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WAR REFUGEE BOARD
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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

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Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 427/14/CA.

21st August 1944.

SUBJECT: Shipment of Refugees to United States.

TO : Director, Displaced Persons Sub-Com.
Director, Italian Refugee Branch.
Resident Rep., I.G.C.R.

1. Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum received from Mr. Robert D. Murphy, United States Political Adviser, AFHQ.
2. Will you please convey to all concerned the substance of the War Refugee Board's message.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.7-19

17 August 1944

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Personal for Brig. Lush).

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2. Will you please convey to all concerned the substance of the War Refugee Board's message.

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

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

Incl:
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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER

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August 12, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

SUBJECT: Message from the United States War Refugee Board.

I take pleasure in referring to a message from the War Refugee Board transmitted through the Department of State on August 7, 1944, stating that the recent shipment of refugees arrived at Ontario, New York, and that reports indicate that extreme care was exercised in their selection.

The Board wishes to express its deep appreciation of the prompt organization of the project and of the splendid cooperation and assistance given to Mr. Ackermann. It requests that I extend to the appropriate officers of the Allied Force Headquarters its appreciation of the excellent and prompt service performed.

/s/ and /t/ Robert D. Murphy

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REFERENCE FOX KRAY SIX NINE ONE FOUR FIVE OF JULY SIX PD PAUSE TO ACC ADV HQ FROM
ACC MAIN PAUSE NO REPEAT NO OBJECTION THIS HEADQUARTERS PRESUME YOU WILL CONSULT
SIR CLIFFORD HEATHCOTE SMITH AND DISPER PD IF NO OBJECTION FROM THEM THEN PLEASE
REPLY AFHQ DIRECT COPY HERE

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ROGER B. DUNN
Capt AGD
Deputy Adjutant

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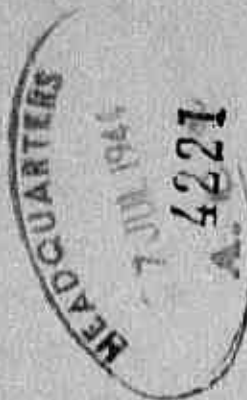
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WRB CABLE 26 (NUMBER 1934 OF JUNE 19) FOR ACKERMANN FROM PHILE,
REFER SECTION 2 YOUR 1998, 13 JUNE, READS AS FOLLOWS: WAR DEPARTMENT
HAS MADE NUMEROUS INQUIRIES CONCERNING CONFIRMATION YOUR APPOINTMENT
BY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE AS BOARD'S SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN ITALY ATTACHED TO ACC. FAILURE OF BRITISH TO ACT
APPARENTLY CAUSE DELAY YOUR APPOINTMENT. WAR DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE
PUSHING THIS MATTER. PLEASE INFORM US PROMPTLY IF YOUR APPOINTMENT
NOT CONFIRMED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS

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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR ACKERMAN OF WAR REFUGEE BOARD
KATKY HAS BEEN RECEIVED HERE THROUGH SAXON AFHQ PAREN TO ROME AREA
COMMAND FOR ACC ROME FOR DISPER FROM ACC MAIN SIGNED ~~MACFARLANE~~ PAREN
BEGINS PD HOPE TO BE CAIRO BY JUNE TWO FOUR PD HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM
PEHLE PAREN CORRUPT PAREN AMERICAN CONSULATE CAIRO CAN YOU MEET ME
THERE PD ENDS PD NEW PARA PD AFHQ HAVE CABLED CAIRO QUOTE ACKERMAN IS
IN ITALY PD YOUR MESSAGE REPEATED THERE UNQUOTE PD AFHQ REPEATED ABOVE
MESSAGE TO DISPER BARI PD WE PASS TO YOU FOR SUCH FURTHER ACTION AS MAY
BE APPROPRIATE

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ACC MAIN FOR ACKERMAN OF WAR REFUGEE BOARD RPTD DESPER BARI

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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM HERBERT KATCY "HOPE TO BE CAIRO BY JUNE 24TH,
HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM PEOPLE ACCOMMODATION? AMERICAN CONSULATE CAIRO CAN YOU
MEET ME THERE." NEW PARA HAVE CABLED CAIRO "ACKERMAN IS IN ITALY. YOUR MESSAGE
REPEATED THERE".

