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Chief Commissioner.

104 & 110 are

attached & submitted for your

F-10

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13/12

approval
signature
information

M. Lamb
E.C.

100

Ex Comm.

Ref min 98 and folios 92-94. Letter
for signature in accession will

Approved draft. *AdB* 10/12
H.S. 10/12

105

Ex Comm.

See # 104 for translation of # 103

H.S. 13/12

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113

4 unthick folios 101, draft opposite, in answer
to the 1st. jugoslav question, for approval, please.

AdB

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CSO
 4 unthick folio 101, draft opposite, in answer
 to the 1st fugitive question, for approval, please.

AMK
 14/12

114

AMK

Approved for mine. Minute not
 stating that this info was obtained
 from, Harry S/C. H.S. 16/12

CSO Ex Comm

Folio 113 for signature please. This info
 was obtained from ^{Harry} S/C. AMK 16/12

H.S. 16/12

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25. 93

c30

Ref the B.C.'s memo at 92 and your
 letter at 93. Mary S.C.'s reply is in 94 for
 info. I have explained that the Yugoslav
 did not have access to the vsc letter but
 what they were aware of that such a letter
 had been written. AWB 5/12

96

Ex Comm.

Ref in 95 and John 94.

Do you wish written reply to Yugoslav
 Delegate to be drafted or will P.C. reply
 verbally at next A.C. meeting?

MS. 5/12

Hartner mentioned in para 1 (c) has been sent.

MS. 6/12

Ex Comm.

Ref in 95 and folio 94.

Do you wish written reply to Yugoslav Delegate to be drafted or will P.C. reply verbally at next ACI meeting?

HS. 5/12

Hastner mentioned in para 1 (c) has been sent.

HS. 6/12

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Chief Commissioner

With reference to the points raised by the Yugoslav Delegate at the last ACI Meeting, (In accordance with Folio 93) please see reply from Navy S/C at Folio 94.

Do you wish the information conveyed by letter to the Yugoslav Delegate, please, or will you deal with these points at the next ACI meeting.

M. Carr

M. Carr,
Brigadier,
Exec. Comm.

DEC 6 1946

6 Dec 46.

F.C. Do prepare letter, with copy to Secy HCU for his info

9/11

CSE Ref min 98. draft. approve for approval see 5034 2/12/10/12

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your signature information

Admiral Warden a shk
in sick-bag.

MR 2/12 FEB 21 RECD
ND 1655

Note

Ref 69: Navy S/E acknowledged letter & informed writers that their considerations had been passed to appropriate authorities

P.A.

MB 2/12

Here to Com.

48.

You will probably wish to see 77 in reply

his 76.

SL 26/2 H.L. 26/12

48/2

79.

cap

Follow up & send reminder within a week

MR 27/12

MR 1/13

Here to Com.

81.

80 for info- Admiral Warden is in Malta

MR 1/13

48 28/2 J.R. 1/13.

48 9/13

85

26/2. 1946

79.

CAP

Follow up to send remainder within 2 weeks

Noted J.L. 11/3

W 12/12

Also by Comm.

81.

80 for info - advised woman is in Italy
W 1/13
L 28/2. J.L. 11/3

Also W.L. 8/13 P.S.

See sec 84 in reply to 76 & 77 - mem 79 also refers

L.S. 8/3

89.

Ex Comm.

1 88 for info. J.L. 24/10
J.L. 24/10

Chief Commissioner.

OCT 23 1946

Approval
Attached is submitted for your signature
Information

26/x.

McKay Birt
Ex. Comm.
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Chief Commissioner.

File 51
Attached is submitted for your ~~signature~~ approval
information

Noted

1-11-62
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38.

exp. 1/12/44

Please see 35. This is also the policy we are endeavoring to pursue with regard to Italian ships seized by Yugoslavia, though the embassies have not yet answered.

LS 2/4.

exp. 2/27/44

52.

51 in info - ea. Com. may wish to see.

LS 27/11.

53.

Examine

I understand (vide folio 48) that you have some personal knowledge of this case. This Carlisle, I think, handled it but perhaps you would like to see the correspondence 42 to 51

LS 27/11

1/12/44

1/12/44

cas. Please see folio 57 for info. (action on claim for compensation on "Allan" case)
Also folio 59

SPH 1/12/44

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10/25/12

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 Please see folio 57 for info. (action on claim for compensation on "Allende")
 Also folio 59

SPH
 10/12/15

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 Please see folio 61 for info

SPH 10/12/15

11.
 by comm.

70 for info; Admiral Waver's duties in Navy
 Sp remain unchanged. 18/12

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~~9-5-8~~ 27.
Draft at 26 submitted for approval

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Ex Com. ^{draft opposite.} Ref ~~26~~ 26. You stated at last meeting that it was not necessary to clear this matter with AFHQ. Draft at vol. 26 was prepared after C.C. Huddy Col. Bergin to clear with AFHQ. Don't know why this was not sent. Shall we send it now?

Emm. III

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Chief Commissioner

Then is a need to publish in press the arrivals of ships. At Ex Coms, meetings it was agreed to do this without reference

1. Meeting from

083

Emu 1/11

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Chief Commissioner

There is a need to publish in press the
arrivals of ships. At Ex Cons warehouse
it was agreed to do this without reference
to KATHQ as being a normal practice. How
you any contrary direction?

NOV 2 1961

0901

30-11-61

Ed.

No - I cannot

2/11

31-11-61

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DPR. Action. no need to refer to JGR.

(32)

Ex Con

Publication arranged with ANSA.

for the press

11/3/61

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Navy Sub-Commission

Thank you for comments
on p 6 from Chairman
Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
I intend forwarding to
Attor but you may
wish to comment first.

4/6
E. L. L. L. L.
C. L. L. L. L.

8 June 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. Returned with thanks.
2. As the questions raised in the letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs are entirely political in nature, no comment is made by the Navy Sub-Commission.

W. W. W.

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CSG & Ex-Com.

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6 June 1945.

From:
To :

Navy Sub-Commission, HQ, Allied Commission,
Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. Returned with thanks.

2. As the questions raised in the letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs are entirely political in nature, no comment is made by the Navy Sub-Commission.

[Signature]
Navy

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AG.

Ex-Com.
[Signature]

20A

21 see in answer to 20
[Signature] 19/10
19/10.

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No. We must inform the U.M.A. - presumably

thru AFHQ *[Signature]* 15/11

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Ex-Com.

Thrus S/C say we can inform them direct
Amended copy herewith. at 25.
[Signature] 22/10

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File

Ref. : 8002/413/20

December 1946

My dear Dr. Boudlaka,

In continuance of my letter no. 8002/400/20 dated 12 December 1946 regarding certain questions raised by you at the last meeting of the Advisory Council for Italy, I have to advise you that the Allied Commission has no details of the numbers of American Ships, sunk in Italian ports, that are to be salvaged.

This is purely a matter for the U.S. Maritime Commission, to whom any further enquiries should be made.

Yours very truly,

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Steven J. Boudlaka,
Acting Representative of Yugoslavia,
Advisory Council to Italy,
ROME.

Copy to: Secretary General
Advisory Council to Italy.

NST to Rome.
CC has a file of the
situation.

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ALCOM CITE ACSEC FROM ADMIRAL STONE

091630A DECEMBER 1946

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SECRET

TOGETHER WITH OTHER ITALIAN FLAG OFFICERS WHO SURRENDERED SHIPS AT MALTA IN ONE NINE
FOUR THREE ADMIRAL DECOURTEN HAS ASKED TO RETIRE FROM THE ITALIAN NAVY PD HIS REQUEST
WILL BE GRANTED BY GOVERNMENT AND MINISTER OF MARINE DESIRES APPOINT SENIOR REAR
ADMIRAL FRANCESCO MAUGERT TO RELIEVE ADMIRAL DECOURTEN AS CHIEF OF STAFF PD MINISTER
REQUESTS APPROVAL PURSUANT MACMILLAN MEMORANDUM PD
PARA TWO PD REAR ADMIRAL WARREN AND I RECOMMEND THAT APPROVAL BE GIVEN TO MAUGERT'S
APPOINTMENT PD GRATEFUL FOR EARLY REPLY

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Chief Commissioner

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR

JOHN R. BAYES
MAJOR ASD
ADJT

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the French Representative

APO 394

DEC 12 1946
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No. 3112/3/41

December 12, 1946

To: Executive Commissioner

Attached copies of letters number 616 dated
11 December 1946 and number 617 dated 11 December 1946,
sent to Navy Sub Commission, Attention Rear Admiral WARREN.

Le Capitaine de Fregate
YBERT
Adjoint "Marine"

B. S. Ybert

PA 15/12

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Translation

FROM: Le Capitaine de Vaisseau
HERON de VILLEFOSSE,
French Representative to AC.

11 Dec 46

No. 617

TO : Rear Admiral Warren,
Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

SUBJECT: Calling-up of non-commissioned officers in the Italian Navy.

1. I am informed that at the beginning of November, 5,000 non-commissioned officers of the Italian Navy on the retired list, on leave or temporary absence, depending from the Upper Tyrrhenian marine department, were recalled to La Spezia.

2. These men were then to be sent to different Italian ports to take part in exercises on board equipped ships and other vessels undergoing rearmament. At the beginning of December only 700 men were to remain at the crew depot at La Spezia.

