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13 June 1945

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian citizens  
from the Portuguese Colonies.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. Reference your 6/1423/63/9 of 21 May 45.
2. May we refer to our letter IPW/52/23 of the 1st April 45.
3. Upon this matter being again referred to AFHQ we have been informed that the situation has not changed since our last writing.
4. It is to be hoped that transport may be made available in connection with the vast redeployment program now going on for the Pacific war. As soon as any development takes place along this line, your office will be immediately informed.

*J.A.C.*  
J.A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut-Colonel  
Director  
WHD & IPOW Sub-Com.

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Registration of Italian citizens from the Portuguese colonies.

1. Reference is made to Memorandum no IPW/53/23 of April 1944, 1345, of the Allied Commission.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs venture to send the Allied Commission that in addition to the group of refugees who find themselves at St. Vincent, there are other two groups of which one at Los (Portuguese Indies) and the other at Macao.

3. The Italian Legation at Lisbon recently informed that the British Embassy have pointed out that the question of the aforesaid registrations belongs to the A.F.M.I. as every movement of things depends on Italy depends from the Allied Government Council.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be therefore very grateful if the Allied Commission, should they have not done so already, would kindly interest the A.F.M.I. in the matter.

4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wish to point out that the question of the registration of the aforesaid groups

Subject: Representation of Italian citizens from the Portuguese colonies.

1. Reference is made to Memorandum No IPW/32/33 of April 1944, 1945, of the Allied Commission.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is sending to the Allied Commission that in addition to the group of representatives who find themselves at St. Vincent, there are other two groups of which one at Goa (Portuguese India) and the other at Macao.

3. The Italian Legation at Lisbon recently informed that the British Embassy have pointed out that the question of the proposed representations belongs to the A.F.I.C. as every movement of ships depends on Italy depends upon the Allied Mediterranean Command.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be therefore very grateful if the Allied Commission, should they have not done so already, would kindly instruct the A.F.I.C. in the matter.

4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wish to point out that the question of the representation of the aforesaid groups of Italians is very urgent in consideration particularly of the fact that the Italian Government will have to reimburse all the expenses met with by the Portuguese Government for their

16 May 1945

IPW/32/33

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BSA:gt

File IPW/52/22

19 April 1945

To : Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.

Subject : Repatriation of Italian citizens from the Portuguese Colonies.

- 1/. Reference your Memorandum N°8/915/395 of 29th March 45.
- 2/. The Allied authorities now inform that there has been no further development on this matter since the 27th January 45, when the Political Section of the Allied Commission wrote under reference P/543.1/385.
- 3/. Sailings to the port in question are very infrequent. Some time may elapse before a ship touches at St. Vincent to remove the Italian personnel concerned.
- 4/. However you may be assured that the matter has not been lost sight of, and your office will be informed as soon as this situation is altered in any way.

*Boff*  
S. A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut. Colonel  
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WMD & IPW Sub-Comm.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian citizens from the Portuguese colonies.

1. Reference to Memorandum N. 8/855/112 of January 24th and preceding memoranda on the subject.
2. According to a request of the Italian Legation at Lisbon, the Portuguese Government have informed that owing to the lack of German safeconducts the repatriation of Italian citizens from the Portuguese Colonies cannot be carried out by means of Portuguese ships. The plan of repatriating them on the 5/3 "Vivessa" thus falls through.
3. The Italian Government are therefore compelled to search for some other solution of the question, which is rendered all the more urgent by the necessity of returning to Italy a group of Italians who have been forcibly confined for years in the Portuguese Colonies and whose maintenance weighs heavily on the Italian budget.  
In these circumstances and for these considerations the Ministry for Foreign Affairs has to interest the Allied Authorities in the possibility of repatriating the aforesaid Italians, even if in small groups, by means of Allied ships bound for Europe and touching the Portuguese Colonies or nearby ports.
4. The number of Italians awaiting repatriation is as follows:

48 from Goa  
171 from Mozambique  
14 from the Cabo Verde Island

Totaling 231 persons.

