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COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref/64/13/127

19 August 1945

SUBJECT: IOCR - Supplies and Transport

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. Reference your letter G-5: 334-53, of 13 August 1945.
2. Confirming telephone conversation of this date it is understood that the IOCR will deal directly with AFHQ in this matter and that the Commission as such will not comment as suggested in Para 3.

NORMAN S. FICKS,
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

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Executive Commissioner

Reference folio 13 and wing 14th

1. Pol. A as have been asked to write letters to me in support of I & C R
2. Should we ask U. Lal. Tomlin or Disper or possibly even DAVEN for help on page 3 of folio 13

Ruth 16/8

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Executive Commission:

To see folio 13, please,
and indicate what further action is desired.
Establishment Section cannot furnish the
answer to Para 3 of folio 14 - perhaps
Displaced Persons could.

Whitcomb
Capt. H. P.
for Col. V. P.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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13 August 1945

G-5 : 334-58

SUBJECT : IOCR - Supplies and Transport

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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1. Reference telephone conversation Lt. Col. TALBOT - Maj. BYLES and your 64/EST of 30 June and 31 July.
2. While it is the general feeling of this Headquarters that IOCR should be supplied from civil sources available to Allied Commission, it is recognised that there may be practical difficulties standing in the way.
3. You are requested, therefore, to furnish additional comments on this point as well as supplementary information on the standing of the Committee and the effectiveness of its work.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES
Major, G.S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Establishment Section

Ref/64/12/EST

6 August 1945

SUBJECT: IOCR - Supply and Transport

TO : Resident Representative, IOCR

1. Reference is made to your 6/82 of 28 July.
2. Please see attached copy of letter from G-5, AFHQ.

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C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Inf.,
Actg Vice President.

Incl:

1 copy letter fr. G-5, AFHQ
ref: G-5: 334-58, 4 Aug 45

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G-5 Section
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G-5: 334-58

4 August 1945

SUBJECT: IOCR - Supply and Transport.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Reference your 64/9/EST of 30 June and 31 July,
the matter is under consideration and a reply will be made
as soon as possible.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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Julius Byler
JULIUS BYLER
Major, G.S.C.

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To Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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here with, for my nature, is follow up letter.

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for 10/10/50
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Edith Jane

Reference made 9 above. Letter signed for EX-60 in
retained for digest.

Office, E.C.
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A.P. 10/10/50

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31 July 1948

STANDARD INCH - Supply and Transport.
TO : 1. AFHQ
G-3 Section.

Reference is made by G-3/AFHQ of 30 June 48, and a reply has been given
to my recommendation in paragraph 3 of this letter.

For the Chief Coordinator:

E. Tabor
Brigadier,
Reserve Coordinator,

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref/64/9/EST

July 1945

SUBJECT: IGOR - Supply and Transport

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. Reference is made to our 64/EST of 30 June.
2. With particular reference to Par 3 of the letter cited above, may this office be informed, please, if any action has been taken, or is being considered, toward extension of the provisions of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 6, 10 Feb. 1945, to IGOR.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Reply to my 64/EST of 30 June
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is requested

Reference to 64/EST of 30 June
may, reply be given to my
Memorandum in para 3 of this letter.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES
ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
L.P.O. 39, C.N.F.

Reference: 6/82.

28th July, 1945.

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To: The Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission Headquarters,
From: The Resident Representative, I.R.C., Italy.
Subject: Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees:
Supply and Transport.

I should be grateful if you would let me know if my reply
has been received from AFHQ to your letter 6/82 of the
30th June 1945 on this subject.

Julian Tomlin

Col. Julian L. Tomlin,
Resident Representative,
I.R.C.M.

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Ref: G/Int.

30 June 45.

Subject: Inter-Governmental Condition on refugees -
Apply and transport.

To: C-5, AMEL.

1. Reference your C-5/134-55 of 20 June 45. The answers to para 2 are as follows :-

- a) IRR's terms of reference are long-term planning and the development of practical measures for the relief and relocation of "stateless" refugees, i.e. those who have had to leave their homes and countries of residence because of danger to their lives and liberties on account of race, religion or political beliefs.
- b) IRR's needs are substantially those set out in UNHCR Administrative Memorandum No 6 of 10 Feb. 45. The principal needs being ration, food, transport, accommodation and the right to work for those and related items on military status and services.
- c) IRR's present work is described as :-

"The search for current information and the survey and classification of likely residual and well-defined groups of refugees; negotiations with Governments for the temporary or permanent release of refugees; assistance to individual persons (other than mere physical relief or repatriation in such matters as welfare, aspirations, temporary employment, search for relatives, migration formalities and identity or travel documents. Financial assistance is given where distress is caused through lack of other representation (subject to certain principles of eligibility)."

