma

Roma, 24 Agosto 1945

a nome degli Armatori dei Motopescherecci, catturati dalle Autorita' Jugoslave il 19 Maggio u.s., e degli Equipaggi, domiciliati presso di me e da me rappresentati, mi prego di esprimere i migliori sentimenti di gratitudine per il fattivo interessamento, di codesta On. Commissione Alleata, svolto al fine di ottenere la restituzione di detti Motopescherecci e per il ritorno dei componenti i rispettivi equipaggi. I Marinali, componenti detti equipaggi, sono rientrati in S. Benedetto del Tronto dopo un internamento in Territorio Slavo di circa 24 mesi mentre i Motopescherecci sono ancora arbitrariamente trattenuti.

Ritengo utile di comunicare a codesta On. Commissione Alleata che da concordi deposizioni di tutti i Marinali, rese alle Autorita' Marittime Italiane e Alleate di Venezia, i Motopescherecci catturati non navigavano affatto nelle acque territoriali Jugoslave ma a piu' di sei miglia dalle Coste Jugoslave.

La cattura sarebbe avvenuta, stando a comunicazioni molto attendibili, al sospetto che ~~essi~~ detti Motopescherecci avessero a bordo armi e spie in favore del Partigiani del Generale Mihailovich. Il rilascio dei Marinali e il non aver rinvenuto nessun arma a bordo dei Motopescherecci dovrebbero essere motivi sufficienti per restituire subito i Natanti.

Se le Autorita' Jugoslave insistessero nell'affermare una violazione delle loro acque, gli Armatori sono disposti, pur di riavere subito i loro Natanti e di riprendere il proprio lavoro, a versare una congrua cauzione per eventuale penalita' dovuta per la presunta violazione.

Detta cauzione puo' essere versata anche subito da me a codesta On. Commissione Alleata.

per la tranquillita' dei miei Rappresentati mi permetto di chiedere una comunicazione sullo stato attuale della pratica di cui sopra.

Ritengo utile di trasmettere, in allegato, una pianta con la indicazione precisa delle posizioni dei Natanti all'atto della cattura.

Con osservanza

all. 1 Pianta Mare Adriatico-Costa Dalmata.

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Via Alessandro Poerio, 127 - Telefono 584463

ROMA

On. Commissione Alleata
Via Veneto
Roma

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BU ALCON CITE ASKED

1430 26 August 1946

ATTN: G-5 Section

4745

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REFERENCE MY CASE FOUR SIX TWO THREE ID SUBJECT SEIZURE OF ITALIAN CRAFT BY
JUGOSLAVS ID ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE NOW CONFIRMED THAT ALL FISHERMEN
CAPTURED BY JUGOSLAVS ON NINETEEN KAT HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED ID

Copies to: Navy S/C
Polad 'A'
Polad 'B'

PRIORITY

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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Alvin Kurney
adj.

NICHOLAS PIERAKO
CWO USA
Assistant Adjutant

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See item 297-8

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17 August 46

HQ ALCOM

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, G-5 Section

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UNCLASSIFIED PD SUBJECT SEIZURE OF ITALIAN CRAFT BY JUGOSLAVS PD INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PRESS AGENCY SIX TWO SEAMEN OF THOSE CAPTURED
BY JUGOSLAVS ON ONE NINE MAY HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED PD THIS REPORT WILL BE
CONTINUED PD

Copy to : Navy S/O
Polad A
Polad B

PRIORITY

A. W. Kinsley

Executive Commissioner

NICHOLS FIO 5825
CWO, USA
ASST. ADJUTANT

PA- 7/8/46
[Signature]

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Ref. : 5609/293/EC

17 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian fishing
craft by Jugoslavs.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

1. I noticed in yesterday's copy of "IL MESSAGGERO" that sixty two of the hundred and ten Sailors captured on 19 May 46 by the Yugoslav Authorities have been repatriated to Italy.

2. I would appreciate early confirmation of this fact and, at a later date, a list giving the names of the Sailors still held in Jugoslavia.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Field A
Field B
Navy S/C

no 295

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A.A. 17/8/46
SA Q

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5609/292/EC

14 August 1946

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Fishing Craft by Jugoslavs.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2)
Rome.

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The memorandum from the notifiers and wives of the sailors and of the fishermen who were on board by the Jugoslavs on 19 May 46 addressed to General Lee has today been forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

A. W. Selsky

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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P.A. 12/16
Ed.

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

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File

Ref: 5609/251/20

15 August 1946

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Fishing boats by Jugoslavs.

TO : AFHQ
C-5 Section.

I forward for your information a letter and summary translation from the mothers and wives of the fishermen who were captured by the Jugoslavs on 19 May 46, addressed to General Sec.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

A. W. Kinsey.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copies to: POLAD 'A'
POLAD 'B'

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Ref: 5611/45/70

12 August 1946

SUBJECT: Fishing Rights in the Adriatic.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFSL

still

1. Reference your letter G-5:910.31 dated 19 July 46.
2. The Yugoslav Government, through Dr. Smoljan, requested, by letter dated 25 March that the Allied Commission inform the Italian Government that the BRIONI fishing agreement of 1921 was no longer valid. It further stated that Italian fishing boats were continuing to fish in Yugoslav territorial waters.
3. This information was conveyed to the Italian Government, who replied to the effect that, in their opinion, the agreement is still operative and requested that the matter be referred to the Yugoslav Representative to the A.C.L.
4. The Legal opinion of this Commission's Legal Branch, supports the Italian view, in stating that although the agreement may have lapsed during the war, it is, nevertheless, still effective (See Appendix A).
5. This matter is closely related to the seizure of Italian fishing vessels in the Adriatic to which my letter 5609/270/70 of 9 August 46 refers and the question remains as to procedure, always provided that you agree with the view of the Italian Government endorsed by my Legal 3/C.
6. In view of the fact that the Yugoslav Government considers the BRIONI Fishing Agreement cancelled, I do not consider any useful result will be obtained by merely presenting the contrary opinions to Dr. Smoljan unless we were prepared to say that COMSEC agreed with the Italian view and was prepared to afford his (naval) protection to Italian fishing vessels in the exercise of their rights in Adriatic waters, and that the Allied Governments would hold the Yugoslav Government responsible for any damage to Italian interests inflicted by the Yugoslav Government on Italian vessels or personnel in this connection. However this would obviously be impolitic at the present time and I will therefore carry out the request of the Italian Government (Vide Para 3) and we must leave the matter at that point.

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./.

By

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7. It is interesting to note in this connection that Dr. Grodlaka has just entered a protest through the Allied Commission to the Italian Government for alleged search of a Yugoslav vessel plying between MARSHALLS and JUGOSLAVIA when within 4 miles of the Italian coast, and of another vessel lying off the Italian coast in the course of loading salt destined for Jugoslavia.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: SCAG XIII Corps
British Embassy
U.S. Embassy
Navy S/C
Polad A
Polad B
Room Sec
Legal S/C
File 5609/EC.

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Summary-Translation

FROM: Signora LATINI Maria,
Via Cairoli,
S. BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO.

TO : General LEE,
R o m e.

The letter is sent by a group of mothers and wives of fishermen who were captured by the Yugoslav authorities on the 19 May 46 while fishing in the central Adriatic.

They have heard of all your efforts in favour of their relatives in the hands of the Yugoslavs and that it was largely owing to you that there was such an improvement in the treatment of internees. They wish therefore to express to you their deep sense of gratitude for all you have done in the past and to beg for your assistance in obtaining the return of their relatives, many of whom are not in a physical condition to stand imprisonment as they have only recently returned from internment in Germany.

29 July 1946.

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Translation

MEMORANDUM REGARDING THE CAPTURE OF TEN MOTOR FISHING BOATS FROM THE BASES OF S. BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO - PORTO S. GIORGIO - PORTO CIVITANOVA AND RANO BY A JUGOSLAV WAR SHIP

The motor fishing boat "MARIUS STELLA" registered at the Maritime Compartment of Imperia, No. 19, shipowner Sig. GIACOMO Pilade, returned to her usual base of S. Benedetto del Tronto at 1400 hrs on the 19 May 1946, bringing the news of the capture of Italian motor fishing boats by a Yugoslav warship in the area of the Pomo Rock, Island of S. Andrea di Lissa, on the Dalmation coast, on the night of Sunday 19 May 46 and in the morning of the same day.

On the evening of Sunday 19 May 46 the sailor MSCA Antonio, who had embarked on the motor fishing boat "S. VINCENTO" whose base was Gaullanova, returned to his family at S. Benedetto del Tronto and confirmed the news.

Both the Captain of the "MARIUS STELLA" and the sailor MSCA Antonio made a statement of what they had seen and done: these statements are attached to the present memorandum.

The Captain of the "MARIUS STELLA" also made a statement to the local Maritime Office, while the sailor MSCA Antonio made a statement to the Command of the Harbour Office of Ancona where he was taken by the undersigned on the morning of the 20 May 46.

A statement made by the Captain of the motor fishing boat "MIGLI II", PALESTINI Alberto, is also attached to the present. Also this sailor made a statement to the local Maritime Office.

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From the statements made the following appears:

- 1) The motor fishing boats in question were outside Yugoslav territorial waters.
2) The Yugoslav warship (minesweeper) operated on a pre-established plan, inasmuch as she had sufficient armed personnel aboard to form many booty crews.
3) With a view to not letting the motor fishing boats escape, the said warship made use of the first motor fishing boats captured manned with booty crews to continue the round-ups.
4) These round-ups were begun on the late evening of Saturday and continued, through giving chase, during the morning of Sunday.
5) The captured fishing boats were taken in convoy to the port of Spalato.
6) The total number of boats captured as known up to date is ten motor fishing boats; we reserve the right of notifying possible variations which could only mean an increase in numbers.

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This capture which took place in international waters denotes a clear act of piracy.

The fishing boats have always fished in an area East of the metayage of the Adriatic Sea as in these waters more valuable fish are to be found

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such as cod which, according to the contract signed by the shipowners and the Allied Command of Ancona, was in large part consigned to the said Command which supplied naphta to the motor fishing boats of S. Benedetto del Tronto at a rate of 4 Kg. for every kilogram of cod handed over.

At the base of S. Benedetto del Tronto the present state of affairs is that ten large fishing boats are missing with 96 sailors.

This fact causes an almost complete paralysis of the fishing industry which on its part brings to a standstill all the joint industries of both local and national trade, to which latter the base of S. Benedetto del Tronto makes a notable contribution, besides creating precarious conditions of livelihood for a great many families.

for
THE ASSOCIATION OF SHIPOWNERS OF MOTOR FISHING BOATS
OF S. BENEDETTO D. TRONTO
THE DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVE
(Carlo Mario FULCINI)

ASSOCIATION OF SHIPOWNERS OF MOTOR FISHING BOATS
SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO

On the morning of the 22nd of the current month a copy of the present memorandum was consigned to the C.G., R.A.S.G., 241 Area (Ancona) with whom about a month and a half ago the shipowners of motor fishing boats with usual base at S. Benedetto del Tronto signed a contract through the wholesale fish market of S. Benedetto del Tronto, binding themselves to supply a large percentage of whatever catch, particularly cod; the a/m Allied Command furnishing 4 Kg. of naphta for every kilo of cod acquired.

