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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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13101/P

2 June 1944

SUBJECT: Currency conversion for refugees.

TO: G-5 (Finance),
AFHQ,
ENAF.

1. Reference is made to our letter 13101/P of 26 May 1944 on the above subject.
2. Having in mind (a) that the Palestinian counter-party therein proposed may not be able or willing to utilize the 9 million lire deposited against receipts by the departing refugees; and (b) that other and numerous instances of currency-conversions for all types of refugees are certain to arise, it is suggested that the following additional proposals be forwarded to the CCS for consideration.
3. Some international body should be charged with the task of clearing currency transfers for refugees who must cross international frontiers under Allied supervision. UNRRA is probably the organization most appropriate, since it represents all the United Nations, and has dollar and sterling funds.
4. This body should establish a fund in dollars and sterling for the purpose of effecting transfers for refugees under the conditions envisaged in paragraph 3. UNRRA officials or an agent, such as the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission in the case of Italy, could then receive funds from refugees who are being moved under Allied supervision, and arrange for outpayment in the country of destination. The details of bank accounts and transfer procedure can be worked out by the organization selected.
5. The final result of such an arrangement, which could be extended to all countries wherein the problem arises, would be that the fund would have come into possession of sums of various European and occupational currencies, final settlement of which, vis-a-vis the Governments who supplied the initial stock of sterling and dollars, would rest against the countries responsible for the currencies concerned.

AFGS/FAS/PTP

ae 3542 pm
Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission,
For Executive Officer, Economic Section.

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REMARKS
ADMINISTRATIVE
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
AND 394

13101/2

31 May 1944.

REMARKS: Funds Deposited by Refugees Departing for Palestine.

20 : Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

1. With reference to your telegram 5252/50-5 of 22 May, 1944, the question of reimbursement of the refugees when they reach Palestine has been referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. A copy of our letter to G-5, AFM, is enclosed herewith. As you will note, we have suggested that steps be taken to have some international group interested in refugee relief take delivery of lire in Italy against payment in local currency to the refugees in Palestine.

2. The Allied Financial Agency will be glad to accept for deposit in an Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission account the currencies which have been obtained against receipt from the departing refugees.

For Assistant General MARSH HICKMAN.

(Signed) E. H. Feltz, Jr.

Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission,
For Executive Officer,
Economic Section.

REMARKS

Copy to: HQ AFM
AFM Dir.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS
APO 354

13101/P

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Jewish Refugees

TO: G-5
AFHQ,
INAP.

1. The Internec and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission has advised us that Jewish refugees being evacuated to Palestine hold considerable amounts of lire currency and are naturally anxious to convert it into Palestinian pounds. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission has stated that unless this can be done, some refugees may even refuse to sail and will create a difficult problem.
2. The first such group of refugees numbering about 950 persons, has already sailed. As an interim measure, the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission took possession of the lire currency in the hands of such persons (amounting to about 10 million lire), against receipts signed by officers of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
3. It has been suggested it may be possible to have some Palestinian group desirous of remitting relief funds to Italy accept lire from departing refugees and reimburse such refugees in local currency after their arrival in Palestine. It is of course recognized that such an arrangement is equivalent to an expenditure of Italian foreign exchange assets and may only be authorized by COS.
4. Accordingly, we suggest that the views of COS on this problem be obtained as soon as possible. If the decision is to allow transactions similar to the one envisaged in para 3 above, it is suggested that the appropriate agency, perhaps the War Refugee Board, undertake to contact interested groups in Palestine and advise us of arrangements made. It would be necessary for the Palestinian group to indicate total amount of lire they would be willing to accept and the agents in Italy at whose disposal it should be placed. We could then advise the Palestinian group of the lump sum so placed at their agent's disposal and the form and signature of the receipts against which payment should be made in Palestine on arrival of refugees there.

(Sgd) E.A. Foley, Jr.

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Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission,
War Refugee Office,
Memphis Station.

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HEADQUARTERS
INTERVIEWS AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

25 May 1944

IDP/904/60-5.

SUBJECT :- Immigration Jews to Palestine ex Italy.

TO :- HQ No 1 Sub Section, LECCE.
No 1 Transit Camp (Refugees)
O.C. Ferramonti Camp.

Copy to :-

HQ. ACC.
HQ. 2 District.
HQ. 52 Area.
Mov. Taranto.
Forward Counter Intelligence.
Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith.
A.D.M.S. I & D.P.S.O.

1. Approx. 560 Jews and 50 tons baggage at present located in camps under control this Sub Commission will move by road and rail under orders this HQ to TARANTO for embarkation IXF 15 for repatriation to Palestine.

Authority A.F.H.Q. F 32675 of 15 April
F 47410 of 18 May.

Mideast AL/94525 of 22 April also refers.

2. The following rail moves will take place on 25 May under orders MOVEIT and MOVWIT.

(a) Jews in Ferramonti Camp approx 300. COSENZA - TARANTO.
(b) " " di Egidi Camp " 150 NARDO - TARANTO.
(c) " " No 1 Transit Camp. " 120 BARI - TARANTO.

3. On arrival TARANTO drafts will report to O.C. Brickfields Camp.

4. Drafts will be called forward for embarkation by MOV TARANTO.

5. Blankets issued by this Sub Commission will be withdrawn prior to embarkation by O.C. Brickfields Camp.

6. All personnel will undergo FFI inspection prior to embarkation and will be revaccinated if not successfully vaccinated within the last two years.

7. Nominal Rolls in duplicate together with M.T.A. to cover drafts will accompany to MIDEAST. Each head of family will be in possession of Italy Travel Card issued by Resident Representative Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.

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8. FINANCE.

All occupational Idre, Italian Idre and any other occupational currency will be withdrawn from all Jews on draft prior to embarkation by this Sub Commission and receipts for such moneys will be given. The Palestine authorities will in due course hand to the immigrant the sum in compensation that HQ. ACC will indicate.

9. Lt. Garcia O.C. Ferranonti Camp will accompany draft COSENZA P TARANTO and assist in embarkation under orders MOV TARANTO.

10. Capt Korn this HQ will proceed to TARANTO by road 25 May and report to HQ 52 Area and MOV TARANTO and assist in embarkation. Capt Korn will accompany draft to Middle East and Palestine as conducting officer and on completion of duty will return to Italy.

HEALTH OFFICERS for the Director.

C.B. FOTHERGILL,
 Lt-Col.
 Deputy Director.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

C.A.B. (2)

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TO: ACC MAIN RPTD DISPER BARI

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N16/23

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE No: F 49363

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: MAY 22/1930 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE FHQS

REF MY F48566 OF 20TH MAY AND YOUR 410/80/CA OF 20TH MAY. SUBJECT IS IMMIGRATION JEWISH REFUGEES EX ITALY INTO PALESTINE. IN VIEW OF INFORMATION PARA 2(D) YOUR LETTER REFERENCE WILL NOT BE MADE TO HIGH COMMISSIONER. AS SHERTOK DELEGATED AUTHORITY ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD PROCEED AS IN OUR F47410 OF 18TH MAY.

HEADQUARTERS

23 MAY 1944

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CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, UNDERSTAND ACC APPROVES PROPOSAL TO COLLECT ITALIAN LIRE AND OTHER OCCUPATION CURRENCY FROM JEWS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR PALESTINE AND DELIVER IT TO ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY TO BE CREDITED TO JEWISH COMMITTEE IN PALESTINE. RECEIPTS SIGNED BY 2 ACC OFFICERS WILL BE GIVEN TO JEWS. PROPOSAL CONTEMPLATES THAT UPON ARRIVAL IN PALESTINE JEWISH COMMITTEE THERE WILL EXCHANGE PALESTINIAN POUNDS FOR RECEIPTS ISSUED HERE. IT IS ASSUMED THAT FINANCE SUB COMMISSION WILL OBTAIN AGREEMENT OF PALESTINE COMMITTEE TO THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT. SINCE DEPARTURE IS IMMINENT IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY. INTEND TO PUT THIS SCHEME INTO EFFECT FORTHWITH

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Spoke Major Mathias AMM
after ref. to Finance.

Will give answer early 25/5
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/410/95/CA.

23 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Jewish Refugees in Italy.

TO : G-5 Section, A.P.H.Q.
(Attention : Major Walker)

1. Reference MES 383.7-5 of 24 April 1944 and
enclosure thereto 35/150/2 para.3.

2. A copy of letter from Internees & Displaced
Persons Sub-Commission, reference IDP/859/60-5 of
20 May 1944, together with lists in triplicate as
requested in the above-mentioned paragraph, are
enclosed herewith.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

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410.
22 MAY Recd
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Office of the Director.

IDP/859/60-5,

20 May 1944.

SUBJECT:- Jewish Refugees in Italy.

TO :- H.Q. A.C.C.
attention: R.C. & M.G. Section.

1. Reference is made to A.F.H.Q., M.G.S., letter of 24 April 44, MGS 383.7-5, with regard to report of Ferramonti Jewish refugees physical fitness.

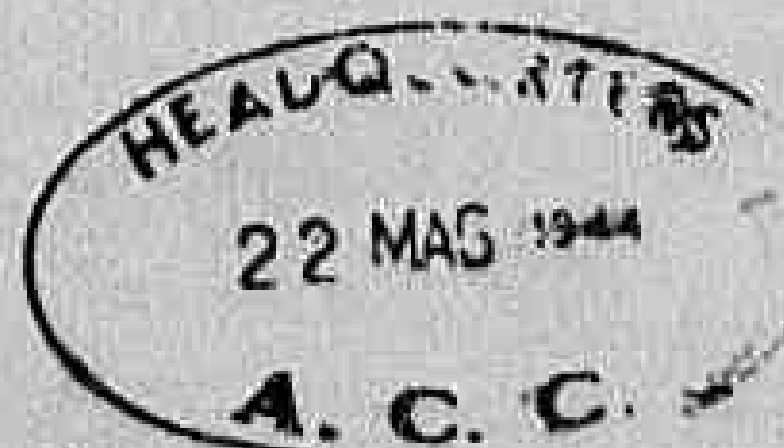
2. Attached are two lists in triplicate prepared by the Ferramonti Camp Commander in compliance with para 3 of the above referred to letter.

4. A considerable number of persons appearing on these lists have been selected for immigration to Palestine.

For the Director.

C. Fothergill
C. F. FOTHERGILL.
Lt. Colonel.
Deputy Director.

Copy to :- Sir C. Heathcote Smith.



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21 MAY 1944

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TO ACC MAIN

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REURAD 5297 of 19TH MAY (S) Subject is representative
in JEWISH Agency (S) Before receipt of your message
understood SHERTACK was in ITALY (S) Message from
HEATHCOTE SMITH to IGCR LONDON, now forwarded
by REDDIN who also taking up question of
Appointment representative JEWISH Agency to ITALY
direct with Foreign Office (S)
Request report indicating who selected your immigrant
in absence of SHERTACK who was authorized by
High Commissioner PALESTINE make selection (S)
Before evacuation IGCR ex ITALY necessary we obtain
approval of High Commissioner to selection on behalf
of PALESTINIAN Government by individual
responsible

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 REURAD 5297 of 19TH MAY @ Subject is representative
 in Jewish Agency @ Before receipt of your message
 understood SHERLOCK was in ITALY @ Message from
 HEATHCOTE SMITH to IGCR LONDON, now forwarded
 by RESDIN who also taking up question of
 Appointment representative Jewish Agency to ITALY
 direct with foreign office @
 Request report indicating who selected joint immigrants
 in absence of SHERLOCK who was authorized by
 High Commissioner PALESTINE make selection @
 Before evacuation IGCR ex ITALY necessary we obtain
 approval of High Commissioner to selection on behalf
 of PALESTINIAN Government by individual
 responsible

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Spoken May Brown - Bari

Mr H-Smith is preparing material for reply

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21 May 1944.

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FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE CHIEF CHARLES ROGER LONDON AND HIGH COMMISSIONER PALESTINE
 FROM HEADQUARTERS BRITISH PD PARA ONE TO ADVISE FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM ACG MAIN PARA ONE PD
 PARA THREE PD REQUEST URGENTLY AUTHORIZATION IN PRINCIPLE FOR FURTHER EARLY ARRIVAL
 OF MAXIMUM EIGHT ZERO ZERO HEADS OF FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENTS PD PRELIMINARY WORK OF
 PROVISIONAL SELECTION CAN BE RAPIDLY COMPLETED NOW PENDING ARRIVAL OF JEWISH AGENCY
 REPRESENTATIVE FOR FINAL ISSUE OF EMIGRATION CERTIFICATES PD PARA FOUR PD RAPID
 DEPARTURE OF THIS FURTHER CONVOY WOULD BE WELCOMED BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES TO CLEAR
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 CABLE NUMBER ONE APART FROM AUTHORIZED DISPATCH OF THREE ZERO ZERO JEWISH HEADS OF
 FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENTS PROBABLY SAILING FIRST WEEK JUNE THERE ARE IN SOUTH ITALY
 MAXIMUM FURTHER ONE THOUSAND ZIONIST HEADS OF FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENTS

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L.T. MORGAN, Jr.
 1st Lt. AGO
 ADJUTANT.