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YOUR THREE THREE FOUR DASH FIVE ONE OF ONE ONE MAY REFERS PD PARH TO
APR FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM AGO MAIN PARH PD NO OBJECTION APPOINTMENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO BE LOCATED AT BARI PD HIS
FUNCTIONS WILL BE EXTERNAL AND HE WILL NOT CONCERN HIMSELF WITH REFUGEES
ONCE THEY ARE IN ITALY WHEN THEY WILL COME UNDER CONTROL DISPLACED PERSONS
SUBCOMMISSION PD REGRET CANNOT SPARE LIEUT COND LAWLER WHO IS VALUABLE
MEMBER OF FINANCE SUBCOMMISSION PD RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ITEM GEORGE
CHARLES ROGER IS ATTACHED HEADQUARTERS ASLE CHARLIN CHARLIN BUT WITH
LOCATION NAPLES OR BARI OR BOTH TO BE DECIDED LATER PD JIG DOG CHARLIN
AND FOX SUGAR ATTACHED TO ITEM GEORGE CHARLIN ROGER REPRESENTATIVE

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Sir Please see contents
of this file

See 17/5

L. T. MONTAGUE, JR.,
1st Lieut. AGO.,
ADJUTANT.

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TO: Executive Commissioner.

 HC JC, APO 394
 Sec'y Gen.
 Rec'd 16 May 0920
 By *ABT*
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 Reference ~~255 and 257~~

1. AFHQ write to say that War Department, Washington, have transmitted to them a request that a special representative of the War Refugee Board should be appointed, subject to your approval, to this H.Q.
2. His duties would be to investigate for the Board the possibilities of rescue and relief for minority groups in enemy occupied territories in areas near Italy who are in imminent danger of death.
3. The representative proposed is ^{Lt. Comdr} John Lawler, now with the Finance Sub-Commission. AFHQ, if permission is granted them, would like to make his HQ at BARI.
4. It appears that the reason for choosing BARI as HQ is because they think that the Resident representative of IGOR is also stationed at BARI. AFHQ point out this inaccuracy and ask whether you would prefer Mr. Lawler to be at HQ. A.C.C.
5. An early reply by cable is requested. I presume that you would prefer the representative to be stationed at HQ. A.C.C. and attach a draft reply. — 4

15 May 1944.

 To *ll*
 G.W.I. SHIFF,
 Lieut. Col.

→ Chief Commissioner.

The above minute explains AFHQ's proposals regarding the War Refugee Board about which I spoke to you. A draft telegram, agreeing in general but refusing to release Lt. Comd. Lawler, is submitted beneath.

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 draft app'd.
 Wm. B. S.

 M. S. C.
 Brig.,
 Ex. Com.

 To
 Sh.

DRAFT CABLE

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TO: AFHQ for MGS

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Your 334-51 of 11 May. No objection appointment of representative of War Refugee Board. Prefer location at HQ A.C.C. and not repeat not in BARI. Resident representative IGOR is attached to this HQ and not repeat not to DISPER. Representatives of JDC and Friends Societies will also be attached HQ. A.C.C. ^{with regard to} ~~No objection~~ to name proposed will communicate further. (1)

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* I spoke with Col Foley who is put on line spot by Secretaries Hull Morgenthau and Stimson. I would like to speak on this.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Military Government Section

MGS: 334-51

11 May 1944

SUBJECT: Presidents War Refugee Board -
Special Representative for Italy

TO : H.Q., Allied Control Commission
(Attention: R.C. & M.G. Section)

Reference is made to our cable 60354 of 5 March.

