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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF REFUGEES
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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 39.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: ALO/120/GA.

11th August 1944.

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I thank you for your letter ICR/9 of 9th August.

In his original proposal (IC/218/60 of 18th February 1944) regarding your appointment here, Mr. Malin suggested that the Resident Representative "should be attached directly to the Headquarters of the Allied Control Commission for purposes of administration and all practicable facilitation of his work". To that suggestion I, on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, agreed (73/GA of 22nd February 1944). This was confirmed by PROKUM telegram F.27287 of 5th April which stated that you would be attached to HQ. ACC.

In my opinion that disposes of the technical point of how your correspondence should be routed.

But there are more important principles involved. The care of displaced persons in Italy is a matter for which the Chief Commissioner is responsible to the Commander-in-Chief. Any proposal, therefore, affecting them must be a matter of concern to him or his staff and proposals affecting them, even if made to international bodies, should either emanate from him or pass through him.

I trust that you will agree with the above and arrange to channel telegrams, etc. accordingly.

(Spa) M.S.Lw

Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith,
Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.

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INTERN GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

10 August 1944.

REFERENCE : ICCR/35

FROM : Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith,
Resident Representative in Italy, I.G.C.R.

TO : Executive Commissioner, H.Q. ACC. (For information)

SUBJECT : Paraphrase of two telegrams sent from Resident Representative
I.G.C.R. to I.G.C.R. London, repeated saving to Resident
Minister A.P.H.Q.

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" No 10 of 5 August 1944.

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on the above subject.

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that if he did not do his utmost at the present time when things were reaching
perhaps a last climax to save still more threatened lives wherever situated
in Europe, neither history or his conscience would forgive him. He would do
everything possible to gain time over against any proposals the American and
British Governments might initiate in regard to the Internees in Europe.

Meanwhile he would request the German Ambassador -
Baron Weissacker to communicate to him the numbers of those in North Italy,
including Italian Jews, still under the shadow of possible deportation.

He would suggest that these people should be permitted
by the Axis to find some place of refuge eventually outside the 'Axis realm'.

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just received a report through the Papal Nuncio at Berne that 50 Jewish
Internees in the German Concentration Camp at Cerpi near Modena had been
murdered by the Germans.

- para 4. I await at your earliest convenience a communication
on the whole subject.

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every Government concerned to associate itself with this invitation.

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humanitarian proposals that this Committee representing world opinion would put
forward.

C. Heathcote-Smith
C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
P.R. I.G.C.R.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 39.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: ¹¹⁸ MAC/CA

10th August 1945

I am sorry to raise the question of channels of communication once more but I must refer to your IGCR/ECR/1 of 7th August. While you are following the procedure of the Allied Control Commission I should be grateful if in future you would avoid direct communication with SCMO's Army AMP's or Regional Commissioners but channel any correspondence for them through either the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission or myself.

I am particularly anxious that SCMO's, who are fully engaged in operational matters, should not be asked to send multiple returns unless it is absolutely necessary. The authority for deciding whether such returns are necessary must rest with me.

(Sga) M.S.L.

Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith,
Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.

Copy to: Acting Chief Commissioner.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

IMMEDIATE

7 August 1944

Provinces covered:

LUCCA & PISA.

REFERENCE : ICCR/REF/1 (Fourth List of names in Forward areas).

FROM : Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith,
Resident Representative, Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.

TO : Chief Commissioner, HQ. ACC.
AMF 5 Army Field (2 copies of lists)
AMF 8 Army Field (1 copy of lists)
No. 3 Forward Group (1 copy of lists)
Director, Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT : Tracing of Foreign Civilian Internees.
Lists of names in Provinces of Lucca and Pisa, Region of Tuscany.

1. First Area covered: LUCCA in TUSCANY.

Individuals formerly interned whose names are known total - 192.

Other sources declare there were over 300 Foreign Civilian Internees in this Province.

Nationalities represented are: 110 Jews from Central European countries (Germany, Poland, Austria, Croatia) British subjects 70 odd Maltese mostly from Tripoli, North Africa and 2 Englishmen named WEBB.

Localities covered: there were in restricted residence (confino libero) at BAGNI DI LUCCA 115 persons - at CASTELNUOVA GARZANINA 75 persons, their names appear in attached list.

Other sources state there were 150 in each of the two above localities.

2. Second Area covered: PISA.

Individuals whose names are known total 40. Other sources declare there were over 60 Internees in PISA PROVINCE.

Nationalities covered: Greek, Russian, Croatian, other Yugoslavs, 1 French woman also 2 Jews.

Localities covered: 6 places of restricted residence (confino libero) chief discrepancy is for MONTICATTINI the names of only 6 persons were known, where as over 30 Internees are believed to have been there.

3. It will be appreciated if a return could be made to me, by mentioning by the numbers only, those who have not been traced.

4. It is suggested the return might be as follows:

List of Foreign Civilian Internees in the Province of.....

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"PISA"

The following were not traced: No's 11, 12, 23 to 32, 63, 110.

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The following were not traced: No's 11, 12, 23 to 32, 63, 110.
 The others have all been identified and are either remaining where they are or proceeding Southwards.

5. Similar information would be appreciated in respect of all further lists of names sent in by me; these lists will be supplied as the battle line advances, and cover Concentration Camps and localities right up to the Alps.

6. NOTE: Copies of these lists have not been attached in the Memorandum addressed to the Chief Commissioner and the Director Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

(Sgd) C.E. HEATHCOTE SMITH.
 I.C.C.P.
 P.R.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

Ref: ICCR/9

2 August 1944

M Dear Maurice,

Your letter reference 440/58/CA of 6 August re channels of communication, for which I thank you.

1. Two points appear to be involved:
 - (a) The use of A.C.C. channels as the only ones between I.G.C.R. London and I.G.C.R. in Italy,
 - (b) Consulting A.A.I. and A.F.H.Q. in the particular case under reference.

2. As regards the first point, I clearly could never have been using the British Embassy - Foreign Office channel had I understood there had been an agreement not to do so.

This I can find no trace of, nor had the idea of such a ban on direct communication ever occurred to me. The Foreign Office is a much faster means of communication than through A.C.C. and A.F.H.Q.; it is the one used by I.G.C.R. London; and I certainly understand that I.G.C.R. London would expect me to be able to use this direct channel.

3. As regards the statement that A.A.I. and A.F.H.Q. should have been consulted, I would regret exceedingly if the impression was gained that I was intending to by-pass them in a matter concerning them. This never was my intention.

In proposing to the I.G.C.R. a further immediate effort to save the lives of threatened Internees, I specifically cabled: "if this can be achieved without injury to the war effort".

I doubted whether the proposal would actually be followed up, but as soon as the reply showed that it would be studied, I communicated the matter both to A.C.C. (yourself) and Mr. Makins, A.F.H.Q., who was in Rome.

4. What I would propose is that, at any future time whenever I have communications to make to London which could interest A.C.C., I send them direct as hitherto, and simultaneously give paraphrase copies to the Executive Commissioner.

I trust this will meet the case.

Brigadier M.S. Lush. O.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Control Commission.

Yours ever
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Clifford S. Heathcote-Smith

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section,

Ref: 110/58/04.

6th August 1944

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The Acting Chief Commissioner's attention has been drawn to the telegram attached to your 1007/55 dated 30th July. He has asked me to remind you that telegrams from yourself should go through the channels already agreed upon, that is to say, through the Allied Control Commission. In this particular case AAI and AFHQ, of course, should have been consulted and it will now be necessary to inform them that the telegrams have gone. I am sure you will understand the reason for the Acting Chief Commissioner wishing to maintain the proper channels for communication between yourself and the L.G.C.R.

(Sgt) N. S. Lath

Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith,
Inter Governmental Committee
of Refugees.

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HQ ACC. 11/15/57
 529 Sec'
 Rec'd. 7 Aug 1944
 By _____

31st July 1944.

Acting Chief Commissioner. 

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1. Attached correspondence is submitted for your information.
2. I do not think that Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith should have sent the telegram through the office of the High Commissioner without previous reference to this Commission. No such reference was made and Sir Clifford told me of his action only yesterday.
3. The position of the Inter Governmental Committee of Refugees is that it is attached to this Commission and works under its aegis and in my opinion we should be careful to preserve this position and not allow telegrams on policy to emanate without your approval. With your permission I propose to tell Sir Clifford this and you may like to mention the matter to Sir Noel Charles and Mr. Ambassador Kirk.
4. In this particular case I do not think any harm has been done although in my own opinion the proposal is more of a gesture than a practical proposition. I think it will take months for the various governments to obtain an answer from Germany and by that time we should have occupied most of Italy and the unfortunate people would either be dead or in our hands.

M.S.C.

I agree. This should have gone through the Commission
 & AFHQ, the paragraph of the American reply I have
 wanted those his - NB words "with due regard
 to military necessities." Cui Ched may have
 strong view & should have had the chance
 Espionage at initio.

→ Brog. hush -

Pls speak to Heathcote Smith as per
 Para. 3. 

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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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SECRET

30 July 1944.

REFERENCE : IGCR/35

FROM : Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith,
Resident Representative in Italy,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.

TO : Brigadier M.S. Lush,
Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Control Commission.

SUBJECT : Mercy Ship and saving of the threatened lives of
Refugees in North Italy.

1. Reference my conversation with you today.
Herewith paraphrase of a telegram sent for me by the
British High Commissioner Rome, to the Foreign Office for the Inter-
Governmental Committee on Refugees London, under date 15 July 1944.
2. As the present paraphrase of the above telegram was used
as the basis of a cable sent by Mr. Myron Taylor (American Ambassador to
the Vatican) addressed on the 15 or 16 July to the Department of State, and
as Mr. Myron Taylor's telegram so far is the only one that has elicited a
reply (which he has handed me), I attach paraphrase of this reply also.
3. It is a cable from the Department of State dated 24 July
embodying a message from the War Refugee Board to the Director of the Inter
Governmental Committee on Refugees - Sir Herbert Emerson.

2. Encls.

C. E. Heathcote-Smith
C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
R.R. I.G.C.R.

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Co. Sn p.

Jews.

Folios 160, 161 and 162.

