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NSO/ 5825
3 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.

Subject: Belgian Barge "IRAN XIII".

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSO/5587 of 24 October 1946.
(b) Ministry of Marine ltr. 20419/2 of 12 December 1946.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission has sufficient information to justify the belief that the subject barge is in fact at Brindisi as stated in Reference (a). It is therefore not understood why Marina Brindisi has no information available regarding the craft in question, as indicated in reference (b).

2. It is therefore requested that the Ministry of Marine will take immediate steps to inform itself, and the Navy Sub-Commission, concerning the barge in view of the requests contained in reference (a). This matter has now become urgent.

H. W. ZIEGLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C.
Date: 12th December 1946
Ref.: 20419/2

Subject: Belgian Barge "EDAN III"

With reference to your letter NSC/5587, dated 24th October 1946, we inform you that Marina Brindisi has now communicated that they have no information available regarding the barge "EDAN III", nor have they any means to trace the craft.

The Navy Sub Commission is therefore requested to supply further information in order to trace the barge in question.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
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All NAVY SUB COMMISSION

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 28419/2 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Chiatta Belga "EDAN III".

In riferimento al foglio NSC/5587 del 24 Ottobre 1946, si comunica che Marina Brindisi ha ora comunicato di non aver notizie dell'esistenza in quella Sede della chiatta "EDAN III", né di avere elementi per rintracciarla.

Si prega pertanto codesta Sotto Commissione Navale di voler fornire ulteriori particolari allo scopo di rintracciare la chiatta in argomento.

d'ordne
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G.MARINI

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NSC/5760
11 December 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.

Subject: Belgian barge "EDAN III".

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/5587 of 24 October 1946.

1. The attention of the Ministry of Marine is invited to the requests contained in reference (a).

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U.S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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NSC/5587
24 October 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.

Subject: Belgian barge "EDAN III".

1. It is claimed that barge "EDAN III" now in the port of Brindisi is Belgian property.

2. It is requested that the Ministry of Marine will institute inquiries with the view to confirming the ownership of the barge in question and inform the Navy Sub-Commission.

3. It is further requested that the "EDAN III" be held in Brindisi pending further instructions.

H. W. [illegible],
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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AMBASSADE DE BELGIQUE

B. M.A.-5982

The Belgian Embassy presents its compliments to the Navy Subcommission and has the honour to let her know that the belgian barge "EDAN III" now in the port of Brindisi has been identified as Belgian property.

As that barge makes part of a convoy coming from Yugoslavie and having taken refuge in the port of Brindisi, the Italian port authorities have so far refused to allow the trailing of that barge, as the Yugoslav Government could have a claim on barges making part of that convoy according to the peace treaty.

As the above named barge is of Belgian property and no Yugoslav claim on it can never be made, the Belgian Embassy should be grateful to the Navy Sub-Commission to examine the case and provide for the necessary instructions being given to the italian port authorities.

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The trailing of the barge will be organised by the French Mission for the Merchant Navy which is in charge of Belgian interests.

Rome, 19th October 1946

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Rome, 19th October 1946.

NAVY SUBCOMMISSION,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

Navy Sub-commission, Hq. AC
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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Shipping Requisition Office)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 19th December 1946
Ref.: 7354

Subject: M/V "EBE"

Reference is made to your letter NSC/4917, dated 16th April 1946.

The Navy Sub Commission is requested to inform us whether further instructions have been received regarding the return of the M/V. "EBE", at present at Brindisi, to the Societa' Partenopea di Navigazione, who are the owners of the vessel and intend to employ her in the national traffic.

REAR ADMIRAL
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
(F.Vicedomini)

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

SEGRETARIATO GENERALE

UFFICIO REQUISIZIONE NAVIGLIO

Ind. Tel.: Marirequisizione

Roma, li 19 DIC. 1946

Al NAVY SUB COMMISSION HEADQUARTE
A.C.

Prot. N. 7354 Allegati N.

ARGOMENTO : M/n. EBE =

Si fa riferimento al foglio NSG/4917 del 16 aprile 1946.

Si prega codesta Commissione comunicare se siano state ricevute ulteriori istruzioni nei riguardi della restituzione della M/n. EBE , attualmente a Brindisi, alla Società Partenopea di Navigazione, proprietaria della stessa e che intende adibirai traffici nazionali.

IL CONTRAMMIRAGLIO
Capo Ufficio
(F. Vicedomini)

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Prot. N. 7354 Allegati N.

ARGOMENTO : M/n. EBE =

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Si prega codesta Commissione comunicare se siano state ricevute ulteriori istruzioni nei riguardi della restituzione della M/n. EBE , attualmente a Brindisi, alla Società Partenopea di Navigazione, proprietaria della stessa e che intende adibirla ai traffici nazionali.

IL CONTRAMMIRAGLIO
Capo Ufficio
(F.Vicedomini)

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NSC/4917
16 April 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Motor Vessel EBE.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine (Maristat) letter 6166 dated 3 April 1946.

1. Subject vessel EBE, Net Tonnage 100.35, registered at Naples, being in the same classification as the Schooner LUIGINA, no further action can be taken until further instructions are received.

(Sgd) C. L. W[illegible]PN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 3rd April 1945
Ref.: 6166

Subject: Motor Vessel "EVE"

Motor Vessel "EVE" - Net Tonnage 100,35, registered at Taylen, o/n.256, owned by the EARTHOPRA Shipping Company, was at the time of the Armistice requisitioned by the I.R.N. in Venice, and employed as an outside pilot-boat by that port.

Having been appropriated by the Germans she was subsequently taken over by the British Navy, and is now one of 13 small craft which arrived in the port of Vale di Bari on 12th May 1945 and were handed over to that Naval Command for guarding by I.R.N. ratings who replaced the British; these craft were then towed to Brindisi to better ensure berthing and safe custody.

As the owners have requested the return of this craft from Maristat, who, because of the previous requisition, is responsible for the return of the vessel, it is requested that we may be informed whether, as authorised in the case of the M/V LUCIA with letter 1830/4030 dated 30th March 1946, return can also be made of the EVE to the EARTHOPRA Shipping Company in its present damaged condition, so that they may repair her to carry out the work on which she was originally employed.

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 6166 Allegati

ARGOMENTO M/n. EBE =

Roma, 3 Aprile 1946

Al NAVY SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS A.C.

La M/n. EBE - TSL. 100,35, inscritta al n° 256 delle matricole di Napoli, di proprietà della Società Partenopea di Navigazione, al= la dell'armistizio si trovava a Venezia requisita dalla R.Marina ed adibita al pilotaggio foraneo di quella sede.

Impossessatesene le forze germaniche, essa venne successivamen= te in possesso della marina britannica e fa parte delle 13 piccole unità che giunte il 12 maggio 1945 nel porto di Mola di Bari vennero prese in consegna dal quel Comando Marina per provvedere alla loro sorveglianza con personale della R.Marina in sostituzione di quello inglese ed in un secondo tempo trasferite a rimorchio a Brindisi per meglio assicurarne la custodia e l'ormeggio.

Avendone la Società proprietaria sollecitata la restituzione da parte di questo Maristat, che, in forza della precedente requisizio ne ne ha l'obbligo, si prega far conoscere se, analogamente a quanto autorizzato per il M/v. LUIGINA col foglio NSC/4830 del 30 marzo u.s., si può addivenire anche alla restituzione dell'EBE, nelle con= dizioni di danneggiamento nelle quali si trova, alla Soc.PARTENOPEA di Navigazione, perchè possa rimetterla in efficienza per i traffici ai quali era originariamente adibita.

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IL CONTRAMMIRAGLIO
Capo Ufficio
(F.Vicedomini)

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE
To : N.S.C.
Date: 15th January 1947

MARISTAT 3565. With reference to our letter SM/58872, dated December 9th. Please inform us of the competent Allied Authorities' decisions regarding handing over to Italian Navy of two landing craft from those held by Marisicilia, as it is necessary to make a decision regarding prosecution of work already begun by Marisicilia to overhaul the above craft.

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Roma, li 15 gennaio 1947

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ROMA

MARISTAT.....0565.....Riferimento foglio SM/5887 dicembre 8 alt Pregasi comunicare decisioni competente Autorità Alleata circa assegnazione at Marina Militare di due imbarcazioni da sbarco tra quelle in consegna at Marisicilia dato che est necessario decidere in merito at prosecuzione lavori già iniziati da Marisicilia per rimessa efficienza dette imbarcazioni alt

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NSO/5868
14 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.

Subject: Purchase of Landing Craft.

References: (a) Ministry of Marine's ltr. No. 58872 dated 9 December 1946.
(b) Ministry of Marine's ltr. No. 25206 dated 9 May 1946.

1. In order that a decision may be made on reference (a), it is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be informed of the exact type and nationality of the two landing craft mentioned in paragraph 2 of reference (a), and their measurements.

2. The following information is also requested:

(a) Have any of the craft listed in paragraph 1 of reference (b) been operated by the United States Navy.

(b) Have any of these craft a U.S. number, and if so what are the numbers.

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H. W. [illegible],
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
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CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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From: Italian Naval Staff.

To : F.O.I.I. - Rome.

Date: 29th December, 1946.

Ref.: 19367.

Encl.: 3.

Subject: Purchase of Landing Craft.

With reference to your letter No.5737 dated 20th inst.

1. As already communicated to the Chief Disposal Officer, Rome, in letter No.25206, dated 9th May, 1945, of which a copy is enclosed, the British Naval Authorities have handed over to the Sicily Naval Command a certain number of craft, among which are included the 36 landing craft mentioned by Mr.Francesco de Sarzana, besides the vessels handed over to the Navy for the ARAR as surplus.

Instructions were requested for the above craft, subsequently hastened in letter No.58372, dated 9th inst., of which a copy is enclosed.

2. Mr. Francesco de Sarzana's letter, which was enclosed in the letter to which reference is made, is herewith returned.

CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF.

F.M. OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

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ARGOMENTO: Acquisto di mezzi da sbarco.=

Riferimento foglio n.5787 del 20 corrente.

1. - Come già comunicato al Chief Disposal Officer Roma con foglio n.25206 del 9 maggio 1945, che si allega in copia, oltre alle unità consegnate alla Marina per conto dell'ARAR quali Surplus, le autorità navali inglesi hanno passato in consegna al Comando Marittimo della Sicilia un certo numero di natanti fra i quali sono comprese le 36 M/z citate dal Sig. Francesco de Sarzana.

Per i predetti natanti si chiedevano nel foglio stesso disposizioni, che successivamente sono state sollecitate col foglio n.58872 del 9 corrente, che si allega in copia.

2. - Si rimette in restituzione la lettera del Sig. Francesco de Sarzana inviata in allegato al foglio in riferimento.

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NSC/5767
20 December 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.

Subject: Purchase of Landing Craft.

1. The enclosed letter dated 9 December 1946 received from Mr. Francesco de Sarzana, is forwarded herewith with the request that paragraph 1 and 2 be confirmed.

2. In the event that the existence of these craft, as reported by Mr. Francesco de Sarzana, is confirmed, it is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be informed of the exact nationality and location of the craft in question.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

20 DEC 1946

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From: Mr. Francesco de Sarzana - 24 Via Paisiello - Rome
To : N.S.C. - A.C.
Date: 9th December 1946

The undersigned understands that at Messina in Sicily, there are 36 small landing craft (25-30 tons) which have not been used for a long time and are in bad conditions. Some of them could be used as lighters after being repaired, and the rest as scrap.

These craft have neither been handed over to the Italian Navy or to the A.R.A.R. and are therefore not included in the lists of surplus materials.

The undersigned would like to purchase these landing craft privately, and if the Navy Sub Commission will agree to this request, he would like to know the price which would be asked.

The undersigned is at the disposal of the Navy Sub Commission for any information and questions which may be necessary.

(Signed) Francesco de Sarzan

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Navy Sub Commission
Allied Commission
Via Veneto
Roma

Roma 9.12.46

Risulta allo scrivente che in Sicilia (Messina) si trovano 36 zattere di piccola mole(25-30 ton.) prive di motore,da molto tempo fuori uso,deteriorate e usabili,dopo opportuni lavori, qualcuna come chiatte,altre per la demolizione.
Dette motozattere non sono state consegnate alla Marina Militare nè all'A.R.A.R. e quindi non sono comprese negli elenchi dei materiali alienabili.
Lo scrivente desidererebbe procedere all'acquisto di tali motozattere con trattativa privata e nel caso codesta Navy Sub Commission aderisse alla richiesta gradirebbe conoscere il prezzo di vendita.
Lo scrivente è a disposizione di codesta Navy Sub Commission per tutte le informazioni ed accertamenti ritenuti necessari

con osservanze

Francesco de Sarzana

(Francesco de Sarzana)

24 Via Paisiello Roma

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C.
Date: 9th December 1946
Ref.: 58872

Subject: Allied ships handed over to the Italian Navy

With reference to our letter SM/25206, dated 9th May 1946.

1. No instructions have yet been received by Maristat regarding the intentions of the Allied Authorities concerning the 38 wrecks of landing craft of American origin, and now in the possession of the Sicily Command.

2. Whilst decisions are awaited on the subject, you are requested to bear in mind, when making a decision, that two of the landing craft have been repaired by the Sicily Command and are at present employed on the movement of Naval personnel in the port of Messina.

It is therefore requested that the two craft should be temporarily loaned to the Italian Navy.

for CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N.° 5884 Allegati

Roma, 9 DIC. 1946 19.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION

ARGOMENTO: Unità Alleate consegnate alla Marina Militare.

Riferimento foglio SM/25206 del 9 Maggio 1946.=

I. - Non sono ancora pervenute disposizioni a questo Maristat circa gli intendimenti delle Autorità Alleate nei riguardi dei trentotto relitti di mezzi da sbarco, di origine americana, attualmente in consegna al Comando della Sicilia.

2. - Mentre si attendono decisioni in merito, si prega di voler tener presente, in sede di decisione, che due dei detti mezzi da sbarco sono stati rimessi in efficienza a cura del Comando della Sicilia ed attualmente sono adibiti al traffico del personale della Marina nel porto di Messina.

In conseguenza si chiede che i due mezzi siano ceduti in uso temporaneo alla Marina Militare.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

From: Italian Naval Staff.

To : Chief Disposal Officer, Rome.

Date: 9th May, 1946.

Ref.: 25206.

Subject: Allied Craft Handed Over to the Italian Navy at Messina.

The Naval Command of Messina has informed Maristat that, besides the craft recently handed over to the Italian Navy for the A.R.A.R. as "Surplus", the British Naval Authorities have provisionally handed over to the Sicily Naval Command the following craft of British and American origin:-

1 Diesel Craft.
1 Allied motorboat.
1 Petrol engined vessel.
5 small landing craft.
1 N.A.B. auxiliary vessel.
13 M.L.s.
3 Rafts.
3 L.C.T.s.
30 American landing craft.
5 L.C.P.s.
6 L.C.V.s.

2. Owing to the impossibility of providing military personnel to guard all the above vessels, civilian personnel will have to be used.

3. Before making such a decision, which would require considerable expense and an organization for recruiting civilian personnel, you are requested to inform us urgently whether the above craft will definitely be assigned to the Italian Navy on behalf of the A.R.A.R. in the same way as the other materials received up to the present in Sicily.

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THE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF.

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 25206 Allegati

Al CHIEF DISPOSAL OFFICER

R O M A

ARGOMENTO: Unità Alleate consegnate alla R.Marina a Messina.-

1. - Il Comando della R.Marina a Messina ha informato questo Maristat che oltre alle unità recentemente consegnate alla R.Marina per conto dell'A.R.A.R. quale "Surplus", le Autorità Navali Inglesi hanno passato in consegna, al Comando Marittimo della Sicilia in via provvisoria, il seguente forte contingente di natanti vari di provenienza inglese ed americana:

nº	1	Diesel barca.
"	1	Motoscafo alleato.
"	1	Imbarcazione con motore a benzina.
"	5	Mezzi da sbarco piccoli.
"	1	Mezzo ausiliario N.A.B.
"	13	M.L.
"	3	Zattere.
"	3	L.C.T.
"	30	Mezzi da sbarco americani.
"	5	L.C.P.
"	6	L.C.V.

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2. - Data l'impossibilità di provvedere con personale militare alla sorveglianza dei sopradetti natanti, si rende necessario affidare tale compito a personale civile.

3. - Prima di addivenire a tale decisione che importerebbe una spesa notevole e comporta una preventiva organizzazione per il reclutamento del personale civile, si prega voler definire con cortese sollecitudine se i natanti sopraelencati rimarranno o meno assegnati definitivamente alla R.Marina in conto ARAR, come gli altri materiali presi fino

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HQ. AC.

Ltr.Ref.,Date & Subject:

Date: 9 May 1946

M of M ltr. 8077 of 7 May.

Belgian Steamship "EGYPTE"

(X) ACTION / (/) INFO	INITIAL	DATE
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COMMUNICATIONS		
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ADDITIONAL ROUTING

TYPE AND RETURN TO ACTION OFFICER:

DATE: 10 May 1946
FROM: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. AC.
TO : FCTALI, ROME.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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for Chief, Navy S/C

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Rep. M.D.S. *Uff.* C.R.A.

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Roma 9 maggio *19* 46

Al CHIEF DISPOSAL OFFICER

R O M A

Prot. N.° 25206 *e Allegati*

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
F.to ACCORRETTI

Per copia conforme
IL CAPITANO DI CORVETTA

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HQ. AC.

Ltr.Ref.,Date & Subject:

Date: 9 May 1946

M of M ltr. 8077 of 7 May.

Belgian Steamship "EGYPTE"

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ADDITIONAL ROUTING

TYPE AND RETURN TO ACTION OFFICER:

DATE: 10 May 1946
FROM: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. AC.
TO : FOTALI, ROME.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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for Chief, Navy S/C

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held recent work by FOTALI.

