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WAR CRIMES
NOV. 1943 - DEC. 1945

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98.

En Comm.

Ref Dir 97, I agree with his draft at End 85, but would like to suggest that his principle involved applies also to us (US his Navd S.C.?), though so far we don't know of any application for War Criminals. Perhaps his draft could be amended to include AFSC as well as Land Forces S.C.

17/12.

For S.F. Ingham
AFSC

99.

ESP: Please see memo 96 & 98 in answer to 90. As the whole letter is about application for war criminals it seems unnecessary to amend draft as suggested in 98 - presumably AF S/C has been approached on routine question of personnel, which is a different matter. Suggest raising the letter at 85.

95 - 2294 Jo info.

85 17/12.

2028 -

100.

7/20 - pt. issue as suggested.

Exp. Com.

101.

For 18/12.

for signature

letter submitted / as requested.

For 85 18/12.

For 18/12.

102.

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For S.F. Brodie
AFSC

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approached on ionline queries of persons,
which is a different matter. Suggest
revising the letter as follows.

95 - 22/12/12. 17/12. 2028

100. 1/12 - pl. in re suggested.

Ex-lam.

101.

102. 18/12.

letter submitted for signature
103. 18/12. 18/12.

Chief Commissioner.

Approval
Attached is submitted for your signature
information

104. 15/12. 13/12. 13/12. 13/12.

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CSO Ref 86 & 85: I do not know whether
 in C. wishes to see this before Navy &
 AF S/Cs have given their comments.
 I thought he may wish to as it has
 been the subject of a discussion. What
 is a "cockshy" 1 per?
 20B 7/12

89

Ex- (m). Given 85 & 86 for info only at
 this stage. We will "coordinate" with the
 other S/Cs.

Fin 8/12

COCKSHY.

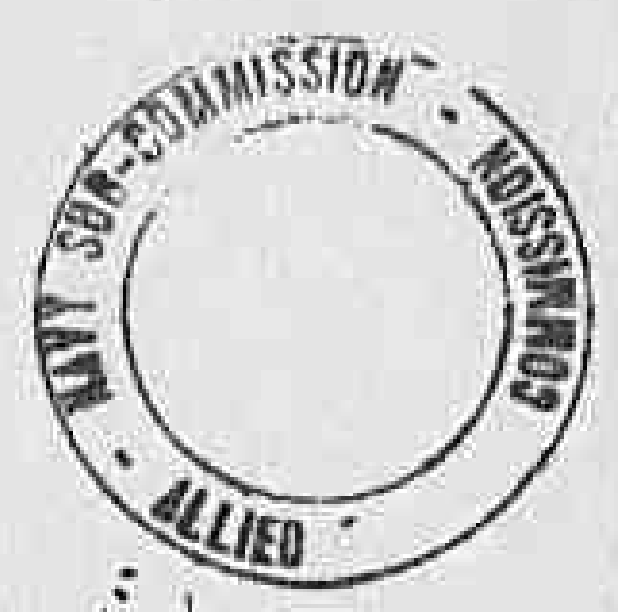
really!

2027

90.

CSO. Then is a good deal in Law Force
 letter: please show quickly to the other service
 Sub come & CAs & if all are agreed get it off
 to AFHQ. (No long minutes please)

9b 18/8/12



Can you in "MIA" dept. W.H. NSC.
 REASON: W.H.

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been the subject of a discussion. What
is a "coady", etc?

LB 7/12

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9b W/8/12

Concur in NMA's draft letter. W/8/12 NSC.
REB: DYPAL

97

Air Force S/E

Re see folios 86 & 85 and memo 90 & 96
CAB - photo
OSGue Ex Comm.

73

Ex. Com.

Yours min 20 - pl. are attached

Duper file 2/sub/611 (100)

THUR 19/10.

(74)

Note: Spoke LHLB white who has 69 B Used for
bureau. B.D. 6/11 29/10

(76)

Note: Ref 75
Spoke LHLB white who is continuing
to remain.

13/11

(79)

ES. 1/12/11

P.R.B. See 78 & 77 for info. 20/11 20/11

80

Frank 29/11

84.

ES. Ex. Com.

See 82: CASe has replied to same
at 83. Note also the remainder sent to
Illinois Govt. at 81. There are also
remainders at 75 and 69.

20/11

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Dispersed from 27 Sept 1951

T-100 19/10

74

Note: Spoke LHL white who has 69 B used for
known. B.D. 6/11 29/10

76

Note: Spoke LHL white who is continuing
to remind. Ref 75 13/11

79

Q.S. 10/12/11

P.R.B. See see 78 & 77 for info. 20/11 20/26

80

offensive 22/13

84

Q.S. 10/12/11

See see 82: L.A. has replied to some
at 83. Note also the reminder sent to
Italian Govt. at 81. There are also
reminders at 75 and 69.

20/11 20/26

11/12/11

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Ex. Comm.

File returned Lewin. Action is being taken
in C.A.S. file to ensure that actions up to date.
This matter is dealt with by Security, I.W. of Public
Safety who have copy of 24m file. Action has
been taken recently as regards checking that Lee
Div. have all the necessary list of suspected war
criminals.

19/9

20/9 11 pm

V.P.C.A.S.

C.S.O. 10/10

(60)

59 for info

east 10/10

C.S.O. 11/10

(63)

62 for info

east 10/10

68

Ex. Comm.

1/10 P. 66 - pl. see P. 67.

20/2

C.S.O.

70

10/10

Let me see the full correspondence.

10/10

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Note to C/C.

1/10 P. 66 - pl. see P. 67.

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Safety who have copy of 20 rifle action has
been taken recently as regards checking that Lee.
D.V. have all the necessary to S. D. suspended stay
Amended

19/9. *with H. pm.* *with V.P.C.D.S.*

C.S.O. *for info* *60* *63* *68*

C.S.O. *for info* *62* *63* *68*

C.S.O. *for info* *62* *63* *68* *2023*

C.S.O. *for info* *62* *63* *68*

Let me see the full correspondence.

with H. pm. *with V.P.C.D.S.*

Note to C/C. *with H. pm.* *with V.P.C.D.S.*

C.S.O. *for info* *62* *63* *68* *2023*

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Ex Comm

Today's press announces the demise of one of the people named in 35.

Ed.

and the future.

21 30/4

30 apr 45

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Tabulate for submission to CC 175/20/4

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see by C. C.

T.A.Q. 1.0.

17/2

2024

los

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23/4 your information

TBS

25/10.

(21/11)

28/9/10

23

CSO

you asked for file on procedure for investigation of Ksar Crimes. See GRO 697 para 3 (folio 21) & paras marked on reverse of 20. See distn of this directive on 22.

31 Jan 45

28/12/45

E.H.

28

20/2/45

memo for file

Ref 25 in view of the distant dates of accounts on folio 26 & also of report 27 I have told headclerk Littardini that unless further evidence is produced to support para 2 no further action will be taken.

7 Apr 45

E.H.

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20:1 - Cacc. Commr.

Ref. encls. 25 & 29. Please see encls at 30/31

23 April 45

Dr. Campbell
LT. COL. 11/1

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31 Jan 45

SA 12/45

EH

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2023

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7 Apr 45

EH

To: - Exec. Comm.

Ref: encls. 25 + 29. Please see copies at 30/31

23 April 45

Dr. Campbell
LT-CC. W. H.
DIRECTOR

To: to CC

CSO

Ref 29 please see action taken at 30 + 31.

24 Apr 45

SA 26/45

J.A.D.
28.10.

EH

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Seemingly have
5 copies of this
'hat already-
wed better keep
one somewhere

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Send file
to EC

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Mr 6/1/46 Huns
- Encl
- 7/1

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JAN 7 1946

31 December 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 21 December
transmitting the Fifteenth List of War Criminals.

MILBY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk
American Embassy
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
Rome

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DEC 28 1945
1400

Rome, December 21, 1945.

My dear Admiral Stone:

With reference to my letter of December 3 transmitting the Fourteenth List of War Criminals prepared by the United Nations War Crimes Commission, I have pleasure in forwarding to you, at the request of the Secretary of State, the attached Fifteenth List of War Criminals.

Sincerely yours,

A. Kirk

Alexander Kirk.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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Ref: SN/540,06

31 December 1945

JAN 3 1946

SUBJECT: Abduction by Russian Officials.