These folios are copies to us of
letters written by Sir Clifford
Hathorne Smith concerning Jews.
There is no action required by us
but the Executive Commissioner
might wish to see.

J. Keating May

1 Oct..

E.C.

For info - folios were forwarded

Seen. Thank you. No further
Action.

W. J. 1/x.

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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES,
HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 594.

IGCR/51.

27th September, 1944.

29 SEP Recd

(Dear Emerson),

Subject: Flight of Jews in Croatia.

Your letter IO/207/62 of the 1st September relative to the above.

The attached memorandum from me to the "M".M.M. shows that the matter has already been taken in hand, as also my telegram No.18 of to-day's date.

Mr. Perlman at Bari had been discussing the matter for some time with the Italian Air Force, and the Military so far do not anticipate any outward political repercussions on the ground that we are discriminating in favour of the Jews. However, this aspect will be carefully watched.

It is most satisfactory that a start has been made, if not of removing refugees actually in enemy hands, at least of removing those who might under certain circumstances be threatened in the near future by German forces.

(Yours)

(Sgd.) C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH.

Sir Herbert Emerson,
Director,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees,
11a Regent Street,
LONDON, W.1.

Copy sent to:-

Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. A.C.,
A.F.H.Q. 2694

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Executive Commissioner.

Remittance of Funds to American Joint Distribution
and Friends Service Committee.

Please see folio 157 which is A.F.H.Q. signal
Folio 157 to Washington setting out needs of A.J.D.C. and F.S.C.
at 6,000,000 Lire per month.

do 146(a)

Please also see folio 146 (a).

J.S. Reakes

J.S. REAKES,
Major.

28 September 1944.

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FOLLOWING FROM RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE INTER GOVERNMENTAL

COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES PD

PAPER TO INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES LONDON FROM 400

SIGNED STATE PAPER

TELEGRAM NUMBER EIGHTEEN SUBJECT RESCUE OF JEWISH REFUGEES

FROM CROATIA PD YOUR LETTER OF FIRST SEPTEMBER PD MILITARY

AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN EVACUATION BY AIR OF THIS GROUP PD SO

FOR TWENTYTHREE HOURS HERE PD TOTAL SHOULD REACH THREE HUNDRED

AND POSSIBLY SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY PD SPEED OF REMOVAL DEPENDS

ON AVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT PD ESCORTS FOLLOWS

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Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. A.C.C.,
A.P.H.C.,

Adjutant.

L.T. MONTAGUE, Jnr.,

1st Lt. ADC.,

CL 48

FOLLOWING FROM RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE LATER GOVERNMENTAL

COUNTRIES OF REFUGES TO

PAID TO LATER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGES LONDON FROM AGO

SIGNED BY THE PAID

TELEGRAM RECENT NIGHTEN SUBJECT RESUME OF JEREMY REFUGES

FROM GERMANY TO YOUR LETTER OF FIRST SEPTEMBER TO MILITARY

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ON AVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT TO RESEARCH FOLLOWS

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L.T. MONTAG, Jnr.,

1st Lt. ADC.,

Adjutant.

Executive Commissioner,

H. B. & A. B. C.

A. F. & C. C.

See Shipp to report 30/9 yk

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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES LONDON CASE FOREIGN OFFICE

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FOLLOWING FROM RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE LATER GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

ON REFUGEES ID

PAPER TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES LONDON FROM AOC

SIGNED STONE EATON

TELEGRAM NUMBER SEVENTEEN SUBJECT THREATENED LIVES OF INTERESTES

AND DEPORTATIONS ID FURTHER CONFIRMATION COLLECTED BY ME HERE AND AT

FLORENCE ID

PARA ONE ON NINETEENTH OCTOBER LAST ONE THOUSAND JEWISH REFUGEES INCLUDING
FAMILIES WERE DEPORTED FROM ROME BY TRAIN IN LOADED HORSE TRUCKS AND
EIGHTHUNDRED AND TWENTY SHORTLY AFTER PD FIRST TRAIN WAS IDENTIFIED
IN FLORENCE BY SEVERAL SENIOR ITALIAN RAILWAY OFFICIALS WHOM I CONTACTED PD
TRAINS WERE BOUND FOR BERGAMO AND BEYOND CONDITIONS WERE TERRIBLE
PARA TWO SOME FIVE HUNDRED ITALIAN JEWS FROM FLORENCE WERE SIMILARLY
DEPORTED IN OCTOBER PD NO FURTHER NEWS OF ALL THE ABOVE HAS EVER BEEN
RECEIVED PD LISTS OF DEPORTED HAVE BEEN OBTAINED

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PARA THREE PART OF THESE DEPORTED PD ITALIAN INTERPRETER OF GENOAPO CHIEF
AT FLORENCE INFORMED ME THAT LATER AND HIS SUBORDINATES TALKED OPENLY
BEFORE HIM PD THEY TOOK THE DETERMINED EXTERMINATION OF THESE JEWS AS
CERTAIN AND DREADED OF THEIR SECRET KNOWLEDGE OF THE NAMES OF THE

CHAS

FOLLOWING FROM RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE LATER GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION

ON REFUGES ID

PARISH TO INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGES LONDON FROM AOC

SIGNED SOURCE. NAME

TELEGRAM NUMBER SEVENTEEN SURVIVY THIRTYTHREE LIVES OF INTERESTS
AND INFORMATION TO FURTHER COMMISSION COLLECTED BY ME HERE AND AT
MARINE PD

PARA ONE ON SIXTYSEVEN OCTOBER LAST ONE THOUSAND JEWISH REMAINS INCLUDING
FAMILIES WERE DEPOSITED FROM ROME BY TRAIN IN LACKED HOUSE DROCKS AND
EIGHTHUNDRED AND TWENTY SHORTLY AFTER PD FIRST TRAIN WAS IDENTIFIED
IN FLORENCE BY SEVERAL SENIOR ITALIAN RAILWAY OFFICIALS WHOM I CONTACTED PD
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DEPOSITED IN OCTOBER PD NO FURTHER NEWS OF ALL THE ABOVE HAS EVER BEEN
RECEIVED PD LISTS OF DEPOSITED HAVE BEEN OBTAINED

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PARA THREE DATE OF TRAINS DEPOSITED PD ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE OF GENOAPO CHIEF
AT FLORENCE INFORMED ME THAT LATER AND HIS SUBORDINATES TALKED OPENLY
BEFORE HIM PD THEY TOOK THE INTERESTING EXTORTION OF THESE JEWES AS
CERTAIN AND BOASTED OF THEIR SECRET KNOWLEDGE OF THE NAMES OF THE
MASSACRE CENTERS

Executive Commissioner,
HQ., AOC.

L. F. MONTAGNE, JR.,
1st Lt. AOC.,
ADJUTANT:

*See list of names
file 3049*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 394

28 SEP Recd

25th September, 1944.

CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT FROM : MEM/51.

FROM : Mr Clifford Northcote-Smith,
President Representative,
British & Commonwealth Committee on Refugees.

TO : Lt. Col. Vivian Street,
V.P.M., D.O., 2 District.

SUBJECT : Continued removal of Jews from camps to Italy.

1. Reference our communication at Bari on the 22nd September, when I was informed that already over 29 persons, from a large Jewish group inside Yugoslavia, had been brought over on the 18th September into safety and placed in the Bari Transit Camp. I would express, for your agreement, that the following should be the future procedure:-

(a) Of the group in and around Tavaria, progress, as fast as is possible with military conditions, should be made to bring out the 670 persons whose names were on the approved list.

(b) First preference would be for the 130 odd non-Bulgarian Jews with, say, two or three specially "informative" Bulgarian Jews who could furnish valuable data.

(c) Next group would be the 130 odd orphan children together with those considered deserving of priority removal from a national point of view.

(If by this time it had been ascertained that no political - especially anti-semitic - movement of any importance was caused by this Jewish concentration, then)

(d) Without exception, the remaining members of the group of 670 would be considered as a third category.

2. The group in Lika, several thousands near Vukovar: could information be gathered as to the possibility and expediency of bringing out the 300 Yugoslavs and other Jews said to be living in pitiable conditions in that area?

If the British Liaison Officers at those two places considered this not unduly onerous on political grounds, and military facilities permit it, could medicines and any other real necessities be distributed among these distressed people?

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1. 10. 1944. Jordanian situation
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1. Reference our conversation at Beirut on the 22nd September, when I was informed that already some 29 persons from a large Jordanian group inside Yugoslavia, had been brought over on the 18th September into safety and placed in the Beirut Transit Camp. I would suggest, for your agreement, that the following should be the future procedure:-

2 (a) Of the group in and around Zagreb, persons, as fast as is compatible with military conditions, should be made to bring out the 670 persons whose names were on the approved list.

(b) First preference would be for the 130 odd non-Yugoslav Jews with, say, two or three specially "informative" Yugoslav Jews who could furnish valuable data.

(c) Next group would be the 130 odd certain children together with those considered deserving of priority removal from a national point of view.

(If by this time it had been ascertained that no political - especially anti-Semitic - movement of any importance was caused by this Jewish concentration, then)

(d) Without consultation, the remaining members of the group of 670 would be evacuated as a third category.

2. The group in Lhasa, around Salween near Weichin: could information be gathered as to the probability and advisability of bringing out the 300 Yugoslavs and other Jews said to be living in suitable conditions in that area?

If the British Liaison Officers at these two places considered this not undesirable on political grounds, and military conditions permit it, could relations and any other real necessities be distributed among these distressed groups?

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3. Removal of all those desiring to leave by using the land and sea routes when open.

The total of the Yugoslav group has been given as 1200: the 670 mentioned above being a mixed subsection. The Yugoslav group appears to number 300.

Now again, could the probability and advisability of removing both these groups, in their entirety, be considered (except for those who elect to remain in Yugoslavia), it being understood that they would be taken or be conveyed to the sea coast, and that some naval or other means would be set up for bringing them across.

Enclosure/

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4. Please note that the urgency of the removal of the Populists group is based on the alleged danger arising from the fact that this area lies on a probable path of retreat for the Germans when they are evacuating Yugoslavia.

5. There should be a possibility of sending further immigrants to Palestine about the end of October. Palestine is being requested to allow some of those now in Yugoslavia to be added to the list of immigrants. No reply has yet been received, but the possibility of a favourable reply makes it more urgent to get most of this group out before the next Palestine convey sails.