The Allied Command of Ancona arranged for the distribution of the fish to all the Commands in Italy (Naples, Rome, Bologna, Venezia, Milan, etc.)

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PROMEMORIA RELATIVA ALLA CATTURA DI N° 10 MOTOPESCHERECOCI DELLE BASI DI
S. BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO - PORTO S. GIORGIO - P.C. CIVITANOVA E FANGO DA
PARTE DI UNITA' DA GUERRA DELLA MARINA JUGOSLAVA

Alle ore 1400 del giorno 19 Maggio 1946 è rientrato a S. Benedetto del Tronto il motopeschereccio "MARIS STELLA" iscritto al Compartimento Marittimo di Imperia al n° 19 - Armatore S.M. GIACOMO PILADE - di base abituale a S. Benedetto del Tronto, che ha portata la notizia della cattura di motopescherecci nazionali, da parte di una unità da guerra della marina jugoslava, nella zona fra scoglio Pomo, Isola di S. Andrea di Lissa, costa dalmata, avvenuta nella notte sulla domenica 19 maggio 1946 e nella mattina dello stesso giorno.

Nelle serata di domenica 19 Maggio 1946, il marittimo MOSCA Antonio, imbarcato sul motopeschereccio "S. Vincenzo" di base a Giulianova, è rientrato in famiglia a S. Benedetto del Tronto ed ha confermato tale notizia.

Sia il Capitano del Maris Stella che il marittimo MOSCA Antonio, hanno fatta una dichiarazione di quello che hanno veduto e di quanto hanno fatto, dichiarazioni che si allegano al presente promemoria.

Il Capitano del Maris Stella ha anche deposto presso il R. Ufficio Marittimo locale, mentre il marittimo MOSCA Antonio ha fatto deposizione presso il Comando della R. Capitaneria di Porto di Ancona, ove è stato condotto dal sottoscritto la mattina del 20 Maggio 1946.

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Tale cattura, avvenuta in acque di diritto internazionali, è nota un paese atto di pirateria.

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fornire nafta ai motopescherecci della base di S. Benedetto d. Tronto, in ragione di Kg. 4 ogni chilogrammo di merluzzi ceduti.

Allo stato attuale delle cose, nella base di S. Benedetto del Tronto; mancano all'appello ben dieci grosse unità peschereccio, con 95 marittimi.

Tale fatto costituisce le ragioni di un quasi totale paralizzamento dell'industria della pesca, che porta con sé il paralizzamento di tutte le industrie collegate e del commercio sia locale che nazionale, al quale ultimo la base peschereccia di S. Benedetto del Tronto dà un notevole contributo, oltre a mettere moltissime famiglie in condizioni precarie di sostentamento.

S. Benedetto del Tronto 14 21 Maggio 1946

per
L'ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI MOTOPESCHERECCI
DI S. BENEDETTO D. TRONTO
IL RAPPRESENTANTE DELEGATO
(Carlo Mario Pulcini)

Carlo Mario Pulcini

ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI MOTOPESCHERECCI
SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO

Copia del presente promemoria è stata consegnata il mattino del 22 c.m. all'O.C.-R.A.S.C. 211 A R E A (Ancona) con il quale, solitamente, gli Armatori di Motopescherecci di base abituale S. Benedetto del Tronto hanno firmato un contratto scritto circa un mese e mezzo fa, a mezzo del Mercato all'ingrosso del pesce di S. Benedetto del Tronto, impegnandosi di fornire una forte percentuale sul pescato di ogni unità, particolarmente i merluzzi; il predetto Comando Alleato forniva Kg. 4 di nafta per ogni Kg. di merluzzi acquistato.

Il Comando Alleato di Ancona provvedeva alla ripartizione del pesce a tutti i Comandi in Italia (Napoli, Roma, Bologna, Venezia, Milano, ecc.)

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Ref: 5609/280/20

13 August 1946

Subject: Seizure by Yugoslav authorities
of Italian fishing boats.

Re: 5609/280/20

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With reference to my letters Ref. 5609/278/21 dated 9 August on
the above stated subject and 5611/45/2 dated 12 August on the subject of
fishing rights in the Adriatic, the information contained in Mr. Radjaka's
letter to me, 5612/45 dated 7 August has now been passed to the Italian
Government.

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FOR THE CHIEF OF BUREAU

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Navy Sub-Commission
Polad "A"
Polad "B"

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Ref. : 5609/279/EO

13 August 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to your letter No. 3/547 dated 20 May 46 on the subject of seizure by the Yugoslav Authorities of Italian fishing vessels:

Dr. Smoljan, the Acting Representative of Yugoslavia to the A.C.I., has advised this Commission that these vessels were seized by the Yugoslav Authorities as they were in territorial waters, and they will be disposed of in accordance with Yugoslav Law.

The crews will be released as soon as the regular procedure has been completed.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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

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Ref: 5609/273/53

9 August 1946

SUBJECT: Seizure by Yugoslav authorities
of Italian fishing boats.

TO : G-5 Section,
AMF.

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1. With reference to recent correspondence on the above
quoted subject, I enclose for your information a copy of letter
No. Br. 1122/46 dated 3 August 46 from Br. Medlen to the Allied
Commission.

2. This information has not been passed to the Italian
Government as the question of fishing rights in the Adriatic is
the subject of a further letter to your Headquarters.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Kennedy.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to : Navy S/C
Colad A
Colad B

Encl. Copy Br. 1122/46

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Ref. : 5609/277/30

7 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Seizure by Yugoslav Authorities of Italian Fishing Boats.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rome.

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1. With reference to your Memorandum No. 6/2644/1035 dated 3 July 46 on the above quoted Subject.

2. As the seizures by the Yugoslavs of the two vessels "ROKUSKAR" O, and O5 took place in BRITAIN in May 1945 before AEC was established there, it is regretted that it is not possible for the Allied Authorities to present this case.

3. If you wish to raise this matter direct with the Yugoslav Government, this Commission would be happy to transmit your Note.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

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Polad B
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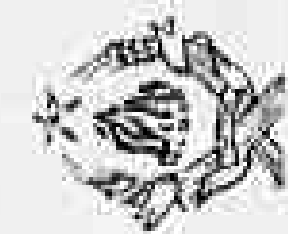
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JUGOSLAVENSKA DELEGACIJA
U SAVETODAVNOM VEĆU ZA ITALIJU

Br. 1122/46

AUG 6 1946

3 August 1946

Dear Admiral Stone, 206

With reference to your letters 5609/260/EC of 10 July 1946, and 5609/206/EC of 12 June 1946, concerning the seizure of Italian fishing vessels, I have the honour to inform you on behalf of the Yugoslav Government that according to the informations received from the local authorities, the ships have been seized in our territorial waters. It will be disposed with them in accordance with the dispositions of the Yugoslav law. The crews will be released as soon as the regular procedure will be terminated.

Yours Very Truly

Dr. S. Smolaka

DR. SLOVEN J. SMODLAKA,
Acting Representative of Yugoslavia
Advisory Council for Italy.

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Rear-Admiral
ELLERY W. STONE,
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Fishing vessels.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission, APO 794.
(Attn: Economic Commissioner). *267*

1. Reference your 5609/EC dated 24 July 46.

2. As the seizures by the Yugoslavs of the two vessels "SOCOPESCA" C4 and C5 took place in TRIESTE in May 1945 before AMG was established there, it is not consider that this is a matter which should be taken up by this Headquarters.

3. It is suggested that if the Italian Government desires to raise this matter after this lapse of time that they should do so on a diplomatic level, transmitting their Note through you in the usual way.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

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ROME.

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16 July, 1946.

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To : Allied Force Headquarters,
C.M.F.
From: Chief of Mission
Subject: Sequestration of Italian Fishing Boats
by Yugoslavia.

1. For your information I attach copies of our letters RE/16.04 dated 21 June to our European Regional Office in London, and their reply RE25/13/6, undated and received in Rome on 8 July.
2. We would appreciate being kept informed of further developments, and will advise you immediately in the event of our receiving any further information on this subject.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE

cc: UNRRA/AFHQ, Rome
Allied Commission, Rome ✓
Bureau R. & D.
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MEMBERDOLAN/jms.

cc: UNHRA/AFHQ, Rome ✓
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Office of the Chief of Mission

RD/16.04

To : UNHCR, European Regional Office, London
From: Chief of Mission
Subject: Sequestration of Italian fishing boats
by Yugoslavia.

1. Further to our cable 1590 of 28 May, on the subject of the detention by Yugoslav gunboats of ten Italian trawlers while the latter were reportedly legally fishing twenty-five miles from the Island of Lissa, I attach copies of three letters received from the Italian Government on this matter.

(3rd)

S.M. Keeny
Chief of Mission

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Ref. DG25/13/6

From: Assistant General Counsel
To : Mr. S.M. Keeny, Chief of UNRRA Mission to Italy
Subject: Sequestration of Italian fishing boats by
Yugoslavia.

1. With reference to your letter RD/16.04 of 21st June, enclosing copies of three letters received from the Italian Government on the subject of the detention of ten Italian trawlers, I have been in touch with the Foreign Office, who have assured me that strong representations are being made to the Yugoslav authorities in Belgrade, and they hope that a satisfactory result will be reached in the near future.
2. You should report any further development in this matter, or any future similar action on the part of the Yugoslavs, to A.F.H., who are actively interested in the affair.

(Sgnd) Arthur Cohen
Assistant General Counsel.

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From : Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Delegation for Relations with UNRRA,
ROME.

To : Mr. S.M. Keeny
Chief of UNRRA Italian Mission,
ROME.

Subject: Capture of Italian motor fishing smacks by the Yugoslav Govt.

As you already know, in the course of these last weeks, 10 fishing smacks of the S. Benedetto del Tronto fleet, whilst fishing in non-territorial waters, off the Dalmatian coast, without the slightest provocation on their part, were captured by the Yugoslav Government forces and the crews were interned.

This action, which is the latest of a long series of captures and acts of violence towards the fishing fleets from the Italian Adriatic ports, has caused deep disquietude amongst the fishing circles of the Adriatic, with serious consequences to the availabilities in fish for food, to which you have paid so much care and attention, for the purpose of improving the national food situation.

We wish to make perfectly clear to you the great hardship caused by the a/m acts on the part of the Yugoslav Government, so that you may use your influence with the Yugoslav Government for the prompt release of the motor fishing smacks and their crews.

Appropos of which, we remind you that some months ago, the Italian Government, as a sign of its appreciation of the work done by UNRRA offered a donation of 10,000 tons of salt for assistance in Yugoslavia. 5,000 tons of this assignment have already been withdrawn and handed over to Yugoslavia.

Considering the hostile actions of the Yugoslav Government which frustrate, in some measure, UNRRA's efforts to reestablish the food situation in Italy, we beg you to consider if it would not be indicated to send the remaining 5,000 tons to some other nation to whom UNRRA gives relief, unless the a/m Government alters its attitude and returns to us the fishing smacks and their crews.

Awaiting your kind reply.

(3rd) 5805
THE PRESIDENT
for Avv. Lodovico Montini
(Dr. Flores)

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From: The Ministero of Foreign Trade, Rome.

To : Mr. S.M. Keeny
Chief of UNRRA Italian Mission, Rome.

Dear Mr. Keeny,

With reference to the statement made yesterday by the representative of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to C.C.I.I., I beg to summarise the question of the Yugoslav motor fishing smacks to which the kind attention of UNRRA has already been drawn.