TO : Angus Malcolm Esq.,
The British Embassy,
Rome.

Mr. Hopkinson requested the enclosed correspondence, and
in his absence I am sending it to you for attention.

s/ Col. McLeary
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incls.

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HEADQUARTERS

12 DEC 1945

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FREEDOM SIGNED SACRED CITE FUGBI

ACTION: ACABREIT VIENNA FOR GSI (B) INFO: TROOPERS LONDON. ALCOM. BSC

DEC 20 1945

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Para 1. Please telegraph your views soonest of following paraphrased from Troopers. A visit to British Zone Austria by Yugoslav ambassador UK, of Yugoslav mission purpose investigating "Question of war criminals and their associates responsible for crimes and misdeeds during the enemy occupation of Yugoslavia".

Para 2. Understood mission will consist of Lieut Colonel Mijat Vuletic ~~NAME~~ Colour Sergeant Busin Puhalo and Privates Dimitrije Djordjevic and Bozidor Seganov already nominated from among Yugoslav state commission for war crimes.

Para 3. Same request has been sent US FRENCH and SOVIET Governments on behalf said mission operating their zones.

Para 4. Would there be any objection your part this mission operating British Zone Austria also would you propose any limitation of activities paraphrase ends.

Para 5. For your information Yugoslav Government has ~~NAME~~ applied for permission to operate in Italy. Permission has been refused by AFHQ until Jugoslavs furnish complete details of mission, itinerary, persons to be interviewed, etc. Such information has not yet been provided.

For Troopers. This is action on your 89446 AG3 of 14 December.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMMISSIONER
CA SECTION
LEGAL S/C
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FOLED (B)
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SECRET

Ref: 6517/100/EX

21 December 1945

SUBJECT: Persons Wanted by the Allied Authorities

TO : AFHQ (Attn: G-5 Section)

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1. There has been lately a considerable increase in the number of requests for information in respect of Italian Army officers and men, believed to be connected with War Crimes against the Allies. It is understood that these requests originate with the International War Crimes Investigation Authorities, from whom they are passed via AFHQ to Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (NWIA) for investigation by the Italian War Ministry.
2. In recent lists appear the names of several Italian Generals and senior officers who are well known to have co-operated wholeheartedly and fought with the Allied Armies in Italy since September 1943, who are still engaged with us in reorganising the Italian Army as required by the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff, and on whose services reliance is being placed for future co-operation and success.
3. It is realized that in many cases requests for tracing these officers are based on very scanty information and that they may be required more for purpose of evidence than actual indictment; nevertheless, such demands, particularly when made in their present form, are likely to have a disturbing effect on the morale, confidence and co-operation of the Italian Army.
4. It should also be remembered that at the same time there is going on the Italian Defascistisation and epuration campaign involving investigations into the former activities of most Italian officers.
5. Although this matter has not been discussed with the Ministry of War, it is clear that they are a little disturbed at these requests and it is only natural to suppose that, not knowing for what purpose the information on an individual is required, they may in some cases not pursue their investigations as energetically as they should.
6. Whilst it is obvious that enquiries must be made in respect of those reasonably suspected of crimes and justice done to those guilty, it is felt there should be some means of differentiating between these and those against whom there are no charges but who are wanted for evidence.

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7. Without willing Italian co-operation in this matter we can achieve but little and full co-operation is not assured by the present procedure. It is recommended, therefore, that a full policy statement should be issued by AFHQ which can be passed to the Ministries concerned; and that when requests for tracing individuals are made, these should be accompanied by some remarks or reasons or background for the request, perhaps mentioning the nation or nations concerned who have made the request. It is felt that by so doing we shall be more likely to achieve our object and to avoid unnecessary unsettlement in Italian minds.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to:

Naval Sub-Commission, AG
Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG (DMIA)
Air Force Sub-Commission, AG
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AGWAR FORK CCS INFO: AMSSO LONDON FOR BOQ ALCON ROME DEC 11 1945

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This is not 962.

In April 1945 the Greek and Yugoslav delegates to the advisory council were informed through Allied Commission to request their Governments to submit detailed proposals with respect to their proposed missions. The Greek Government has submitted no proposals. The Yugoslav Government submitted proposals dated 25 July 1945 forwarded here by Allied Commission 26 July 1945. The Allied Commission was requested by letter dated 3 September to advise the Yugoslav Delegation that their proposals were acceptable provided that investigations were limited to specific cases in which the Yugoslav authorities have cause to believe that crimes have been committed by Italians against Yugoslavs in Italy. Allied Commission was authorized to impose other appropriate conditions and procedures and instructed to inform this Headquarters of any major conditions or limitations imposed. Yugoslav delegations was informed by Allied Commission under date of 3 September that the proposed mission was acceptable provided that investigations were limited to specific cases in which the Yugoslav Government has cause to believe that a warcrime has been committed by Italians against Yugoslavs. To date no particulars of any such crime have been received.

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INFO ACTION : C A Sec. 2

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

EXEC. COMMISSIONER

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POLAD (B)

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12 DEC 1945

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seen by C50 13/12

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10 December 1945

DEC 11 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

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Thank you for your letter of 3 December forwarding list no. 14 of war criminals prepared by the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
Rome

See M. 98

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEC 9 1945
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9 REGD

Rome, December 3, 1945

DEC 11 1945

My dear Admiral,

The Office of the United States Political Adviser at Allied Force Headquarters has asked the Embassy to forward to you the attached list (no. 14) of war criminals prepared by the United Nations War Crimes Commission. This list was received at Caserta from the Department of State, which requested that it be forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

A. K. H.

Enclosure

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 4/29.3/CA

8 Dec 45

SUBJECT : Proposed Greek and Yugoslav War Crimes Missions

DEC 10 1945

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section

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Reference G-5: 000.5-1 of 4 Dec 45.

- 1 The draft signal is correct.
- 2 The formal consent of the Italian Government to the arrival of the Yugoslav War Crime Mission has been received coupled with a rather bitter complaint as to
"the unjust and mortifying situation in which Italy, a co-belligerent, finds herself; she is not allowed to send even a Red Cross Mission to Yugoslavia to visit Italian internees or prisoners, while Yugoslav missions or parties of various kinds whose activities are not always clear nor always in accordance with Italian sovereignty or law are freely admitted to Italy and permitted to move without any real restriction."

FOR THE CACAF COMMISSIONER

[Signature]
S.H. WHITE Lt Col,
A/VP CA Section

Copy to : Exec. Commissioner

[Signature]

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 000.5-1

4 December 1945

SUBJECT: Proposed Greek and Yugoslav War Crimes Missions.

DEC 10 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have made inquiry concerning the present position of the proposed Greek and Yugoslav War Crimes Missions.
2. It is proposed to forward a signal, in the form annexed, in reply to the CCS inquiry. It is requested that you will confirm that the facts therein stated are correct. If not, or if for other reason the proposed signal is faulty, request you forward a proposed signal for reply to CCS.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

Incl:
as above.

[Handwritten signature]

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ROUTINE

TO : AGRAR for COS

INFO : AMSSO for BCS, ALCOM ROME

This is MAT _____

Reference is to TAM 718.

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Commission

The President of the Council of Ministers

19599.7/15.2

Rome, 5 December 1945
DEC 8 1945

My dear Admiral,

You wrote to me on November 20th that the Allied Commission would consider it most objectionable should the Italian Government not give its formal consent to the coming to Italy of the Yugoslav Commission for war crimes, consent which you already asked from us on September 8th.

I am therefore compelled to say that the Italian Government makes no objections to this visit.

The new Ministry will of course discuss the conditions in which the operations of the said Commission can take place; I cannot help once more bringing to your attention the unjust and mortifying situation in which Italy, whose co-ligency has been acknowledged, finds herself, for she isn't even allowed to send a Red Cross mission to Yugoslavia to visit the Italians who are interned or prisoners, while Yugoslav missions and organizations of all kind, the purposes and activities of which are neither always clear, nor always in accordance with Italian laws, swarm all over the place.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

S. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

See him 59

E.C. DIST - 8 Dec.

Action: C.A. Sec. (2)

Info: C.C.

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Copies of letter for Polads. pl.