3. A possible explanation of this large-scale call-up of subalterns may be the idea of the Italian Naval Command to replace certain members of the crews on board by more trustworthy elements, in view of a possible scuttling of the ships which are to be handed over to the United Nations.

I take this opportunity of drawing your attention once more to the possibility of the Italian Navy scuttling those ships which they must hand over and I ask you to take all the measures which you consider necessary to prevent it.

4. In any case I have the honour to ask you whether the Navy Sub-Commission is in a position to deny or confirm the a/m information and in the latter case to see what explanation can be offered for it by the Italian Navy.

(Signature)

Copy to : The Executive Commissioner

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Translation

FROM: Le Capitaine de Vaisseau
HERON de VILLEFOSSE,
French Representative to AC.

11 Dec 46

No. 616

TO : Rear Admiral Warren,
Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

SUBJECT: Current questions.

I have the honour of reminding you of a certain number of questions which I raised in the following letters:

1. No. 3045 dated 23 October 1946.
2. No. 592 dated 29 Nov 1946 concerning the increase in the budget of the Italian Navy.

I would appreciate it if you would be so kind as to send me a written reply to these questions to which must be added the one mentioned in my letter No. 617 regarding the calling-up of non-commissioned officers. On the instructions of my Government, I take the liberty of drawing your attention to the importance placed by the French on the abnormal increase of the budget and on the large scale call-up of the non-commissioned officers.

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(Signature)

Copy to : The Executive Commissioner

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II DECEMBRE

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N° 617

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau HERON De VILLEFOSSÉ
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée
en Italie

à
Monsieur le CONTRE-AMIRAL
Chef de la Navy Sous-Commission
Allied Commission

O B J E T :- Rappel à l'activité de Sous-Officiers de la
Marine Italienne.

- 1°- J'apprends qu'au début de Novembre 5.000 sous-officiers de la Marine Italienne, en disponibilité en permission ou en congé provisoire et dépendant du département maritime de la Haute Tyrrhénienne auraient été rappelés à la Spezia.
- 2°- Ces hommes auraient été ensuite dirigés vers les différents ports italiens pour participer en principe à des exercices à bord des bâtiments armés et de certains autres en cours de réarmement. Il n'en serait resté au dépôt des Equipages de la Spezia début Décembre que 700.
- 3°- Une explication possible de ce rappel massif de cadres subalternes pourrait être le dessein du Commandement Naval Italien de remplacer certains membres des Equipages embarqués par des éléments plus sûrs, en vue d'un sabordage éventuels des navires qui doivent être livrés aux Nations Unies.

Je saisis cette occasion pour attirer, à nouveau, votre attention sur l'éventualité d'un sabordage par la

Marine Italienne de ceux de ses bâtiments qu'elle doit livrer, et vous demande de prendre toutes mesures que vous jugerez utiles pour l'empêcher .

4°- De toutes façons j'ai l'honneur de vous demander si la Navy Sub Commission est en mesure d'infirmer ou de confirmer les renseignements donnés plus haut, et dans ce dernier cas, l'explication que peut en fournir la Marine Italienne ./.

Destinataire

Navy Sub Commission

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Executive Commissionner

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II DECMBRE

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N° 616

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau HERON De VILLEFOSSE
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée
en Italie

à

Monsieur le CONTRE-AMIRAL
Chef de la Navy Sub Commission
Allied Commission

O b j e t : Questions en cours .

J'ai l'honneur de vous rappeler un certain
nombre de questions qui ont fait l'objet de mes lettres
ci-après:

- 1) N° 3045 du 23 Octobre 1946.
au sujet de l'agression de marins français à Civittave-
chia.
- 2) N° 592 du 29 Novembre 1946 sur l'augmentation du budget
de la Marine Italienne.

Je vous serais reconnaissant de bien vouloir
m'adresser une réponse écrite à ces questions à laquelle
vient s'ajouter celle posée par ma lettre n° 617 sur le rap-
pel des sous-officiers . Je me permets à ce sujet d'attirer
votre attention, par ordre de mon Gouvernement, sur l'im-
portance qui du point de vue français est attachée à l'aug-
mentation anormale du budget et au rappel massif de sous-
officiers./.

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Navy Sub Commission
Copie:

Executive Commissionner

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THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE
WITH THE
ALLIED COMMISSION
IN ITALY

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Rome, 29th November 1946

Captain HERON de VILLEFOSSE
French Representative with the Allied Commission
in Italy

No. 592

to

The Rear Admiral
Chief of the Navy Sub Commission
Allied Commission

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SUBJECT : Budget of the Italian Navy.

1. The budget of the Italian War Navy for the budgetary year 1 July 1946 - 30 June 1947 amounts to 21 milliard Lire, representing an increase of 10 milliards on the preceding budget.

If the real devaluation of the lira is kept in mind, this budget really represents a reduction in expenditure.

2. However, while certain chapters, such as personnel expenses represent a certain reduction, on the other hand one notices a notable increase in the following items :

a) Consumption goods and their accessories for navigation have passed from the figure of 250 million lire to 900 million lire which represents (adopting a devaluation rate of 2,25) an effective increase by 60%.

b) Liquid and solid fuels for the navy and the land establishments, the reconstruction of fuel depots, the material for the production, the transformation and the utilisation of electric energy in the arsenals and naval bases have passed from 175 million lire to 2 milliards 400 millions, which represents a 5 times higher real expense.

c) The ammunition and torpedoes, the ammunition for exercises, the materials for the construction of targets have passed from 50 millions to 150 millions lire, an effective increase of 20%.

3. I do not ignore that a certain number of expenses which formerly had been sustained by the Allies have recently been charged to the Italian Navy, but these figures seem to evince a proof of the will of this Navy to embark on an ever more intensive training, which does not seem to square with the terms and even less with the spirit of the existing Armistice or with the peace treaty presently elaborated.

In particular the figures foreseen for fuels are considerable, and would seem much higher than those actually required for dredging operations, repatriations of prisoners and even for normal activity.

In consequence, and following instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to ask you kindly to let me know the explanations which the Italian Navy will give you on this subject concerning the exact use of these credits and their abnormal activity they seem to foreshadow.

Addressee:

-Navy Sub Commission.

Copies : - D.N. (for C.R.) - Embassy - Archives.

Signed : HERON de VILLEFOSSE
p.o.c. Captain of Frigate
YBERT
Adj. "MARINE".

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REPRÉSENTATION FRANÇAISE
A LA
COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

ROME le 29 NOVEMBRE 1946

N° 592

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau
HERON de VILLEFOSSE
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée
en Italie

à

Monsieur le Contre-Amiral
Chef de la Navy Sub-Commission
Allied Commission

O b j e t :- Budget de la Marine Italienne.

1°- Le budget de la Marine de Guerre Italienne pour l'année budgétaire allant du 1er Juillet 1946 au 30 Juin 1947 s'élève à 21 milliards de liras, en augmentation de 10 milliards sur le budget précédent.

Si l'on tient compte de la dévaluation du fait de la lire, ce budget est dans son ensemble en réalité en diminution.

2°- Cependant si certains chapitres, tels que à l'entretien du personnel, présentent une diminution certaine, par contre on constate une augmentation importante sur les chapitres suivants:

a) Les matières consommables et accessoires de navigation passent de 250 millions de liras à 900 millions ce qui représente (en adoptant un coefficient de dévaluation de 2,25) une augmentation réelle de 60%.

b) Les combustibles liquides et solides pour la flotte et les établissements à terre, la reconstruction des dépôts de combustibles, le matériel de production, de transformation et d'utilisation d'énergie électrique des arsenaux et bases navales passent de 175 millions de liras à 2 milliards 400 millions, ce qui représente une dépense réelle 5 fois plus forte.

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fde p mto fers to ce fa wfo me

c) Les munitions et torpilles, les munitions d'exercice, les matériaux pour la construction des buts passent de 50 millions à 150 millions de liras, en augmentation réelle de 20%.

3°- Je n'ignore pas qu'un certain nombre de dépenses qui étaient précédemment couvertes par les alliés, viennent récemment d'être mises à la charge de la Marine Italienne, cependant ces chiffres semblent constituer une preuve de la volonté de cette Marine de se livrer à un entraînement militaire de plus en plus intensif, ce qui ne paraît guère conforme aux termes et en tous cas à l'esprit de l'Armistice en vigueur ou du traité de paix en cours d'élaboration.

En particulier les crédits prévus pour les combustibles s'élèvent à un chiffre considérable, bien supérieur à celui qui semblerait devoir correspondre aux dragages, aux rapatriements de prisonniers et même à une activité normale.

En conséquence, et comme suite aux instructions reçues de mon Gouvernement, j'ai l'honneur de vous demander de bien vouloir me communiquer les explications que la Marine Italienne vous fournira à ce sujet relativement à l'emploi exact de ces crédits et à l'activité anormale qu'ils laissent supposer.

Destinataire:

-Navy Sub Commission.

Copies :

-D.N. (à titre de C.R.).

-Ambassade

-Archives.

Signé : HERON de VILLEPOISSE

p.c.c. le Capitaine de Frégate
YBERT

Adjoint "MARINE".