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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED TODAY FROM MIDEAST PAREN
TO DISPER BARI FOR HEATHCOTE DASH SMITH FROM ACC MAIN PAREN NUMBER
ZERO THREE ZERO EIGHT NINE DATED ONE EIGHT MAY PD BEGINS PD HOWARD
WRIGGINS DUE NAPLES EVENING ONE NINE OR MORNING TWO ZERO MAY PD
AFHQ FOX FOUR THREE ZERO TWO ZERO OF ONE ZERO MAY REFERS PD ENDS
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21 May 1944.

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PRIORITY

AFHQ for GS

For transmission to IHOR LONDON and High Commissioner Palestine from HEATHCOTE SMITH.
Begins. Important subject immigration permits for Palestine.

Para.1. Cable No.1. Apart from authorized despatch of 300 Jewish heads of families with dependents probably sailing first week June there are in South Italy maximum further 1000 Zionist heads of families with dependents .

Para.2. Of these 600 are urgent cases many having been waiting in internment up to five years.

Para.3. Request urgently authorisation in principle for further early admission of maximum 800 heads of families with dependents. Preliminary work of provisional selection can be rapidly completed now pending arrival of Jewish agency representative for final issue of immigration certificates.

Para.4. Rapid departure of this further convoy would be welcomed by Allied authorities to clear camps prior to inevitable influx as Allies advance northwards. Ends.

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FROM DISPER BARI SGD F. DLAY 20NFT
TO ACC MAIN FOR LUSH

QQY GR-- BT

5250/60-5 (.) REF AFHQ SIGNAL F47410 OF 18 MAY (.)
F36025 OF 22 APRIL NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED
THIS HQ (.)

PLEASE SIGNAL CONTEXT (.) URGENT

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RECD NR 5 21/0325B JFF

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to Major Hanson - N.F.A.*

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FROM DISPER BARI SIGNED FINDLAY
TO ACTION AAXXX ACC MAIN FOR LUSH
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FOLLOWING FROM RESIDNEXXX RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE INTER GOVERNMENTAL
COMMITTEE FOR FORWARD TRANSMISSION TO INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
LONDON CABLE NO 2 MY CABLE NO 1 TODAY TO PALESTINE.
I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EXXX WARMEST SUPPORT.
MESSAGE ENDS
BT 201545B
CCN PSE INSERT IMPORTANT IN CALLOUT
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TO.....ACC MAIN FOR LUSH

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SECRET.FOLLOWING FROM HEATHECOTE SMITH RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE INTER GOVERNMENTAL
 COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO HIGH COMMISSINER PALESTINE AND TO
 INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE LONDON BEGINS.IMPORTANT.SUBJECT IMMIGRATION PERMITS
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REFERENCE YOUR FIVE TWO FOUR THREE OBLIQUE ONE ONE
TWO DATED SEVENTEEN MAY PD PAREN TO DISPER BARI FOR FIDELITY REPEATED DISTWO
FOR ADD RUCIN TWO FOR ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY BARI FROM ADD MAIN SIGNED
MADEIRLAND PAREN WE HAVE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS PAREN ONE PAREN REUEST
BRITISH PAYMASTER BARI TO EXCHANGE LINE FOR ^{DATE}BOX NINE ABLE POUNDS OR PAREN
TWO PAREN REQUEST JEWISH MISSION BARI TO ACCEPT LINE AGAINST THEIR ORDER TO
PAY FROM FUNDS IN PALESTINE ON ARRIVAL ^{THERE} OF THESE REFUGEES OR PAREN THREE PAREN
CONTACT OUR MAJOR CITS BARI WHO WILL ENDEAVOUR TO FACILITATE TRANSFER AND
WILL CONTACT US FURTHER IF THESE SUGGESTIONS ARE NOT FEASIBLE ^{AND}

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L. T. MURPHY, Jr.
1st Lieut. AGO
ADJUTANT

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FATIMA (Civil Affairs Branch)

20 May 1944

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JEWISH AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE IS SUBJECT PD PAPER TO G FIVE AFRO REPTD
DISPER BALI FROM FATIMA PAPER PD F FOUR SEVEN TWO TWO ZERO MAY SEVEN-
TEEN LETTER ZERO EIGHT ZERO DASH ONE ZERO MAY FIFTEEN REFER PD
HEATHCOTE SMITH REPORTS SHERSTOK NOT RPT NOT IN ITALY NOR ANY INTENTION
RETURNING ON LONG TERM BASIS AS REQUIRED BY OTHER DUTIES PALESTINE PD
REQUIRED TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVE TO SELECT IMMIGRANTS WHICH SHERSTOK DID
NOT RPT NOT DO HIMSELF PD HENCE REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATIONS LONDON
IGCH TO EXPEDITE APPOINTMENT PD REQUEST THEREFORE REPEATED

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L.T. MONTANT, Jr.
1st Lt. AGD
Adjutant

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DISPER BARI, FAIRBANKS.

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SECRET O Signed SACMED cile FHNGS
REURAD 5141 of 17th MAY Subject U
immigration of JEWISM refugees to PALESTINE
ex ITALY progress reports noted O You
should arrange transportation to Port Said with
ADNAP in accordance with para 3 our F36025
of 22nd April O Movement here advise
transportation will be by IXF convey O All
immigrants must be in possession of certificates
O Notify Mideast repeated AFHQ and Mideast
for High Commission PALESTINE re arrangements
in advance quoting (a) Mideast A1/340025
of 22nd April (B) Mideast 10126 of 15th April.

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16 APR 1945 AC-C DIST

(W) For Information (INFO)
 DISPER BARI, FAIRBANKS.
 Message Instructions. GR

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SECRET ① Signal SACRED Cite FHNGS
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 for High Commission PALESTINE of arrangements
 in advance quoting (a) Mideast A1/949525
 of 22nd April (B) MHPAR 10126 of 15th April.

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

Ref/A30/80/CA

20 May 1944

SUBJECT: Representation of Jewish Agency with A.C.C.

TO : Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission - Ref.

1. Attached is copy of letter G-5 080-10 of 15 May with copies of its enclosures.

2. From telephone conversation (Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith - Major Driffled White speaking) it was understood that

- a) Mr. Shertok is not now in Italy
- b) Mr. Shertok has returned to Palestine and has no intention of returning to Italy as representative of Jewish agency with ACC as he has other more important duties to perform in Palestine.
- c) A representative competent to select from Jewish refugees suitable immigrants to Palestine, this representative to be appointed on a long term basis, is essential.
- d) Selection work hitherto carried out has been done by refugee committee with the approval of Mr. Shertok; continuance of this practice would not be very satisfactory.

3. On the basis of this conversation and in view of AFHQ message F. 47220 (copy attached) signal No. 5297 was sent to AFHQ (copy to you)

4. Will you please say if you have any other observations on this subject.

Major W. Driffled - White 3521

NORMAN E. FLECK
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
G-5 AFHQ.

1944
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Memo:

Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith
spoke to me this
morning about his
problem.

Major Brown (DPRC)
warned that telegram
was coming.

Col Foley says matter
is under consideration
of AFA + F.I.C
will give answer
tomorrow (19/5)

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19 MAY Read 1944
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: ACC MAIN FOR LUSH
FROM: DISPER BARI SCD FINDLAY
REFERENCE No: 5243/112
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: MAY 18 1055
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N26/18
CLASSIFICATION: NONE
PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: _____

FOLLOWING FROM RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE I GGR.

CURRENCY PROBLEM AND FORTHCOMING DEPARTURE OF 550 JEWS TO PALESTINE.

PARA 1. IT HAS BEEN ROUGHLY ESTIMATED THEY HOLD SOME 10 MILLION OCCUPATIONAL LIRES.

PARA 2. EMIGRANTS WILL MAKE GREAT OUTCRY UNLESS THEY CAN TAKE WITH THEM EQUIVALENT VALUE OR RECEIVE IT ON ARRIVAL PALESTINE. SOME MAY EVEN REFUSE TO SAIL.

PARA 3. SIMILAR PROBLEM WILL ARISE WITH EACH SUBSEQUENT SHIPMENT. UNDERSTAND JOINT DIRECTOR FINANCE HAS DETAILS OF THIS PROBLEM.

PARA 4. COULD AUTHORITATIVE RULING BE GIVEN REGARDING EXCHANGE PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED FORTHWITH OR AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE SAILING.

PARA 5. IF IMPOSSIBLE FORMULATE PERMANENT RULING ~~IN~~ (IN) TIME CAN PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT TO COVER THIS GROUP OF EMIGRANTS BE COMMUNICATED TO ME.



DATE and Time of RECEIPT MAY 18 1254

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replied:
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TO: ACC MAIN
FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED *HEADQUARTERS* *118 MAY 1944* *SEC*
REFERENCE No: F 47220 *74*
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: MAY 17/1933 *73*
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: FHMS
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N 12/18
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

GEIRAD 5048 OF 16 MAY.

PARA ONE. FIRST PARA HEATHCOTE SMITHS MESSAGE, AS IN YOUR 5025 OF 15 MAY, RELAYED BY RESMIN TO LONDON FOR IGCR AMENDED AS FOLLOWS. QUOTE APPROXIMATELY 550 JEWISH INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTED BY 300 HEADS OF FAMILIES, ETC ETC ETC. PARA TWO. REGARDING JEWISH AGENCY. SEE OUR LETTER 080-10 OF 15 MAY. AS NO REPLY FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER, PALESTINE, TO RESMINS CABLE OF 12 MAY ASSUME SHAYTOK APPOINTED AS REPRESENTATIVE. SUGGEST NO USEFUL PURPOSE IN REFERRING IGCR, LONDON *77*

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TO: ACC MAIN

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 62/16

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SIGNED

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE No: F46476

PRECEDENCE: URGENT

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 161328

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE FHMG

LOOK AT MESSAGE FROM RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IGOR. REURAD 5025 OF 15 MAY.

PARA 1. SUGGEST IT BE MADE CLEAR TO LONDON THAT SOME 550 PERSONS SHOULD BE EVACUATED. AS NOW STANDS POSSIBLE INTERPRET THAT ONLY 300 HEADS OF FAMILIES WILL LEAVE.

PARA 2. NOT CLEAR WHAT REPRESENTATIVES LONDON REQUIRED EXPEDITE. PERLMAN EXPECTED LEAVE HERE ABOUT 24 MAY AS HARTEY WILL CONFIRM. MIDEAST ALREADY INSTRUCTED DESPATCH WIGGINS. DO NOT KNOW ANY REPRESENTATIVES EXPECTED FROM LONDON NOR CAN LONDON ASSIST IN CASES PERLMAN AND WIGGINS.

PARA 3. PLEASE CLAIIFY, PARTICULARLY PARA TWO ABOVE.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

GMS/DW/cags

G-5: 080-10

15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Representation of Jewish Agency with the Allied
Control Commission.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

See Folio 75-76

The position as regards the representation of the above Agency with your Headquarters is yet to be clarified. It is appreciated, however, that you desire that the Agency should have a representative on a long term, but not on a permanent basis in Italy, and endeavours are being made to that end. For your information there are attached copies of relevant messages which have been supplied to this Section by the Office of the British Resident Minister at AFHQ. Attention is drawn in particular to para 2 of a message No. 499 from the High Commissioner, Palestine, to the Colonial Office. You will no doubt wish to raise the question of the immigration of small groups of Jews into Palestine after the large group for whom 313 certificates have already been allotted have ~~been~~ left Italy. If reference should be made to this matter in the future it is requested that you will quote both the reference number of this memorandum and of the High Commissioner's cable mentioned above. Two copies of this memorandum are forwarded herewith in order that the Resident Representative of the ICCR may be informed.

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[Signature]
D. G. WALKER, Major
for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incls: as above



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Text of telegram from Resident Minister,
Algiers, to High Commissioner, Jerusalem
No. 5 of 2.5.44.

My telegram No. 4.

I am still without reply to my telegram No. 3.

2. Meanwhile General Wilson would be grateful if the Jewish Agency could be informed (a) that they may appoint a representative in Italy for the purpose of selecting immigrants for Palestine and issuing certificates provided that the representative nominated is approved by himself, General Wilson and (b) that he agrees to the appointment of Mr. Shertok.

Foreign Office please pass to Jerusalem.

Text of telegram from High Commissioner,
Jerusalem, to Secretary of State for the
Colonies, No. 576

Secret.

Your telegram 544 transmitting copy of Resident Minister, Algiers, telegram 5.

Resident Minister's telegram 4 not received.

Clarification requested in Resident Minister's telegram 3 will be found in my telegram 499 to you, repeated to Resident Minister as 139 of April 21st.

2. Action being taken on para. 2 of Resident Minister's 5.

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Text of telegram from Resident Minister
Algiers to High Commissioner, Jerusalem
of 12th May, 1944

Your telegram No. 576 to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Unless we hear to the contrary we shall assume that there is no repeat no intention of sending any representative of the Jewish Agency to Italy other than Mr. Shertok.

