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ENEMY DIPLOMATS
DEC. 1945 - APR. 1946

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1 to info. in Div are forwarded to AFHQ
to a ruling. 14/12.

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Thanks. I shall be interested to see the answer
to the NGA referred to at x of folio 201. Is
there a copy available?

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14/12.

Summary of NGA has been sent to AFHQ.
First of letter was that they were glad to hear
Mr. Gumpel was well, & that they were forwarding
his case to the Allies. They tell me there
would be no impediment.

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Para. 3. to action. It is understood German
Diplomats already repatriated to Germany.

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Ref. 6529/263/EG

25 April 1946

SUBJECT: German Diplomat - Mrs. Mollier.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. Further our 6529/261/EG of 2 April 1946 same subject, AFHQ wishes to inform you as follows:

2. Mrs. Madeleine Mollier entered the Asilo Evangelico Nursing Home, Monte Rosa, 12, Milan on or about 12 April 1946.

3. Mrs. Mollier is not at liberty to go where she pleases and her ultimate destination will be Apsberg, Germany, when fit to move.

4. Countess Thun-Hohenstein is being sent to Frankfurt with her husband inasmuch as she is now fit to travel.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 091.112-75

20 April 1946

APR 23 1946

SUBJECT: German Diplomat - Mrs. Mollier.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Ref: 6529/257/EC, 2 April 1946.

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3. Countess Thun-Hohenstein is being sent to Frankfurt with her husband inasmuch as she is now fit to travel.

4. Please forward the above information to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in line with their request of 30 March 1946.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

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VLO/rb

Ref. 6529/261/EC

2 April 1946

SUBJECT: German Diplomat - Mrs. Mollier.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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1. In reply to your query in para 3 of your memorandum 6/1461/623 of 29 March 1946, AFM informs that Mrs. Mollier requests transfer to the Clinica Ostetrica, Milano.

2. Mrs. Mollier certifies that the necessary funds are available to her for any expenses she may incur while at the clinic.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 091.112-75

26 March 1946

MAR 30 1946

SUBJECT: German Diplomats - Mrs. Mollier.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, 250
APO 394.

Reference ALGCMs 6529/250/EC, 18 March 1946 and 6529/214/EC,
19 February 1946. 259

1. Letter from District Two, 20 March 1946 and Certificate from Mrs. Madeleine Mollier, forwarded for necessary action.
2. All German Diplomats except six have been transferred to Internment Camp at ASPERG, Germany. Of the six remaining, four are to be repatriated to Austria and one transferred to Germany. The remaining one, Mrs. Mollier, is physically unfit to travel.
3. You will please ask the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for approval of Mrs. Mollier's request for transfer from the 64th British General Hospital to the Clinica Ostebrica, Milano.
4. Diplomats who wish to return to Italy will have to apply after their arrival in Germany or Austria for the permission of the Italian Government to return to Italy.
5. An early decision as to Mrs. Mollier is requested as Salsomaggiore is no longer a Diplomatic Internment Centre.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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no action 256, 257 is reply
VDO

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

Incls:
as above.

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SUBJECT : Diplomats.

HQ No.2 District CMF
A/307(0)

20 Mar 1946

G-5 GHQ CMF

Reference conversation Major Hightower/J Comd Cordiner.

1. Herewith certificate from Mrs Mellier as requested.
2. It is desired to move this lady from the 64 Br Gen Hosp to a civilian hospital as soon as possible.

MFKO/DAW

J. H. Cordier
Major-General,
Commander.

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Milano, 14th March 1946
64th British General Hospital

Headquarters II. District

Milano

Sir,

Owing to the fact ^{that} I need an
immediate gynaecological operation
I request the transfer from the
64th British General Hospital to
the Clinica Ostetrica Milano.
I certify that I will be able to
procure the necessary funds for
the expenses in the Clinica
ten days after leaving this hospital.
Reference: Baronesse Lami
Castel Inghelo presso Lavarato (Brescia)
Tel. Bedoliseole to 3.

- Yours sincerely

Madeline Mollin

(Mrs. Hans Mollin) 2553

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VIA/eb

Ref: 6529/257/EC

April 1946

SUBJECT: German Diplomats - Mrs Mollier and Countess Thun-Hohenstein

To : AFHQ for G-5

Further our 6529/250/EC of 18 March 1946 and our 6529/211/EC of 15 February 1946 (with enclosure A/307(0) of 11 February 1946, HQ No.2 District), enclosed find the Italian government's reaction to the special request of the two above mentioned diplomats who in February were reported as patients at the 64 (Br) General Hospital.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Brigadier
Executive Commission

Encl: 6/1461/628 fr IMFA of 29 March 1946

6529/211/EC fr Liais. Div. of 19 Feb. 46

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

6/1461/628

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: German Diplomats. - Mrs Mollier and Countess Thun-Hohenstein.

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1. Reference is made to the note of the Allied Commission dated 19 February 1946, No 6529/214/EC.

2. The Italian competent Authorities agree that the a/n should be admitted to an Italian civilian hospital at their own expenses until they are fully recovered and fit for travel to Germany.

3. It would be appreciated if the Allied Authorities could inform the Italian Government of the name and locality of the hospital where the a/n will be admitted.

Rome, March 29th, 1946

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MAR 21 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Interned German Diplomats.

1. Reference is made to the Allied Commission's note n° 6529/247/EC dated 12 March 1946.

2. The applications for release in Italy, and accompanying correspondence, from the following listed German diplomats

FASSBENDER, Johann
MAUERHOFF, Dr. C.E.
UNSOELD, Leonhard

have been forwarded to the competent Italian Authorities for examination.

3. Correspondence concerning Mrs. W. SCHUETTERLE and P. WUCHERPFENNIG is herewith returned, because apparently it does not deal with the question of their release in Italy.

Encl.

Rome, March 20th, 1946

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Wilhelm Schmetterle

Salsomaggi, February 12th 1945

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The Commanding Officer
Diplomatic Internment Center
Salsomaggi.

MAR 21 1945

Sir,

With reference to our conversation, this morning, I beg to submit the requested informations as follows :

My son Wolfgang Schmetterle was at Davos (Switzerland) until December 1944. December 22nd 1944, I brought him to my wife, Frieda Schmetterle, née Keib, at Sonneberg (Thuringia), Rosengasse 14, where she had her temporary residence. December 29th 1944, I saw my wife and my son for the last time.

The last notice of my wife from Sonneberg (Thuringia), situated near the boundary between the American and the Russian Zone of occupation, I received in February 1945.