Ref. : 8002/100/30

12 December 1946

My dear Dr. Smedlaka,

I refer to certain questions raised by you at the last meeting of the Advisory Council for Italy, and I forward herewith the following information:

- a) Reference the Weekly Bulletin of 9 Nov., page 5, the identity of sunken vessels is established by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, after considering the internal evidence available, the known history of each individual case, and after an examination of documentary proofs of ownership submitted by claimants of other ships in question.
- b) Reference the Weekly Bulletin of 16 Nov., page 5, in accordance with the British Admiralty's Directive S 213/46 of 12 March, 1946 regarding salvage, it is the responsibility of the owners of sunken vessels or their interested governments, to make their own arrangements with the Italian Government to obtain lire funds for salvage.
- c) With reference to the restitution of vessels to Yugoslavia, a further letter has been sent to the Commander in Chief but, to date, no reply has been received.

I trust that these answers will clarify the position.

Yours very truly,

HERBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Sloven J. Smedlaka,
Acting Representative of Yugoslavia,
Advisory Council to Italy,
ROME.

Copy to: Secretary General
Advisory Council to Italy

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 794

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NSC/5723
2 December 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.

Subject: Questions Raised by the Yugoslav Delegate.
Reference: (a) Executive Commissioner's Memorandum 8002/92/EC of 26 November, 1946.

1. In accordance with the request contained in reference (a) the following information is submitted upon which the Chief Commissioner can base a reply to the questions raised by the Yugoslav Delegate:

- (a) The identity of sunken vessels is established by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, after considering the internal evidence available, the known history of each individual case, and after an examination of documentary proofs of ownership submitted by claimants of other ships in question.
- (b) In accordance with the British Admiralty's Directive S 213/46 of 12 March, 1946 regarding salvage, it is the responsibility of the owners of sunken vessels or their interested governments, to make their own arrangements with the Italian Government to obtain lire funds for salvage.
- (c) It is the intention of the Navy Sub-Commission to send a hastener to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean regarding the letter NSC/5526 of 11 October 1946. It is observed that the delay in dealing with the matter by Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean has probably come about through the referring of the question to the Admiralty for decision.

2. With regard to sub paragraph (c) of reference (a), information is requested as to how the Yugoslav Delegate obtained access to a letter written to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station by the Naval Sub-Commission.

G. L. WARREN,
REAR ADMIRAL.

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1 Spoke
to N.S.C.
No further
action
Capt K.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref.: 8002/32/30

26 November 1946

MEMO TO NAVY S/C.

1. At the last meeting of the Advisory Council for Italy the Yugoslav Delegate raised the following points with the Chief Commissioner.

(a) Referring to the AC Weekly Bulletin of 9 November, page 5, paragraph under the heading of Navy S/C, the Yugoslav Delegate wished to know how the identity of merchant vessels was established. Was it decided by a Commission of experts?

(b) Referring to the AC Weekly Bulletin of 18 November, pages 4 and 5, the Yugoslav Delegate asked who would supply live funds for salvage of merchant vessels.

(c) The Yugoslav Delegate requested that a hastener should be sent to C-in-C Med regarding letter HSO/5526 dated 11 Oct. 46 which asked for a policy regarding the matters raised in that letter.

2. With regard to (a) and (b) above, will you please forward information to this office upon which the Chief Commissioner can base a reply to the Yugoslav Delegate.

With regard to (c) above will you please state if you consider that such a hastener should now be sent.

R. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

To: Chief Staff Officer.

25th November 1946.

At the last A.C.I. meeting, the Yugoslav Delegate raised several points with the Chief Commissioner, all of which affect the Navy S/C as follows:-

- (1) With reference to the Weekly Bulletin of 9th November page 5. He wanted to know how the identity is established of sunken vessels - is it done by a Commission of experts?
- (2) With reference to Weekly Bulletin of 18th November page 5: he asked who would supply Lire funds for salvage?
- (3) With reference to restitution of vessels in Yugoslavia, he requested that a tracer should be sent to the C-in-C Med. regarding the policy question which had been raised by him.

Please see me with copies of the weekly Bulletins in question so that we can discuss initiating action.

M. Carr
M. CARR, Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner

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ALTHOUGH NOT COMPLETELY RESTORED TO GOOD HEALTH ADMIRAL DECAUWENHANS HAS RETURNED TO HIS DUTIES ON A PART TIME BASIS AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ITALIAN NAVY

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Chief Commissioner

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HARRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR

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JOHN R. HAYES
Major AGO
ADJT

Ref. : 8002/90/EC

23 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Correspondence.

TO : Chief of Navy Sub-Commission.

Instances have come to light in which letters issued by your Sub-Commission are being wrongly addressed.

Letter No. NSC/5505 of 1st October 46 is addressed to AMG XIII Corps G-5 Trieste, and NSC/5506 of 1st October to AMG XIII Corps G-5 Pola. Both these letters should have been addressed at that time to AMG XIII Corps (now AMG Venezia Giulia).

Letters NSC/5549 of 4th October and NSC/5543 of 3rd October 46 are addressed to the Yugoslav Delegation, Allied Commission. There is NO Yugoslav Delegation with the A.C. These letters should have been addressed to the Yugoslav Delegation, Advisory Council for Italy.

Letter NSC/5517 of 5th October is addressed to the Yugoslav Representative to A.C. (which is the normal abbreviation for the Allied Commission). There is NO Yugoslav Representative with this Commission and this letter should have been addressed as in the preceding sub-paragraph.

I should be very grateful if you would take action to prevent a repetition of these errors.

15/ ELLERY W. STONE
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
Navy Sub Commission AFO 39A

OCT 23 1946

21st October, 1946.

Memo to
Staff Officer, Chief Commissioner's Office.
Chief Staff Officer, Executive Commissioner's Office. /
(Copy to each).

Rear-Admiral Warren, Chief of Navy Sub
Commission, will be away on 14 days leave commencing
P.M. Monday 21st October, 1946.

Admiral's Secretary
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HSC/5360
9 August 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.
Subject: Visit of Jugoslav Naval Expert . *NR.*
Reference: (a) Your ltr. Br. 1109/46 of 30th July 1946.

1. In reply to reference (a), information has just been received whereby it has been agreed that permission for Jugoslav Naval experts to visit Italian ports (except those under AMI control) should be one of direct arrangement between the Italian and Jugoslav authorities concerned.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.G.

cc: Exec. Comm. ✓

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 28939

Date/Time of Origin: MARCH 081827A

Message Centre No: H/373

Date Time Rec'd: MARCH 090915

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MTUSA

TO : HQ ALCOM

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Reference you 1641 of 7 March. Para reply to this Enquiry has been made
in P S T O ' S signal C-28471 of 7 March.

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RE ALCON ROME INFO: DIR EDITOR OF SEA TRANSPORTER LONDON

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MY 0 25640 OF 25th FEBRUARY NOT TO LONDON REFERS M CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA RELEASED TO COVENA REPRESENTATIVE IN NAPLES AT 1200 HRS YESTERDAY THE 6th MARCH WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO HIS FINAL DISPOSAL UNDER THE TREATY OF PEACE.

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WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER YOU HAVE AUTHORITY TO RELEASE CITEA DI
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2 March 1946

SUBJECT: Flag Officer Liaison Italy.

TO: All Concerned

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1. Letter this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 15 February 1946 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

2. The Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison will relinquish control of British Naval administrative matters in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia on 1 March 1946.

3. Effective 1 March 1946, the title of Flag Officer Italy and Liaison will be changed to Flag Officer Liaison Italy (Short title FOLI). His duties vis-a-vis the Royal Italian Navy and as head of the Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Commission will remain unchanged.

4. Correspondence (arising out of paragraph 2) formerly addressed to the Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison will, effective 1 March 1946, be addressed to the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean, Malta.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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MUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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NEC/1666
28 February 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Chief Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Assumption of Duties as Chief of Navy Sub-Commission (Acting).

1. During the temporary absence from Italy of Rear Admiral Warren, Captain G. F. Mentz, U.S.N. has assumed the duties of Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission (Acting).

G. F. Mentz
Captain, U.S. Navy,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
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YOUR 1396 OF 23rd FEBRUARY. HAVE ASKED LONDON FOR AUTHORITY TO RELEASE
CETTA' DI ALESSANDRIA AND WILL SIGNAL YOU AS SOON AS REPLY RECEIVED.

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Copy to: Navy Sub-Com.

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Office of Executive Commissioner.

W. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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THE MINISTER OF THE NAVY

M. 783

Rome, 1st Febr. 1946

FEB 25 1946

Dear Admiral,

the situation of the maritime communications between the continent and Sardinia is extremely serious. Troubles have arisen in several occasions and facilities for a transit of passengers sufficient for the major needs could never be obtained.

The only ship obtained for the traffic on the Olbia - Civitavecchia line, the M/S "Mocenigo", needs undergo some maintenance works, the necessity of which is marked by the fact that this ship returned to Italy last September after two years abroad and never during such period any work could be made.

For the immediate solution of this problem, viz, the replacement of the M/S "Mocenigo" during the period of repairs and to put underway its final solution, the Navy Sub-Commission was interested in obtaining that the s/s "Città di Alessandria", used by the American Army, should be given back to us to be employed for this purpose.

Commodore Ziroli took a personal interest in this matter and recently he had been informed that the American Army was willing to release abovementioned ship. However, I have been recently informed that the P.T.S.O. of Caserta has disposed that this ship, having been released from the transportation of American troops, will be taken over for the needs of the British Authorities.

You surely understand the reasons of pressing necessity

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You surely understand the reasons of pressing necessity which made me ask the American Authorities for the release of the "Città di Alessandria": these reasons have been considered good to such an extent to give way to the actual release of this ship, when the new decision of P.T.S.O. came to cancel the good dispositions of the American Authorities.