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Text of telegram from Resident Minister,
Algiers to High Commissioner, Jerusalem,
No.3 of 19th April, 1944.

My telegram No.2.

We are not quite clear as to the position. Shertok (see General Wilson's telegram No.33654 to Milpal) has now arrived in Italy apparently without prior arrangement, with the Inter Governmental Committee. Is his arrival the fulfilment of the arrangement with Mr. Malin or is it proposed that another representative of the Jewish Agency should be sent temporarily to Naples?

Please pass to Jerusalem.

Text of telegram from High Commissioner,
Jerusalem to Colonial Office, No. 499

Your telegram No. 424

Refugees from (group undec.) Italy. Suggestion of Vice Director was that the work of selecting suitable Jewish immigrants might be undertaken by Governmental committee with the assistance of a representative of the Jewish Agency who would be sent to Italy for attachment to the committee in a consultative capacity. This role will presumably now be filled by Shertok and I have no objection to the adoption of this procedure for selection of suitable immigrants. See my telegram No. 474.

2. I had not however contemplated admission of as many as 2000 refugees from Italy and notwithstanding concession in para 2 of your telegram No. 420 I deprecate the suggestion in message forwarded from Algiers. There would however be no objection in exceptional cases to admission of small groups (say 50 to 100 of specially selected immigrants in excess of those covered by 240 certificates referred to in my telegram No. 474. Such exceptional cases would be set off against 18,700 (?I had? group undec.) referred to in my telegram No. 394.

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ACC MAIN 5048

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16 MAY 1944

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See Folio 71-72

AFHQ

SUBJECT IS MESSAGE NUMBER ONE GEORGE CHARLIE SLANT ONE DATED ONE FIVE
MAY FOUR FOUR FROM HEATHCOTE SMITH FOR INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES U.K. LONDON PD MY FIVE ZERO TWO FIVE OF ONE FIVE MAY
REFERS PAREN TO AFHQ FOR MGS FROM ACC MAIN PAREN AMEND PARA TWO
SUBJECT MESSAGE TO READ EXPEDITE APPOINTMENT HERE REPRESENTATIVE
REPEAT REPRESENTATIVE JEWISH AGENCY

Develop Jewish Agency Rep is Mr SHERTON 3514

*Lt Clifford Heathcote Smith
Corp NO 1*

Copy to: CABR.

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ANTHONY SCARLANO,
2ND LT, AUS,
ASST ADJUTANT

16 MAY Recd

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15 MAY 1944

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THE MESSAGE FOLLOWING IS FROM RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE CMA FOR TRANSMISSION TO INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES CMA LONDON PAREN TO APHQ FOR RBB FROM ACC MAIN PAREN NUMBER ONE GEORGE CHARLIE BLANT ONE DATE ONE FIVE MAY FOUR FOUR PD BEGINS PD APPROXIMATELY THREE ZERO ZERO JEWISH HEADS OF FAMILIES REPRESENTING SOME FIVE FIVE ZERO INDIVIDUALS FACING UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD LEAVE FOR PALESTINE ABOUT END OF MAY PAREN TWO PAREN PLEASE EXPEDITE APPOINTMENT HERE REPRESENTATIVES THREE PAREN HARTLEY AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE HAS ARRIVED HERE PD SIGNED HEATHCOTE SMITH



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Copy to: C A BR.

LOUIS T. MONTANT, Jr.

1st. Lt.
Adjutant

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - INCOMING CABLE

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MSG GEN NR: 50/15

DATE/TIME RECD: 1929H/15 May

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

DATE/TIME SENT: 1650H/15 May

FROM : DISPER SCD FINDLAY

REFERENCE NR : 5234/60.5

TO : ACC MAIN

REF MESSAGE IDP/5-230/60-5 of 14 MAY. AMEND PARA (2) TO READ EXPEDITE APPOINTMENT
HERE REPRESENTATIVE REPEAT REPRESENTATIVE JEWISH AGENCY

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ACTION - ADJUTANT (See ACC Main 5048)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG GEN NR: 13/15

DATE/TIME RECD: 1000/15 May

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE/TIME SENT: 1128H/15 May

FROM : DISPER BARI SEND FINDLAY

REFERENCE NR : IDP/4230/60-5

TO : ACC MAIN

FOLLOWING FROM RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
FOR INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES LONDON PAREN
TELEGRAM

NO 100/1 MESSAGE BEGINS APPROXIMATELY 300 JEWISH HEADS OF FAMILIES REPRESENTING
SOME 550 INDIVIDUALS FACING UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD LEAVE FOR PALESTINE
ABOUT END OF MAY PAREN TWO PAREN PLEASE EXPEDITE APPOINTMENT HERE REPRESENTATIVES
THREE PAREN HARTLEY AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE HAS ARRIVED HERE PAREN
HEATHCOTE SMITH

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ACTION - ADJUTANT (See 5025 of 15 May also 5048)

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AGC MAIN (Civil Affairs Branch)

17 May 1944.

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PRIORITY

Major W. Driffeld - White

AMHQ REPEATED FOR INFORMATION DISPER BARI

SUBJECT IS ARRIVAL TO PALESTINE JEWISH REFUGEES FROM ITALY PD PARISH TO ADVISE FOR
REPEATED FOR INFORMATION DISPER BARI FROM AGC MAIN PARISH FOR THREE THREE SIX
FIVE THREE APRIL ONE SEVEN REFERS PD PROGRESS REPORT CMA TOTAL PARTY READY LEAVE FOR
PALESTINE END OF MAY FIVE FIVE SIX DETAILS MEN TWO SIX TWO WOMEN ONE EIGHT FOUR
FOUR FIVE FOUR CYLES FIVE SIX PD NOTIFICATION TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS NOW AWAITED PD
REPEAT INSTRUCTIONS TO DISPER BARI

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L.T. MONTAGNE, JR.
1st Lieut. AND
ASSISTANT.

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Executive Committee

on 17 Apr. AFHQ HQS asked principle
and figures for entry of Jewish Refugees
into Palestine. (at 24)

Your letter 22 Apr. to I + D.P. sub. Comm.
asked in para 6. for total numbers showing
adults and children in sexes. (at 29)

Reply received 16 May (at 64)

MEN	262	
WOMEN	184	
BOYS	54	
GIRLS	56	Total <u>556.</u>

We are required to inform AFHQ so that
transport arrangements may be made.

Draft cable on cover for approval.

[Signature] 16 May.

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MSG Center No 15 174
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From DISPER VARI SIGNED FINDLAY
To ACC MAIN FOR LUSH



Date Time Rec'd : MAY 16
Date Time Sent : MAY 14
Reference NR : 5231/60/CA
Cite : NONE

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REF YOUR 157/60/CA DATED 22 APRIL PARA 6 DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS MEN 262 WOMEN 184
BOYS 54 GIRLS 56 TOTAL 556 WILL BE READY TO LEAVE PALESTINE END OF MAY. WOULD YOU
INFORM THIS HQ WHEN ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH AFHQ AND MIDEAST FOR TRANSPORT

Cable F33653 17 APR at 24 00

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Major M. Aron,
O.C. 178 (Pol) Gen. Tpt. Coy., RASC.
G.M.F.

19th January, 44.

MEMORANDUM ON THE JEWISH REFUGEE SITUATION.

1. General.

The following remarks are made on the basis of experience gained during the period since Allied landings began in Southern Italy.

The total number of Jewish refugees so far involved is reported to be approximately 4,000. This memorandum is not directly concerned with the handling of these particular people, but its aim is to clarify certain fundamental principles, which emerge from the initial contact made with problem, which is likely to grow numerically and qualitatively as Nazi-occupied territory is liberated.

2. "The Jew - a Refugee among Refugees".

(a) The proportion of Jews among any given group of refugees may vary, but the lack of status and defencelessness against anti-Jewish discrimination remains constant. In practice the application of relief through official channels whose good intentions are unquestionable, almost invariably reaches a point where national, racial or religious groupings emerge, and discrimination is bound to follow.

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(b) Refugees so far encountered, quite naturally form themselves into groups, generally from with one of their own spokesmen to liaise with the various authorities. Whilst for instance groups of Yugoslavs travel together and often form a cohesive element drawn from the same geographical area from similar backgrounds, the Jews among them may come from Germany, Poland, Austria, or some other part of Yugoslavia, and will

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be often middle-class elements among group of peasants or fishermen, and their history as refugees is generally much longer and more involved.

(c) For the above reasons, and by virtue of the fact that they are Jews, they both appear and are treated as a separate entity within the group.

(d) In many cases, national groups of refugees such as Czechs, Yugoslavs or Greeks, sooner or later come under the special of ^{protection} their own national representatives, whereas Jews, many of whom are "stateless" may be of German or Austrian origin, continue to remain an amorphous conglomeration of individuals requiring specific treatment.

(e) The fact that they are Jews, and as such in a situation peculiarly their own, emerges at first contact with the authorities.

(1) The criticism has been frankly expressed "How is it that we are left to handle these Jews, when the wealthy Jewries of the world are apparently not interested in helping their own people". It was said to me recently "You are the first Jew we have seen in the last 3 months since we landed, who has offered to help or shown interest in the Jewish refugees we have been passing back to the Base".

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The above facts (and there are many additional incidents which might be quoted), indicate the necessity for the appointment of special Jewish personnel for inclusion in the administrative organizations which have been or will be created to deal with refugees as the United Nations advance into Europe.

It is suggested that a suitable American or English Jew of standing, with the appropriate rank be appointed as Jewish Liaison Officer in each area. He should be supported by an adequate number of trained Jewish personnel within

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the organization, to act as a "field group" to deal with Jewish refugees as they come within the orbit.

Despite the efforts of the enemy to exterminate the Jewish communities within their power, experience has shown that a fair percentage of Jews managed to survive and these will emerge from their hiding places (as they have done in Southern Italy) destitute and broken. It can therefore be assumed that the number of Jewish refugees surviving in Nazi-Europe will rise into many tens - if not hundreds of thousands, and these will require a considerable staff of relief workers, possibly in the very near future.

Among the Palestinian Jewish military personnel there are quite a number ready and anxious to undertake relief work under proper leadership. Many of them having been refugees themselves, are particularly well-equipped for the work, both in experience, and by their knowledge of languages.

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(1) Food so far has been on the whole adequate,

although not in many cases for the children.

(11) Winter clothing and footwear is lacking ^{and can}

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(111) The overwhelming majority of Jewish refugees faces an unknown future. Whilst their partners in misery ("non-Jews") await eventual repatriation, the Jew's first question is "what is to become of me?" The psychological strain of this fundamental uncertainty leads to degradation and demoralization which requires special attention. The children have in many cases not been permitted to attend school for four or five years.

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agriculture, handicrafts, etc. should be provided. In the
adults, explanation and clarification as to what awaits
them should be given as soon as possible be provided by those in

authority.

W. W. W. W.

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

410/63/CA

10 May 1944

SUBJECT: Offer of Assistance from
the South African Jewish
War Appeal

TO : Civil Affairs Branch
CHQ, MEF

Reference your No. 11580/
A/7/CA of 21 April 1944, the attached
letter is sent to you for transmittal
to Mr. G. Osrin, Secretary, South
African Jewish War Appeal.

For the Deputy Exec. Commissioner:

J. Wm. CUNLIFFE,
Major, GSC

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

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Ref/410/62/CA.

8 May 1944.

SUBJECT : Offer of Assistance from the South
African Jewish War Appeal.

TO : Mr. G. Osrin
Secretary, South African Jewish War Appeal

Dear Sir:

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Replying to your letter of 11 April 1944, it is estimated there are 5000 Jewish refugees in occupied Italy, about 35 percent of this number are being maintained in several refugee camps and the remainder are living in cities and scattered small communes. On the basis of information on hand, it is estimated there are approximately 3200 men, 1200 women and 600 children under sixteen years of age.

The greatest need in the form of relief assistance is clothing for men, women and children, especially shoes. A limited amount of clothing supplies is expected to be distributed by the Red Cross. At the present time there exists an unofficial committee of Jewish refugees in the Jewish Refugee Center, located in Bari, which has been formed to assist in the matter of immigration to Palestine and relief of Jews in occupied Italy.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: I & D. P. S/C.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

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6 May 44.

ACC/15/2/INT.

SUBJECT: JEWS.

TO : DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES.

1. There is enclosed with the compliments of this Sub Commission, copy of a letter from the Minister of Interior (Italian Government) dated 4 May 44 containing a list of cities and the approximate number of Jews in each.

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R.G.B. SPICER,
Lieut-Colonel.
Director .
Interior Sub-Commission

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(TCS)

Translation - jgt

Salerno 4 Maggio 1944 60

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Interni

Direzione Generale di P.S.

S A L E R N O

Prot. N° 5067/555

SUBJECT: JEWS

This Ministry has not sufficient means to be able to determine what the actual number of Jews there are resident in the territory of the kingdom occupied by the Germans.

From the "Demographic Chronicle" of 1938 published by the Central Statistical Institute, is revealed that the total number of Jews resident in Italy in 1937 was about 52.000.-

Not knowing the movement made by Jews upon the application of Racial Laws, the war, and the invasion by the Germans, it is impossible to determine the number of Jews resident north of the line of control by the Armed Forces.