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NAVY SUB-COM'ISSION
HQ. AC.

Ltr.Ref.Date & Subject
Fratelli Delfino, 8438, 26th Sept.1946.

Date Rec'd 30 September 1946

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M/C "PATRIARCA SAN GIUSEPPE".

ADDITIONAL ROUTING

TYPE AND REVIEW TO ACTION OFFICER:

DATE: 1 October 1946
FROM: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. AC.
TO : FOR INFORMATION

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

LT. Culp
for Chief, Navy S/C

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : A.C. - N.S.C. - Rome
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Date: 10th November 1945
Ref.: 4897 - Encl. No.1

Subject: Request for towing.

Following an understanding reached between the Fleet Navigation Officer, Malta, Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean, and the Office for the Co-ordination of Repair to Merchant Vessels, Naples, it was agreed that requests for towing should be forwarded by this Directorate-General to the Allied Commission, Navy Sub Commission, which will then forward them to "F.O.L.I.-Chief Mediterranean".

With reference to the above I beg to forward the attached list of tows which have been requested up to 3rd November, it being desired that it may be passed to F.C.I.L. in order that he may give the executive orders.

(Sgd) THE MINISTER

GGE/P.

DATE: Nov 15, 45
FROM: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. AC.
TO : FLAG OFFICER ITALY & LIAISON.
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for Chief, Navy S/C.

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Office of Naval Officer in Charge,

[illegible].

27th December, 1946.

No 191/177.

THE SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER (ITALY),
NAPLES (or ROME).
SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, [illegible].
(copy to:- The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
The Flag Officer, Middle East, Egypt, Suez.
The Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters
Allied Commission.)

[illegible].

Herewith 3 copies of certificate of taking over of the above vessels.

2. Copies of the Certificate are also forwarded to the other addressees for their information and any necessary action.

A.C. Cameron

CAPT. R.N.

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TRANSLATION

Order MISC/757

TAKING OVER CERTIFICATE.

With reference to orders from MARISTAT - C.R.A. Office - Rome, contained in letter 42472 of the 30th August 1946, the undersigned declares to have taken over on behalf of A.R.A.R., from the Naval Officer in Charge (N.O.I.C.) - Naples, the 2 motorbarge type R.C.L.60 - 61 referred to in Order MISC/757.

a) PRINCIPAL MEASUREMENTS AND CHARACTERISTICS:-

Length	L = 15.20 metres
Beam	l = 5.45 "
Mean draught	im = 0.52 "
Displacement	D = 44.00 tons (approx.)
Burthen	P = 20.00 " "

b) GENERAL DESCRIPTION:-

This type of craft, designed for landing men and materials on open beaches, is a double planked construction of good quality wood (pitch-pine) and of a very strong structure.

At the bow there is a ramp manoevered by two winches; amidships the hold, under which there is a double bottom divided into 7 watertight compartments; aft, 2 compartments, separated by a watertight bulkhead, are containing the 2 principal motors and their wood cased fuel-tanks (Petrol).

On the poop there is the wooden wheel-house containing a steering wheal commanding both rudders, an indicator pannel, control knobs & levers for starting, manoevering and stopping of the two motors.

Characteristics of the "Grey" type motor:-

6 Cylinders - 2200 rev. - 60 + 70 HP - electric starter - silencer on the exhaust - connected to the propeller by means of reducing gear (reducing ratio 1 : 2.04 ahead, 1.96 astern).

- Coupled to each motor a bilge pump servicing the respective compartment.
- At the middle of the poop there is a winch for warping & mooring, with wire and anchor cable.
- At the stern, a large wooden grating, a fair-lead for the anchor cable engine and cutcards, a wooden rubbing strake.
- The engine compartments have ventilators and pipings permitting to pump them dry by hand from deck.
- Acces to the 7 cells of the double bottom is through square traps which are fixed to the bottom of the hold by means of bolts.
- Every compartment is fitted with a screw plug permitting dry pumping if sifted in water by means of a small hand-pump.

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c) CONDITIONS OF MAINTENANCE AND EFFICIENCY:-

Hull : Needs some maintenance work and painting. Good conditions.

Equipment : Almost complete - on the whole in good conditions.
On both crafts the installation for dry pumping of the engine rooms

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b) GENERAL DESCRIPTION:-

This type of craft, designed for landing men and materials on open beaches, is a double planked construction of good quality wood (pitch-pine) and of a very strong structure.

At the bow there is a ramp manoevered by two winches; amidships the hold, under which there is a double bottom divided into 7 watertight compartments; aft, 2 compartments, separated by a watertight bulkhead, are containing the 2 principal motors and their wood cased fuel-tanks (Petrol).

On the poop there is the wooden wheel-house containing a steering wheel commanding both rudders, an indicator pannel, control knobs & levers for starting, manoevering and stopping of the two motors.

Characteristics of the "Gray" type motor:-

6 Cylinders - 2200 rev. - 60 ÷ 70 HP - electric starter - silencer on the exhaust - connected to the propeller by means of reducing gear (reducing ratio 1 : 2.04 ahead, 1.96 astern).

- Coupled to each motor a bilge pump servicing the respective compartment.
- At the middle of the poop there is a winch for warping & mooring, with wire and anchor cable.
- At the stern, a large wooden grating, a fair-lead for the anchor cable engine and outcards, a wooden rubbing strake.
- The engine compartments have ventilators and pipings permitting to pump them dry by hand from deck.
- Acces to the 7 cells of the double bottom is through square traps which are fixed to the bottom of the hold by means of bolts.
- Every compartment is fitted with a screw plug permitting dry pumping of sifted in water by means of a small hand-pump.

c) CONDITIONS OF MAINTENANCE AND EFFICIENCY:-

Hull : Needs some maintenance work and painting. Good conditions.

Equipment : Almost complete - on the whole in good conditions.
On both crafts the installation for dry pumping of the engine rooms from deck is lacking, also the hand pump for drying the double bottoms.
On R.C.L. 60, the winch, anchor & chain and the wire rope are missing.
On both crafts the window panes of the wheel-house are broken.

Propelling machinery: The motors on both motor barges are in apparent good conditions and efficiency. - complete with starting batteries (2 for each craft) and all implements necessary for starting and running.
Some maintenance work is needed.
No tools and spare parts exist

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P.S. It is believed that the shafts with their propellers, are not in good conditions.

Made in 8 copies to be used as per regulations.

Naples, 19th December 1946.

Round seal of C.R.A. Naples.

FRANCESCO ULIANA
Lt.(E)

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

N3C/2153

16 April 1945.

MEMORANDUM:

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC.
To : Political Advisor (A), Hq. AC.

Subject: Floating Derricks at SASENO.

1. Prior to replying to Ministry of Marine letter 598/U.T. of 10 April 1946 (attached), the comments of the Political Advisor (A), AC would be appreciated in connection with the present status of the island of SASENO. Information is particularly desired as to whether it is thought that Allied authorities are justified in taking any action at this time to assist in the return of the derricks to Italy.

2. From former correspondence which is also forwarded, it will be noted that POLI, Rome in letter No. L.158/8 of 5 January, notified the Ministry of Marine that no action could be taken pending clarification of the island's status.

3. Although the Ministry of Marine, in letter 145/U.T. of 3 March, replied that the question had been referred to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Navy Sub-Commission has no knowledge of any action that may have been taken by that Ministry.

4. The return of all papers is requested.

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION · ALLIED COMMISSION
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18 APR 1945

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, AC.

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Min of Marine's ltrs 598/U.T.
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P.O.L.I., Rome ltr. L.158/8.

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MINISTRY OF MARINE FROM....NSC

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Your MARISTAT 2910 timed 1300(Z) approved.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE
To : N.S.C.
Date: 12th January 1947

MARISTAT 2910. Chief Disposals Officer has removed the 20 ft. motor boat, surplus at Messina, from the RN/26 Instructions because it has been recognised as of Italian origin. Request authorisation to return the above craft to the Messina Fire Service, to whom it belonged, and as public utility material is concerned.

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NSC/5879
20 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.

Subject: SS "STAMIRA".

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 86/UT of 9 January 1947.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission is keeping the Ministry of Mercantile Marine informed of the status of this vessel.

2. At the present time the question of the STAMIRA is being examined by the British Ministry of Transport.

H. W. SIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - A.C.
Date: 9th January 1947
Ref.: 86/UT

Subject: SS. "STAMIRA"

With reference to the previous correspondence on the subject, and in particular, with our letter 1908/UT, dated 11th September 1945, the Navy Sub Commission is requested to re-examine the possibility of the return of the SS. "STAMIRA".

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Roma, 9 Gennaio 1946

Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO
Ufficio Trattati
INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 86/UT. Allegati

ARGOMENTO Piroscafo STAMIRA.

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione Navale

Con riferimento alla precedente corrispondenza in merito e, in particolare, al dispaccio dello scrivente 1908/UT in data 11 settembre 1945, si prega codesta C.A. di voler riprendere in esame la possibilità della riconsegna del piroscafo STAMIRA.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G.MARINI

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NSC/5851
9 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Mercantile Marine.

Subject: SS STAMIRA on Loan to the Greek Government.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. 188 of 4 January 1947 addressed to F.O.L.I.

1. Reference (a) has been forwarded to the British Ministry of War Transport. The Ministry of Mercantile Marine will be informed as soon as a reply is received.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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NSC/5849
9 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: The British Ministry of Transport Representative, Rome.
A.P.O. 8551, C.M.F.

Subject: SS STAMIRA on Loan to the Greek Government.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. 138 of 4 January 1947.

1. It would be appreciated if the Ministry of Transport Representative could furnish the Navy Sub-Commission with the information required to answer the requests contained in enclosure (A)

H. W. ZIEGEL,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

10 JAN 1947

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FROM : Ministry of Mercantile Marine

To : F.O.L.I. - Rome

Date : 4th January, 1947

Ref. : 188

Subject : S.S. STAMIRA of the Fiumana Shipping on loan to the Greek Government.

Ref. is made to the British Ministry of Transport's letter GAB/369/46/R.4b, dated 26th April, 1946, and to the N.S.C.'s letter NSC/5418, dated 12th September, 1946, both addressed to the Ministry of Marine.

With reference to the contents of the above letters, the Ministry of Mercantile Marine would like to be informed regarding the present lawful position of the S.S. STAMIRA and to know her probable destination when the present employment of the vessel is terminated.

DATE: 6th January 1947
FROM: [illegible]
TO : [illegible]

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IL MINISTRO

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Ministero della Marina Mercantile

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Divisione III Sez. 1
Prot. N.° 188 Allegati

Al F. O. L. I.

ROMA

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N.°

OGGETTO P.fo "STAMIRA" della Soc. Fiumana di Navigazione in consegna al Governo greco

Si fa riferimento alla lettera del British Ministry of Transport GAB/369/46/R.4b in data 26 aprile scorso anno e al foglio della Navy Sub Commission NSC/5418 del 12 settembre scorso, ambedue diretti al Ministero della Marina.

In relazione al contenuto dei due su citati fogli, questo Ministero desidererebbe essere cortesemente informato sulla posizione giuridica attuale del P.fo "STAMIRA" e conoscere la sua probabile destinazione quando l'attuale impiego della nave sarà terminato.

IL MINISTRO

Visto

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NSC/5418
12 September 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.

Subject: SS FREIBURG, Ex Italian SS STAMIRA.

Reference: (a) MofM (Maristat) ltr. 12490 dated 26 July 1946.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission fails to see that the British Ministry of Transport letter GAB/369/46/R.5b of 26 April in any way implies that the subject vessel may be requisitioned by the Italian Navy.

2. At the present time the decision rendered in the letter of 26 April by the Ministry of Transport continues to remain effective; namely, that there is no immediate intention of removing the vessel from her service with the Greek Government.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A. C.

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BRITISH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

A.P.O. S. 551 C.M.F.

Telegrams: Shipminder, Rome.
Tel. 843041 Ext. 37

9th August, 1946.

Ref: CAB/735/A6/R.8.

To Navy Sub-Commission, HQ Allied Commission

From Ministry of Transport Representative (Italian Area)

Subject: s.s. "FREIBURG" ex Italian s.s. "STAMIRA"

Attached are copies of:-

(i) letter from British Ministry of Transport, Rome, dated 26th April, 1946 to Ministry of Marine (Directorate General Merchant Marine)

(ii) signal (Mast 7920) from British Ministry of Transport, Naples office, to MOT London.

(iii) signal (Mast 7923) from British Ministry of Transport, Naples Office, to MOT London.

(iv) signal from MOT London (Mast 163) to British Ministry of Transport, Rome.

It is understood these copies are required to enable you to deal with an enquiry in respect of the "STAMIRA" from the Italian Ministry of Marine.

G.A.BELL
Ministry of Transport Representative (Italian Area)

IRN-2341.

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BRITISH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

A.P.O. S. 551 C.M.F.

Telegrams: Shipminder, Rome.
Tel. 843041 Ext. 37

26th April, 1946.

Ref: GAB/369/46/R.5b

To Director-General, Italian Ministry of Marine.

From Ministry of Transport Representative (Italian Area)

Subject: s.s. "FREIBURG" ex "STAMIRA"

The information contained in your letters, to which reference is made in your communication dated 22nd April 1946 Div.III Sez.I No.8200 was conveyed to the Ministry of Transport, London, who have now informed me that there is no intention at the present time of removing the vessel from her present service with the Greeks. The Ministry point out that under the Cunningham-de Courten Agreement, there is no obligation to do so.

(sgd.) G.A.ERRL
Ministry of Transport Representative (Italian Area)

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COPY OF CABLE SENT TO SURRENDER LONDON (MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT LONDON)
FROM SURRENDER NAPLES (MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT NAPLES) SUBJECT: ITALIAN VESSEL "SAMIRA"
REF:7920

ITALIAN MERCHANT MARINE STATE (1) VESSEL WAS AT PLUMZ AT DATE OF ARMISTICE 8th SEPTEMBER 1943. (2) SAILED 10th SEPTEMBER FOR AND REACHED ANCONA 11th WITH ITALIAN SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ON BOARD. (3) SHIP WAS UNABLE PROCEED TO TARANTO OWING TO SHORTAGE OF FUEL. (4) WAS BOARDED BY GERMAN MILITARY PERSONNEL 12th SEPTEMBER. (5) "SAMIRA" WAS TAKEN TO VENICE EARLY OCTOBER 1943 WHERE SHE WAS REPAIRED AND CONVERTED TO BE USED AS HOSPITAL SHIP WITH GERMAN CREW AND FLAG AND UNDER NEW NAME "FREIBURG". (6) AS SUCH SHE WAS STOPPED BY ROYAL NAVAL UNITS WHICH RECOGNISED THE LAWFULNESS AND REGULARITY OF HER MISSION RELEASED HER TO THE GERMANS. (7) IN JUNE 1944 THE JURIDICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STATUS OF THE VESSEL WAS REGULARISED BY DOCUMENT OF DELIVERY AND COMPENSATION PAYMENT FOR CHARTER HIRE BY THE GERMANS TO HER OWNERS THE SOCIETA FIUMANA DI NAVIGAZIONE ADRIATICA. (8) UPON LIBERATION OF NORTH ITALY SHIP PROCEEDED FROM TRIESTE TO BARI. TOO 151710 FEB. (15th February, 1946)

COPY OF CABLE SENT TO SURRENDER NAPLES (Ministry of Transport Naples)
FROM SURRENDER LONDON (Ministry of Transport London) SUBJECT: ITALIAN VESSEL SAMIRA.

REF:7923.

FURTHER REFERENCE ITALIAN VESSEL "SAMIRA" AGREEMENT TO WISH ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ESSEX AND MENTIONED OUR LETTER No 4278 DATED 17 NOVEMBER IS CUNNINGHAM DE COURTEY AGREEMENT. TOO 151700 FEB. (15th Feb. 1946)

COPY OF CABLE SENT TO SURRENDER ROME (Ministry of Transport Rome)
FROM SURRENDER LONDON (Ministry of Transport London) SUBJECT: "SAMIRA"

REF:163. THERE IS NO INTENTION AT THE PRESENT TIME OF REMOVING "SAMIRA" FROM HER PRESENT SITUATION UNDER CHARGES AND UNDER THE CUNNINGHAM DE COURTEY AGREEMENT WE ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO DO SO. TOO 1814 25 April (25th April 1946)

TOO.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I.
Date: 26th July 1946
Ref.: 12490

Subject: SS. "STAMIRA" owned by "Societa' Fiumana di Navigazione" (Fiumana Shipping Co.)

1. The "Societa' Fiumana di Navigazione" has requested that the "SS. "STAMIRA" which is now employed by the Greek Navy under the name "PIRAEUS" may be requisitioned by the Italian Navy in accordance with the Cunningham-De Courten Agreement upon the use of Italian shipping by the Allies, having reference to the information contained in letter No.GAB/369/46/R.5b of 26th April last from the British Ministry of Transport to the effect that for the moment the ship can not be taken away from its present service in Greece and that, upon the basis of the above agreement, the Allies are not obliged to do so.

2. I favour the acceptance of the request made by the Company, but I have observed a contradiction between the above letter from the British Ministry of Transport and your letter No. NSC/3741 of 10th October 1945, in which you gave notice that no certain guarantee could be given that the "STAMIRA" would be returned to the Italian Authorities on completion of her present duty.

3. I consider the letter of the British Ministry of Transport to be decisive this being the competent authority: and so, unless you have any objection which it is requested may be communicated to me at yourearliest convenience, I shall arrange for the vessel to be requisitioned.

for CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

GGE/P. 29

DATE: 7 August 1946
FROM: FLAG OFFICER ITALY & [illegible]
TO : NAVY SECTION, [illegible]
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Roma, 20 DIC. 1945 - A.