I would be very grateful, dear Admiral, if you would intervene somehow in our favor, considering that the problem of the communications with Sardinia is a pressing necessity which should be met.

Sincerely yours

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Signed: de Courten

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
Via Veneto

Rome

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NSC/4412
11 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
Subject: Civitavecchia-Olbia Service - M/V "CITTA" DI ALESSANDRIA.

1. The Ministry of Marine has informed the Navy Sub-Commission that the M/V "MOENICO", now in service between Civitavecchia and Olbia, not only is in urgent need of overhaul but also lacks sufficient shipping space for the transportation of passengers, and therefore requests that serious consideration be given to another suitable vessel, the M/V "CITTA" DI ALESSANDRIA, which is presently at the disposal of the Allies.

2. The Ministry further asks that in any case they be informed as to the possible date of restoration of the "CITTA" DI ALESSANDRIA to the Italian Government.

3. Information is desired upon which the Navy Sub-Commission may make an appropriate reply to the Ministry of Marine.

H.W. ZIERLI
Commodore, U.S. Navy,

for REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC,
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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15 February 1946

FEB 18 1946

SUBJECT: Flag Officer Liaison, Italy

TO: All Concerned

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

E. A. Barnes
E. A. BARNES
Lt. Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Camera di Commercio Italiana per le Americhe
Italian Chamber of Commerce for America

Rome, 5 February 1946

N. 6427
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FEB 8 1946

Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission

Rome

This Camera, interpreting the wishes of the categories which it represents and which are very justly worried by the present shipping situation in connection with the resumption of their activity, has been studying this matter for some time, and last April, on the proposition of its Commission for the Study of Transports, it took the liberty of bringing a few observations to the attention of the Allied and Italian Authorities concerned.

As the Maritime Pool of the United Nations is shortly to be broken up, the matter was taken up at the General Meeting of the Members of the Camera which took place on January 31st, and the following motion which we want to bring to the attention of the Commission, was unanimously approved:

"The General Meeting of the Camera di Commercio Italiana per le Americhe,

considering that all the Countries belonging to the United Nations are shortly to re-take possession of the merchant ships given to the maritime pool created for Allied war purposes;

considering that our Country substantially contributed to the pool;

considering it is urgently necessary that our ships be handed back to us to form the first nucleus of the shipping required by our country which is an essential condition for the resumption of overseas traffic, and which will also make it possible to reduce considerably the burden of the freight which are now paid to foreign navy and are a heavy burden for our economy and have a harmful repercussion on our payment balance:

hopes that

the ships we gave to the pool of the United Nations may speedily be returned to our merchant marine.

Sincerely yours,

The Secretary General
(Prof. Giuseppe Tucci)

G. Giuseppe Tucci

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3 January 1946

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 28 December
enclosing paraphrase of a telegram received from
the State Department in reference to the status of
the S. S. TRITON MARIS.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, December 28, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone, 66

I am enclosing paraphrase of a telegram which I have received from the Department of State requesting information regarding the title status of the S.S. TRITON MARIS, a 600 ton Italian vessel presently lying in San Francisco, which has recently been in the service of the office of War Information as the radio station "Phoenix". I should be grateful for any information which the Allied Commission may be able to furnish me in response to the Department's inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

A. KIRK

Enclosure

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

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Paraphrase of telegram received from
Department of State, Washington,
dated December 26, 1945

At San Francisco as lying 600-ton Italian vessel SS TRITON MARIS
with Italian crew of 50; OWI has been using vessel as radio station
Phoenix.

The status of this vessel is obscure. It is known that COGEMA
and OWI had made certain arrangements regarding payment of wages of
crew and that COGEMA was to pay to family and relatives of crew in
Italy basic wages. Besides this, during service of vessel with OWI,
officers and men have been paid a small bonus. WSA has been acting
as agent for OWI in connection with movement and crew. Neither OWI
nor WSA, however, have any information regarding vessel's title status.

OWI has desired since October to pay off and repatriate crew and
to remove from vessel OWI equipment. Having expected to return to
Italy on vessel, crew has been reluctant to leave. 22 crew members
are radio technicians who no longer have business with vessel. Vessel
will be uninhabitable when OWI equipment is removed as OWI owns light,
power, hotel and feeding equipment. Without extensive repairs and in-
stallations certificate of seaworthiness will probably not be granted
to vessel. For these reasons Department of State is taking steps to
remove and repatriate the crew for OWI's account, and they may possibly
be put on board MS GRIPSHOLM leaving New York on January 10.

In the meantime you are requested to investigate vessel's status
through COGEMA through records available or other sources and to report
as to recommendations concerning disposition to be made after removal
of equipment of OWI.

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G-5: 561.6 NEI

17 December 1945

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SUBJECT: Italian Vessels in Austria.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394. 56

1. Reference your NEC/1463 dated 8 December 1945, above subject.
2. As these ships do not come under the control of the Allied Forces it is suggested that the matter be referred either to the Russian diplomatic representative ~~mx~~ to the Italian Government ~~in~~ Rome, or to the Russian Government through the Italian representative at Moscow.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN

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/s/ A. L. Hamblen

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

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I am making the following reductions in British naval establishments in Italy with effect from the dates shown:

(A) With the exception of the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Station's Command Post, all British naval establishments in the Naples Area will be closed down on 15th Jan. 1946.

(B) All British naval establishments at Taranto will be closed down by 31st Jan. 1946.

(C) All British naval establishments at Leghorn will be closed down by 15th Feb. 1946.

(D) The British Naval Control Service Officers and staffs will be withdrawn from Bari, Ancona and Genoa on 31st Dec. 1945.

2. At each port, however it may be necessary to retain certain personnel for the purpose of winding up R.N. commitments beyond the target dates shown above.

3. I shall be glad if you will inform the local Italian naval authorities concerned of my intentions.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Ref: NSC/4240

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21 December 1945.

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SUBJECT: Machine-gunning and Capture of Italian M.F.V.'s
by Jugoslav Craft in the Adriatic.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters. *N.R.*

1. With reference to our letter NSC/4138 dated 10 December 1945, the Italian Ministry of Marine further alleges that the M.F.V. "GIORGIO IT" of Chioggia was fishing near Premuda Island on 9 October when an armed Jugoslav boat forced it to make course for Split, which it reached on 14th of that month.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

*copy to: G. Com.
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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

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FROM: COMNOB PALERMO

Message Centre No: G/5304
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 110910A
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VLM, NCOS AND (ALTA), WSL MED, LENTE MED

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Following becomes effective at Palermo 2359/15 December

- (1) Italian Navy assumes following responsibilities
 - (A) Operation of two harbor tugs and a water barge which however remain in legal custody NOB Palermo pending final authority transfer custody to Italian Navy
 - (B) Operation of signal tower
 - (C) Routing of merchant shipping under guidance and supervision of USRO with anticipation of dispensing with USRO as soon as his supervision no longer required
- (2) Italian Capitaneria Di Porto assumes responsibility of furnishing harbor services such as assignment of berths, towing, pilotage, fresh water
- (3) NOB Palermo will continue to maintain a third harbor tug and reserves exclusive use of certain small portion port area
- (4) In view of above Palermo becomes an essentially Italian operated commercial port
- (5) Dispatches concerning merchant shipping should be addressed for action to Italian Naval Operations Officer short title Operative Palermo who will be served by US Navy radio Palermo, COMNOB Palermo should still be info also
- (6) Request promulgation of pertinent parts of above to all interested operational authorities

vision of USCG 11th District Inspection of ports
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In case you did not see it, you will be interested in the attached news item which appeared in the Stars and Stripes of 6 December.

Harlan Cleveland

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Thursday, December 6, 1945

News Briefs From Home

PLYMOUTH, Ind., Dec. 5 (ANS)—Mrs. Grace R. Kessler of Wabash, who was chased down Wabash Street and into a drug store a year ago by an escaped elephant, said today she had received 1,000 dollars in damages from Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Jacobs of Peru. The elephant was captured in the Wabash River bottoms several days later.

FT. GEORGE MEADE, Md., Dec. 5 (ANS)—T-5 Charles Hudgins, 21, of Norfolk, Va., the two millionth soldier to be returned from the European Theater of Operations, was released yesterday from the Ft. Meade separation center.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (ANS)—A Rome newspaper (Il Tempo) report that the U. S. plans to give Italy 46 Liberty ships was described by the Maritime Commission today as "a figment of somebody's active imagination." A commission spokesman said the agency had heard nothing of such a transfer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (ANS)—The country can get from oil

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 594

NSC/4193
8 December 1945.
DEC 10 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Motor Sailing Boat "ALESSANDRO".

Enclosure: (A) Ltr. of Dr. Giuseppe Tomai dated
30 November 1945. 54

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for in-
formation and appropriate action.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner, AC.
Executive Commissioner, AC. ✓

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Ref: NSG/4163

8 December 1945.

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SUBJECT: Italian Vessels in Austria.

TO : Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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1. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Enclosure 1 requests information as to the status of Italian vessels, including barges, which are reported to be in Austria operated by Soviet Military Authorities. Information would be appreciated as to the policy which should be adopted by the Allied Commission in connection with ex-Italian vessels reported to be under Soviet control and the proper channel for obtaining the information requested.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

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Memorandum 6/4779/3081 of 26 Nov. 45.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

6/4779/3081

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Italian Boats on the Danube.