The lists of names and other necessary data have

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2. According to a request of the Italian Legation at Lisbon, the Portuguese Government have informed that owing to the lack of German safeconducts the repatriation of Italian citizens from the Portuguese Colonies cannot be carried out by means of Portuguese ships. The plan of repatriating them on the S/S "Vasco" thus falls through.
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4. The number of Italians awaiting repatriation is as follows:

43 from Goa  
171 from Mozambique  
14 from the Cape Verde Island

Totalling 331 persons.

The lists of names and other necessary data have already been forwarded to the Allied Embassies in Lisbon by the Italian Legation.

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File 18/SPC/G-II(It) 21

16 April 1945

To : Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, HQ, A.C.  
Attention Capt. Elliman.

Subject : Italian Seamen in Africa.

1/. Reference your 18/SPC/G-II(It) of 7 April 1945.

2/. As this file pertains in its entirety to Italian merchant  
seamen; it will be retained by this Sub-Commission for action.

  
J.A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut. Colonel  
Director  
WMD & IPOW Sub-Comm.

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Ref: P/343.1/385

27th January 1945

The Political Section of the Allied Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with reference to their memorandum No. 6/255/118 of the 24th January and previous correspondence on the same subject, has the honour to state that the appropriate Allied authorities are already aware of the situation regarding the return of Italians from Portuguese territory. All possible arrangements have been made by the Allied authorities to effect this repatriation.

2. The Political Section understands however that according to the Portuguese Government, repatriation from St. Vincent cannot be arranged by means of the SS Idessa. Nevertheless, alternative arrangements are being made.
3. The appropriate Allied authorities are at present awaiting information as to the actual date of sailing of the vessel. They have issued the necessary permits for these repatriates to return to Italy through North Africa.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Palazzo Chigi,  
ROME.

Awaiting further info from A 788Q  
relative to arrival of 226 Italian  
seamen - see A 788Q ref 27

From Portuguese Colonies

014.33-3 of 24 Jan 45

343.1/385

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMO ALEXANDER FOR THE PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The following information was received from the  
Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of the  
Dominican Republic on 11/11/51, regarding the  
situation in the country in the context of the  
war (which is being fought in the Dominican  
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8657ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 SECTION  
APO 512

WDS/pc

24 January 1945.

011.53-3

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Portuguese Territory.

TO: Headquarters Allied Commission.

1. Reference is made to your letter 8/43.1/385 of 22 January 1945 and enclosure.

2. Information on the lines of that given in the above mentioned enclosure has already been received at this Headquarters and all arrangements possible to this Headquarters have been made.

3. The Portuguese authorities have stated that repatriation from St. Vincent cannot be effected by the ship in question but that other arrangements will be made.

4. Information is now awaited regarding the actual sailing of the vessel with the Subjects on board. Instructions on that point are not within the province of this Headquarters.

5. Authorisation for the reception in Italy via North Africa has been given.

6. You will be kept informed.

for Acting Assistant Chief of Staff G-5

Copy to:-

British Resident Minister,  
US Political Adviser.W. DRIFIELD-WHITE,  
Major.HEADQUARTERS  
25 JAN 1945

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File 52

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Ref: P/343.1/385

22nd January 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian  
seamen from Portuguese  
territory.

TO : P-5 Section, Allied  
Force Headquarters.

Attached in a copy of a memorandum (No. 6/114/51 of January 11th) from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting that arrangements be made to repatriate 246 loyal Italian seamen, at present in various Portuguese territories, by the Portuguese vessel *de Niasma*.

2. The Political Section would be grateful if sympathetic consideration might be given to this proposal and the necessary instructions issued to the authorities concerned without delay.

For the Chief Commissioner:

R. J. A. BAKERMAN,  
Acting Vice-President,  
Political Section.

1 enclosure: memo. No. 6/114/51  
dtg. 11.1.45 from  
Italian MFA.

Copies to : U.S. Political Advisor,  
British Resident Minister,  
U.S. Embassy,  
British Embassy.

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R. MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI  
TELEGRAMMA IN PARTENZA

P

A. Cell. 163

Oggetto: Rimpatrio consenzienti dalla colonia portoghese

Data: 12.1.45

Tramite C.A.

Diretto a: R. LEGAZIONE ITALIANA - LISBONA

Destinatario: A. 13 - Gennaio 12.  
Suo telexpresso 1100.  
D'accordo.