(Sd.) G.R. Heathcote Smith.

G.R. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
R.R. I.G.C.R.

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The Director, I.C.C.R., LONDON.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

23 September 1944

27 SEP Recd

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FILE: G-5/123.7

SUBJECT: Remittance of Funds from U.S. to Relief Agencies in Italy. *1146*

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394,
(Attention: Executive Commissioner, R.C. & M.G. Section).

1. Reference is made to your letter (Ref/440/146/CA) dated 16 September 1944 on above subject. There is attached hereto for your information and files a copy of message F 28116, dated 21 September, which was dispatched to the War Department, Washington, D.C. in accordance with the request set forth in para 5 of your letter. *157*

(S) Norman Plegrave
CHARLES M. SPOTTORD *Wg. A*
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

1 Encl.
As above.

Ev. Comm. Sec. Ref. folio 146
EX-209

see 163.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

ROUTINE

TO: FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR HILLDRING

REF NO: F 28116

SIGNED: WILSON

CITE: FHGEO

Reported by ACC that Joint Distribution Committee and American Friends Service Committee adversely affected in relief work in ITALY by non arrival funds from parent organizations. JDC now assisting about 2,000 Jewish refugees not aided by American Red Cross and needs about 6,000,000 Lira per month. AFSC helping stateless persons not aided by ARC. JEFFERSON of ARC satisfied no duplication in relief activities. Is any further information needed before remittances to JDC and AFRC will be authorized? Refer para 7 of your WX 66135 of 17 July.

ORIGINATOR: G-5

AUTHENTICATION: E.P. SEAGRAVE, MAJOR

INFORMATION:

SGS
US POLAD
MR MACMILLAN
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Ref. No. F 28116

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

1851/104

Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

27 September 1944

SUBJECT : Advisory Committee on Refugees and
Displaced Persons

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Ref. memo 440/155/CA dated 26 September 1944.

2. The Director and Deputy Director of this Sub-Commission
will attend the meeting to be held on Friday 29 September 1944.

For the Director:

(F. Fothergill)

G. F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Col.
Deputy Director.

file 29/9

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155
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Executive Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Welfare & Relief Organisations.

FILE No. 440/155/CA.

TO: Displaced Persons Sub-Com.

26th Sept. 1946

The Executive Commissioner directs me to draw your attention to Page 154 of this file. You will probably wish to make arrangements for a representative of your Sub-Commission to attend the meeting.

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Appt. to

MA to Executive Commissioner.

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Brigadier Lush

A/Cc wished
this to be brought to
your notice.

(Date of meeting
is changed from 27th
to 1100 hrs on 29th)

J.A. Quangle.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-5 Section

APC 512

G-5: 030-1

20 September 1944

25 SEP Recd

SUBJECT: Welfare and Relief Organisations.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APC 394

1. Reference is made to your letter 440/51/CA-A/ACC. 321 of 1 Aug 1944.

2. You will have received information regarding the constitution of an Advisory Committee²² co-ordinate the efforts, in their respective fields, of the voluntary organisations for welfare and relief throughout the theatre. A copy of the relative administrative instructions is attached.

3. It has been suggested that the first meeting of the new body should take place in Rome on Wed. 27 Sept 1944. This is at the request of a majority of members who would thus be subjected to the minimum of inconvenience. Any facility that could be offered for the meeting would be greatly appreciated.

4. Regarding para 3 of your letter, the status of the various Red Cross agencies is under consideration by this HQ, and the International Red Cross Committee and will be the subject of a further communication.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD

Colonel, G.S.C.

Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl:

as above.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

18 September 1944

STAFF MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

1. An Advisory Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons is hereby established at AFHQ.

2. The object of the Committee shall be to assist in the development of methods and plans for care and repatriation or resettlement of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

3. This object shall be accomplished through:

a. Joint consideration of the resources and programs of the various organizations - (1) civil governmental, (2) military and (3) private civilian - engaged in that work; and

b. Subsequent planning and directives emanating from the respective appropriate authorities.

4. The initial composition of the Committee shall be as follows:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--|
| <u>Chairman</u> | - The Chief Administrative Officer, AFHQ. |
| <u>Vice Chairman</u> | - The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ.
Principal Representative of UNRRA for Liaison,
Mediterranean Theater. |
| <u>Joint Secretaries</u> | - One UNRRA observer and a representative of G-5. |
| <u>Members</u> | - A Representative of:

United States Political Advisor
British Resident Minister
Allied Control Commission X
United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation
Administration
American Red Cross
British Red Cross
War Refugee Board
Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees
American Joint Distribution Committee
American Friends Service Committee. |

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AFHQ Staff Memorandum #89 (cont'd)

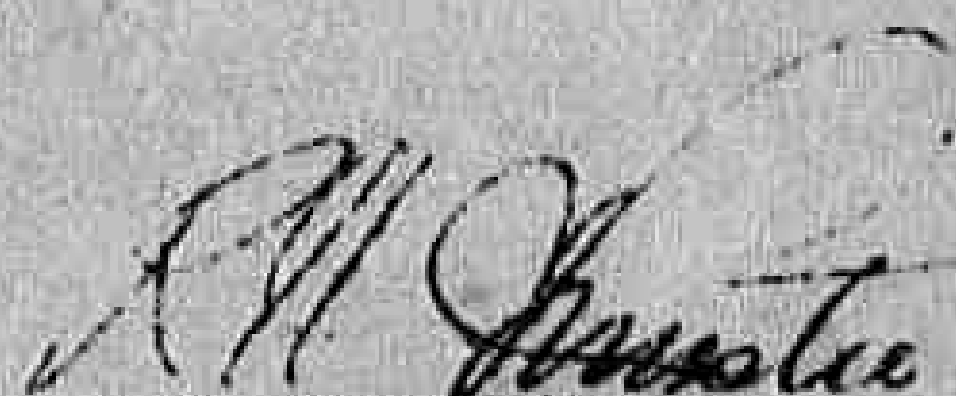
5. The Committee shall recommend any changes in its composition which conditions from time to time seem to warrant.

6. Meetings of the Committee shall be held at least once a month following the first meeting, and at such other times as the Chairman may direct.

7. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to keep an adequate record of the Committee's meetings and work; to gather such data concerning Refugees and Displaced Persons as the Committee and/or its Chairman shall direct; and to accomplish such other tasks as the Committee may delegate to them, looking toward the cooperative development of the military and civilian agency program in this field.

8. Nothing herein stated shall be construed to affect the powers of the usual governing bodies of the various private or governmental agencies to manage their own internal affairs in accordance with powers vested in them.

By command of General WILSON:


R. H. CHRISTIE,
Colonel, AGD,
Acting Adjutant General.

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- 2 - UNRRA
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- 2 - Br Red Cross
- 2 - War Refugee Board
- 2 - Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees
- 2 - American Joint Distribution Committee
- 2 - American Friends Service Committee

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
ON REFUGEE
PROBLEMS
ALIGNED COUNTRIES COMMISSION
APO 394.

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CONFIDENTIAL AND IMMEDIATE.

19th September, 1944.

REFERENCE: 100E/51.

22 SEP Read

From : Resident Representative,
Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees.

To : Acting Chief Commissioner,
H.C., 403.

Copy to: Director,
I. & D.E.S.O.

Subject : Yugoslav Refugees.

1. I have just been informed by Mr. M.S. Perlman, who is working for the I.G.C.R. in the Bari Office, that the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation have agreed to evacuate a group of 670 persons, almost all Jewish, from Yugoslavia to Italy. This group consists largely of persons over fifty years of age and of younger women with children. In addition there are approximately 150 Jewish children who will be unaccompanied. Most of these are orphans and others have only a father who is serving with the Partisan Forces.

2. It is expected that this evacuation will be completed within four weeks and will begin any day now.

3. The I.G.C. has cleared this group with the proper intelligence people and Bari Transit Camp has been informed of this plan.

C. Heath *clerk*

S.E. WATKINS-NEWM,
R.E. I.G.C.S.

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See shipping for info. Copy plan
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To : Acting Chief Commissioner,
 W.C. 400.
 Copy to: Director,
 I. & D.P.S.S.
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Ch. Heath

C.B. FRANKLIN-SMITH,
 R.R. I.G.C.R.

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*Let's sample for info. Copy for
 Gene to 1st & 2nd Sub Com. Ex
 Com. might like to see.
 ppg 22/9.*

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*22/9 - has not in progress -
 1 of 10. ~~Sub Com~~
 C.B. 22/9/44*

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*Has not the time come
 to stop this flow? M/24/9*

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

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Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: HQ/151/CA.

20th September 1944

SUBJECT: Transit Centre for Hungarian Jews.

TO : R.C., Region I.

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I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to forward for your information copy of correspondence relating to the proposed construction of a transit centre for Hungarian Jews in your Region.

(Sgd) *A. J. Stewart*
Major,
MA to Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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Specimen 2
RMS/hjp

19 September 1944

19 SEP Recd

SUBJECT: Transit Center in Sicily for Hungarian Jews

TO : Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, Inter-Governmental Com-
mittee on Refugees, Hq ACC

Prime Minister Bonomi agreed yesterday that Italian Go-
vernment would not object to the establishment of a transit center
for Hungarian Jews in Sicily as proposed in telegram dated August
25th to British High Commissioner, provided the Allies constructed
the camp and imported all construction, maintenance and food sup-
plies. He stated that the Italian Government would be glad to make
available the necessary land but that the Sicilian economy was
such that the government would not feel justified in permitting
local materials or local food supplies to be diverted from the
critical Italian needs.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Exec Comm

Copy to Reg I
176 19/5. See 151.

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Hq ACC	Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED	
Date	19 Sept 1944
Via	4679
Initials	may RHP

COPY of Foreign Off. telegram to High Commissioner, Rome
dated 25th Aug. 1944

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It appears that Jews are no longer being deported from Hungary for massacre in Poland and the Hungarian Government has offered to release Jews whose entry into Palestine has been approved by Palestine Government and also Jewish children under 10 years of age who hold visas for countries other than Palestine.