1. At the end of 1944 the following Italian boats, all belonging to the S.I.N.D.A. Corporation in Rome, were sailing on the Danube, restricting their course to waters other than Rumanian.

Barge "GIOVANNA" - (1112.5 tons - length m.60.20 - breadth m.8.72 - height m.3.20 - draught m. 2.87)

Barge "MILANO" - (892 tons - length m.48.80 - breadth m.8.72 - height m.3.38 - draught m.3.05)

Barge "FIRENZE" - (944.4 tons - length m. 72.75 - breadth m.10.02 - height m.2.35 - draught m. 2).

Barge "PALERMO" - (944.4 tons - length m. 72.75 - breadth m.10.02 - height m.2.35 - draught m. 2)

Barge "MAFALDA" - (1289.2 tons - length m.55.55 - breadth m.10.43 - height m.3.11 - draught m. 2.38)

Tug "PIEMONTE" - (H.P. 800 - length m.53.80 - breadth m.8.23 - height m.1.58 - draught m. 1.42).

2. According to more recent information, it seems that last June the five barges were in the Vienna area, in the employ of the Soviet Military Authorities. No further news has reached this Ministry either on the barges or on the tug.

3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be grateful if the Allied Commission could approach the competent authorities with a view to obtaining information on the present state and whereabouts of said boats, as well as of the other Italian vessels that might be sailing on the same waters.

In this connection the Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg the Allied Commission to take the necessary action to the effect of safeguarding the Italian property rights on these units, the names and date of which are listed as above, in order to facilitate enquiries should the Italian flag or name have been changed on the vessels.

Rome. November 26th 1945.

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Translation

Dr. Giuseppe Tomai

Milan 30 November 1945
Corso F. Vittoria, 28

To Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Allied Commission
Rome

DEC 7 1945

Motor sailing-boat 'ALESSANDRO'

As one of the owners of the 'Alessandro' of the Viareggio Maritime
Compartment, of about 550 Tons, I take the liberty of bringing to your notice
a situation which seems worthy of particular attention.

On September 8th, 1943, the 'Alessandro' was in Albania; taken by the
Germans, she was loaded and sent to the Aegean Sea, however, she spontaneously
changed her course, and towards the middle of September 1943, she reached Brindisi
where she put herself at the disposition of the Allies, with all her cargo.

Immediately after that, she went to save some Italians on the opposite
coast of the Adriatic, and several hundreds of the, were thus able to escape German
imprisonment.

Later on, for one thing or another, she has always been in the service
of the Allies, till September 19th, 1944, when it was requisitioned by the Navy
Department (Italian) and allocated to the Allies who now send her on trips from
Puglia to Albania and Greece.

Ever since September 1944, neither compensation, nor before-hand payment
were granted for the said requisition. I heard that, a few days ago, the shipowner
was informed that the compensation (we don't know when it is to be paid) will
amount to about 4000 L (four thousand) a day.

If this is correct, I wonder how such compensations have been fixed,
and why reality has been completely disregarded.

Such being the position, I must appeal to Your Excellency, and trust
that we may receive the just treatment we have been so long waiting for; all
the steps I took with the Italian Authorities proved useless.

This is a particular case; after the armistice, the 'Alessandro' never
hesitated for a moment to join the Allies, and later on did more than her duty.
She therefore deserves a special treatment; a courageous soldier is decorated.
The 'Alessandro' should also be rewarded and returned to her owners who lost all
their ships during this disastrous war.

Thus she could make enough money to pay for her expensive repairs and
for the necessary maintenance (many other ships are allowed to do so, including
those who worked for the Germans till April 25th, 1945, and yet this cannot be
considered as a particular merit).

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I hope you will forgive my writing to you, and I shall greatly appreciate whatever you may do for the 'Alessandro'.

Sincerely,

s. Giuseppe Tonel

e/s/

E.C. DIST. 7 Dec.

Action : Mary S/C (2)

Info : E.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4059
20 November 1945

NOV 26 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: BORGHESI, Valerio - ROSSI, Mario
ex-Republican Navy. 44

1. In connection with paragraph 2 of Navy Sub-Commission, AC letter NSC/3761 of 15 October 1945, it is confirmed that Captain BORGHESI was delivered to Italian Naval authorities for interrogation as requested in Ministry of Marine letter B.8373 of 10 July 1945.

2. It is requested that the interrogation of Captain BORGHESI by Italian Naval authorities be delayed until 15 December 1945, to permit United States Naval authorities to complete an interview of this officer. 42

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
RAAC, G-2
(G/P3802/BR of 12 Oct. refers)
Executive Commissioner, AC
(Attn: Lt. Col. McGleary)
SENALUSIO, ITALY

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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VISITOR'S PERMIT

Visitor's Name

Officer requested

Sub-commission

Date

Time in

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To be completed by officer visited.

Left my office at:

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DONNA DARIA BORGHESE

RESQUYKRY

Wife of Comendant Valerio
Borghese.

Very urgent and private.

CONFIDENTIAL

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MEMO

Prince Valerio BORGHESE

This man collaborated with the Germans until the end of the war and is now believed to be in Allied custody.

He is a naval officer and after the 8 Sept. 1943 was commandant of the X Flottila M.A.S., based on the Adriatic. This unit was a training school for sabotage of all kinds and provided saboteurs for all types of work, including the "swimming" saboteurs, etc.

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C.B. HAYES,
Captain,
Security Division.

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ref all this for spec.

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Col. McCarthy,
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URGENT. (I think).

This woman came to see the
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We could not see her at
the time but asked for
the low down on the husband.

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Here is 1) Public Security's Opinion

but 2) 17th Bombardier (Citadine)
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successor) has a VERBAL

REPORT to make.

translation

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4 November 1945

M e m o r a n d u m

SUBJECT : Commander BORCHERS JUNIO Valerio Scipione Alfredo etc.
of Livio and Kenn Valeria - born in Rome, on 6/6/1906 -

Entered the R.A.N. on 25/X/1922 and was made an Ensign on 1/7/1928

At the beginning of the war, he was a Lt. Commander on board of the submarine 'SCIRI', and entrusted with the training of the crew for the use of special submarine means.

In October 1940, with the 'SCIRI', he carried out missions with the attacking units in the Western Mediterranean (Gibraltar), for which he received a Distinguished Service Medal.

He was later assigned to the X Flotmas (which centralized all the staff of the X Flotmas) as head of the special submarine unit, and took charge of the training of the staff and building of the ships with special skill.

On 20/9/1941, he was made a Commander for war merit.

On the following December, the ships he commanded operated against the Alexandria harbour, and for this action he was awarded the Military Order of Savoy, and later on the Iron Cross, 2nd Class, by the Command of the German Armed Forces.

In January 1943, he became Commander of the X Flotmas.

After the 8/9/1943, BORCHERS, who was then fulfilling this charge, was convinced that it was necessary to carry on the war at the side of the Germans, this event, at the beginning, from all political or institutional considerations.

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On January 9th, 1944, serious charges were brought against the X Flotmas, according to which a plot against the Salo 'gerarchi' had been organized by BORGHESI. The plot discovered by the former Minister BUTTARINI brought about the arrest of various senior officers of the X, among whom BORGHESI wasn't included for he was able to prove his full solidarity with the R.S.I.

Later on, with the support of the Germans, BORGHESI managed to obtain the liberation of his collaborators.

The charges against him having been declared false thanks to German intervention, with the more or less willing support of groups of manufacturers, he collected large sums with which he himself financed a widespread enlisting service, using his personal prestige with young people, and calling classes, the calling of which wasn't authorized by the Navy.

The republican Navy made several attempts at coming to an agreement with the X Mas during the period when SPAYZANI was in command, but this was only possible in September 1944. BORGHESI then assumed the post of Deputy Chief of Staff (Operating), keeping at the same time the command of the X Flotmas.

In February 1945, a serious disagreement occurred between Admiral SPAYZANI and the Germans, the former resigned and was replaced by a statesman (GRABILLI); BORGHESI replaced him as Chief of Staff.

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During the same period, BORGHESI began transferring his forces to the Gorizia region to 'safeguard the Italian interests in the region', considering Slav intentions and German plans. However, the unavowed purpose of this transfer was apparently to substract the men of the X Mas to the operations against the partisans which were taking place in Liguria and Piedmont.

Probably against BORGHESI's will, the men of the X went on carrying out mopping up operations once they were in the Gorizia region.

In fact, the participation of the X Plotmas in actions against partisan formations shouldn't be considered as one of the tasks organically entrusted to it. However, there can be no doubt that on a local and direct initiative, local units of the X Mas carried out real war operations against the partisans, alone or in support of G.M.R., Black Brigades units, etc.

In fact, it has been ascertained that ever since summer 1944, the activity of the X Mas was carried out exclusively in the field of war operations (Barbarigo Btg - Nettuno front and naval actions in connection with it).

The first encounters between the men of the X and the partisans took place only after the Ozegna incidents (July 1944), and as a reaction against the attack against the Bardelli mission.

Besides, it must be considered that in many cases, units belonging to the S. Marco Division were mistaken for units of the X Plotmas.

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Immediately after its formation, the R. Navy Centre of Milan, ^{accused} brought him before the 'Corte Straordinaria di Assise' of Milan on the charge of collaborating with the German invaders and other serious charges.

By a Ministerial order dated 21/6/1945, BORGHESI was removed from the rank of the R. Navy and lost his rank, starting from April 26th, 1945.