I assume that my wife as well as my son removed in the meantime to Coburg (Bavaria). None of my letters I got back.

I respectfully beg to procure me notice of my family by inquiry at the following addresses :

Mrs. Frieda Schmetterle, née Keib, c/o :

- Theodor Wagner, Coburg (Bavaria), Eckardtsberg 12 (American Zone),
- Frau Keib, Coburg (Bavaria), Poststr. 6 (American Zone),
- Sofie Eichhorn, Sonneberg (Thuringia), Rosengasse 14 (as I suppose Russian Zone).

Thanking you in advance, I am, Sir,

respectfully Yours,

W. Schmetterle

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Paul Wucherpfennig.

Salsomaggiore, February 18th, 1946.

To the ALLIED COMMISSION
c/o Admiral STONE
ROME.

Sir,

I beg to submit the following:

I suppose that my personal situation is known to the Allied Commission in consequence of the existing files after it has been fixed, in July 1945, by the interrogation By American Officers and completed with several statements of mine, with which I requested to be released to Germany in conformity with respective Commanding Officer of this Centre.

Now, there have passed already ten months that my wife and myself are detained in a country to which we had no relations whatsoever before we came here for the first time, on the 23rd of February 1945. I have to reject to have been involved in any action or sentiment in connection with the practical and political side of the passed war. Therefore I suppose that the reason for our detention consists in a general regulation concerning the German ex - diplomats, into which we have been included, both, my wife and myself, in consequence of my short and mere administrative activity at the former German Embassy at Fasano, beginning February 23rd, 1945 and ending with the break down.

I am not a diplomat. Now, nearly one year after the armistice I believe to have the right to request for my wife and myself that those measures will be revised for the following reasons.

I was neither a member of the Nazional-socialist Party nor of any of its organisations, having been a freemason. Just the same I have never been a soldier. I may suppose as sufficiently known how freemasons were treated in Germany during the national-socialism For the period of twelve years we have been neglected, excluded from promotion in our service and kept away from any responsible position.

It was my hope that with the collapse of the national-socialist government this time would have been over and that I could reenter the ranks of those Germans who may again serve their people, notwithstanding where and how. This hope was as much the more justified as it based itself on one of the thirteen ordinances given by the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, General Eisenhower, concerning the administration of the several, German zones occupied by the Allied Forces. The concerning thesis, for some weeks transmitted by the British Broadcasting Company, sounds that the German Administration in the occupied zones should be cleaned up of national-socialists and that only such elements should have the right to work as German officials who did not belong to the party: that means the new order of matters in Germany should be executed exclusively by the non-national-socialist part of the German people.

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I believe that there is no doubt that all the authorities charged with the reconstruction of Germany will take into consideration these principles, not only in the general line but also with regard to the single person.

I do not want to emphasize in a special manner our personal economical situation which, in consequence of the breakdown of my country and of our long absence, has probably suffered so much that my wife and myself in our advanced state of age will not be able to restore it. I am only speaking from the stand point of a German citizen who does not desire anything else than to start his life once again, serving his country by means of his work and service.

Having confidence in your sense of justice, I beg once again to be released and repatriated, as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Respectfully.

*Signed by Paul Wucherpfennig.
Certified true copy of original.
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Ref: 6829/210/83

18 March 1946

SUBJECT: Release in Italy of German Diplomats.

TO : AFHQ for C-5

In reply to the telephone conversation (Capt. Oddi - Major Hightower of C-5) of 18 March reference the German diplomats - Mrs Mollier and Countess Thun-Hohenstein attached please find memorandum 6/1206/240 of 10 March 1946 from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

249 It is suggested that the attached memorandum will serve excellently in the future as a written policy of the Italian government's stand on release in Italy of German diplomats.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Encl: ltr 6/1206/240 fr IMFA of 10 March 1946

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Release in Italy of German Diplomats.

1. Reference is made to the following Allied Commission's notes, all concerning the above subject:

- DPR/MAU/G -II(DP), of 19 January 1946, subject: MAUERHOFF;
- 219 - 687/24/EC, of 19 February 1946, subject: UNSOLD
- 221 - 595/36/EC, of 23 February 1946, subject: KOESTER;
- 224 - 6529/214/EC, of 19 February, and 6529/220/EC of 6 March 1946, subject: Mrs MOLLIER and Countess THUN-HOHNSTEIN.

2. All above applications for release in Italy of Germans interned at Salsomaggiore, are now being separately examined by the proper Italian Authorities. As soon as a reply is available to this Ministry it will be forwarded to the Allied Commission.

3. It is pointed out however that owing to the delicate nature of the question, each application must be thoroughly processed and each case investigated and checked: a matter requiring a large amount of work and taking up a considerable time.

4. As to applications by Mrs Mollier and Countess Thun-Hohenstein, it is noted that the Allied Commission is stressing the urgency of a reply. In this connection requests for an "immediate" reply would seem, in a way, inconsistent with the general statement appearing on the Allied Commission's above quoted notes 687/24/EC to the effect that all applications of enemy diplomats for release in Italy must emanate from the Italian Government.

5. In view of the above considerations and of the Italian Government standing in the matter (i.e. that they "are favourable to the return to Germany of all German citizens who are still in Italy" and that "this policy applies even more so to those persons who had formerly diplomatic status", as stated in this Ministry's memorandum 6/201/62, of January 14th, in reply to the Allied Commission's note 220.13/EC(L) of 12 January 1946), the Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to state that, under no circumstances, the return to Germany of the applicants should be delayed if the time for their repatriation comes up before the Italian Government's decision on their request for their release in Italy communicated to the Allied Commission. In such case applicants may be instructed eventually to file an application for entry into Italy - through normal channels - once they are released in their country of origin.

Rome, March 10th, 1946

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GHQ CMF G-5 INFO: ALCOM-59 AREA- 217 AREA - G - Q

MAR 13 1946

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1. All diplomats clear of Salsomaggiore 13 March on removal to sep hospital Cesena for temporary accomodation.
2. Only available guard troops leave Salsomaggiore 19 March.
3. In view shortage of time and to avoid looting by Italians have contacted Russian representative at Pesaro camp who are making preliminary inspection 14 March.
4. Request covering approval and confirmation premises suitable by Colonel Sarvolev as impossible maintain British guards after 19 March.
5. Your signal FX 61345 dated 22 February refers.

