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WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL, VENEZIA GIULIA
FEB.-DEC. 1946

~~CSO~~ to Lanning 193.

by folio 190. Letter to SC. NO. 19,
at folio 191 and an Ack to Lanning
at folio 192 for signature, please. Ch. K.
MS. 13711 4/11

199

~~CSO~~

I am sure that letter at 198 is
of interest, but without the letter quoted
in line, it is not very clear. so you
think we should send for a copy?
Ch. K. 4/12

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think we should send for a copy?
DWB 8/12

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Minute No. 189

27 September 1946

To: Chief Commissioner.

Folio 180 is submitted for your information.

If you wish to refer to Dr. Sengle's letter which resulted in the AMHQ letter (Folio 180), it is at Folio 183 in the file.

M Carr Brigadier
M. CARR, Brigadier.
Acting Executive Commissioner.

#190

E.C.

27/IX

Noted. Tux.

SEP 27 1946

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cc

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185.

eso. Ex. Comm

Please see folio 180 in answer to folio 183. Dr. Smellstock has been requested to use proper channels for his correspondence. No action seems necessary by us in this case.

Aug 15 1979

186.

eso.

I agree but think that Legal S/C (DCLA) should see the correspondence

W. L. and Byrd
A/Ex (man)

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187

Legal S/C (DCLA)

Passed to J. W. L. please.

W. L. and Byrd 19/9

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5343

Ex. Comm.

C.S.O. to Comm.

169

Ref folios 152 and 167. Letter at

folio 168 for signature please. *Oct 16 1917*

For C.C.'s signature

Oct 1917

~~173~~ 174

C.S.O. to Comm. 18. 1817

Reference to letter 166 - see folios 170-173
172 -

of Capt Tamm

to Comm.

179.

C.S.O. Letter at 176 for signature please.
folio 175 signed.

G. W. C. M. 1917 N.S. 1917

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172 -

to Comm. 178.

Pls letter at 176 for signature please.
also 175 refer.

L. M. C. M. 1917 N.S. 1917

of Capt. Tamm

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cso. 154
Ref letter at folio 145. Letter at folio
153 for signature, please. Many s/c in
no 150 refer.

Aut^{12/6} 157
cso. Letter at folio 155 for signature
please. Action taken at folio 156. Aut¹⁵ 16/6

5. 162
cso. Letter at folio 160 for signature please.
This is in accordance with c/s 161
on folio 2. Aut¹⁶ 2/6

166
→ Col Walton!

WMS
16/6

5. 162

c so
Letter at folio 160 for equities please.

This is in accordance with eq's ⁵³⁴ ~~page~~

on folio 2. WMS 16/6.

166

→ Col Walton:

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Appoints are following:

- 1) memorandum on Romia case for your information and consideration.
- 2) Letter in reply to folio 165.
- 3) Letter to G 5 AFHQ, as per memo.

Capt. DeJohn 6/7.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 394

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7 June 1946

~~147~~. Comment on folio 145.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission received a letter dated 22 January from the Ministry of Marine outlining the circumstances of a visit paid by British and Yugoslav officers to the Technical Department of the Engineering branch of the Ministry in Trieste (reference NR in folio 145). These officers requested information concerning the administrative relationships between the Italian Navy and the CANTIERI RIUNITI DELL'ADRIATICO COI in order that it might be determined what material in those shipyards could be considered a prize of war. The Ministry pointed out that the Department concerned was not in a position to give the information and requested that in the future all such demands be made through the Navy Sub-Commission, and that instructions to this effect be issued to Allied Authorities.

2. After investigation it was determined that inasmuch as the powers vested in the Italian Ministries in Venezia Giulia had been transferred to Allied Military Government, 13 Corps, it was impossible to prevent British and Yugoslav Officers from entering premises belonging to, or connected with the Italian Royal Navy.

