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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER
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Tel. No. 1516.
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File No. PC/72.

Date: 8 Aug 46
AUG 12 1946

Subject : Motor vehicle - Alleged Russian.

To : HQ. Main 13 Corps.

1. On the 11th July two Russian Officers Capt. D.P. Samoilov and Lt. Bachrov who are believed to form part of the Russian Mission attached to N° 86 Area came to Udine and sought to take possession of a certain motor vehicle which they alleged to be Russian property.
2. The motor vehicle in question was an AMG Ford lorry Licence N° 12588 V.D. operating under control of H.Q. AMG Udine.
3. To assert their claim the two Russian Officers simply approached the driver of the lorry which was standing in the street near the H.Q. and instructed him to follow them in his lorry. Before taking this course they did not present themselves to this H.Q., or, so far as is known to any other Allied Military H.Q. in this City.
4. The two Officers were subsequently directed to the Transportation Office of this H.Q. where they maintained that the lorry was Russian property and they were entitled to recover it under the terms of the Yalta Agreement.
An examination of the vehicle furnished no evidence in support of the Russian Officers' claim.
5. The Russian Officers were in possession of an unstamped pass which bore the signature of Major Reeves 86 Area. Telephone communication was established with Capt. Paul A.P.M. 86 Area who stated that the vehicle was not to be removed by the Russian Officers and that they should report back to 86 Area and they were informed accordingly.
6. The two Officers did not produce any document authorizing them to lay claim to the vehicle. They merely contended that it was in fact Russian property and accordingly they were entitled to receive it under the Yalta Agreement.

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7. Whatever the merits of their claim, it is submitted that the procedure adopted by the two Russian Officers was wholly unjustifiable and of a nature calculated to produce harmful repercussions. The true ownership of property as between the Allied Forces is a question which can be decided without difficulty by investigation through the appropriate channels and there seems to be no good reason why they should be disregarded.

8. It is considered necessary to bring the matter to your notice so that appropriate steps may be taken to ensure that the repetition of any similar incident may be avoided in future.

9. A further report on this case has been rendered by O.C. 112 Prov. Coy C.M. Police to A.P.M. 13 Corps Ref Pro/112/1/11 dated 11 July 1946.

HNB/mq.-

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

Copy to : H.Q. Allied Commission.
H.Q. 86 Area Ref P.S. 47 dtd 22 July 46.
Provincial Legal Officer.
S.P.F.S.O.
Transportation Officer.

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27 January 1945

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SUBJECT: Visit of Russian Delegation to AFHQ,
10 January.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Herewith for information is a copy of a letter signed by the Chief of Staff dated 24 January which has to-day been sent to General Suslaparov. A copy of the original letter of 18 January signed by the Chief of Staff this Headquarters was sent under reference 383.7-14 to you on 19 January.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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T. B. Jackman
Lt. Col.

Incl: as above.

Copy to:
British Resident Minister
U.S. Political Adviser

see Minutes 13914

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24 January 1945

Although it has not yet been possible to complete inquiries into the majority of the points set out in my letter to you of 18 January, I can give you some information with regard to the 'Banfor' (now known to have been the 'Banfora').

1. It appears that Major Pitov of the Russian Military Mission at Bari attends all embarkations of Russians taking place at Taranto. This was so in the case of the 'Banfora'.

2. At the time of embarkations the Port Commandant at Taranto was approached by Major Pitov who said that he had with him two officers named Captain Polonsky and Captain Samoilov, plus an interpreter, who were to accompany the Russians on the ship but he, Major Pitov, requested that the officers be disembarked at Mideast if possible.

3. The Port Commandant was doubtful if the ship would stop long enough in Mideast to disembark the personnel in question but agreed to include this information to Mideast in his signal announcing that the 'Banfora' was on her way. He did so and the two officers were as result disembarked at Tewfik, this being as a result of the original request made by Major Pitov.

4. The 'Banfora' has arrived safely at Basra and disembarked the Russians for onward movement to Russia. Information as to dates, and any further available detail has been requested and will be furnished later.

5. I am assured that the normal notification of 9 days was given for preparation for personnel to embark on the 'Banfora' and that all the personnel in the ship was victualled at the same scale and with the same type of food as supplied to all allied troops carried in British transports.

I will write again when the reports called for on the other points you raised have been received. In the meantime I have to acknowledge the application for certain of your officers to visit Sicily. The matter is

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receiving active consideration and you will be informed of the decision of this Headquarters as soon as possible.

JOHN HARDING
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff to
Supreme Allied Commander
Mediterranean Theater.

Major General I. A. Suslaparov
Soviet Representative on the
Allied Commission for Italy.