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Ex Comm

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Subject:- Persons wanted by the Allied Authorities.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
 (M. M. I. A.) ROME.
 A.215
6 December, 1945.

To: H.Q. Allied Commission,
 (for Executive Commissioner) ✓

DEC 7 1945

Reference our recent D/O discussion on the above:-

1. This has hitherto been a routine matter, but I think that now we should take it up with A.F.H.Q. as a matter of policy.
2. As such, particularly as other Sub Commissions A.C. are also involved, I suggest that, after co-ordination with the other Sub Commissions, you send a letter to A.F.H.Q. on the matter.
3. A draft of a possible such letter is attached herewith as a "coehshy" or basis to start from.

d. Browning

Major General.
 M. M. I. A.

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(SAPT 3)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

APD 394

Office of the Chief Commissioner.

Subject: Persons wanted by the Allied Authorities.

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2. In recent lists appear the names of several Italian Generals and senior officers who are well known to have co-operated wholeheartedly and fought with the Allied Armies in Italy since September 1943, who are still engaged with us in reorganising the Italian Army as required by the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff, and on whose services reliance is being placed for future co-operation and success.

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5. Although this matter has not been discussed with the Ministry of War, it is clear that they are a little disturbed at these requests and it is only natural to suppose that, not knowing for what purpose the information on an individual is required, they may in some cases not pursue their investigations as energetically as they should.

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By Air Force Staff

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Copy to:

Naval Sub Commission A.C.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Air Force Sub Commission A.C.

*Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.*

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PARTICULARS OF A SINGLE WAR CRIME WHICH IT IS DESIRED TO INVESTIGATE AND HAS
BEEN INFORMED THAT PROVISION OF PARTICULARS IS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO
ARRIVAL OF ITS MISSION CMA NOW HAS ITALIAN GOVERNMENT GIVEN ITS FORMAL ASSENT
TO THE VISIT OF THE MISSION

MT DIST:

Chief Comm.
Exec Comm.

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SM. WHITE, Lt Col.

G.J. LEONE,
CWO, USA,
Asst. Adjutant.

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NOV 30 1945

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Request present status of proposed Yugoslav war crimes.
Information required for reply to inquiry from CCS.

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Ref: 4/29.3/CA

28 November 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

It will be extremely inconvenient to this Commission if it cannot obtain from the Italian Government at an early date the formal consent to the visit of the Yugoslav War Crimes Commission which was requested in this HQ 4/29.3/CA of the 8 Sep 45. Can you not please dispose of this formality before your successor takes over.

There is not the same urgency with regard to the question of the conditions under which the Mission should work. The conditions which this Commission will impose will it is considered reasonably protect Italian interests. Consideration of this part of this HQ letter (which may be delaying your reply) may therefore be left over but it is hoped that your formal assent may be received without further delay.

Yours very truly

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio JARRI
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government,
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copy to: C.C. ✓
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Reference ACSCC 8236 HQ ALCOM. It is recommended in view of importance attached to the dachau concentration camp trial by allies and co belligerents whose nationals were incarcerated there that necessary permits be immediately issued to and air transportation be furnished for Consul General GUGLIELMA ARNO and Captain GIUSEPPE CODACCI PISANELLI as observers as this trial. Commences at dachau Germany on 15 November 45

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COMMANDING GENERAL USFET FOR STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE EASTERN MILITARY
DISTRICT, APO 403, US ARMY

8236

10 NOVEMBER 45

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ITALIAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DE GASPERI SENDS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE EASTERN MILITARY DISTRICT CLN QUOTE UPON INVITATION BY
USFET THROUGH COLONEL FIGRE VERNAZZA CMA ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED
AS OBSERVERS TO DACHAU WAR CRIMINALS TRIAL CONSUL GENERAL GUGLIELMO ARNO
AND CAPTAIN GIUSEPPE CODACCI PISANELLI CMA LAW PROFESSOR PD PLEASE WIRE
AFHQ CASERTA AND AC HQ ROME RECOMMENDING IMMEDIATE GRANTING NECESSARY PERMITS
AND AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR ITALIAN OBSERVERS JOURNEY TO DACHAU BRACKETS SIGNED
BRACKETS DE GASPERI UNQUOTE

PAREN TO COMMANDING GENERAL USFET FOR STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE EASTERN MILITARY
DISTRICT APO FOUR ZERO THREE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM HQ ALCOM SIGNED STONE
CITE ACSOC PAREN

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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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Ref: 4/29.3/OA.

3 November 1945.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I should be grateful if you would let me have an early reply to this HQ letter 4/29.3/OA of 8 September and reminder of 16 October with regard to the Yugoslav War Crimes Mission.

I feel that it will not be possible to withhold much longer from the Yugoslav Government information regarding the conditions under which the mission will work. If you have any points which you wish to be considered, it is essential that they should reach this Commission within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

See m 76.

CK See if an answer comes in over the weekend: if not, BU to me on 12/11

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CAPT MARY BROOKE 5/11

P.A See m 76
ERB 11/11

Ref: A/29.3/CA

16 October, 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

1. I hope it will be possible for you to let me have your agreement to the visit of a Yugoslav War Crime Mission which I requested in this HQ letter 4/29.3/CA of 8 September 45.

2. I should be grateful if you would indicate any conditions which you think it proper and necessary to impose, and suggest the appropriate procedure for the working of the Commission.

Yours very truly

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WILLIAM A. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio PARISI
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

1. I hope it will be possible for you to let me have your agreement to the visit of a Yugoslav War Crime Mission which I requested in this HQ letter 4/29.3/45 of 8 September 45.
2. I should be grateful if you would indicate any conditions which you think it proper and necessary to impose, and suggest the appropriate procedure for the working of the Commission.

Yours very truly

M. S. 6014

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio PARRI
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME

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FOR ACTION GEORGE FIVE SECTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR FOX KRAY FOUR EIGHT ZERO FOUR ZERO DATED NINE OCTOBER PD
PAREN TO FOR ACTION GEORGE FIVE ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS FROM ALCOM CITE ACDPR PAREN
PARA TWO PD YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WERE TRANSMITTED IMMEDIATELY TO YUGOSLAV DELEGATE
WHO REPLIED AS FOLLOWS QUOTE WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT DUSAN KAPICIC CMA
YUGOSLAV WAR CRIMINAL WAS DIRECTED TO YUGOSLAVIA ON TWO THREE SEPTEMBER ONE NINE
FOUR FIVE UNQUOTE PD PLEASE ISSUE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER

Copy to : Executive Commissioner A.S.

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Exec
Chief Commissioner.

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approval
Attached is submitted for your signature
information

Just machine handed to Aug. yesterday
→ Mr. Lutz. Yes, but we must
comply with Para. 2.1. Fine

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1600 hrs. 12th

Maj. Simcock (G-11 Dispa)
says he is sending
a reminder this
afternoon - and
assures this office that
the result will be
notified as soon as
received.

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E.C. Persand

What results, ps

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Your letter DMR/2/G-2(DP) of 5 October refers.

1. Submit immediate request to JUGOSLAV Delegate on the Advisory Council to ITALY for IUSAN KAPICIC to be handed over by JUGOSLAV authorities to RAAC for custody pending instructions as to disposition from this Hq.
2. Advise result.

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BRITISH EMBASSY BELGRADE FOR FORWARDING

INFO: ALCON ROME OCT 15 1945

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See your 447 of 4 October. On 8 September the Yugoslav Delegation Advisory Council to ITALY was informed by letter from ALLIED COMMISSION ITALY of approval for visit of mission to investigate specific cases in which the Yugoslav government had reason to believe war crimes had been committed by Italians against Yugoslavs. Letter also requested that schedule be forwarded to ALLIED COMMISSION giving brief particulars of each case of alleged war crime to be investigated.

No reply yet received from Yugoslav Delegation. Until required particulars have been furnished permits for the individuals named in your number 447 cannot be considered.

M/C NOTE:

No trace of quoted reference

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For 06 from Mil Attache.

Grateful earliest reply to my 447 of 4 and 490 of 8 ref YUGOSLAV
Delegations to War Crimes Commission ROME. We are visited daily by
members delegations who are under impression all details have been
arranged for their reception.

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From: BRITISH EMBASSY BELGRADE

To: AFHQ INFO ALCOM

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For 32 from Military Attache.

