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IMAS/G/8/2/LF

1 March 1947

Subject: Demilitarization of the Islands of Pantelleria
and Lampedusa

TO : G-3, Section, Allied Force Headquarters

1. Reference letter G-3 AFHQ/131/2, 25 February 1947 subject as above, I am enclosing a copy of letter I have this date addressed to the Italian Minister of National Defense. This answers in part the requests made in paragraph 4 of the letter. On receipt of a reply from the Minister, the Demilitarization Committee will again visit the islands and make a physical check of the progress made.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

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| March 1947

My dear Mr. Minister:

I refer to my letter of 5 February 1947 file IMAS/0/6/2/LF to the Undersecretary of State to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers on the subject of the demilitarization of Pantelleria and Lampedusa, copy of which I am enclosing. Recent inspections of the progress of demilitarization of these islands in accordance with the program of demilitarization prepared by the Demilitarization Committee following its visit of 22-27 July 1946 indicate that as yet no action has been taken with respect to projects P-4, P-8, P-11 and P-12 of the program, copy also enclosed.

The Supreme Allied Commander is desirous that demilitarization be completed prior to the withdrawal of Allied Forces from Italy. It is, therefore, desired that you give priority to the above listed projects. It is my understanding the L-4 and L-6 have been completed but I should appreciate assurance on this prior to writing off Lampedusa as being completely demilitarized.

I trust, therefore, my dear Mr. Minister, that you will expedite in every way possible the overall demilitarization program, and that I may be informed at an early date of the action taken.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief

Italian Military Affairs Section

On. Luigi Gasparotto
Minister of National Defense
ROME

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G-3 SECTION

FILE: 5/8/3/15
DATE: 143047

FILE : G-3 AFHQ/131/2

25 February 1947

SUBJECT: Demilitarization of the Islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa

TO : Chief, IMAS

1. The progress reports received from the Demilitarization Committee indicate that the demilitarization of the island of Pantelleria is not proceeding as rapidly as is desired.

2. The demilitarization is the responsibility of the Supreme Allied Commander and he is most desirous that the major portion of this work be completed prior to the withdrawal of the Allied Forces from ITALY.

3. Your progress report of 7 February 1947 states that Lampedusa has been completely demilitarized but no reference is made in Appendix 'B' of said report, to the installations L-4 and L-6 which were reported as "No Action As Yet" in your preceding report of 20 December 1946.

4. You are requested:

- a. To expedite the demilitarization as much as possible.
- b. To give priority to demilitarization of the installations P-4, P-8, P-11 and P-12.
- c. To notify this Headquarters of the action being taken to complete the demilitarization of the installations listed in 4 (b) above.
- d. To notify this Headquarters of the status of the installations L-4 and L-6.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

T. S. AIREY
Major General
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G/3/2
7 Feb 47

The Director, Land Forces Sub Section,
I.N.A.S., A.F.H.Q.

Subject: 3rd Progress Report on the Demilitarization of the Islands of PANTILLERIA and LAMPEDUSA.

1. The following progress report on the demilitarization of the Fortress Islands of PANTILLERIA and LAMPEDUSA covering the period 13 December 1946 to 4 February 1947 is submitted in continuation of progress reports dated 8 October 1946, and 20 December 1946 and in accordance with Paragraph 4 of AFHQ/131/2 dated 29 June 1946.

2. On 3 February 1947, PANTILLERIA and LAMPEDUSA were revisited by members of the Demilitarization Committee and details of the progress made in demilitarizing the islands, as reported by the Committee, are attached as appendices A and B.

3. It is considered that a further 3 months period will be required to complete the removal of the remaining guns and ammunition due to the small amount of land transport and ships available and further due to detrimental winter weather conditions which have prevailed since the inspection of 13 December 1946.

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Committee

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APPENDIX A

Reference is made to the paragraph 2 of the initial report.

P-1

Approximately 111 tons munitions sent to TARKENT, 325 tons munitions remain on wharfs to be shipped, 300 guns various calibres remain on wharfs to be shipped.

P-2

Dumping has been continued when weather permitted.

P-3

- (a) Guns removed to port.
- (b) Guns still stripping, copper removed.
- (c) No action as yet.
- (d) 2 guns still standing, 2 on ground, 1 removed to port.
- (e) 4 guns on ground.
- (f) No action as yet.
- (g) All guns removed to port.
- (h) " " " " " "
- (i) " " " " " "
- (j) " " " " " "
- (k) " " " " " "
- (l) " " " " " "
- (m) " " " " " "
- (n) 5 guns on ground.
- (o) No action as yet.
- (p) " " " " " "
- (q) Work commenced, no guns, as yet, on ground.
- (r) No action as yet.
- (s) " " " " " "
- (t) " " " " " "
- (u) All guns removed to port.

P-4

Total 6 block houses have been destroyed (2 additional to last report)

P-5

Depot effectively destroyed.

P-6

530 tons still to be removed.

P-7

3000 rounds still to be removed.

P-8

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P-8

P-9

P-10 No action as yet.

P-11

P-12

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APPENDIX AL-1 Completed.L-2 Completed.

L-3 (a) All guns removed from island.
 (b) " " " "
 (c) " " " "
 (d) " " " "
 (e) " " " "
 (f) " " " "
 (g) " " " "
 (h) " " " "

L-5 Ammunition removed.

L-7 Airfield has been eroded by weather to such an extent as to render it useless.

L-5

Ammunition removed.

L-7

Airfield has been eroded by weather to such an extent as to render it useless.

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5 February 47

My dear Dr. Cappa:

Reference is made to your letter dated 24 October 46, file 83565/16644/16/19.11 to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, transmitting a program for the conversion of existing military installations on the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa to civilian purposes.

The proposals were forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters where they have been carefully reviewed. I am instructed to inform you that on the basis of these studies the decision has been reached that there can be no relaxation of the existing directives as regards the demilitarization of these islands.

It is, therefore, desired that existing instructions be carried out as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

Avv. Paolo Cappa,
The Undersecretary of State to
the Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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