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## Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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Telephone No 13 of Department 1000, Secretariat for Foreign Affairs to Portland is a letter in Italian answers to the letter's 000, indication no line of December 1st, 1944, concerning the return to Italy of certain Italian citizens (notably women) interned in Portugal. Telephone No 13 of the War.

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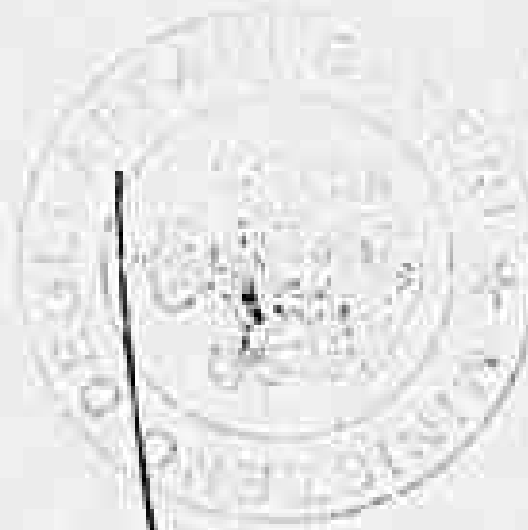
Telegram No 13 of January 12th from Mr. L. L. L. for Foreign Affairs to Lisbon Lisbon in Lisbon answers to the letter's of January 11th of December 1941, 1941, concerning the return to Italy of certain Italian citizens (mostly women) interned in Portuguese Colonias since to the war.

Following the remarks between the Italian Legation in Lisbon and the Portuguese Government, the Italian Government has undertaken to pay all expenses resulting from the Italian citizens in question making their repatriation.

In its report of 11th the Italian Legation in Lisbon states the particular case of those who although having decided to be willing to return to Italy and Italy, limit at the last moment refuse to repatriate, and points out that this case should not be discussed with the Portuguese Government in order not to delay the repatriation.

With reference to January 19th the Italian Legation in Lisbon agrees on his above point.

It would be much appreciated if said telegram could be forwarded to Lisbon.



*[Handwritten signature]*

20th, January 19th 1945

*Tal. approved.*

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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## Ministero degli Affari Esteri

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECRETARY A.C.

As the A.C. are aware, a number of Italian citizens, both refugees and seafarers of the former crews of the Italian merchant ships GEMINIA, ARCOLA, ELI D'OT, DUMILLOU and ANTONA, are at present in the territory of some Portuguese colonies, waiting to be repatriated to Italy (reference is made to previous correspondence on the matter, particularly memorandum of this Ministry no 3802 of May 23rd ult. and memorandum of the A.C. of October 7th ult.).

A few of these men manifested their will to adhere to the pseudo government of the Social Republic; the Italian Government has already stated to the Portuguese Government that it is not concerned in them, as regards their repatriation.

The majority have instead reaffirmed, even of late, their allegiance to the legitimate Italian Government and their intention to be repatriated to Italy.

The latter are located as follows:

- 1) - 9 (seafarers of the former crews of the ARCOLA, DUMILLOU and GEMINIA) in San Vincenzo de Capo Verde;
- 2) - 171 (seafarers of the former crews of the DUMILLOU, wrecked sailors of the NOVA SCOTIA, and other refugees) in Lourenço Marques;
- 3) - 43 (seafarers of the former crews of the ANTONA) in Goa.

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6/11/51

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As the A.S. are aware, a number of Italian citizens, both refugees and sailors of the former crews of the Italian merchant ships OCEANIA, ANCOLA, EMILIA, VERMAGLIA and ANORA, are at present in the territory of some Portuguese colonies, waiting to be repatriated to Lisbon (Memorandum is made to previous correspondence on the matter, previously memorandum of 21st May 1963 of May 23rd 1963. and memorandum of the A.S. of October 7th 1963).

A part of these men have indicated their wish to adhere to the present Government of the Social Republic; the Italian Government has also stated to the Portuguese Government that it is not concerned in them, as we make their repatriation.

The majority have indicated repatriation, even of late, their allegiance to the legitimate Italian Government and their intention to be repatriated to Lisbon and Italy.

The Italian list is as follows:

- 1) - 9 (sailors of the former crews of the ANCOLA, EMILIA and VERMAGLIA) in San Vicente de Cabo Verde;
- 2) - 171 (sailors of the former crew of the VERMAGLIA, wrecked sailors of the NOVA ESCOIS, and other vessels) in Lourenco Marques;
- 3) - 45 (sailors of the former crew of the ANORA) in Goa, Portuguese India.