Yet, it is presumed that the cities in which are the greatest number of Jews are the following:

ROME	about 6.000 Jews.
TRIESTE	" 6.000 "
TORINO	" 2.000 "
ANCONA	" 1.000 "
FIRENZE	" 2.000 "
MILANO	" 3.500 "
LIVORNO	" 5.000 "
VENEZIA	" 3.500 "
PADOVA	" 1.200 "
FIUME	" 500 "

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This is relative to your request of your letter of 27 April

THE MINISTER
s/s S. Aldisio

INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Director.

IDP/581/60-5

4 May 1944

SUBJECT:- Offer of Assistance from the South
African Jewish War Appeal.

TO :- H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
Attention R.O. & M.G. Section.

1. Copies of correspondence received from Civil Affairs Branch G.H.Q. M.E.F. and the South African Jewish War Appeal with regard to offer of assistance to Jewish refugees in occupied Italy are forwarded herewith for appropriate reply.
2. The following data concerning Jewish refugees is submitted in connection with their request for information.
3. It is estimated there are 5000 Jewish refugees in occupied Italy about 35 percent of this number are being maintained in several refugee camps and the remainder are living in cities and scattered small communes. On the basis of information on hand it is estimated there are approximately 3200 men, 1200 women and 600 children under 16 years of age.
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For the Director:

C. P. Fothergill

C.P. FOTHERGILL. 3.99
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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Nº 11580/A/7/CA. 58

Civil Affairs Branch,
GHQ., MEF.

Displaced Persons Sub-Committee
Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. 394

21st April 1944.

Offer of assistance from the South
African Jewish War Appeal

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter
GO/FR/1005 of 11th April from the Secretary of the South
African Jewish War Appeal for your information and neces-
sary action.

The statement in paragraph 2 is not strictly accurate.
Civil Affairs Branch was approached by the Jewish War Ap-
peal in the first place. Subsequently, funds amounting to
1000 were remitted through C.A.B. to the Presidents of the
local Jewish Communities in Cyrenaica, and Tripolitania.

(M.K. MARSH)
Snr/cdr.,
for Chief Secy 3/4

Copy to: M.E.R.R.A. (with enclosure)

See 62.63

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SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH WAR APPEAL

GO/FR/1005

11th April 1944.

P.O. box 5991

AIRMAIL.

Civil Affairs Department,
GHQ., CMF., Cairo.

Dear Sirs,

We are very interested in the plight of Jewish refugees in all the areas of the war zone which are being liberated.

You may be aware that about 8 or 9 months ago, Civil Affairs Department of the Middle East GHQ., got in touch with us in regard to rendering help to the refugees who were being repatriated in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica as the result of which we sent some money to Tripoli and Benghazi.

We are now very anxious to render what help we can to the refugees who have been liberated in Italy, and we shall be glad, therefore, to receive all the information you can give us as to their number, sex, how many are adults, how many are children and what their needs are.

We shall also be glad to be put in touch with their official committee or representative, if any.

Thanking you in anticipation of your help.

Yours faithfully;

G. OSRLIN
Secretary 3/97

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
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Ref/H20/56/CA.

7 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Representation of IGC
and the Jewish Agency in Italy, and proposal
to move displaced persons of Jewish
extraction to Fedala.

TO : I.G.C.R.
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

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Attached is copy of MHS 383.7 of 2 May 1944
relative to the above subject, for your information.


HERMAN M. FRIES,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
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Ref: ALO/55/GA.

8 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Allied Red Crosses in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, British Red Cross.
" American Red Cross.

It is notified for your information that the Supreme Allied Commander has agreed that the policy of excluding from Italy Allied Red Crosses, other than the British and American, shall be maintained.

MS
for NORMAN E. FINE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Ref: A10/54/CA.

6th May 1944

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SUBJECT: Jews from Hungary.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
(Military Government Section).

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I refer to your MOS: 383.7-5 of 18th April 1944.

1. I have no objection in principle to accepting not more than 2000 Hungarian Jews in Italy.
2. The actual number acceptable, when the time comes, must depend on the capacity of my camps. At present the maximum capacity of Ferramonti Camp, where I should probably accommodate the Jews from Hungary, is 1600. If more equipment can be found this could be increased to 2000.
3. It must be understood, however, that any agreement is conditional on the rapid and regular evacuation of (a) Immigrant Yugo Slavs to Middle East, and (b) existing Jews to Palestine and Bedala.
4. You will also, I am sure, realise that my future commitments with regard to Jews and others in the rest of this country are imponderable and that it would be unwise for me to be more specific at this time.

Sgd. M. S. Lush, Brig.,
for NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Copy to: D.P. Sub Com.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : 55/06
Classification : CONFIDENTIAL
Precedence : DEFERRED
From : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC
To : ACC MAIN FOR LUSH

Date Time Rec'd : May 06 1440
Date Time Sent : May 06 0905
Reference NR : 7-42066
Cite : YRGS

AD
SUBJECT IS JEWISH REFUGEES FROM HUNGARY. REFER OUR MSG 389.7-5 OF 18 APRIL. GRATEFUL
FOR EARLY REPLY.

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RESOLVE of JENS from HUNGARY.

At 42 we were asked to obtain views of D.P.S.C. on the possibility of accommodating an unspecified no. of Jews from Hungary.

At 43 Views were sought & obtained from Political Section.

At 44 Views of D.P.S.C. were asked for and reply is at 49.

Draft reply to 42 is on cover.

to Difffield (White) Major
MAY 6.

1. Reply to issue as amended. ✓ Done
2. Copy of 48 to Disfr Ban & I.G.C.R. Done
3. Copy of last para of 48 to Am. & Br. Red X. Done

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : N3/5
 Classification : CONFIDENTIAL
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 From : FREEDOM
 To : ACC MAIN RPTD DISPER BARI

Date Time Rec'd : MAY041215
 Date Time Sent : "
 Reference NR : F41250
 Cite : FHMG

REF MY F38469 27TH APRIL. PARA 1. SUBJECT IS IMMIGRATION JEWISH
 REFUGEES NOW IN ITALY TO PALESTINE. FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED
 FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER PALESTINE FINALIZES THE POSITION AS FOLLOWS.
 (A) 240 NEW CERTIFICATES MAY BE ISSUED TO PRINCIPAL IMMIGRANTS.
 (B) OVER AND ABOVE THESE 240 AS IN (A) ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATES UP 31
 TO MAXIMUM 73 MAY BE ISSUED TO VETERAN ZIONISTS AT PERLAMONTE AS
 SPECIFIED PARA 1 (B) OUR F36025 OF 22ND APRIL AS BEING ALREADY IN
 POSSESSION CERTIFICATES AND OF WHOM 64 WERE LISTED IN OUR MGS 383.7-5
 OF 24TH APRIL. PARA 2. AMEND OUR F38469 OF 27TH APRIL DEDUCTING 39
 CERTIFICATES IN RESPECT OF 73 INDIVIDUALS NAMED OR TO WHOM CERTIFICATES
 ALREADY ISSUED FROM GROSS TOTAL OF 313 CERTIFICATES

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Sir C. H. S. 6 sec.

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TO MIDEAST

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OTTO POLLAK AND HANS POLLAK NOT SAME PERSON •

LATTER IS SON OF OTTO AND NOW SERVING IN CZECH

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OF NOTICE VISA GRANTED FOR ENTRY

PALESTINE REF M-1516-40 OF 15 SEPT

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REQUEST MIDEAST ADVISE IF THIS VISA AND CERTIFICATE

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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION 61.1.1

Office of the Director.

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IDP/563/60-5

3 May 1944.

SUBJECT :- Jews from Hungary.

TO :- HQ, Allied Control Commission
Attention: R.C. & M.G. Section.

1. In reply to your memorandum of 25th April 44, ref. 110/4/CA concerning the reception of Jews from Hungary in occupied Italy.
2. There will be no objection to the acceptance of Jews from Hungary up to the capacity of Ferramonti Camp.
3. The minimum capacity of the camp on the basis of available equipment is 1600 persons. There are about 870 residents in Ferramonti at the present time and it is expected that this number will be reduced by 270 when the movement of Jewish emigrants to Palestine is completed. We are receiving a certain number of destitute Jewish refugees from Potenza Province each week, however these additions are being offset by refugees leaving the Camp for the purpose of employment or residence elsewhere in occupied Italy.
4. Under the circumstances we are prepared to accept up to a total of 1000 Jewish refugees from Hungary.

HEADQUARTERS
- 5 MAG 1944
A. C. C.

Draft reply.

See 54.

(Hollipill)
for LT Col
C.B. FINDLAY
Colonel.
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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MCS 383.7

2 May 1944

SUBJECT: Displaced persons - Representation of ICGR and the Jewish Agency in Italy, and proposal to move displaced persons of Jewish extraction to Fedala.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

Reference is made to our F 27287 of 4 April, and to your 3215 of 13 April in reply thereto.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander has approved the appointment of a Resident Representative of the ICGR with the Allied Control Commission, and has also approved the appointment of a representative of the Jewish Agency to work under the auspices of the Resident Representative for the purpose of selecting immigrants for Palestine, and for the issuance of immigration certificates, subject to his prior approval of the individual nominated by the said Agency. The British Resident Minister to AFHQ has communicated these decisions to the Palestinian Government whose reply is awaited.

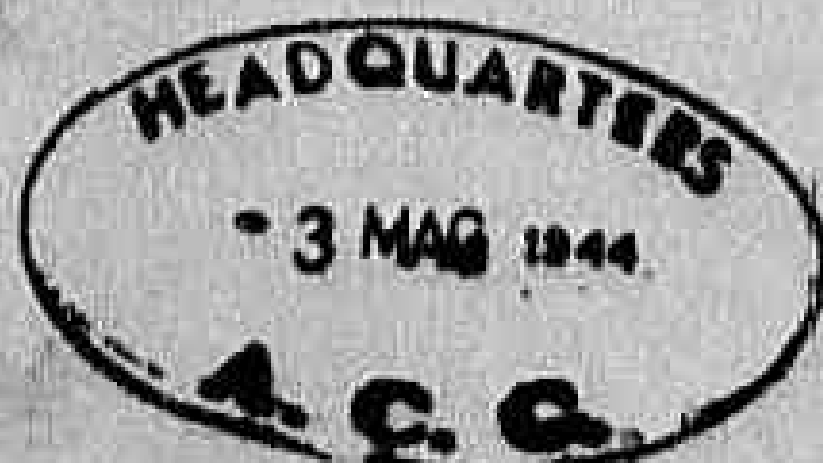
2. Consequent upon the approval of the Supreme Allied Commander to the proposal that the French authorities should be approached with a view to arranging the movement of some 750 Jewish refugees to the Camp at Fedala, the British Ambassador to the CFIN is to open negotiations with the Comité.

3. It is also notified for your information that the Supreme Allied Commander has agreed that the policy of excluding from Italy Allied Red Crosses, other than the British and American, shall be maintained.

D. G. WALKER,
Major.

for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Section.

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

3 May 1944.

Ref/157/74/CA

SUBJECT: Otto Pollak.TO: Internees & Displaced Persons
Subcommission, A.C.C.

Confirming conversation (Major Drifffield - White
Capt di Giacomo) following cables received:-

(1) MIDEAST to FREEDOM info FATIMA - 27 April 44

A1/96043 Restricted, for FBMS, your P 36025 of
22 April para one (B) Marra have seen immigration
certificate of Otto Pollak. Request confirmation
Pollak is included party under reference.

(2) FREEDOM to ACC MAIN rptd MIDEAST - 28 April 44

Confidential. Refer MIDEAST A1/96043 of 27 April.
Noted that Hans rptd Hans Pollak appears in nominal
roll supplied by High Commissioner Palestine forwarded
under our MGS 383 point 7-5 of 24 April. Possibly
this is same individual otherwise Otto Pollak cannot
be included under para one B of P 36025 of 22 April
please clarify informing MIDEAST direct.

Please act as requested repeating reply sent to MIDEAST
to AFHQ - MGS and ACC MAIN.

Phone conversation 3 May.
(Major Brown - D.W.)
believed OTTO is father of HANS.
or vice versa. further check being
made. 3/5

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NORMAN H. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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TO ACC MAIN WEST MIDEAST

FROM FREEDOM SIGNED C IN C SITE FEELS

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CONFIDENTIAL. REFER MIDEAST A 1/96043 OF 27 APRIL. NOTED THAT HANS BREITZ HANS
POLAK APPEARS IN NOMINAL ROLL SUPPLIED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER PALESTINE FORWARDED
UNDER OUR 1003 303 POINT 7-5 ON 24 APRIL. POSSIBLY THIS IS SAME INDIVIDUAL
OTHERWISE CTO POLAK CANNOT BE INCLUDED UNDER PARA ONE B OUR F56025 OF 22 APRIL.
PLEASE CLARIFY INCOMING MIDEAST DIRECT.