3. Under the circumstances, any general agreements respecting the use of the Navy Sub-Commission as a channel of approach to the Ministry was considered invalid in the Venezia Giulia area. The instructions that the Ministry requested be issued to "Allied Authorities" to this effect would have to emanate from an authority with powers to give orders to the War Booty Commission as a whole. The Navy Sub-Commission therefore informed the Ministry on 2 March that their request, which is paraphrased in folio 145, paragraph 2, could not be complied with.


J. C. RISK,
Lt. Comdr., USNR.

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C.S.O.

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Ref. f. 137.

They we know why we, Ans 13 Corps & the Joint Economic Committee may not take up this simple question of the substitution of property? Have they tried? Of course, we can take the matter up in Bulgaria — if the U.S. & British Embassies there agree to set it up (and experience is that they will not). But at Trieste, the Italian authorities have lived + personal contacts with Yugoslav reps + ought to be able to keep up pressure more easily than we are at this long range.

29/10/45

H. H. H. H.
H. H. H. H.

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To C.S.O. draft. also 139 for your approval, per.
Folio 137 is min 138 refer. etc

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to Comm.

Folio 137

Letter at 141 for signature please. 141/30/4

and min 138 refer. 141/30/4

DO NOT let the matter become lost 141/30/4

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Handwritten signature/initials at top left.

29/10/46

1400
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To Cso. Draft at 1389 for your approval, per.
Folio 137 & min 138 refer. *W.E.*

140

Ex Comm: Letter at 141 for signature please. Folio 137

141. 30/4

and min 138 refer. *W.E.* 30/4

do letter to *W.E.* Bureau 10/7 (141/11/2)

W.E. 14/5

May 5/c
146

W.E. 14/5

1st para d of folio 145. May
Please have your view. *W.E.* 14/5

Ex Comm.

121.

- i) Your draft at # 116A submitted to Polads in accordance with your in 116. See Polads comments at 118 and 119.
- ii) Letter at # 120 to I.C. submitted ~~at 118~~ for signature. Draft at # 107 refers. This draft is amended was approved by Polads. See then in's 112 & 113. b7D

122.

Chief Commissioner

ACTION instructed us in # 100 to tell Hakea Galt to take up question of War Body in V.G. through diplomatic channels. In a spirited minute

Polads B refuses to agree. His U.S. Colleagues also (verbally) concures with him. We have therefore sent information to War Body Committee E.P.M. in letter prepared for your signature & I propose to send 116A to AFTER

124.

Ex Comm.

My draft at # 116A + your in 122 above.
 ~~It was submitted for signature.~~

MAR 14 RECD

0930

W.C. 13/3

information channels. The U.S. College -
Polack B refuses to register. We have
also (verbally) concurred with him. We have
therefore sent information in our body committee
to PM in letter prepared for your signature
116 A to AFTER

I propose to send 116 A to
MAR 14 RECD
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124.

Ex Comm.
By draft of 116 A + your in 122 about.
Letter of 123 submitted for signature J.S. 12/3

12/3

Fix Com.
you for info. Suggest Polack will be work
interested - if they don't wish to reply, do we?
2/10 Polack. 12/3.

12/3.

12/3

Copy to Polack. C.C. to see.
Seen by C.C. 28/3
12/3

J. Wesley Jones
Political Adviser (A)

March 5, 1946.

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I am afraid I still feel that we ought to make the position of the Embassy clear in this matter. The question of war booty was dealt with under the Duce's agreement, a purely military instrument negotiated by representatives of A.F.M.A. with the Yugoslav military authorities. It seems to me that so long as A.F.M.A. remains in the picture it is better to be operated under the same deal with and not the Embassy who should deal with questions arising in Yugoslavia particularly as in the question of that agreement, more particularly in the question of the 'deposition' enquiry. A question of involvement in the deposition of the Austrian Emperor is involved in the question of the 'deposition' of the Emperor. I would prefer to leave the matter to the 'deposition' committee. I am afraid a letter from the 'deposition' committee is necessary.