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Ref: 6529/247/53

12 March 1946

SUBJECT: Interned German Diplomats.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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1. The attached applications for release in Italy, and accompanying correspondence from the following listed German Diplomats

FASBENDER, Johann
SCHUETTERLE, Wilhelm
MAUERHOFF, Dr. E.
UNSOELD, Leonhard
WUCHERPFENNIG, Paul

are forwarded to you for such action as you deem fit.

2. The above named diplomats were transferred to internment Camp at APTERG, Germany, on 1 Mar 46.

For the Chief Commissioner,

C. R. BRAVEROONE

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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G-5: 091.112-75

8 March 1946
MAR 11 1946

SUBJECT: Interned Diplomats

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

245 refers
1. It is requested that the attached applications for release in Italy from the following listed German Diplomats be forwarded to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for their information:

FASSBENDER, Johann
SCHUETTERLE, Wilhelm
MAUERHOFF, Dr. E.
UNSOELD, Leonhard
WUCHERPFENNIG, Paul

see file 687/KC Folio 22.

2. The a/n diplomats were transferred to Internee Camp at AFTERG, Germany, 1 March.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

[Signature]
F. G. A. PARSONS,
Brigadier,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl:
as above

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[Signature]
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 61345

Date/Time of Origin: 222044A

Message Centre No: G/9703

Date/Time Rec'd: FEB 230900

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ GHQ CMF

TO: ALCOM

RESTRICTED

Reference CHQ 3491/A2 of 12 Feb.

1. At conference yesterday Col. Jakovlev was asked to arrange with Major Simcock for Recce of site at Salsomaggiore
2. Latest information that Salsomaggiore not yet vacated. Request you advise Jakovlev of delay in evacuation. Do not arrange Russian Recce until advised Salsomaggiore clear. DISTWO A/308/14(0) of 18 Feb refers.

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ACTION : DISPER

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Subject: Documents.

Ref: A/100/3A

To: D.A.A.G.
H.Q. 2. District.
Milan.

FASSBENDER JOHANN.

Herewith five duplicate ^{and} or translated copies of letters submitted by the a/m internee in this Centre. He has asked if his case for internment might be reviewed, and the accompanying recommendation be taken in account. He has also requested to be released in Italy where he has spent the last eighteen years.

Salsomaggiore

13/2/46

CMB Lt. R.A. 2940
O.C. Diplomat Internee Centre
Salsomaggiore.

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Translation.

Genoa-3. Milano, 1. II. 1946.

To

Mr. R. Fassbender
Salcomaghiere.

I am very sorry, that I cannot send you the desired copy.

The British Consulate not intervenes absolutely in such matters and is therefore completely desinterested. However, to demonstrate you my good will I enclose herewith a declaration from my part, which you may present to the authority competent for you.

Wishing you good success I remain with the best greetings also to your family
Yours

Mary Woodfin.

Certified true copy & translation

*CMW Bin
Loren.*

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Copy.

To whom it may concern.

This is to certify that I, Mrs. Mary Woodfin, a widow and a British subject by marriage, in August 1940 received a registered letter from the Intendenza di Finanza, Genoa, giving me an appointment the following day at the Credito Italiano Bank, for the purpose of sequestrating the contents of my safety box and making an inventory of same.

The safety box contained an important sum of money, many valuables and all my jewellery.

Widowed in 1938, and in the fear of losing all my property, I went to the German Consulate to see whether I could get them to assist me in view of the fact that I was a German subject prior to my marriage at the British Consulate General, Genoa, in 1912.

I explained my troubles to Mr. Passbender, whom I discovered to be anti-fascist and nurtured no dislike for the British, so much so that he had no hesitation in giving me every possible assistance and succeeded in preventing the sequestration not only of the strong box, but also of my real estate at S. Ilario and elsewhere.

I feel sure that the contents of my safety box would have fallen into the hands of the fascists if Mr. Passbender had not intervened on my behalf. Needless to say I am very grateful to Mr. Passbender for his very valuable assistance and I trust this declaration may be of help to him in his present predicament.

Mary Woodfin,

Holder of British Passport No. 257 427
issued at Genoa on 6 Dec. 1945.

From: Mrs. Mary Woodfin

" Podere Flora " Nr. 56

Genoa - S. Ilario.

Certified true copy.

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Translation

RETTORATO DELLA CHIESA
DI S. MARIA DELL'ANIMA
(Rectorship of the Church
of S. Maria dell'Anima)

Rome (1112), January 12th 1946.
Via della Pace, 20

The undersigned Bishop-Rector of the College of the Vatican dell'Anima recommends warmly to the Allied and Italian Authorities Mr. Dr. Fassbender of Siegburg in Germany, for whom he has made today a request at the Home Department for the purpose that he may stay in Italy, where he has had his residence since 1928. Mr. Fassbender was a member of the catholic community of German language at Genoa and he has always shown sentiments due to a good catholic. He never interfered in political affairs or in those of the nazi-party.

L. S.

signed : Aloys Hudal

Bishop of Ela

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Translation

A Gesu' per Maria

PARROCCHIA S.S. ASCENSIONE
(Parish S.S. Ascensione)

GIOVI (Genoa)

Govi, January 12th 1946.

Mr.

Joh.Fr. Fassbender

Salsomaggiore

Mrs. Zucchi has consigned me, for taking knowledge of it, the letter which you directed to her deceased husband, some days before the liberation of the Country, so much expected by him.

From the letter I learn your good notices what I just desired, because from the day on you did me such a great favour a strong sentiment of gratitude joins me with your soul.

I include herewith the attestation which you wished to have. If you should need another copy write to me freely, because, as I told you before, I shall always be glad to do something for showing you my acknowledgement and that of my friend Marchese.

I beg the Holy Virgin to obtain that what you want to settle yourself and to continue to do good actions.

With best greetings

Yours very truly

Signed : Eud Battistino

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Translation

A Gesu' per Maria
PARROCCHIA S.S. ASCENSIONE
(Parish S.S. Ascensione)
GIOVI (Genoa)

A t t e s t a t i o n

The undersigned priest Baud Battistino Archpriest of the SS. (most holy) Ascensione dei Giovi in the community of Mignanego certifies that his own friend Mr. Marchese Gerolamo, son of the deceased Lorenzo, well-known anti-fascist, has been arrested at Genoa in May 1944 by two German soldiers and brought into the prison of the S.S. Marassi under the accusation of spying.