The Italian Legation in Lisbon has now telegraphed that, according to an information received from the Portuguese Government, the Portuguese R/A MIAMI has recently sailed for Goa and

will call, on his way back to Portugal, at the port of Lourenço Marques and probably of San Vicente de Cabo Verde. This could provide a very good opportunity for the repatriation of said men; an issue which has been arising on for over a year and would thus be settled, not only halting at end to the plight of many Italian citizens but also constituting a considerable saving for the Italian Government which is compelled to pay for their living abroad.

According to the plan set forth by the Italian Minister in Lisbon, in agreement with those British and American Embassies, the repatriating men, sailing from the Portuguese colonies on the NIASSA, would be taken to Casablanca, whence they should continue their journey home on Allied means.

The expenditures of their transportation should be advanced by the Allied Governments, which would be refunded by the Italian Government.

According to the report of said Italian Minister, the British Embassy in Lisbon have already requested the continuation of the Allied authorities of Caserta on this point.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Caserta has transferred the A.S. to kindly use their good offices in order that the Allied authorities of Caserta may be necessary arrangements.

As the NIASSA is direct en route, said authorities should be issued as soon as possible, so that the men could be released at once.

The Italian Government has also stated that the A.S. has been notified that the Italian Government will see to it that the men be released as soon as possible.

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According to the report of said Italian Minister, the British Embassy in Lisbon have already requested the authorization of the Allied Authorities of Caserta on the above.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs is therefore the A.C. to kindly see their good offices in order that the Allied Authorities of Caserta should be necessary authorization.

As the Niassa is already en route, said authorization should be issued as soon as possible, so as to allow such a favourable occasion as it will be offered.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs thank the A.C. for the favourable consideration they will see fit to give to the matter.

12th January 1945



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(50/6/1946)

Mr. Caccia

You asked me the other day about the repatriation of loyal Italians from Portuguese East Africa. I find that we have no information as to whether the Portuguese Government have reacted favourably to the proposal put forward to them by our Embassy at Lisbon in early June to the effect that Fascist Italians should be transferred to the Uplands of Angola and properly supervised there while loyal Italians should be allowed to return to Italy. I have therefore telegraphed to the Foreign Office asking if there have been any developments.

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 ? take up question repatriation  
 "Africa" etc. separately.  
 Speak ~~Worthington~~ ~~Parsons~~ - asked to  
 set more details.  
 H.M. has telegraphed to Lisbon about 10/8  
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Nr. 6/165/79

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*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.S.C.

Reference is made to the Memorandum of this Ministry N. 3263, dated May 23rd, 1944, concerning the repatriation from Mozambique of a group of about 300 Italians, who have expressed the wish to return to liberated Italy.

It would be much appreciated if the Allied Control Commission could kindly inform this Ministry of the decision reached on the matter.

At the same time the Ministry for Foreign Affairs should be glad to know whether the competent Allied authorities would see any objection to the repatriation.

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*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*

of the Italian members of the crew of the  
sunk ship "Anzora" who are at present in  
Mormugao (Portuguese India). *AdB.*

Rome, August 5th, 1944.

India

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Junior Commander Hopkins,

We telegraphed to the Foreign Office on May 26th on the subject of the Italian civilians in Portuguese East Africa who were being refused permission to return to Italy until the Portuguese authorities had agreed to expel certain dissident elements. As a result of our intervention, the Foreign Office are now proposing to the Portuguese Government that if they will ensure that the dissident Italians are removed to the uplands of Angola and properly controlled we would be prepared to allow the loyal Italians to return to Italy after having been vetted at Casablanca.

2. It would probably be premature to pass on this information to the Italian Government at the present time but I should be grateful if you would let Mr. Greene know what is going on.

6.6.44.

R. MINISTERO  
DEGLI  
AFFARI ESTERI

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

POLITICAL SECTION

The Allied Control Commission is aware of the fact that there is at present in Mozambique a group of about 300 Italians (apart from the habitual residents there) comprising the crew of the Italian Merchant ship "Gerusalemme", temporarily ceded to Great Britain to be used as a hospital ship; the survivors of the "Nuova Scozia", and the refugees from adjoining territories.

