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0000/110/50 EMPLOYMENT OF MR. LIEBI
DEC. 44 - MAR. 45

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Ac Comm.

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See folio 14, please.

Est. Sec.
22 March

noted by [signature] 14/4/45

L.T. Montant, Jr. ^{not}

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~~Recommendation~~ - ~~even~~ ^{at} 2718

Establishment Section (Attention: Col JONES):

Reference ~~proposed~~ assignment of Mr. F. C. LIEBI to Commerce S/c. 15

If the manpower ceiling of the Commerce S/c, as indicated by your records, permits the addition of such personnel, there is no reason why the Deputy Executive Commissioner should not clear this matter. Will you please take up accordingly?

[Signature]
27 Feb.

Xo 11.

V.P. Exec Sec.

The only decision required in this case by me is whether Liebi may be granted office status for purposes of accommodation and rationing. In my opinion the question of ceiling does not arise.

28/1/44

J. F.

X. 12.

Chief Civilian Personnel Director (Maj. Cunliffe)

To see 2 and speak, please

Int. Sec.
1 March 45

W. H. H. H.

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Ex. Sec. The applicant appears to be a British

Opinion the question of Ceiling does not arise.

25/1/45

L.S.

B.12.

Mixed Civilian Personnel Director (Maj. Cumleffe)

To see 2 and speak, please

Int. Sec.
1 March 45

W. H. W. L. A. U. T.

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Ex Com. The applicant appears to be a British subject. "Officer status" can only be accorded by the home government. There is no authority for the Commission to establish such status. He would be employed by the Commission in the same manner as other civilians hired by G-1 (B) on AFH funds.

Int. Sec.
7 March 1945

W. H. W. L. A. U. T.
12 Mar.

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V.P. Estab Section

Please see folio 14.

J.L.

21.3.45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

21 March 1945

REFERENCE: G-1B/7/A

SUBJECT : Employment of Mr. LIEBI

TO : Director, Commerce Sub Commission

The question of Mr. Liebi's residing in a Government billet and drawing Army rations has been discussed fully at an Establishment Section conference. It is regretted that there is no regulation under which Mr. Liebi can be so accommodated and rationed.

JH.
J. L. JONES
Colonel
Executive Officer (B)

Copy to: Economic Section
H. Q. Commandant

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APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
ALLIED CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

PHONE : 223

JWC/es

ACP/Empl/ 1
7 March 1945

SUBJECT : Employment of Mr. LIEBE
TO : Colonel FISKE

1. I have seen Colonel JONES and he wishes to speak to you upon this matter.
2. There are three possibilities as solutions to the case, namely
 - (1) Hire him on A.F.A. and treat him as an officer, (Flora etc.)
 - (2) Hire him on A.F.A. and billet and mess him at the Allied Commission civilian hotel.
 - (3) Disapprove the application.
3. The following should be considered for each of the above.
 - (1) This would add fuel to the Flora fire and this Headquarters really does not have authority to grant "officer status"
 - (2) This would work as it has for other civilians of value to Allied Commission and who have no homes in Rome.
 - (3) This would deprive Allied Commission of an apparently valuable specialist, who is now available in this city.
4. If you agree, the attached letter is prepared for action.

J.W. Curcliffe
J.W. CURLIFFE
Major, A.G.D.
Director
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ECONOMIC SECTION

ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

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SUBJECT: Employment of Mr. F. C. Liebi.

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1	20 Feb. 45	Executive Commissioner	<p>1. Reference attached letter 17 February, File AC/5025/Commerce. The Economic Section concurs in the request of the Director of the Commerce Sub-Commission to employ Mr. Liebi. It is, therefore, requested that authority be granted to give Mr. Liebi officer's status and full messing privileges at Officers' Mess, which he now enjoys as an employee of P.W.B.</p> <p>2. Attention is invited to Mr. Liebi's letter of 28 December addressed to Major Gent and to Mr. deGraan's letter of 14 February addressed to Major Brereton.</p> <p><i>Harley Cleveland</i> HARLEY CLEVELAND Executive Director Economic Section.</p>	

Rec 24 Feb.