The Yugoslav Government sequestered arbitrarily the following Italian motor fishing smacks:

- a) During the occupation of Zara, Sebenico, Spalato and Fiume No. 34
- b) During the occupation of Trieste No. 12
- c) Smacks which sought shelter during storms in July-October.

- No. 19 of which 6 escaped and repatriated 13

- total number of smacks in the hands of Yugoslavs 61

- Captured on 19 May 10

Total 71

The latter smacks (of Ancona Department) were fishing on order of the Allied Authorities. Apart from the political side of the question which has already been brought to the attention of the British and U.S. Governments and of Admiral Stone, in view of the serious reaction in the Italian public opinion owing to these facts, I wish to point out to you the following:

a) If the expectations of the families of the sailors will not be met by releasing the latter and returning the smacks, it is obvious that fishing crews will not leave the harbours of the Adriatic to run the risk of exposing themselves to the danger of deeds of piracy. The consequences will tell on the difficult food situation of the Regions depending on the Adriatic.

b) Fishing is mainly carried out with material (nets, tackle, diesel ~~500~~ supplied by UNRRA. On the other hand UNRRA issues to the Yugoslav fishermen a corresponding quantity of fishing tackle, diesel oil, etc., further to 10,000 tons of salt supplied by the Italian Government.

In our opinion it is not fair that the Yugoslav fishermen should continue to enjoy the advantages granted by UNRRA and add to said advantages the fishing nets and tackle issued to Italy by UNRRA and stolen together with our boats.

We would be sincerely grateful, therefore, if UNRRA Italy informed UNRRA Yugoslavia that the assistance to the Yugoslav fishermen can be stopped if the Italian Fishermen and smacks are not released.

I beg to enclose a memorandum with the details concerning the fishing smacks sequestered and I will be grateful to you for anything you will do at the Main UNRRA H.Q. concerning this matter.

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/s/ De Gasperi

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From: Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

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ITALIAN MOTOR FISHING SMACKS CAPTURED
BY YUGOSLAVS ON 19 MAY 1946.

During the night from 18 to 19 May several Italian motor smacks were fishing in the Adriatic on order of Ancona Allied H.Q. at a 13-20 mile distance from the Dalmatian coast, therefore out of Yugoslav territorial waters.

Said smacks were approached by a Yugoslav warship (apparently a mine destroyer) with a numerous armed crew. Under the threat of weapons the Italian smacks, on which part of the armed Yugoslavs embarked, were headed to Yugoslav harbours. Three Italian motor smacks favoured by circumstances managed to escape and bear witness to the fact. The following remained in the hands of the Yugoslavs:

1.	ANTONIA MADRE	Hp.	220	San Benedetto Tronto
2.	LUIGI III	"	160	"
3.	SANTA RITA II	"	165	"
4.	NUOVA ROSINA	"	75	"
5.	AMBER	"	200	"
6.	LA VITTORIA	"	150	"
7.	LIVIA	"	100	Porto Civitanova
8.	GORGONA	"	200	Fano
9.	INTREPIDO	"	165	"
10.	PRIMAVERA	"	100	Porto San Giorgio

It must be borne in mind that the Yugoslav action was fore-planned, as the mine destroyer carried armed personnel in excess in order to form booty crews and that the action of a/m destroyer which began in the evening on 18th, was continued through all night until the morning on 19th.

cc:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 5609/80

24 July 1946

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian fishing vessels.

TO : G-5 Section U.S. Embassy
AFHQ. Rome.
British Embassy
Rome.

With reference to recent correspondence on the above-quoted subject.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has now advised this Commission that the Yugoslav Authorities have seized the fishing motor-boats "POPOVKA G.4" and "POPOVKA G.5" of gross displacement 17 tons, which were launched at the "Istria" (CARUGHERIA) shipyard in the early days of November 1944.

The above ships after their launching, were transferred by the Germans to Trieste and should have been equipped as corvette-boats, but, at the time of liberation they were found to be without engines.

The owner Bruno Bonetti & C. of Trieste, made a regular request for the a/m boats to the "Pomeria Olalca Romanda Trst" Via Cadorna 11, Trieste, who, on May 24th, 1945, put the boats in question at the owner's disposal.

During the night of May 24th/25th 1945, a tug-boat, flying the Yugoslav navy's flag, removed the aforesaid ships and towed them to an unknown destination. Since that time no further information about them has been received.

It is requested that this matter be taken up with the Yugoslav Authorities with a view to having these boats returned.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

(Copies to Embassies 5882
by Brig. Com.)
A/EC

Copy to: Navy S/C
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Polad "B"

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

COPY

Ref. : 5609/265/30

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17 July 1946

SUBJECT: Seizure by Yugoslav Authorities of Italian fishing boats.

TO : The Secretary General,
A.C.I.

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The enclosure to my letter no. 5609/262/30, dated 9 July 1946 was sent to you in error and the Chief Commissioner would be grateful if the copies circulated to members of the A.C.I. could be withdrawn from them.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref. 6609/265/RO.

15 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Seizure by Yugoslav Authorities of Italian Fishing boats.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

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Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum No. 6/2614/1035 dated 3 July 1946 on the above-quoted subject.

This information has been passed to the appropriate Allied Authorities.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

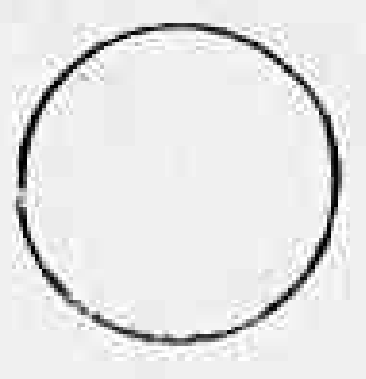
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Ref. : 5609/163/EG.

12 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Italian motor fishing vessels captured by the
Yugoslavs during May and June 1945.

TO : Ministry of Marine,
Rome.

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Reference your letter No. 254/UT on the above-quoted
subject addressed to the Navy Sub-Commission.

I have to inform you that the Allied Commission is taking
all possible action to obtain the restitution of these and other
ships and their crews held by the Yugoslav Authorities and to pre-
vent the re-occurrence of such acts.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W. HINDSMITH
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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to:- G-5 Section A.F.H.Q.,
POLAD 'A',
POLAD 'B',
Navy Sub-Commission.

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Ref. : 5609/262/31.

9 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Piratical Acts.

TO : The Secretary,
S.C.I.

I enclose for the information of the Advisory Council to Italy a copy of letter No. 5609/33 to AFHQ on the above-quoted subject.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl. As above.

*Sent at request
of Est Command
JMK*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

Ref. : 5609/260/EC.

9 July 1946.

Dear Dr. Smolaka,

With further reference to my letter No. 5609/206/EC dated 12 June 1946 on the subject of Italian fishing vessels seized in the Adriatic.

I now enclose a list containing the names of the boats together with the names of 93 of the crews.

If the facts stated in the above-quoted letter are true I would be grateful if you will kindly inform your Government in order that these ships and their crews may be repatriated without delay.

Yours Very Truly,

BILLY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Sloven J. Smolaka,
Deputy Representative of Yugoslavia to the
Advisory Council for Italy.

Copy to:- AFHQ for C-5 Section,
FOIAD 'A'
FOIAD 'B'
Navy Sub-Commission

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Ref. : 5609/239/20.

8 July 1946

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Vessels by Yugoslavs.

TO : C-3 Section,
A.S.S.C.

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With reference to recent correspondence under similar reference, I now enclose a list containing the names of 93 of the crews of the ten vessels that were seized on 19 May 1946.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Alay Kwisich
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encl. As above.

Copy to:- U.S. Embassy,
Mr. E. H. Hasty,
Navy Sub-Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION JUL 6 1946

SUBJECT: Seizure by Yugoslav Authorities of Italian fishing boats.

1. Further to previous memoranda on the same subject, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to bring to the knowledge of the Allied Commission that the Yugoslav Authorities have unlawfully seized the fishing motor-boats "SOCOPESCA C.4" and "SOCOPESCA C.5." gross displacement 32 tons, which have been launched at the shipyard "Istria" (Capodistria), in the early days of November 1944.
2. The above ships, which after their launching were transferred by the Germans to Trieste, should have been equipped as vedette-boats, but, when the Allied Forces liberated the city, they have been found still without motors, or armaments.
3. The owner Bruno Bonetti & Co, of Trieste, made, in course of time, a regular request for the a/m boats to the "Pomorsha Olalska Komanda Trst" of Trieste - Via Cadorna 11 - which, on May 24th, 1945, put the motor-boats in question at the owner's disposal.
4. During the night of May 24th and May 25th, 1945, a tug-boat, flying the Yugoslav navy's flag, removed the aforesaid ships from their location, towing them to an unknown destination. Since that time it has not been possible to have further informations about them.
5. As the a/m vessels are the property of a co-belligerent Nation, the Yugoslav Authorities are responsible of an arbitrary action which is to be added to the many others performed in the same field by the same Authorities.
6. The Allied Commission is kindly requested that the foregoing fishing motor-boats be included into the list of those ships of which Yugoslavia is due to make restitution to the Italian Government.

Rome, July 3rd, 1946.

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Rome, July 3rd, 1946.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 794

NSC/5248
6 July 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER:

Subject: Seizure of Italian Motor Fishing Vessels by the
Jugoslavs - Crew Lists. 256

Enclosure: (A) NOIC TRIESTE ltr. No. 8503/305 of 23rd
June 1946.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information and
any action deemed necessary.

W. F. Bahlmann
W. F. BAHLMANN
Comdr., USNR
For REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF ITALIAN VESSELS BY JUGOSLAVS *
CREW LISTS

From: The Naval Officer in Charge, Trieste.

Date: 23rd June, 1946. No. 8503/305

To : The Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy, Rome.
(Copy to: G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q., CMF.
British Political Adviser to AFHQ.
Allied Military Government, 13 Corps.
British Naval Representative, Belgrade.
"resident Naval Officer, Venice.
Joint Economic Committee, Headquarters.
Allied Military Government, 13 Corps.)

With reference to my letter No. 8228/345 dated 5th June, 1946, and A.F.H.Q.s signal timed 17.1214.B signed SACMED cite FHGEG, referring to the capture of Italian fishing vessels by Yugoslav authorities on 19th May, 1946, a copy is attached of a list received from Capitaneria di Porto, Ancona, giving the names of the crews of the ten vessels concerned.

/s/ C.S.D. Noakes
Captain.

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ELENCO NOMINATIVO DEI MARITTIMI IMBARCATI SUI MOTOPESCHERECCHI CATTURATI
DA UNITA' JUGOSLAVE LA MATTINA DEL 19 MAGGIO 1945 AL LARGO DELLE ISOLE
POMO E S. ANDREA DI LISSA.

COMPARTIMENTO MARITTIMO DI ANCONA

S. Benedetto del Tronto.

M/p "ANTONIA MADRE"

PALESTINI Giuseppe fu Antonio matr..... di Ancona.
MERLINI Luigi matr.31218, La Spezia, cl. 1892
QUONDAMATTEO, Federico, matr.20015 Ancona - cl.1914
FELINZIANI Alessandro matr.20134 Ancona cl.1920
FALACHETTI Vittorio di Andrea matr..... di Ancona.
FALASCHETTI Francesco di Andrea matr..... di Ancona.
BALLONI Luigi matr. 17973 di Ancona cl. 1920.
PEROTTI Sante matr. 19628 di Ancona cl. 1912.
MASSETTI Enrico, matr..... di Ancona.
CASELLI Giuseppe matr.19983 di Ancona cl.1920.
MIGNINI Domenico matr. 20692 di Ancona cl.1916.