My 447 of 4 October. Yugo Slov authorities have returned to charge regarding their delegation to War Crimes Commission. Would be most grateful for early reply.

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Ref : AG/11754/8/PS

28 September, 1945

SEP 29 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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You will recall that on 24th June 1945 I sent you a list of the names of about 300 persons who are wanted by the Allied Authorities, requesting that you give orders for them to be traced and for me to be informed.

As information is being received rather slowly, only ten persons have so far been traced, I must ask you to take such steps as may be necessary to supply the required information more rapidly.

Yours very truly

[Signature]

ELLEN W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Professor Ferruccio PARRI
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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LISTS OF ITALIAN WAR CRIMINALS, have been passed to the Italian Government but it is not clear, without further investigation whether this is quite complete. Steps will be taken to ensure that this is so.

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Ex. Com.

See reference to minute 4. of last v.p.s. meeting, (53)
I attach a copy of AFHQ orders of June 13th, 1945.
on this subject.

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Miss Russell

~~Lt. Col. Whelan~~

Lt. Col. Whelan has raised a point with the Executive Commissioner needed information. This morning upon which The attached is a copy of an Army directive which may assist.

18.9.45.

S. Haney
Major,
Security Division.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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AP 191

AG 000.5/197 JA-0

13 June 1945

SUBJECT: Italians listed as War Criminals.

TO: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission
APO 394

1. The following instructions are issued with reference to AFHQ War Crimes circular Number 1, dated 13 June 45.

2. The names and personal particulars only of Italians included in the lists issued by the United Nations War Crimes Commission will be handed by you to the Italian Government with the information that such persons are required by the Allied authorities and a request that they will be traced and made available. It will not be mentioned that they are wanted in connection with War Crimes nor will any indication be given of the accusation against them.

3. If the Italian authorities state that persons listed are held in their custody details will be requested concerning place of detention and the purpose for which they are held and the information passed to this headquarters immediately. No steps will be taken to remove such persons from the custody of the Italian authorities or to delay any trial in which they may be concerned.

4. The distribution to Italian authorities of names of wanted personnel will be kept to the minimum in order to prevent the names coming to the knowledge of unauthorized persons.

5. All information concerning Italians included in the lists will be reported as prescribed in War Crimes Circular Number 1.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHALL ALEXANDER

s/ C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
t/ C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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EXTRACT from Minutes of Vice Presidents' Meeting held at 1000 hours, 12 September 1945 at Hq Allied Commission, Rome. (Ref. CC 551/30 - Classification "Secret")

4. War Criminals in POW Camps

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With reference to para 10 of Minutes of 5 September 1945, Colonel White stated that the four generals who have been indicted as war criminals and who are now held in an Italian POW camp are being cared for on proper authority. The Chief Commissioner again expressed concern about holding war criminals in Italian camps and directed Brigadier Lush to investigate the matter.

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EXTRACT from Minutes of Vice Presidents' Meeting held at 1000 hours, 5 September 1945, at Hq Allied Commission, Rome. (Ref. CC 551/29 - Classification "Secret")

10. War Criminals in POW Camps

Colonel Kerr reported the indictment of four Fascist generals now in an Italian POW camp as war criminals. The Chief Commissioner questioned the retention of these generals in the POW camp after their indictment as war criminals. Colonel Kerr advised that MTOUSA POW Command desired that these prisoners be retained in the Italian controlled camps. The Chief Commissioner directed Colonel Kerr to make sure that these four generals were being properly held. Both the Chief Commissioner and Brigadier Lush expressed the belief that it would be better to turn them over to the Allies.

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Following are names of persons listed by the Hungarian Government as war criminals.

SZALASI FERENC SZOLLOSI FASZHHAC JENO RAJWISS FERENC CSIA SANDOR KOVARCZ EMIL BARO KEMINTH GABOR JURCEK BELA SZASZLAJOS BURINSZKY LASZLO VAJNA GABOR REMENYI-SCHNELLER LAJOS CASSAI FERENC SZAKVARY EMIL HELLMERRINTH VILMOS PALFFY FIDEL ENDE LASZLO OAKY LASZLO SZOMBATHELYI KNAUZ FERENC BEREGETY BERGER KAROLY WERTH HENRIK LASZLO LAUCHECK DEZSO MAYOR MAYER JENO BARDOZSY BADE FERENC KUDRIZSY ISTVAN TERHEGG KALMAN LECEZA JANOS BISSA FERENC RESZLENYI HEISLER JOZSEF FARGAS FERENC SCHELLZOLTAN SZUGYI ZOLTAN HANKOVSKY GYULA MAKRAY SANDOR ZAKO ANDREAS PESTI ENDE SASKA ELEMER SZAVAY SANDOR HENKEY JANOS TOMORY JENO JOLSVAY GYOLAZO OORAK DINES KOZUK (KOZAR?) ELEMER HORVATH SANDOR DEAK LASZLO DR DONINICH VILMOS ORENDY NORBERT DR RADO ENDE GOMBOS ERNO HABSBURY ALBRECHT ARCHDUKE BARDOSSY LASZLO IMRED HEINRICH BELA ANTALA ISTVAN HOMAN BALINT JAROS ANDOR FABIANYE TIHAMER RUNDER ANTAL MILOTAY ISTVAN KOLOSVARY BOROSA MIHALY ZLAH GYORGY HUBAY KALMAN (PALMANY) MAROTNY MEISLER (DEISLER?) K ROLY DOVENYI NAGY LAJOS BATHORY HUTTNER JANOS BOSNYAK ZOLTAN MARTON BELA BASCH FERENCZ HAIN PEGER DR MESKO ZOLTAN TUKATS SANDOR AND AUOCZ (BUCCZ?) BELA.

If now or in the future you have in your custody any of the above mentioned; signal ACC HUNGARY US Delegation direct with information copy this Headquarters.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am now in a position to give you a decision regarding Marshal Rodolfo GRASIANI about whom the President of the Council of Ministers originally wrote to me on 29 May.

It is expected that a general war crimes policy will be established as a result of the meeting, now taking place in London, between the representatives of the War Crimes Prosecuting Staffs of the United States, Great Britain, Russia and France.

Until that policy has been settled, the Marshal will be held by the Allied authorities.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Prof. Ferruccio PAERI
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME.

Copy to : RO Lombardia Region
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TO: AFHQ GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION

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PAREN TO AFHQ GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION FROM ALCON CITE ACCAS PAREN

PARA TWO PD CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE IS BEING EXERTED FROM THE NORTH FOR A DECISION ON THE GROUNDS THAT LOCAL PUBLIC OPINION DEMANDS SPEEDY TRIAL OF THE OFFICER IN QUESTION PD AN EARLY REPLY IS MOST DESIRABLE

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CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant.

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Ref: AG/14794/3/15.

24 June 1945.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

On the enclosed lists are the names of persons who are required by the Allied authorities. I would be glad if you will give orders for them to be traced and inform me when this has been done.

Should any of these persons be held in custody I would be glad if I may be so informed, together with details as to the place and reason for detention. If there is any intention of bringing any one of them to trial before an Italian court, it is not desired that this should be delayed, neither is there any immediate intention of removing them from the custody of your authorities.