2. In the opinion of the International Red Cross, upon which I am disposed to rely, Hungarian Government may release further categories of Jews. H.M. Government will undoubtedly be subjected to severe pressure in the U.S. and elsewhere to allow such people to enter Palestine. A proposal of this kind could not be entertained for one moment since it is essential, so long as the war lasts, to limit the numbers of Jewish immigrants into Palestine to those allowed in the White Paper. If this limit is not maintained there will be, as you are probably aware, a risk of serious consequences in the near East gravely prejudicial to the conduct of the war.

3. It therefore becomes urgently necessary to find a destination temporarily at least other than Palestine for such Jews as may be released by the Hungarian Government in accordance with opinion of the International Red Cross cited above. Secretary of State for the Colonies urges (and I agree) that such an alternative destination should not (repeat not) be near Palestine. There seem to be objections to all countries in the Mediterranean area save Sicily which you recall was recently suggested in public by President Roosevelt as a possible asylum for refugees.

4. Please telegraph your views on the possibility of establishing in Sicily a transit centre for Jewish Refugees and, should you see no objection, ask A.F.H.Q., if they would agree to this proposal representing to them the urgency and importance of the problem in the light of considerations given above.

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ALLIED CENTRAL COMMISSION,
AND FOR.

14th September, 1944.
16 SEP Recd

Dear Mr. Barton,

International Rescue and Relief Committee.

With reference to your two calls regarding the possibility of starting up an office of the (American) International Rescue and Relief Committee here in Italy, is so far as you will be carrying out relief work, as there is now the Advisory Committee on Refugees at I.P.R.C., I should advise you to put yourself in touch with that Committee before setting up here.

As the Executive Secretary of your Committee in New York had advised you to consult with our Committee here before taking any step, you may prefer to approach the Advisory Committee on Refugees, I.P.R.C., through this Committee - but in that matter please yourself.

As regards the more confidential side of your Committee - reasons exist in respect of individuals falling within the categories of intellectual, labour and political refugees - should you wish to undertake any activities in this direction, you would already have first to approach the Executive Committee, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, before taking any steps in view of the nature of the work involved.

Yours very sincerely,
(Sgd.) O.E. Hawthorne-Smith.
O.E. HAWTHORNE-SMITH,
R.P. L.G.C.R.

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Copy for information sent to:

L.G.C.R., London.
The Executive Committee, HQ., A.C.C.,
Col. M. Stafford, C.E.C.,

for shipping of info
Feb 1945

Relief Committee here in Italy, in so far as you will be carrying out relief work, as there is now the Advisory Committee on Refugees at A.P.H.C., I should advise you to put yourself in touch with that Committee before setting up here.

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Yours very sincerely,

(Sgt.) C.E. Hawthorne-Smith,

C.E. HAWTHORNE-SMITH,
R.R. I.C.C.R.

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Copy for information sent to:

I.C.C.R., London.

The Executive Committee, H.C., A.C.,

Col. M. Spafford, C.E.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5,
for Advisory Committee on Refugees,
A.P.H.C.

Sgt. Paul B. Montana,
International Rescue and Relief Committee,
Rome.

(enclosure to be addressed).

Sgt. Paul B. Montana,
Via Francesco Sclavi 96,
c/o Sgt. Castelfranco,
Rome.

See Stapp's file

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*to see you, I will get to know
person statement of what he
wants before anything you*

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TO: Executive Commissioner.

15 Sep 44.

Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees.

Folio 143 and 144

1. Folio 143 is a draft letter prepared by Sir C. E. Heathcote-Smith at your request as a result of the conference held in your office on the 11th Sept 44.
2. If you approve of the draft letter it will be typed out for your signature.

Issue.

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J. S. Reakes Maj.

J. S. REAKES,
Major.

Col. Shipp.

This letter has been typed for signature by the
Executive Commissioner. Will you please
have it signed.

16/9.

J. S. Reakes Maj.

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

Ref/440/146/Ca.

16 Sept. 1944.

SUBJECT: Remittance of Funds from United States to Relief Agencies in Italy.

TO : AFHQ, G-5.
Attention : Col. Charles M. Spofford.

1. The American Joint Distribution Committee (J.D.C.) and the American Friends Service Committee (A.F.S.C.) have both been affected in their work here by the non-arrival of funds expected from their parent organizations in America. It is understood that the remittance of these funds has been held up by G-5 (Civil Affairs Branch), Washington.

2. Apparently G-5, Washington, has been under the impression that the American Red Cross is covering the whole field of assistance in this theatre and that, therefore, additional funds are not necessary.

3. The J.D.C. and the A.F.S.C. have both function under the International Governmental Committee on Refugees. The J.D.C. has been carrying on a programme of assistance to Jewish refugees in Italy continuously since 1938. It is assisting to-day some 2,000 Jewish refugees whom the A.R.C. does not touch, and the present needs are some six million lire per month. The A.F.S.C. is also helping, with a more modest outlay, stateless persons whom the A.R.C. does not cover.

4. Mr. Jefferson, in charge of the A.R.C. in this theatre, was present at a conference held in my office on the 11th September with present, the head of our Finance Sub-Commission, Col. A.P. Graffey-Smith, as well as the representative in charge of the I.C.C.R., the J.D.C. and the A.F.S.C. It was fully established to the satisfaction of all concerned that there is no duplication of work by the organizations represented at the conference, and that each is doing a necessary part of relief.

5. I shall be glad, therefore, if you would put this view by telegram to Washington so as to ensure that the delay in the transfer of funds from the Headquarters of the J.D.C. and of the A.F.S.C. be terminated in order that their work may continue smoothly and their necessary relief functions proceed.

6. It is now some three months that this matter has formed the subject of telegraphic exchanges between Washington and this office, so that an early and favourable solution is urgently needed.

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M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For A/Chief Commissioner.

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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COM HIGH
APO 334.

1460A
13th September, 1944.
15 SEP Recd
REFERENCE: LGOR/35.
FROM : Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.

TO : Executive Commissioner, H.Q., A.C.C.
Mr. Myron Taylor, American Ambassador to the Vatican,
Mr. L. Ackermann, War Refugee Board Representative.

Herewith for information text of a telegram sent to-day from myself
to I.G.C.R., London, through British High Commission to the Foreign Office.

Following for Sir Herbert Morrison Inter Governmental
Committee on Refugees from Benito-Mussolini.

Begin telegram No.15.

Most urgent. Subject: Proposal to extend Provisional
Political Protection to all Jews in Axis Hands.

Proposal is that a solemn joint announcement would be
made by President Roosevelt and Premier Churchill to Germany
and all Satellite Powers.

It would declare all Jews and others in Axis hands
already denationalized under racial laws, and/or stateless,
to be under Provisional Protection of the United States and
Great Britain until the conclusion of hostilities (or the
signature of peace).

2. It would demand for this category the treatment accorded
to all other national civilian internees in every civilized
country; with full privileges.

3. It would then declare that henceforth any harm done to
these protected persons would be classed as a State crime
committed against Great Britain and U.S.A., apart from the
personal guilt of individuals.

4. Finally there would be repeated broadcasts and leaflets
in the lines of President Roosevelt's statement of 24 March.

5. Psychological Moment. As the certainty of our early
victory is now spreading throughout Europe, new recruits for
our purposes would arise everywhere.

6. Legal Aspect. In Italy Decree of November 1938
denationalized Italian Jews and declared them to be enemy subjects.
When Premier Churchill offered British citizenship to the
French in June 1940 most of France was already in the hands of

Leaflet to be written
and distributed
put up by British
authorities.

Following for Mr Herbert Morrison Inter Governmental
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cannot be immediately effective.

This provisional protection, until armistice or peace,
would place no added obligations on the protecting Powers after
that date.

7. Time Factor. I need not point out its urgency during
this last crucial period when the Axis might indulge in a
final cry.

If proposal has now some value, it is suggested
special effort be attempted to place it before President and
Premier while still together at Quebec.

8. This telegram is sent after considerable consultation
with Representative War Refugee 3 card who has telegraphed
Washington in similar sense.

*See the report for who
was and proposed
for the purpose of
the British Government
London.*

See 16.2

INTER GOVERNMENTAL COM. ITALY
ON REFUGEES,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 591.

15 SEP Recd

12th September, 1944.

REFERENCE : IGCR/REF/1.

FROM : Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees,

TO : Executive Commissioner,
H.Q., A.C.C. (no list attached).

A.M.C. 5th Army Field (2 lists attached) (through H.Q.
For Forward Group I & DPSC. A.C.C.)

A.M.C. 8th Army Field (2 lists attached) { " "
For Forward Group I & DPSC. " "

Director, I. & D.P.C.C. (no list attached)

SUBJECT : Tracing of Civilian Foreign Internees:
List of names in Province of PADOVA (Veneto).

1. Area covered - PADOVA.

(a) Individuals whose names were known in May 1943 - total 52
Localities covered - total 3

Principal localities: where
living in Confino Libero:

Pieve di Sacco

Torreglia
Grantorto

(b) Estimate by other Authority:

Abano
Cittadella
Montebelluna
Pieve di Sacco

Persons.	
16	All Jewish, 11 Poles, 4 Germans, 1 Stateless.
8	All Jewish - Croats.
7	All Jewish - Yugoslavs.
	+ TOTAL 173.
20	British and Stateless.
20	British
50	British
60	Mixed.

2. It would be appreciated if a return could be made by mentioning the
numbers only, of those who have not been traced.

3. It is suggested that the return might be as follows:
List of Foreign Civilian Internees in the Province of:.....

PADOVA

The following were not traced: Nos. 3, 7, 19, 35. The others

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A.M.C. Sta Army Field (2 lists attached)
 Ben Howard Group I & HSC.
 (L.A.C. (through H.Q.

A.M.G. 8th Army Field (2 lists attached)
for Forward Group I & II.

Director, I. à D.P.S.C. (no list attached)

SUBJECT : Trading of Civilian Foreign Interests:
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1. Area covered - PADMA.

	total	total
(e) Individuals whose names were known in May 1943	52	3
localities covered		

Principal localities: where
living in Confino libero:

Prove it 59,000

Torreglia
Cventorto

Grant 02-00

(h) Estimate by other Authority:

Libano

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- **STUDENTS**

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All Jewish,
11 Poles, 4 Germans, 1
Stateless.