The undersigned made in vain every attempt to obtain the liberation. Finally he intervened at Mr. Joh. Fr. Fassbender, Secretary at the German Consulate, at this time in this parish for reason of evacuation, and that one took up the case immediately in a very cordial manner. He intervened in person at the Command of the S.S. and, overcoming grave difficulties, succeeded to obtain the release, saving him from being shot to death or at least from being deported in Germany.

The undersigned certifies the truth of the above statement as well as the due gratitude against the above mentioned Mr. Joh. Fr. Fassbender.

The Most Holy Ascension of Giovi, January 12th 1946

L.S.

The Archpriest

signed : Baud Battistino

Certified true copy & translation

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Copia.

Rettorato della Chiesa
di S. Maria dell'Anima

Roma (1112), 11 12 gennaio 1946.

Il sottoscritto Vescovo-Rettore del Collegio Pontificio
dell' Anima raccomanda caldamente alle autorità aliene ed italiane
il Signor Dottor Passbender di Siegburg in Germania, per il quale ha
fatto oggi una domanda al Ministero dell'Interno affinché possa rima-
nere in Italia dove dal 1928 ha avuto la sua residenza. Il Signore
Passbender era membro della comunità cattolica di lingua tedesca in
Genova e ha manifestato sempre sentimenti come conviene per un buon
cattolico. Egli mai si è imbroccato in faccende politiche o in questio-
ni del partito nazista.

Fto.: Aloys Hudal

Vescovo di Ulm.

(I. S.)

Certified true copy,

*WMB:J
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Parrocchia S.S. Ascensione
Giovì (Genova).

Giovì, 12 Gennaio 1946.

Pregno Signor/ Joh. Fr. Passabender
Selsomaggiore.

La Signora Zucchi mi trasmette in visione la lettera da lei indirizzata al compianto suo consorte deceduto pochi giorni prima della liberazione della Patria da lui tanto sospirata.

Dalla lettera apprendo sue buone notizie che proprio desideravo, poichè dal giorno del grande favore che mi ha fatto un vivo sentimento di gratitudine m'è lega all'anima suo.

Acciando alla presente l'attestazione da lei desiderata. Se gliene occorresse altra copia mi scriva liberamente, poichè come le dicevo allora, sarei ben lieto di poter fare qualche cosa per dimostrare la mia riconoscenza a quella del mio amico Marchese.

Prego la Madonna di ottenerle quanto desidera per potersi sietmare e continuare a fare opere di bene.

La saluto distintamente

Devotissimo

fto.: Band Bettistino.

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A t t e s t a z i o n e

Il sottoscritto Sacerdote Paul Battistino Arciprete della S.S. Ascensione dei Giovi in Comune di Mignanego attesta che il proprio amico Signor Marchese Gerolamo fu Lorenzo noto antifascista in Genova nel Maggio 1944 fu arrestato da due soldati Tedeschi e tradotto alle carceri S.S. di Marassi sotto accusa di spionaggio.

Il sottoscritto fece invano ogni tentativo per ottenere la liberazione. Finalmente intercettate presso il Signor Joh. Fr. Passbender Segretario presso il Consolato Tedesco allora in questa Parrocchia per sfollamento e questi prese subito a cuore la pratica. Intervenendo di persona presso il Comandante delle S.S., superando gravissime difficoltà riuscì ad ottenere la scarcerazione, salvandolo dalla fucilazione o per lo meno dalla deportazione in Germania.

Il sottoscritto attesta quanto sopra per la verità e per debito di riconoscenza verso il predetto Signor Joh. Fr. Passbender.

Dalla Santissima Ascensione dei Giovi li 12 Gennaio 1946

Arciprete

(L.S.)

fto. Paul Battistino.

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Wilhelm Schuetterle

Salsomaggiore, February 12th 1946. ²³⁶

The Commanding Officer
Diplomatic Internment Center
Salsomaggiore.

Sir,

With reference to our conversation, this morning, I beg to submit the requested informations as follows :

My son Wolfgang Schuetterle was at Davos (Switzerland) until December 1944. December 22nd 1944, I brought him to my wife, Frieda Schuetterle, née Keib, at Sonneberg (Thuringia), Rosengasse 14, where she had her temporary residence. December 29th 1944, I saw my wife and my son for the last time.

The last notice of my wife from Sonneberg (Thuringia), situated near the boundary between the American and the Russian Zone of occupation, I received in February 1945.

I assume that my wife as well as my son removed in the meantime to Coburg (Bavaria). Some of my letters I got back.

I respectfully beg to procure me notice of my family by inquiry at the following addresses :

Mrs. Frieda Schuetterle, née Keib, c/o :

Theodor Hagner, Coburg (Bavaria), Eckardtsberg 12 (American Zone),
Rosa Keib, Coburg (Bavaria), Raststr. 6 (American Zone),
Sofie Eichhorn, Sonneberg (Thuringia), Rosengasse 14 (as I suppose
Russian Zone).

Thanking you in advance, I am, Sir,

respectfully Yours,

W. Schuetterle

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COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION - SAVONA
Vth Zone (Valle Borride)

Dr. G. E. Mauerhoff, father's name Emilio, German subject, born at Cologne the 5th of May 1895, actually interned in the concentration camp for diplomats at Salsomaggiore, depends of the Ferrania Company, industry for the fabrication of sensitive products for photography, since February 21st 1934.

He is a chemist of photography and specialised in the preparation and examination of sensitive emulsions. Therefore it is a fact that he is a technician of value, necessary for that industry on account of his professional qualities as well as of his great experience acquired in important factories, first in German ones and then in such of the United States.

This experience makes of him a person non replaceable in this industry of such a great national importance and technically very delicate.

Furthermore, the relations which Dr. Mauerhoff is always still keeping up with American technical-commercial circles will permit him in this moment to facilitate much the possibilities of the choice and furnishment of special raw-materials, indispensable for this industry.

Concerning the political position it can be confirmed that he, contrary of the nazifascism, has contributed efficiently to the fight of liberation, collaborating in a particular manner with the Committee of Zone of Altare, and his contribution from the month of September 1943 until the day of the liberation has been recognized in different occasions as particularly useful.

Stamp :
Committee of National
Liberation - Savona

Stamp :
Committee of National
Liberation
Savona, Vth Zone

The President
signed : M. Castellano

Seen, no objection of the Committee of National Liberation of the Province of Savona against that what has been requested by the depending Committee of the Vth Zone (Altare).-

Savona, January 10th 1946.