In addressing this request to you personally, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, I must ask that the distribution of the enclosed lists is confined to the smallest number of people required to carry out the work efficiently.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Ferruccio Parri,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Legal Sub-Commission

Orig. sent requested on PS file
that a copy of the list be provided
for the CC. PS file copy sent
to day 28/6

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref AC/14754/8/PS

21 June 45

SUBJECT : Italians Listed as War Criminals

23 JUN 1945

TO : See Distribution below

- 1 It is not proposed to supply RSCs with copies of the lists of War Criminals. The responsibility for dealing with such people does not lie primarily with Public Safety Sub-Commission and RS Officers, but with the Military Authorities.
- 2 It is, however, necessary that you should know what action has been taken and, for that reason, copies of War Crimes Circular No 1 and AG 000.5/157 JA-O of 13 June are enclosed.
- 3 The Italian Government has been supplied with the lists in accordance with the latter letter. Should you be approached with information as in para 3 of that letter you will forward it to Public Safety Sub-Commission immediately by fastest available means. Checking as to whether the person is, in fact, on the list can be done at this HQ.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. WILSON Brig,
VP CA Section

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/s/ C.W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

1. The following instructions are issued with reference to AFHQ War Crimes Circular Number 1, dated 15 June 1945.
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4. The distribution to Italian authorities of names of wanted personnel will be kept to the minimum in order to prevent the names coming to the knowledge of unauthorized persons.
5. All information concerning Italians included in the lists will be reported as prescribed in War Crimes Circular Number 1.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394

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13 June 1945

SUBJECT : Italians Listed as War Criminals

TO : Chief Commissioner
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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

/s/ C.W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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13 June 1945

1. a. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have stated that a directive defining responsibility in respect of war crimes is awaiting governmental decisions. Directions have also been received that upon receipt from the United Nations War Crimes Commission of lists of war criminals, and pending further instructions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, the persons listed may be taken into custody and detained without further evidence against them. They will not, however, at present be arrested as "WAR CRIMINALS" but as normal PW or on security grounds.

b. Italians who are listed as war criminals and who are at large in ITALY may also be apprehended, but further directions are to be sought in all cases in which they may already have been detained by the Italian authorities or in cases in which the persons listed are now collaborating with us.

2. Up to the present moment seven (7) lists of war criminals have been received from the United Nations War Crimes Commission. It is anticipated that further lists will be issued and copies of all lists (except lists of Japanese) will be circulated to all concerned.

3. A Central Index has been established for AFHQ in G-1(Br) on which all information as to the arrest and disposal of persons listed is to be recorded.

4. a. Commanding Generals, Fifth and Eighth Armies, PBS and No 1 District are respectively responsible for determining whether any persons on the lists are under their control.

b. If any person under their control is identified as a person on any list, or there are reasonable grounds to believe that he is identical with a person listed, they will order the status of such person (if not already a PW or interned as a security suspect) to be changed to that of a PW or internee on security grounds, and he will be passed through the normal channels to the appropriate detention area.

5. In order that accurate information may be available in the Central Index office at this headquarters concerning the status and location of each suspect apprehended, an immediate report by signal if practicable will be transmitted to this headquarters in all cases in which action is taken under paragraph 4-b above. This report will include the name, the enemy unit, the date of arrest and the place and mode of detention. Any change in the place of detention will be notified in the same way. All reports relating to suspects will include the words "WAR CRIME". If report is made other than by signal it will be prepared in duplicate, one copy marked for G-1(Br) and the other for Theater Judge Advocate, LTOUSA.

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6. Addressees will report to this headquarters any cases which may come to their knowledge in which Italians listed as war criminals have already been detained by the Italian authorities. Any available information as to place of and reason for detention will be included in the report which will also include the words "WAR CRIME"; no steps will be taken to request the Italian authorities to hand over any person in their custody; any further action necessary will be taken by this headquarters.

7. If in any case an Italian at large in ITALY is identified as a listed war criminal and he is known to have been collaborating with the Allies he will nevertheless be taken into custody as a security suspect, but a full report on the nature and extent of his collaboration will be forwarded as soon as possible after the preliminary report of his detention.

8. No person in detention as a listed War Criminal will be surrendered to the representatives of a nation other than UK or US.

9. In the event that any commander, other than those referred to in paragraph 4-a, discovers a person under his control who is listed as a War Criminal, he will take action in conformity with this directive.

10. The foregoing instructions do not affect in any way the existing British and US directives relating to the investigation of war crimes within the respective spheres.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER :

Sd/

C.W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref DE/4.5/CA

SUBJECT : Marshal Rodolfo GRAZIANI

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner, MILAN

21 June 45

22 JUN 1945

- 1 I have been in touch with AFHQ regarding the disposal of the above.
- 2 My instructions are that no action is to be taken until the decision of CCS is known.
- 3 If no information is received within the next 72 hours I shall send a hustener.

G. R. Benham
G.R. BENHAM Brig. L-101
VP CA Section

Copy to : Executive Commissioner
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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11 June 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister :

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I refer to my letter DE/4.5/OA of 6 June, and
I am able to inform you that an interim reply has been received
from Allied Force Headquarters.

Your request has now been forwarded to the Combined
Chiefs of Staff and their decision will be communicated to you directly
it is received.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe BONOMI
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government
ROME.

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G-5 Section
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6 June 1945

SUBJECT: Marshal Rodolfo GRAZIANI.

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Civil Affairs Section)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 2 June 1945 (DF/4.5/CA) making inquiry concerning what course is to be pursued with respect to the request made by the President of the Council of Ministers for the custody and control of Marshal Graziani.

2. This Headquarters is seeking authority from the Combined Chiefs of Staff in the premises. Until further instructions are available, it is requested that no action be taken.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Ref DE/4.5/CA

6 June 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

JUN 7 1945

I thank you for your letter of 29 May on the subject of Marshal Rodolfo GRASIANI.

The Marshal is now held as a Prisoner of War. I have informed the Military Authority of your request and will notify you as soon as a reply is received.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe BONOMI
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME

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 APO 394
 CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref DF/4.5/CA

2 June 45

SUBJECT : Marshal Rodolfo GRAZIANI

TO : AFHQ G-5 Section

JUN 3 1945

- 1 The President of the Council of Ministers has formally requested that Marshal Rodolfo GRAZIANI until recently Commander in Chief of the Fascist Republican Army, be surrendered to the Italian Authorities for prosecution before the High Court of Justice.
- 2 Marshal GRAZIANI is now a prisoner of war. He is regarded by the Italian Government as a traitor and presumably the death penalty will be sought. He does not appear on any War Criminals List received by this Commission.
- 3 Will you please advise what course should be pursued by us in this matter.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

grm
 G.R. UPJOHN Brig,
 VP CA Section

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who will send interim

reply to PM for C.C.'s

Signature on this (see 40)

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The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, 29 May 1945

MAY 30 1945

My dear Admiral,

the High Commissioner for sanctions against fascism has entrusted to the High Court of Justice the action against Marshal Rodolfo GRADIANI, commander in chief of the troops of the so-called fascist republican government.

As Gradiani is at present at the disposal of the Allies, will you kindly see that he is put at the disposal of the Italian legal authority.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

See note on
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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
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Copy C.S.O. to CH Sec
& letter is being typed
to day. 2/6/45

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From: AGWAR SIGNED CG MEXUSA CITE NAJAG

To: CG 15 ARMY GROUP, 5TH ARMY, 8TH ARMY, PINEBASE, SAG/ETO, 12 AIR
FORCE, 15 AIR FORCE, CG PINEBASE SOUTH, ADRIATIC DEPOT, ALLIED
COMMISSION.

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For compliance by all units under your command is paraphrased message WX 81347 from AGWAR "Suicide of HENLEIN and press interview by GOERING are disturbing indications as to manner of handling suspected war criminals. It was desired to have HENLEIN fully interrogated as possible witness and perhaps to include him as defendant in prosecution being planned under presidential directive. (Reference letter to ETO and ETO, 8 May 1945 AGO 000.5) (6 May 1945). OBSERVOAS, subject: War Crimes, enclosing copy Executive Order number 9547 of 2 May). Press interviews with suspects and enemy prisoners and internees may seriously prejudice trial. Utmost care should be taken to prevent suicide by suspected war criminals who should be held under closest surveillance. Every precaution should also be taken to safeguard valuable witnesses. Press interview of suspected war criminals and enemy prisoners and internees should be forbidden and no statements for the press by such persons released.

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11 MAY 1945

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APRIL 29/2159B

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE RHGAB

TO : ACTION : ALCOM FOR UFGHON, HQ. 15 ARMY GROUP, HQ 5TH ARMY, HQ 8TH ARMY.

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United Nations War Crimes Commission satisfied sufficient evidence against following principle Italian personnel to prosecute for war crimes against one or more United Nations.