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477 Jewish - Croats.

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Al-Jawhri - Zaglals.

→ TOTAL 173.

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ANDRE

PADOVA
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Spoken to Father & Mother. The birds

headed by one to bein

(pending into forward
(65 1780 repr worthy)

for wife only.

bc. 82 1579

C. ~~Heisterbach~~

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
OF EXPERTS,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.

13th September, 1944.

REFERENCE: IGCC/7.

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FROM : Resident Representative,
I.G.C.R., HQ., A.C.C.

TO : Brigadier M. S. Lush,
Executive Commissioner,
HQ., ACC.

SUBJECT : Remittance of funds from United States
to Relief Agencies in Italy.

Herewith the suggested draft to G-5, A.P.H.Q.,
for your signature.

Result of Conference

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INNER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.

12th September, 1944.

SECRET.

TO : Col. Charles M. Stoddard, C.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, E-5,
A.F.H.Q.

FROM: Brigadier M. Lush,
Executive Commissioner,
A.C., A.F.C.

SUBJECT: Remittance of Funds from United States to Relief Agencies
in Italy.

The American Joint Distribution Committee (J.D.C.) and the American Friends Service Committee (A.F.S.C.) have both been affected in their work here by the non-arrival of funds expected from their parent organisations in America. It is understood that the remittance of these funds has been held up by G-5 (Civil Affairs Branch), Washington.

2. Apparently G-5, Washington has been under the impression that the American Red Cross is covering the whole field of assistance in this theatre and that, therefore, additional funds are not necessary.

3. The J.D.C. and the A.F.S.C. have both function under the Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees. The J.D.C. has been carrying on a programme of assistance to Jewish refugees in Italy continuously since 1938. It is assisting to-day some 2,000 Jewish refugees whom the A.F.C. does not touch, and the present needs are some six million lire per month. The A.F.S.C. is also helping, with a more modest outlay, stateless persons whom the A.F.S. does not cover.

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4. Mr. Jefferson, in charge of the A.R.C. in this theatre, was present at a conference held in my office on the 11th September with present, the head of our Legal Sub-Commission, Col. A.P. Gaffney-Smith as well as the representative in charge of the I.C.C., the J.D.C. and the A.F.S.C.

It was fully established to the satisfaction of all concerned that there is no duplication of work by the organisations represented at the conference, and that each is doing a necessary part of relief.

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5. I shall be glad, therefore, if you would put this view by telegram to Washington so as to ensure that the delay in the transfer of funds from the Headquarters of the I.D.C. and of the A.P.S.C. be terminated in order that their work may continue smoothly and their necessary relief functions proceed.

6. It is now some three months that this matter has formed the subject of telegraphic exchanges between Washington and this Office, so that an early and favourable solution is urgently needed.

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Deputy
Exec. Commissioner.

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

Ref 440/141/GA

14th September, 1944

SUBJECT: Air Travel to London for
Representative of I.C.C.R.
TO : G - 5, A.P.H.

1. Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith has been requested by the Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees to go to London for official consultations and is due to arrive during the first week of October.
2. It would be appreciated if you would authorise his travel by air to London on or about the 2nd of October.

M.S. Luck - BRIS.
G. W. J. SMITH - ASST COM
Lt. Colonel - FOR A/C/COM.
For Deputy Executive Commissioner

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THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.

11th September, 1944.

MEMORANDUM: ICOR/15.

FROM : Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith,
Resident Representative, I.C.C.R.
TO : Lt. Col. G.W.I. Shipp,
Civil Affairs Branch.

1. I have been requested by the Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees, London to proceed there for consultations, and am due to arrive during the first week of October.
2. I should be grateful if you would help me obtain an air passage, ensuring that as I am giving over three weeks' notice, even if my priority is only 3, I shall be normally sure of a passage.
3. I could, if necessary, leave as early as the 2nd or 3rd October.

C. Heathcote-Smith
C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
R.R. I.C.C.R.

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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.

7th September, 1944.

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REFERENCE : IGCR/XI.

FROM : Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith,
Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.

TO : Sir Herbert Emerson,
Director,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees,
LONDON, W.1.

Copy for information to:

Acting Chief Commissioner, H.Q., A.G.O.
(through Executive Commissioner)

British High Commissioner, Palestine.

SUBJECT : Italian Citizenship and Zionist Attitude.

My Strictly Confidential memorandum IGCR/XI of the 26th August and telegram No. 14 of the 4th September, both in respect of Zionist activities, and in this particular case in respect of the acquisition of Italian Citizenship by stateless Jews.

2. The Executive Commissioner informed me that he thought that the Army Authorities might not wish that the conduct of British soldiers serving in Italy should be made the subject of representations from outside, and that he was convinced they might prefer to deal with the matter locally. He would therefore take up the matter with the Military Authorities. It was for this reason that I telegraphed "Please take no action".

C. Heathcote-Smith
C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
R.R. I.G.C.R. 4667

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8th September, 1944

SUBJECT: Formation of Advisory Committee
on Refugees and Displaced Persons

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. At 138 Sir Heathcote-Smith writes to the director of I.G.C.R. in London giving an account of a meeting held at Caserta recently. Para 9 is an interesting survey of the main duties of I.G.C.R. You might wish to discuss this with Sir Heathcote-Smith.

G. W. I. Shipp Lt. Col.

G. W. I. SHIPP
Lt. Colonel

To see 136 & 138.

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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CENTRAL COMMISSION
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4th September, 1944.

MEMORANDUM: 1009/44.

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FROM: Sir Clifford Mather-Smidt,
Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.

TO: Director,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees,
LONDON, S.W.1.

COPY to: Executive Commissioner, H.Q., A.C.C.
for Chief Commissioner, H.Q., A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Formation of Advisory Committee on Refugees and
Displaced Persons.

Col. Spofford, C.I.C., Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, called a meeting at A.F.H.Q. to discuss the formation of the above Committee.

2. Those present unanimously approved its formation, and its initial composition is as follows:-

Chairman: The Chief Administrative Officer, A.F.H.Q.,
Major General Clark,

Vice-Chairman: The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, A.F.H.Q.,
Colonel Charles H. Spofford,
The Liaison Officer for U.S.R.A.A. at A.F.H.Q.,
Mr. Cochran.

Joint Secretaries: One of the U.S.A.R.A. Officers and a Representa-
tive of G-5.

Members: Representative of United States Political
Adviser: Mr. Hornet.
For the British Resident Minister: Sir Anthony Rumbold, M.C.,
Allied Central Commission: Col. G.B. Finlay,
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration: Mr. Sam Henry,
American Red Cross: Mr. Jefferson or
Mr. Dobson,
British Red Cross: Maj. Gen. Sir Keith MacLeod
War Refugee Board: Mr. Ackerman,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees:

See list for
the list of members

Director,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees,
LONDON, E.W.1.

(Copy to: Executive Commissioner, H. Q., A. C. C.
for Chief Commissioner, H. Q., A. C. C.)

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Mr. General Clark,

Vice-Chairmen: The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, A.E.H. 4685
Colonel Charles H. Spofford,
New Madison Officer for U.M.R.A. at A.P.H.O.,
Mr. Cochran.

Joint Secretaries: One of the U.S.N.A. Members and a Representative of G-5.

Representative of United States Political
Adviser: Mr. Kanner.
British Resident Minister: Sir Anthony Rambold, Bt.,
Allied Control Commission: Col. C.B. Finlay,
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration : Mr. Sam Kenney,
American Red Cross : Mr. Jefferson or
Mr. Dobson,
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War Refugee Board : Mr. Ackerman,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees:
Sir Clifford Westcott-Smith,
American Joint Distribution Committee:
Mr. L. Greenleigh,
Friends Service Committee: Mr. Howard Wiggins.

5. The object of the Committee will be to assist in the development of methods and plans for the care, repatriation and resettlement of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Mediterranean theatre of Operations.

This object shall be accomplished through:

(a) Joint consideration of the resources and programmes of the various organisations - (i) civil governmental, (ii) military and (iii) private civilian - engaged in that work; and

(b) subsequent planning and directives emanating from the executive/

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respective appropriate authorities.

It will be noted that the Committee's functions are nominally strictly advisory, and may well become in part regulatory.

5. The Committee is to meet once a month at least and the powers of the governing bodies of the various Agencies (private or governmental) to manage their own internal affairs are not affected by the constitution of the Committee.

6. Practically all those present set out briefly the scope of their Committee's programme, and the Agenda included a review of the situation as regards Italy's foreign and native refugees, especially the problems of the Yugoslavs and the ~~Armenians~~ ^{Armenians} abroad of refugees; the policy to be adopted regarding the Phillippville and Pedraia Camps (the present maintenance of which was unanimously approved); and the relation of our various Committees, such as the I.G.C.R., to A.C.C. and I. & D.P.S.C.

7. Area covered by this Advisory Committee in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

It was made clear that for the time being the South of France was within the Area, and that ~~generally within it~~ ^{generally within it} are Yugoslavia, Greece and Albania as well as Austria and northwards up to what is called the "March Line". This might affect our I.G.C.R. work but I will refer to this matter in a subsequent communication.

8. U.N.R.R.A.

It was explained that wherever UNRRA operated it would be working directly under the control of the Military Authorities so long as they were in command of any area, afterwards it would become, in refugee matters, practically a sovereign body.

U.N.R.R.A. would definitely be ready to take over camps in the South of Italy now being administered by I. & D.P.S.C. under A.C.C., and authority for this is being sought at Montreal.

9. I.G.C.R. Work.

I explained this as being susceptible of further interpretation later, but that at present I.G.C.R. had an over-all mandate of report and survey on all refugee problems. A special interest therefore in endeavouring to ascertain facts and statistics about areas still in enemy hands; a residual responsibility in regard to the conditions and welfare of refugees in general; a very special responsibility in regard to all stateless persons and in respect of those who were not receiving care and maintenance at the hands of any Authority, then a full responsibility, either direct or, still better, indirect, by arranging for some existing Organisation.