Al F.O.L.I.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N.° 12490 *Allegati*

ARGOMENTO: P.fo STAMIRA della Società Fiumana di Navigazione.

1. La Società Fiumana di Navigazione ha chiesto che il suo P.fo Stamira, attualmente impiegato dalla Marina Greca col nome di "Piraeus", sia requisito dalla Marina Militare Italiana in base agli accordi Cunningham - De Courten sull'utilizzazione del naviglio italiano da parte degli Alleati, ed in relazione alla comunicazione contenuta nella lettera GAB/369/46/R.5b in data 26 aprile u.s. del British Ministry of Transport che per il momento la nave non può essere distolta dal suo attuale servizio in Grecia e che, in base ai predetti accordi, gli Alleati non sono obbligati a farlo.

2. Sono favorevole all'accoglimento della domanda della Società: però ho rilevato contraddizione fra la lettera sopracitata del British Ministry of Transport e la vostra lettera ENSC/3741 in data 10 ottobre 1945, nella quale avete comunicato di non potere prendere impegno con certezza che lo Stamira sarà restituito all'autorità italiana alla fine del suo servizio presente.

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3. Ritengo la lettera del British Ministry of Transport decisiva perchè organo competente: e quindi, salvo obbliezioni da parte vostra, che pregherei comunicarmi al più presto, provvedo alla requisizione.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3741
10 October 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Italian SS STAMIRA.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 1908/U.T. of 11 September 1945.

1. With regard to reference (a) Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has informed the Navy Sub-Commission that it was the Authorities in London who allocated the SS STAMIRA to the Greek Government and not the Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Area.

2. It cannot be assumed with certainty that the STAMIRA will be returned to the Italian Authorities on completion of her present duty.

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(Sgd) G. L. W[illegible]
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission AFO 394

NSC/3595
18 September 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Employment of S.S. "FRIEBURG", ex-"STAMIRA".

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Navy S/C Ltr NSC/3395-A of 28 August 1945.
(B) Ministry of Marine Ltr 1908/U.T. of 11 Sept. 1945, Original and Translation.

1. In accordance with Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean letter Med.45/937/7/1 of 21 August 1945 the Ministry of Marine, in enclosure (A), was informed that the Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Area had allocated the S.S. FRIEBURG to the Greek Government.

2. Enclosure (B), which now has been received by the Navy Sub-Commission, indicates that the Italian Minister of Marine interprets the communication to mean that STAMIRA will be returned ultimately to the Italian flag. The remarks of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean on enclosure (B) would be appreciated in order that a reply may be made to it by the Navy Sub-Commission.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC,
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3395-A
28 August 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: S.S. "FRIEBURG", ex-"STAMIRA".

1. In reply to Ministry of Marine letter 1205/U.T. of 7 July 1945, the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean informs the Navy Sub-Commission, AC that the Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Area has allocated the S.S. FRIEBURG to the Greek Government for use as a personnel carrier between the Greek Islands and it has since sailed to Piraeus under Greek flag with a Greek crew.

/s/ G.L. Warren
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : A.C. - N.S.C.
Date : 11th September 1945
Ref.: 1906/UT

Subject : Italian s.s. STAMIRA

Reference is made to your letter NSC/3395-A dated 28th August 1945.

I have interpreted this communication to mean that upon completion of the duties for which this ship has been consigned to the Greek Government, the STAMIRA will be returned to the Italian flag.

I should appreciate your confirmation of this.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3395-A
28 August 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: S.S. "FREIBURG", ex-"STAMIRA".

FILE

1. In reply to Ministry of Marine letter 1205/U.T. of 7 July 1945, the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean informs the Navy Sub-Commission, AC that the Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Area has allocated the S.S. FREIBURG to the Greek Government for use as a personnel carrier between the Greek Islands and it has since sailed to Piraeus under Greek flag with a Greek crew.

(Sgd) G. N. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - A.C. - Headquarters - APO 394
Date: 22 August 1945
Ref.: 1796/ U.T.

Subject: S.S."FRIEBURG" ex "STAMIRA".

It would be appreciated if a reply could be given to my No.1205/U.T. dated 7th July last, referring to the above subject.

(Sgd) THE MINISTER

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

GABINETTO
UFFICIO TRATTATI

Indirizzo telegrafico: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 1796-112 Allegati .....

Roma, li 22 agosto 1947

Al CHIEF NAVY
SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
HEADQUARTERS - APO
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ARGOMENTO: Piroscafo "FRIEDURG" ex "STAMIRA".-

Si prega di voler dare cortese evasione al foglio 1205/UT in data 7 luglio u.s. allo stesso argomento.-

IL MINISTRO

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Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
21st August, 1945.

Med.45/937/7/1.
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

EMPLOYMENT OF "FREIBURG"

With reference to your NSC/2343 of 4th May, 1945, and signal timed 111155B/August, 1945, "FREIBURG" has been allocated to the Greek Government for use as a personnel carrier between the Greek Islands, and has since sailed to Piraeus under Greek flag with a Greek crew.

2. An indemnity reading as follows has been signed on behalf of the Royal Hellenic Government:-

"In consideration of the Supreme Allied Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Area, handing over to the Royal Hellenic Government the "FREIBURG", ex-"STAHRA", now lying at Bari for manning and operation for account of and at the risk of that Governement the Royal Hellenic Government hereby agree

(i) To indemnify His Britannic Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States of America against any claim of whatsoever nature in relation to the said vessel which may at any time be made against them or any of their Departments, Agencies, Officers or Servants,

and

(ii) If so required by either of the said Governments at any time in connection with the final disposition of ex-enemy tonnage to return the said vessel to the said Governments or their nominees."

for ADMIRAL

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Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
21st August, 1945.

Med.45/357/7/1.
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

DEPLOYMENT OF "FREIBURG"

With reference to your NSC/2343 of 4th May, 1945, and signal timed 111153B/August, 1945, "FREIBURG" has been allocated to the Greek Government for use as a personnel carrier between the Greek Islands, and has since sailed to Piraeus under Greek flag with a Greek crew.

2. An indemnity reading as follows has been signed on behalf of the Royal Hellenic Government:-

"In consideration of the Supreme Allied Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Area, handing over to the Royal Hellenic Government the "FREIBURG", ex-"STAMIRA", now lying at Bari for manning and operation for account of and at the risk of that Government the Royal Hellenic Government hereby agree

(i) To indemnify His Britannic Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States of America against any claim of whatsoever nature in relation to the said vessel which may at any time be made against them or any of their Departments, Agencies, Officers or Servants,

and

(ii) If so required by either of the said Governments at any time in connection with the final disposition of ex-enemy tonnage to return the said vessel to the said Governments or their nominees."

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(Sgd.) H. A. PACKER
for ADMIRAL

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GERMAN SHIPS TO BE GIVEN TO GREECE

(The Navy Sub Commission's M32/3004, dated 27th July, 1945).

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III.

Med.45/00600/3B.
THE FLAG OFFICER, ITALY AND LIAISON.
(Reference Minute II, No.F.O.I.L.928A/3.dated 4th August, 1945).
(Copy to:- The Navy Sub Commission,
Headquarters Allied Commission).

"FRIEDBURG" has already sailed for Piraeus.

2. There is no trace of any ship by the name of "CAPRIONOS" at Bari. It is requested that this name and the name of the port where the ship is said to be lying be verified.

MEDITERRANEAN.
21st August, 1945.

H. A. PACKET 4240
For ADMIRAL

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INFORMATION IS REQUESTED AS TO WHETHER A DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF "STAMIRA" (EX FREIBURG) AS ITALIAN MINISTRY OF MARINE HAS MADE REPEATED INQUIRIES. YOUR MED.45/937/7/4. OF 25 MAY REFERS.

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GERMAN SHIPS TO BE GIVEN TO GREECE.
(Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission's No. NSC/3064 dated 27th July, 1945.)

II.

No. F.O.I.L. 928A/3.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copy to:- Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.)

Forwarded.

(Signed) S.H. BLACKBURN.

ROME,
4th August, 1945.

for REAR-ADMIRAL.
(Absent on duty.)

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3078
27 July 1945

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Naval Technical Adviser, Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.

Subject: German Ships to be Given to Greece.

1. For your information, your letter reference No.ST/73 has been forwarded to the Flag Officer Italy and Liaison for appropriate action.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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NSC/3064
27 July 1945

FIRST ENDORSEMENT On
Naval Technical Adviser,
Greek Delegation to the
Advisory Council for Italy,
ltr No.ST/73 of 23 July '45.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Flag Officer Italy and Liaison.

Subject: German Ships to be Given to Greece.

Enclosures: (A) Copy Navy Sub-Commission ltr NSC/2343 of 4 May 1945.
(B) Copy CINC MED ltr Med.45/937/7/1 of 25 May 1945.

1. Forwarded for appropriate action.

2. Enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded herewith for information in connection with the "FREIBURG". No information is available concerning the "CAPAIONOS".

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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GREEK DELEGATION
to the
Advisory Council
For Italy

NAVAL TECHNICAL ADVISER

Ref.No. ST/73

SECRET--URGENT

ROME 23/7/45

Subject: German ships to be given to Greece.

I have the honour to bring to your knowledge that, according to a telegram of our Ministry of Marine (ATHENS), is to take place the assignement of the German passenger ship "FREIBURG", (being at the present at the port of Brindisi) and of the German cargo ship "CAPAIONOS" (BARI), both ceded by the Allies to Greece.

Would you please kindly order the N.O.I.C., BARI and the N.O.I.C. BRINDISI, to send to us a statement of the condition of the above mentioned ships so we can be prepared for the reception.

Yours very truly,

/s/ P. Constas
Captain P. CONSTAS
R.H.N.

To:
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION (British)
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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section J-402/NNDC NO. 125020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 7 July '45
Ref.: 1205/U.T.

Subject: M/S. "STAMIRA".

With reference to A.C.'s letter Nº NSC/2733 of 23rd June last, it is requested that, in harmony with the agreement in force, this Merchant Ship may be returned for duty to Italy with an Italian Crew and Italian flag, in the Allied Pool.

FOR THE MINISTER.

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

GABINETTO
UFFICIO TRATTATI

Indirizzo telegrafico: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 1205/uT Allegati .....

u, 7 Luglio 1945

Al CHIEF NAVY SUB-COM-
MISSION AC. -HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

ARGOMENTO: Piroscafo "ITALIA".

Con riferimento al foglio di codesta Commissione Alleata n°N30/2738 del 23 giugno c.a. si richiede che, in armonia con i vigenti accordi, il piroscafo sia restituito all'Italia per esser quindi impiegato, con bandiera ed equipaggio italiani, nel pool Alleato.-

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IL MINISTRO
C. V.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

FILE

NSC/2738
23 June 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Italian Steam Vessel "STAMIRA".

1. With reference to Ministry of Marine letter 258/U.T. of 29 April 1945, it is regretted that no decision has been reached concerning the future employment of the steam vessel "STAMIRA"(ex-FREIBURG).

Capt H. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
CINC MED(Ref:Med.45/937/7/1
of 25th May 1945).

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 21 june '45
Ref.: 1138/U.T.

Subject: M/V. "STAMIRA".

With ref. to our N°258/U.T. of 29 Apr., if possible request you kindly furnish information asked for concerning M/V. "STAMIRA".

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Be/d.

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

GABINETTO

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Indirizzo telegrafico: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 1138/fut Allegati ....

Roma, li 21 giugno 1945

Al NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
Headquarters A.C. -

ARGOMENTO: P/fo "STAMIRA".

Con riferimento al dispaccio di questo Ministero n. 253/UF del 29 aprile, si prega voler fornire, ove possibile, le notizie richieste relative al P/fo "STAMIRA".

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASILINI

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
25th May, 1945.

Med.45/937/7/1.
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
(Copy to:- The Flag Officer, Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy).

ITALIAN STEAM VESSEL "STAMIRA" (EX "FREIBURG").

With reference to your No.NSC/2343 of 4th May, 1945 addressed to the Flag Officer, Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy concerning the Italian Steam vessel "STAMIRA", the future employment of this vessel has been referred to the Admiralty and their decision will be communicated as soon as known.

H. B. Laing

for ADMIRAL

H.B. LAING

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ITALIAN STEAM VESSEL "STAMIRA".
(Navy Sub-Commission's letter No.NSC/2343 of 4 May 1945.)

II.

No. T.A.1110/61.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.
(Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.)

Forwarded for a decision please with reference to paragraph 1 of minute 1.

2. It is confirmed that German Hospital Ship "FREIBURG" is the ex Italian steam ship "STAMIRA". This vessel is now at Bari.

Signed C E. MORGAN
REAR-ADMIRAL.

TARANTO.
13th May, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2343
4 May 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Italian Steam Vessel "STAMIRA".

1. The Navy Sub-Commission is in receipt of a communication from the Ministry of Marine which requests that steam vessel STAMIRA, 1,462 tons, Ancona Register, be located and returned to Italian Navy control.

2. The present location of STAMIRA is unknown to the Ministry of Marine. It is known, however, to the Ministry that she was appropriated by the Germans in September 1943, who used her as a hospital ship under the name of FREYSBURG. At that time, she carried the German Flag and was manned by a German crew. The Ministry believes that at some later date, she was stopped by British Warships and routed to Brindisi.

3. It is requested that consideration be given to the Ministry's request and that the Navy Sub-Commission be informed of any action taken in order that the Ministry of Marine may be notified accordingly.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION - ALLIED

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7 MAY 1945

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T 25020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 29 Apr.'45
Ref.: 258/U.T.

Subject: M/V. "STAMIRA".

According to our information M/V. STAMIRA (G.tonnage 1462, Ancona Register) was taken over by the Germans in Sept.'43, who used her as a Hospital Ship under the name of FREYSBURG, plus German Flag and Crew.

As such she was stopped by British Warships (date unknown) and routed to Brindisi. Moreover, as she was not listed as an H/S., she was probably held and used by the Allies.

F.O.L.I. is requested to confirm above and arrange that the vessel be handed back to Italy so that, ~~which~~ with an Italian Crew, she may be employed in accordance with agreements in force between the two Navies.

(Sgd) THE MINISTER
2 a May, 1945

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON (ITALY)
Date 3 May
No 316
ROME

DG/P.

FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION
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Rear Admiral

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Be/c.

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
GABINETTO
UFFICIO TRATTATI

Indirizzo telegrafico: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 258/UT Allegati .....

Roma 29 Aprile 1945

Al F. O. L. I.

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ARGOMENTO: Piroscafo STAMIRA.-

Secondo notizie in possesso di questo Ministero il P/fo STAMIRA (stazza lorda Tonn. 1462, compartimento di Ancona) nel settembre 1943 sarebbe stato preso dai tedeschi i quali lo fecero quindi navigare con bandiera ed equipaggio proprio, come nave ospedale, col nome di FREYSBURG. In questa sua nuova posizione la nave sarebbe stata fermata in data imprecisata da nave da guerra inglese, lungo la costa della Dalmazia, e dirottata a Brindisi. Ivi, non essendo risultata iscritta nella lista delle navi ospedale, sarebbe stata trattenuta e quindi impiegata dagli Alleati.

Si prega codesto F.O.L.I. voler precisare se quanto sopra è esatto e, in caso affermativo, disporre che la nave sia restituita all'Italia che, con proprio equipaggio, provvederebbe a impiegarla secondo gli accordi in vigore per le due Marine.

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IL MINISTRO

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DISPOSAL OF U.S. "LIBERTY" SS "STARITA".
(The Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission's
NAV/3595 of 10th September 1945.)

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THE NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

"STARITA" was not allocated to the Greek Government by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre, but by the authorities in London, who prepared the indemnity referred to in Med.45/927/7/1 of 21st August 1945. Med.45/927/7/2 of 25th May 1945 is relevant.

2. It cannot be assumed with certainty that "STARITA" will be returned to the Italian authorities on completion of her present duty.

for ADMIRAL.

2nd October 1945.

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III.

Italian Auxiliary S/V "GILFREDO"
owned by Rocco Mule.

HNR/81.
Chief, Navy Sub Commission, A.C.,
ROME.
(Copy to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station).

I have now received a reply to my enquiry as to the whereabouts of the S/V. GILFREDO owned by Rocco Mule, which has been passed to me by the Yugoslav Liaison Section and a copy of which is attached.

2. Before making this approach I discussed with the Chancery the desirability of raising this on a diplomatic level, but they were disinclined to do this as they considered that they were unlikely to get any satisfactory answer, if a reply were forthcoming at all.

a. Shepherd

20.2.1947.
Belgrade.

for CAPTAIN, ROYAL NAVY. (to catch mail)
British Naval Representative.

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Further correspondence in NSS file IRN-11/N/

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ITALIAN AUXILIARY S/V "GILFREDO" OWNED BY ROCCO MULE.

(Ministry of Mercantile Marine's letter No. 36285, Encl. No.2 dated 13th November 1946).
(without enclosures)

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NSC/5713
THE BRITISH NAVAL REPRESENTATIVE
BELGRADE

(Copy to:-
Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Reference: Med.46/1352/2/3 of 28th March 1946).

Forwarded with the request that an investigation be made into the matter with a view to determining the present whereabouts and ownership of the S/V GILFREDO, and the circumstances in which she came under Jugoslav control.

2. The vessel in question, was requisitioned by the Royal Navy in August 1943 for operational duties with "G" Topographical Liaison Unit, and was subsequently operated in the Adriatic based at Monopoli. While no trace of any authority for transfer to the Jugoslavs can be found in Royal Navy records, this vessel was nevertheless, reported to have been manned by a Jugoslav crew under the Jugoslav flag and to have been renamed ZARAT in February/March 1945. In the summer of 1945 she was reported to have been at Split with a cargo of wood and has not been heard of since.

A.L. Lamb.

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

ROME.
27th November, 1946.