The Committee of National Liberation
Province of Savona
Chancery

signed : illegible

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COMITATO LIB. NAZIONALE - SAVONA
V^Zona (Valle Bormida)

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Il dott. G. B. Mauerhoff di Emilio, cittadino tedesco, nato a Colonia il 5/5/1895, attualmente internato nel campo di concentramento per diplomatici di Salsomaggiore, è alle dipendenze della Società Ferrania, industria per la fabbricazione dei prodotti sensibili per fotografia, fin dal 21/2 1934.

Egli è fotochimico specializzato nella preparazione e ricerca di emulsioni sensibili. Consta essere tecnico di valore, necessario a questa industria sia per le sue qualità professionali che per la grande esperienza acquisita in importanti stabilimenti tedeschi prima, e statunitensi poi.

Questa esperienza fa di lui persona non sostituibile in questa industria di così grande importanza nazionale e tecnicamente tanto delicata.

Le relazioni poi che detto dr. Mauerhoff conserva tuttora con ambienti tecnico-commerciali americani gli consentirebbero, in questo momento, di facilitare grandemente le possibilità di scelta e rifornimento di speciali materie prime indispensabili per tale industria.

Circa la posizione politica si può affermare che egli, contrario al nazifascismo, ha contribuito efficacemente alla lotta di liberazione, collaborando in modo particolare col Comitato di Zona di Altare, ed il suo contributo dal mese di settembre 1943 fino al giorno della liberazione, è stato riconosciuto in varie occasioni particolarmente utile.

Timbro :

Comitato di Liberaz.
Naz. Savona

Timbro :

Comitato di Libe-
razione Nazionale
Savona V Zona

Il Presidente

f.to M. Castellano

Visto, nulla osta da parte di questo Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale della Provincia di Savona, a quanto richiesto dal Comitato dipendente della V^Zona (Altare).-

Savona, li 10.1.1946

Il Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale
Provincia di Savona

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L.R.M. 14 Feb. 1946*

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Dr. Rudolf Rahn

Salsomaggiore, February 20th, 1946.

The Commanding Officer
Diplomatic Internee Centre

Salsomaggiore

Sir,

I beg to submit the enclosed application in which Mr. Leonard UNOLD begs to be released to Messina (Sicily) where he was in residence for more than 30 years.

Mr. Unold is a private businessman. He acted as substitute of the German Honorary Consul at Messina in cases of the latter's absence. He was never connected in any way with political affairs, also not during his temporary employment at the German Consulate General in Milan where he did purely clerical duties.

In consideration of these facts, I should be very grateful if Mr. Unold could now be released to Messina.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully

(Rudolf Rahn)
Ambassador

Certified true copy of original.
Reyes to RAA

Leonhard UNSGELD

Salomaggiore, February 26th, 1946.

The Commanding Officer
Diplomatic Internee Centre

Salomaggiore

With reference to my letters of Sept. 18th, 1945, Nov. 9th, 1945, and Jan. 2nd, 1946, requesting to be permitted to proceed to Messina (Sicily), my residence for 30 years.

Sir,

I have been informed that Signor Francesco Badessa, who personally called at Headquarters in Caserta and at the Allied Commission in Rome, asking for my release in the interests of his own firm Rosario Badessa & Fi., Villafranca Tirreno, and of Messrs. Flli De.Pasquale & Co, Messina, received assurance that my immediate return to Messina would be permitted.

I therefore beg to renew my earlier applications for release. I may point out that the two firms mentioned are in urgent need of my services.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully

(Leonhard Unsöld)

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Paul Wucherpennig

Salsomaggiore, February 18th, 1946.

To the ALLIED COMMISSION
c./o. Admiral STONE

ROME

Sir,

I beg to submit the following:

I suppose that my personal situation is known to the Allied Commission in consequence of the existing files after it has been fixed, in July 1945, by the interrogation by American Officers and completed with several statements of mine, with which I requested to be released to Germany in conformity with respective Commanding Officer of this Centre.

Now, there have passed already ten months that my wife and myself are detained in a country to which we had no relations whatsoever before we came here for the first time, on the 23rd of February 1945. I have to reject to have been involved in any action or sentiment in connection with the practical and political side of the passed war. Therefore I suppose that the reason for our detention consists in a general regulation concerning the German ex-diplomats, into which we have been included, both, my wife and myself, in consequence of my short and mere administrative activity at the former German Embassy at Fasano, beginning February 23rd, 1945 and ending with the break-down.

I am not a diplomat. Now, nearly one year after the armistice I believe to have the right to request for my wife and myself that those measures will be revised for the following reasons:

I was neither a member of the Nazionalsocialist Party nor of any of its organisations, having been a freemason. Just the same I have never been a soldier. I may suppose as sufficiently known how freemasons were treated in Germany during the nationalsocialism. For the period of twelve years we have been neglected, excluded from promotion in our service and kept away from any responsible position.

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socialist government this time would have been over and that I could reenter the ranks of those Germans who may again serve their people, notwithstanding where and how. This hope was as much the more justified as it based itself on one of the thirteen ordinances given by the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, General Eisenhower, concerning the administration of the several German Zones occupied by the Allied Forces. The concerning thesis, for some weeks transmitted by the British Broadcasting Company, sounds that the German Administration in the occupied zones should be cleaned up of nationalsocialists and that only such elements should have the right to work as German officials who did not belong to the party; that means the new order of matters in Germany should be executed exclusively by the non-nationalsocialist part of the German people. Also the different official speakers of the British and American Broadcasting Companies have expressed themselves repeatedly in this sense.

I believe that there is no doubt that all the authorities charged with the reconstruction of Germany will take into consideration these principles, not only in the general line but also with regard to the single person.

I do not want to emphasize in a special manner our personal economical situation which, in consequence of the breakdown of my country and of our long absence, has probably suffered so much that my wife and myself in our advanced state of age will not be able to restore it. I am only speaking from the standpoint of a German citizen who does not desire anything else than to start his life once again, serving his country by means of his work and service.

Having confidence in your sense of justice, I beg once again to be released and repatriated, as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am,

Respectfully

W. Martini

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 091.112-90

8 March 1946

SUBJECT: Interned Diplomats.

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. Reference your 6529/218/EC dated 4 March 1946.
2. Letter from Dr. E. G. MAUERHOFF is returned herewith, as it is addressed to your Headquarters for action.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

for *ACE [Signature]*
F. G. A. PARSONS
Brigadier,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl: as above dtd 2 Feb.