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7. Area covered by this Advisory Committee in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

It was made clear that for the time being the South of France was within the Area, and that presently within it are Yugoslavia, Greece and Albania as well as Austria and northwards up to what is called the "Danish Line". This might affect our I.C.C.R. work but I will refer to this matter in a subsequent communication.

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I did not mention that the I.C.C.R. activities had been concerned with projects aimed at saving the lives of threatened internees. I considered that this was a specialized activity which should preferably not be spoken of, unless it had been crowned with success.

C.R. HEATCOFF-SMITH,
R.R. I.G.C.R.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER FOURTEEN RPT TO MILPAL NUMBER SEVEN PD
MY MEMORANDUM IGER SLANT THIRTYONE SUBJECT ZIONIST ACTIVITIES PD
PLEASE TAKE NO ACTION PD MATTER IS BEING HANDLED LOCALLY PD
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Acting Chief Commissioner,
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Strictly Confidential.

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26th August, 1944.

REFERENCE: 1002/11

FROM : Resident Representative, I.G.C.R.

TO : Sir Herbert Emerson,
Director, I.G.C.R., London.

Copy for information and any necessary action to:

Acting Chief Commissioner, H.Q., A.C.O.

M.G. and R.S., A.P.H.Q., Caserta.

British High Commissioner, Palestine.

SUBJECT : Italian Citizenship and Zionist Attitude.

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2. From this memorandum it will be seen that I, and indeed others, have gained the very definite impression that certain members of these Palestine Units, despite the excellent charitable and welfare work which they carry on for stateless refugees, are so fanatical in their determination to influence all Jews to look upon Palestine not only as their sole goal, but as one that they can reasonably reach at no distant date, that many who might be able to settle down elsewhere permanently are being unduly dissuaded from viewing their situation in a practical manner.

3. It appears to me that this is a matter which the combined Authorities might well wish to examine more closely and possibly to take some action as a result of their investigations.

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FROM : Resident Representative, I.G.O.R.
TO : Sir Herbert Morrison,
Director, I.G.O.R., London.

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Strictly Confidential.MEMORANDUM.ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP AND JEWISH ATTITUDE.

On Friday 25th August I spoke to a meeting of about 120 non-Italian Jewish refugees explaining to them the generous offer of the Italian Government whereby any stateless person whose application was recommended by the I.S.O.A. would, in principle, be considered by the Italian authorities as eligible for Italian citizenship even if he or his family has not fulfilled more than a fraction of the normal necessary five years' previous residence. All were told that it was desired that everyone should take at least a week to think over this new opportunity, to discuss it with each other, and that those who desired to benefit by it should then sign a promise, which has been specially drawn up, and which would indicate that their acceptance of Italian Citizenship was serious and that they had the definite intention of living on Italian soil. This precaution was taken as there had been so many instances in the past of nationality being taken up and changed again in too superficial a manner.

2. The preliminary reception of this offer by the Meeting was quite exceptionally ineffective.

3. Here, in brief, is what happened at the Meeting. I asked in turn all those present who had been Poles, Germans, Austrians, Hungarians, French Jews to stand up, and then those among them who had any intention of returning to the land of their origin to indicate this. Except for the group from France, none indicated that they would ever return to their country of origin. This locality has a special significance because, for example, the Polish Representative, General Kleeberg, who has looked after all Polish refugees - and the great majority are Jewish - emphasises strongly how keen Poland is to help all her former subjects, and apparently believes that a large number of the Polish Jews would wish to return to Poland.

4. The response of those present.

I felt that it was essential, for the understanding of the local Jewish feeling, to let them have full rein to express their wishes and opinions. About six persons spoke. One woman said: "Let us hope that the United States or Great Britain will give us some piece of land somewhere where we can live free and which would be our own - wherever that may be." She was practically howled down as though she was uttering a disloyal sentiment.

All the other speakers took the same line: "The only future for Jewish refugees from Europe is in Palestine. We can only live if we have a land of our own and that must be in Palestine. We have

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All the other speakers took the same line: "The only future for Jewish refugees from Europe is in Palestine. We can only live if we have our own piece of land, and that must be in Palestine. We have suffered and we will still suffer, but we can never lose the ideal of Palestine. In Europe there were nine million Jews: now more than half have been annihilated, but except for those that America and possibly some of the British Colonies may take in, all the rest of us must go to Palestine." (This speech referring to the massacres made many of the women weep, and the references to Palestine were loudly applauded.)

Another speaker said: "We are told that Palestine is too small, but we know there is room for three to four million. It is useless remaining in Italy, it will only be a temporary expedient, later the Italians may oppress us. Palestine, and Palestine only, is our land."

A uniformed War Correspondent from Palestine was present. He said to me after the Meeting: "But if you in any way advise people to

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take up Italian nationality you must be anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish. We have had Prime Minister Churchill's own words uttered in Parliament 'we must revert to the 1917 promise'. The British Premier knows Palestine can contain three to four million Jews and he is for us, therefore no one has the right to displace people from going to Palestine. It is only the remnant from the persecuted countries of Europe that need to go there - that is to say 4 million. The rest are very happy - in the U.S.A., in British territories, in France or in Belgium. Just as Ireland has only a few million in its own country, while the rest of the Irish are happy in the United States, so shall it be with the Jews."

5. At the end of the meeting all stood up and sang "Hava Nisim", and quite clearly, in a manner which was not noticeable among the Jews in the camps at Ferramonti and di Regni, there has been much active Zionist propaganda among these people.

6. I put all propaganda down generally to the presence of the Palestinian Brits, officers and other ranks, for whom the ideal of a several million strong Palestine seems to be the burning doctrine, rather in the same way that Russian, Russian or Bolsheviks began for its exponents.

7. I had explained when I was speaking how the present policy of the British Authorities regarding Palestine definitely precluded more than the entry of a very few thousand more, and these from among those who had been especially persecuted and are in non-liberated Europe, and that as so far to-day there was no sign of any world-wide or far reaching measures on the part of the Governments of the world generally to make provision for the influx of a large number of stateless Jewish immigrants, it was but reasonable that, in view of the very limited size of Palestine and its special problems and the declared policy of the British Government, it would seem to be folly when a home close at hand was generously offered, to turn down such an offer without even seriously examining it.

These remarks fell not only on deaf ears but on ears attuned to consider such a solution of the difficulties of these stateless refugees as inspired by hostility to their ideals.

8. Conclusion.

It is suggested, therefore, that if further study of the Zionist activities bears out the very deep impression made on me that very zealous and almost fanatical leaders may stand in the way of allowing these stateless Jewish refugees to make up their own minds undisturbed by the propaganda of extremists, and if, too, the hopes expressed by the young Palestine Unit War Correspondent about the reversal of our policy and the opening of Palestine to several million Jews in the not distant future is an empty dream and not within the realm of

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C.E. BRATHORNE-SMITH.

P.S. 27th August.

I have since been informed that some 10 persons among those present have expressed their wish to take up Italian nationality if possible. They declared that they were afraid to say this publicly during the meeting owing to its atmosphere.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
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Ref/AAO/132/CA.

3 Sept. 1944.

SUBJECT: Accommodation for Foreign Civilian Internees
in Liberated Italy.

TO : Sir C.E. Heathcote-Smith,
Inter-Governmental Committee of Refugees.

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With reference to your IGCR/35 of 18 Aug 44.

There is attached for your information copy letter
from Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, dated
1 September 1944.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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

IDP/1335/112

Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

1 September 1944

SUBJECT : Accomodation for Foreign Civilian
Internees in Liberated Italy.

TO : R.C. and M.G. Section. 129

Reference your 440/5/CA dated 29 August 1944.

1. Para 2: Yes, I.D.P.S.C. could work out the details.
2. Para 5: Accomodation could be arranged by I.D.P.S.C. for 5,000 in Italy. In addition other camps are available in North Africa.

[Signature]
Colonel
Director

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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
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27th August, 1944.

REFERENCE : IGCR/39

31 AUG Recd

FROM : Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith,
Resident Representative, I.G.C.R.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.
British Minister Resident, c/o A.E.H.Q., Caserta.

SUBJECT : Jewish Internees in South East France.

Herewith, for information, text of telegram being sent to-day from myself to I.G.C.R., London, through British High Commission, to Foreign Office, London.

Following for Sir Herbert Emerson from Heathcote-Smith.

Begins telegram NO. 12.

My most immediate memorandum of 18th August. Subject Jewish Internees in South East France stop. Number probably still exceeds 20,000 stop. If you wish Inter Governmental Committee to take any action from here please telegraph urgent instructions and obtain necessary authorisation to enter zone.

Message ends.

Copy on file 410

C.E. HEATHCOTE - SMITH,
R.R. I.G.C.R.

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R.O. & M.G. SECTION
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REF : 440/5/UA.

29 August

SUBJECT : Accommodation for Foreign Civilian Internees
in Liberated Italy.

TO : I & D.P. Sub-Commission.

Reference is made to letter from Sir G.R. Heathcote-
Smith addressed to this Branch copy to you dated 18 August
44. With reference to paras 2 and 5 of the letter may
we please have your comments.

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NORMAN E. FIDEE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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28 Aug 44

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As this refers
to foreign interest
this is a matter
for the DP/KC.

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LIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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21 August 44

REF : W/O/2/CA

Subject :

TO : Refugee Branch.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

IMMEDIATE

REFERENCE: I.G.C.R./35

TO : Executive Commissioner
HQ. ACC.

FROM : Resident Representative, Inter Governmental Committee
on Refugees.

SUBJECT : Accommodation for Foreign Civilian Internees in Liberated
Italy.

18 August 1944

20 AUG Recd

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5. I should be glad of material for a reply at your early convenience.

C. Heathcote-Smith

C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH.
P.R. I.G.C.P.

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COPY TO
Director I.G.C.P.S.O.
For information.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
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R.G. & M.G. Section.

Ref: 44C/124/CA.

26th August 1944.

SUBJECT: Channels of Communication.

TO : Resident Representative,
Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees.

The Acting Chief Commissioner has been considering the channels of communication from your office and would be glad if you would adhere to the following principles:

- (a) External: e.g. I.G.C.R., London - through the *Ex. Com*
for the Chief Commissioner.
- (b) Internal: through the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

(Sgt) M.S. Lud.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A/C 394

18 August 1944.

MEMORANDUM

25 AUG Recd

REFERENCE: JGCR/36

SUBJECT : Fate of the Jewish Internees mostly foreign in the South East corner of France, up to September 1943.