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GENERAL STAFF, Y.A.
LIAISON OFFICE.

Confid. No. 56.
17.2.1947.

NAVAL ATTACHE OF HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY.

With reference to your letter, Ref. NA/74 of 10th January 1947, we beg to inform you that our authorities know nothing of a motor-sailer under the name "Gilfredo" or "Zarat", nor is there such a vessel amongst the units of Yugoslav Navy.

This section profits by this occasion to assure you of its high esteem.

Section Chief, Major.
(Sgd.) Milovanovic.

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SCHOONER "GILFREDO".

(Flag Officer Liaison, Italy's letter No. F.O.L.I.421/6 dated 11th February, 1947).

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Med.47/1352/2/1.
FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY.
(Copy to:-
Navy Sub-Section, I.M.A.S.)

Paragraph 2. Approved.

Sgd. P.S. SMITH

MEDITERRANEAN. for ADMIRAL
19th February, 1947.

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THE FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
Rome.

11th February, 1947.

No.F.O.L.I.421/6.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copy to:- The Navy Sub-Section, I.N.A.C.).

SCHOONER GILFREDO.

With reference to your Minute II, No. Med.46/1552/2/3, dated 28th March, 1946, all efforts to trace the "GILFREDO" have failed. When at Monopoli in March, 1944, she was operating with No.1 Special Force attached to the Fifth Army, in the course of which service she visited the islands off the Yugo-Slav mainland and therefore probably flew the Yugo-Slav flag at times.

2. Observing that the vessel was originally requisitioned on 8th August, 1943, by Lieutenant Callegos R.N.V.R., and in order to settle the matter by securing fair compensation for the owner, authority is requested to furnish CC. CE. MA. with:-

(a) A certificate that the "GILFREDO" has been continually employed by the Allies from 8th August, 1943, until a date to be fixed by you.

(b) A certificate that the vessel is now considered lost.

3. Hiring fees have been paid by CC. CE. MA. to the owner for the period 8th August, 1943, - 30th April, 1945.

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(signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

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NSC/5871
15 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Mercantile Marine.

Subject: Italian Auxiliary S/V "GILFREDO" Owned by Rocco Mule.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine's ltr. No. 36285 dated 13 November 1946.

1. The Ministry of Mercantile Marine is informed that renewed efforts are being made to trace the S/V GILFREDO, but it is possible however, that these investigations may take some time.

2. A reply will be made to reference (a) as soon as practicable.

H. W. ZIRELLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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FROM: BRITISH NAVAL REPRESENTATIVE, BELGRADE.

DATE: 28TH DECEMBER 1946. REF: BNR/774.

TO: CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ROME.

SUBMITTED.

Italian Auxiliary S/V "Gilfredo" owned by Rocco Mule.

Your Minute II dated 27th November, together with letter from Ministry of Mercantile Marine No. 36285 and translation, has been received. Every effort will be made to trace this vessel, but it is possible that this may take some time.

CAPTAIN, ROYAL NAVY.

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(Ministry of Mercantile Marine's letter No. 36285, Encl. No.2 dated 13th November 1946).
(without enclosures)

II.

NAVO/5713
THE BRITISH NAVAL REPRESENTATIVE
BELGRADE

(Copy to:-
Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Reference: Med.46/1352/2/3 of 2[illegible]th March 1946).

Forwarded with the request that an investigation be made into the matter with a view to determining the present whereabouts and ownership of the S/V GILFREDO, and the circumstances in which she came under Jugoslav control.

2. The vessel in question, was requisitioned by the Royal Navy in August 1943 for operational duties with "G" Topographical Liaison Unit, and was subsequently operated in the Adriatic based at Monopoli. While no trace of any authority for transfer to the Jugoslavs can be found in Royal Navy records, this vessel was nevertheless, reported to have been manned by a Jugoslav crew under the Jugoslav flag and to have been renamed ZARAT in February/March 1945. In the summer of 1945 she was reported to have been at Split with a cargo of wood and has not been heard of since.

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(Sgd) G. L. [illegible]MMEREN 4216

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

ROME,
27th November, 1946.

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From: MINISTRY OF MERCANTILE MARINE (
To : N.S.C. - A.C.
Date: 13th November 1946
Ref.: 36285 - Encl. No.2

Subject: Italian Auxiliary S/V "GILFREDO" ~~shipowner~~ owned by Rocco MULE

On 10th August 1943 Lieut. A.GALLAGOS R.N.V.R. took over, in the port of Syracuse, the auxiliary S/V "GILFREDO" (gross tonnage 66), owned by Rocco Mule of Gela.

The vessel was considered requisitioned, as can easily be inferred from the receipt given to the owner and which was also recognised by F.O.L.I.

A copy is enclosed of the above receipt and of the letter No.1023/34 from F.O.L.I. Taranto, dated 4th June 1944.

The auxiliary sailing vessel, employed for a time under the British flag and with a British crew, was subsequently handed over to Jugoslav subjects, who, after having changed its name to "ZARA", made use of her under the Jugoslav flag.

The Allied Commission, Navy Sub Commission, which was approached by the Ministry of Marine, (Cabinet) for the return of the vessel requested by the owner, communicated at the beginning of this year that no news was available concerning it. CO.GE.NA. had previously also been informed of this fact by the Mediterranean representative of the Ministry of War Transport.

Despite inquiries made by the Allied Commission and by the Italian Naval Authorities, no trace has been found of the "GILFREDO", from which it must be deduced that she has been lost or made unrecognisable by the Jugoslavs; her fate is therefore uncertain.

Faced with this situation, the Ministry of Mercantile Marine is unable to settle the matter definitely in the interests of the owner or continue with the hire of the vessel, as has been done up to the present, in order to limit further harm to the owner himself. It is considered necessary, therefore, to know the real fate of the vessel and the Ministry of Mercantile Marine therefore requests the Navy Sub Commission to start new investigations and in any case, to inform us whether the S/V "GILFREDO" is to be considered lost, and if so, from what date.

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The details of the vessel, which, as mentioned above, was renamed "ZARAT" by the Jugoslavs, are as follows :

- Gross tonnage : 66
- Wooden construction (oak and pine)
  built at Viareggio in 1911
- Length 20.42 metres
- Breadth 6.25 metres
- Diesel Humboldt Dentz, 2 cylinder engine (1939)

for THE MINISTER

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Ministero
della Marina Mercantile

Roma, 13 NOV 1944 19

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
NAVY SUB COMMISSION
ROMA

Divisione III/N. Sez. 1ª
Pratt. N.° 3628 Allegati 2

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N.°

OGGETTO Motoveliero italiano "GILFREDO" dell'armatore Rocco Mulè.

Il 10 agosto 1943 il Tenente di Vascello A.Gallagos R.N.V.R. prendeva in consegna nel porto di Siracusa il motoveliero "GILFREDO" (tonn. s.l. 66) dell'armatore Rocco Mulè di Gela.

La nave fu considerata sotto requisizione, come può desumersi facilmente dalla ricevuta rilasciata al proprietario e come fu riconosciuto anche da codesto F.O.L.I.

All'uopo si trasmette copia della ricevuta suddetta e della lettera F.O.L.I. Taranto n. 1023/34 del 4 giugno 1944.

Il motoveliero, impiegato per qualche tempo con bandiera ed equipaggio britannici, successivamente fu dato in consegna a sudditi iugoslavi, i quali, dopo avergli cambiato il nome in "ZARAT", lo avrebbero impiegato con bandiera iugoslava.

La Commissione Alleata-Sottocommissione navale - interessata dal Ministero della Marina - Gabinetto - Ufficio Trattati, affinchè la nave fosse restituita al proprietario, che sollecitava una decisione in tal senso, verso i primi del corrente anno comunicava che non si avevano più notizie del motoveliero ciò che, qualche tempo prima, del resto, anche il Mediterranean Representative del Ministry of War Transport aveva fatto conoscere al Co.Ge.Na. 4213 -

Ad onta delle ricerche effettuate dalla Commissione Alleata e dalle Autorità navali italiane, nessuna traccia si è più avuta del M/v "GILFREDO", tal che sorge il dubbio che esso siasi perduto oppure sia stato reso irriconoscibile dagli iugoslavi, lasciando tuttavia incerta la sua sorte.

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Di fronte a tale situazione questo Ministero non può prendere' alcuna determinazione definitiva nei riguardi degli interessi del proprietario, nè seguitare nel regime di noleggio del bastimento, come è stato praticato fino ad ora, allo scopo precipuo di limitare il danno del proprietario stesso. Si ritiene pertanto necessario conoscere la vera sorte avuta dal motoveliero e all'uopo questo Ministero rivolge preghiera a codesto .N.S.C. perchè voglia compiacersi far eseguire nuove ricerche, e in ogni caso, far conoscere se il motoveliero "GILFREDO" debbasi considerare ormai perduto, e da quale data.

Le caratteristiche dell'unità, che, come sopra accennato, è stata ribattezzata "ZARAT" dagli iugoslavi, sono le seguenti:

- T.S.L. 66
- Costruzione in legno (quercia e pino) costruito a Viareggio nel 1911
- Lunghezza mt. 20.42
- Larghezza " 6.25
- Motore Diesel a due cilindri Humboldt Deutz (1939).

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO: Signor MULE' Rocco
SYRACUSE

FROM: Lt A. Gallegos
R.N.V.R.

This is to certify that I am to-day taking delivery from you of the Auxiliary Schooner "GILFREDO" in accordance with certificate from S.S.T.O. Syracuse dated 8th 1843.

Claim for compensation will have to be put in by you to the Claims Commission.

A. GALLEGOS
Lt. R.N.V.R.

for G. (Oppure 5) Topographical

LIAIASON UNIT

Data 10/8/1943

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Appunto di requisizione da parte A.M.G.O.T. firmato
by order
F.Rewhings(?) Cpt
A.C./ A.O.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS
TARANTO

N. 1023/34

4th June, 1944

MINISTER OF MARINE, MARISTAT,
PALAZZO RESTA, TARANTO -

MOTOR SCHOONER "GILFREDO"

With reference to my letter N. T.A. 1023/34 of 6th May, the Allied Control Commission have replied that this schooner should not be considered as a prize of war, but that it was, in fact, properly requisitioned. In view of the Armistice Terms, however, the return of this shooner cannot be considered. As regards compensation, it may be that a claim arises in respect of the period from the date of requisition to the date of the Armistice. If you wish the latter question to be pursued, the owner should be instructed to proceed through the ordinary channels.

F.to: REAR-ADMIRAL
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NSC/5421
7 September 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : The British Ministry of Transport Representative (Italian Area).

Subject: Italian Motor Schooner GILFREDO.

Reference: (a) BMofWT ltr. GAB/815/46/R/SH dated 28 August 1946.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Navy Sub-Commission ltr.NSC/4898 dated 12 April 1946.
(B) Copy of ltr. from Mule' ROCCO, Gela, Sicily, dated 1 March 1946.
(C) Copy of CinCMed minute Med.46/1352/2/3 dated 28 March 1946.
(D) Copy of ltr.from Lt.A. Galleros, RNVR, to Mule' Rocco, dated 10 August 1943.
(E) Copy of MofM (Cabinet) ltr.1853/UT dated 9 Sept.1945.

1. In accordance with the request contained in reference (a), enclosures (A), (B), (C), and (D) are forwarded herewith.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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BRITISH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

A.P.O. S. 551 C.M.F.

Telegrams: Shipminder, Rome.
Tel. 843041 Ext. 37

28th August, 1946.

Ref: MOT/19/4/A.SM.

To Allied Commission, Navy Sub Commission.

From Ministry of Transport Representative (Italian Area)

Subject: Italian Motor Schooner "COLUMBO"

CO.GA.NA have put an enquiry through the Italian Shipping Board in respect of the vessel under reference which it is understood was taken up by S.S.T.O. Syracuse on 8th August, 1943.

S.S.T.O. CASERTA, to whom the enquiry has been referred, has replied that he holds a signal showing that the correspondence dealing with this case has been forwarded to the Navy Sub Commission.

Any information which could be laid before the Italian Shipping Boardas to how this matter now stands would be appreciated.

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C.A.FELL
Ministry of Transport Representative
(Italian Area)

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NSC/4896
12 April 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Auxiliary Sailing Boat GILFREDO.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine (Cabinet) letter 1853/U.T. of 9 September 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Signore Mule ROCCO letter of 1 March 1946 to AFHQ.

1. The subject vessel is made available to the Ministry of Marine for release to the owner as requested in reference (a).

2. The Navy Sub-Commission has been unable to discover the present whereabouts of the subject vessel. On 1 March the GILFREDO was reported to be in Venice, but a check failed to disclose her presence there.

3. Enclosure (A) is forwarded in order that the Ministry of Marine may draught a reply if it is so desired.

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(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

12 APR 1946

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TO: A.F.H.Q. NAVY COMMAND - CASERTA.

DATE: 1st March 1946.

FROM: MULE' ROCCO, Via Sperone Vico d'Anna No.12, Gela (Sicily)

The undersigned is taking the liberty to notice to this office as much as follows:-

On the 5th August 1943, in the Port of Syracuse (Italy) was requisitioned by the British Navy, disembarking the Italian crew with substitution of an English crew, his own schooner named "GIUSEPPE" inscribed in the port of Porto Empedocle (Sicily) with No.497 of Matricula, gross tonnage 66 tons, and net tonnage 33.24 tons and No.639 of C.G.B.M.

On February 1944 the British Navy made delivery, in an Adriatic port, of his schooner to the Yugoslavians' with substitution of the British crew with Yugoslavian's one.

The schooner "GIUSEPPE" is still in Yugoslavian hands, and they have changed the denomination from "GIUSEPPE" to "ARAT".

The undersigned is warmly begging you to do your best and let him return the schooner as since three years is without work and with a large family what shall be a big relief for him and for his family.

He attachs herewith copy of the requisition message for your guide.

Awaiting to hear from you good news on purpose, thanking inadvance and with best regards remains

Yours very truly,

(MULE' ROCCO)

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Via Sperone Vico d'Anna N°.12
G E L A (Sicily)

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SCHOONER "CLEMENZO".
(Male' Atoll, Via Sparone Vico d'Anna No.12, Gola's letter of 1st March 1946.)

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Med.46/1352/2/3
THE FLAG OFFICER MARINE ITALY
(copy to:-
The Navy Sub.Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.)

Forwarded for information and necessary action with reference to your signal dated 200950 of March 1946.

2. This letter has not been acknowledged.

3. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has no objection to the release of this vessel to the Italian Ministry of Marine for disposal. Med.43/1352/2/2 of 5th November 1945 (not to the Navy Sub.Commission) has reference.

Peter Cazalet

for ADMIRAL

MEDITERRANEAN
28th March 1946.

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COPY

NAVAL MESSAGE.

To: Signor Mule Rocco, Syracuse. From Lt.A.Galleros, R.N.V.R.

This is to certify that I Am today taking delivery from you of the Auxiliary Schooner "CILENTO" in accordance with certificate from S.O.T.C.Syracuse dated 5th August 1943.

Claims for compensations will have to be put in by you to the Claims Commission.

Signed A.Galleros Lt. R.N.V.R.
for C.Topographical Liaison Unit.

Date: 10.8.1943.

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TO. CINC MED. (R) RNO VENICE. NSC, A.C. FROM. FOLI(25).

Ref. my Letter FOIL 421/6 dated 6th October 1945. GILFREDO is now reported to be in Venice.
(2) Ministry of Marine has suggested that she be held there pending classification of ~~it~~ her status.

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NSC/4673
1 March 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Liaison Italy.

Subject: Auxiliary Sailing Vessel "GILFREDO".

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/3529 dated 13 September 46.

1. Further to our reference (a) addressed to Flag Officer Italy and Liaison, information has been received that the subject schooner is now at Venice.

Captain, U.S.Navy,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
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TO. FOIL (R) NSC AC. MWTR MED. FROM. PSTO MED.

Your 261156 January.
All correspondence regarding sailing vessel GILFREDO forwarded by MWTR MED to NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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Ref. Whereabouts of GILFREDO.
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PSTO MED (R) N.S.C.,A.C. LTR MED

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IS ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND STATUS OF ITALIAN AUXILIARY SAILING VESSEL GILFREDO, STATED TO BELONG TO ROCCO MULE OF GELA SICILY.
2. UNDERSTAND CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THIS VESSEL HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO PSTO MED BY MTTR MED.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4281
18 December 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Chairman, Mediterranean Shipping Board,
Navy House, Naples.

Subject: Auxiliary Sailing Vessel "GILFREDO".

Reference: (a) CINCMED ltr. 45/1352/2/2 of 5 November 1945.

1. Reference (a) requests that you furnish the Navy Sub-Commission with any information available pertaining to subject vessel. An early answer would be appreciated.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

No.F.O.I.L.421/6. 3rd December, 1945.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Copies to:- Mediterranean Shipping Board, Navy House, Naples.
Vice Admiral, Malta and Central Mediterranean.
Senior Naval Officer, Eastern Sicily.)

AUXILLARY SAILING VESSEL "GILFREDO".

With reference to your letter No.NSO/3539 dated 13th September, 1945, copies of the Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison's letter No.F.O.I.L. 421/6 dated 6th October, 1945 and the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's letter No.Med. 45/1352/2/2 dated 5th November, 1945 are forwarded herewith for information.

for REAR ADMIRAL.

Enclosures:-
1. Copy of Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison's letter No.F.O.I.L.421/6 dated 6th October, 1945.
2. Copy of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's letter No.Med.45/1352/2/2 dated 5th November, 1945.
(To Navy Sub Commission, HQ. Allied Commission only.)

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C O P Y.

Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

6th October, 1945.

No.F.O.I.L.121/6.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copies to:- Vice Admiral, Malta and Central Mediterranean.
Senior Naval Officer, Eastern Sicily.)