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Bari di Giacomo. 10/1

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FROM: DIRECT 2718000
TO: DIRECTOR
INFO: ATTORNEY GENERAL

HEADQUARTERS
28 APR 1943
A. C. C.

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1/56083 DIRECTED, FOR JAMES, YOUR
125023 FOR 22 APR. NAME ONE (1), NEWARK HAVE BEEN IMMIGRATION
CERTIFICATE OF ENTRY POLICE. REQUEST CONFIRMATION POLICE
IS INCLUDED PARTY UNDER REFERENCE.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

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Ref/110/4/CA.

25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Jews from Hungary.

TO : Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. *W2*

1. Copies of correspondence received from AFHQ with reference to reception of Jews from Hungary in this country are forwarded herewith.
2. With reference to the question in para.6 of the British Resident Minister's letter, it is thought that your responsibilities will be sufficient without adding to them an unspecified number of Jewish refugees to be housed and fed. Unless however you have any special objection the Chief Commissioner would be prepared to accept up to the capacity of Ferramonti Camp, a possibility which is free from political objections.
3. Would you please let me have your views on this proposal so that a reply may be sent at an early date to British Resident Minister.

see 49

V. *ll* *pe*
M.S. LUSH, 3485
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Signed by Longhurst & despatched 25/4

Col. Fothergill to see *Seen 25/4* *will handle it*
ll *ll* *then can take Hungarian*
see 54 *plc.*

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Col. Lince

Should Political Section be asked to
comment on this before it goes to
D. P. Sub. Commission?

It may also be that Ch. Comm. would wish
to know the proposals before the answer
to para 6 of 41 is solicited.

M.H.

22/4.

J. 2.
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Political Section

I should be grateful for your views.

I am aware of adding to the responsibilities
of the D. P. Sub. Com. who will be faced with
many scores of thousands of Jews & others in Italy
as we proceed north. I would accept up
to 2000 (the capacity of Ferramonti Camp) but no more.

M.H. 22/4.

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Benjamin has
Up to the limits of Ferramonti Camp there should be no objection
to their coming in.

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S.R. H.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Military Government Section

MGS: 383.7-5

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Rescue of Jews from Hungary.

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission - Attention RC and MG Section.

1. It is requested that you will state your views on the proposal contained in the final paragraph of the attached copy of a memorandum which has been received in this Section from the Office of the British Resident Minister at AFHQ.

2. We have been informed that, owing to the difficulty of arranging the movement of any appreciable number of non-combatant personnel from Hungary to the Dalmatian coast, the number of Jewish refugees likely to reach Italy, even with Partisan aid, is small. We are also informed that there is little possibility that the present ban on the indiscriminate shipment of Jews from Italy to the Middle East can be lifted.

D. G. Walker

D. G. WALKER, Major
for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief of Section

Incl:
as above

HEADQUARTERS
A. C. C.
21 APR 1944

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See 44.

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Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, Rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

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To: Military Government Section.
From: British Resident Minister's Office.

The Foreign Office have been asked by responsible representative Jewish bodies, such as the British Board of Jewish Deputies and the World Jewish Congress, if Marshal Tito may be requested to co-operate in rescuing Jews from Hungary who may be presumed to be in great danger as the result of the recent German occupation.

2. Brigadier McLean has been asked to approach Marshal Tito in this sense, adding that in view of the great public interest in refugees any action he can take to rescue and maintain all fugitives from the German peril would be welcomed.

3. It is thought that refugees fit for military service could join the Partisan forces. As regards those who cannot be accepted for military service, it will be necessary to see that if they are sent to Italy or other Mediterranean areas, there are adequate facilities for their reception and maintenance.

4. The Charge d'Affairs at the British Embassy to the Yugoslav Government in Cairo has consulted M.E.R.R.A. on this latter point. M.E.R.R.A. state that accommodation could be arranged in the Middle East for Jewish refugees subject to the concurrence of the Egyptian Government or to their assimilation to the Partisan refugees but that any number in excess of 2,000 might cause considerable difficulty. They point out, however, that the policy of transferring Hungarian Jews to the Middle East would make it difficult to maintain the present objection to the indiscriminate shipment of Jewish refugees from Italy. 8182

5. The British Charge d'Affairs has also discussed the matter with the American Legation who state that the action contemplated is entirely in accordance with President Roosevelt's executive order of the 2nd January, 1944, for the assistance and rescue of victims of enemy oppression.

6. It is suggested that the President of the Allied Control Commission in Italy may be asked to ascertain the views of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission on the possibility of accommodating an unspecified number of Jewish refugees from Hungary in Italy.

/s/ ?

16 April, 1944

Copy to Mr. Reinhardt

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Form 1200

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Signal Corps, United States Army

Telegram 9 APR 1944

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FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED: 272015B

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REFERENCE NR. : F 38469

CITE : FHMGS

REFER YOUR MESSAGE NO REFERENCE OF 26 APRIL.

LOOK AT OUR MGS 383.7-5 OF 24 APRIL WITH COPY TO DISPER
BARI. IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATES IN RESPECT OF EACH OF 64 INDIVIDUALS
NAMED WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM GROSS TOTAL OF 300 CERTIFICATES. NEW
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Military Government Section

MGS 383.7-5

24 April 1944

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Jews

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission -
Attention R.C. and M.G. Section

Reference is made to our cable F 36025 of 22 March, and to preceding cables in this series.

1. Attached is a copy of a memorandum and of a list of names received in this Section from the office of the British Resident Minister at A.F.H.Q. It will be seen that there are 64 persons listed, and we assume, as does the British Minister's Office also, that these are the same individuals to whom reference is made in your cable 3553 of 21 April (copy sent by you to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission) as being already in possession of certificates, although you put the total of such persons at sixty.

2. These 64 persons should be included in the total of 300 principal immigrants for whom immigration certificates for Palestine have been allotted, in accordance with arrangements previously notified. If some of these 64 cannot be found or identified then the total of 300 principal immigrants must be reduced pro rata, since certificates made out in favour of specific named individuals cannot be issued to persons other than the individuals so specified.

3. It is requested that you will ensure compliance with para 2 of the attached memorandum, and also that the report requested in para 3 may be forwarded to this Headquarters in triplicate as early as possible in order that we may approach the authorities concerned with a view to obtaining further certificates in the near future.

4. As it is believed that the process of selecting immigrants is now under way a copy of this letter, with enclosures, is being sent direct to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.



DP Bari have received this. Informed by phone

[Signature]

D. G. WALKER, Major.
for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD, Colonel, G.S.C., Chief of Section.

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Incls: as above

Copy to (with enclosures): Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, c/o HQ, No. 2 District, C.M.F.

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COPY

Office of the British Resident Minister,
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

35/150/2.

To: Military Government Section.

From: British Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Jewish Refugees in Italy. ²⁴

Reference: Freedom cable to Milpal F.33654 of
April 17th (MC OUT 4321.)

The Colonial Office have received a despatch from the High Commissioner for Palestine containing a list of names of persons in Italy who may be granted visas for Palestine forthwith. The list of these persons is attached in three parts (1) persons in the Ferramonte Camp entitled to "individual" certificates; (2) persons in the Ferramonte Camp who are included in the Jewish Agency lists of Veteran Zionists and (3) persons included in the Jewish Agency lists of Veteran Zionists who are believed to be at or near Ferramonte but are not actually in the Camp.

2. All these persons may be granted visas for Palestine at once, the visas to be endorsed with the authority M/99/43/CLS. In the single case of Lea Marberger (No. 4 on the first list) who is a resident of Palestine the visa should be endorsed with the authority MC/99/43/G.

3. In addition the High Commissioner has asked if the Camp authorities could be requested to submit a report regarding the balance of the Jewish refugees at Ferramonte giving particulars of (a) adults between the ages of 18 and 35 years physically fit for hard work and (b) adults between the ages of 18 and 45 years skilled in a trade and physically fit to engage in their calling.

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/s/ A. Rumbold

21st April, 1944.

(1) Individual certificates:

David Maestro	-	Category B (111)
Paul Cahn	-	Category A (1)
Hans Pollak	-	Category A (1)
Lea Marberger	-	Resident of Palestine.

(2) Included in the Jewish Agency lists of Veteran Zionists:
(In the Ferramonte Camp).

Mirka Neuman
Rudolf Hefner
Eugen Klein
Yakov Lechmann
Boris Nemirovsky
Dragutin Schreiber
Gisela Rosenberger

(3) Included in the Jewish Agency lists of Veteran Zionists:
(At or near Ferramonte but not actually in the Camp.)

1. ADLER Alfred	and wife	
2. BENEDIKT Betty Mrs.	and children	
3. BLITZER Lewek		
4. BRANTWEIN Alfred		
5. BREUER Eduard	and family	E/3425
6. BROMBERGER Markus	and wife	
7. BUKSPAN Uziel (Ksyel)	and wife	
8. CYTER Isaac		
9. EHRENFELD Joseph	and wife	
10. EHRLICH Alexander	and family	
11. FARKAS Gisela	and son	
12. FERDINAND Aladar		G/3712
13. FERTIG Abraham		
14. GEWERTZ Pinkas		
15. GOTTSSELIG Manes		
16. GLAS Mendel		G/3923
17. GLEISNER Melanie		
18. GRASMAN Schmiel (Szmuel)		
19. GRUBER Sure		
20. HAUSER-KIRSCH Bronka	and daughter	H/1825
21. HAHN Malvine		
22. KLEINBERGER Adolf		
23. KOHN Lezar Dr.		
24. KIRSCH Wolf	and family	K/3425 K/3727
25. KIRSCH Echezkial		
26. LEWIN Hirsch		
27. LAUTERMANN Jakob	and daughter	
28. LOEFFLER Ettela		
29. MARTONOWICZ Alice		
30. METZGER nenni		
31. MORGENSTERN Abraham		
32. NIEDER Sigmund		

Rudolf Hefner
Eugen Klein
Yakov Lachmann
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25. KIRSCH Echezekiel		
26. LEWIN Hirsch	and daughter	
27. LAUTERMANN Jakob		
28. LOEFFLER Ettela		
29. MARTONOWICZ Alice		
30. METZGER Jenni		
31. MORGENSTERN Abraham		
32. NIEDER Sigmund		
33. ORENSTEIN Alex Dr.		
34. PRESSBURGER Janka	and children	R/2997
35. REBHUN Markus		
36. RING Henmann		
37. RINGER Lieber		
38. ROSENZWEIG Chaim		
39. SEINWEL Leopold		
40. SCHWARZ Jakob	and family	SH/3897 S/1130
41. SIMON Eberhard		

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Dr. Sereni to cler 240.

Transport 500.

(a)	Torn Limbs	14
(b)	Parents Jewish Soldiers	15
(c)	Parents Jewish in Palestine	30
(d)	Children of Parents in Palestine	8
(e)	Pioneer Zionists	129
(f)	Young Pioneers	114

Si. Please see 34-35.

What does
by mean?

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27th April 1946

Chief Commissioner.

1. It has now been arranged, with the agreement of Mr. Shertok and the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, to embark 227 principal Jews for transfer to Palestine. 55 other Jews already hold certificates. The total number to be sent (including dependents) will be about 500.

2. We have also been asked to consider the reception of 2000 Jews from Hungary. I think this will probably be politically a wise move and it may be possible to put them into Ferramonti Camp after the evacuation of the original Jews. I will submit papers to you with final recommendations.

MB/SC.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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FATIMA 3868

Brig. Lush, RC & MG Section

26 Apr 44

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FREEDOM (ACTION): DISPER BARI (INTO)

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FOX THREE SIX ZERO TWO FIVE OF TWO TWO APRIL NOTED AND AM GRATEFUL TO HIGH
COMMISSIONER PD PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR MGS FOR ACTION REPEATED DISPER BARI
FOR INFO FROM FATIMA PAREN PD WE CAN ONLY TRACE FIVE THREE ACTUAL
CERTIFICATES ISSUED UNDER PAREN BAKER PAREN BUT PRESUME THIS WILL NOT AFFECT
PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENTS DECISION TO ISSUE ONLY TWO TWO SEVEN NEW CERTIFICATES PD
NATURALLY WE SHOULD PREFER TO SEND THREE ZERO ZERO ALL TOLD CMA NAMELY
TWO FOUR SEVEN UNDER PAREN ABLE PAREN AND FIVE THREE UNDER PAREN BAKER PAREN PD
INSTRUCT

L. T. MONTAG, JR.,
2nd Lieut. AGD.
ADJUTANT.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref 157/60/DA.

25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Jewish Disgrants to Palestine.

TO : Displaced Persons Sub-Commission,
C/o HQ. No.2 District, C.M.F.

1. Further to my letter 157/60/DA of 22 April 1944, the following information received from the High Commissioner for Palestine through AMHQ clarifies the position regarding certificates for immigration into Palestine :

- (a) Certificates for 300 principal immigrants have been allotted.
- (b) These 300 include certificates previously issued to named individuals when the High Commissioner puts at 75 as against your estimate of 60.
- (c) Certificates thus available for distribution to additional principal immigrants will be approximately 227.