1. Dr. Guido Lonnino an Inspector General of Police, was sent by the Italian Government in January 1943, to the South East of France with Headquarters at Nice, to be responsible for all Jewish refugees in the Zone of Italian Occupation.

When Italy concluded the Armistice on 8th September, 1943, he, together with many refugees, fled over the frontier into Italy.

2. General Statistics.

Here is the gist of a report he left me on 12th of August 1944. Jewish Refugees in the Italian Occupied Zone totalled between 40,000 and 50,000. Of these 20,000 were French and the remainder Polish, Austrian, and German Jews.

These Jews, French and non French had been filtering into the Italian Zone for a long time, but when the Germans began to occupy the whole of France after the Allies had landed in North Africa, there was a stampede towards the Italian held territory: and the Jews poured into the following 8 departments.

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| 1. Alpes Maritimes; | 5. Haute Savoie; |
| 2. Basses Alpes; | 6. Savoie; |
| 3. Drôme; | 7. Var; |
| 4. Hautes Alpes; | 8. Vaucluse; |

3. Treatment of the Jews: Some localities where they resided

The Germans raided the Jews, arresting them by day and night, and taking them off in sealed freight trucks in special trains to Germany and Poland to be put in concentration camps, or to forced labour or to be murdered.

The Italian Authorities were by contrast very humane and this Inspector alleged he did his best to protect these unfortunates.

The racial laws passed in France were such that the French Police arrested all Jews who had not their documents in order.

In brief this Inspector states that des its the order of place all Jews in concentration camps, and remove them 100 kilometres from the coast, he arranged that except for a few Jewish concentration camps holding an unspecified number, he spread the remainder among the hill-stations in comparative liberty.

Herewith a list of the localities where some 5,000 odd of the 40,000 Jews were living, mostly in big and small Hotels, pensions and pri-

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vate houses in what is known as "restricted residence" -
 Confine Libre, according to Inspector Lospino. He could remember no other
 details regarding localities.

No.	Locality	Department	Number of Jews.
1.	St. Martin de Vesubie	Alpes Maritimes	2,000-
2.	Berthemond	" "	50-
3.	Vence	" "	250-
4.	Venanson	" "	200-
5.	Castellane	Basses Alpes	200-
6.	Montiers Ste. Marie	" "	60-
7.	Barcelonnette	" "	60-
8.	St. Gervais	Haute Savoie	2000-
9.	Megeve	" "	500-

Total of Jews 5520-

4. Information regarding the Jews today.

The Jewish Committee at Nice, if it still exists, should be able to furnish such information.

5. Present Situation of these Jewish Refugees and their needs.

It is clear that a very large number of the original 45,000 to 50,000 Jews in this former Italian zone have been deported into Germany and elsewhere.

Some fled successfully into Switzerland - say 2,000, (?) some into Italy, (Lospino estimates 2,000) and these may now have been re-arrested by the Germans in Italy and deported.

Many thousands however should have been in hiding with false names with French families, or still be living out in the mountains.

An immediate service of help and succour will be needed for these people and organization to look after them, if the facts as related are borne out.

C.E. HEATINGS-SEITH
 R.R. I.G.C.R.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

Ref: ICCR/9

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11/20
14 August 1944

I thank you for your letter ref LHO/120/CA of 11 Aug 44.

I take it that it may be postulated that the desire of the A.C.C. is that the work of the I.G.C.R. in probing the refugee problem and assisting refugees shall be facilitated to the utmost - provided A.C.C. is informed in time of all that may concern it.

For the facilitation and prosecution of I.G.C.R. work a large measure of freedom of action and in correspondence is essential.

The actual phrase you quote from Mr. Malin's letter to you of 13 February can also be interpreted in exactly the opposite sense to that which it evoked in your mind.

For as Mr. Malin requests "all practicable facilitation of the work of the I.G.C.R.", so as I read his letter the idea of the I.G.C.R. Representative being attached to A.C.C. was that he should benefit from the

"Administration" facilities which A.C.C. have so very kindly offered. In short the word "Administration" was used in no restrictive sense, for Mr. Malin knew that the I.G.C.R. work would entail much correspondence of a routine, an exploratory or private personal or confidential nature between the Head Office in London and the Representatives abroad.

Neither A.F.H.Q. nor the British High Commission desire an actual ban on the use of the British Embassy - Foreign Office channel. The I.G.C.R. working with many Governments throughout the world is a distinctly independent organisation and has an important Mandate to fulfil. If their representative here, without reference to them, accepted to become practically an integral member of another administration (the A.C.C.) with all the hierarchical delays and restrictions such subordination could involve, he would be acting ultra vires towards his principals.

The A.C.C. have been most helpful to me in the rather special not easily classifiable work for which the I.G.C.R. has assumed responsibility. All I ask for is a continuance of the same relationship.

Backed by the understanding cooperation and confidence of the A.C.C. I know the I.G.C.R. can in the refugee problem, do work of real value and continue to relate its work with that of the A.C.C.

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I trust that we shall now be in complete agreement.

Brigadier M.S. Lush O.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner,
E.C. Allied Control Commission.

ever yours,

Clifford P. Heathcote-Smith

9/5/44 L.H.S. Will discuss with him -
by return 11/10/44 Discussed 18/8/44
Filed 11/10/44

Sent North in for changes 16 July 1944
From Mr. Myron Taylor, U.S.A. Amb
To President Roosevelt. [Vatican]
On 15th or 16th July.

The following is the gist of a telegram dated 15th July sent from Rome to the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, London; from the Committee's Resident Representative in Italy

(Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith)

Subject of Telegram is the saving of the lives of foreign internees in Italy notably Jewish whom the Germans threatened with imminent deportation and murder; and the despatch of a mercy ship.

1. There have been discovered in Italy the originals of German official orders dated 22nd April, 1944, by which all internees except Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian, French, Greek, ex-Polish and ex-Yugo-Slav were to be sent Northwards into German repeat German concentration camps. The order stated specifically that Jews of all nationalities, presumably Italian also, were included. A corroboration of this is found in the fact that forty three British Jews were thus suddenly removed in April at noon one day at a few minutes notice to a German camp at Garpi near Modena.

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2. The monstrous fact that large numbers are deported to Germany and liquidated is disclosed by evidence scarcely less complete. This fate must have been that of thousands of men, women and children from Italy alone. This bestial carnage should clearly be stopped forthwith if this, without injury to the war effort of the Allies, can be achieved.

3. The size of the problem. There should have been sixteen to twenty thousand internees today in Republican Italy, so it is estimated, but, including all Christians and an outside maximum of five thousand foreign Jews, there may today be alive there under nine thousand, what with the large scale repatriation of Jugo-Slavs and deportation of Jews and others. Republican Italy with her Fascist laws has denationalized all Italian Jews: so that some twenty thousand "Italian" Jews should be added to the above five thousand foreign Jews.

4. President Roosevelt initiated the refuge camp for the thousand stateless persons now being shipped from Italy to the United States. Could therefore the President be approached to intervene on behalf of these persons in German camps and possibly for this purpose utilize the Pope, if thought advisable, as intermediary or in support? The President, it is suggested, would invite the Axis to deliver at a named port in the North Adriatic all internees and notably all stateless persons. A mercy ship will be sent to that port to collect them: and this ship, until all had been removed to safety, could carry on a shuttle service to some nearby port in liberated Italy. If the U.S.A. found it impolitic to provide a temporary home for any of these refugees, then as regards their eventual disposal they could be kept, many thousands of them, in Italy and if required there could be made available in Algeria several huge camps.

5. If the Intergovernmental Committee took a successful initiative in this operation this would be directly in accordance with the essence of its mandate which is to take steps to preserve, protect and maintain refugees. Similarly rescue work has pride of place for the American War Refugee Board.

6. Immediacy of the problem. Never before has there been such

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a probability of success nor such urgency. It is clear this suggestion of mercy ships is not original: the question is whether this is the psychological moment to try again. The German policy of deportation is well established. If we do not move quickly total repeat total deportation may be carried out. On the other hand Germany is now on the defensive and hard pressed and has just declared this publicly and frankly. This comparatively small act of decent behavior which incidentally will saddle the Allies with several more thousand mouths to feed may be welcomed by the Germans as an opportunity to gain some grace.

7. Success in this eleventh hour attempt to save from extermination some few thousand lives might permit later successful repetitions elsewhere.

8. No immediate threat. It is suggested that only after eventual rejection should threats be used; but that the invitation itself should be merely courteous and direct and that Germany should be informed beforehand that we hold the names of the majority of those who were interned in Italy.

9. This mercy ship suggestion formed the subject of a talk I had with the American Ambassador to the Vatican, Mr. Myron Taylor. He said that he would support the scheme and would be cabling direct to the President with a view to enlisting his invaluable backing without which the scheme would have but scant chance of success.

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The War Refugee Board sends the following for Mr. Art Berman.
Mr. Taylor transmits to this Department the substance of a cable which Heston-Smith sent to the Inter Governmental Committee in London on July 13.

The cable in question described the organized deportation of Jews and other refugees from Italy to concentration camps by the Germans with the ultimate purpose of exterminating the persons deported.

In Hungary such campaign is being carried out on an especially large scale and is typical of what is going on in all German occupied areas.

To find refuge means for all victims of this persecution who can leave the areas occupied by the Germans, the United States Government has in the past months clearly stated its readiness to cooperate with the other Governments of other sympathetic countries. In a message to Congress recently concerning the bringing to this country of 1000 refugees and also in a statement he made on March 24, President Roosevelt announced this policy.

The Government of the United States will cooperate in all ways with the British Government and other governments which will facilitate feasible plans of action, although it is quite possible that many deportees from Italy have been executed already. Approach to German government requesting release to Italy of deported refugees and to deliver them to Allied authorities at a North Atlantic port whence they would be taken to temporary havens elsewhere or returned directly to Italy is apparently involved in Heston-Smith's suggestion.

The willingness of the Allied governments with due regard to military necessities to consider measures for the reception in Allied and neutral territory should according to our views be indicated in any approach to the Germans and should not be limited to deportees from Italy.