M/p "S. RITA 2"

LATINI Federico matr. 14863 di Ancona cl.1902.
MESTICHELLI Vittorio matr. 71569 di Genova cl.1906.
SPALATRA Nicola matr.16913 di Ancona cl. 1907.
DE ANGELIS Raffaele matr. 19978 di Ancona cl.1904.
GUIDOTTI Luigi matr. 19774 di Ancona cl.1920.
FLAMINI Antonio matr. 18882 di Ancona cl. 1914.
POMPEI Giuseppe matr. 20608 di Ancona cl.1922.
BERGAMASCHI Domenico fu Pasquale matr. 25894/2 di Ancona cl.1925.
LIBERALI Natale matr. 18871 di Ancona cl. 1884.
CONSORTI Pietro matr. 17372 di Ancona cl. 1905.
LIBERALI Giuseppe matr. 19362 di Ancona cl. 1885.

M/p "LA VITTORIA"

OMICCIOLI Antonio matr. 15307 di Rimini cl. 1904.
LIBBI Giuseppe matr. 19661 di Ancona cl. 1911.
POMPEI Giuseppe matr. 16907 di Ancona cl. 1902.
BELLINI Oscar matr. 889 di Zara cl. 1909.
POLIANIARI Nicola matr. 20415 di Ancona cl. 1921.
MORE TI G. battista matr. 17665 di Ancona cl. 1899.
LIBERATI Nicola matr. 188801 di Ancona cl. 1885.
PAOLINI Cesare matr. 18440 di Ancona cl. 1890.
PALMA Luigi matr. 19431 di Ancona cl. 1916.
DIOMEDEI Giuseppe matr. 17664 di Ancona cl. 1900.
SPECIALLI Renato matr. 18088 di Ancona cl. 1903.

M/p "LUIGI3"

FIGNANI Nicola matr. 19915 di Ancona cl. 1915.
FISCALETTI Saverio matr. 20217 di Ancona cl. 1914.
PAOLINI Luigi fu Nicola.
MARIANGELI Salvatore matr. 17662 di Ancona cl. 1897.
RICCI Francesco matr. Ancona.
PAOLINI Nicola matr. 26395/2 di Ancona cl. 1928.

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PAOLINI Nicola matr. 26395/2 di Ancona cl. 1928.
ROMANI Benedetto matr. di Ancona.
LIBERATI Nicola matr. 17818 di Ancona cl. 1909.
PIGNATI Alfredo matr. di Ancona.
PIGNATI Francesco matr. 21270 di Ancona cl. 1925.

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M/p "NUOVA ROSINA"

MOSCA Renato matr. 20326 di Ancona cl. 1922
OLIVERI Pietro matr. 21349 di Ancona cl. 1903
MERLINI Luigi matr. 20197 di Ancona cl. 1919
PIGNATI Nicola matr. 18523 cl. 1889
TOMBOLINI Giuseppe matr. 24426/2 cl. 1919
MUGNANO Rocco matr. 19068 di Ancona cl. 1914
PIZZI Vincenzo matr. 20999 di Ancona cl. 1912

M/p "LIVIA"

MALCARI Carlo di Angelo matr. 20870 di Ancona cl. 1914
PAOLUCCI Arcangelo fu Pietro matr. di Ancona
PAOLUCCI Filippo di Arcangelo matr. di Ancona
MUGNANO Basso di Ceraldo
ROMANI Emilio matr. 18037 di Ancona cl. 1889
TREMAROLI Giovanni fu Romolo
PALESTINI Natale matr. 19467 di Ancona cl. 1892
PALESTINI Vitorio matr. 18773 di Ancona cl. 1897
MARZIALI Marino di Michele

M/p "AMBERA"

LUZZI Lanciotto matr. di Ancona
LUZZI Alvaro matr. di Rimini
PIGNATI Marino matr. 19284 di Ancona cl. 1907
RICCI Emidio matr. 17816 di Ancona cl. 1904
DEL ZOMPO Vincenzo di Giuseppe
PIATTONI Achille
TREVISANI Federico di Giuseppe
RE Leandro matr. 20868 di Ancona cl. 1923
SEBASTIANI Giuseppe matr. 2 di Ancona

PORTO S. GIORGIO

M/p "PRIMAVERA"

BALDASSARI Giuseppe Porto S. Giorgio
ROOCHI Marcello Porto S. Giorgio
STILENZI Dardo Porto S. Giorgio
URBANI Federico di Umberto Porto S. Giorgio
URBANI Federico di Vincenzo Porto S. Giorgio
FENNACCHIETTI Alcide S. Vito Chietino

M/p "GORGONA"

CENTOSCUDI Guido matr. Rimini
PELLEGRINI Alvaro matr. Rimini
MONTANARI Gino matr. Rimini
FERRI Vitorio matr. Rimini
FERRI Vincenzo matr. Rimini
MEI Alfio matr. Rimini
EALCIONI Mario matr. Rimini

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FERRI Vitorio matr. Rimini
FERRI Vincenzo matr. Rimini
MEI Alfio matr. Rimini
FALCIONI Mario matr. Rimini
LOMBARDI Giovanni matr. Rimini
MARINI Titovezio matr. Rimini
ROBERTI Mario matr. Rimini

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M/P "INTREPIDO I"

FRAUSINI Elio matr. Rimini
PAOLETTI Eusebio matr. Rimini
FRAUSINI Delfino matr. Rimini
LUCARELLI Paola matr. Rimini
FERRI Alfredo matr. Rimini
MONTESI Aldo matr. Rimini
FALCIONI Voturno matr. Rimini
ALEGI Agidno matr. Rimini
FERRI Guido matr. Rimini

(signed)

V° IL CAPITANO DI CORVETTA
Adetto al Controllo Pesca
(Ernesto DEBRAZZI)

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V° IL CAPITANO DI CORVETTA
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(Ernesto DEBRAZZI)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 794

NSC/5224
2 July 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER:

Subject: Italian motor fishing vessels captured by the
Jugoslavs during May and June 1945.

1. Confirming conversation between Commander BAHLMANN
and Captain KNISELY, a copy of the Ministry of Marine's letter
2345/UT dated 25th June 1946 is forwarded for information since its
contents has already been acted upon by the Executive Commissioner.

W. F. Bahlmann
W. F. BAHLMANN
Comdr., USNR

FOR: F. BAHLMANN,
Commander, USNR.

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From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : M.S.C. - A.C.
Date : 25th June, 1946.
Ref. : 2345/UT

Subject : Italian motor fishing vessels captured by the Jugoslavs during May and June 1945.

Reference is made to your letter NSO/4455 of 18th January, 1946 and to subsequent correspondence upon the subject.

You are informed that to date the Jugoslavs Authorities have not released the motor fishing vessels "SAN NICOLA" and "NUOVA MARIA" (captured in May 1945), "SANTA TERESA" (captured in June 1945) and "GIORGIO II" (captured on 9th October 1945).

In a like manner the Jugoslav Authorities are still detaining the crews of the motor fishing vessels "SAN NICOLA", "NUOVA MARIA", and "GIORGIO II".

It is requested that the Allied Commission may take renewed action to obtain the release of the four vessels and the crews which are still detained.

THE MINISTER.

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Ref. : 5609/251/EC.

2 July 1946.

Dear Dr. Smoljaka,

I would appreciate an acknowledgement to the Chief Commissioner's letter No. 5609/205/EC dated 12 June 1946 on the subject of the seizure of 10 Italian fishing vessels on 19 May.

Yours Very Truly,

MR. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Dr. Stoven J. Smoljaka,
Deputy Representative of Yugoslavia
to the Advisory Council for Italy.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **FE 68327**

Message Centre No: **H/4227**

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TO: **AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR CCE**

JUN 27 1946

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REFERENCE NAF 1158. THIS IS NAF 1168.

1. NAMES OF SHIPS STATED IN PARA 5 SHOULD BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS.
2. FOR VICKOVA ROJINA READ NUOVA ROSINA. FOR AMERA READ AMBRA. FOR GORGORA READ GORGONA

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ACTION: **EX COMMISSIONER 2**

INFO: **CHIEF COMMISSIONER**

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MY SIGNAL NUMBER THREE SEVEN NINE SEVEN OF TWO ZERO JUNE REPEATED PD
 QUOTE PD MY SIGNAL NUMBER THREE FIVE NINE EIGHT OF ONE ONE JUNE TO YOU REPEATED PD
 QUOTE PD THREE FIVE NINE EIGHT PD REPEATED YOUR REPEATED LETTER OF ONE ZERO JUNE
 ON KROSLAV STRATICAL AGES AND PARAGRAPH SIX OF SIGNAL TO CHARLES CHARLES
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NICHOLAS FLORENO
 CWO USA
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M. S. LUSH

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 918.30

18 June 1946

JUN 19 1946

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Ships by Yugoslavs

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

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Reference your 5609/EC of 4 June.
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RAF 1158 to G-5 copy to you was despatched in connection
with the questions raised by your letter 5609/EC of 4 June. You
will be kept informed of any developments.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

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W. L. Morgan
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MY SIGNAL NUMBER THREE FIVE NINE EIGHT OF ONE ONE JUNE TO YOU REPEATED PD
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 ON YUGOSLAV PIRATICAL MTS AND PARAGRAPH SIX OF ENCLOSED SIGNAL TO CHARLIE CHARLIE
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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
 CWO USA
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Ref. : 5609/245/ED

19 June 1946.

My dear Mons. McGeough,

I have to thank you for your letter No. 127250/34 dated 6 June concerning the seizure, by Yugoslav Authorities, of ten Italian fishing vessels off the coast of Dalmatia.

I have to inform you that the Allied Commission is fully aware of this incident and has taken appropriate action with the proper Authorities.

Yours very truly,
A. W. Kniskern.

Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

Rt. Rev. Mons. Joseph B. McGeough
Secretariat of State of His Holiness
Vatican City

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CORRECTION IN NAMES OF SHIPS WAS SIGNALLED TO YOU BY SIGNAL NUMBER THREE FIVE ONE EIGHT
ON ONE ONE FIVE BUT ERROR REPEATED IN MAP ONE ONE FIVE EIGHT PD

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1. APART FROM SALPA, WHICH WAS ON VOYAGE BETWEEN 2 AMG CONTROLLED PORTS AND WAS THEREFORE A SPECIAL CASE REPEATED REPORTS HAVE REACHED ALLIED COMMISSION SINCE JUNE 1945 OF SEIZURE OR DISAPPEARANCE OF ITALIAN VESSELS IN ADRIATIC. IN MOST CASES VESSELS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY JUGOSLAV AND IN OTHERS THEY HAVE FAILED TO RETURN AFTER LEAVING ITALIAN ADRIATIC PORTS. A LIST GIVING THE NAMES OF 27 OF SUCH VESSELS FOLLOWS BY BAG?.
2. VARIOUS OF THESE INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP WITHOUT RESULT WITH JUGOSLAV DELEGATE ON ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED TO BRITISH AND US EMBASSIES. BRITISH AMBASSADORS LETTER TO FOREIGN OFFICE NUMBER 258 OF 14 MAY REFERS TO THIS SUBJECT.
3. ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ALLEGES THAT 11 OF THESE VESSELS IN QUESTION WERE SEIZED ON ORDER OF JUGOSLAV MARITIME INSPECTORATE OF FIUME AS A REPRISAL FOR ALLEGED REQUISITIONING BY BRITISH OF JUGOSLAV VESSELS SVIR AND LABOR. SVIR WAS IN FACT REQUISITIONED IN ERROR BUT WAS DE-REQUISITIONED ON 23 MAY 46. LABOR WAS NEVER REQUISITIONED. BOTH VESSELS ARE NOW IN AMG OR ITALIAN CONTROLLED PORTS AND FREE TO RETURN TO JUGOSLAVIA BUT THEIR CAPTAINS REFUSE TO SAIL AND OWNERSHIP IS IN DOUBT. JUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN FULLY INFORMED OF SITUATION THROUGH VENEZIA GIULIA JOINT ECONOMICS COMMITTEE BUT HAVE AS YET FAILED TO PRODUCE PROOF OF JUGOSLAV OWNERSHIP. NO ACTION HAS THEREFORE BEEN TAKEN FORCIBLY TO RETURN VESSELS. IN MY VIEW SITUATION IN REGARD TO THESE 2 VESSELS IS NO EXCUSE FOR CONDUCT OF JUGOSLAWS.
4. FOREGOING IS BACKGROUND OF SITUATION WHICH HAS NOW BEEN BROUGHT TO A HEAD BY SEIZURE ON 19 MAY 46 BY A JUGOSLAV NAVAL VESSEL OF A FURTHER 10 VESSELS NOT INCLUDED IN NUMBERS GIVEN IN PARAS 1 AND 3 ABOVE WHICH HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A STRONG PROTEST BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO ALLIED COMMISSION.

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5. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REPORT THE 10 VESSELS WERE SEIZED BETWEEN 0200 HOURS AND 0900 HOURS ON 19 MAY 7 MILES OFF LISSA GROUP OF ISLANDS WHEN WELL OUTSIDE JUGOSLAV TERRITORIAL WATERS AND FORCED TO PROCEED TO EITHER CATTARO OR SPLIT. SEIZED VESSELS ARE ANTONIO MADRE-LA VITTORIA-VICKOVA ROJINA-LUIGI THIRD-SAN RITA SECOND ALL REGISTERED SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO LIBIA OF PORTO CIVITANOVA AMERA AND PRIMA VERA BOTH OF PORTO SAN GIORGIO AND GORGORA AND INTREPIDO BOTH OF PANO.
6. JUGOSLAV NAVAL VESSEL WAS APPARENTLY WORKING TO A PRE-ARRANGED PLAN SINCE IT CARRIED SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO FORM ARMED PRIZE CREWS FOR THE SEIZED SHIPS. IT IS REPORTED TO HAVE OPENED FIRE ON NIGHT OF 18/19 MAY AND TO HAVE CONTINUED UNTIL FOLLOWING MORNING WHEN ITALIAN VESSEL SURRENDERED.
7. AN ALLIED NAVAL PATROL HAS NOW BEEN INSTITUTED IN THAT PART OF ADRIATIC IN WHICH ITALIAN FISHING AND COASTAL VESSELS NORMALLY OPERATE.
8. CONSIDERATION HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATORY ACTION BY DETAINING JUGOSLAV VESSELS IN ITALIAN AND ALLIED CONTROLLED PORTS INCLUDING THE 2 VESSELS REFERRED TO IN PARA 3 ABOVE. I AM HOWEVER OPPOSED TO SUCH POLICY ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD WEAKEN OUR POSITION AND FURTHER AGGRAVATE SITUATION. I CONSIDER MOREOVER THAT DETENTION OF SVIR AND LABOR IN VIEW OF THEIR DISPUTED OWNERSHIP WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INEXPEDIENT BECAUSE IF THE JUGOSLAVS AGREED TO OUR DEMANDS WE MIGHT FIND OURSELVES IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO HAND THEM OVER AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE OWNERS.
9. FOR REASONS GIVEN IN PARA 4 OF NAF 1133 AND IN VIEW OF ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE ITALIAN MERCHANT MARINE UNDER THE CUNNINGHAM-DE COURTEN AGREEMENT I CONSIDER THAT STRONG AND SPEEDY ACTION ON A COMBINED GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL IS REQUIRED. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT:
(A) A PROTEST IN STRONGEST TERMS SHOULD BE LODGED WITH BELGRADE GOVERNMENT AGAINST

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SEIZURE OR THE VESSELS REFERRED TO IN PARAS 4 TO 6 ABOVE ACCOMPANIED BY A DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE RETURN OF ALL ITALIAN VESSELS AND CREWS THE LEGALITY OF WHOSE DETENTION CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED AND FOR AN ASSURANCE THAT NO FURTHER ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING WILL OCCUR IN FUTURE.

(B) FULL PUBLICITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THESE LAWLESS ACTS ON THE PART OF THE JUGOSLAWS.

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REFERENCE YOUR UNNUMBERED LETTER OF TEN JUNE ON YUGOSLAV PIRATICAL ACTS ~~ONE~~ AND
 PARAGRAPH SIX OF ENCLOSED SIGNAL TO CHARLIE CHARLIE SUGAR PD
 THIRD VESSEL SHOWN AS VILKOMA ROVINA SHOULD READ NUOVA ROSINA PD SEVENTH VESSEL SHOWN
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NICHOLAS PINOBBINO
 CWO USA
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Capt. Kennedy

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COL. F. G. A. PARSONS
G-5, AFHQ, CMF

10 June 1946

Dear Sir

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Enclosed is a signal to CCS which is being circulated here with a staff study on the Piratical activities of the Jugoslavs in the Adriatic.

In view of the conflict of dates and details given to you and to the Embassy I should be glad if you would check the facts as set out in the signal and confirm to me that they are substantially correct.

At the moment the Staff Study is in the concurrence stage which I hope will be completed tonight (Monday). If you would telephone your confirmation of the signal, it will enable me to dispatch it without delay after concurrence is complete.

Yours Sincerely,

BRIE W. S. LUSH, CB, MC,
Allied Commission,
APO 791.

Confirmed that facts are substantially correct.
Suggested saying that prisoners had been
taken to SPALIT or CATTARO and confirmed
that group of adams was LISSA and
LISSA or LISSIN 5776
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REFLECTIONS

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INFO : CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR PCS ALCOH HOME CING MED MAIN XIII CORPS

1. Reference my NAF 1133.

2. Apart from SALPA, which was on voyage between two AMG controlled ports and was therefore a special case, repeated reports have reached Allied Commission since June 1945 of seizure or disappearance of Italian vessels in Adriatic.

In most cases vessels are known to have been seized by Jugoslavs and in others they have failed to return after leaving Italian Adriatic ports. A list giving the names of 27 of such vessels follows by bag.

2. Various of these incidents have been taken up without result with Yugoslav delegate on Advisory Council for Italy and with Yugoslav representatives on Venezia Giulia Joint Economic Committee. They have also been reported to British and U.S. Embassies. British Ambassador's letter to Foreign Office No. 254 of 14 May refers to this subject.

4. Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs alleges that 11 of the vessels in question were seized on order of Yugoslav Maritime Inspectorate of Fiume as a reprisal for alleged requisitioning by British of Yugoslav vessels SVIR and LAHOR. SVIR was in fact requisitioned in error but was de-requisitioned on 23 May 46. LAHOR was never requisitioned. Both vessels are now in Italian or AMG controlled ports and free to return to Yugoslavia but their captains refuse to sail and ^{are in doubt} ~~are in doubt~~. Yugoslav Authorities have been fully informed of situation through Venezia Giulia Joint Economic Committee but have as yet failed to produce proof of Yugoslav ownership. No action has therefore been taken forcibly to return vessels. ^{3/13} In my view situation in regard to these two vessels is NO excuse for conduct of Yugoslavs.

5. Foregoing is background of situation which has now been brought to a head by seizure on 19 May 46 by a Yugoslav naval vessel of a further 10 vessels NOT included in numbers given in paras 2 and 4 above which have been the subject of a strong protest by Italian Government to Allied Commission.

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6. According to Italian Government report, the 10 vessels were seized between 0200 hrs and 0900 hours on 19 May 7 miles off LISSA group of Islands, when well outside Yugoslav Territorial waters and forced to proceed to CATTARO. Seized

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vessels are ANTONIA MADRE - LA VITTORIA - VICKOVA ROJMA - LUIGI THIRD - SAN RITA
SECOND all registered SAN BENEDETTO DEL TIGLIO, LIDIA OF PORTO CIVITANOVA, AMERA
and PRIMA VERA both of PORTO SAN GIORGIO, GONGORA and INTREPIDO both of PANO.

7. Jugoslav naval vessel was apparently working to a pre-arranged plan since it carried sufficient personnel to form armed prize crews for the seized ships. It is reported to have opened fire on night 18/19 May and to have continued until following morning when Italian vessels surrendered.

8. Incident was briefly reported to Foreign Office by British Ambassador in his letter No. 284 of 24 May but full details have only just been received. In that letter the incident was reported to have taken place on 12 May and involved 12 vessels. Now confirmed from Italian Ministry of Marine that details of incident were in fact as stated in paras 5 to 7 above.

9. An Allied Naval patrol has now been instituted in that part of Adriatic in which Italian fishing and coastal vessels normally operate, but it is doubtful whether it will achieve its maximum effect unless full publicity is given to this measure.

10. Consideration has also been given to the possibility of retaliatory action by detaining Yugoslav vessels in Italian and Allied controlled ports, including the two vessels referred to in para 4 above. I am however opposed to such a policy on the grounds that it would weaken our position and further aggravate situation. I consider moreover that detention of SVIR and LABOR, in view of their disputed ownership, would be particularly inexpedient because, if the Yugoslavs agreed to our demands, we might find ourselves in the position of having to hand them over against wishes of the owners.

11. For reasons given in para 4 of NAF 1133 and in view of CINC MED'S responsibilities as controller of the Italian Navy and Merchant Marine under the CUMMINGHAM - DE COUTERM Agreement, I consider that strong and speedy action on a combined governmental level is required.

I therefore recommend that:-

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(B) Full publicity should be given to behaviour of Jugoslavs and to measures described in para 9 above.

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Vatican City, June 6, 1946

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N. 127250/SA

Dear Sir:

The good offices of the Secretariat of State have been requested for the purpose of bringing to the kind attention and consideration of the proper Allied Authorities the enclosed documents concerning the reported seizure of ten Italian fishing vessels off the coast of Dalmatia.

According to the enclosed, these boats and all aboard, a total of about one hundred men, were seized by Yugoslav naval elements. To the great distress of the families of these men, no further word has been received as to what may have happened to them.

In response to the urgent appeals of the families involved, the Secretariat of State takes the liberty to recommend these documents to the attention of the competent Allied Authorities. Your kind assistance in transmitting this matter to the appropriate authorities will be greatly appreciated.

Officer in Charge
Liaison Division
A.C. Headquarters
Via Veneto, Rome.