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Ref: 6529/220/30

6 March 1946

SUBJECT: German Diplomats - Mrs Mollier and Countess Thun-Hohenstein
TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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1. Reference our 6529/214/30 of 19 February 1946 as the matter therein is of need urgent it is reminded that an immediate reply is necessary.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 6529/216/20

4 March 1946

SUBJECT: DR. E.C. MAUERHOFF.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
G-5 Section.

Reference your G-5: 091.112-75 dated 1 March 46.

1. The documents referred to in your letter are enclosed herewith.

2. Enclosed also are the Information, Float, File and draft copies of your letter and a letter from 2 District, all of which were enclosed in error with your letter to this HQ.

For the Chief Commissioner.

C. R. BRAYBROOKE

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to file: - 991/EC.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 091.112-75

1 March 1946

SUBJECT: Interned Diplomats.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. On 12 February 1946, HQ 2 District despatched a letter to this Headquarters purporting to enclose a package from Dr. E. Maurerhoff, interned at Salsomaggiore, addressed to:

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

but was not received at this Headquarters.

2. Headquarters 2 District were informed that the package was not attached and were requested to forward.

3. Enquiries made by 2 District revealed the fact the package addressed to Rear Admiral Ellery Stone, was clipped to the covering letter when the latter was passed to the Despatch Officer, and that the Despatch Officer is sure that it left for this Headquarters in the same state.

4. A careful search has been made at this Headquarters but the package has definitely not reached here.

5. It is quite possible that the package was erroneously despatched direct to your Headquarters from Headquarters 2 District, and it will be greatly appreciated if you can state whether or not the package has been received at your Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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for F. G. A. PARSONS
Brigadier
Acting Ass't Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to : Headquarters 2 District
Your A/307(0) dated 21 Feb '46.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: A/307(0)

Message Centre No: G/9899

Date/Time of Origin: FEB 26 1530 A

Date Time Rec'd: FEB 27 1030

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: DISTWO

TO : HQ ALCOM , INFO: AFHQ (45) "A" 59 AREA: MED 59 AREA : MED DISTWO

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Ref this HQ letter A/307(0) dated 11 February 46. Following diplomats discharged 04 GEN hesp 18 February 46. LAURA FABER. MADELINE MILLIER. MARRIANE TOMICICH.

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19 February 1946

Ref: 6529/A24/SC

SUBJECT: German Diplomats - Mrs. Mollier and Countess Thun - Hohenstein.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. Reference the attached letter A/307 (0), 11 Feb. 1946, from HQ No. 2 District CMC referred to G-5, AFHQ for ACTION.

2. By telephone (Capt. Oddi-Major Hightower of G-5) Allied Headquarters has instructed the Liaison Division that the above matter be referred to the Italian Government for approval.

3. However, it is pointed out that any approval by the Italian government to their continued residence in Italy as invalids will surely require the acceptance of the following conditions:

a) That they be assured admittance to an Italian civilian hospital (at their own expense) for further treatment by Italian specialist as per their request until they are fully recovered and fit for travel.

b) That the Italian government assumes the responsibility of their later repatriation.

4. May the above matter be treated as urgent. Your immediate reply will be most appreciated.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encl: A/307(0) ltr of 11 Feb. 46 fr HQ No. 2 District, CMC

Copy to:
AFHQ G-5 Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Executive Commissioner

LIAISON DIVISION

APO 394

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18 February 1946

MEMORANDUM : AFHQ policy in respect to release in Italy of interned German diplomats (Salsomaggiore)

Resume of telephone call, 18 February 1946, (Capt, ODDI - Major HIGHTOWER C-5, AFHQ) on above subject. Major HIGHTOWER indicated that the latest stand of AFHQ on the release in Italy of interned German diplomats (Salsomaggiore) is as follows ;

- a) All request for release of interned German diplomats must emanate from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- b) No application for release of an interned German diplomat will be forwarded AFHQ unless the request is accompanied by a letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs specifically indicating the Italian Government favorable to said release and acknowledging its responsibility to the individual in case release is granted.
- c) All applications not meeting the conditions stated in (a) and (b) above are to be returned to the sponsor with the information that it be referred to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for appropriate action.

Victor C. Allen

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Commissioner
Liaison Division
APO 394

Ref: 595/37/EC

23 February 1946

TO : Signor Card. PIAZZA, Patriarca di Venezia
Curia Patriarcale
Venezia

Reference your letter dated 30 Jan. 1946, subject:
Doctor Koester Hans, former Consul at Venezia.

Your letter has been forwarded for consideration to the Italian
Ministry of For. Aff. and necessary action will be taken.

The above change in channeling was indicated due to the fact that
all applications to AFHQ of enemy diplomats for release in Italy must
emanate from the Italian Government.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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23 February 1946

SUBJECT: Doctor Koester Hans, former German Consul at Venezia
TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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1. Since it appears that the attached document, dated 30 January 1946, from the Patriarchal Chancellery recommending Doctor Koester Hans is in support of a previous request by the German diplomat to be released in Italy it is passed on to your Ministry for action.

2. It is again advised that all applications to A.F.H.Q. of enemy diplomats for release in Italy must emanate from the Italian Government.

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encl: Ltr Curia Patriarcale No. of 30 January 1946

~~*Capt. 687/50*~~

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G-5: 091.112-75

19 February 1946

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SUBJECT: Doctor Koester Hans, former German Consul at Venezia

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394

Reference 595/28/EC 14 February 1946 and telephone conversation (Major Hightower - Capt Oddi).
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1. Original of report of 30 January 1946 from Patriarchal Chancellery and translation of same returned herewith without action.

2. It appears that this is a supporting document for a previous request by the German diplomat to be released in Italy, of which this Headquarters has no knowledge.

3. It is requested you acknowledge receipt of the report and pass same on to the Italian Government for whatever action they may desire.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

F. G. A. Parsons
F. G. A. PARSONS
Brigadier,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl:
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Ref: 687/24/EC

19 February 1946

SUBJECT: Release of interned diplomat - Salsomaggiore.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. Reference the attached letter from Fratelli De Pasquale and Co. - Messina, of 12 January 1946, on the release of Mr. Leonard Unsold in Italy.

2. The present AFHQ policy on the release of interned diplomats in Italy requires that all applications for such release must originate from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

3. In view of the above policy the attached request is passed on to the Italian government for whatever action they may desire.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encl: 12 Jan. 1946 ltr fr Ditta De Pasquale & Co.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Commissioner
Liaison Division
APO 394

Ref: 687/25/EC

19 February 1946

TO : Ditta De Pasquali & Co. - Messina

Reference your letter
of M. Leonard Unsold in Italy.

dated 12 January 1946. on the release

Your letter has been forwarded for consideration to the Italian
Min. of Foreign Aff. and necessary action will be taken.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 091.112-75

15 February 1946

FEB 18 1946

SUBJECT: Interned Diplomats - Application for Release in Italy

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Forwarded herewith is copy of letter from Fratelli De Pasquale & Co., Messina to Commanding Officer, Salsomaggiore, requesting the release of a Mr. Leonard UNSOLD in Italy.