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17 February 1945

Ref. AC/5025/Commerce

SUBJECT: Employment of Mr. F.C. LIEBI

TO : Executive Commissioner ✓

1. Documents attached include (a) Application for employment from Mr. Frederick Charles LIEBI (b) Letter AC/5025/Commerce dated 20 January to Economic Section requesting authority to employ Mr. Liebi (c) Memo 30/1/45 from Civilian Personnel Division showing action taken and recommendation.

2. It is very much desired to employ Mr. Liebi in Foreign Trade Section, this S/C, where his qualifications are eminently suitable for the work involved. This engagement, moreover, is now urgently required in view of the impossibility of obtaining further officer personnel in spite of the increased activity of the Section. Authority of the Executive Commissioner is required to enable Mr. Liebi to be employed with officer status and to obtain messing facilities.

3. Mr. Liebi is at present working with P.W.B. where he has messing facilities. In view of his possible transfer to the north at an early date, it is requested that urgent action be taken to enable release from P.W.B. to be effected before his departure.

W.P. Evans

W.P. EVANS
Colonel,
Director
Commerce Subcommittee

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Employment of Civilian

FILE No.

TO

Major Doe Econ Sect 30/1 1945 1

1. The atchd application has been "bucked" to Mr Lehman + G I B for action + in each case they recommend that the matter be taken up with Brig Lusk.

J. Wm. CUNLiffe
J. Wm. CUNLiffe
Major, AGD, U.S. ARMY
Civilian Personnel

C.I.P.
COMITATO ITALIANO PETROLI
DIREZIONE

A. de Graan

ROMA
VIA DEI MARONITI, 40 14th Febr. 1945.
TEL. { 66-661
 { 66-641

My dear May Brewster

This is just to confirm our conversation of two days ago.

I understand that a British Subject, Charles Frederick Liebi, is under consideration for employment by the Commerce Section of A.C. Although I object to the Italian system of "protection" I think I am justified in volunteering my references about this gentleman. I have known him for a couple of years as a very active, intelligent and capable man who I am sure would be a very good acquisition for A.C.

As regards his moral standards suffice it to mention that just before the war started he was canvased as Acting British Vice-Consul for Ancona.

I understand that Col. Evans has already seen Mr. Liebi, who at present is with P.W.B.

I also understand that he is quite willing to go north in case the Authorities should want him to do so. He has worked quite a number of years in Genoa.

Yours sincerely
[Signature]

VIA DEL TRITONE 481

ROMA

A. de Graan

Major Scotten -

Perhaps you will deal. but be patient*

CIP mentioned Major A.S. Brereton
Commerce Sub-Commission
it to me Allied Commission
personally yesterday.

Rome

* Head of CIP & State Co Italy.
As Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

Foreign Trade Section

Tel. 478900

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Ref. AG/5025/Commerce

20 January 1945

SUBJECT: Employment of Mr. F.C. Liebi

TO : Economic Section ✓

1. We attach letter of application from Mr. F. C. Liebi.

2. Mr. Liebi has been interviewed by Colonel Evans and Major Gent of this Subcommittee and it is very much desired that he should be made available for employment with Foreign Trade Section, where his experience would be of very great value.

3. Mr. Liebi is at present employed by P.W.B., where, it is understood, arrangements have been made by which he is entitled to mess at Officers Messes. In order to obtain his services for AC it is necessary that he should be given officer status with full messing privileges.

4. If you are in agreement with the above, it is requested that the proper authority be obtained.

for
W. P. EVANS
Colonel

Director

Commerce Subcommittee

1 Encl.: Letter from Mr. Liebi dated 28 December 1944.
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Rome, 28th December, 1944. 2

TO : Maj. H. A. Gent, Foreign Trade Section,
Commerce Sub-Commission, A.C.

FROM : Frederick Charles LIEBI, Via delle 4 Fontane 147, Rome.

With reference to our to-day's conversation regarding my application for a post with the Foreign Trade Section, I beg to give you below, as requested, a short report on my past activities:

Date and place of birth: 28.5.10, London (British Subject).

Address in England: 8, Thurlby Rd., London S.E.27.

Education: Dulwich College, London, 1924-27; Ecole Supérieure de Commerce, Lausanne, 1927-30. I speak and write English, French, Italian, German and Spanish.