2. It is confirmed by the High Commissioner that Mr. Shertok may select the principal immigrants.

3. Regarding the arrangements for transporting the selected immigrants to Palestine, we are advised that the immigrants can be received in Palestine at any time preferably for disembarkation HAIFA but that direct lift to HAIFA is impossible. You should therefore arrange transport in IIF convoys ensuring that MIDEAST is advised if the immigrants have to be routed via EGYPT.

4. This matter will be discussed with Lt.Col.Fothergill whilst he is visiting this HQ during the next few days.

M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Executive Comm.

~~31~~ clears up some points in ~~10.29~~

Letter to J.P. S.C. for signature herewith.

It is learnt that Lt Col Lothergill left BARI
this morning on a visit to his HQ
and will probably remain until
Saturday.

Send off letter ?
Discuss Lothergill

to Daffin White
mayor
20/4

See B4

16519 Hobart

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INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FRMGS

TO FATIMA RPTD MILPAL WIDEAST MOV ADNAP

NO F36025

22 APRIL 100 1500

CONFIDENTIAL. REFER YOUR 3553 OF 20 APRIL. PARA. 1. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER PALESTINE CLARIFIES POSITION REGARDING CERTIFICATES AS FOLLOWS:- (A) CERTIFICATES FOR 300 PRINCIPAL IMMIGRANTS HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED. (B) THESE 300 INCLUDE CERTIFICATES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO NAMED INDIVIDUALS WHOM HIGH COMMISSIONER PUTS AT 73 AGAINST YOUR ESTIMATE 60. (C) CERTIFICATES THIS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO JEWISH REFUGEES FOR PRINCIPAL IMMIGRANTS EXCLUDING (B) TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 227. PARA 2. HIGH COMMISSIONER CONFIRMS SHERCLOCK MAY SELECT IMMIGRANTS. PARA 3. IMMIGRANTS CAN BE RECEIVED IN PALESTINE AT ANY TIME PREFERABLY FOR DISEMBARKATION HAIFA. MOVEMENT HERE ADVISE DIRECT LIFT HAIFA IMPOSSIBLE. YOU SHOULD ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION IN IXE CONVOYS WITH ADNAP NOTIFYING THIS HQ OF ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE AND ADVISE WIDEAST IF IMMIGRANTS HAVE TO BE ROUTED VIA EGYPT. PARA 4. FOR MILPAL. YOUR CABLE NO REFERENCE 21 APRIL FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER ANSWERS OUR F 35346 OF SAME DATE. PARA 5. FOR WIDEAST. REFER PARA 3 OUR F33654 OF 17 APRIL. HAVE YOU ANY COMMENTS.

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FATIMA (RC & MG SECTION)

13 APRIL 1944

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BRIG LUSH

FREEDOM

YOUR FOX THREE ONE THREE SIX THREE OF ONE TWO APRIL PAREN ABLE
PAREN CONFIRM HEATHCOTE SMITHS APPOINTMENT ACCEPTABLE PD MUST
WARN CANNOT PROVIDE STAFF OR TRNASPORT PAREN TO AFHQ CITE FHMGS
FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN BAKER PAREN AGREED PROVIDED
HEATHCOTE SMITH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPRESENTATIVES PAREN CHARLIE
PAREN GLAD TO SHIP TWO THOUSAND TO PALESTINE PD MOVE OF REMAINDER
TO CASABLANCA ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED ACCOMODATION IN FRENCH CAMPS
ADEQUATE PD MUCH REGRET DELAY

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L.T. MONTANT
2nd Lt. AGD,
Adjutant

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I desisted at any such appointment on the Headquarters of this Commission but I promised to discuss with you the advisability of appointing a Jewish officer to your Sub-Commission. I myself in other territories have found such an appointment to be most useful, perhaps because I have been lucky in the personality of the officer appointed. In considering this proposal we must remember that your Sub-Commission is only at the beginning of its real work in dealing with displaced persons in Italy. Hitherto you have been concerned largely with immigrants into this country. In the future, when territory in the North falls into our hands, you will be faced with many thousands of persons displaced in this country and a high percentage of these persons will be Jews. I believe that a Jewish officer on your staff, under your control, would be of greater assistance to you than the missions of all the other nations which work with you at present. I believe, also, that any accusation of discrimination which such an appointment might raise can be met by the answer that the Jews will probably form the largest numbers of displaced persons in the future.

9. It must also be remembered that the Jewish military units in this country have already shown the greatest concern for displaced Jews and are even now furnishing them with every kind of assistance unofficially. It would, I think, be better if this were regularized which would be more possible if you had an officer, chosen perhaps from one of these units, on your staff.

10. I should like to discuss this matter with Mr. Shertok and to let me know your conclusions and recommendations. Mr. Shertok should be given every assistance, not only in the task of selecting the Jews for immigration, but in visiting the camps. You should also discuss with him the possibility of selecting a further 1000 Jews (gross) in the event of the French and American authorities being able to arrange for their journey and immigration to the United States.

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Brigadier, 70
Executive Commission

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
M.C.P., A.P.H.C.
Political Section,
Region II,
Mr. Shertok.

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Brigadier, 70
Executive Commission

Copy to: Chief Commissioner,
M.C.C., A.S., I.C.
Political Section,
Region II,
Mr. Shertok.

MEMORANDUM
ATTENDING COMMISSION
AFO 524

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

22nd April 1944.

Ref: 17/160/04.

SUBJECT: Jewish Immigrants to Palestine.

TO : Displaced Persons Sub-Commission,
c/o H.Q. No. 2 District, C.M.F.

1. I refer to FREEDOM telegrams V. 27287 of 5. Apr. F. 32675 of 15. Apr. F. 33655 of 17. Apr. and my telegram MATINA 3553 of 20. Apr.

2. Mr. Shertok of the Jewish Agency in Palestine who has come here with proper credentials from London and AMER, came to see me. He explained that his primary mission was to assist in the selection of Jews who should be given the 250 certificates issued by the Colonial Office for immigration into Palestine. He suggested that Julius Grunspan should be nominated head of the Jewish committee in camps in order to make this selection. Acting upon FREEDOM telegram F. 32675 I rejected this proposal and stated that I thought it preferable for him to work directly with you and make the selection himself. If Mr. Shertok should write to you his suggestion about Grunspan, you should likewise reject it. I assume that he is non person grata with His Majesty's Government.

3. Mr. Shertok assumed that the majority of Jews would be found in Ferrarotti Camp. I explained that some might be found in other camps and that you would clarify this.

4. The 50 certificates referred to in my telegram MATINA 3553 of 20. Apr. are, as you probably know, certificates issued to Jewish candidates for immigration by the Palestinian Government (or the Colonial Office) prior to our occupation and probably prior to 1943. I very much hope that permission will be given for these to enter Palestine and you should not on the assumption that they can, but at the same time should so arrange matters that they are retained in this country without confusion if permission cannot be granted.

5. You will notice that the certificates are issued to principals but cover an undefined number of dependents of these principals, that is to say, wives, children under 18 years of age, fatherless grand-children under the same age and relatives other than the foregoing (e.g. aged parents) who are, or who will be, wholly and directly dependent for maintenance upon a principal immigrant.

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TO : Displaced Persons Sub-Commission,
c/o Hq. No. 2 District, C.M.F.

1. I refer to WARMON telegrams V.27287 of 5 Apr, V.32675 of 15 Apr, V.33653 of 17 Apr and my telegram FATIMA 3553 of 20 Apr.

2. Mr. Shertok of the Jewish Agency in Palestine who has come here with proper credentials from London and AMN, came to see me. He explained that his primary mission was to assist in the selection of Jews who should be given the 240 certificates issued by the Colonial Office for immigration into Palestine. He suggested that Rudas Grunzhaag should be nominated head of the Jewish committee in camps in order to make this selection. Acting upon WARMON telegram V.32675 I rejected this proposal and stated that I thought it preferable for him to work directly with you and make the selection himself. If Mr. Shertok should reiterate to you his suggestion about Grunzhaag, you should likewise reject it. I assume that he is non persona grata with His Majesty's Government.

3. Mr. Shertok assumed that the majority of Jews would be found in Ferranti Camp. I explained that some might be found in other camps and that you would clarify this.

4. The 60 certificates referred to in my telegram FATIMA 3553 of 20 Apr are, as you probably know, certificates issued to Jewish candidates for immigration by the Palestinian Government (or the Colonial Office) prior to our occupation and probably prior to Italy's entry into the war. I very much hope that permission will be granted for these to enter Palestine and you should not on the assumption that they can, but at the same time should so arrange matters that they are retained in this country without confusion if permission cannot be granted.

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6. Mr. Shertok, having collected the principals with you, will also assist you in screening the dependents and determining their number. When this has been done you should wire the total number showing adults and children in excess. Arrangements can then be made with AMN and MidEast for transport to Palestine.

7. Mr. Shertok will be at Ferranti Camp during the morning of 24th April and therefore proposes to go to Bari. I have already advised you to send a senior member of your staff to Ferranti Camp to begin the selection with Mr. Shertok who will probably be accompanied by Capt. British, Jewish Relief of 37 Area.

8. Mr. Shertok, as we are advised in AMN telegram 32675, raised the question of the attachment of Jewish military officers to the Commission.

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FREEDOM (ACTION) DISPER BARI (INFO)

YOUR FOX THREE THREE SIX FIVE THREE OF ONE SEVEN APRIL PD PAREN
TO AFTER FOR INFO FOR ACTION REPEATED DISPER BARI FOR INFO FROM FATIMA PAREN
PD SHERTOK ARRIVED PD PRESUME TWO FOUR ZERO CERTIFICATES NOW ISSUED BY
COLONIAL OFFICE ARE RECLUSIVE OF SIX ZERO CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO NAMED
INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUS TO OUR OCCUPATION AND THAT PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT WILL
ACCEPT ~~THESE~~ ZERO ZERO PRINCIPAL IMMIGRANTS WITH DEPENDENTS PD WILL WIRE
TOTAL NUMBER IN DUE COURSE PD AGREE SHERTOK SHOULD SELECT PD HE
SUGGESTED GRINSCHAAG WHOM I REJECTED PD WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED

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Lt. M. Shym.
I don't know whether
he has seen this
21/4

Copy to: *Critical Sec.*
Italian Refugee Branch

L. T. MONTANT, JR.,
2nd Lt. AGD.,
ADJUTANT.

Brief on cables received from AFHQ

Subject: Displaced Persons (Jews) in Italy.

From FREEDOM signed CINC to FATIMA. Ref No F 37287 recd 5/4/44

1. Displaced Persons (Jews) in Italy discussed with Italian in Algiers.
2. ACC views requested urgently on following:-
 - (a) Agreement to props by Italian that Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith (late Consul General Alexandria) be apptd rep in Italy of Inter Governmental Com^{ee} of Refugees & that he shd be att^d to HQ ACC.
 - (b) Palestinian first makes (his) selection a condition to immigration & proposes sending him temp to Italy as rep of Jewish Agency with full powers to issue immigration certificates to those selected. MIDEAST will only accept those with certs.

(c) The 5000 alien Jews in Italy incl 2750 German, Austrian, Polish or Czech extractions majority of whom do not wish to return to own countries. These are for immigration to Palestine or otherwise out of Italy. Est that 2000 might be accepted in Palestine.

Proposed by FREEDOM Subject ACC apptd to approach French to move remainder to Casablanca

From FREEDOM to FATIMA for LUSH. Ref No F 32675 recd 15/4/44

3. SAC directs that Shertok is informed that he may visit refugee camps at VERRAMONTI + others in which are Jewish refugees to select some 300 or more Jews for whom Palestine immigration certs already issued under

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Proposed by FREEDOM Subject ACE ^{Additional} to approach French to move remainder to Casablanca

From FREEDOM to FATIMA for LUSH. Ref No F 32675 recd 15/4/44

3. SAC directs that Shertok is informed that he may visit refugee camps at VERRAMONTI + others in which are Jewish refugees to select some 300 or more Jews for whom Palestine immigration certs already issued, under writs to be made by ACE.

4. If Shertok suggests EVIAS GRUNSCAG of Jewish Agency as head of Jewish Communities in camps or proposes latter selects Jews for immigration it shd not be permitted.

15/ (2) 5. Any proposal by Shertok for attachment of Jewish military officers to ACE should be referred to FREEDOM.

From FREEDOM signed CINC to FATIMA for LUSH Ref No F 33653

Date sent 17/4/44

6. High Commissioner Palestine notifies that 200 cents made available for principal immigrants for "Refugees from Ferramonte".

17 These cents may be same as those referred to in cable No F 32675 but Shertok may be able to clarify.

8. These cents also cover undefined number of dependents wholly or directly dependent upon a principal immigrant. Remitting total may be about 500.

9. No decision yet as to temporary appointment of rep of Jews as mentioned in F.27287.

NOTE "Temporary appointment" appears to refer to the phrase "sending temporarily to Italy" (Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith) (para 2(6)). 3.6.7

In any case our agreement was asked for in the appointment.

10. Suggested that Shertok select immigrants + FREEDOM will obtain confirmation that this procedure is acceptable by Palestine Govt + inform ACE.