2. It is requested you acknowledge receipt of the letter to the firm and pass the request on to the Italian Government for whatever action they may desire.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

F. G. A. Parsons
F. G. A. PARSONS
Brigadier
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl:
As above

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FRATELLI DE PASQUALE & CO.

MESSINA 12th January 1946

To the
Commanding Officer
of the Diplomatic Detention Centre,
Salsomaggiore.

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Dear Sir,

The writer of this letter, senior partner of this firm which acts also as agents for the above indicated banks, takes the liberty to put the following matter before you:

Mr. Leonard Unsold, a German prisoner of war, detained in your camp, was employed by our firm for about 30 years as manager and correspondent in Foreign languages. He worked half a day with us and half a day with Messrs. Rosario Badessa and Sons, who have also written to you regarding his release. Owing to the war, Mr. Unsold was obliged to leave Messina and to relinquish his post with our firm, which did a large business in essential oils with the U.K. and Dominions. Now his presence would be urgently required in order to disentangle some clearing accounts kept in abeyance since his departure, a state of things which is highly prejudicial to our firm. There is, for instance, a payment of about Lire 200,000.-made by our old friends, Messrs. John Stow & Co. of Hesse, England, which cannot be traced, etc.-

We can loyally affirm that Mr. Unsold never took any interest in politics having been fully absorbed by his commercial activities for our firm, keeping in touch, by letter and by wire, with our numerous clients in England, Canada, Australia, India, U.S.A. etc.-

Owing to Mr. Unsold's absence our business is greatly handicapped and the letters and telegrams we are receiving from almost any part of the globe must remain unanswered.-

We, therefore, request the Allied Military Authority to kindly consider the unfortunate position in which we find ourselves by releasing Mr. Unsold at an early date, permitting his return to Messina so as to enable him to take up his former position in our firm.-

Thanking you,
we remain,

dear Sir,

Yours faithfully
/s/ Fratelli De Pasquale & Co.
Commander AMCOF, Caserta, Tiro Dept.

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A copy of this letter has been sent to the

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Commissioner
Liaison Division
APO 394

Ref: 595/29/20

14 February 1946

TO : Signor Card. PIAZZA, Patriarca di Venezia
Curia Patriarcale
Venezia

Reference your letter dated 30 Jan. 1946, subject:
Doctor Koester Hans, former Consul at Venezia.
Your letter has been forwarded for consideration to Commanding
General - (G-5) - AFHQ and necessary action will be taken.

VICTOR E. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 595/28/30

14 February 1946

SUBJECT: Doctor Koester Hans, former German Consul at Venezia

TO : Commanding General
A.F.H. APO 512
For G-5 Section

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1. Reference the attached report, dated 30 January 46, subject same as above which has in error been submitted to this headquarters by the Patriarchal Chancellery upon the request of Cardinal PIAZZA, Venetian Patriarch.

2. As the above matter in all probability concerns a recommendation to a formal request already submitted to A.F.H. . . for the release of one of the diplomatic interns at Salsomaggiore it is passed on to G-5 for any action they might deem necessary.

VICTOR L. ODOJ

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encls: Original of report of 30 January 46 fr. Patriarchal Chancellery
translation of the same

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TRANSLATION

Venice 30 January 1946

CURIA PATRIARCALE
VENETIA

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS

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On behalf of H.E. the Cardinal PIAZZA, Patriarch of Venice, I have the honour to call the Allied Commission's attention to the work, that Mr. Dott. Koester Hens, Consul of Germany at Venice, has carried out especially during the years of the German occupation.

Such a work was undertaken on the grounds of humanitarian sentiments in order to relieve the situation and prevent worst evils.

The following facts particularly are worth reporting here:-

1) the interest that Mr. Koester took in the matter of hiding in Venice the bells of our Duomo which were to be sent to Germany as war material and thus the bells were saved from Italian and German requisition;

2) his intervention in order that a nun, Jewish-born but baptized, was not sent to a concentration camp, but remained in the convent under Patriarch's protection;

3) on account of the energetic intervention of the Patriarch and the Bishops of Padua, Treviso, Belluno and Feltre, the resultant liberation of various priests captured by the G.N.R. and the German S.S.; the exemption from work-service for priests, clergymen, seminarists and many others; the intervention in order to prevent the inundation of the Piave-zone, and the German military occupation of the ecclesiastic buildings;

4) for the protection of Venice Dott. Koester interested himself in order that the German ships were kept far from the San Marco Dock, the Rattere, the Giudecca zones crowded with inhabitants.

5) Dott Koester also intervened to prevent the destruction by mines of the most important zones of the town such as the Arsenale, the Marittima, the Litterio Bridge, the Stucky Mill and the Porto Marghera;

6) during the last days of the German occupation, Dott Koester took precautions to avoid blood-shed in the transfer of authority and by his beneficial influence and liaisoning between the German Command, the Patriarch and the Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale he spared Venice a bloody resistance which should have caused many victims and serious ruins.

I can testify the truth of the above facts, since I was Chancellor at that time and I dealt with them on behalf of H.E. the Patriarch.

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At any rate they are of public knowledge with the other merits such as the liberation from prison of many people:- Prof. Tursi, Prof. Pontal of the G.L.N.; the protection of monuments of artistic interest, the influence in the special fascist tribunal to obtain moderation and clemency for the trial.

H.L. submit the above to the high judgment of the Allied Commission and sends his best regards.

The Chancellor

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Ref: 6529/211/33

15 February 1946

SUBJECT: German Diplomats interned at Salsomaggiore.