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BRUCCIAMONTE, IC Carabinieri PETROVAC 1941.
CELLINI CANDIDO, Maresciallo di Carabinieri.
COCCIA, Colonel, Garrison Commander NIKSIC, 1941.
GIUNTA FRANCESCO, Governor DALMATIA 1943.
GRAZIOLI EMILIO, Alto Commissario LIUBLJANA.
MAINERI, General, OC 23 FERRARA Division 1943.
MUSSOLINI BENITO.
PASSARELLO COSIMO, Maresciallo di Carabinieri.
PIRZIO-BIROLI ALESSANDRO, General.
TESTA, Prefetto CARNARO FIUME 1942.
TUCCI CARLO, General GOC MESSINA Division 1941.
BANDINI ALFIO, Director of PONZA KL 1942.
BELOZZI, Major, in MONTENEGRO 1941.
BONINI SILVIO, General OC VENEZIA Division 1941.
CAPI FERUCCIO, Federal Secretary SPALATO 1941-43.
CHINICI DOMINICO, General MONTENEGRO 1941.
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GAMBARA GASTONE, General LJUBLJANA 1941-43.
LOTTI PIETRO Commissioner Police KOTOR 1941.
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SPIGO UMBERTO, General GOC XVIII Corps DALMATIA 1942-43.
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VASSALLO SILVERIO DIRECTOR PONZA KL 1942-43.
VINCENTO DE DOCTOR, Commissario SPALATO 1941-43.
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The above-named should therefore be held by Allies pending decision of United Nations War Crimes Commission as to trial. Should not be tried by any form of Italian tribune pending instructions from United Nations War Crimes Commission. Further list minor criminals follows by air to ALCOM. Same procedure will be adopted.

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IPW/54/223 April 1945

APR 24 RECD

SUBJECT: Investigation of War Crimes.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Reference your Memorandum 6/973/424 dated 9 April 1945.

The matter has been referred to Higher Authority for consideration.

I shall notify you of any action taken in due course.

For the Chief Commissioner :

JAC
 J. A. CAMPBELL,
 Lieut.-Colonel,
 Director,
 WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

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22 April 1945

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SUBJECT: Investigation of War Crimes.

APR 24 RECD

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(Att: G-5 Section).

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1. The attached copies of letters received from the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs are forwarded.

2. Strong representation has been made requesting me to ask that action be taken to warn the Germans against committing any acts of violence against Italian Nationals interned or held prisoner by them.

3. I shall be pleased if you will inform me in due course if any action can be taken in this matter, so that I may be in a position to reply to the Italian Government.

For the Chief Commissioner :

J. A. Campbell
J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WHD & INW Sub-Com.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Italian Military Internees in Germany. 25

1. With reference to the letter N.0367/10 of March 16th directed by Minister Prunas to Admiral Stone, and independently of any corroboration of the information contained in it, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in view of the impending German defeat, felt bound to acquaint the Allied Commission with their anxiety for the fate which, at the last hour, may be held in store for the Italian Military Internees by the German Authorities.
2. As the Allied Commission is aware, in the latter category are including the members of the Italian Armed Forces who, dating from September 8th. and up till now, have refused to collaborate in any way with the Germans and, owing to their refusal, have been placed in a very distressing material and moral situation.
As these men do not enjoy juridical protection and are therefore exposed to any arbitrary action by the Nazi Authorities to an even greater extent than the other prisoners of War, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs believe that a warning to the German people against possible acts of violence and revenge might render their situation less precarious and would be amply warranted on humanitarian grounds.
3. In the above consideration, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg the Allied Commission to interest the competent Authorities in issuing through the most appropriate channels a warning to the German Authorities to consider the Italian military internees in Germany in the same way as the P.O.W. of other nationalities, with all the guarantees accorded the latter by International Conventions.
The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be very grateful for those steps that the Allied Commission will see fit to take in the matter.

Rome, 9th April 1945.

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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394.

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APR - 8 1945

For the attention of the Executive Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM.

STORIES OF RECENT MASSACRES AND DEPORTATIONS.
IN NORTH ITALY

Based myself on two authoritative sources I should say that there have been lately neither wholesale massacres nor deportations.

2. Deportations. Up to the summer of 1944 there were still German-controlled Fascist-administered camps of Jewish and other internees in North Italy, notably near Modena and Fossoli.
- This camp was no longer used after August 1944 and the Jewish inmates were deported north of the Brenner.
- Few, if any camps of foreign internees are believed to exist now in North Italy, except possibly some with Yugoslavs (Christians) prominent Italians or particular suspects have been removed by the Germans, and deported to the tale of many hundreds, possibly a few thousands, but always in small groups.

3. Massacres. It is known that persecutions continued that there is much anarchy, but except for occasional shootings-up, no recent large scale massacres have been reported.

The Catholic Church has been particularly signalled out for persecution.

Cardinal Schuster of Milan, Bishop Nogara of Udine and others have sent messages showing the uphill struggles they have to endeavour to counter acts of brutality.

The Bishop of Alba was seized and imprisoned in Turin: religious students in the Milan and Brescia Universities have been carried off, gaoled and it is believed in some cases, shot: and many priests have suffered also.

There are a multiplicity of "Police" Authorities, each with overlapping spheres of power - those of the German S.S.: of the German Army: of the Italian Republican Government: and of the special Fascist Party - and chaos reigns increasingly.

4. Inside Germany. The report on which the communication of 16 March to the Chief Commissioner is based, seems to refer in particular to conditions inside Germany, regarding which I have no special information.

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C. E. Heathcote Smith

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IL TEMPO - 1 March 1945

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From an official notice about the shooting of the internees in Germany it is made known that this shooting refers only to the German political internees and not to the internees belonging to other Nations.

This is brought to notice to alleviate the preoccupations that the news had revived among many citizens.

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IL MOMENTO - 25 February 1945

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In Moscow - according to the International News Service - the news is that Hitler has ordered the S.S. to shoot all those confined in concentration camps before these are occupied by Allied troops.

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IL MOMENTO - 1 March 1945

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Minister Gasparotto declared at the news conference yesterday that the news of the shooting of the internees in Germany referred only to the German political anti-nazi internees and not to the internees belong to the other nations.

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Translation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
The Secretary General
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Rome, 16 March 1945

MAR 22 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

In the last few days, some newspapers of the Capital published the news that Hitler had ordered all interned foreigners to be shot before the allied liberating armies reached their concentration camps.

This Ministry had informations which confirmed that the Italian officials who refused to co-operate with the Germans, and the interned Jews had been killed in mass by the retreating German troops.

These news greatly alarmed the Italian families which have relatives in Germany.

I want to give you these news at once so that you will kindly see whether it is possible to ask the Allied Governments to give a new and public warning to the German authorities, through whatever channel they will deem most advisable, against committing again such crimes, and threatening reprisal from the Allies and the punishment of those who are responsible.

On its side, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has already asked for the intervention of the Central Committee of the International Red Cross in Geneva, asking it to do what it can to prevent such atrocities from happening again.

With many thanks, I beg you, my dear Admiral, to let me know the result of your intervention with the Allied Governments.

I remain,

Yours truly,

G. R. FRUMAS

Sent by Mail T 7/20/5

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Spoke to C. H. Smith
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(C. H. Smith)

Ministero degli Affari Esteri
Il Segretario Generale

MAR 22 1945

Roma, li 15 Marzo 1945.

Caro Ammiraglio Stone,

su di alcuni giornali della Capitale é stata pubblicata nei giorni scorsi la notizia che Hitler avrebbe ordinato la fu-
cilaione di tutti gli internati stranieri prima che i loro cam-
pi di concentramento fossero raggiunti dalle truppe alleate li-
beratrici.

Informazioni giunte a questo Ministero confermerebbero infatti che gli ufficiali italiani che non hanno voluto coopera-
re con i tedeschi e gli internati di razza ebreica, sarebbero
stati massacrati in massa dalle truppe tedesche in ritirata.

Tali notizie hanno causato vivo allarme nelle famiglie
italiane con congiunti in Germania.

Mi affretto a segnalarle la notizia affinché voglia gen-
tilmente considerare la possibilità di interessare i Governi
Alleati a lanciare un nuovo e pubblico ammonimento alle autori-
tà tedesche, per le vie che giudicheranno più efficaci, contro
il ripetersi di così gravi delitti, minacciando giuste misure
di rappresaglia da parte alleata e l'esemplare punizione dei re-
sponsabili.

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Nel porgerle i miei ringraziamenti La prego, caro Ammira-
glio, di volermi comunicare l'esito del suo intervento presso i
Governi Alleati.

Cordiali saluti.

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Commissione Alleata

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Roma, li 15 Marzo 1945.