AUXILIARY SAILING VESSEL, "GUERRIDO".

Correspondence concerning the above vessel received from the Navy Sub Commission Allied Commission is forwarded herewith for any action which may be thought desirable.

2. No information concerning this vessel is available in the records of the Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison.

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(Sgd.) S.H. BLACKBURN
for REAR ADMIRAL.

Enclosures:-
Navy Sub Commission's No.
1830/3539 dated 15th September, 1945
and enclosures.

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COPY.

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
5th November, 1945.

Med.45/1352/2/2.
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD,
NAVY HOUSE, MALTA.
(Copies to:- The Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison.
The Vice Admiral, Malta.
The Senior Naval Officer, Eastern Sicily.)

AUXILIARY SAILING VESSEL "GILFREDO".

The attached correspondence regarding the Auxiliary Sailing Vessel "GILFREDO" is forwarded, with the request that you will furnish the Navy Sub Commission with the information required.

(Sgd.) E.B. BAIRD
for A D M I R A L.

Enclosures:-
The Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison, Rome's No.F.O.I.L.421/6 of 6th October, 1945, and enclosures. 4197

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4137.
30 November 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Italy and Liaison.

Subject: Auxiliary Sailing Boat "GILFREDO."

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/3539 of 13 September 1945.

1. An early reply to reference (a) will be appreciated.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3539
13 September 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Italy and Liaison.

Subject: Auxilliary Sailing Boat "GILFREDO".

Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Marine ltr., translation and original, 1853/UT of 9 September 1945.

1. Enclosure (A), which has been received from the Minister of Marine, is forwarded with the request that the Navy Sub-Commission be informed concerning the present status of GILFREDO, the use to which she is being put, and the date upon which it is anticipated she may be released in order that appropriate notification may be given to the Minister of Marine.

H. W. [illegible],
[illegible], U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : A.C. - N.S.C.
Date: 9 September 1945
Ref.: 1853/U.T.

Subject: Auxy. Sailing Boat "GILFREDO".

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There can be no doubt that this boat was requisitioned and not captured in view of the wording of the receipt which was issued to the proprietor of the vessel, in which it states : "Claim for compensation will have to be put in by you to the Claims Commission" (Enclosure No.1).

Furthermore this was recognised by the Allied Authorities as can be seen in F.O.L.I.'s letter of 4th June 1944, of which copy is attached. (Encl.No.2).

It appears that this vessel - after having been employed for some time with a British crew and under the British flag - was handed over to Jugoslav citizens who employed it under the Jugoslav flag after changing the name to "Zarat".

The proprietor who - in conformance with standing agreements - receives for its hire the sum of 19500 lire monthly from CO.GE.NA. upon the request of MEDBO, has informed this Ministry that the Representative of the Ministry of War Transport in a letter to CO.GE.NA. has said - in his own words " In general it is somewhat of a mistery to us for whom she is working and no doubt you can elucidate the position".

As much as is known to the proprietor and to this Ministry has been indicated in the above paragraphs; it may only be added that a few months ago this Auxy. Sailing Vessel was at Split with a cargo of wood.

It is requested that the N.S.C. may make the necessary investigations and give instructions for the vessel in question to be returned to its legal owner.

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(Sgd) THE MINISTER

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 725020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : A.C.- N.S.C.
Date: 28th November 1945
Ref.: 3037/U.T.

Subject: Schooner "GILFREDO".

It is requested that we may be favoured with a reply to our letter No. 1853/U.T. of 9th September 1945, concerning the above.

CHIEF OF CABINET

GGE/P.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Mediterranean Shipping Board,
A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

31st December, 1945.

To: Navy Sub-Commission,
H.Q., Allied Commission, Rome.

From Secretary, Mediterranean Shipping Board.

Auxiliary Sailing Vessel "GIUFREDO".

In reply to your letter of 18th December, 1945, NSC/4281, enquiries have been instituted regarding the above vessel and it is hoped to be able to supply some information shortly.

Margaret Michie

Secretary, MEDBO.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT
MEDITERRANEAN REPRESENTATIVE,
NAVY HOUSE,
NAPLES.

JAM/338/46

29th January, 1946.

To: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Navy Sub Commission,
A.P.O. 394,
Rome.

Available sailing vessel "GILFREDO"

1. Referring to your memorandum NSC/4281 dated 18th December, 1945, regarding the above vessel, enquiries have been made here and as it is understood from P.S.T.O. Med. that he is unable to assist in providing the information requested, we are forwarding you our full file of correspondence on this subject for such further enquiries as you may be able to institute.

J.A. MacConochie

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

Office of
Principal Sea Transport Officer,
Mediterranean.
c/o N.O.I.C.Naples.

5th January,1946.

Ref: 411/329.

MINISTRY of WAR TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE NAPLES.
(For attention Miss Michie)

Reference your letter dated 31st December, correspondence is forwarded as requested.

COMMODORE

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDQ NO. 795020

31st December, 1945.

To: P.S.T.O. Mediterranean.
From: Secretary, MEDBO.

Schooner "GILFREDO".

Various correspondence concerning the above vessel was forwarded to you with M.W.T.R. Med's letter of 29th November, 1945. As it is understood that you are unable to supply the information required it would be appreciated if the correspondence could be returned to this office.

Secretary, MEDBO.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T85020

31st December, 1945.

To: Navy Sub-Commission,
H.Q., Allied Commission, Rome.

From: Secretary, Mediterranean Shipping Board.

Auxiliary Sailing Vessel "GILFREDO".

In reply to your letter of 18th December, 1945, NSC/4281, enquiries have been instituted regarding the above vessel and it is hoped to be able to supply some information shortly.

Secretary, MEDBO.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDQ NO. 785020

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4281
13 December 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Chairman, Mediterranean Shipping Board,
Navy House, Naples.

Subject: Auxiliary Sailing Vessel "GILFREDO".

Reference: (a) CINCMED ltr. 45/1352/2/2 of 5 November 1945.

1. Reference (a) requests that you furnish the Navy Sub-Commission with any information available pertaining to subject vessel. An early answer would be appreciated.

H. W. ZIEMER
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4281
18 December 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Chairman, Mediterranean Shipping Board,
Navy House, Naples.

Subject: Auxiliary Sailing Vessel "GILFUEDO".

Reference: (a) CINCMED ltr. 45/1352/2/2 of 5 November 1945.

1. Reference (a) requests that you furnish the Navy Sub-Commission with any information available pertaining to subject vessel. An early answer would be appreciated.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
5th November, 1945.

Med.45/1352/2/2
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD,
NAVY HOUSE, NAPLES.
(Copies to: The Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison.
The Vice Admiral, Malta.
The Senior Naval Officer, Eastern Sicily.)

enclosure

AUXILIARY SAILING VESSEL "GILFREDO"

The attached correspondence regarding the Auxiliary Sailing Vessel "GILFREDO" is forwarded, with the request that you will furnish the Navy Sub-Commission with the information required.

H. B. Hallig

for ADMIRAL

Enclosures:-
The Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison, Rome's
No. F.O.I.L.421/6 of 6th October, 1945
and enclosures.

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Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
5th November, 1945.

Med.45/1352/2/2
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD,
NAVY HOUSE, NAPLES.
(Copies to: The Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison.
The Vice Admiral, Malta.
The Senior Naval Officer, Eastern Sicily.)

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The attached correspondence regarding the Auxiliary Sailing Vessel "GILFREDO" is forwarded, with the request that you will furnish the Navy Sub-Commission with the information required.

Sgd M. B. LAING

for A D M I R A L

Enclosures:-
The Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison, Rome's
No. F.O.I.L.421/6 of 6th October, 1945
and enclosures.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 795020

Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

6th October, 1945.

No.F.O.I.L./21/6.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copies to:- Vice Admiral, Malta and Central Mediterranean.
Senior Naval Officer, Eastern Sicily.)

AUXILIARY SAILING VESSEL "GILFREDO".

7 JAN 1946

Correspondence concerning the above vessel received from the Navy Sub Commission Allied Commission is forwarded herewith for any action which may be thought desirable.

2. No information concerning this vessel is available in the records of the Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison.

16 OCT 1945
457/352/2/2.

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

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Enclosure:-
Navy Sub Commission's No.NSC/3539
dated 13th September, 1945,
and enclosures.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3533
13 September 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Italy and Liaison.

Subject: Auxilliary Sailing Boat "GILFREDO".

Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Marine ltr., translation and original, 1253/UT of 9 September 1945.

1. Enclosure (A), which has been received from the Minister of Marine, is forwarded with the request that the Navy Sub-Commission be informed concerning the present status of GILFREDO, the use to which she is being put, and the date upon which it is anticipated she may be released in order that appropriate notification may be given to the Minister of Marine.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

FIELD WIRELESS UNIT & LONDON
15 SEP 1945
Date
No. F.aas/1421
ROME

2 JAN 1946

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 725020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : A.C. - M.S.C.
Date: 9 September 1945
Ref.: 1853/U.P.

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There can be no doubt that this boat was requisitioned and not captured in view of the wording of the receipt which was issued to the proprietor of the vessel, in which it states : "Claim for compensation will have to be put in by you to the Claims Commission" (Enclosure No.1).

Furthermore this was recognised by the Allied Authorities as can be seen in F.O.M.I.'s letter of 4th June 1944, of which copy is attached. (Encl.No.2).

It appears that this vessel - after having been employed for some time with a British crew and under the British flag - was handed over to Jugoslav citizens who employed it under the Jugoslav flag after changing the name to "Zerat".

The proprietor who - in conformance with standing agreements - receives for its hire the sum of 19.500 lire monthly from CO.OS.NA. upon the request of MEDBO, has informed this Ministry that the representative of the Ministry of War Transport in a letter to CO.OS.NA. has said - in his own words " in general it is somewhat of a mistery to us for whom she is working and no doubt you can elucidate the position".

As much as is known to the proprietor and to this Ministry has been indicated in the above paragraphs; it may only be added that a few months ago this Auxy. Sailing Vessel was at Split with a cargo of wood.

It is requested that the F.O.C. may make the necessary investigations and give instructions for the vessel in question to be returned to its legal owner.

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(Snd) THE MINISTER

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

3737/20/8

20th AUGUST. 1945.

COMITATO ITALIANO GESTIONE NAVI.
NAPLES.

SUBJECT. M.V. "GILFREDO".

Under date of the 18th August wehave received the following communication from Mr Henvey-Rome:

"I beg to refer to your letter to COGENA reference 3201/2/7
"under date of 2nd July and will be gladif you will kindly
"letme know whether COGENA have received a ruling on this
"subjectfrom F.O.T.A.L.I. via the Direzione Mercantile Marine
"seeing theowner has called today to find out whether anythi
"is being done for him. My letter 23rd June refers".

Referring to our letterof the 2nd July, 3201/2/7 we stated that the above was a question of the Direzione Generale Mercantile Marine to take thematter up with FOTALI ,with the request forher to be return to the Italian Flag, and repeat it is up to them to deal with thematter.

-This Ministry has nothing whatever to do with this Motor Schooner.

FOR M.W.T.R. MEDITERRANEAN.

PERMISSION
7 JAN 1946

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OFFICE OF THE
BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT

Tel. 843241-9 Extn. 37

Rome, 18th August 1945.

To : W.Williams,Esq.

Subject : M.v. "GILFREDO"

I beg to refer to your letter to Cogena reference 3201/2/7. under date of 2nd of July and will be glad if you will kindly let me know whether Cogena have received a ruling on this subject from F.O.T.A.L.I.via the Direzione Generale Mercantile Marine, seing the owner has called again to-day to find out whether anything is being done for him.
My letter 23rd of June refers.

A.J.Harvey.

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17 JAN 1946

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 725020

Office of
Principal Sea Transport Officer,
Mediterranean.
A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

10th June 1945.

Ref. 3018/324.

MEDBO SCHOONER CONTROL.
(For attention of Mr. W. Williams).
(Copy to:- COGENA, Naples.)

M.S. "GILFREDO", No. 639.
ex Prize of War.

Copy of Cogena's letter 5062/SC of 5th June is forwarded for your reply direct.

for COMMODORE.

7 JAN 1946

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Copy.

CO.GE.NA

NAPLES,

5th June 1945.

Office of Principal Sea Transport Officer,
Mediterranean,
A.F.H.Q.

m/s "GILFREDO" No. 639 - ex Prize of War.

Please communicate to us the name of the Allied Authority who operates the m/s "Gilfredo" No.639, as the 12 Water Tpt. Office RASC, to whom we wrote, informed us that the vessel is not controlled by the R.A.S.C.

We thank you and we remain, Dear Sirs,

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) E. SARNELLO.

Director.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 725020

3201/2/7.

2nd JULY. 1945.

COMITATO ITALIANO GESTIONE NAVI.
NAPLES.

SUBJECT. M.S. "GILFREDO".

Referring to your letter of the 28th December. 44, 3904/MV addressed to the D.S.T.O. North Italy - No. 3 Division copy to P.S.T.O. MED and S.S.T.O. Bari under date of the 23rd June we received the following letter from Mr Hanvey from Rome;

"I have been approached by theowners of the m/v "GILFREDO" Reg. No. 639
"Mr Mute Rocco Geta Vico Dommarco 8 (Sicily) requesting assistance in
"locating the vessel.
" The details at our disposal are as follows:
Comp. Porto Empedocle mls 497.
G.R.T. 66 tons.
D.W.T. 100 tons.
Motor Dent 50 H.P.
"The vessel was taken over by the Allied in August 1943 and operated
"with an English military crew. In the early months of 1944 she was in
"the Adriatic sea in Moropoli. In March 1944 she changed her name and
"crew; the new crew was Jugoslav and the new name "ZARAT";she operated
"under Jugoslav Flag. In 1945 she was in Spalato with a cargo of wood.
"this is the last time the owner heard of her.
"Enclosed is a photostat of the original requisition note and a copy
"of inventory. The vessel is the last of four owned by this gentleman
"all others being sunk".

We applied to the P.S.T.O. Med with the above particulars,and much to our surprise under date of 27th June. 1945 he has replied as follows:

"ITALIAN M.S. "GILFREDO". With reference to your letter 3I47/25/6
"dated 26th June, it is regretted that nothing is known of this craft
"at this office".

In viewof the above and if she is actually running under the Jugoslav Flag, it is q question of the Direzione Generale Mercantile Marine to take the matter up with the F.O.T.A.L.I. with teh request that she should be returned to the Italian Flag, andawait your news thereon.

29 JAN 1946

For M.W.T.R. MEDITERRANEAN.

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Office of
Principal Sea Transport Officer,
Mediterranean.
A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

27th June 1945.

Ref. 3242/329.

MEDBO SCHOONER CONTROL.
(For the attention of Mr. W. Williams)

ITALIAN M.S. "GILFREDO".

With reference to your letter 3147/26/6 dated 26th June, it is regretted that nothing is known of this craft at this office.

COMMODORE.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

3I47/26/6.

26th JUNE. I945.

P.S.T.O. MED.

SUBJECT. ITALIAN M?S. "GILFREDO" Reg. No..639.

28th December I944 a letter addressed to the D.S.T.O. East Italy No. 3 District copy to P.S.T.O. Med AFHQ and copy to S.S.T.O. Bari by CO.GE.NA. stating that this vesse was chartered on bare-boat basis,and which is actually the case with Charter Party commencing from the 9th September I944

Wehave now receivedinformation from the Transportation Sub Commission that they have been approachedby the Owner Mr Mute Rocco requesting assistancein locating the vesse and it would be much appreciated if you could give us any information in this respect. It is reported that she is now being operated by the Jugoslavs and has been renamed "ZARAT", and that in I945 she was at Spalato with a cargo of wood.

FOR MW.T.R. MEDITERRANEAN.

17 JAN 1946

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S. 1320

NAVAL MESSAGE.

For use in Signal Department only

Codress/Plaindress | No. of Groups

Originators Instructions (Indication of Priority, Intercept Groups, etc.)

FROM: Lt. A. Gallegos R.N.V.R.

TO: Signor Aule Rocco. Syracuse

This is to certify that I am	Monday	10
taking delivery of the Auxiliary	Schooner	15
"Silfrede" in accordance with certificate		20
from S.S.T.O. Syracuse dated 8th		25
August 1943		30
Claim for compensation will have to		35
be put in by you to the Claims Commission.		40

A. Gallegos Lt. R.N.V.R.

for S. Topping Admiral Liaison Officer

P.O.W. | Date 10/8/43

System | T/L Code or Cypher | Time of Receipt | Time of Despatch | Operator

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FWU MAFFEO SCIROCCO "GILFREY"

Inventory of movable property 6th August 1943.

2 Cutter mainsails with all accessories.
3 Lowsprit sails "
4 wooden barrels
1 water tank (on deck)
2 main anchors
2 reserve anchors (1 large, 1 small)
1 kedge anchor
2 anchor cables of 27 X 5 metres (135 metres) each
1 small kedge anchor cable (about 10 metres)
1 Manila line 14 mms. diameter, 130 metres length
1 " 12 " 70 "
2 spring coconut lines 18 mms diameter, 40 metres length each.
1 Manila Line 6 mms diameter, 30 metres length
1 " 20 " 60 "
2 Canvas covers for main hatches
1 " " for engine
1 Foc'sle hatch canvas cover
1 Wheelhouse " "
2 Winch engine " "
5 Deck awning " "
4 Canvas covers to keep sun off ship
2 Wine wooden barrels
2 Rubber tyre fenderfs (1 whole, 1 half)
2 Rope fenderfs
1 large washing wooden bucket
2 small wooden buckets
Odd hammers, pliers etc.
1 anchor-lifting hook and cable
1 Ship's bell
6 eating plates
3 cooking pots
1 Frying pan
1 Roasting grill
1 Salad strainer
1 Copper pot
6 spoons
3 kitchen knives
6 Forks
1 Knife
1 Spare engine "cushion" and other small spares
1 Full set of engine tools
1½ Tons of Diesel Oil for engine
30 Kilos of Lubricating Oil
25 Kilos of Engine Oil (Black Oil)
1 Fire extinguisher
1 Funnel for Fuel
½ Tin of grease (about 15 kilos)
6 Kilos of rags
1 Rudder spare cable
1 Battery for Electric light
1 copper tubing (15 metres) for winch engine
1 Portable light for engine room
1 Ship's boat (about 10 feet) with 2 oars
2 Davits
10 (approx) wooden boards on deck.
About 140 metres of line (various - in hold)
About 20/25 metres of spare canvas
3 Kilos of sail twine
1 wooden bucket for lavatory use
4 Port and starboard navigation lights
2 Masthead white navigation lights
2 liquid compasses (1 screwed down in wheelhouse)
1 bailer

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THE MOTOR SCHOONER "CLIFFORD"

Inventory of movable property. (continued.)