The American and British Embassies in Lisbon have for some time been in contact with the Portuguese Government in connection with the repatriation of the above group, but the Portuguese Government have stated that they do not wish to take any coercive action in respect of the repatriation of those dissenting members of the group who have no intention of returning to the liberated national territory.

On the other hand, the British Embassy in Lisbon has pointed out that the British Authorities are of opinion that all Italians, without distinction, belonging to the above group, must be repatriated and have informed the Portuguese Government that should they not authorize their repatriation in block, the British navicert will be refused to those who wish to leave Mozambique. It would, therefore, be impossible, under these

*Mr. Eden*  
*Mr. Caccia* *Mar 27/5*  
*I have telegraphed to the*  
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In this connection this Ministry points out that it hardly seems fair that, owing to the refusal of certain dissenting elements who refuse to return to the liberated national territory, the entire group of 300 Italians should be kept away

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R. MINISTERO  
DEGLI  
AFFARI ESTERI

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from their Country and face further hardships for no fault of their own.

The attention of the A.C.C. is particularly drawn to the particular situation of the loyal members of the crew of the "Gerusalemme" who, following the cession of the vessel to the British Government, found themselves obliged, after the departure of their ship, to remain at Lorenzo Marques. It must also be borne in mind that the moral and material consequences of their forced stay in Mozambique could gravely affect their sense of discipline and duty which up to date they have given proof of possessing, all the more so in view of the well known efforts of the German agents and republican fascists to win them over.

Furthermore, it should also be borne in mind that the permanence of such a vast number of Italian citizens in Mozambique represents a considerable daily expenditure which, in the present conditions, the Royal Government find particularly burdensome even, if for the present, it is borne by the Portuguese Government.

The Royal Chargé d' Affaires in Lisbon has not failed to insist with the British Embassy in order to obtain that the British Authorities should not place obstacles to the repatriation of those Italian citizens who have expressed the wish to return to Southern Italy, but, up to the present, without

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The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs renews such request and will be grateful if the A.C.C. will kindly submit the above further considerations to the Government in London.

SALERNO, 13<sup>th</sup> May 1944.

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April 29, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Reference is made to the Ministry's memorandum No. 1957 of April 5, 1944, concerning the repatriation of Italian residents of Mozambique.

In compliance with the Ministry's request, the American Consul at Lourenco Marques was requested to ascertain whether the repatriation of all Italian residents of Mozambique was contemplated. The American Consul has stated in reply that no consideration has been given to the repatriation of Italian residents of the Colony. The Consul adds, however, that it is planned to include those members on the staff of the former Italian Consulate who wish to depart under the repatriation program.

Samuel Reber  
Vice President Allied Control Commission  
Political Section

343.1/586

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Civil Affairs Office

April 24, 1944.

TO: Samuel Reber, Esquire, Vice President, Political Section, Allied Control Commission, Naples. (11)

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Mozambique. (10)

With reference to your memorandum of April 10, 1944, transmitting a request of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for clarification on this subject, a telegram from the American Consulate at Lourenco Marques states that no consideration has been given to repatriating the Italian residents of the colony. The Consulate adds, however, that it is planned to include those members of the staff of the former Italian Consulate who wish to depart under the repatriation program.

*H. J. L'Heureux*  
H. J. L'Heureux,  
Executive Officer.

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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

U.S. ARMY

April 10, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Civil Affairs.

Reference is made to Mr. Reinhardt's Memorandum of March 21, 1944, concerning the repatriation of Italians from Mozambique. The information contained in the enclosure to this Memorandum was communicated to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs which now asks that further inquiries in this regard be made of the American Consul in Lourenco Marques.

In telegram No. 12 from the Italian Legation at Lisbon it appears that repatriation of all Italian residents of Mozambique is under consideration. The Ministry understood that repatriation would be limited to the crew of the "Gerusalemme" and refugee Italians and would not include Italians normally residing in the Colony. Clarification of this point would be appreciated.