He is now in custody of Italian.

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

GABINETTO

Roma li 24 ottobre 1945

Dichiarazione

Il ministero della Marina assicura che qualora i Signori Valerio BORGHESE e Mario ROSSI della ex Marina repubblicana non siano processati o confinati od assoggettati ad altri provvedimenti del genere, essi saranno riconsegnati alle Autorità Alleate a meno che non siano più presenti in Italia truppe d'occupazione Alleate.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI

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Alleate.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3761
15 October 1945

SECRET

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.

to: Ministry of Marine, Rome

Subject: BORCHESE Valerio - ROSSI Mario
ex-Republican Navy.

1. Information has been received that the above named may be transferred to the Ministry of Marine for interrogation and service disciplinary action as may be required.
2. This transfer is conditional upon your giving a guarantee to return them to Allied custody for internment for the duration of the Allied occupation of Italy, should they not be tried and confined, or otherwise disposed of.
3. When forwarding your guarantee, in triplicate, is is requested that you state where you wish subjects

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See Letter 51

REAR ADMIRAL 5586
CHIEF, NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3486
7 September 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
to: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Prisoners of War - ex Italian Republican Navy.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine (Cabinet) ltr. B.8373
dated 10 July 1945

1. With regard to reference (a), the Navy Sub-Commission has received confirmation that Iunio Valerio BORGHESE, late Commanding Officer, 10th Flotilla MAS, is in Allied hands.
2. He is at present being interrogated by Allied Authorities. When his interrogation is completed, he will be available for interrogation by an officer of the Italian Royal Navy and you will be informed accordingly.

Fto. H. ST. I. BUTLER
Captain U.S. Navy

From REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Captain U.S. Navy

from REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
Gabinetto

10 Luglio 1945

Prot. B.8373

AL NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

ARGOMENTO: Ex Capitano di Vascello Valerio BORGHESE.

Da notizie non controllate risulterebbe che l'ex Capitano di Vascello Valerio BORGHESE, già Comandante della X^a Flottiglia M.A.S. della Marina Re-pubblicana, è ora prigioniero di guerra in mano degli Alleati.

Poichè sarebbe di grande interesse per la Marina Italiana poter interrogare l'Ufficiale in argomento, si prega voler far conoscere quando e dove è prevedibile ciò possa avvenire.

Nell'occasione questo Ministero sarebbe grato se potesse essere informato e tenuto al corrente della vatura di Ufficiali e personale della ex Marina Repubblica-na da parte di Autorità Alleate.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
Fto. C. di V. F. BASLINI

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ECONOMIC SECTION

Date 9 Oct.

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INTERNAL

	To	Fr		To
Vice President			ECONOMIC SECTION	
Brig. Anderson			Production Division	
Col. Densmore		✓	Supply Division	
Col. Walton			Agriculture - Sub-Com	
Lt. Col. Moore			Commerce " "	
			Finance " "	
			Food " "	
Maj. Smith			Industry " "	
Maj. Anson			Labour " "	
Maj. Clark			Public Works " "	
Capt. Highland			Transportation " "	
Lt. Arensberg			War Mater Disposal	
Lt. Morgan				
Lt. DiLoreto			Chief Commissioner	
			Executive Comm'r	✓
Mr. Dickens			Civil Affairs Section	
Mr. Hughes			Establishment Section	
Admin & Personnel			G-1 (American)	
Requisition Branch			G-1 (British)	
Price Control Branch			ATTENTION:	
Message Center			Capt. W. L. L. L.	
For appropriate action			Note and Return	
Remarks/Recommendations			Signature	
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✓ Information			File	
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REMARKS:

Copies of letter attached as requested
in your 8002/EC of 22 Oct. 45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. *ES/4.00*

8002
9 November 1945

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SUBJECT: Entry of Ships from Italy into Yugoslav Harbours.

TO : Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.

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1. Reference your memorandum of 17 October, 1945 to the Allied Commission.

2. The Italian Government has been informed that a free traffic will not be allowed to ships coming into Yugoslav harbours from Italy unless they have been granted the necessary visas and bills of health.

(SIGNED)

NORMAN R. SMITH

Major AGO

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AG
Chief, Supply Group

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Our Ref.: - AC/628/3/Tn.3.

30 October 1945

NOV 9 1945

SUBJECT : - Entry of Italian Ships in Yugoslav ports.

TO : - Direzione Generale della Marina Mercantile

1. The Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy in a communication to the Allied Commission has requested that it be pointed out to the Italian Authorities that free traffic will not be allowed to ships arriving from Italy in Yugoslav ports unless they have been granted the necessary visas and Bills of Health.

2. It is therefore requested that the appropriate section be taken in this matter.

For the Director:-

(signed)

M.P. LARAMAN
Major E.E.

Copy to:- Economic Section (Supply Div)
MWT Rome
WSA Rome
MWT(R) Naples for Zone 3 Committee U.M.A.

Ref: 8002/57/RO.

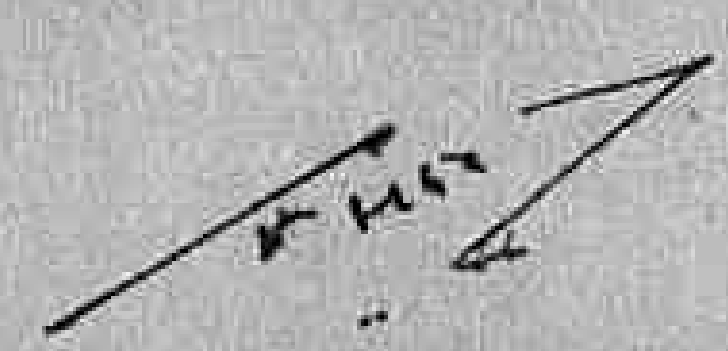
7th November 45.

SUBJECT: State of Italian Fleet at 1 September 45.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your NSC/3926 dated 5 November 45, enclosing extract from Informational Memo No. 303 dated 8 September 45 from Ministry of Marine.

2. This was sent to you for information, and no action is required on your part. Your enclosure is returned herewith as requested.


NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel Inf
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Incl.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3926
5 November 1945.
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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission. ✓
Subject: State of Italian Fleet at 1 September 1945.
Enclosure: (A) Extract from Informational Memo. No. 303,
dated 6 September 1945 from Ministry of
Marine.

1. Enclosure (A) was forwarded to the Navy Sub-Commission by the Executive Commissioner without comment. Information is requested whether any action was contemplated or is required. The return of enclosure (A) is requested.

H. St. J. Butler
H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3916
3 November 1945.
NOV 5 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : United States Embassy, Rome.

Subject: Italian Ships Seized by Japan. 34.

Enclosure: (A) Copy Ministry of Foreign Affairs ltr.
6/4057/1875 of 13 October 1945.
(B) Copy AFHQ G-5 Section ltr. G-5; 561.1-6
of 27 October 1945. 32

1. Enclosure (A), which contains a request from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the present status of certain Italian merchant vessels in the far East, is forwarded herewith in accordance with the instructions contained in paragraph (2) of enclosure (B).

2. If the procedure outlined in enclosure (B) is considered to be appropriate, it is suggested that the United States Embassy should request the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to forward all similar requests to the United States Embassy in the future.

J. St. J. Butler
J. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
Executive Commissioner, AC. ✓
POLAD (A).
POLAD (B).

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Miss Sampson
(MISS SAMPSON)

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

6/4057/1875

Rome, October 18th, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Italian ships seized by Japan.

1. The Swedish Government, which through their Legation in Tokyo have safeguarded up to now the Italian interests in Japan, have informed the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that American Authorities are taking possession of Italian ships seized by the Japanese in September 1945.

2. Following are the names of the Italian vessels in the Far East:

a) Motor ship "GALITEA II" (former "RAMB II") Gross tonnage - 1910 tons - lying at Kobe. Scuttled by the crew. It seems she was recovered by the Japanese.

b) S/S "CONTE VERDE" - Gross tonnage 13,765 tons - "Lloyd Triestino".

c) S/S "CARIGNANO" - Gross tonnage 5752 tons - "Lloyd Triestino".

d) S/S "ADA" - Gross tonnage 5243 tons - "Impresa Navigazione Commerciale" Roma.

e) S/S "TEMBIEN" - Gross tonnage 5439 tons - "Compagnia Italiana Navigazione" Shanghai.

f) S/S "MARCO POLO" - Gross tonnage 3063 - "Compagnia Italiana Navigazione" Shanghai.

g) S/S "AMBA ALAGI" - Gross tonnage 3710 tons - "Compagnia Italiana Navigazione" Shanghai. 3579

h) S/S "ENDERTA" - Gross tonnage 2278 tons - "Compagnia Italiana Navigazione" Shanghai.

i) S/S "FURINRE CONSOLINI" - Gross tonnage 1922 tons - "Compagnia Italiana Navigazione" Shanghai.

l) S/S "GRANATIERE PADULA" - Gross tonnage 3904 tons - "Compagnia Italiana Navigazione" Shanghai.

m) S/S "MATTEO RICCI" - Gross tonnage 1911 tons - "Compagnia Italiana Navigazione" Shanghai.

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- n) Tug "LIPARI" - Gross tonnage 173 tons - "Compagnia Italiana Navigazione" Shanghai.
- o) M/S "28 OTTOBRE" - Gross tonnage 4888 tons - "Societa Navigazione Garibaldi" Genova.
- p) M/S "VOLPI" - Gross tonnage 5292 tons - "Lloyd Triestino".
- q) M/S "SUMATRA" - Gross tonnage 4859 tons - "Lloyd Triestino".