11. FREEDOM will also obtain confirmation enquire about Opt of Refugees to Palestine. No more without further

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12. Report to FREEDOM on progress + indicate when whole or part of group is ready to move.

RESTRICTED ✓ 18TH APR RecdALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE7469 24
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MSG Center No : N 1/8
 Classification : RESTRICTED
 Precedence : PRIORITY
 From : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC
 To : FATIMA FOR LUSH



Date Time Rec'd : APRIL 17/2359
 Date Time Sent : APRIL 17/1842
 Reference NR : F 33653
 Cite : FMCS

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OUR F32675 OF 15 APRIL IS REFERENCE

SUBJECT IS ADMISSION TO PALESTINE OF JEWISH REFUGEES FROM ITALY. NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER, PALESTINE, THAT COLONIAL OFFICE HAS MADE AVAILABLE 240 CERTIFICATES FOR PRINCIPAL IMMIGRANTS FOR "REFUGEES FROM FERRAMONTE". WE SURMISE THESE CERTIFICATES MAY BE THE SAME AS THOSE MENTIONED IN OUR F32675 BUT SHERTOK SHOULD BE ABLE CLARIFY. PERMIT FOR 240 CERTIFICATES COVERS IN ADDITION UNDEFINED NUMBER DEPENDENTS OF THESE PRINCIPAL IMMIGRANTS, THAT IS TO SAY WIVES, CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS, FATHERLESS GRANDCHILDREN UNDER SAME AGE, AND ALSO RELATIVES OTHER THAN THE FOREGOING (FOR EXAMPLE AGED PARENTS) WHO WILL BE WHOLLY AND DIRECTLY DEPENDENT FOR MAINTENANCE UPON A PRINCIPAL IMMIGRANT. ^{HIGH} ~~LOW~~ COMMISSIONER ESTIMATES THAT RESULTING TOTAL MAY BE ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED. PARA. NO DECISION YET AS TO TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE JEWISH AGENCY AS MENTIONED IN OUR F27287 OF 4 APRIL. SUGGESTED THEREFORE THAT SHERTOK SELECTS IMMIGRANTS AND WE WILL CONFIRM WITH PALESTINE GOVERNMENT THAT THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM AND INFORM YOU. WE WILL ALSO INQUIRE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER AND MIDEAST AS TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION REFUGEES TO PALESTINE OF WHICH NONE SHOULD BE MOVED PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE REPORT OF PROGRESS INDICATING DATE WHEN WHOLE GROUP OR PART THEREOF WILL BE READY FOR MOVEMENT.

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18 APR 16/4/44 CAB. (2)
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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From : CIPHER FREEDOM
To : FATIMA

Date Time Rec'd APR 16 1000B
Date Time Sent :
Reference NR 9663A
Cite NONE

REF YOUR SERVICE 322A 160640B. REPEAT OF THIS PART OF MESSAGE
BEGINS. JEWS FOR IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE, THIS SHOULD NOT REPEAT
NOT BE PERMITTED. PARA. SHERTON MAY PRESS FOR ATTACHMENT ETC. **22**

NOTE: THIS REFERS TO MESSAGE E252. N73/15 REFERENCE NUMBER F32675
15TH APRIL T.O.O. 1430B

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*Let doc Shipp.
You will probably wish to submit
to 5455 to bring back for personal.
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HEADQUARTERS
16 APR 1944
A.C.C.

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MSG Center No : N72/15
 Classification : N73/15
 Precedence : CONFIDENTIAL
 From : PRIORITY
 To : FREEDOM
 : FATIMA FOR LUSH RPTD DISPER BARI AND TWO DISTRICT

16 APR 1944
A. C. C.

Date Time Rec'd : APR 15 1430H
 Date Time Sent :
 Reference NR : F32675
 Cite : PHGS

NOW IN ITALY IS MR SHERTOK OF JEWISH AGENCY WHO WAS TO BE AT PART ON 14 APRIL. VISIT OF SHERTOK TO ITALY 13 AUGUST PALASTINE UNITS BRITISH ARMY HAS BEEN APPROVED. HE DESIRES ALSO VISIT ^{MONTI} FERRANTE EX-INTERMENT CAMP AND OTHER LOCAL ORIGIN IN WHICH ARE JEWISH REFUGEES TO SELECT CERTAIN JEWISH PERSONS (TOTAL BELIEVED 300) TO WHOM PALESTINE IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATES UNDERSTOOD TO BE ALREADY ISSUED. HE MAY ALSO WISH TO SELECT ADDITIONAL NUMBERS OF JEWS TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY FURTHER ALLOCATION OF CERTIFICATES LIMITED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER PALESTINE TO JEWS IN ITALY. SAC DIRECTS THAT SHERTOK SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO VISIT CAMPS BUT THAT IF HE SUGGESTS EUIAS GRUNSCHAG OF JEWISH AGENCY SHOULD BE NOMINATED HEAD OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN CAMPS OR PROPOSES LATTER SHOULD SELECT JEWS FOR IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE THIS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE ^{PERMITTED} ACCEPTED. PARA. SHERTOK MAY PRESS THE ATTACHMENT OF JEWISH MILITARY OFFICERS TO ACC TO ASSIST IN JEWISH MATTERS. IF SO, THIS SHOULD BE REFERRED HERE WHERE PROPOSAL TOGETHER WITH PROPOSAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT REPRESENTATIVE JEWISH AGENCY AS IN OUR F27287 OF 4 APRIL IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. PARA. FOR TWO DISTRICT. PLEASE INFORM SHERTOK C/O CHIEF RABBI C/O NARES THAT HE MAY VISIT REFUGEE CAMPS UNDER ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE BY FATIMA

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TO : FATH

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SUBJECT IS DISPLACED PERSONS IN ITALY, PRIMARILY JEWS. HAVE DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH MALIN, VICE DIRECTOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES, WHO IS NOW IN ALGIERS EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON AND HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY STUDY HIS REPORTS TO YOU OF 18 AND 19 FEBRUARY, ALSO HIS REPORT OF 24 FEBRUARY TO DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE COPY OF WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS HELD BY YOU. YOUR VIEWS REQUESTED ON FOLLOWING POINTS AS MATTERS OF URGENCY, OTHER POINTS ARISING WILL BE SUBJECT SEPARATE LETTER. (A) PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR AGREEMENT TO PROPOSAL BY MALIN THAT SIR CLIFFORD HEATHCOTE-SMITH, LATELY CONSUL-GENERAL, ALEXANDRIA, BE APPOINTED RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN ITALY OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES, AND THAT HE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS ACC. SMITH NOW IN ALGIERS AND WE AWAIT YOUR APPROVAL BEFORE ARRANGING MOVEMENT TO ITALY. (B) PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT MAKE SELECTION A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO IMMIGRATION AND PROPOSE SENDING TEMPORARY TO ITALY UNDER AUSPICES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY WITH FULL POWERS TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES. TRANSFER OF JEWISH REFUGEES FROM ITALY PRIOR TO SELECTION IMPOSSIBLE AS MIDEAST REFUGE ACCEPT ANY SUCH PERSONS EXCEPT THOSE IN TRANSIT WITH CERTIFICATES. DO YOU AGREE PROPOSAL. (C) MALIN REPORTS THAT OF THE FIVE THOUSAND ALIEN JEWISH REFUGEES IN ITALY OCCUPIED ITALY SOME TWO SEVEN FIVE ZERO ARE OF GERMAN, AUSTRIAN, POLISH, OR CZECH EXTRACTION AND THAT AS GREAT MAJORITY THESE PERSONS DO NOT WISH TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN THEY SHOULD BE EITHER BE ACCEPTED FOR IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE OR OTHERWISE MOVED OUT OF ITALY. HE ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT TWO THOUSAND MIGHT BE ACCEPTED FOR PALESTINE AND WE PROPOSE SUBJECT YOUR APPROVAL, TO APPROACH FRENCH AUTHORITIES WITH

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Subject: Jewish Refugees - Entry into Palestine.

13 APR Recd

H.C. Sub Commission,
C.M.F.

113/H

12 APR 44.

K.C. / S.D.P. Sub Commission.

Copy to: - A.C.C.

C.M.F.

G.H.C. H.C.P.

Reference this H.C. 113/H dated 15 Jan, 44.

As this H.C. no longer deals with this question, the attached copy of C.M.C. R.M.P. letter 78864/GI dated 7 Apr, 44 is forwarded to you for information and retention.

PMG/ME

T.O.C./100

[Signature]
Major,
D.I.I. & C.M.C.
P.F. Sub Commission.

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*To His Hon. Brother
John - a.g. Representative of Congress.*

Subject: Jewish Refugee - Entry into Palestine.

13 APR Reco

H. J. P. Sub Commission,
C.B.F.

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P.H. Sub Commission.

T.O.C. 1000 hrs

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*to this in answer
file - e.g. Repatriation of Jewish
Refugees*

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SUBJECT:- Jewish Refugees - Entry into
Palestine.

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CHC MEF
79964/AG1
7 Apr, 44.

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PT Sub Commission
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Copy to:- MEHRA

Reference your 115/HC dated 15 Jan 44.

1. The case of these Jewish refugee families has been referred to HC Palestine who have replied that a matter of higher policy is involved, and that it has so far been impossible to obtain the approval of the Palestine Government for the entry of these six families.
2. It is understood that the Middle East Relief and Refugee Administration is carrying on a separate correspondence with the Palestine Government and that a complete list of all Jewish refugees who can be accepted in Palestine is being prepared and will be forwarded to the Displaced Persons Sub Commission in due course.
3. The delay in replying to your letter is regretted, but this particular case has been under close consideration by the Palestine Government in view of the policy involved.

(Sgd) ?????????? Major

/ME

for General
C-in-C.
M.E.F.

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

Ref ²¹⁰ 1351/45/OA

5 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy

TO : Director, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

1. Reference AFHQ letter, MGS-383-5 of 9 February 1944, it has been decided that, as suggested in paragraph 3 of the letter, the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission should collect material for and co-ordinate the report required.

2. According to the records in this office, a copy of HQ AMG letter, AMG 309.28 of 13 January is in your files.

3. For the purposes of the report you are authorized to communicate direct with Regional Commissioners and E.C.A.O.s of Armies.

4. Report, when completed, should be forwarded to AFHQ, MGS, through this Headquarters with copy for our retention.

ROBERT E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to M.G.S., AFHQ.

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[Handwritten signature]

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Refer to 2 papers in
below. This is routine
and discussion required.

Could this be
made an item
of the agenda
for Saturday
meeting?

R.C.'s views would
help in a reply
to M.G.S.

"
TO Disp Per
Direct communication 3-58
with R.C.'s authorization
"

26 FEB Recd

CIRCULATION SLIP
Please pass file QUICKLY

FROM	OFFICER	TO
	Brig. M. S. Lush	
	Col. N. E. Fiske	
	Lt. Col. T. Farley Smith	
	Major Driffield-White	✓
	Major Van Dusen	
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REMARKS

Initial HERE and FOLIO referred.

Please see 41 to 44
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Brig Lush.

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Military Government Section

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MGS-383-5

9 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy.

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission (2 copies)

13 FEB

1. (a) It is desired to prevent possible duplication arising from our MGS 383-5 of 15 December, in which a report was called for on the condition of Jews in Italy. This letter was followed by another of the same reference number dated 3 January, which was in amplification of the first. Both letters were addressed to HQ Allied Control Commission and to HQ AMG CMF, and it is known that copies were received by Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

(b) A copy of HQ AMG CMF letter Ref/AMG/309.28 of 13 January, addressed to Regions 1 and 2 has been received in this Headquarters, but it is not certain that a copy of this letter was received by the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

2. An interim report has been received from Displaced Persons Sub-Commission under their IDP/47/192 of 30 January. A copy of this report is attached for your information.

3. A further report, in greater detail, should be forwarded as early as may be possible. This should include particulars as specified in your letter quoted in para 1(b), and should, it is suggested, be co-ordinated by Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

4. It is also requested that you forward, in advance of this further report, nominal rolls of all Jews held at Palermo, Ferramonti, or elsewhere under the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. Nationality should be indicated. Nominal rolls received to date do not indicate whether personnel are of the Jewish faith.

1 Incl:

As above

Copy to:- HQ Allied Control Commission -
Attention Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Colonel.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERNESS & DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION.
Office of the Director.

IDP/47/122.

20th January, 1944.

SUBJECT: Conditions of Jews in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

TO : Military Government Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

Reference your MGS-383-5 of 15 Dec. 43 and MGS-383-5 of 3 Jan. 44.

Registration of non-Italians resident as free citizens in liberated Italy has not yet been undertaken. It is, therefore, difficult to submit a complete factual report at this stage.

1. GENERAL.

The following is compiled from information in the possession of this Sub-Commission supplemented by reports received from Region 1, Region 2, Chief Liaison Officer, A.C.C., and the Jewish Chaplain, No. 2 District. The report called for from Region 6 is not yet to hand.

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2. NUMBERS.