Samuel Reber  
Vice President Allied Control Commission  
Political Section

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R. MINISTERO  
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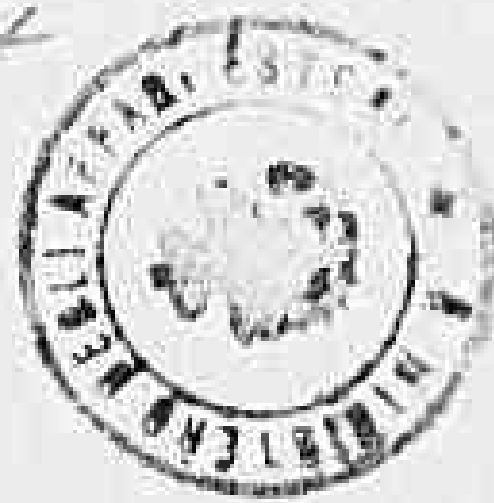
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MEMORANDUM  
FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION (A. C. I.)

While thanking for Memorandum N. 347.1 of March 27th<sup>(6)</sup> concerning the repatriation of Italian residents in Mozambique, this Ministry would be grateful should the Political Section (A.C.I.) be so good as to cause that further inquiries be made on the matter with the American Consulate at Lourenço Marques.

In fact from telegram N. 10 of the Italian Legation in Lisbon it appears that the repatriation of all Italian residents of Mozambique is about to be contemplated.

Instead, in the opinion of this Ministry, the repatriation ought to be limited to the crew of the "Garcaslamme" and to refugees Italians and not include those normally residing in the colony.



RECEIVED, April 5th, 1944.

In fact from telegram N. 16 of the Italian Resident in Lisbon it appears that the repatriation of 11 Italian residents of Mozambique is about to be contemplated.

Instead, in the opinion of this Ministry, the repatriation ought to be limited to the crew of the "Gerusalemme" and to refugees Italians and not include those normally residing in the colony.



SALERNO, April 5th, 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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March 27, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs  
FROM: Political Section, Allied Control Commission.

Reference is made to the Ministry's Memorandum No. 1216 of March 14, concerning the repatriation from Madeira of certain Italian citizens. There is enclosed telegram No. 45 from the Italian Legation at Lisbon for the Italian Foreign Office which may provide sufficient information on this subject for the Ministry. Should further clarification be required, the Political Section will be glad to make the appropriate inquiries through the American Consulate at Lourdes Marques.

Political Section

Enclosure

PARAPHRASE

TELEGRAM No. 46, FROM ITALIAN LEGATION, LISBON  
STONED D'ARICA, FOR ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE.

The British authorities, in accord with this Legation, are now considering question of possible repatriation of the survivors of the crew of the GENUSALINGA and other co-nationals who sought refuge in Mozambique from adjacent territories, involving more than 300 people in all. (With further reference to my No. 8.)

The Portuguese Government does not propose taking any coercive steps with respect to any dissident elements which do not intend eventually to return to Southern Italy, the Foreign Ministry has made known. We have agreed, under these circumstances, and in accord with the British Embassy, that the latter will send instructions to the British Consulate General at Lourenço Marques to ascertain from all the Italians now in Mozambique which are loyal and which are disloyal. The loyal ones - and I shall continue to take all possible interest in their behalf - to be repatriated as early as possible and the British authorities to request the Portuguese Government to concentrate at some locality to be determined those considered dissident.

Without distinction all Italian nationals now in Mozambique are being given assistance by Portuguese authorities and this Legation has guaranteed reimbursement of any amounts so advanced in accordance with Your Excellency's instructions. This procedure has been followed, because without any consular representation at Lourenço Marques, detailed information as to each individual's political attitude has been impossible to obtain. After the distinction between dissident and loyal nationals there has been established with the British Consul's collaboration, it would not appear advisable for us to continue our guarantee of assistance to those individuals who have openly declared themselves against the Royal Government and who have declined repatriation.

Reports have been received that some of these dissidents, as was reported in similar cases at Funchal and Cape Verde Islands now are receiving assistance from the German consular representative.

U-2157 Pol. Sec.  
UNITED STATES MEMBER  
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

March 21, 1944.

TO: Political Section,  
Allied Control Commission,  
Naples.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Mozambique.

With reference to your memorandum of March 18, 1944, conveying a request from the Italian Foreign Office for clarification concerning the Italians to be repatriated from Lourenço Marques, it is suggested that the situation may be sufficiently clarified by telegram No. 46 from the Italian Legation at Lisbon for the Italian Foreign Office transmitted with my memorandum of March 20, 1944.