The last three boats were scuttled at Phuket Harbour, Thailand (Siam).

3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be very grateful to the Allied Commission if they will kindly interest the proper Allied Authorities in obtaining some definite information as to the present situation of the a/m ships.

4. It will be greatly appreciated if the Allied Authorities will assume the protection of said vessels, until the time - so far as the merchant ships are concerned - when their legitimate owners will be able to intervene directly.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 561.1-6

27 October 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian ships seized by Japan.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your NSC/3846 of 25 October 1945, subject as above.

2. This matter should be submitted to the United States Embassy for their consideration and appropriate action.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5;

/s/ M. J. Heyl
M. J. HEYL
Capt, AUS.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

November, 1945.

Ref:

SUBJECT: Publication of ship arrivals.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

This HQ wishes to arrange for the publication in the Italian Press of the dates and details of ship arrivals in Italy and would be glad to know if you have any objection to this proposal.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Econ Sec (2)

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COMNAVNAV (PASSES)
COMNAVNAV INFO COMNAVBU, CHIEF COMMISSIONER AC ROME NOV 1 1945

SECRET

USA now advise no further need for repair facilities PALERMO.
(COMNAVBU restricted 081601) Accordingly desire you relinquish
control and withdraw therefrom at earliest practicable date. After
consultation Naval representatives Allied Council recommend whether
to return to former owners or Italian Govt and effective date.

MSG 2215.

(Regarding above message) Request your recommendations. If
you concur I intend to be guided by the derequisition procedure
outlined in AFHQ Administrative Memo No 40 of 8 Sept 45 and in
part 2 of MTOUSA Circular No 111 of 14 Sept 45.

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HEADQUARTERS
31 OCT 1945
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 3002/EO

23 October 1945

Your Excellency:

I am directed to acknowledge your letter No. 5117 dated 16 October and to thank you for informing the Chief Commissioner of the appointment (by the Greek Ministry of Marine) of Lt. Cdr. N. STAMBOLIS, R.N.N. as Liaison Officer between United Maritime Authorities (U.M.A.) Zone 3rd, Naples and the Greek Authorities in Greece.

This information has been passed to the Allied Commission Authorities in this area.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

H.E.G. EXINTARIS,
Greek Delegation to the
Advisory Council for Italy,
Rome

Copy to: M.W.T. (R), Naples
for Chairman,
United Maritime Authority
Zone 3 Committee
Naples

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

(23)

Ref: 8002/33

22 October 1945

SUBJECT: Shipping

TO : Economic Section

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Attached hereto is copy of letter dated 17 October 1945, ref: no. 1429, from Yugoslav Delegate to the Advisory Council.

Please take appropriate action with copy to this office.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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JUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY
Br.1429

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The Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy presents its compliments to the Allied Commission and has the honour to request on behalf of the Yugoslav Government to inform as soon as possible the Italian Government that a free traffic will not be allowed to ships coming in Yugoslav harbours from Italy unless they have granted necessary visas and bill of health.

R o m e, October 17, 1945.

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Allied Commission
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GREEK DELEGATION
TO THE
ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR ITALY

Ref. N°5117

Rome, October 16th, 1945

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SUBJECT : Appointment of Lt. Commander N. STAMBOLIS.

TO : Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
R O M E

1. I beg to inform you that, subsequently to a decision taken at the United Maritime Executive Board (U.M.E.B.) Zone 3rd in Naples, Lt. Commander N. STAMBOLIS, R.H.N. has been appointed by the Greek Ministry of Mercantile Marine, according to order N°28131/1482 of the 11th September 1945, LIAISON OFFICER between United Maritime Authorities (U.M.A.) Zone 3rd, Naples, and the Greek Authorities in Greece.

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Ambassador,

Greek Delegate to the A.C.I.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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5 July 1945.

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NSC/2855

SUBJECT: Italian "Milmar" Officer ZANFAGNA, Marcello.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
ATTENTION: G-2 Section.

1. The enclosed explanation by the Minister of Marine in reply to the Chief, Navy Sub-Commission's letter No. NSC/2692 of the 19th June 1945, with reference to the improper removal of Marcello ZANFAGNA to Rome, is forwarded in accordance with Allied Force Headquarters' signal 1416028 June 1945, (Signed SACRED CITE FIBBI).

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Encls.

1. Navy Sub-Commission ltr NSC/2692 of 19 June 1945.
2. Ministry of Marine ltr B.7590 of 24 June 1945, with Enclosure.

Prepared by S. N. BLACKBURN

Captain RN

C O P Y

From : Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To : Rear Admiral WARREN.
Date : 24th June, 1945. (Received for translation 1240 June 28th.)
Ref. : B.7590 - 1 Enclosure.
Subject : "Milmart" Officer ZANFAGNA, Marcello

In reply to your NSG/2692 of 19th inst.

1. On 24th May last the "Commissione Dipartimentale d'Inchiesta" (Meridipart Naples Inquiries Commission) pointed out to this Ministry's Inquiries Sub Commission that "Milmart" Officer ZANFAGNA, Marcello had presented himself of his own accord adding that he had admitted having served with 10th M.A.S. Flotilla of the Republican Navy from November '43 to April, '45.
2. Subsequently in letter dated 31st March, said Commander-in-Chief informed that ZANFAGNA, at 8th September '43, after having been appointed an "Active Service" Milmart Officer, was carrying out duties at the "Scuola Aeronautica Allievi Ufficiali" (Air Cadet's College), awaiting appointment.
3. On several occasions, the "Commissione Dipartimentale" asked for guidance with regard to ZANFAGNA's service position, but there was no sign of Italian or Allied Counter-spy intervention in regard to the above-named.
4. On 1st inst. the "Commissione d'Inchiesta Ministeriale" aware only that ZANFAGNA was at Naples asked for him to be sent to Rome, by signal signed "De Courten".

Under this heading it is pointed out that all outgoing signals from Ministry of Marine Departments or Commands, in accordance with General orders in force, are sent signed by the Minister, who, in this particular case, as happens in similar normal administrative matters, was not yet aware of ZANFAGNA's position.

5. In the meantime, ZANFAGNA was arrested by the C.S. Centre at Naples who following verbal instructions from said Commander in Chief, allowed him to be temporarily placed at the disposal of the Italian Royal Navy, to complete inquiry being held, as per letter sent to Commander-in-Chief (Copy attached) dated 8th inst.

6. On 13th inst. with ZANFAGNA in Rome, the President of the "Commissione d'Inchiesta Ministeriale", (aware for the first time), from C. in C.'s attached letter that ZANFAGNA had been detained by C.S. Centre Naples and temporarily handed over to I.R.N. for completion of disciplinary inquiry, ordered his immediate transfer back to Naples, under escort, which order was put into effect the same day by means of subordinate R. Carabinieri who had him returned to Poggioreale Prison from whence he had been taken.

(Sgd) The Minister.

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C O P Y

Letter from G.S. Centre, Naples to Commander in Chief (Italian),
Naples. No.5674 dated 8th June, 1945.

During the interrogation of enemy agent, now arrested -
ZANFAGNA, Marcello (son of Nicola and SEMSA, Anna), born in Naples
on 16th August, 1922, address Viale 2 Montecalvario No.7, was shown
to have belonged to 10th M.A.S. Flotilla with the rank of Officer,
for which reason I consider it necessary to inform your command.

With reference to verbal request, I have arranged for him
to be accompanied to your command and I ask that, on completion of
inquiry, he be placed at this Centre's disposal for future action to be
taken in his regard.

ZANFAGNA's arrest was duly notified (by letter No.5645 of
7th inst.) to War Ministry - S.M.R.E. Office, 1 Section 2 and to
similar local Allied organisations.

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

WSC/2692.
19th June, 1945.

P-E-R-S-O-N-A-L

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : The Minister of Marine, Rome.

Subject : ZANFAGNA, Marcello.

Your attention is invited to the following report which has been received from Allied Force Headquarters.

2. On the 7th June, 1945, 808 Centre Spionaggio Battalion arrested at Naples a certain ZANFAGNA, Marcello, who had returned from former enemy occupied territory at the end of May. The grounds for the arrest, which had the support of the Allied Security Authorities, were that ZANFAGNA has collaborated with the German Secret Service, was a former enemy agent, and was also formerly an officer of the Xth Flotilla M.A.S.

3. The Centre Spionaggio Centre at Naples notified the Allied Security Authorities on the 10th June, 1945, that the Comando in Capo, Dipartimento Marittimo Basso Tirreno has applied the same day for ZANFAGNA to be surrendered to Italian Naval custody. The Italian Naval Authority claimed to be acting on the orders of Admiral De Courten, who wished to interrogate ZANFAGNA on an unspecified subject.

4. Ceding to pressure and the superior rank of the Italian Naval Authority, the Centre Spionaggio Centre at Naples, surrendered ZANFAGNA at the POGGIORSALÉ gaol on the 13th June, 1945, stipulating his eventual return to the Centre Spionaggio Centre. It is believed that ZANFAGNA has been transferred to Rome.

5. Allied Force Headquarters wish me to state that they consider the interference by the Italian Ministry of Marine, with Centre Spionaggio work which was being carried out on behalf of the Allies is in their opinion most irregular. Allied Force Headquarters have requested me to demand the immediate return of ZANFAGNA to the custody of Centre Spionaggio Centre, Naples, and an explanation of the unwarranted interference in Allied Security measures.