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With sentiments of high esteem, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph P. McGeough

Rt. Rev. Mons. Joseph P. McGeough
Secretariat of State of His Holiness

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PROMEMORIA RELATIVO ALLA CATTURA DI N. 10 MOTOPESCHERECCI DELLE BASI DI S. BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO - PORTO S. GIORGIO - PORTO CIVITANOVA E FANO DA PARTE DI UNITA' DA GUERRA DELLA MARINA JUGOSLAVA.

Alle ore 14 del giorno 19 maggio 1946 è rientrato a S. Benedetto del Tronto il motopeschereccio "MARIS STELLA" iscritto al Compartimento Marittimo di Imperia al N. 19 - Armatore S. Giacomo Pilade - di base abituale a S. Benedetto del Tronto, che ha portata la notizia della cattura di motopescherecci nazionali, da parte di una unità da guerra della marina jugoslava, nella zona fra scoglio Pomo, Isola di S. Andrea di Lissa, costa Dalmata, avvenuta nella notte sulla domenica 19 maggio 1946 e nella mattina dello stesso giorno.

Nella serata di domenica 19 maggio 1946, il marittimo Mosca Antonio, imbarcato sul motopeschereccio "S. Vincenzo" di base a Giulianova, è rientrato in famiglia a S. Benedetto del Tronto ed ha confermato tale notizia.

Sia il Capitano del "Maris Stella" che il Marittimo Mosca Antonio, hanno fatta una dichiarazione di quello che hanno veduto e di quanto hanno fatto, dichiarazioni che si allegano al presente promemoria.

Il Capitano di "Maris Stella" ha anche deposto presso il R. Ufficio Marittimo locale, mentre il Marittimo Mosca Antonio ha fatto deposizione presso il Comando della R. Capitaneria di Porto di Ancona, ove è stato condotto dal sottoscritto la mattina del 20 maggio 1946.

Alla presente si allega anche una dichiarazione fatta dal Capitano del Mp "Luigi II" - Palestini Alberto. Anche questo marittimo ha deposto presso il R. Ufficio Marittimo locale.

Dalle deposizioni fatte si rileva che:

- 1°) - I motopescherecci in questione si trovavano fuori delle acque territoriali jugoslave.
- 2°) - L'unità da guerra jugoslava (dragamine) ha operato su un piano prestabilito, in quanto aveva a bordo personale armato sufficiente per costituire molti equipaggi di preda.
- 3°) - La predetta unità, allo scopo di non farsi sfuggire i motopescherecci ha impiegato, con equipaggi di preda, i primi motopescherecci catturati per proseguire nei rastrellamenti.
- 4°) - Tali rastrellamenti sono iniziati nella serata inoltrata del sabato e proseguiti, mediante inseguimenti, nella mattinata della domenica.

5°) - Le unità peschereccio catturate sono state convogliate nel porto di Spalato.

6°) - Il totale, attualmente a conoscenza, delle unità catturate risulterebbe di dieci motopescherecci, e ci si riserva di segnalare eventuali variazioni, che potranno essere soltanto in aumento.

Tale cattura, avvenuta in acque di diritto internazionale, genera un grave atto di pirateria.

Le unità peschereccio hanno seguiti a effettuare la pesca in zona a levante della mezzogiorno del Mare Adriatico, in quanto in tali zone si può pescare pesce di maggior valore, quale il merluzzo, che per contratto debitamente firmato fra Armatori e Comandante Alleato di Ancona, veniva in massima parte consegnato al predetto Comandante, che provvedeva a fornire parte ai motopescherecci della base di S. Benedetto del Tronto, in ragione di

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Dalle deposizioni fatte si rileva che;

- 1°) - I motopescherecci in questione si trovavano fuori delle acque territoriali jugoslave.
- 2°) - L'unità da guerra jugoslava (draganine) ha operato su un piano prestabilito, in quanto aveva a bordo personale armato sufficientemente per costituire molti equipaggi di preda
- 3°) - La predetta unità, allo scopo di non farsi sfuggire i motopescherecci ha impiegato, con equipaggi di preda, i primi motopescherecci catturati per proseguire nei rastrellamenti
- 4°) - Tali rastrellamenti sono iniziati nella serata inoltrata del sabato e proseguiti, mediante inseguimenti, nella mattinata della domenica
- 5°) - Le unità peschereccio catturate sono state convogliate nel porto di Spalato
- 6°) - Il totale, attualmente a conoscenza, delle unità catturate risulterebbe di dieci motopescherecci, e ci si riserva di segnalare eventuali variazioni, che potranno essere soltanto in aumento.

Tale cattura, avvenuta in acque di diritto internazionale, denota un palese atto di pirateria.

Le unità peschereccio hanno sempre effettuato la pesca in zona a levante della mezzogiorno del Mare Adriatico, in quanto in tali zone si può pescare pesce di maggior valore, quale il merluzzo, che per contratto legalmente firmato fra Armatori e Comando Alleato di Ancona, veniva in massima parte consegnato al predetto Comando, che provvedeva a fornire nautica ai motopescherecci della base di S. Benedetto del Tronto, in ragione di

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Kg 4 per ogni esilogrammo di merluzzi ceduto.

Allo stato attuale delle cose, nella base di S. Benedetto del Tronto, mancano all'appello ben dieci grossi unità pescherecce, con 96 marittimi.

Tale fatto costituisce le ragioni di un quasi totale paralimento dell'industria della pesca, che porta con sé il parimento di tutte le industrie collegate e del commercio sia locale che nazionale, al quale ultimo la base peschereccia di S. Benedetto del Tronto dà un notevole contributo, oltre a mettere moltissime famiglie in condizioni precarie di sostentamento.

S. Benedetto del Tronto lì 21 Maggio 1946

per

L'ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI MOTOPESCHERECCI

DI S. BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO

IL RAPPRESENTANTE DEL GRATO

Fto) Carlo Mario Pulcini

ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI MOTOPESCHERECCI

SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO

Copia del presente promemoria è stata consegnata il mattino del 22 c.m. all'O.C.-R.A.S.C. 211 A R E A (Ancona) con il quale, singolarmente, gli Armatori di Motopescherecci di base attuale S. Benedetto del Tronto hanno firmato un contratto scritto circa un mese e mezzo fa, a mezzo del Mercato all'ingrosso del pesce di S. Benedetto del Tronto, impegnandosi di fornire una forte percentuale sul pescato di ogni unità, particolarmente di merluzzi: il predetto Comando Alleato forniva Kg 4 di nafta per ogni Kg. di merluzzi acquistato.

Il Comando Alleato di Ancona provvedeva alla ripartizione del pesce a tutti i Comandi in Italia (Napoli, Roma, Bologna, Venezia, Milano, ecc.)

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ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI MOTOPESCHERECCI
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COPIA CONFORME DELLA DICHIARAZIONE DEL PADRONE DEL LP. "LUIGI II" BASE
S. BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO - RIENTRATO AL MATTINO DEL 21 MAGGIO 1946 -
SFUGGITO ALLA CATTURA.

Dichiaro, sotto la mia responsabilità, quanto segue:

"Alle ore 0430 circa del 19 mi trovavo in posizione circa a
miglia 18 per Nord-Est dal centro dell'allineamento Pomo-S. Andrea, cioè
a circa 20 miglia dalla costa delle isole dalmate, e con prua diretta
verso costa, a lentissimo moto, stavo scegliendo il pesce pescato. Im-
provvisamente ho visto dirigere verso di me, controbordo, una unità da
guerra (dragamine).

Tale unità mi è sfilata di controbordo sulla dritta alla di-
stanza di circa 400 metri ed ha proseguito la rotta in fuori, senza dir-
mi nulla.

Verso terra ho visto allora due motopescherecci quasi affian-
cati e fermi, di cui uno salpava.

Impensierito di questa insolita manovra, ho pensato che qual-
cosa di anormale stava succedendo ed ho allora deciso di salpare defini-
vamente ed a mezza forza, in attesa di eventi, ho diretto prima verso S.
Andrea e quindi accostando ulteriormente a dritta, verso Pomo.

Ad un certo momento ho visto i motopescherecci che erano verso
costa dirigersi verso di me ed allora intuendo che venivano a catturarmi
(mi ero convinto che tutte le manovre erano derivate da azione di cattura)
ho messo a tutta forza e lasciando Pomo a sinistra, ho diretto per la co-
sta italiana.

Messomi in totale franchia dal pericolo, ho cambiato zona di
pesca e sono quindi rientrato a S. Benedetto il mattino del 21 corrente.

In tale base ho avuto la conferma della cattura degli altri pe-
scherecci.

Durante la manovra di disimpegno eseguita, il dragamina si
era spostato fuori vista a nord, ed io vedevo il solo fumo di tale unità.
Da quanto mi è parso di vedere, nella zona si trovavano cin-
que o sei motopescherecci che però non ho potuto distinguere.

21 Maggio 1946

IL PADRONE DEL LUIGI II
Fto Palestini Alberto

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Per copia conforme
IL RAPPRESENTANTE DELEGATO
DELL'ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI
MOTOPESCHERECCI S. BENEDETTO
Fto) Carlo Mario Pulcini

ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI MOTOPESCHERECCI
SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO

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DICHIARAZIONE DEL CAPO PESCA DEL MOTOPESCHERECCIO "S. VINCENTO" ISCRITTO
AL REGISTRO GALLEGGIANTI DI GIULIANOVA AL NUMERO 52 - DI BASE A GIULIA-
NOVA - CATTURATO IL MATTINO DEL 20 FUORI ACQUE TERRITORIALI JUGOSLAVE DA
UN DRAGAMINE JUGOSLAVO E RIUSCITO A FUGGIRE DOPO UN INSEGUIMENTO.

Dichiaro sotto la mia responsabilità quanto segue:

"Ci trovavamo in pesca nella zona a 12-13 miglia a Nord di Pomo
ed a circa 20 miglia dalla costa dalmata alle ore 0600 del giorno 20 mag-
gio.

A tale ora avvistammo una unità da guerra (dragamine) che dirige-
va verso di noi, provenienza da terra.

Salpammo la rete, e terminata tale operazione il dragamine giunse
sottobordo.

Vedemmo subito a poppa dell'unità una trentina di marittimi di mo-
topescherecci. Il personale della plancia del dragamine, senza profferire
parola, ci fece cenno di dirigere verso la costa e allora noi, a tutta
forza, dirigemmo verso le bocche di Spalato, in direzione di un gruppo
di motopescherecci che si trovavano in rotta verso tali bocche.

Il dragamine diresse verso sud, per la cattura di altro motopesche-
reccio.

Giungemmo nel gruppo dei motopescherecci e data la nostra velocità
ben presto ci trovammo in testa.

Ci seguiva il "S. Rita II", sul quale, come sugli altri, era nel
personale jugoslavo armato.

Seguitando la navigazione, noi ed il S. Rita ci trovammo alquan-
to distanziati dagli altri motopescherecci.

Ad un certo momento il S. Rita ha invertito la rotta dirigendosi
verso gli altri motopesca; abbiamo subito approfittato per guadagnare al-
tro cammino, accostando man mano verso nord fino ad allontanarci di cir-
ca due-tre mila metri; subito dopo, dal gruppo, si staccò un motopesca,
che non riuscimmo a distinguere, che ci inseguì a tutta forza.