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G. F. Reinhardt  
Acting United States Member  
Advisory Council for Italy.

## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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March 13, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Acting United States Consul, Advisory  
Council for Italy.

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Reference is made to a memorandum of February 11, 1944, concerning the report from the American Consul at Lawrence, Kansas relating to registration of Italian citizens. When this information was communicated to the Italian Consul Office, the latter requested that a reflection be obtained concerning the fact that the Governor referred to in Italy, that have to be registered, namely the area of the U. S. "GENERAL ORDER" and refuse it, and not allow normally existing in the Colony.

Samuel Haber  
Vice President, Allied Control Commission  
Political Section

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MEMORANDUM  
for the  
POLITICAL SECTION (A.C.C.)

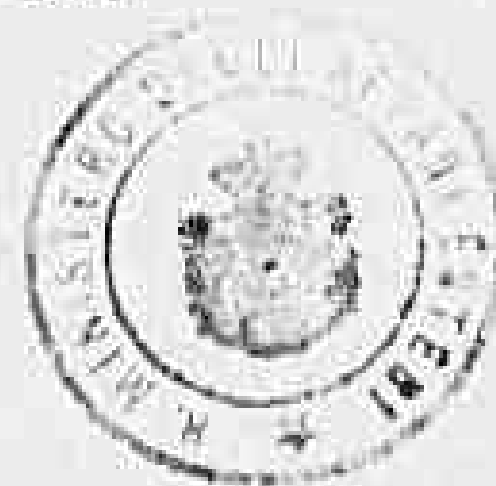
This Ministry thanks the Political Section (A.C.C.) for the letter dated February 21st of the Acting U.S. member, Advisory Council for Italy, concerning the repatriation from Mozambique of certain Italian citizens.

In the last part of said letter it is stated that the Governor General of Mozambique has given assurances to the American and British Consuls in Lourenço Marques to the effect that all Italians will have to leave that city.

This Ministry assumes that the Governor was referring to all Italians that have to be repatriated, namely the crew of the S.S. "Gerusalemme" and refugee italians, and not those normally residing in the colony.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would however be grateful if this particular point could be clarified and thanks in advance for the Political Section's kind attention in the matter.

Salerno, March 14, 1944.



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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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March 3, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: The Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs

With reference to the pending repatriation of Italians from Laurence Marques, the American Consul in that town has reported that since the vessel available is being used as a transport for the Portuguese Army, the whole of the third class has been booked. The American Consul was informed by the Governor that available places in other classes to the number of fifty one will be assigned to male consular personnel, certain refugees and Jerusalem officers.

Samuel Reber  
Vice President, Allied Control  
Commission, Political Section

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UNITED STATES MEMBER  
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

February 28, 1944.

TO: Political Section, Allied Control Commission, Naples.  
SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Lourenco Marques.

The American Consul in Lourenco Marques has reported, with reference to the impending repatriation of Italians from that city, that since the vessel available is being used as a transport for the Portuguese Army, the whole of the third class has been booked. The American Consul was informed by the Governor that available places in other classes to the number of 51 will be assigned to male consular personnel, certain refugees and Gerusalemme officers.

  
G. F. Reinhardt,  
Acting United States Member,  
Advisory Council for Italy.

Copy to:

Office of British Resident Minister.  
Military Government Section, AFHQ.  
G-2 Section, AFHQ.

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OFFICE OF  
UNITED STATES MEMBER  
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

February 21, 1944.

TO: Political Section, Allied Control Commission, Naples.  
SUBJECT: Repatriation of Certain Italians from Mozambique.

According to the American Consul in Lourenco Marques the Governor General of Mozambique has been instructed by the Portuguese Minister of Colonies to repatriate to Casablanca in the following order: (1) all the crew of the GERUSALEMME; (2) the survivors of the NOVA SCOTIA; and (3) all non-resident Italians. The Chef de Cabinet of the Governor has informed the Consul that he hoped about 140 Italians would depart early in March on board the S. S. JOAO BELO.

The American Consul understands that the British Consul is to defray the costs of this repatriation and will furnish lists of the names of all Italians leaving Lourenco Marques.