4 Pennants Flags (International code)
6 large shackles
6 small shackles
Various small odd bits of line
1 bowsprit white navigation light
1 Clock in Captain's cabin
1 Barometer " "
2 Parallel rulers
1 Pair dividers
Various Mediterranean charts (old Italian)
1 (Speed) log and cable
2 Awning-supports
Winch wheel, cable and all accessories
2 Main-sail canvas covers
5 Bowsprit sail canvas covers
1 Can of white paint (60 Kilos)
1 " grey " (20 ")
6 Life jackets (cork)
About 100 empty sacks
6 Paint brushes
1 Spare propellor
10 Spare blocks (wooden with bronze wheels)
4 Paraffin lamps
2 Gangway ladders
3 steel cables - 100 meters altogether

Made out and agreed by (including corrections)

(sgd) MULE MOCCO (Owner)

A. CALLIMOCHOS Lieut. R.N.V.R.

SYRACUSE, 9th August 1943.

Examined
Sub RNR

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BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT
ROME
OFFICE

Rome, 23 June 1945.

To : W. Williams Esq,DDWTR Italian Shipping.

Subject : m/v "GILFREDO" renamed "ZARAT"

I have been approached by the Owner of m/v GILFREDO" Reg. No. 639, Mr. Mate' Rocco Geta Via Domenico 8 (Sicily) requesting assistance in locating the vessel.

The details at our disposal are as follows:-

Comm. Porto Empedocle mln 497
G.R.T. 66 tons
DWT 100 tons
Motor Dent 50 HP.

The vessel was taken over by the Allies in August 1943 and operated with an English military crew. In the early months of 1944 she was in the Adriatic Sea in Monopoli. In March 1944 she changed her name and crew; the new crew was Yugoslav and the new name "ZARAT", she operated under Yugoslav flag. In 1945 she was in Spalato with a cargo of wood. This is the last time the Owner heard of her.

Enclosed is a photostat of the original requisition note and a copy of inventory.

This vessel is the last of four owned by this gentlemen, all others being sunk.

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7 JAN

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COMITATO ITALIANO GESTIONE NAVI
"CO. GE. NA."

OGGETTO: Schooner "Gilfredo" reg.n°639

N.: 3904 /NV

DATA: NAPOLI, 28 Dicembre 1944

PIAZZA CARITÀ, 82 - TELEF. 68-211 Co/LG

PREGHIERA DI TRATTARE UN SOLO ARGOMENTO IN OGNI LETTERA — DA CITARSI NELLA RISPOSTA

D.S.T.O. - S.Italy - N.3 District-

Copy to: P.S.T.C. Mediterranean
A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: S.S.T.O.
B A R I

With reference to the letter N°479/6 directed the 26th July from the M.E.D.B.O. Schooner Control Naples to the D.S.T.O. S.Italy -H.Q.N°3 District, we kindly ask you if you consent to the owner (who is a captain) to join his ship.-

We forward this request considering that the owner has suffered many losses and has not any more his house.-

As you know the schooner is chartered on a Bare boat basis and the charter therefore is liable for crew expenses.-

Hoping you will consider the request in a benevolent way we remain waiting for your reply so to instruct the owner where he can join his craft.-

Thanking beforehands we are.-

Truly yours.-

for THE DIRECTOR
(Dr.E.Sarnella)

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7 JAN 1946

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S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—June, 1944)

(3289). Wt. 30147/D.8071. 25,000m. 11/44. F.I.

C IN C MED

FOLI (R) VAM RNO VENICE NSC FOR AC

RESTRICTED

Your 071444 para 2. Concur.

=# 181726 Mar...

Ref. Status of GILFREDO.

Dist. 1-5,10. log. NSC (L).

T/P P/L TOR 2120 LAG 19/3

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 795020

(3289). Wt. 30147/D.8071. 25,000m. 11/44. P.I.

S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—June, 1944)

RMO VENICE (R) C IN C MED VAM NEC. A.O. FOLI (5)

Restricted

If schooner GILFREDO is in Venice request you hold her there in accordance with my 071444 and C in C Med's 181726, signalling action taken.
(2) Vessel may now be called ZARAT.

----2005ZB March----

Ref..Status of Gilfredo.
T/P P/L TOR 1927 NAV.D. 20/3
9hrs 32mins.
Dist. 1-5 10 LOI NEC(4) Log.

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M O S T U R G E N T

26th February, 1946

Memorandum for Cdte. Baroni

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- 2-cylinder Humboldt Dentz Diesel engine (1939).

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APPUNTO PER IL COMANDANTE BARONI

URGENTISSIMO

1°) - Con foglio 1853/UT del 9 settembre 1945 il Ministero Marina pregava la Commissione Alleata di voler provvedere per la restituzione del Motoveliero "GILFREDO", requisito dagli inglesi e ceduto da loro in un secondo tempo a cittadini jugoslavi che l'avevano battezzato col nome di "ZARAT".

2°) - La Commissione Alleata chiedeva verbalmente or circa 15 giorni di volerle fornire altri elementi, per facilitare il suo compito.

3°) - L'armatore ha fatto ora conoscere che il veliero si troverebbe a Venezia. Prega di volerne disporre il fermo.

4°) - Le caratteristiche del "GILFREDO" sono le seguenti:

- T.S.L. 66
- Costruzione in legno (quercia e pino). Costruito a Viareggio nel 1911.
- Lunghezza 20,42
- Larghezza 6,25
- Apparato motore diesel a due cilindri Humboldt Dentz (1939).-

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NSC/5846
7 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Senior British Naval Officer, Greece.

Subject: SS. GHETTO.

References: (a) SBNO.(G)'s Minute III No. 748/46 of 29 October 1946.

1. It is requested whether the Navy Sub-Commission can be informed whether the subject vessel fell into Greek hands prior to 8 September 1943 and if she was brought before a prize court and declared a prize of war.

2. For your information the owner of the vessel in question has written this Sub-Commission claiming his vessel. The legal status of the matter depends on when the ship passed into Greek or Allied hands.

H. W. HICKOX,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

Further correspondence on this subject in Italian General Branch, AFHQ
file: IRH-11. 091110 (1) 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
LEGAL DIVISION

30 December 1946

SUBJECT : S. S. GINETTO

TO : Navy Sub-Commission

1. This privately owned Italian ship was grounded by air attack in Greek waters in August 1943, and if I understand the position correctly, fell in Greek hands before 8 September 1943.

2. At that time Italy had not surrendered and was still considered to be a full fledged enemy of the United Nations.

3. Therefore the fate of SS GINETTO did not come under the provisions of any agreement signed after 8 September 1943, but was regulated by prize law as internationally applied to the capture of enemy vessels in time of war.

4. It appears therefore that if the Greek authorities have abided by these rules and brought the SS GINETTO before a Prize Court, which, by confirming the capture through adjudication of the prize, have rendered its appropriation final, they have acted within their legitimate rights.

5. If, on the other hand, SS GINETTO fell in Allied hands after the surrender of Italy and the signing of the DeCourten-Cunningham agreement, it should not have been seized in prize but returned to the Italian Government for operation (Admiralty Note July 45 refers).

6. The ultimate fate of SS GINETTO is therefore a question of fact upon which no doubt the Greek authorities are in a position to throw the necessary light.

7. Question of salvage or/and compensation etc. cannot be discussed at present on the meagre information available.

G. G. HANNAFORD
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Chief Legal Adviser

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CAP. LUIGI MONTA

ARMATORE - AGENZIA MARITTIMA - COMPRA-VENDITA NAVI
PUBBLICO MEDIATORE IN NOLEGGI

TELEGRAMMI: MONTA
TELEFONI { UFF. 22-963 / ABIT. 32-169
C. C. POSTALE 4-2468

AGENZIE:
SAVONA
LIVORNO
LA SPEZIA

GENOVA, 6th December, 1946.
PIAZZA CAMPETTO, 7 INT 11

ALLIED COMMISSION,
Navy Sub-Commission,

R O M E.

Dear Sirs,

Italian steamer "GINETTO".

The steamer "GINETTO", of which I am the Owner and pro=prietor, towards the end of the month of August 1943, when coming out from the Prevesa Channel, was damaged by an attack from air, and grounded near the port of Prevesa.

I immediately sent on the spot my Inspector, who commenced the operations for the salvage of the ship. Such operations, however, had to be suspended on account of the armistice and of the actions of repri=sals commenced by the germans.

Since then I remained for a long time without any news about my said steamer and only a few time ago I learned from my London agent that the s/s "Ginetto" was lying afloat in the port of Prevesa.

In these days I have afterwards learned that our Ministry of Mercantile Marine received a communication from your Hon. Sub-Commission, according to which the Greek Government sold the steamer to a private in=terest.

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I remained greatly surprised on learning the above, as I was believing that the ship had to be considered as making part of the "Pool" and that consequently she had to remain to the disposal of this Hon. Allied Commission.

If my supposal is, as I believe, a correct one, I am

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CAP. LUIGI MONTA
GENOVA

Continuazione a ALLIED COMMISSION, Navy Sub-Commission, ROME

respectfully asking that my steamer "Ginetto" is returned to me in the conditions she is presently lying, in order I may put her in full efficiency and carry on my work with her as in the past.

I will be grateful if I could be advised in time about the date on which I can have the vessel redelivered to me, in order I can arrange all the necessary.

Anticipating my best thanks, I beg to remain, Dear Sirs,

Yours respectfully,

CAP. LUIGI MONTA

Luigi Monta

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13 November 1946
NSC/5644

From: Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Mercantile Marine.

Subject: SS " GINETTO ", location of.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. 17474 of 25 July 1946.

1. It has been ascertained that the subject vessel was salvaged by the Greek Government and then sold to a private interest. At the time of sale her condition was noted as fair.

2. At present she is lying in Piraeus undergoing repair.

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H. W. ZIEGEL,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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WHEREABOUTS OF ITALIAN SHIP S.S. GINETTO.
(Navy Sub-Commission, HQ Allied Commission's Minute I NSC/5573 dated 22nd October, 1946.)

II

No.748/40.
NAVY SUB COMMISSION
HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394.

A reply was sent under cover of my letter reference No.748/40 of the 29th October, 1946, a copy of which is attached.

Office of S.B.N.O.(G)
ATHENS,
8th November, 1946.

for REAR ADMIRAL

ENCLOSURE:-

S.B.N.O.(G)'s Minute III
No.748/40 dated 29th Oct.1946.

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WHEREABOUTS OF ITALIAN S.S. GINETTO.
(Navy Sub-Commission, HQ Allied Commission's Minute I, NSC/5350 dated 7th August, 1946.)

III

No. 748/40.
NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION.
A.P.O. 794.

This vessel is at present lying at PIRAEUS undergoing repair.

2. Salvage was carried out by the Greek Government and the vessel sold to a private interest. On transfer, her condition was noted as "fair".

Office of S.B.N.O.(G)
ATHENS,
29th October, 1946.

for REAR ADMIRAL

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HEADQUAPTEPS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/5573.
22nd October, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Senior British Naval Officer, Greece.

Subject: S.S. GINETTO.

It would be appreciated if the information requested by paragraph 3 of Navy Sub Commission's letter NSC/5350 dated 7th August, 1946, forwarded to you under cover of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's Minute Med.46/1346/8/12 dated 21st August, could now be forwarded.

Senior British Naval Officer
7948/00
7 NOV 1946
D/
Greece

H W ZIROLI
COMMODORE. U.S.N.
for CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
(on leave).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/5373.
22nd October, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Senior British Naval Officer, Greece.

Subject: S.S. GIRETTO.

It would be appreciated if the information requested by paragraph 3 of Navy Sub Commission's letter NSC/5350 dated 7th August, 1946, forwarded to you under cover of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's Minute Med.46/136/3/12 dated 21st August, could now be forwarded.

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H W ZIROLI
COMMANDER, U.S.N.
for CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
(on leave).

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S.S. "GINETTO".

(Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission's letter No. NSC/5350 dated 7th August, 1946).

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II.

Med. 46/1346/8/12.
SENIOR BRITISH NAVAL OFFICER, GREECE.
(Copy to:-
Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission).

Forwarded. It is requested that you will supply the details required in paragraph 3 of Minute I direct to Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.

Senior British Naval Officer
Greece
31 AUG 1946

MEDITERRANEAN,
21st August, 1946.

for ADMIRAL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 794

NSC/5350
7 August 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, MEDITERRANEAN.

Subject: S.S. "GINETTO".

1. The Italian S.S. "GINETTO", owner Luigi Monta of Genoa, was aground at Prevesa (Greece) at the armistice of 8th September, 1943.

2. The owner has now been informed that the ship was salvaged by the Greek Government, which is presumed to be using the ship on its own account at present.

3. Information is respectfully requested of the actual location and condition of subject ship.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
MEDITERRANEAN
14 AUG 1946
No. 440/1346/3/42

R. L. Harris

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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NSC/5350
7 August 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, MEDITERRANEAN.

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(Sgd) C. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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9 AUG 1946

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From : MINISTRY OF MERCANTILE MARINE
To : N.S.C. A.C.
Date : 25th July, 1946.
Ref. : 17474

Subject : SS. "GINETTO".

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It is requested that the Navy Sub Commission may ascertain the actual position of the vessel.

for THE MINISTER

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DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

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Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO P/fo "GINETTO".

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione Navale
ROMA

Il P/fo italiano "GINETTO" dell'armatore Luigi MONTA di Genova, all'atto dell'armistizio dell'8 settembre 1943, era incagliato a Prevesa (Grecia).

L'armatore è venuto ora a conoscenza che la nave è state recuperata dal governo greco, che si presume la faccia navigare per suo conto.

Si prega codesta Sottocommissione navale voler accertare quale sia l'attuale posizione del piroscafo.

IL MINISTRO

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ADMIRALTY, S.W. 1.

31st July, 1945.

S.605/45.

Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

With reference to your communication No.2301/Med.45/217/4/11 of 24th May regarding salvage policy in Greece, I am to enclose for your guidance a note on the seizure of ex-enemy vessels which have been salved in Greek waters by British resources.

2. With reference to those ex-enemy ships which are enumerated in paragraph 5 (G) of British Naval Commander, Northern Aegean's letter No.S23 of 13th March, I am to point out that certain of them appear to be warships and consequently not liable to seizure. Those should be held at the disposal of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in accordance with (b) of your directive No.00100/22 of 4th January, 1945.

3. When Greek ships have been recovered by British resources they should be delivered to the Greek Government in accordance with the provisions of a Memorandum now in draft which governs the disposal of liberated ships generally. A copy of the final draft of the Memorandum is attached. Liberated ships must not be returned direct to their private owners. As the Caique AGIOS GIORGIOS is of Greek nationality she should be handed over to the Greek Government who will be responsible under Article 2 (b) (ii) of Part II of the Memorandum for any salvage claim which may be made.

4. Their Lordships concur in the Fleet Salvage Officer's recommendation in paragraph 6 (1) of his letter of 23rd March that where Greek contractors are employed to assist in British Naval operations the order should emanate not from the British Authorities but from the Greeks so that the Greeks will be liable for the contractors' costs. In operations for the clearance of Greek harbours or for the salvage of Greek ships the Greek authorities should be required to accept this arrangement. If they decline to accept it in respect of British operations for the salvage of ex-enemy ships or ships belonging to other United Nations the contractors' charges will have to be paid from Naval funds.

5. Any contractors who wish to operate for their own account on Greek or ex-enemy vessels should be referred to the Greek Government. If the object of salvage is a vessel of one of the other United Nations, contractors should be referred to the Government of the country concerned. 4149

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7. Close contact should be maintained with the Ministry of War Transport Representative in all operations which may be undertaken with naval resources for civilian purposes. He will be in a position to indicate the policy of the Ministry in regard to the types of vessels which are required.

8. It is desirable that so far as possible ex-enemy vessels sunk in Greek waters should be salved, if at all, by the Greeks themselves. Their Lordships appreciate, however, that in present circumstances some ex-enemy vessels may be salved by British endeavours and may accordingly be put in prize in the British Court as provided in the attached note. Their Lordships understand that, in order to put such vessels into service, it has been proposed to charter them to Greek private firms on terms which

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allow the firms to repair and refit them and reimburse themselves by deduction from the hire charges, but no chartering arrangements should be entered into by the naval authorities. The disposal of vessels after salvage and seizure is a matter for the Ministry of War Transport Representative.

9. I am to add that, in view of the extent to which naval salvage operations will be a liability of other Governments or individuals, it is of great importance that full reports and expense accounts should be submitted to the Admiralty in accordance with standing instructions.

BY COMMAND OF THEIR LORDSHIPS.

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NOTE ON THE SEIZURE OF EX-ENEMY VESSELS

SALVED IN GREEK WATERS.