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Ref. : 9008/200/30

9 December 1946

SUBJECT: War Booty.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

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Reference is made to your letter no. G-51912.30P dated 4 December 1946 to GHQ, CMB on this subject.

Copies of letters reference W.B.C./45/30 and 31 A of 11 Oct. from GHQ, CMB to your Headquarters were not sent to this Commission but it is thought that they were only covering letters forwarding the lists in question.

As the Italian Government have recently raised the question of Ships claimed as "Prizes of War" by the Yugoslavs it would be appreciated if extracts of sections of those lists dealing with ships, if any, could be forwarded to this Commission for information.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Knisely
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. : 9003/195/DC

December 1946

SUBJECT: War Booty.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

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Reference is made to your letter no. 36538/104 dated 2 Nov. 46 on this subject.

The question was referred to the Venezia Giulia War Booty Committee who have replied by stating that:

- a) All war booty claims made by the Yugoslav forces to materials which are the property of the Italian State have been referred by the War Booty Committee to higher authority.
- b) The admission or rejection of these claims is still under discussion. In the meantime, such materials are not being released to the Yugoslavs.
- c) The War Booty Committee has no record of any materials that may have been removed as war booty from Pola or elsewhere by the Yugoslav armed forces during their occupation of Zone "A".

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Knatch
/ Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 9008/192/30

11 November 1946

Dear dott. Prunas,

The Chief Commissioner has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter no. 36538/104 dated 2 Nov. regarding War-rises in Venezia Giulia.

The question is being investigated and a reply will be sent to you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

MC
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Doctor Renato Prunas,
Secretary General,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Ref: 9008/191/EC

16 November 1946

SUBJECT : War Booty

TO : ECAO,
Venezia Giulia.

1. Reference is made to the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Italian Prime Minister, No. 9008/120/EC dated 14 March, on this subject, copy to you.

2. A copy of the Italian Government's reply is enclosed. Will you please investigate this matter and advise this Commission of the reply to be given to the Italian Government in this case.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

mc
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Polad A
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AFHQ, G-5 Section
Econ. Div.
C.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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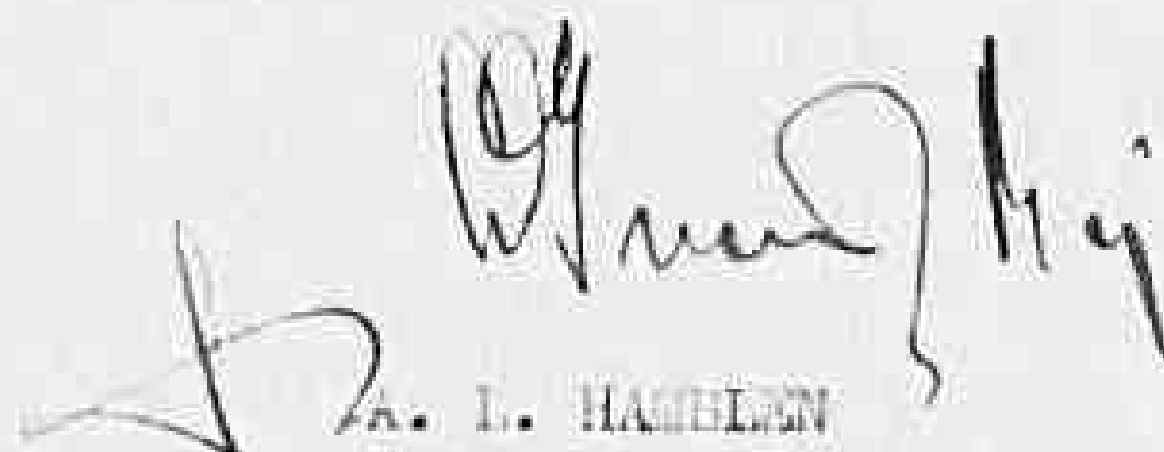
16 September 1946