L'inseguimento seguì per circa trenta miglia, dopo di che l'in-
seguitore desistette dalla caccia e fummo liberi di rientrare a Giuliano-
va.

Durante il rientro incontrammo quattro motopesca diretti alla pe-
sca e cercammo inutilmente di raggiungerli per avvertirli dell'accaduto.

Giungemmo a Giulianova alle ore 2030 del 20 maggio 1940

IL CAPO PESCA DEL S. VINCENTO

Ffo) Antonio Mosca 5787

per copia conforme

IL RAPPRESENTANTE DELEGATO
DELL'ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI
MOTOPESCHERECCI S. BENEDETTO

Ffo) Carlo Mario Pulcini

ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI MOTOPESCHERECCI
SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO

DICHIARAZIONE DEPOSITATA AL R. UFFICIO MARITTIMO LOCALE DI S. BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO DAL PADRONE DEL MOTOPESCHERECCIO "MARIS STELLA" - BASE S. BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO - RIENTRATO IL 21 MAGGIO 1946 ALLE ORE 14 SFUGGITO ALLA CATTURA.

Al R. Ufficio del Porto di
S. Benedetto del Tronto

Io sottoscritto Bracaletti Pietro, Padrone Marittimo, al Comando del M5. Maris Stella, iscritto al Compartimento Marittimo di Imperia, col N. 19, armatore Giacomo Pilade, porto a conoscenza quanto segue:

"Oggi alle ore 0500 circa (alle prime luci dell'alba) trovandomi in pesca col denominato peschereccio in Adriatico nelle vicinanze dello scoglio Pomo, precisamente in lat. 43°20'N. e long. 15°36'. E unitamente ad altri pescherecci che si trovavano a circa 4 miglia da me, verso la costa jugoslava, avvistavo alla distanza di circa 10 miglia per gradi 60 un cacciatorpediniere che subito intruivo fosse jugoslavo (tipo vecchio ad un funaiolo) il quale inseguiva un peschereccio con rotta 225°.

A quella vista ordinò, per precauzione, di salpare la rete.

Mentre si effettuava detta manovra vedevo che il cacciatorpediniere aveva fermato il peschereccio e dirigeva la prora su di un altro peschereccio con rotta NW.

Ritenuto necessario allontanarsi al più presto possibile per non essere presi dal cacciatorpediniere, appena tirato a bordo la rete, faccio rotta alla volta dello scoglio Pomo con il motore al massimo sforzo approfittando del crepuscolo fra il 2° ed il 3° quadrante ed occultandomi su detto scoglio assistevo al rastrellamento dei quattro pescherecci.

Non ho potuto conoscere l'identità dei detti pescherecci.

Faccio relazione a codesto Ufficio acciò che questo possa prendere provvedimenti in merito.

IL PADRONE AL COMANDO
Fto) Bracaletti Pietro

Firma testimonio
Fto) Paci Benedetto

Per copia conforme
IL RAPPRESENTANTE DELEGATO
DELL'ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI
MOTOPESCHERECCI S. BENEDETTO
Fto) Carlo Mario Fulcini

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ELENCO DEI MOTOPESCHERECCI CATTURATI DALLA UNITA' JUGOSLAVA NELLA
NOTTE TRA SABATO 18 E DOMENICO 19 MAGGIO 1946 - DELLA BASE DI SAN
BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO E ALTRI PORTI VICINIORI

1°) - ANTONIA MADRE	- HP.	220	- Armatore	Pratelli ROSETTI - S. Ben. Tronto
2°) - LUIGI III°	- "	160	- "	Pratelli PISCALETTI " "
3°) - S. RITA II°	- "	165	- "	Costantini & Traini " "
4°) - NUOVA ROSINA	- "	75	- "	Pratelli MERLINI " "
5°) - AMBRA	- "	200	- "	CANDUCCI Pietro " "
6°) - LA VITTORIA	- "	150	- "	MURANI & Compagni " "
7°) - LIVIA	- "	100	- "	PAOLUCCI Arcangelo - P.to Civitan.
8°) - GORGONA	- "	200	- "	BENVENUTI Gaetano - Fano
9°) - INTREPIDO II°	- "	165	- "	GIAMMATTEI & C. - "
10°) - PRILAVERA	- "	100	- "	COTECHINI Duilio - P.to S. Giorgio

Ci si riserva di comunicare eventuali variazioni, nel caso al-
tri motopescherecci di S. Benedetto del Tronto e porti vicini non rien-
trino alla scadenza prevista.

21 maggio 1946

per

L'ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI S. BENEDETTO
IL RAPPRESENTANTE DELEGATO
Eto) Carlo Mario Pulcinì)

ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI MOTOPESCHERECCI
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Allegato N. 1

Motopeschereccio "ANTONIA MADRE"

iscritto al Compartimento Marittimo di Ancona al Numero 912 stazza
loria tonnellate 61.100 - potenza Hp. 220
Armatore : Fratelli ROSETTI - S. Benedetto del Tronto
Base abituale : S. Benedetto del Tronto

EQUIPAGGIO IMBARCATO ALLA CATTURA

Padrone : PALESTINI Giuseppe fu Antonio
Motorista : MASSETTI Enrico di Giuseppe
Bassa forza : MERLINI Luigi fu Ugolino
PALASCHETTI Francesco di Andrea
PALASCHETTI Vittorio di Andrea
PEROTTI Sante di Ernesto
CASELLI Giuseppe di Domenico
FELIZIANI Alessandro di Giuseppe
CONTENATTO Federico di Emidio
BALLONI Luigi di Giuseppe
Mignini Domenico di Pasquale

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Allegato N. 2

Motopeschereccio "LUIGI III"

iscritto al Compartimento Marittimo di Ancona al numero 925
stazza lorda tonnellate 63.40 - potenza Hp. 160
Armatore : Fratelli FISCALOTTI - S. Benedetto del Tronto
Base abituale : S. Benedetto del Tronto

EQUIPAGGIO IMPARCATO ALLA CATTURA

Padrone:	PIGNATI Nicola di Cesare
Capo Pesca:	PAOLINI Luigi fu Nicola
Motorista:	PISCALETTI Saverio di Matteo Nicola
Bassa forza:	PIGNATI Raffaele fu Bernardino
	PIGNATI Francesco fu Luigi
	BUCCI Francesco fu Luigi
	MARINANGELI Salvatore fu Emidio
	LIPERATI Nicola di Benedetto
	PAOLINI Nicola di Nestorano
	ROMANI Benedetto di Nicola

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Allegato M. 3

Motopeschereccio "S. RITA III"

iscritto al Compartimento di Ancona al numero 786
stazza lorda tonnellate 47,5 - potenza HP. 165
Armatore : COSTANTINI & TRAINI - S. Benedetto del Tronto
Base abituale : S. Benedetto del Tronto

EQUIPAGGIO IMBARCATO ALLA CATTURA

Padrone LATINI Federico fu Egilio
Capo pesca SPALTERA Nicola fu Guglielmo
Motarista MUSTICHIELLI Vittorio di Giuseppe
Bassa forza GUIDOTTI Luigi di Andrea
Liberati Natale fu Gioacchino
CONSORTI Pietro di Mazzareno
DE ANGELIS Raffaele di Filippo
LIBERATI Giuseppe fu Vincenzo
FLAMMINI Antonio di Giuseppe
BERGAMASCHI Domenico fu Giovanni
POMPEI Giuseppe di Gabriele

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Allegato N. 4

Motopeschereccio "NUOVA ROSINA"

iscritto al Compartimento Marittimo di Antona al numero 906
stazza lorda tonnellate 25 - potenza Hp. 75
Armatore: Fratelli Mazzareno & Giuseppe MERLINI - S. Benedetto
del Trento

Base abituale: S. Benedetto del Trento

EQUIPAGGIO IMBARCATO ALLA CATTURA

Padrone MOSCA Renato di Domenico
Capo pesca OLIVIERI Pietro fu Federico
Motorista MERLINI Giuseppe fu Andrea
Bassa forza PIGNATI Nicola fu Giuseppe
TOMBOLINI Giuseppe fu Primo
MUGHANI Rocco fu Vincenzo
PIZZI Vincenzo fu Basso

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Allegato N° 5

MOTOPESCHERECIO "ALBERA"

iscritto al Compartimento Marittimo di Antona al numero 943
stazza lorda tonnellate 54,65 - potenza Hp. 200
Armatore - CANDUCCI Pietro - S. Benedetto del Tronto
Base abituale: S. Benedetto del Tronto

EQUIPAGGIO IMBARCATO ALLA CATTURA

Padrone	LUZZI Lanciotto
Capo pesca	PIGNATI Marino di Francesco
Motorista	PAPINI Alfredo di Innocenzo
Bassa forza	DEL ZOMPO Vincenzo di Giuseppe
	TREVISANI Federico di Giuseppe
	RICCI Emidio di Francesco
	LUZZI Alvaro
	PIATTONI Achille
	SEBASTIANO Giuseppe
	RE Leonardo di Giuseppe

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Allegato N. 6

Motopeschereccio "LA VITTORIA"

iscritto al Compartimento Marittimo di Ancona al numero 884
stazza lorda tonnellate 42,05 - potenza Hp. 150
Armatore: MURANI Pio & eredi di Marchegiani Tommaso - San Benedetto del Tronto

EQUIPAGGIO IMBARCATO ALLA CATTURA

Padrone OMICCIOLI Antonio
Capo pesca POMPEI Giuseppe
MOTORISTA BELLINI Oscar
Bassa l'ora FACILINI CESARE
LIBERATI Nicola
PALMA Luigi
MORETTI Gian Battista
DIONEDI Giuseppe
PALLANDRI Nicola
FELIZIANI Renato

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Allegato N. 7

Motopeschereccio "LIVIA"

iscritto al Compartimento Marittimo di Ancona al numero 839
stazza lorda tonnellate 29 - potenza Hp. 100
Armatore: PAOLUCCI Arcangelo - Fano
Base abituale: S. Benedetto del Tronto

EQUIPAGGIO IMBARCATO ALLA CATTURA

mancano i nominativi perchè l'Armatore era a bordo

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Allegato N. 8

MOTOPESCHERRECCIO "GORGONA"

iscritto al Compartimento Marittimo di Rimini al numero 485
stazza lorda tonnellate 62 - potenza Hp. 200
Armatore: BENVENUTI Gaetano - Tano
Base abituale: S. Benedetto del Tronto

EQUIPAGGIO IMBARCATO ALLA CATTURA

Padrone CENTOSCUDI Guido di Florido
Motorista PELLEGRINI Edoardo di Federico
Bassa forza FERRI Vincenzo fu Ferruccio
FERRI Vittorio fu Ferruccio
MEI Alfio di Domenico
MARINI Titovezio fu Mario
FALCIONI Mario di Virgilio
ROBERTI Mario fu Antonio
LOMBARDI Giovanni fu Luigi
MONTAURI Gino di Alberico

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Allegato N° 9

Motopeschereccio "INTREPIDO II°"

iscritto al Compartimento Marittimo di Rimini al numero 577
stazza lorda tonnellate 62 - potenza Hp. 165
Armatore: GIAMMATTEI - PEROTTI & Compagni - S. Benedetto del Tronto
Base abituale: S. Benedetto del Tronto

EQUIPAGGIO IMBARCATO ALLA CATTURA

Padrone
Capo pesca
Motocrista
Bassa forza

FRANSINI Giuseppe fu Gilberto
FRANSINI Delfico fu Gilberto
PAOLETTI Eusebio di Virginio
ALEGI Egidio di Ugo
LUCARELLI Paolo di Fortunato
FERRI Alfredo fu Ferruccio
FERRI Guido fu Ferruccio
MONTESI Aldo fu Raffaele
FALCIONI Voltarno di Virgilio
PASCUCCI Astro fu Lino

ASSOCIAZIONE ARMATORI MOTOPESCHERECCI

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Allegato N. 10

Motopeschereccio "PRIMAVERA"

iscritto al Compartimento Marittimo di Ancona al numero 872
stazza lorda tonnellate 30,07 - potenza Hp. 100
Armatore : COTECHINI Duilio - Porto S. Giorgio
Base abituale: Porto S. Giorgio

EQUIPAGGIO IMBARCATO ALLA CATTURA

Padrone BALDASSARI Giuseppe di Alessandro
Motorista ROCCHI Marcello di Giovanni
Bassa forza SILENZI Dardo di Andrea
URBANI Federico fu Umberto
LAPENNA Ettore di ignoti
PENNACCHIETTI Alcide fu Gaetano
URBANI Federico fu Vincenzo

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Ref. : 5609/EC.