With a view to effecting the repatriation of pro-Fascist Italians first, the American Consul has, together with his British colleague, frequently brought the matter to the attention of the Chef de Cabinet, but they have been informed that the Governor will not repatriate Italians on the basis of their political views, although he has given assurances that all Italians will leave Lourenco Marques.

  
G. F. Reinhardt,  
Acting United States Member,  
Advisory Council for Italy.

Copy to:

British Resident Minister.  
Military Government Section, AFHQ.  
G-2 Section, AFHQ.

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In Reply refer to  
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16 December 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Government Section, Allied Force Hqs  
FROM : Political Section, Allied Control Commission

There is attached for appropriate action a copy of a memorandum from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, concerning a proposal for the repatriation and replacement of officers and crews of Italian merchant vessels now in Portuguese waters. An outline of the proposal has likewise been telegraphed to the Italian Legation at Lisbon in order that he may be informed and cooperate should the proposal be accepted by the Allied authorities. An early indication of the reply which the Commission is authorized to make to the Italian communication would be appreciated.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission;

Political Section

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Memo No 549 (translation)

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRO DEGLI AFFARI TRATTI

Brindisi, December 13, 1943

MEMORANDUM

FOR THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Officers and crews of Italian merchant ships continued in neutral ports since the beginning of the war have in some instances been so misled by enemy propaganda about recent events in Italy that it was found necessary to disabuse them in order to prevent any possible sabotage attempts.

Officers and crews of the S/S "Venezuela" at Lourenco Marques, of the S/S "Corcoran" and of the tankers "Carole" and "Magenta" at Cabo Verde were thus taken into custody by Portuguese authorities at the request of the Italian Legation in Lisbon.

As many experienced officers and sailors, of whose loyalty the Italian Government is absolutely certain, are at present available in Italy, it has been suggested that they should be used to man the aforesaid ships.

These men could be sent on an Italian warship to Gibraltar, from where they would proceed by railway to Lisbon. Transportation from Lisbon to Cabo Verde would be provided by the regular Portuguese steamship line. The Italian warship on its way back from Gibraltar would also be used to repatriate the disembarked crews, who could be sent to Gibraltar via Lisbon by Portuguese steamer and railway as above.

Officers and crews to be embarked on the "Venezuela" at Lourenco Marques would be sent on an Italian warship to Alexandria, from where they could proceed on some Allied ship bound for Portuguese west Africa. Disembarked crew of "Venezuela" together with Italian refugees in Portuguese west Africa, whose position is getting desperate, as reported by Allied authorities at Lourenco Marques, could perhaps be transported by Allied ships to Alexandria, from where Italian warships could repatriate them.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs would appreciate if the Allied Control Commission could bring the above proposal to the attention of the proper Allied authorities in view of

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in neutral ports since the outbreak of the war. It is therefore suggested that they be ordered to prevent any possible sabotage attempts.

Officers and crew of the S/S "Jerusalem" at Lourenco Marques, of the S/S "Marachia" and of the tankers "Arcola" and "Maurice" at Cabo Verde were thus taken into custody by Portuguese authorities at the request of the Italian Legation in Lisbon.

As very experienced officers and sailors, of whose loyalty the Italian Government is absolutely certain, are at present available in Italy, it has been suggested that they should be used to man the aforesaid ships.

These men could be sent on an Italian warship to Gibraltar, from where they would proceed by railway to Lisbon. Transportation from Lisbon to Cabo Verde would be provided by the regular Portuguese steamship line. The Italian warship on its way back from Gibraltar would also be used to repatriate the disembarked crews, who could be sent to Gibraltar via Lisbon by Portuguese steamers and railway as above.

Officers and crews to be embarked on the "Jerusalem" at Lourenco Marques would be sent on an Italian warship to Alexandria, from where they could proceed on some Allied ship bound for Portuguese West Africa. Disembarked crew of "Jerusalem", together with Italian refugees in Portuguese West Africa, whose position is getting desperate, as reported by Allied authorities at Lourenco Marques, could perhaps be transported by Allied ships to Alexandria, from where Italian warships could repatriate them.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs would coordinate the Allied Control Commission could bring the above proposal to the attention of the proper Allied authorities so that steps be taken to implement it. In view of the difficult position of the crews and ships the matter should be dealt with utmost urgency.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