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2. There is little duplication of work between IRR and the Displaced Persons & Registration Sub-Commission. In practice, IRR takes up where DPB leaves off, since the latter is engaged principally in mass repatriation, which is not IRR's province. It is with UNHCR that IRR has the closest relations and the aims and functions of the two organizations are similar.

/s/

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3. Owing to problems in connection with resettlement and documentation of "political" refugees, it is probable that ECR's work will expand considerably in the future, and it is considered that it would greatly facilitate administration if this organization could be put on the same footing as UNHCR. It is therefore urged that the terms of AFR Administration Agreement No. 6 of 10 Feb. 45 be extended to include representatives of ECR in this country, who at the present number five persons.

Per Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: SA/lat.

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10 June 48.

Subject: Inter-Governmental Committee on refugees -
Supply and transport.

To: G-5, AFHQ.

1.

Reference your G-5 134-58 of 19 June 48. The answers to para: 1 are as follows:-

- a) ECCR's terms of reference are long-term planning and the development of practical measures for the relief and relocation of "stateless" refugees, i.e. those who have had to leave their homes and countries of residence because of danger to their lives and liberties on account of race, religion or political beliefs.
- b) ECCR's needs are substantially those set out in AFHQ Administration Memorandum No: 6 of 10 Feb. 48. The principal needs being medical, food, transport, accommodation and the right to draw for these and related items on military stocks and services.
- c) ECCR's present work is described as:-

"The search for current information and the survey and classification of likely residual and well-defined groups of refugees; negotiations with Governments for the temporary or permanent asylum of refugees; assistance to individual persons (other than mass physical relief or repatriation in such matters as welfare, education, temporary employment, search for relatives, migration formalities and identity or travel documents. Financial assistance is given where distress is caused through lack of other representation (subject to certain principles of eligibility)"

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2.

There is little duplication of work between ECCR and the Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Committee. In practice, ECCR takes up where DPC leaves off, since the latter is engaged principally in mass repatriation, which is not ECCR's province. It is with DPC that ECCR has the closest relations and the aims and methods of the two organizations are similar.

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Owing to problems in connection with resettlement and documentation of "stateless" refugees, it is probable that IRO's work will expand considerably in the future, and it is considered that it would greatly facilitate administration if this organization could be put on the same footing as UNHCR. It is therefore urged that the terms of AFR Administrative Memorandum No. 6 of 10 Feb. 45 be extended to include representatives of IRO in this country, who at the present number five persons.

For Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Executive Commissioner

Refer to you 2010 Sec. of 23
June (pages 1-2), Remount Dragon on supply &
transport for Inter-Governmental Committee on
Refugees. This based on talk with Col. Tavelin,
plus aids. memoires provided by him (pages 3).

Ext Section
26 June

Remount Dragon
Capt. Tavelin
for Col. V.P.

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Ext. Sec.

Refer to 2010 Sec. 5 above.
The C-S Army. signed for E.C.
is intended for dispatch

Office, E.C.
30 June 45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Establishment Section

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64/EST

25 June 1945

SUBJECT: Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees
- Supply and Transport

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. Reference is made to your G-5: 334-28, 19 June 1945.
2. With particular reference to par 3 of the above-cited letter, the following points are pertinent:
 - a. IOCR's terms of reference are: long-term planning and the development of practical measures for the relief and re-location of "stateless" refugees; those who have had to leave their homes and countries of residence because of danger to their lives and liberties ~~because~~ of race, religion or political belief.
 - b. IOCR's needs are substantially those set forth in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No 6, 10 February 1945: principally, rations, PUL, transport, and accommodations, and the right to draw on military stocks and services, subject to availabilities, for those, and related items.

3. IOCR's present work is set forth as:

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"The search for current information and the survey and classification of likely residual and well defined groups of refugees; negotiations with governments for the temporary or permanent asylum of refugees; assistance to individual persons (other than mass physical relief or repatriation) in such matters as welfare, aspirations, temporary employment, search for relatives, migration formalities and identity or travel documents. Financial assistance is given where distress is caused through lack of other representation (subject to certain principles of eligibility)."

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3. The duplication of work between IOCR and the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission is slight, if existent. IOCR, in practice, takes up where DPA leaves off, since DPA is engaged principally in mass repatriation, which is not IOCR's province. The two organizations, of course, work in close harmony.