It has been indicated to the British Government that this government is willing to join in such an approach to the German government. Any plan designed to meet the Italian problem to which Heston-Smith refers will however be considered sympathetically by us. For the Inter Governmental Committee to discuss the practical problems involved with the British government after it has determined these problems would appear to be the most feasible.

Information covering further developments of this question would be appreciated by the Board. It would also be appreciated if the text of the Heston-Smith cable could be transmitted to AGO Winst in order that he may be fully informed.

The above is the paraphrase of a telegram from the Department of State dated

July 24, 1944, addressed to Mr. Myron Taylor, American Ambassador to the Vatican.

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Executive Committee
108Ref: W.O/51/CA.
W.O. 31.

1st August 1945

SUBJECT: Welfare and Relief Organizations.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section.

1. It has been laid down that organizations permitted to enter this territory for work with civil affairs relief are restricted to the American and British Red Cross and such other organizations as, with your approval, enter the country to work under the aegis of the Red Cross.

2. There have recently been continuous and often successful attempts, sometimes with your permission, to form or introduce welfare organizations to assist with nationals, refugees or displaced persons. These organizations, it is true, work under the aegis of the Inter Governmental Committee of Refugees but their number increases and makes it very difficult to check the sometimes mushroom growth of other organizations in this country.

3. Recently it has been found that a Yugo Slav Red Cross Society has been created: the French Red Cross have interested themselves in civil relief: the Polish Red Cross are likewise occupied and recently sent a Red Cross officer from a fighting formation to deal with the problem of his destitute nationals in Rome.

4. Some of the representatives of these Societies discriminate between shades of religion or politics, e.g., Yugo Slav partisans, and the whole matter is becoming inevitably and increasingly difficult.

5. If it were possible to maintain the original ruling that all relief organizations should work under one head then I would welcome the multiplicity of representatives of extraneous organizations: the territory is in need of more personnel of this type. But many of these organizations come with introductions from a very high level, while others are created with no directives at all. I suggest that the whole matter be reconsidered and a new directive be issued dealing with some of the difficulties enumerated above.

Hq. A.C.C. - Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date-Time 3 Aug 1045
Via A.C. 11/C
Initials J.H.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USFR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Copy to: Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

CONFIDENTIAL 440
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

18 JUL Recd

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TO : ACC MAIN

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED
REFERENCE N° P 72880

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER N°: 79/17
CLASSIFICATION : CONFIDENTIAL
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUL 161747 OFFICE OF ORIGIN : PHOEG

CCS HAVE INSTRUCTED THAT ALL FUTURE APPLICATIONS FROM RELIEF OR WELFARE ORGANISATIONS TO BE REPRESENTED OR TO OPERATE IN THIS THEATRE MUST BE REFERRED TO THEM FOR APPROVAL. THIS WILL APPLY TO ALL RELIEF WELFARE ORGANISATIONS WHETHER ALLIED OR NOT. PARA. SHOULD YOU RECEIVE ANY SUCH APPLICATIONS REFER TO THIS SECTION WITH COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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ACC ADVANCE

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18 July 1944

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ROUTINE

Civil Affairs Branch

~~SECRET~~

SUBJECT PERMISSION FOR SECOND MEMBER OF AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE TO ENTER ITALY PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM ACC ADVANCE FOR LUSH PAREN DOCTOR SCHWARTZ OF THAT COMMITTEE CONSIDERS FURTHER REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY NECESSARY FOR ASSISTANCE TO JEWISH REFUGEES AND COMMUNITIES IN CENTRAL ITALY PD RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN ITALY OF SUPERINTENDING INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES AND I BOTH CONCUR AS TO NECESSITY PD IF YOU APPROVE PLEASE REQUEST STATE DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE NEW YORK AND INVITE THEM TO SEND HERE SOONEST POSSIBLE ARTHUR GREENGLASS FOR THIS WORK

Home Area Command
Region IV
Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith

11/17
LT. MORGAN
1st Lieut. ACC
ADJUTANT

RESTRICTED

DRAFT SIGN

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TO: AFHQ *1st. Rome Area Command, Region IV*
FROM: ACC ADV.

Subject permission for second member of the American Joint Distribution Committee to enter Italy. Doctor SCHWARTZ of that Committee considers further representative immediately necessary for assistance to Jewish Refugees and Communities in Central Italy. Resident Representative in Italy of superintending Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees and I both concur as to necessity. If you approve please request State Department to contact Joint Distribution Committee New York and invite them to send here soonest possible ARTHUR GREENLEIGH for this work.

Copy to Sir Clifford Neathes Smith.

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TO: Executive Commiss er.

17 July 1944. **104**

Additional Representative for Italy by
Joint Distribution Committee, Jews.

Folio **85** Sometime ago Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith wrote to you with a copy of a letter from Dr. Joseph Schwartz of the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). In his letter Schwartz suggests that an additional representative of the JDC is necessary in Rome. Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith agreed with this and suggested you send a signal to AFHQ on the lines indicated in his letter. You asked that the facts be found out first.

Folio **99** Rome Area Command considers the presence of another member desirable.

Folio **101** R.C. Region IV points out there are two views but finally considers the situation such as to justify a member of the American JDC being sent to ROME.

I have therefore prepared a signal to AFHQ and if you approve shall send it off.

(This is Sir C. H. Smith's original draft).

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J. Kearns Maj 38 **7638** ^{11/1}

J.S. REAKES
Major.

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INT GOVT COMB ON REFUGEES

THE FOLLOWING FROM HEATHCOTE SMITH INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES
PAREN TO TROOPERS FOR INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE LONDON RPTD APRIL CMA BRITISH
EMBASSY HOME CMA PAREN BY DR PAREN CMA AND FIVE ARMY CMA AND EIGHT ARMY PAREN
REMISS NUMBER FIVE SUBJECT PD PROOF OF REMOVAL OF FOREIGN CIVILIAN INTERNEES TO
NORTH ITALY PD FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM THAT I HOLD CMA OF WHICH I
FOUND ORIGINAL IN ARCHIVE OF MACERATA PROVINCE IN THE MARCHES REGION PD REMISS
TWENTY SECOND APRIL NINETEEN FORTY FOUR AT VALDAGNO CMA PROVINCE OF VICENZA
FROM TAMBURINI CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY PD NUMBER THIRTEEN SLANT FORTY FOUR THREE
PD TEXT PD THIS IS ADDRESSED TO CHIEFS OF POLICE THROUGHOUT REPUBLICAN ITALY PD
THIS PRESENT CIRCULAR IS TO BE REPEATED EVERYWHERE FOR APPLICATION OF ITS TERMS
PD ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE ORGAN OF THE GERMAN POLICE THERE MUST BE INTERRED IN
GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS THE EMBRY SUBJECTS RESIDENT IN ITALY WITH THE FOLLOWING
EXCEPTIONS BRIGIAN DUTCH FRENCH EX POLISH HUNGARIAN GREEK AND EX YUGOSLAV PD
PLEASE NOTIFY NOMINAL ROLLS WHICH WILL BE USED WHEN REMOVING INTERNEES TO THESE
GERMAN CAMPS ITALIAN TELEGRAM REMISS PD PARA TWO PD FURTHER CORROBORATION OF ABOVE
PD IN MACERATA PROVINCE IN COURSE OF CLAMORING I OBTAINED OFFICIAL NOMINAL ROLL
OF FORTY THREE BRITISH SUBJECTS REMOVED NORTHWARDS FROM THAT TOWN UNDER THIS
ORDER PD THEY ARE JEWS FROM TRIPOLI PD THEY CONSISTED OF SEVERAL FAMILIES WITH AGE
FROM UNDER ONE YEAR TO OVER SEVENTY PD IN ACCORDANCE WITH PENDING INSTRUCTIONS
THEY ARRIVED SUDDENLY AT NOON ON EIGHTEEN APRIL A GERMAN OFFICER WITH FASCIST
SUBORDINATE CMA AND IN A FEW MINUTES ALL THE JEWS HAD BEEN PLACED IN CAMPS

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AND WERE TAKEN TO FOSBOLI NEAR CASPI IN MODENA PROVINCE PD PARA THREE PD AN OFFICIAL COPY OF A COMMUNICATION OF FOURTH MAY FROM MAGERATA TO VALMADRERA WHICH I HOLD STATES THAT ALL INTERESTS OF THE REPERCEIVED NIGHT STATES AS WELL AS JERMS OF WHATEVER REPEAT WHATEVER NATIONALITY IN THE PROVINCE HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND SENT TO CORPI PD IT IS NOT YET CLEAR IF THIS INCLUDES ITALIAN JERMS ALSO PD THERE WERE MORE IN MAGERATA PD PARA FOUR PD CLEARLY THEREFORE (PAREN A PAREN) ^AGERMANY HAS ASSUMED OVERRIDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL CIVILIAN INTERESTS IN ITALY (PAREN B PAREN) ^BPERSECUTION OF THE JERMS CONTINUES UNABATED (PAREN C PAREN) ^CNO LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES CAN BE EXPECTED SOUTH OF MODENA MESSAGE ENDS

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TO : HQ. ACC (R.C. and M.G. Section)

11 July 1944

SUBJECT: Refugees.

FILE No: R4/383.7

1. As requested in your letter, subject, 'J.D.C. Representative in Rome', reference 440/34/CA, dated 21 June 1944, information has been obtained as to the situation of Jewish refugees in Rome.

2. There seems to be two views in connection with the above problem. Information has been obtained from the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission representative in Rome to the effect that Jewish displaced individuals are being well taken care of and that no need exists for an additional member of the American Joint Distribution Committee. On the other hand, the Director of Refugees of the Rome Area Command states that a Jewish refugee problem does exist in Rome and that it is more serious in respect to Italian Jews. The problem, generally, is being dealt with successfully and it is stated there is no cause for alarm. In the opinion of the officer in charge of refugees of Rome Area Command, the situation is such as to justify a member of the American Joint Distribution Committee being sent to Rome to assist Jewish refugees as well as to obtain an appreciation of the situation.

3. It would seem from the above that a representative of the American Joint Distribution Committee should at the present time be sent to Rome.

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B 11 when it is got back
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