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

(14)

Ref: 8002/14/20.

2 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Complaint of conduct of a Yugoslav crew at CATANIA.

TO : The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
ROME.

Referring to the memorandum from The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 29 May 1945 on the above subject, the enclosed copies of correspondence received yesterday from Allied Force Headquarters are forwarded for your information.

(11) (12) For the Chief Commissioner:

(6)
E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 091.711-2

28 June 1945

JUL 1 - 1945

SUBJECT: Complaint of conduct of a Yugoslav crew at Catania,
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your 8002/9/EC dated 9 June 1945.

1. The memorandum of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs was referred to C-in-C Med. It appears that the complaint was disposed of earlier in the year and for your information a copy of C-in-C Med's observations and of the Italian Ministry of Marine's letter SM 3493 of 21 March are enclosed.

2. In view of the above this Headquarters does not propose to take any further action.

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

H. Y. Anderson
H. Y. ANDERSON
Lt. Colonel, RA

Incls:
as above

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This matter was raised with the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean through the Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison Italy (Rome) by the Italian Ministry of Marine on 21st March 1945. A copy of the Ministry's communication is attached.

2. The correspondence was referred for guidance to the British Resident Minister who replied that he considered that not too much importance should be attached to the episode and agreed with paragraph 2 of the Ministry of Marine's communication.

3. Copies of the correspondence were forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, Royal Yugoslav Navy, on 18th April by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, who stated that the incident was of minor importance only but that the Commander-in-Chief, Royal Yugoslav Navy, might think it desirable to enquire further into the circumstances with a view to taking any steps he considered necessary. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, also stated that the Resident Minister considered the matter should be handled on the naval level and intended to take no action.

4. It is observed that the Italian Foreign Office registered their complaint over two months after the Ministry of Marine had taken similar steps and it is suggested that the matter should be regarded as closed.

/s/ ? ? ? ?
/t/ DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO
THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.

Enclosure.

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FROM : MINISTRY OF MARINE, (Cabinet)
TO : F.O.L.I. - Rome.
DATE : 21.3.45
REF : SM. 3493.

Subject: Arrival of a Yugoslav M.T.B. Flotilla at CATANIA.

The following communication has been received:-

"On the afternoon of 3rd inst. a Yugoslav M.T.B. Flotilla arrived at Catania, under the Command of a Yugoslav Officer (probably a Junior Officer) who shewed himself hostile towards Italian Authorities, who wished to effect customary formal visit to the ships, and ordered personnel from the local Captaincy to move away from the mole.

Suspecting that there might be contraband goods aboard, Customs' Officer I/C., with personnel, arrived on the spot. But the Yugoslav Officer held firmly to his decision, declaring that his Country was still at war with Italy and told the Italian personnel not to approach his ships, otherwise he would open fire.

At 0500 the next day the M.T.Bs sailed for an unknown destination.

It was not possible to ascertain from whence they had come."

2. It is my opinion that not too much importance should be attached to this episode, as I do not consider that the M.T.B. Flotilla Commander was competent enough to judge the delicacy of the present political situation; nevertheless, I shall be obliged if F.O.L.I. would request C.inC. Med., as highest Authority co-ordinating movements of all Allied Nations' ships operating in the Mediterranean, to point out to the Yugoslav Authorities that such acts could create reactions of which it is impossible to foresee nature or scope, but always to be deprecated in any event.

(Sgd) THE MINISTER.

Ref:- 6002/10/EC.

9 June 45.

To: The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
ROME.

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Allied Commission acknowledge receipt of memorandum
from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 29th May, a copy
of which they have sent to AHSQ.

for Chief Commissioner

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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12/11/45

Ref: 5000/9/EC.

9 June, 45.

Subject: Complaint from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on
behalf of University of Turin.

Re: Q-5
AMIA.

I enclose a copy of a memorandum from the Italian
Ministry of Foreign Affairs for any action you may wish to take.

For Chief Commissioner

E. Talbot
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Executive Commissioner.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

JUN 4 1945

Subject: Incidents provoked at Catania by Yugoslav naval personnel.

1. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to draw the Allied Commission's attention to the following incidents which took place on March 3rd. in Catania harbour:

Six Yugoslav motor-launches commanded by a mid-shipman entered on March 3rd. Catania harbour. The local "Guardie di Finanza" expressed their intention of visiting the vessels, suspecting that they carried goods of contraband. The Yugoslav Officer after stating that Italy was still at war with Yugoslavia, threatened to open fire if the Guardia di Finanza should approach the launches. The next morning the latter sailed for unknown destination.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to point out that:

- A) according to international law warships in foreign ports are held to the observance of the Custom laws nor does any term of the Convention of Armistice exempt the ships of the United Nations anchored in Italian ports from such an observance. The Yugoslav Officer's threat is therefore an open infringement of international law;
- B) as regards the statement that Italy is still at war with Yugoslavia, it may be recalled that the latter is held to the observance of the Convention of Armistice between Italy and

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3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs wish to acquaint the Allied Commission with the foregoing considerations in order to firmly establish the rights of the Italian Authorities, trusting that similar regrettable incidents shall not repeat themselves in the future.

Rome, 29th. May 1945



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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1566
16 February 1945.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Legal Sub-Commission, Hq. A.C.
Subject: Personnel for Italian Military Courts.

1. Reference is made to Legal Sub-Commission letter AC/4086/3/L of 16 January 1945, which requested that consideration be given to supplying Italian Navy officer personnel for duty with Italian Military Courts in proportion to the number of naval matters and naval personnel handled by the courts.

2. In a letter dated 13 January, the Navy Sub-Commission requested the Ministry of Marine to examine the matter of supplying Italian Naval officers for court work as desired by the Procuratore Generale Militare and the Legal Sub-Commission. In the same letter, the Ministry of Marine was notified that the Navy Sub-Commission would authorize the assignment of Italian Navy personnel to Military Courts so that the Italian Navy may assume an equitable share of the court work.

3. The Minister of Marine has informed the Navy Sub-Commission that he is well aware of the reasons of the Procuratore Generale Militare for desiring the use of Naval officers on the courts and that he has no objection whatsoever to supplying 60 of the 80 officers required. It is the understanding of the Minister of Marine that the remaining 20 officers will be supplied by the Italian Royal Air Force in accordance with accords already reached.

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H. W. ZIMOLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

Copy to:
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AIR FORCES SC AC.

NSC/1534

19 January 1945

JAN 26 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The establishment of an accounting procedure for general services rendered by the Italian Navy to the Anglo-American Armed Forces referred to in your letter 19381/1.2.2 of 10 January 1945, has been carefully re-examined. As the Italian Ministry of Marine was previously informed on 15 June 1944 by the Flag Officer Liaison, Italy, the accounting of such services is a matter of internal administration and responsibility of the Italian Navy. While there is no objection to the maintenance of complete records of such services furnished by the Italian Navy, it is regretted that the Anglo-American Armed Forces cannot participate in the accounting.

Yours very truly,

ELDERY W. STONE

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Rear Admiral
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Prepared by

H. St. John Butler
H. ST. JOHN BUTLER,
Captain, U.S. Navy
Navy Sub-Commission.

Approved By: Finance Sub-Commission.

(Sgd) A.P. Graffley-Smith, Col
Director.

(Copy was retained for 'A' file)

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translation

The President of the Council
of Ministers

1988/1.2.2.

Rome, 10 January 1945

JAN 12 1945

Dear Admiral,

Last April, the Navy Department sent the Flag Officer L. I., for examination, a series of regulations prepared to regulate organically the cessations of material, the works etc. done by the Navy in favour of the Allied Army Forces.

By means of this organic regulations, it was hoped to organize a system which would enable the Italian authority to be exactly informed about the services which were being done by its various organs.

This initiative met an obvious and considerable practical need. And, besides this aspect, it also seemed to find a basis in the terms of the armistice, in reference to the said works and help (art. 19 & 21).

The Flag Officer didn't deem it possible to agree to the proposal. After a first negative answer, which was followed by an explanatory answer from the Navy Department, he confirmed on October 23rd that 'to bring radical changes to the current practices isn't desired'.

I therefore want to ask you, my dear Admiral, after examining this question, to request the said officer to re-consider it. I think that through the work of a Commission of Representatives of both parts, it should be easy to make regulations which would give complete satisfaction to both sides.

Thank you for all you will be able to do.

I remain,

Truly yours,

E. I. Bonomi

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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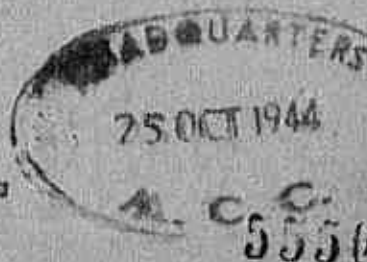
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25 OCT Recd

CONFIDENTIAL. The title "F.O. WESTERN ITALY" will lapse at 1200 on 25th Oct.
The duties of FORIT will then devolve on the Flag Officer Northern Area who for the
time being has his Headquarters in Navy House NAPLES

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

Purchase of Vessels.

Navy Subcommission.

8002/003.

22 October

Attached letter from Antonino Cordis, requesting that he be allowed to purchase a tanker ashore on the Calabrian Coast is passed for appropriate action please.

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for Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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