8 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Vessels by Yugoslavs.

TO : C-5 Section,
A.P.H.C.Confirming the information signalled to you in accordance
with your signal No. FX 67210 dated 4 June.The list of motor fishing boats captured and their ports of
registration is given below.

ANTONIA MADRE	of S. Benedetto del Tronto
LA VITTORIA	" "
NUOVA ROSINA	" "
LIDIA	of Porto Civitanova
LIDICE IYI	of S. Benedetto del Tronto
ANITA	of Porto S. Giorgio
GIUSEPINA	of Pano
INTER-IDO	of Pano
S. RITA II	of S. Benedetto del Tronto
PRIMAVERA	of Porto S. Giorgio

The ships were captured between 0200 hrs and 0900 hrs on
19 May whilst fishing about 7 miles from the Islands of the LIGURIA group.
The vessels and their crews were taken to Split.

These details have been given by the USV S. VINCENZO that
was also captured when 15 miles North of the Island of SAN ANDREA and
succeeded in escaping while proceeding to SPLIT.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Kossig.

Copy to:- Chief Commissioner,
POLAD 'A'
POLAD 'B'
Navy Sub-Commission

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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EXTRACT FROM PRO's Daily

Direct of Rome Press dated 5 June 46 (no. 254)

8. The American and British Governments have sent a note to Marshal Tito in Belgrade requesting explanations on the seizing of Italian travelers by the Yugoslav authorities and on the internment of the Italian crews. (U.P.)

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SUBJECT IS DETENTION OF ITALIAN VESSELS - YUGOSLAV PD

REFERENCE YOUR CABLE SIX MAY SIX FIVE PD AND OUR REPLY NUMBER THREE FIVE ONE SEVEN PD

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DEFINITE INFORMATION NOT RECEIVED THAT INCIDENT REPORTED IN OUR CABLE THREE FIVE ONE SEVEN IS SAME AS REPORTED IN PARAGRAPHS SIX TO NINE OF OUR LETTER FIVE SIX ZERO NINE SLANT EASY CHARLES DATED FOUR JUNE PD REFERENCE SHIPS LISTED IN OUR SIGNAL THREE FIVE ONE SEVEN PD DELETE LUIGI SEVEN AND SUBSTITUTE LIDIA PD SHIPS ALL SEIZED BETWEEN ZERO TWO ZERO ZERO HOURS AND ZERO NINE ZERO ZERO HOURS ON ONE NINE MAY PD PORTS OF REGISTRATION FOLLOW PD ANTONIA MADRI DASH LA VITTORIA DASH NUOVA ROSINA DASH LUIGI THIRD AND SAN RITA SECOND ALL OF SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO PD LIDIA OF PORTO CIVITANOVA PD AMBRA AND ORDAVERA BOTH OF PORTO SAN GIORGIO PD GOSCHERA AND INTERSIDO BOTH OF FANO PD

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AD DIST

CHIEF COMMISSIONER
POLAD 'A'
POLAD 'B'
NAVY SUB COMMISSION

PRIORITY

Executive Commissioner

NICHOLAS PICHARD
CWO USA
Asst Adjt

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Ref. : 5609/205/10.

12 June 1946.

Dear Dr. Smolaka,

I have been informed by the Italian Government that on 15 May, ten Italian fishing vessels were seized in the Adriatic and taken to Split and the crews, numbering 110 Italian seamen have not been heard of since.

If this is true it would appear to be a case of Piracy on the High Seas and I would be grateful if you would kindly inform your Government in order that these ships and their crews may be repatriated.

Yours Very Truly,

ELBERT W. HUGHES
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Goven J. Smolaka,
Deputy Representative of Yugoslavia to the
Ministry Council for Italy.

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Copy to:- AFHQ for G-5 Section,
FILED 'A'
FILED 'B'
Navy Sub-Commission

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REF: 100/100/10

18 Dec 1944

My dear Mr. Italian Minister:

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I have to thank you for your letter No. 5/447 dated 20 May and No. 44 1770/51 dated 26 May regarding acts of piracy against Italian fishing vessels in the Atlantic.

This matter has been referred to the Allied authorities who have already taken action.

Under cover of their letter No. 873/47 dated 31 May to the naval HQ-Commander, your Ministry of Marine gave a list of ten ships captured by a Japanese submarine on 19 May whilst fishing 7 miles off the islands of the LEEU group.

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It appears from enquiries which I have made that the report of the Ministry of Marine refers to the same incident as the subject of your letter of 20 May. The information received from the Ministry of Marine, however, is believed to be more factual.

Yours very truly,
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13/ May 1945, Stone

WILLIAM W. WELLS
Vice Admiral, USN
Chief Coordinator

Mr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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We modify the letter 2043/IT of the 31 May by informing you that the motor fishing boat "TUBI II" succeeded in escaping capture and the motor fishing boat "TUBA" was captured instead.

The list of motor fishing boats captured is as follows:-

ANTICA MATER	of S. Benedetto del Tronto
LA VINCENZA	"
NUOVA ROSINA	"
IRIDE	of Porto Civitanova
TUBI III	of S. Benedetto del Tronto
ALBA	of Porto S. Giorgio
VERONA	of Fano
BRIGATTO	of Fano
S. RITA II	of S. Benedetto del Tronto
RICCAVERA	of Porto S. Giorgio

Rome, 5 June 1946

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June 1946.

My Dear Mr Prime Minister,

I have to thank you for your letters No. 3/45 dated 20 May and No. 41/17704/31 dated 26 May regarding the acts of Piracy against Italian fishing vessels in the Adriatic.

This matter has been referred to the Allied Authorities who have already taken action by increasing Allied submarine activities in this area.

Under cover of their letter No. 2043/UT dated 31 May 1946 to the

Naval Sub-Commission, your Ministry of Marine give a list of 10 ships captured by a Yugoslav minesweeper on 19 May whilst fishing 7 miles off

the islands of the JSSA group.

We have been from enquiries (which) have made the report of the Ministry of Marine being correct.
After I have made enquiries it appears that although the number of ships, date and place of the incident and the port to which the ships were taken, all disagree, both reports refer to the same incident. The information received from the Ministry of Marine is accurate.

In a letter to the Ministry of Marine, the Secretary of the Ministry of Marine has caused considerable confusion as the information received is immediately cabled to higher authority who in turn take action. provided with accurate details.
Consequently I must ask you, my dear Mr Prime Minister, when re-

porting on such an important question, to obtain all possible verification before writing to the Allied Commission.

Yours Very Truly,

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government
Rome.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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This matter has been referred to the Allied Authorities who have *already* taken action. *by increasing Allied submarine activity in this area.*

Under cover of their letter No. 2043/UT dated 31 May 1943 to the

Naval Sub-Commission, your Ministry of Marine give a list of 10 ships captured by a Yugoslav minesweeper on 19 May whilst fishing 7 miles off the islands of the JSSA group.

Not clear from enquirer whether you made the report of the ship.
After I have made enquiries it appears that although the number of ships, date and place of the incident and the port to which the ships were taken, all disagree, both reports refer to the same incident. The information received from the Ministry of Marine being correct.

It is due to the fact that the Ministry of Marine has received the suggestion of action taken by the Allied authorities it is necessary that the information received is immediately cabled to higher authority who in turn take action.

Consequently I must ask you, my dear Mr Prime Minister, when reporting on such an important question, to obtain all possible verification before writing to the Allied Commission.

Yours Very Truly,

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Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of ~~Italian~~ Ministers,
Italian Government
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WAS ST BRIDES BAY (R) CINCHED
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RNO POLA

NDIO TRIESTE
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SECRET IMPORTANT

Sail at 0800Z/5 and patrol at economical speed on MEDRI routes where applicable in the vicinity of the PELAGOSA and VIS Islands and between latitude 042 degs 30 mins NORTH and 044 degs 30 mins NORTH deviating (one group) to inspect any fishing fleet encountered.

- 2. Yugo-slav territorial waters are not (to be?) entered for any purpose whatever.
- 3. Object of patrol is protection of fishing vessels. Interpreter and fishermen with local knowledge will embark before you sail. Patrol should be maintained where fishing vessels appear to be most concentrated.
- 4. Ship on patrol should attempt to establish identity of vessels not but must not (R) NOT board unless

- (A) Definite act of piracy is observed on the High Seas
- (B) Request for assistance is received from master or crew of a fishing vessel.

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DTG 041122Z June

Z/P H.CX 'W' GR 169

TOR 1850/04
7hrs 28mins

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SECRET

SUBJECT IS SEIZURE OF ITALIAN VESSELS BY YUGOSLAVS PD
 REFERENCE YOUR CABLE FOX XRAY SIX SEVEN TWO ONE ZERO D
 INFORMATION REQUESTED NOT HELD BY THIS HEADQUARTERS BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE EARLY
 THURSDAY AND WILL BE SIGNALLED TO YOU PD LETTER RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN MINISTER
 OF MARINE STATES THAT ON ONE NINE MAY ONE ZERO SHIPS NAMED ANTONIA MADRE DASH LA
 VITTORIA DASH NUOVA ROSINA DASH LUIGI ^{Lidia} ~~SECOND~~ DASH LUIGI THIRD DASH AMBRA DASH
 GORGONA DASH INTERZEDD SECOND DASH SANTA RITA SECOND DASH PRIMA VERA CMA WERE
 CAPTURED BY YUGOSLAV MINISWEEPER SEVEN MILES OFF LISSA GROUP OF ISLANDS PD ITALIAN
 MISTRY OF MARINE STATES THAT THIS IS SAME INCIDENT AS REPORTED IN PARAS SIX TO
 NINE OF MY LETTER FIVE SIX ZERO NINE FROKE EASY CHARLIE DATED FOUR JUNE PD NUMBER
 OF SHIPS CMA DATE AND POSITION OF INCIDENTS ARE DIFFER AND IT IS THOUGHT THAT THESE
 MAY BE TWO SEPERATE INCIDENTS ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED AS ONE PD FURTHER INQUIRIES
 ARE BEING MADE AND YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF THE RESULT BY SIG AL PD

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Ex Commissioner

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Alan W. Knisely
Captain