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G-5: 383.7-14

19 January 1945

SUBJECT: Visit of Russian Delegation to AFHQ 10 January.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394 JAN 20 1945
(Attn: Chief Commissioner.)

Attached for your information is copy of a letter dated 19 January signed by the Chief of Staff this HQ which has been sent to Major General Suslaparov as a result of his visit to this HQ's on 10 January.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl:
as above.

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Lt. Col.
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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18 January 1946

I write to confirm the matters discussed with members of my staff during your recent visit to Allied Force Headquarters.

1. As you were informed in regard to the question of the removal of eighty eight persons claimed to be Soviet citizens from the camp at Taranto, it is our understanding that this group have since been returned to the camp. Investigation to confirm this is being made, and you will be notified of the result. You may have received a further report on this subject, in which case no doubt you will be good enough to let me know.
2. Enquiry is being made into the matter of the employment of Soviet citizens as drivers and in labour units in the Fifth Army area, and I will let you know the position as soon as possible.
3. In connection with your observations upon the incidents concerning the ship "Banfor" efforts are being made to trace the message recalling your observer and his deputy. I will endeavour to arrange for as long notice as possible to be given of the departure date of ships evacuating Soviet citizens from Taranto. The problem of provision of clothing and rations for passengers in the future is being investigated.
4. You asked in particular that Liaison Officers should be attached to the main Prisoner of War transit camps at Florence and Rimini, advancing in support of this request that French, Yugoslav, Polish and Czech Liaison Officers were attached to these camps for a similar purpose in connection with their own nationals. In principle I agree that your Liaison Officers should be given equivalent facilities to those of other United Nations. As soon as the detailed report for which I have called has been received regarding the status and functions of the Liaison Officers of other United Nations, I will take this matter up with the Combined Chiefs of Staff to obtain their consent to the principle I have accepted above.
5. Detailed enquiries are being pursued with regard to the 13 Soviet Prisoners of War who, according to your information, are still at Camp 334 in Florence. I am sure, however, you will appreciate that delay under "front-line" conditions is inevitable and that questions of transportation and screening necessarily impose a considerable time-lag.

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6. You will remember that in connection with your request to send one Soviet officer to Sicily, you undertook to make a formal application, in order that the matter may be taken up with the Italian Government.

7. The representations which you made regarding accommodation at St. Andrews Camp, Taranto, which have already been the subject of a letter to this Headquarters, are being considered, and I will arrange that amenities such as you suggest are, where possible, provided.

8. I am grateful to you for bringing these matters to my attention, and appreciate the spirit of co-operation which prompted your visit to this Headquarters. I am sure, however, that you will realize the delicacy of some of the problems which are raised, and that, anxious as I am to assist in any way possible, certain aspects will have to be referred for a final decision to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, particularly where implications of reciprocal facilities are concerned.

JOHN HARDING,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff to
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theater.

Major General I.A. Suslaparov
Soviet Representative on the
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INFORMATION FOR RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE OF
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(Flag Officer, Toronto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy (Rome)'s
letter No. 1.429 of 1st October, 1944.)

No (Rome)
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THE FLAG OFFICER, TORONTO, ADRIATIC AND LIAISON, ITALY (ROME)
(Copies to:-
Flag Officer, Toronto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy
Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission)

Action taken in paragraph 1 is approved.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of Minute 1,
there is no objection to giving the required information
about Italian ships which remain in Axis hands.

3. It is not considered practicable to give general
guidance at present. It is requested that all enquiries
for information on subjects not already dealt with may be
referred to the Commander-in-Chief for decision.

H. A. PACKER.

MEDITERRANEAN
30th October, 1944

for ADMIRAL

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS,
ROME.

1st October, 1944.

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No. L,429.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copy to :- Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.)

INFORMATION FOR RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE
ON ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

General VASSILEV, Russian representative on the Allied Control Commission, has requested my representative in Rome to supply him with a statement showing the monthly disposition of the ships of the Italian Fleet. A general statement of the present position of Battleships, Cruisers, Destroyers, Escort Vessels and Submarines is being handed to him with the approval of the Chief Commissioner, since this information was included in my recent speech at the Regional Commissioners' conference in ROME at which General VASSILEV was present.

2. The General has further requested a list of Italian ships which remained in Axis hands in the Mediterranean after the surrender of the Italian Navy. Information is requested as to whether this list should be given. General guidance is also sought as to the amount and nature of the information which may be released to the Russians in future. In each instance, the Chief Commissioner's approval will be obtained before release.

File 1 Noted Commander Stone
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REAR ADMIRAL.

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