Caro Ammiraglio Stone,

su di alcuni giornali della Capitale é stata pubblicata nei giorni scorsi la notizia che Hitler avrebbe ordinato la fu- ciliazione di tutti gli internati stranieri prima che i loro cam- pi di concentramento fossero raggiunti dalle truppe alleate li- beratrici.

Informazioni giunte a questo Ministero confermerebbero infatti che gli ufficiali italiani che non hanno voluto coopera- re con i tedeschi e gli internati di razza ebraica, sarebbero stati massacrati in massa dalle truppe tedesche in ritirata.

Tali notizie hanno causato vivo allarme nelle famiglie italiane con congiunti in Germania.

Mi affretto a segnalare la notizia affinché voglia gen- tilmente considerare la possibilità di interessare i Governi Alleati a lanciare un nuovo e pubblico ammonimento alle autori- tà tedesche, per le vie che giudicheranno più efficaci, contro il ripetersi di così gravi delitti, minacciando giuste misure di rappresaglia da parte alleata e l'esemplare punizione dei re- sponsabili.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. 4/29.4/Ca

19 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Investigation of War Crimes.

TO : See Distribution

26 JAN 20 1945

- 1 The enclosed copy Directive CR/15000/G-1(B) from AFHQ as to investigation of war crimes is forwarded for information and action as necessary.
- 2 Attention is drawn to paragraph 11 (b). All such reports will be forwarded by Regional Commissioners to this HQ for onward transmission to AFHQ.
- 3 A copy of GRC 697/14 is also enclosed.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

[Signature]
 R. R. CRIPPS Col,
 CSO C. Section
 for VI C. Section
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Extract from
General Routine Orders

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No. 697 of 1944

WAR CRIMES

- 1 The responsibility of units and formations in relation to war crimes will be limited to reporting any matters which may indicate that such a crime has been committed. This HQ circular G4/B/3505/A3 dated 6 Feb 44 (which required a Commanding Officer to investigate any circumstances suggesting the commission of a war crime which might be notified to him) is cancelled.
- 2
 - a) Examples of offences falling within the category of war crimes are given in the Manual of Military Law, Chapter XIV, para 443.
 - b) The examples most commonly encountered are ill-treatment of British and Allied Prisoners of War and atrocities committed by the enemy against the civil population.
- 3 Any unit or formation which discovers any circumstances suggesting the commission of a war crime will report by signal direct for action to AFHQ (G4 (Br) A3) and to DFM, AFM, or DAFM of the formation district or area concerned, repeated, if the unit or formation is under command of HQ, AAI, to Main HQ, AAI, for information.
- 4 The signal will give the location, with map reference, at which the crime is believed to have occurred and a very brief indication of the nature of the crime.
- 5 Detailed instructions as to the action to be taken by DFM, AFM, or DAFM of formations districts or areas on receipt of signals under para 3 of this GRO, and as to the action required in respect of reports of war crimes received through channels other than those specified in this GRO, are being issued separately to those concerned.

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SUBJECT:- Investigation of War Crimes.

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CR/15000/G-1(B)

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British Inurement ('A' Branch) (20)
Rear HQ Fifth Army.
HQ No. 1 District (20)
HQ No. 2 District (20)
HQ No. 3 District (20)
HQ North Africa District (5)
HQ Land Forces & Mil Liaison, Greece. (20)
HQ Land Forces Adriatic (20)
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1. In order that enemy war criminals may in due course be brought to justice steps must now be taken to provide for their identification and apprehension, and for the recording of all available evidence against them.
2. For the purpose of this directive war crimes are defined as violations of the recognised rules of warfare by members of the enemy's armed forces, examples of which are set out in I.L.M., Chapter XIV, paragraph 143.

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3. The British and Allied Governments are establishing their own National Offices for War Crimes, which will be responsible for presenting to the War Crimes Commission for consideration cases in which war crimes have been committed against their own nationals. Trials of such cases will be postponed until after the cessation of hostilities against Germany.
4. The American and British Governments have agreed in principle that the two Governments, in view of Italy's co-belligerent status, should act for the Italian Government in transmitting to the War Crimes Commission information relating to German war crimes against Italians.
5. It has been agreed that in this theatre investigation of war crimes against Italians shall be undertaken by the British Army when the alleged offence was committed in a sector or area under British command and by the US Army when committed in a sector or area under US command.
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PRELIMINARY REPORTS AND INVESTIGATION.

8. To ensure full co-ordination and for convenience in investigation, the procedure for dealing with war crimes committed in this theatre, so far as they are the concern of the British Army, has been centralized at this HQ.
9. The procedure for reports by units and formations of suspected war crimes is laid down in CRO 697/44.
10. Provost instructions for action on receipt of a report under CRO 697/44 are set out in Appendix 'A' to this letter.
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13. Certain cases have arisen in which enemy documents have been captured which contain orders amounting to direct incitement, if not instruction, to commit war crimes. These orders are of particular importance and the originals should be passed without delay through existing G-2 documents evacuation channels for prompt transfer to AFHQ G-1 (British) A3, with as full as possible a statement of the circumstances in which they were found and the names and units of any witnesses to their discovery.

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14. This will normally be carried out either by SIB sections specially detailed for this work, or if DPM(SIB) decides that their services are not available or are not required, by local SIB or C&P personnel.
15. At the conclusion of the investigation, a full report will be submitted through Provost channels to AFHQ G-1 (British) A3 which will, in consultation with DPMG, AFHQ, decide whether a formal Court of Inquiry should be held to record the evidence.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

16. Should it be decided to hold a Court of Inquiry it will be convened by, or under the orders issued by, this HQ, and will assemble, if practicable, at or near the scene of the alleged crime. The President will be a member of the Staff of the DPMG, and the evidence will be taken on oath.
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LISTS OF SUSPECTS.

18. Records are being maintained at AFHQ of persons suspected of war crimes, and "Lists of War Criminals" will from time to time be prepared, from information provided by the War Crimes Commission and from reports from sources in this theatre. These will be circulated to all concerned. These "Lists of War Criminals" must be carefully distinguished from other "Black Lists" issued through Intelligence channels.

19. Any Commander in possession of these "Lists of War Criminals" will take all possible steps to locate and apprehend the individuals listed, and will report any arrests immediately to this HQ, which will issue instructions for their custody and disposal.

20. Commanders may arrest suspects whose names are not on the above mentioned lists if satisfied that there is reasonable evidence that they have committed a war crime, and will immediately report such arrests in accordance with HQ 697/44.

21. Some war criminals may be found among persons already detained by the Allied Forces as prisoners of war or civilian internees, and among persons otherwise entitled to be treated as prisoners of war upon apprehension. The fact that such persons have been charged as war criminals will not affect their treatment as prisoners of war or civilian internees. Prisoners of war who are charged as war criminals will be retained in this theatre until completion of the record of evidence of the Court of Inquiry, but will thereafter be evacuated under normal arrangements, with an indication on their records of such charges.

CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER SERVICES.

22. Investigation of war crimes against Italian civilians will be undertaken by the Army only, and arrangements have been made for any reports reaching the Royal Navy or the Royal Air Force to be passed direct to AFHQ.

23. Investigations relating to war crimes committed exclusively against personnel of the Royal Navy will be undertaken by the Army. Any information should be passed to AFHQ G-1 (British) A3 which will keep C-in-C Mediterranean informed of the progress of the investigation.

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25. Where the crime is committed against both Army personnel and at the same time against personnel of another British service, action will be taken in accordance with paragraphs 3 - 13 of this letter, a copy of the information being passed to the Senior Local Commander of the other service concerned. AFHQ G-1 (British) A3 will arrange for a joint investigation with the service concerned, and for a joint Court of Inquiry should the facts warrant it.

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DOMINION FORCES.

27. Dominion Formations and Units will comply with these instructions in relation to all war crimes except those affecting members of their own Dominion Force, in relation to which they will comply with such instructions as may be issued by the appropriate Dominion HQ.

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Approved by
for
Major General,
DAG, G-1(B).

Appendix 'A' to
AFHQ letter CR/15000/3-1(B)
dated 11 Jan 45.

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(c) An interim report containing such initial information, as under, should be forwarded direct to DPM, HQ, SIB.

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- (i) Date of alleged crime
- (ii) Place i.e. name of town, village etc, province, sheet number and map reference.
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(i) To reduce chances of delay in transit, use will be made of CMT/DRLS Services in forwarding such reports.