The Agreement between the Greek Government and E.A.M. is of no relevance (except as between the parties thereto) in determining whether or not an ex-enemy vessel should be seized in prize. The only object of seizure in present circumstances is to provide a legal title to the ship. It does not in any way affect the ultimate ownership which will be decided by agreement among the United Nations. It is, therefore, of little importance whether a ship is seized in a British or Greek Prize Court and in reaching a decision regard should be paid to Greek amour propre.

2. In principle, it is desirable that ex-German ships should be seized by a British Prize Court only if they have been captured or salved by British endeavours. In all other cases they should be put in prize by the Greeks.

3. Italian ships, except those registered in a Dodecanese port or sunk before Italy's surrender, should not be seized in prize but should be returned to the Italian Government for operation. Dodecanese ships should be seized in prize in the British Court in order to preserve the status quo until the ultimate ownership of the Islands is decided.

4. You should seek instructions concerning procedure to be followed in respect of any Rumanian or Bulgarian ships. It will be for the Greeks to decide whether they will put such ships in prize when they are captured or salved by Greek resources.

5. Merchant ships which have been used by the enemy as warships or as blockships may be regarded as part of the enemy's war equipment and not subject to seizure in prize. If the Supreme Allied Commander has no use for them, their disposal should be referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. If they formerly belonged to a national of one of the United Nations, they will be returned to the Government of the nation concerned.

ADMIRALTY.
July 1945.

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TO. CINC MED (R) CINC MED(NAPLES). MWTR MED. TRANSPORTATION S.C.
MWTR ITALIAN AREA.

FROM. POLE.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ITALIAN MERCHANT VESSELS ENGAGED IN COASTAL TRAFFIC HAVE NOT GENERALLY BEEN GIVEN DEGAUSSING PROTECTION. TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION AT HOAC REQUEST PERMISSION TO CONTINUE ITALIAN COASTAL SAILINGS AS HERETOFORE, NOTWITHSTANDING YOUR 120934A, NOT TO MWTR MED OR MWTR ITALIAN AREA, AS IT IS DESIRABLE TO AVOID COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AT PRESENT TIME OF ALL SHIPS NOT SO PROTECTED IN VIEW OF HEAVY SHIPMENT PROGRAMME, VITAL TO ITALIAN CIVIL ECONOMY.
(2) ITALIAN MINISTRY OF MARINE, TO WHOM DEGAUSSING RESPONSIBILITY IS BEING TRANSFERRED, HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT RISK INVOLVED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROTECT ALL SHIPS.

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From: MINISTRY OF MERCANTILE MARINE.
To : N.S.C. - H.Q., A.C.
Date: 30th January, 1947.
Ref.: 1740.

Subject: American Yacht EILENROCK II.

With reference to your letter No.NSC/5881, dated 20th inst.

There is no information at the Ministry of Mercantile Marine regarding the American yacht EILENROCK II.

Information on the subject might possibly be obtained from the Ministry of Marine, which presumably took over the vessel in the harbour of Antibes, and therefore that is the appropriate Ministry which the N.S.C. should approach.

(Signed for) THE MINISTER

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Al LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Navy sub Commission
ROMA

OGGETTO Yacht americano EILENROCK II

Riferimento alla lettera NSC/5881 del 20 corrente.

Nessuna notizia risulta dagli atti di questo Ministero relativamente allo yacht americano EILENROCK.II.

E' probabile che informazioni al riguardo possano essere fornite dal Ministero della Marina Militare, il quale, presumibilmente, avrà proceduto a suo tempo alla cattura della piccola unità da diporto del porto di Antibes, e pertanto la richiesta di codesta Navy Sub Commission dovrebbe essere rivolta al predetto Ministero.

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NSC/ 5881
20 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Mercantile Marine.

Subject: American Yacht "EILENROCK II".

Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. 116 of 14 January 1947.

Enclosure: (A) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/5542 of 16 October 1946.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith as requested in reference (a).

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

20 JAN 1947

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From: MINISTRY OF MERCANTILE MARINE
To : N.S.C. - A.C. - Rome
Date: 14th January 1947
Ref.: 116

Subject: American yacht "Elen Rock II"

Your letter NSC/5542, dated 16th October 1946, on the above subject, hastened by means of letter NSC/5777, dated 17th December, has not been received by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine. You are therefore requested to send a copy.

In case it may be of use, and should the yacht in question be identified with the American vessel "Elen Rock", owned by Mr.Louis D. Beaumont, an American citizen, you are informed that an inquiry on the fate of the vessel was received from the American Embassy in Rome, dated 18th October 1946, by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and forwarded by them to the Ministry of Mercantile Marine.

A reply was made to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the 13th November, stating that no information was available on the above vessel, but that it could probably be supplied by the Ministry of Marine.

for THE MINISTER

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Ministero della Marina Mercantile

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Al COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
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Risposta al Foglio del
Div. *Sez.* *N.°*

OGGETTO Yacht americano "EILENROCK II"

Il foglio NSC/5542 del 16 ottobre scorso anno, relativo all'argomento, sollecitato con la lettera NSC/5777 del 17 dicembre, non risulta pervenuto a questo Ministero. Pregasi pertanto volerne cortesemente inviare copia.

Per ogni buon fine, ed ove lo yacht in argomento fosse da identificarsi col battello americano "ELEN ROC" di proprietà del signor Louis D.Beaumont, cittadino americano, si fa presente che una richiesta di notizie sulla sorte del galleggiante stesso è pervenuta dall'Ambasciata americana a Roma in data 18 ottobre 1946 al Ministero degli Affari Esteri italiano, e da questo inoltrata allo scrivente.

Al riguardo è stato risposto il 13 novembre al citato Ministero degli Affari Esteri, significando di non aver elementi sul battello indicato, elementi che probabilmente potrebbero essere forniti invece dal Ministero della Marina militare.

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NSC/5777
17 December 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Mercantile Marine.

Subject: American yacht "EILEENROCK II".

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/5542 of 16 October, 1946.

1. The attention of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine is invited to the request contained in reference (a).

R. W. [illegible],
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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NSC/5542
16 October 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Mercantile Marine.

Subject: American yacht "EILENROCK II"

1. Information of subject yacht is requested. It is alleged that the yacht was removed from Antibes by Italian Forces on 8 May 1944.
2. Her description is as follows:

"EILENROCK II" registered at New York No. 10 C. 1466 - Built in 1938 by the CHRISCRAFT Co., "Express Cruiser" model, displacement: 9 tons, overall length: 40ft. (14.50 m.), breadth: 11 ft. (3.50 m), moulded depth: 4 ft. (1.21 m.) maximum height: 2.65 m., Machinery: 2 scripps engines No. 28619 and 28620 of 316 HP. each (12 cylinders). Value in 1938: 19,204 dollars 50.

G. F. [illegible]Z,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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From: French Mercatile Marine Mission in Italy.
To : N.S.C. - A.C. - Through Capt. HERON DE VILLEFOSSE
French Representative on the Allied Commission.
Date: 8th October 1946
Ref.: 1.411

Subject: American yacht "EILENROCK II"

We have been requested by the National Defence General Staff, French Section of the Control Council, Mercantile Marine Section, for investigations to be made on the subject of the motor-boat "EILENROCK II" (2 engines), belonging to Mrs. Helene de BEAUMONT, an American citizen, and taken on 8th May 1944 at her villa at Antibes by the Italians.

The principal characteristics of the yacht are as follows :

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As the yacht "EILENROCK II" is American owned, we consider that claims for possible compensations should be addressed to the competent American Authorities and that it is part of your duties to make the investigations to trace the yacht in question.

We have meanwhile forwarded the details of this craft to our various offices in Italy and will inform you should it be discovered.

THE CHIEF OF THE FRENCH MERCANTILE
MARINE MISSION IN ITALY
Signed : SENTIS.

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Marine Marchande

Mission Marine Marchande
en Italie

Ref nº 1.411.
Dr. 15 bis.
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Palazzo Vidoni
Corso Vittorio Emanuele,116
Téléphone : 478.433 - 478.86

ROME, le 8 Octobre 1946.

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pour l'Allied Commission (Navy Sub-Commission).

Sous Couvert de M.Le Capitaine de Vaisseau
HERON de VILLEFOSSE,
Représentant Français à la Commission
Alliée.

OBJET : Yacht américain "EILENROCK II".

Nous avons été saisis par l'Etat-Major Général de la Défense Nationale, Groupe Français du Conseil de Contrôle, Section Marine Marchande, d'une demande de recherches au sujet du canot automobile (2 moteurs) "EILENROCK II", appartenant à Mme. Hélène de BEAUMONT, sujette américaine, capturé le 8 Mai 1944 dans sa villa d'Antibes, par des Italiens.

Nous vous donnons ci-dessous les caractèristiques principales de ce yacht :

"EILENROCK II", immatriculé à NEW YORK nº 10 C.1466 - Construit en 1938 par la Société CHRISCRAFT, modèle express Cruiser, déplacement 9 t., longueur hors tout 40 pieds (14m50), Largeur 11:pieds (3 m20) Creux sur quille : 4 pieds (1 m 21), hauteur maximum : 2 m 65. Appareil moteur : 2 moteurs Scripps nº 28619 et 28620 d'une puissance de 316 HP chacun (12 cylindres). Valeur en 1938 : 19.204 dollars 50.

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Le yacht "EILENROCK II" battant pavillon américain, nous pensons que les réclamations concernant des indemnités éventuelles doivent être adressées aux Autorités américaines compétentes et, d'autre part, il appartient à vos services d'effectuer les recherches pour retrouver le yacht en question.

Nous avons toutefois transmis les caractéristiques de ce navire à nos divers bureaux en Italie et ne manquerons pas de vous aviser de sa découverte éventuelle.

L'Administrateur en Chef de l'Inscription Maritime
Chef de la Mission Marine Marchande en Italie,

Signé : SENTIS.

REPRESENTATION FRANCAISE
A LA COMMISSION ALLIEE
en ITALIE

ROME, le 10 Octobre 1946.

P.C.C. Le Capitaine de Frégate YBERT
Adjoint "Marine"
au Représentant Français,

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DESTRUCTION OF MOTOR BOAT "TEMPEST".

(Commander-in-Chief, MEDITERRANEAN's No.Med.47/53/7/24 dated 11/1/1947).

XI.

No.74/44.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.

(Copy to:-

Naval Sub-Commission, KCRS).

A reply to the Commander-in-Chief's letter No.Med.46/53/7/10 of the 11th. October 1946 was made under cover of my letter No.74/44 of the 24th. January, 1947, a copy of which is attached.

J. B MARJORIBANKS

for REAR ADMIRAL.

Office of S.B.N.O.(GREECE).
Athens, 5th. February, 1947.

ENCLOSURE:-
Copy of S.B.N.O.(G)'s Minute
XI No.74/44 dated 24/1/1947.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,

11th. January, 1947.

Med.4/53/7/2/2A.
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION, ROME.
SENIOR BRITISH NAVAL OFFICER, GREECE.
(COPY TO NAMI).

TRACING OF REQUISITIONED BOAT.

It is requested that you will report the result of your investigation in accordance with the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's letter No.Med.4/53/7/10 dated 11th. October, 1946 as Captain Wybranice is pressing for a reply to his letter.

(Sgd.)

for A D M I R A L.

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Enclosure in S.E.N.O.(G)'s No.743/44 dated 5/1/47.

TRACING OF INVESTIGATED POST.

(Captain J. KYRIAKIS, Polish Forces 125 C.M.F.
Minute I dated 30th. September, 1946).

III.

No.743/44.
THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.
(Copy to:- Navy Sub-Commission, ROME).

Exhaustive enquiries have been made and no trace of this vessel can be found in GREECE.

2. Navy Sub-Commission's letter No.NSC/5742 of 7th. December, 1946, to Senior British Naval Officer, GREECE only, also refers.

(Sgd.)

Office of S.E.N.O.(G). for REAR ADMIRAL.
Athens, 7th. January, 1947.

ENCLOSURE:-

Navy Sub-Commission's No.NSC/5742 dated 7th. December, 1946.

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NSC/5918
31 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Subject: Location of Requisitioned Boat "EDVIGE".

Reference: (a) Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's ltr. Med.47/53/7/2A dated 11 January 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a) the Italian Ministry of Marine advises that the subject vessel, registered Number Ancona 738, owned by Federico Trevisani, was requisitioned by the Italian Navy and employed as a minesweeper at Piraeus. They state that they have received no news of this vessel since 8 September 1943 and they consider her lost through war action.

FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,

11th January, 1947.

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NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION, ROME.
SENIOR BRITISH NAVAL OFFICER, GREECE.
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TRACING OF REQUISITIONED BOAT.

It is requested that you will report the result of your investigation in accordance with the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's letter No.Med.46/53/7/10 dated 11th October, 1946 as Captain Wybraniec is pressing for a reply to his letter.

for ADMIRAL.

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TRACING OF PRETENDERED BOAT
(Captain J. WIERZBICKI, Polish Forces 125 C.M.F.
Minute I dated 30th September, 1946.)

XII

No.742/42
H.Q. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN
(Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission, ROME.)

Exhaustive enquiries have been made and no trace of this vessel can be found in GREECE.

2. Navy Sub-Commission's letter No. NSC/5742 of 7th December, 1946, to Senior British Naval Officer, GREECE only, also refers.

J.H. MARTIN-TYRE
for VICE ADMIRAL

Office of S.B.N.O.(G)
ATHENS,
24th January, 1947.

ENCLOSURE:-

Navy Sub-Commission's No.NSC/5742
dated 7th December, 1946.

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NSC/5742
7 December 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Senior British Naval Officer, Greece.

Subject: Location of Requisitioned Boat Edvige.

1. The "Edvige" is reported to have been requisitioned by the Italian Merchant Navy on 1 January 1940, and used in Greece in the vicinity of Pireus. She was last reported to be operating in Pireus under British control.

2. The following additional information is available.

Owner: Federico Trevisani San Benedetto del Tronto, province of Ascoli Picens.

Registered: Ancona, Port Office on 15 November 1938.

Description: Horse power - 200 M.H.

Tonnage - 66.34

Capacity - 22.67

Motor - Diesel, with 3 cylinders, 220 mm in diameter made by Burmeister and Wain, Copenhagen, Builder - Fratelli BENETTI Company, Viareggio.

3. It is requested that the Senior British Naval Officer, Greece institute inquiries concerning the subject boat and inform the Navy Sub-Commission of any information that becomes available.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 3rd December 1946
Ref.: 57962

Subject: M.F.V. "EDVIGE"

With reference to your letter NSC/5595, dated 28th October 1946.

The M.F.V. in question, regd. No. Ancona 738, owned by Federico Trevisani, was requisitioned by the Navy and was employed as a minesweeper at Piraeus.

The Ministry of Marine has received no news of the vessel since the 8th September 1943 and she is therefore considered lost through war action.

for CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N.° 5F962 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Motopesca "EDVIGE".=

Roma, 3 Dicembre 1946 A

Al NAVY SUB COMMISSION

ROMA

Riferimento foglio NSC/5595 del 28 ottobre u.s.

Il motopesca in argomento, matricola 738 di Ancona armatore Trevisani Federico, era requisito dalla Marina ed operava, in qualità di dragamine, al Pireo.

Dalla data dell'8 settembre 1943 questo Ministero non ha più avuto notizie dell'unità che pertanto è stata considerata perduta per eventi bellici.=

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

(F. ACCORRETTI)

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NSC/5595
28 October 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.

Subject: Location of requisitioned boat "EDVIGE".

1. The "EDVIGE is reported to have been requisitioned by the Italian Merchant Navy on 1 January 1940, and used in Greece in the vicinity of Pireus. The following additional information is available:

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H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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TRACING OF REQUISITIONED MAP.

(Captain J. Sybrandi's letter dated 28th September, 1946).

II.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT, ISTANBUL, NOTE
SECTION BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHE, GREECE.
(Copy to encl)

Returned, requesting you will institute enquiries and report.

MEDITERRANEAN. for ADMIRAL.
11th October, 1946.

Navy Sub-commission. HQ. AC
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Subject: TRACING OF REQUISITIONED BOAT.

Capt. J. WEBRANIEC
POLISH FORCES 125
C.M.F.

Date: 30. Sep. 1946

To: C O M M A N D E R I N C H I E F

M E D I T E R R A N E A N

M A L T A

S i r ,

I beg to request your help in tracing a requisitioned boat of which there is no official information since "The Allied + Italien Armistice" in September 1943. All efforts through the Italien Authorities have brought no positive results.

Description of the boat;
The documents which are in my possession at present give the following description;
Motor=boat (used for fishing and carrying goods) =
= named E D V I G E.
Horse power =200 HP.
Tonnage =56.34
Capacity =22.67

Description of the engine.
Engine type DIESEL (two tacts), with three cylinders (diametres of pistons 220 mm, length of work 360 mm), made by BURMEISTER &WAIN in COPENAGHEN.
The boat was made in VIAREGGIO (Nr. LEGHORN), ITALY, by Company FRATELLI BENETTI.
The proprietor was = Mr. Federico TREVISANI SAN BENEDETTO del TRONTO, prov. ASCOLI PICENO, ITALY, who registered it in ANCONA Port Office, on the 15. Nov. 1938.

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According to an Italian (from S. BENEDETTO as well) = he saw the boat last winter in PIREUS, being used by the ENGLISH and operating between GREECE and TURKEY.

Documents.
All necessary documents (such as Certificate of classification, Document of Requisition and others) may be produced, if necessary.
Compensation.
The Italien Government has paid for the use of the boat until 8. Sep. 1943, and since then nothing has been received.
Present Proprietor.
After my marriage with the daughter of the proprietor the boat belongs to me, and I take the liberty of asking you to send your reply to the following address (where I have been posted):
Captain J. WYBRANIEC, INTERNMENT CAMP, Nr. ANSBACH BUCH3,
G E R M A N Y.