It is difficult to estimate the total number of Jews in liberated Italy. Numbers resident in or passing through camps are known, but there are many scattered throughout the country whose numbers can only be estimated. In many towns and villages are individual groups, and others are to be found in remote districts where they took refuge during the Fascist regime. From time to time, groups who have been hiding, apply for assistance and are received, and there have been instances of Jews who have been afraid to disclose their identity, but revealed themselves on seeing Jewish soldiers of the Allied Forces.

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No. 1 P.W. Transit Camp, BARI

No. 2 P.W. Transit Camp, NAPLES

From the Dalmatian Islands

(in Transit Camps LECCE Province

en route to Middle East)

PALERMO

LACONIGRO

Villages near and around

CASTEL-LUCCIA-IMPERIORE in the

Province of POTENZA

: 1300

: 650

: 100

: 300

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BARI

NAPLES

PORRANO

:	1300
:	550
:	100
:	300
:	50
:	40
:	200
:	500
:	500 - 600
:	100 - 200

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It would be reasonable to estimate the total number of Jews at 5,000 to 6,000, about half of whom are accommodated in established camps.

(b) SICILY (Region 1).

The number being cared for by the Sub-Commission at PALERMO is 58, comprising Yugoslavs, Czechoslovaks, Poles and one Albanian. In addition, it is estimated that 25 Jews are living in the Island, as permanent residents.

(c) SARDINIA (Region 6).

Report not yet received but few, if any, believed to be in the Island.

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(d) LIPARI ISLANDS.

None.

3. ORGANIZATION.

The Jewish Institut for community organization has again been demonstrated. Prior to the Allied landings, the Union of Jewish Committees, "DELARUM", with a Central Office in Northern Italy, cared for Jewish immigrants. Contact with this body ceased in October last, but local representatives in liberated territory have formed local committees which continue an independent existence.

At PERANONTE, where the camp had been in existence for several years, the Jewish group has organized itself into a well-disciplined community. Recently this Committee have assisted in the foundation of a Communal Organization at RAI, where no Community existed before the war. It is proposed to set up a Jewish M.I. room in connection with the latter.

In NAPLES the old Jewish Community is re-established and is rendering assistance to those of their own faith seeking advice on individual problems. The establishment of local committees is of value in that they provide (a) a recognized channel for the transmission of official instructions affecting the Community in general, and (b) responsible bodies able to exercise control over the Community and eliminate frivolous and unsubstantiated individual petitions for official consideration.

They are also able to exercise a measure of control in domestic matters and to assist in the registration of refugees and the collection of personal data. No restrictions other than those necessary for camp discipline and security purposes are imposed upon camp inmates.

4. HEALTH.

The general standard of health is good. In camps men and women inmates with medical and nursing experience attend to the needs of their fellows and supplement the services of Camp M.O's. Separate hospitals for Jewish refugees have not been set up but they share equally with other refugees the facilities provided by camp hospitals, and by civil hospitals for more serious medical and surgical cases.

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5. CLOTHING.

There has been a considerable demand for clothing, particularly for women and children. Assistance has been given to men by the distribution of salvaged military uniforms. Liaison has been established with the American Red Cross and a shipment of clothing has been received during the last few days. These are being distributed equitably and it is hoped to alleviate immediate problems. Generally speaking, ex-internees are better off than refugees from forward areas as the former, having lived in camps for a considerable period, have been able to acquire a certain amount of clothing by purchase.

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No synagogues are known to exist outside camps. In camps Rabbis provide for the religious requirements of their Communities.

7.

FINANCIAL STATUS.

Refugees and ex-internees are generally in need of financial assistance but among ex-internees in particular there are a number with considerable amounts of money in their possession. Those in Camps receive full rations in kind, or part rations and a subsistence allowance.

8.

FAMILIES.

Almost invariably no news of families has been received by refugees since leaving their homes, in some cases, three or four years ago.

9.

POLITICAL INTERESTS.

Jews, individually and as Communities, have been emphatic that they have no interest and no wish to take part in either local or national political life. On the contrary, most express a strong desire to be allowed to enter Palestine where they expect to be free from political influences and persecution.

TRADE.

On the whole Jewish traders and business men are operating and conducting their businesses normally. Recently one Jew was prosecuted and convicted of black market operations and this action was approved by his own Community. Allegations of black market trading have been made against other Jews but the foregoing is the only known case of proceedings having been brought. Many are in employment.

ANTI-SEMITISM.

No signs of anti-Semitism have been noted.

MORALE.

Considering their past experiences and privations, the morale of the Jewish population is high. Nearly 200 of the male Jewish, but non-British, residents of FERRAMONTI CAMP have expressed a wish to join Palestinian Units of the British Army.

CONCLUSIONS.

Refugees and ex-internees of the Jewish faith represent a small proportion of the number being handled. They have received their share of relief and financial and other assistance according to availability. It is recognized that their lot is hard but liberation has brought about material improvement in every way. Their capacity for organization and the services rendered to their Communities by the many educated and professionally qualified Jews amongst them have been advantages not enjoyed by refugees of other nationalities. The only known case of unrest has been, and is, the delays in repatriation, or evacuation, which have been unavoidable.

For the Director:

V. M. HAMMER,
Lt.-Colonel,
Deputy Director.

P.S. Since the above was signed the following cablegram has been received from Region 6:

"Practically no civilian Jews in Sardinia. There were only fifteen last census 3 July 43 and since these have left island".

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
APO 394

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Ref 157/40/UA.

18 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy.**TO : Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.**

Reference your MES 383-5 of 1 Feb. 44 and previous correspondence.

1. The following is an extract from letter dated 13 Jan 44 sent by H.Q. AMB to H.Q. A.C.O. (Brindisi):

" Para.3. It is considered that the major part of whatever information is available will be compiled by Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. It would, therefore, seem that the best course would be to send you all the information collected by us. "

2. A copy of H.Q. AMB letter to Regions I and II was sent to you for information under ref. AMB/309.28 on 13 Jan 44.

3. Pursuant to the arrangement shown by extract quoted in para.1 above the material collected was taken to Brindisi by Major Driffeld-White and handed to Lt.Col. Hammer, Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, on 29 Jan 44.

4. Since that date Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission moved from Brindisi to Bari, and H.Q. AOC (Rear) has moved to Salerno. It is, however, understood that the report was compiled by Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and forwarded to A.F.H.Q. in the expectation that it would arrive on the due date.

5. It is regretted that, owing to mis-routing, your letter under reference, was not replied to earlier. It is also hoped that the required report has come to hand.

6. JEWISH Communities.

Reference your letter MES 383-5 of 4 Jan 44, it has been ascertained that :

(a) there is a synagogue at Via Capella Vecchia 31, NAPLES,

(b) a Jewish Committee exists, the Secretary of which is Mr. Alexander Nattenberg, Via Luigia Sanfelice 9, NAPLES.

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Officer.

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DSJ/DW/th
1 February 1944

MGS-383-5

SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy

TO : HQ. Allied Control Commission

Reference is made to our MGS-383-5 of 3 January, which requested the submission of a detailed and comprehensive report regarding the condition of Jews in Italy, if possible by 1 February.

1. It will be noted that our letter was addressed both to your Headquarters and to HQ. AMG, CMF, but in view of recent re-organisation and as a single and co-ordinated report was required, it is requested that you will state how the matter now stands.

D. S. Jackling
D. S. JACKLING,
Lt. Colonel.

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Civil Affairs
The Office of the British Resident Minister

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(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : FATIMA REAR SIGNED MACFARLANE

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DATE TIME REC'D.: 201300A

REFERENCE NR. : 2179

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26 JAN 1944
AMG.

SUBJECT IS JEWS. YOUR AMG/309/20 OF 13 JANUARY
RECEIVED HERE 25 JANUARY REFERS. COORDINATED REPORT DUE FREEDOM
1 FEBRUARY. PLEASE FORWARD THIS HQ REPORTS FROM REGIONS 1 AND
2 BY AIR COURIER.

Action - Aug 14
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TO (ACTION) : CG 2 DS FOR FARGO

(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : FATIMA REAR SIGNED MACFARLANE

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TO (ACTION) : CG P DS FOR FARGO
(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : FATHMA BEAR SIGNED MACFARLANE

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*Attended - Aug 14/44
Lago - C. J. J. J.*

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*Copies of Reg 1 + Reg 2
reports handed to local
Mammie in Brindisi, Italy*

Jan 28th

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Refugees and Displaced Persons Division

13 January 1944

In reply
refer to : AGO/50070/DP

SUBJECT : Conditions of Jews in Italy

TO : R O A D Region II

1. Ref. our letter 2. 30. 551 AGO/50061/DP of 9 January 1944.
2. It is requested that your report embrace as much detail as possible and be dispatched to reach this Headquarters by 20 January 1944.

For the Deputy President:

ROGER B. DENBY
1st Lt. A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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TO: FATIMA ADV

FROM: FATIAM REAR SIGNED MACFARLANE 2053 21st Jan *3*

CONFIDENTIAL. SUBJECT IS JEWS REPEAT JEWS . MGS/383/5 OF 3RD JAN REVERES.
WE HAVE IN HAND REPORTS FROM LIAISON OFFICER ACC, S.RC CHAPLAIN, WELFARE REGION TWO,
ACAO REGION TWO, FERRAMONTA CAMP, EXPECT RECEIVE REPORT FROM REGION SIX. SUGGEST YOU
FORWARD YOUR

OF PRIORITY

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T.H.I. 210845A

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

WDN/ABG/mrc

13 January 1944

Ref/AMG/309.20

SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. Reference letter WDC-383-5 of 3 January 1944.

Attached are:

(a) Copy of letter and enclosures referred to in para. 1 of above quoted letter.

(b) Copy of the FAMO cable of 1 January sent in reply.

2. We are endeavoring to obtain amplified information from Regions I and II and should be glad to receive suggestions as to how the sum of information can be presented to A.F.H.Q. for transmission.

3. It is considered that the major part of whatever information is available will be compiled by Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-commission. It would therefore seem that the best course would be to send to you all the information and reports collected by us.

4. A copy of our letter to Regions showing the type of information for which we are asking is enclosed herewith.

Incl: 5

to Duffell White major et.
CHARLES M. STOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.G.A.G., AMG, HQ.

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MEMORANDUM
FOR THE MILITARY O.C. SECRET
A.V. 512

10/10/30.28

10/10/30.28
23 January 1941

SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy

1. ... Region I
2. ... Region II

1. The State Department, Washington, has instituted certain inquiries regarding the condition of Jews in Italy and a full report is required embracing as much detail as possible.

2. We have not been given any clear idea of the extent of the detail. It is suggested that the scope of my report should cover, in respect of all Jews at present being covered for the information and detailed areas as follows:

- (a) Name, sex, age and nationality (if not Italian born).
- (b) His present address in respect of those listed under (a) above, as to:
- (1) Name
- (2) Address
- (3) Last year of family
- (4) Financial state
- (5) Other aspects

(above required from Region I only, for Region II only)

(c) Occupation:

Details of the nature of work residing in occupation in the principal towns in your region.

(d) Condition of the community given in 2. (c) above under heading listed.

(e) Remarks:

Details of any special social conditions or incidents which particularly underscore treatment of Jews; to include the number of cases under treatment.

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(Condition of Jews in Italy (Cont'd.))

(f) General comments that would throw light upon the state of Jews in Italy, including answers to the following questions:

- (1) Are the synagogues open and functioning?
- (2) Are the Jews taking an active interest in politics?
- (3) Are Jewish traders operating or conducting their normal business?
- (4) Are Jews taking part or interest in local government?
- (5) Are there any signs of anti-Semitism?

3. We have been asked to complete the report (in conjunction with A.C.C., B.) by the end of the month. It would therefore be appreciated if we could have your report by Saturday, January 22, 1944, at latest.

to Dinfield White
Major
C.L.
CHARLES W. STOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., ANO, HQ.

Copy to:

AFHQ, MBS (Att. Lt. Col. Jackling)
HQ., A.C.C., Brindisi

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HEADQUARTERS 3 January 1944

SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy.

TO : H. Allied Control Commission
HQ AMG, CMP.

HEADQUARTERS
6 JAN 1944
AMG.

1. It is necessary to amplify our NGS-383-5 of 15 December and to make it clear that a full report is required concerning the condition of Jews in Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia. Isolated items of information, such as that contained in PARCO cable PBS 3932 of 1 January, of which a copy is attached for the information of Allied Control Commission, will not suffice.

2. A single and comprehensive report, embracing as much detail as possible, should be forwarded to this Headquarters; the method of compilation and co-ordination is a matter for decision as between your respective Headquarters.

3. It is appreciated that there are other matters of greater importance and urgency with which you are concerned, but it is requested that the report should reach this Headquarters by 1 February.

كيا:
D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Col.

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MGS FOR JACKLING FOR ACTION PD CITE FARGO THREE PD INVESTIGATIONS SHOW
THAT THERE ARE NO JEWISH REFUGEES NOW IN LIPARI PD ONE ZERO WERE
TRANSFERRED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO NEIGHBORHOOD ABRUZZI JULY PD NONE
IN PALERMO

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

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(INFORMATION) : NONE

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CITE : ROGERS 1303

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Info - Harry
- C. G.

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