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Tel : 735

13 December 1944

SUBJECT : War Crimes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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The attached letter dated 14 December '44 from TOSCANIA Region is forwarded to you for necessary action.

Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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3 November 1944

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Dear Mr. Goshie

In accordance with the wishes expressed on October 20 at the 23rd meeting of the Advisory Council for Italy, the Allied Commission enquired from the Italian Government whether they could provide any additional information on atrocities committed in Northern Italy. I now enclose a copy of a further memorandum on this subject received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Mr. John L. Goshie
Chief of Secretariat
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Vittorio Veneto, 119
Rome

cc: G-5 Section AFHQ
British Resident Minister, AFHQ
U.S. Political Adviser, AFHQ
U.S. Representative, A.C.I.
British High Commissioner

Chief of Staff
Political Section
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION, A.C.

To the German atrocities already reported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Political Section A.C. in previous memoranda, must be added the horrible mass murder of the almost entire population of St. Anna di Stazzone, prov. of Lucca, (about 600 inhabitants) by the German S.S., on Aug. 12th last.

The following particulars have now come to hand:
" On the pretext that a German soldier had been killed, in circumstances not clearly specified, about 300 S.S., subdivided into squads, entered the village and immediately began the massacre. The men were absent as they had fled in order to avoid the law on forced labour. The first squad of murderers ordered out of their homes about 100 old people, the women and children and sent them out of the village, but as soon as these unfortunate people were grouped on the road, a German Officer fired his tommy-gun, killing five women. The others immediately entered the two nearest houses to save themselves. The Germans then made fast the doors and from the windows dastardly attacked the unfortunate inmates with hand-grenades and flame-throwers. Not satisfied with this, the bloodthirsty Germans extracted the bodies from the two houses (some of them still alive) and after having tied them to the railings surrounding a cross on the square, fired against them hundreds of shots. They then crowded Church pews and furniture round the bodies, setting fire to the tragic heap.

The other squads meanwhile had not been idle; rushing about the village they set fire to the houses, massacring all those that had taken refuge.

At the end of the horrible massacre, 514 bodies were collected in the village; other bodies were found amongst the ruins of the demolished houses and among the remains of the pyres."

Rome, 27th October, 1944.

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1 November 1944

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

With reference to your letter of October 31 regarding German atrocities in Northern Italy, I have passed on the matter of your inquiry to the Italian Government, as the attached copy of my letter will show.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk
U.S. Representative to the
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Vittorio Veneto, 119
Rome

1 Incl. - Ltr A/CC 2606, 1 Nov 44,
to Pres. of Council of Min.

cc: C of S Section
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Rome, October 31, 1944

My dear Commodore:

With reference to your letter of October 22, 1944, addressed to the Chief of the Secretariat of the Advisory Council for Italy, transmitting a copy of a public warning issued by General Alexander on October 19 regarding German atrocities in Northern Italy and with further reference to my letter of October 20, 1944, requesting your good offices in obtaining from the Italian Government, on behalf of the Advisory Council for Italy, information on atrocities committed by the Germans in Northern Italy, I wish to inform you that the Advisory Council for Italy would appreciate your ascertaining from the Italian Government whether, in view of General Alexander's public warning, it still considers desirable the urgent intervention of the United Nations in this matter.

Believe me, my dear Commodore,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ A. Kirk

/t/ Alexander Kirk
Chairman in turn of rotation
Advisory Council for Italy

Commodore Ellery Stone

Acting Chief Commissioner

Allied Commission

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1 November 1944

Early in October information was received from your Ministry of Foreign Affairs that German atrocities in Northern Italy were increasing to an appalling extent, and at the same time a request was made that the United Nations should intervene urgently. Since then General Alexander, Commander-in-Chief of Allied Armies in Italy has issued a warning to German officers and men, a copy of which is attached. (6)

This Headquarters is now requested by the Advisory Council to inquire whether, in view of General Alexander's declaration, the Italian Government still wishes the intervention of the United Nations in this matter.

HERBERT H. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

cc: British High Commissioner
U.S. Representative, A.C.I.
AFHQ, Attention Chief of Staff
AFHQ, G-5 Section
Hq AAI
Chief of Staff, AC ✓
Political Section, AC

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WARNING

to German officers and men

by General Sir H. B. Alexander, Commander-in-Chief,
allied Armies in Italy.

1. Reports of atrocities - killings of hostages, mass reprisals against innocent civilians, torturings and the like - committed by German troops in Northern Italy are becoming daily more frequent.
2. I therefore call the attention of all German officers and men in Northern Italy, who otherwise might give or carry out orders to commit such atrocities, to the following:
3. The fact that in, for example, a certain village Italian patriots - whether or not wearing uniforms, arm-bands or other recognizable insignia - may have attacked German soldiers is not, according to the Jus Gentium or any other legal or moral code, a justification for collective reprisals upon the population of the village, nor for the killing of persons without due legal trial and conviction.
4. Officers or men giving or carrying out orders for such acts are war criminals.
5. In accordance with the agreement made between the governments of Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States of America at Teheran in November 1943, it is provided that all German officers and men who are accused of committing war crimes shall immediately after the war be returned to the countries in which they are accused of having committed these crimes, to be tried according to the laws of these countries.
6. I have ordered all Italian patriots and Italian civilians in German-occupied territory to make careful, written note of the names, units and other particulars of German officers and men who have given or carried out orders for the commission of the crimes.
7. As a result of this order, names and particulars have been reported to my Headquarters of German officers alleged to have been accessories to, amongst many others, the following war crimes:

On March 24th 335 Italians taken from prisons in Rome were murdered by SS troops in the Ardeatine caves near the Via Appia Antica.

Between the 14th and 19th of April, 1944, troops of the Hermann Goering division carried out a massacre in the commune of Stia. Of the 103 bodies which were recognizable on recovery, 90 were women, 15 children under 15 years old, and 5 children under 4 years old. An old woman of 84 and a baby of 6 months were among those shot.

On the 21st of June troops of the 85 Mountain Regiment murdered 15 civilians in Caserino

On the 29th of June troops of the Hermann Goering Division entered the village of Civitella in the Val di Chiana and began a systematic destruction of the village with flame throwers and grenades. The villagers were mostly in the church at the time; the women and children were taken out and driven to the woods; the men, including the 80 year old priest, were machine-gunned, and their bodies thrown on the burning buildings.

On the 2nd of October German troops in the village of Montebaldo hacked to death 8 Italians with axes.

2. I therefore call the attention of all German officers and men in Northern Italy, who otherwise might give or carry out orders to commit such atrocities, to the following:
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8. All information received of such alleged atrocities or war crimes is recorded at my Headquarters, and is thence transmitted to the Italian Government and to the Allied War Crimes Commission.

/signed/ H. H. Alexander
 Commander in Chief
 Allied Armies in Italy.

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Many thanks for your letter of the 20th October. The Italian Government have been asked whether they can provide any additional information on atrocities in Northern Italy. In the meantime you will have seen from my letter of yesterday to Mr. Goshie that General Alexander has already issued a public warning on this subject. I am sorry that I had not been informed of this before the last meeting of the Advisory Council.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEARY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk
U.S. Representative to the
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Rome

cc: Mr. Caccia, Political Section
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Dear Mr. Goshie:

With reference to the discussion at the Advisory Council on the 20th October about German atrocities in Northern Italy there has just come into my hands a copy of a public warning from the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces in Italy, on this subject. I enclose a copy of this warning which was broadcast by P.W.B. on the 19th October and which will be further disseminated in leaflet form. It appears that the whole question had been brought to the attention of General Alexander through other channels not only in his capacity as Commander of Allied operations at the Front but also as Commander of Patriot activities behind the lines. In view of the immediate action which General Alexander has taken on the evidence presented to him, the Advisory Council may wish to reconsider the term of the recommendation which they had intended to forward to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean.

Sincerely yours,

ELLMY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Encl.

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Chief of Secretariat
Advisory Council for Italy
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Rome

cc: Political Section (7)
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WARNING

to German officers and men

by General Sir H. R. Alexander, Commander in Chief,

Allied Armies in Italy.

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(signed) H. R. Alexander

Commander in Chief
Allied Armies in Italy.

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