Business career:

1930-33. With King, David & Co., Genoa, Agents for Italy of the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company, the Holland-America Line, the Holland-British India Line and the North German Lloyd. My father was the London partner of this firm up to his death in 1930. I gained considerable experience in shipping and operations in the Port of Genoa during my 3 years with this firm.

1933-36. With L. Schumacher & Co., Genoa, a Swiss firm of Forwarding and Shipping Agents. In this firm I held the post of manager of the department for Italian and Swiss exports to the U.S.A., Africa, British India, Australia and the Far East. During these three years I gained a thorough insight into Italian industry and commerce.

1936- June, 1940. Buying Agent in Italy, France, Germany and Czechoslovakia for John E. Dallas & Sons, Ltd., Ridgmount St., London W.C.1 (now at Cray Avenue, St. Mary Cray, Kent) and the Carl Fischer Musical Instrument Co., Inc., 56-62, Cooper Square, New York, the largest distributors of musical instruments in Great Britain and the United States respectively; also for T. Garratt, Johannesburg, H. Parsonage & Co., Sydney and "Casa America", Buenos Aires, in Italy only. For this purpose I took

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up my residence in Osimo (Ancona). My annual buying in Italy amounted to approximately Lit. 10'000'000.- pre-war currency. France, Germany and Czechoslovakia together accounted for a similar amount. I travelled extensively during this period, visiting London and Paris five times a year. In 1938 I spent six weeks in New York and Chicago. My yearly income from all my clients amounted to \$7500.- pre-war currency. During this period I acquired valuable experience in banking, insurance and foreign currency transactions. 2

1939- Sept., 1943. I left Italy in August, 1939, but returned at my firms' request in September of the same year. In spring, 1940 I began to collaborate with the British Consul, Florence, on contraband control (Certificates of Origin and Interest for musical instruments). I was offered the post of Hon. British Vice-Consul in Ancona in this connection in May, 1940. I accepted and remained in Italy, expecting that the appointment would come through immediately and thus save me from the possibility of internment in case of war being declared. My appointment did not come through before 10th June, however. I was arrested on that day, at 18.40 hrs. and imprisoned, then confined and subsequently interned in the Concentration Camp of Montecchiaregolo (Parma). In 1942 I was able to see my dossier and gathered that my relations with the Consul in Florence were known to the Italian authorities and that I was suspected of espionage.

Sept., 1943 - Dec., 1944. On 10.9.43 I escaped from the Concentration Camp and got through the lines on 9.7.44, reaching Rome. I endeavoured to return to England, which proved to be impossible. Thereupon I tried to join up in Italy, also unsuccessfully. I volunteered for service with special units, but at that time the general opinion was that the war would be over in a matter of months, so my applications were not taken into consideration. Finally I obtained a post with the Information Division of A.C.C. on 8.8.44, whilst endeavouring to get in touch with my brother, whom I finally traced at P.O.Box 111, Bletchley, Bucks (Capt. J.W. Liebi - German Intelligence). Through him I obtained the post of Civilian Intelligence Officer in P.W.B. on 8.9.44, where I am at present.

Conclusion. The reason why I am applying for a post is because I feel that my knowledge and experience could be put to much better use in your Section than in my present position. It has also been suggested that I should take up the post of Vice-Consul in a city further North, where I could do more than in P.W.B., but I consider that this post as well would not enable me

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to use my knowledge to the same effect as would be the case in your Section.

Present circumstances make it difficult for me to give references, but the following three letters might be of interest (please return them after perusal):

Letter dated 25.8.44 from John E. Dallas & Sons, Ltd., St. Mary Cray, addressed to Lt. George W. Cashman.

Letter dated 13.10.44 from Mr. Harry Meyers, President of the Carl Fischer Musical Instrument Co., Inc., sent from this company's factory in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to me.

Letter dated 19.10.44 from Mr. Walter S. Fischer, President of Carl Fischer, Inc., parent company of the Musical Instrument Division, New York, addressed to me.

The following persons are also in a position to give information on my account:

Lt. George W. Cashman, Information Division, A.C.

681847 Mr. Albert de Graan, former Managing Director of Shell, Genoa, at present Chairman of the Comitato Italiano Petroli (Civil Section of the Petrol Section), Via del Tritone 181, Rome.

I trust it will be possible to take my application into favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,

T. C. Chibi

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