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FROM	OFFICER	TO
	Brig. M. S. Lush	✓
	Col. N. E. Fiske	
	Lt. Col. T. Farley Smith	
	Major Driffield-White	
	Major Van Dusen	
	Capt. Talbot	
	Capt. Carr	
	Capt. Stewart	
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REMARKS
Initial HERE and FOLIO referred.

For SALERNO 5230

No further action

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FARGO (Col. Fiske) Staff

14 FEBRUARY 1944

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_____ You should advise Italian High Commissioner to communicate with his Government meanwhile having Yugoslavs refrain from any activity. Reference Number S-7044 applies. Same applies to Plamenec and Macun. Matter will be taken up here with Italian Government also.

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L. F. NICKEL
Lt. Col., AGD
Adjutant General

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Signal Corps, United States Army

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TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR LUSH
(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : SEARS FOR POLETTI

DATE TIME SIGNED: 111730A

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REFERENCE NR. : S-7044

CITE : REQ-51

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

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NEF/mrd
12 February 1944

SUBJECT: Disposition of Personnel of Yugoslav Origin
at Present in Sicily

TO : Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

1. Personnel of Yugoslav origin, both military and civilian, in Sicily have been a source of continuous trouble and annoyance to the Allied Military Commands and to Allied Military Government. This situation is likely to continue until positive steps are taken to correct it.

2. After full investigation of the situation it is recommended:

(a) That the Italian High Command be directed to transfer military personnel of Yugoslav origin to Sardinia for inclusion in labor units destined for Corsica.

(b) That civilians of Yugoslav extraction be removed from Sicily; possibly for inclusion in Yugoslav military formations in the Middle East.

(c) That Lt. Plamenec, reportedly representing the Yugoslav Government and accredited by A.F.H.Q. and Dr. Macun, reportedly a member of the Yugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs, be removed from Sicily.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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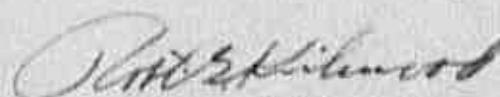
4 February 1944

SUBJECT : Palermo Camp

TO : Commanding General, A.F.H.Q. (ATTENTION: Military Government
Section)
Through Executive Commissioner A.C.C.

Reference Attached

1. I do not concur in taking steps to secure the removal of the two Yugoslav Officers mentioned in para 2, of the letter from D.C.C.A.O., H.Q., AMG dated 24 Jan '44, on the basis of information available.
2. I concur in the recommendations made in para 4 of the letter cited in the preceding paragraph.



ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD
Colonel
Director.

INCL:

- 1-Letter No. AMG/309 dated 24 Jan '44, HQ AMG, APO 394
- 2-1st Ind. NO. REO 370.21 dated 13 Jan '44 Regional Civil Affairs Officer.
- 3-Letter No. RWE 370.21 dated 13 Jan '44, AMG, Sicily Region HQ
- 4-Copy letter No. AMG/309 dated 24 Jan '44 HQ AMG, APO 394

1st Ind

R.C. & M.G. Section, H.Q. A.C.C.

11 February 1944.

TO: Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

Seen.

M.S.LUSH.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

WDW/AMQ/mrd
24 January 1944

Ref/AMQ/309.

SUBJECT: Palermo Displaced Persons Camp

TO : A.C.C. Headquarters, Brindisi
Displaced Persons Subcommittee, Attention Col. Kirkwood

1. After discussion separately with Lt. Col. Poletti and Lt. Col. MacFarland, the attached correspondence is passed to you.

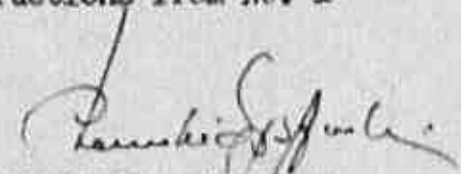
2. The two Yugoslav officers concerned are believed to be Lt. Plamenec, accredited representative of the Yugoslav Government, accredited by A.F.H.Q., and Dr. Macun, an interne, formerly a member of the Yugoslav State Department.

3. It is considered that if these officers, as alleged, encouraged the desertion from the Italian Army of Italian soldiers of Yugoslav blood, they should be removed from whatever position they now hold.

4. It is also recommended that A.F.H.Q. be asked to authorize and arrange the movement of all Yugoslav Nationals from the camp at Palermo and if possible from the Island of Sicily.

5. It is understood that a Yugoslav Army is being collected and trained in the Middle East Theater. Most of the Yugoslav inmates of the Palermo Camp wish to join a combatant force under their own flag and leaders.

6. With reference to paragraph 3 of basic letter, Lt. Col. Poletti states that I.H.S. have asked instructions from No. 1 District as the "higher authority".


CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG, HQ.

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Copy to:

R.C.A.O., Region I
Lt. Col. MacFarland at Brindisi

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FILE: RHO 370.21 1st Ind.
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT Sicily Region Headquarters 13 Jan. 1944.
TO: Chief Staff Officer, A.M.G. HQ.

1. The recommendation that Yugoslavs at present in the Displaced Persons Camp at Palermo be removed from the island has my full support.

2. There is evidence that the two Yugoslav army officers at the camp instigated the movement to incite desertion by Italian soldiers of Yugoslav extraction serving with the SABAUDA Div.

Charles Poletti.

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

FILE: RWE 370.21

APD 394

13 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Soldiers of YUGOSLAV Blood in Palermo Camp
for Allied Nationals.

TO : R.C.A.O.

1. On January 10, 1944 Region 1 assumed control of the Camp for Allied Nationals and learned that 78 Italian soldiers who had deserted from Italian forces stationed in Sicily had recently arrived at the Camp seeking the protection and care of Allied authorities.

2. The situation was immediately reported to the Island Base Section and to District 1. I.B.S. advised Region 1 to allow the Italian soldiers to stay in the Camp the evening of July 10 pending completion of their investigation of the facts.

3. On the afternoon of ^{7 JAN} July 11 I.B.S. took custody of the Italian soldiers and are now holding them pending instructions from higher authority.

4. Because of the friction between the Italians of YUGOSLAV origin and the Italians it is recommended that the entire YUGOSLAV group now remaining at the Palermo Camp be removed from Sicily as soon as possible. There seems little doubt that this element of the Camp population has encouraged the desertions and will continue to be a disturbing influence as long as YUGOSLAV Nationals remain concentrated in Palermo.

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Major

Regional Public Welfare Officer

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