SUBJECT : Yugoslav War Booty in Venezia Giulia

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

As requested in your signal reference 4943 dated 13 September 46, a copy of Dr. Smodiaka's letter reference BR.791/46 dated 22 July 46 is forwarded herewith.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:


A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel CSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl: as above

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HQ ALCON

13 SEPT 0900

AFHQ FOR G-5 SECTION

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SUBJECT IS JUGOSLAV WAR BOOTY IN VENEZIA GIULIA PD REFERENCE YOUR LETTER
GEORGE DASH FIVE COLON NINE ONE ENDO TWO PD THREE ZERO ROGER DATED NINE
SEPTEMBER TO SMODLAKA PD REQUEST COPY LETTER FROM SMODLAKA NUMBER BAKER
ROGER SEVEN NINE ONE SLANT FOUR SIX OF TWO TWO JULY AS THIS COMMISSION
NOT ON DISTRIBUTION PD

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ROUTINE

Executive Commissioner

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PAUL COLE
1st Lt Air Corps
Asst Adjt

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Government. There seems no justification for your allegations and no necessity for the issue of any instructions to prohibit a practice which has not been carried on.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE:


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

Copy to: XIII Corps.
Allied Commission.

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

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Ref: 9008/33

20 July 1946

My dear Dott. Frum,

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I refer to your letter 6/3451/710 dated June 20, 1946 regarding the disposal by the Jugoslav War Booty Commission in Venezia Giulia of the iron scrap at Gorizia airfield.

I am directed to inform you that the question of the disposition of disputed war booty in Venezia Giulia of which the iron scrap at Gorizia forms part, remains under discussion with the US and British Governments.

No claims will be entertained from the Jugoslav authorities for the removal of property which is still sub judice.

Yours Very Truly,

MC

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Dott. R. Frum,
Secretary General,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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C O P Y

The American Embassy at Belgrade presents its compliments to the American Embassy at Rome and has the honor to transmit, herewith, a copy of Note. no. 4622 from the Yugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated April 30, 1946, concerning a Yugoslav claim for restitution, together with the original enclosures to the Ministry's note.

Belgrade,

May 8, 1946.

Enclosures:

Copy of Note.No. 4622
Enclosures

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Ref. : 9006/EC.

29 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Iron Scrap - Corina.

TO : C- Section,
A.F.H.Q.

The attached copy of letter No. 6/2459/970 dated 18 June from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is forwarded to you for any action that you consider necessary.

For the Chief Commissioner;

A. W. Katsely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. : 9008/EC.

22 June 1946.

My Dear Dott. Prunas,

159 *NA*

I have to thank you for your letter No. 6/2459/970 dated 18 June 1946 regarding the disposal by the Yugoslav War Booty Commission in Venezia Giulia, of the iron scrap at Gorizia airfield.

I have forwarded this to the appropriate authorities.

Yours Very Truly,

N. W. HIND-SMITH

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Dott. R. Prunas,
Secretary General,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

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Exec. Comm.
copy
Pls fwd to
G-5, AFHQ
immediately -
Back to Panama

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Ref. : 9008/156/80

15 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Sports Equipment formerly belonging to
the fascist University groups - Trieste.

TO : SC/AD
Venezia Giulia.

I enclose a copy of letter No. 18702/34 dated 4 June from
the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the a/q Subject.

Will you please investigate this report and advise this
HQ in order that a reply may be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Af-
fairs.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 9003/155/03

15 June 1945

My dear Dr. Frum,

I have to thank you for your letter No. 13702/34 dated 4 June on the Subject of the disposal by the Venezia Giulia War Booty Committee of Sports Equipment belonging to the former fascist University group.

I have referred this matter to the appropriate authorities and will advise you of their reply in due course.

Yours very truly

N. W. MEAD-SMITH

Director,
Executive Commissioner.

Dr. R. Frum,
Secretary General,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

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