TO : Commanding General
A.F.H.Q. APO 512
for: G-5 Section

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1. Reference the attached letter A/307(0) dated 11 February 46, subject: same as above, from H.Q. No. 2 District, GEF to Alcon with copy to A.F.H.Q. (G-5).
2. Due to the fact that the Salsomaggiore diplomatic internees directly concern G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q. this headquarters is forwarding the matter for consideration and for any action you may deem necessary.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encl: A/307(0) letter of 11 Feb 46 fr HQ No. 2 District, GEF

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: German Diplomats

HQ No. 2 District CMF
A/307(0)

11 Feb 46

HQ ALCOM CMF

MADALINE MOLIER
COUNTESS THUN-HOHNSTEIN
URSULA FABER
MARIANNE TOMICICH

1. The above names wives of German Diplomats interned at Salsomaggiore are at present patients in 64 (br) Gen. Hospital.

2. The first two named, Mrs MOLIER and Countess THUN-HOHNSTEIN are unfit to travel to Germany with the main party which will be leaving during the course of the next few days and therefore it is recommended for your urgent consideration that they be permitted to remain in Italy for further treatment by Italian specialists. It is desirable that they should be removed as soon as possible.

3. The other two women, Mrs FABER and Mrs TOMICICH, will be discharged from hospital as fit to travel to GERMANY and will be returned to the Diplomats Internment Centre, SALSOMAGGIORE.

4. May your agreement or otherwise to the suggestion made in para 2 please be notified as soon as possible.

/s/ Major General
Commander No. 2 District

Copy to A.F.H.Q. (G-5)
"A" 59 Area
Medical 59 Area
Medical HQ 2 District, for action as at para 3.
Commandant, Diplomats Internment Centre, Salsomaggiore

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Ref: 6529/6/30

28 January 1946

Dear Mr. Cowen:

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Reference your letter of 17 December 1945, concerning the
former German consul in Turin, Mr. Scholz.

We are informed from G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q. that subject is being
retained in custody, and no further action is anticipated by that Head-
quarters at the present time. In the event of his need of medical care
necessary arrangements will be made for same under Allied supervision.

Sincerely yours,

VICTOR L. ODELL

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Mr. Franklin C. Cowen
Assistant to the Hon. Myron C. Taylor
2, Via Boncompagni
ROME

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 091.112-75

24 January 1946

SUBJECT: Mr. Scholz - Diplomatic Internee at Salsomaggiore

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference your 220.13/EC (I), above subject, dated 18 December 1945.

2. The subject is being retained in custody, and no further action is anticipated by this Headquarters at the present time. In the event of his need of medical care necessary arrangements will be made for same under Allied supervision.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

F. G. A. Parsons Col
F. G. A. PARSONS
Brigadier,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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Ref: 220.13/30(L)

14 January 1946

SUBJECT: German Diplomats at Salsomaggiore

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ attention: Captain High.

1. Reference telephone conversation Capt High-Capt Oadi.

2. Attached is forwarded the Ministry of Foreign Affairs policy on the German diplomats at Salsomaggiore which you requested.

For the Chief Commissioner:

VICTOR L. ODDI
Captain, GAV
Officer-in-Charge

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Confidential.

Subject: German Diplomats at Salsomaggiore

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1. Reference is made to Allied Commission's note 220.15/EO(L) dated 12 January 1946.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to inform the Allied Commission that the Italian Government are favourable to the return ~~of~~ to Germany of all German citizens who are still in Italy.

3. The above policy applies even more so to those persons who had formerly diplomatic status, with the exception of special cases which might be treated singularly.

Rome, January 14, 1946.

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Ref: 220.13/EC(L)

12 January 1945

SUBJECT: German diplomats at Salsomaggiore
TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

It is desired that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs please forward to this office a written complete policy stating the Italian Government's stand on the possible applied repatriation of the diplomatic prisoners at Salsomaggiore to their respective countries.

Please treat the above as confidential.

VICTOR L. ODDI
Captain, CAV
Officer-in-Charge

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Executive Commissioner

LIAISON DIVISION

APO 394

Ref: 220.13/EC(L)

18 December 1945

SUBJECT: Mr. Scholz - Diplomatic internee at Salsomaggiore

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters

1. Attached herewith is letter from the Personal Representative of the President of the U.S.A to His Holiness accompanying a letter of the Secretariat of State.

2. It will be appreciated if you will take the matter into consideration and will advise this office as to the reply to give to the Personal Representative of the President of the U.S.A. to His Holiness.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Victor L. Oddi
VICTOR L. ODDI
Captain, CAV
Officer-in-Charge

Encl: As per para 1 above

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2, via Boncompagni, Rome.

December 17, 1945.

Dear Captain Riggio:

Enclosed is a copy of Vatican Note No. 109551/SA dated December 7, 1945 concerning the former German Consul in Turin, which I am sending you merely as a matter of record and for such action, if any, as you may wish to take in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Franklin C. Gowen
Assistant to the Honorable Myron C. Taylor

Enclosure:
Copy of Note

Captain Steve Riggio,
Liaison Division,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
Rome.

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SECRETARIAT OF STATE
Vatican City

December 7, 1945

No. 109551/SA

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness takes the liberty to recommend to the kind attention and consideration of the Assistant to the Personal Representative of the President United States to His Holiness an appeal which it has received from the Cardinal Archbishop of Turin on behalf of Mr. Scholz, former German Consul in that city.

The Cardinal explains that Mr. Scholz, who is now interned at Salsomaggiore along with the other German Diplomats, is suffering from a serious heart ailment, which has become worse recently, and is desirous of obtaining special medical treatment in Switzerland or, if that is not possible, in Turin at the "Clinica Sanatrix".

His Eminence recommends Mr. Scholz warmly as a true gentleman and declares that he always found him sympathetic and cooperative toward the effort of the Church to minimize as much as possible acts of violence on the part of the Nazi-Fascist elements during the German occupation of Turin. He attests that on his record in that city Mr. Scholz merits every consideration.

The good offices of the Assistant to the Personal Representative of the President of the United States in bringing this matter to attention of the competent Allied Authorities will be appreciated.

The Hon. Harold H. Tittmann
Assistant to the Personal Representative
of the President of the United States
To His Holiness

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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Roma, li 11 Dicembre 1945

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Dear Admiral,

I have received a letter from Mister Gerhard Gumpert, former Secretary of the German Embassy in Rome, who is now in the Diplomatic Internment Centre of Salsomaggiore. He has applied to the competent Allied Military Authorities for permission to remain in Italy (it does not matter where), when he should be released from internment; and he asks me to recommend his case to our Home Ministry.

I have already written to the aforesaid Ministry, but I would also like to let you know that, from our point of view, there are no objections to M.P. Gumpert's request.

X) I enclose the answer which I am sending to Mr. Gumpert and I would be very grateful if you could kindly forward it to Salsomaggiore.

With my best thanks, believe me, dear Admiral,

Yours very sincerely

/s/

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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