1. The following is a paraphrase of a message received in this Headquarters from Civil Affairs Division, War Department, Washington, D.C., transmitted at the request of the Executive Director of the Presidents War Refugee Board.

"Presidents War Refugee Board, composed of Secretaries Hull, Morgenthau and Stimson consider it necessary that Board appoint full time special representative without delay with Headquarters in Bari. Representative would investigate for Board possibilities rescue and relief minority groups in enemy occupied territories in areas adjacent to Italy who are in imminent danger of death. Accordingly, it is requested permission be granted for this purpose. If permission granted contemplated that Board, with necessary approval, will appoint as representative John Lawler of United States Coastguards, now with Finance Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Board informed that permission recently granted IGCR for appointment Resident Representative to Bari. Board considers it necessary send own representative to Bari and Sir Herbert Emerson, Director IGCR, concurs. The two representatives will work closely together on refugee problems."

2. In forwarding above message for submission to the Supreme Allied Commander for his decisions the War Department has made the following comments:

a. This representative would be granted United States diplomatic status.

b. He would be able to negotiate with enemy aliens to effect the rescue of refugees with full immunity from the United States "Trading With The Enemy Act", and

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c. He could delegate the authority and immunity in "b", to subordinates of his choosing.

3. It is requested that you will forward your views and comments on the foregoing in order that we may advise the Supreme Allied Commander. The inaccuracy of statement in para. 1 above regarding the appointment of the resident representative of the IGCR to Bari has been noted. In reply, it is requested that you will indicate whether you consider that the representative of the War Refugee Board should be appointed to Bari, or should be attached to your headquarters.

4. We should also be glad if you would let us know whether we are right in thinking,

a. That the Resident Representative of the IGCR is attached to Headquarters Allied Control Commission, and that you do not propose to attach him to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission in Bari.

b. That representatives of the J.D.C. and the American and British Friends Societies whose appointments have been approved are also to be attached to Headquarters, Allied Control Commission for work in conjunction with the Resident Representative of the IGCR.

An early reply, by cable, would be appreciated.

D. S. Jackling
D. S. JACKLING, Lt-Col.,
for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief of Section

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FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION. (TO PATINA RPTD DISPER BARI AND HQ
MAAF SIGNED CINC CITE FRMG). THERE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY EXECUTIVE
ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE US A WAR REFUGEE BOARD WHICH IS DIRECTED
TO TAKE MEASURES TO RESCUE THE VICTIMS OF ENEMY OPPRESSION AND OTHER-
WISE TO AFFORD SUCH VICTIMS RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE. BOARD IS TO
COOPERATE FULLY WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE COMMITTEE, UNRRA, AND
OTHER INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WILL COOPERATE. STATE
DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO APPOINT SPECIAL ATTACHES ABROAD WHERE
ASSISTANCE CAN BE GIVEN TO REFUGEES. TO DATE NO INFORMATION OF APPOINT-
MENT ATTACHE FOR ITALY BUT ONE ALREADY APPOINTED TO NORTH AFRICA.
EXECUTIVE ORDER CALLS UPON WAR DEPARTMENT AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR
AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS
OF THE ORDER.

FURTHER DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE THIS PRESENT BUT WE WILL DISCUSS MATTER
WITH MALIN OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE COMMITTEE ON HIS RETURN ABOUT
ONE FIVE SLANT TWO ZERO, AND INFORM YOU ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS AND
DEVELOPMENTS WHEN WE ARE ABLE. AT THIS STAGE CAN ONLY DRAW YOUR
ATTENTION TO ONE OBJECT OF THE BOARD AS STATED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER,
THAT IS QUOTE TO RESCUE VICTIMS OF ENEMY OPPRESSION". FROM DISCUSSIONS
WITH SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED TO NORTH AFRICA IT APPEARS THAT
THE BOARD WILL BE CHIEFLY INTERESTED IN FACILITATING EXIT OF VICTIMS
OF OPPRESSION FROM ENEMY OR ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES, AND THAT ITS

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INTERESTS WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH THOSE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE
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