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4. It is pointed out that, according to the problems arising with resettlement and documentation of "stateless" refugees, as opposed to those capable of being returned to their former homes, it is probable that IOCR's work will undergo a growing expansion in months to come. In line with the policy which has been followed with UNRRA, it would appear advisable to put IOCR on as nearly self-sustaining a basis from an administrative point of view, as is practicable. It is, therefore, most strongly urged that the terms of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 6, 10 February 1945, be extended to include IOCR, as the most consistent and logical method of handling their situation.

C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Inf.
a/Vice President

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

The Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees was formed as a result of the Syrian Conference on Refugees convened in July 1950 on the initiative of President Roosevelt.

The Committee is an official international humanitarian organization consisting of official representatives of thirty-six member governments, and held its Fourth Plenary Session in London during August 1964 under the chairmanship of the Right Honourable S.M. Bruce, High Commissioner for Australia.

The Executive Committee now consists of representatives of the following Governments: Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Mexico, Netherlands, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom and the United States of America.

The Committee's mandate covers all those persons, wherever they may be, who, as a result of events in Europe, have had to leave their countries of residence because of the danger to their lives or liberties on account of their race, religion or political beliefs.

It may be hoped that the great majority of the persons now displaced from their homes will have been repatriated by Military Authorities, Governments or UNRWA acting separately or in cooperation, so that the practical task so far as the Intergovernmental Committee is concerned is largely confined to those unfortunate people who for one reason or another will eventually be unable to return to their homes.

This entails long-term planning for the relocation and resettlement of the residue, a problem which presents peculiar difficulties and may extend over a long period.

The practical task covers: the search for current information and the survey and classification of likely residual and well defined groups of refugees; negotiations with governments for the temporary or permanent asylum of refugees; assistance to individual persons (other than mass physical relief or repatriation) in such matters as welfare, aspirations, temporary employment, search for relatives, migration formalities and identity or travel documents. Financial assistance is given where distress is caused through lack of other representation (subject to certain principles of eligibility).

The Committee's object in these tasks is to avoid duplication of effort and to maintain cordial working relations with all other national and international bodies and voluntary organizations.

The Committee is empowered to receive and disburse both public and private funds for these purposes. Administrative expenses are shared by all Member Governments; operational expenses are the first instance undertaken jointly by the United Kingdom, France,

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The Committee's address in London is: 19 Mill Street, Berkeley Square, London, W.1.

Chairman - The Right Honourable the Earl Winterton, P.C., M.P.,
Director - Sir Herbert Emerson, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., O.B.E.,
Vice-Director - Mr. Patrick Murphy Mallin.
Asst. Director - Dr. Gustav Kallmann.
Asst. Director - Mr. Moses Beckelman.
Secretary - Dr. John Sillis.
Treasurer - Mr. H.H.G. Hughes, O.B.E., O.B.E.

Resident Representatives have been appointed in the U.S.A., most European countries, and in the Middle East.

The following are working for the Committee in Italy at present (June 1945): -

2000 (c/o Allied Commission HQ, G.M.F.)
Lt. Col. J.L. Tamm, G.B.E., D.S.O.
Miss M.E. Jenkins

Telephone

471533, and 479041 ext. 213
471536

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2210/arc

23 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Inter-Governmental Committee
on Refugees.

TO : Vice President,
Establishment Section.

1. The Resident Representative of the I.G.C.R. has spoken to me and given me the correspondence ending with APO letter 334-58 of 15th June.
2. We should answer para 2 of this letter with the help of Colonel Tomlin who will supply the material and put forward a strong recommendation that APO Administrative Memorandum No. 6 of 10th February should apply to the I.G.C.R. who are working in very close connection with UNRRA and with much the same object.
3. Please submit draft to me earliest.

WHL/JG.

MSL
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: I.G.C.R.

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ALLIED FORCES COMMISSION
G-3 Section
APO #12.

G-3: 334-38

19 June 1945

SUBJECT: I.C.C.R. - Transport.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 334
(Office of G-4(B))

1. Reference your subject letter of 30 May 45.
2. May the following information be supplied regarding I.C.C.R.:
 - (a) What the terms of reference of I.C.C.R. are and whose responsibility are they?
 - (b) What I.C.C.R. actually want in the way of assistance?
 - (c) What practical work are they doing at present, and how far is their work being done at present by A.C. 13 & 14 Sub-Com.
3. With this information, this HQ will endeavour to obtain a policy on how I.C.C.R. is to be treated.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-3:

(Sgd) W.B. HERTZELL.
Lt. Colonel.

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