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RATIONS, NEUTRALS
SEPT., OCT. 1944

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

MINUTE SHEET

File : 650/CA.
 SUBJECT : Granting of ration to Swiss.

No Date To

1 26 Oct. Indian Governmental Committee on Refugees.

The above file is forwarded.
 Please take the matter up with
 Lt Col E. Brown, L.O. and
 Establishment Branch.

J. Keating Maj.
 C.A. Section.

2 Jan. 16

Further work being done with
 by AFHQ *L. Driggin AFHQ/12CR*

Note This file was returned to me on 18 Oct. As far as I can remember Col. Brown was in-structed to take this matter up & was responsible for arranging or attempting to arrange the question of feeding Swiss & HQ meaning at matter with hands of AFHQ. JPK 19/11 392

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

19th October, 1944.

20 OCT Recd

REFERENCE: ICCR/55.

TO : The Chief of Staff,
HQ., ACC.FROM : Acting Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.SUBJECT : Granting of Rations to the Swiss who have protected
during the War, and are still protecting, British and
other interests.

1. Attention is called to our memorandum ICCR/54 of the 17th September, 1944 suggesting that arrangements be made so that members of the Swiss Legation and Swiss nationals of the Delegations of the International Red Cross may be able to purchase food rations on the same basis as Allied members of, say, the staff of the British Embassy.

2. Your favourable judgment on this proposal would be appreciated.

Howard Wright
HOWARD WRIGHT,
A.C.C., I.C.R.C.

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This has been referred
to the Political Section
with recommendation
by Establishment
Section that the
Area be considered
in some category
or, United Nations
without representation
on a Security Council
for 2 years.

Lt. Col. Brown

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

14th September, 1944.

15 SEP Recd

REFERENCE : ICCR/54.

FROM : Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.

TO : The Exec. Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

Copy to:
Director,
I. & D. D. S. C., H.Q., A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Granting of Rations to the Swiss who have protected
during the War, and are still protecting, British
and other interests.

I would suggest that the work of the Swiss, by their
unselfish devotion to the service of the British and American
nationals during the War, should be recognised, and that, among other
forms of recognition, there should immediately be made available
for them in some form or other the rations made available to, say,
Allied members of the staff of the British Embassy.

2. In the same way, and possibly even more so, the Swiss
nationals of the Delegation of the International Red Cross in
Rome merit the same treatment.

3. The Foreign Interests Section of the Swiss Legation,
in charge of British, U.S.A. and South American interests in
Italy have a staff of 5 diplomats and 7 Swiss employees. The
activities of the Foreign Interests Section began in 1941 after
the departure of the American diplomatic mission.

The Delegation of the International Red Cross in Rome
have a staff of 8 Swiss nationals. The work done by the
International Red Cross consists in the inspection of prisoners
of war and civil internees concentration camps, the supply of
parcels to Allied nationals, the forwarding of letters of
Allied nationals and the making of enquiries. The activities
of the Delegation started at the beginning of the war.

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4. This bare recital of the work done by the Swiss does not
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the Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees is concerned

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4. It is his bare recital of the work done by the Swiss does not do full justice to the immense service rendered by them. In so far as the Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees is concerned we have every cause to be most grateful to the Swiss in Rome.

Similarly the Swiss International Red Cross Delegation at Rome has worked equally well as those in Rome, and for the same cause.

C. J. Heathcote-Smith

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R.E. I.C.C.R.

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