Yours faithfully,
J. WYBRANIEC Capt.

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LIBERATED SHIPS MEMO.

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE USE AND DISPOSAL OF UNITED NATIONS VESSELS CAPTURED OR FOUND BY THEIR FORCES IN THE COURSE OF OPERATIONS FOR THE LIBERATION OF EUROPE

This Memorandum sets out the principles which shall determine the use and disposal of United Nations vessels captured or found by their Forces in the course of operations for the liberation of Europe.

PART I

Immediate action to be taken as regards United Nations vessels captured or found in the area of operations.

1. The objectives to be attained are:-

(a) Not to impede the Commander-in-Chief or operations in any way.
(b) To put the vessels into useful service as soon as possible, and
(c) To avoid all local disagreements between the various United Nations Forces which may be concerned in their recovery and also between organisations who may be found to be in local control of the vessels.

2. The Commander-in-Chief shall, accordingly, in the first instance be solely responsible for all clearance and emergency measures in the ports within the area of this control, and for immediate operational purposes shall have absolute discretion over all United Nations vessels captured by the forces under his command, whatever their nationality, or found within the area for which he is responsible. This discretion shall cover such matters as power to order the destruction of such vessels in accordance with military necessity, to order the loading or unloading of vessels, their movements and any other steps necessary to preserve them, to put them into use in his own name in so far as he may consider necessary for the immediate operations in progress.

3. The Commander-in-Chief for these purposes will use any powers of military requisition which may be necessary, and neither he nor his Government, nor the forces operating under his command will be held responsible in any way for any action or the results of any action taken by him or on his authority aparat from any question of ultimate liability for payments for the use or for the loss of vessels taken up for his service.

4. Any vessel not immediately required by the Commander-in-Chief un the operational area shall be ordered away so that it can be dealth with in accordance with the provisions of Part II of this Memorandum.

5. The Commander-in-Chief will not enter into any general Agreement even of a temporary character dealing with the chartering of groups of United Nations vessels with any authorities he may find in liberated or captured territories. Any such matters will be dealt with by the Shipping authrorities of the United Nations. The question as to the time at which it may be appropriate to transfer the primary responsability for dealing with such vessels from the Commander-in-Chief to the Shipping authorities of the United Nations will be dealth with accordance to the course of the operations.

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PART II

Arrangements to be made for the disposal of United Nations Vessels captured or found in the area of operations.

1. (a) The general principle is recognised that the Government of each United Nation shall subject to the provisions of Part I of this Memorandum ultimately be entitled to take over and dispose of, as it things fit, vessels belonging to that state. Vessels will be treated as belonging to a State;
(i) if they were at the time when they fell into the hands of the enemy registered in the territory of that State;

(ii) if at the time when they fell into the hands of the enemy they had the right to fly the flag of that State whether or not formally registered in its territory;

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(iii) if they were built for or acquired by or by any national of that state and registered in its territory (if liable to registration) after the occupation of its territory by Germany or her Allies.

(b) This general principle will apply irrespective of the place of capture or of the constitution or nationality of the United Nations force effecting the actual capture and of the flag which the vessel may be flying at the time when captured or found. Thus, if in a Norwegian harbour there were captured ~~xxfxxxxx~~ a formerly British vessel, a formerly Norwegian vessel and a formerly Netherlands vessel, then, subject to the provisions of Part I of this Memorandum, the first would ultimately be handed over to the United Kingdom Government, the second to the Norwegian Government and the third to the Netherlands Government, even though the forces actually capturing them were not British, Norwegian or Netherlands, but belonging to some other United Nations nationality.

2. The following additional priniciples are recognised and accepted in respect of any United Nations vessels captured or found in the areaof operations:-

(a) The vessels concerned will be handed back to the Government of the United Nation concerned and not to individual nationals of the United Nations who were the original owners. It will be for the Government of the United Nation concerned to make the necessary arrangements with its own nationals as regards the ultimate ownership of any such vessels.

(b) the Government of each United Nations will, in respect of any vessel handed over to it under the terms of this Memorandum;

(i) make the vessel available for the comon purposes of the United Nations in accordance with the arrangements then existing;

(ii) accept responsibility for all liabilities in respect of the vessel and

(iii) indemnify the other United Nations Governments concerned agains any claims made against them or any one more of them arising out of the handing over of the vessel.

(c) Some United Nations vessels have been placed by the enemy in a Prize Court. If such vessel are captured or found, some form of prized proceedings will be required to divest the enemy of their title and to revest it in the Governments of the United Nation concerned. The necessary proceedings will be brought in the Prize Court of the State to which the ship is to be ultimately returned, or, failing that, in a Prize Court of the State of which the Commander-in-Chief as a national, but action in the latter Prize Court would be without prejudice to the operation of the general principle as to return stated in sub-paragraph 1 of Part II above. Except in these Prize Court proceedings will only be taken if in any particular instance immediate action is necessary to bring a vessel into service.

(d) There may be cases in which it is subsequently proved that the true owner of a particular vessel is a State or National of a State other than that in which the vessel is registered, or that parties who are not nationals of the State of registration hold equities in the vesselor the right to possession thereof. In such cases, it is understood that Allied Governments to whom a vessel has been transferred in accordance with Article 1 of Part II of this Memorandum have by such transfer acquired custody only and will release the vessel ~~xxxxx

Government, even though the forces actually capturing them were not British, Norwegian or Netherlands, but belonging to some other United Nations nationality.

2. The following additional priniciples are recognised and accepted in respect of any United Nations vessels captured or found in the areaof operations:-

(a) The vessels concerned will be handed back to the Government of the United Nation concerned and not to individual nationals of the United Nations who were the original owners. It will be for the Government of the United Nation concerned to make the necessary arrangements with its own nationals as regards the ultimate ownership of any such vessels.

(b) the Government of each United Nations will, in respect of any vessel handed over to it under the terms of this Memorandum;

(i) make the vessel available for the comon purposes of the United Nations in accordance with the arrangements then existing;

(ii) accept responsibility for all liabilities in respect of the vessel and

(iii) indemnify the other United Nations Governments concerned agains any claims made against them or any one more of them arising out of the handing over of the vessel.

(c) Some United Nations vessels have been placed by the enemy in a Prize Court. If such vessel are captured or found, some form of prized proceedings will be required to divest the enemy of their title and to revest it in the Governments of the United Nation concerned. The necessary proceedings will be brought in the Prize Court of the State to which the ship is to be ultimately returned, or, failing that, in a Prize Court of the State of which the Commander-in-Chief as a national, but action in the latter Prize Court would be without prejudice to the operation of the general principle as to return stated in sub-paragraph 1 of Part II above. Except in these Prize Court proceedings will only be taken if in any particular instance immediate action is necessary to bring a vessel into service.

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(e) In the case of vessels in respect of which total losses have been paid by underwriters, the return to a Government under the arrangements agreed in this Memorandum will be subject to the safeguarding of any rights which underwriters may have. Thus, when the owner of a vessel whther a United Nations Government or a National of a United Nations Government, has been indemnified by the underwriters, the turning over of a vessel to that Government, without taking into account such indemnification, would be in the nature of a gift and in such circumstances appropriate equitable adjustments will be made between the Government concerned.

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PART III

DEFINITIONS

1. Throughout this Memorandum the term "territory" is used to include Colonies, protectorates and overseas territories or territories under soveranity or mandate.

2. Throughtout this Memorandum the term "vessels" is used in the widest sense to include all categories of merchant vessels, e.g. ocean going, coastal and inland craft, but some latitude may be necessary in the application of all its principles to inland craft.

3. Further, the term "vessels" includes merchant vessels which, though operating as naval auxiliaries when captured or found were not so operating at the time when they fell into the hands of the enemy. Vessels which at the time when they fell into enemy hands were operating as naval auxiliaries are not covered by the proposals setout in this Memorandum.

4. If for any operation or series of operations there is a Supreme Commander-in-Chief, then he is the purpose of this Memorandum the Commander-in-Chief. If, however, the Naval Command is separate from the Land Command, then for the purpose of this Memorandum the Naval Commander-in-Chief is the Commander-in-Chief as regards ocean going and coastal vessels and that Land Commander-in-Chief as regards all other vessels.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
10th October, 1946.

Med.46/1352/2/1
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Copy to:-
Admiral Mediterranee).

MOTOR VESSEL "[redacted]"

With reference to Navy Sub-Commission's letter No. NSC/6010 dated 11th May, 1946, and in continuation of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's letter No. Med.46/1352/2/1 dated 25th May, 1946, the enclosed copies of correspondence are forwarded for any further action considered necessary by the Navy Sub-Commission.

2. Captain Agostino Conia's letter dated 26th September, 1946, has not been acknowledged.

for ADMIRAL.

Enclosures:-

1. Copy of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's No. Med.46/1352/2/1A dated 26th May, 1946.

2. Copy of Amiral Mediterranee's letter No. 167.F.M.M./3 dated 22nd July, 1946.

3. Copy of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's No. Med.46/1352/2/1 dated 27th August, 1946.

4. Copy of Captain Conia's letter dated 26th September, 1946.

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MOTOR VESSEL "PERSEVERANCE"

With reference to Navy Sub-Commission's letter No. NSC/5013 dated 11th May, 1946, and in continuation of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's letter No. Med.46/1352/2/1 dated 28th May, 1946, the enclosed copies of correspondence are forwarded for any further action considered necessary by the Navy Sub-Commission.

2. Captain Agatino Comis' letter dated 26th September, 1946, has not been acknowledged.

for ADMIRAL.

Enclosures:-

1. Copy of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's No. Med.46/1352/2/1A dated 28th May, 1946.

2. Copy of Admiral Mediterranee's letter No. 167.F.M.M./3 dated 22nd July, 1946.

3. Copy of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's No. Med.46/1352/2/1 dated 27th August, 1946.

4. Copy of Captain Comis' letter dated 26th September, 1946.

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Enclosure Number 4
Headquarters Number 46/1352/2/1
Received in Chief 10.10.46.

COPY.

CAP. AGATINO COMIS
CATANIA.

Catania 26th September, 1946.
via vecchio bastione, 21
TELEPHONE : 12507

C.C.I.A.N. 33991

To
OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

M/V "PERSEVERANTE"
(M.F.T.I. "PERSISTANTE")

Dear Sirs,

I have received your letter dated 27th August, 1946, No. Med.46/1352/2/1, for which I thank you. I add to your investigations further particulars regarding this trawler.

1) The "PERSISTANTE" / M.F.T.I., found by you is exactly my "PERSEVERANTE".

2) During 1939-1940 it was fishing at Cape Passero (Sicily) and was requisitioned by the Italian Government in May 1940, against my wishes. The s/m trawler was used as a life-boat and tow-boat in the harbour of Messina (Sicily); on 19 March 1943 sent to LA GOULETTA (TUNIS) where it was also used for the same purpose. In fact, in April 1943 the "PERSEVERANTE" saved the life about 100 men that were on board the Italian torpedo "Pancaldo", which was sunk in Gulf of Tunis, also other sailorges and carriage of wounded and sick soldiers on board the Italian Hospital-ship "COSTANZO" in local service, LA GOULETTA-TUNIS.

3) When TUNIS was occupied (7 MAY 1943) by the Allied Military Forces, the "PERSEVERANTE" was handed over to a Commission of English and American officers (amongst them an Italian interpreter) on 8 MAY 1943. The crew was sent to a P of W camp. The trawler was in good conditions. It is a wooden fishing motor-boat of small tonnage, her short local service was of 49 days at LA GOULETTA - TUNIS.

4) The "PERSEVERANTE" was anchored and moored at the fishing dock of LA GOULETTA. Her crew was composed of fishermen enlisted at Catania in 1939, which were militarized by Italian Authority afterwards.

5) According to your information my request will be legally sent to the Prize Courts in Paris. Would you kindly help me by notifying me where the "PERSEVERANTE" (PERSISTANTE)" is actually to be found and who is charging it. From what I have previously stated, the "PERSEVERANTE" should be considered as captured by the Anglo-American Military Authority and not by the French of Tunis.

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The s/m trawler being my private property, and according to the International Law the "PERSEVERANTE" should not have been captured; and besides this, the Prize Court of Paris has not yet notified me, which is against the International Law.

[illegible] all alive and thanking You in

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OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

M/V "PERSEVERANTE"
(M.F.T.I. "PERSISTANTE")

Dear Sirs,

I have received your letter dated 27th August, 1945, No. Med.46/1358/2/1, for which I thank you. I add to your investigations further particulars regarding this trawler.

1) The "PERSISTANTE" / M.F.T.I., found by you is exactly my "PERSEVERANTE".

2) During 1939-1940 it was fishing at Cape Passero (Sicily) and was requisitioned by the Italian Government in May 1940, against my wishes. The a/m trawler was used as a life-boat and tow-boat in the harbour of Messina (Sicily); on 19 March 1943 sent to LA GOULETTA (TUNIS) where it was also used for the same purpose. In fact, in April 1943 the "PERSEVERANTE" saved the life about 400 men that were on board the Italian torpedo "Pancaldo", which was sunk in Gulf of Tunis, also other salvages and carriage of wounded and sick soldiers on board the Italian Hospital-ship "TOSCANO" in local service, LA GOULETTA-TUNIS.

3) When TUNIS was occupied (7 MAY 1943) by the Allied Military Forces, the "PERSEVERANTE" was handed over to a Commission of English and American officers (amongst them an Italian interpreter) on 8 MAY 1943. The crew was sent to P of W camp. The Trawler was in good condition. It is a wooden fishing motor-boat of small tonnage, her short local service was of 49 days at LA GOULETTA - TUNIS.

4) The "PERSEVERANTE" was anchored and moored at the fishing dock of LA GOULETTA. Her crew was composed of fishermen embarked at Catania in 1939, which were militarized by Italian authority afterwards.

5) According to your information my request will be legally sent to the Prize Courts in Paris. Would you kindly help me by notifying me where the "PERSEVERANTE" (PERSISTANTE)" is actually to be found and who is managing it. From what I have previously stated, the PERSEVERANTE" should be considered as captured by the Anglo-American Military Authority and not by the [illegible] of Tunis.

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The a/m trawler being my private property, and according in the International Law the "PERSEVERANTE" should not have been captured; and besides this, the Prize Court of Paris has not yet notified me, which is against the International Law.

Hoping in Your assistance that I am sure You will give and thanking You in advance,

I am, Yours truly,

(Sgd) ANTONIO MOTTA

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Enclosure Number 3 to Commander-in-Chief's Secret Number 46/1352/2/1 10.1046.

COPY.

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
27th August, 1946.

Med.46/1352/2/2

Dear Sir,

M/V "[redacted]"

With reference to your letter dated 9th May, 1946, and Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's letter No. Med.46/1352/2/24 dated 26th May, 1946, the following information has now been received from the French Authorities.

"Following a new enquiry held under my orders on receipt of the information which you have sent me, it appears that the "[redacted]" could be the trawler "[redacted]".

A silhouette of the latter corresponds, more or less, to the photograph sent.

The numbers of the engine are those indicated.

Characteristics of the hull are more or less those given by M. AGATINO COMIS.

2. The trawler "[redacted]" is of Italian origin, armed with two 8mm. machine guns of Italian type, and was captured at LA GOULETTE on 15th May, 1943.

Since named M.F.I.I., this trawler has been manned exclusively by French military personnel (contrary to the information supplied by M. AGATINO COMIS) until 1st October, 1945.

3. The validity of the capture of the "[redacted]" is now under examination in the Prize Courts in Paris.

4. Unless a contrary decision is reached by this high judicial body, M.F.I.I. (ex "[redacted]") is considered as war booty, and no demand to re-take her by an owner giving satisfactory proof of his rights can be entertained.

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(Sgd) L.W.B. COCHRANE

For ADMIRAL'S SECRETARY

Captain M. AGATINO COMIS,

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG No. 785220

With reference to your letter dated 9th May, 1946, and Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's letter No. Med.16/1378/2/1a dated 26th May, 1946, the following information has now been received from the French Authorities.

"Following a new enquiry held under my orders on receipt of the information which you have sent me, it appears that the "RESISTANTE" could be the trawler "RESISTANTE".

A silhouette of the latter corresponds, more or less, to the photograph sent.

The numbers of the engine are those indicated.

Characteristics of the hull are more or less those given by M. AGATINO COMIS.

2. The trawler "RESISTANTE" is of Italian origin, armed with two 8mm. machine guns of Italian type, and was captured at LA GOULETTE on 13th May, 1943.

Since named M.F.I.I., this trawler has been manned exclusively by French military personnel (contrary to the information supplied by M. AGATINO COMIS) until 1st October, 1945.

3. The validity of the capture of the "RESISTANTE" is now under examination in the Prize Courts in Paris.

4. Unless a contrary decision is reached by this high judicial body, M.F.I.I. (ex "RESISTANTE") is considered as war booty, and no demand to re-take her by an owner giving satisfactory proof of his rights can be entertained.

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(Sgd) L.W.S. SCHEMING

for ADMIRAL'S SECRETARY

Captain M. AGATINO COMIS,
Catania.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/5341.
2nd August, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Secretary to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject : Italian Schooner "[illegible]".

It would be appreciated if the French Authorities could be hastened for a reply to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's letter No. Med.46/1352/2/1 of 26th May, 1946.

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ADMIRAL'S SECRETARY.

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Enclosure number 2
Memorandum number 46/1352/2/1 Secretary-Chief 10.10.46

S.O.P.K.

TRANSLATION.

EXPRESS LETTER.

TO : C.E.C.C.MED. No. 167 E.M.M./3

FROM : AIXEM DATE 22nd July, 1946.

(Reference Med.46/1352/2/1 from C. in C. Med.
Express Letter 76 1321/3 of 22nd March, 1946 from AIXEM).

SUBJECT : M/V "PERSISTANTE"

Following a new enquiry held under my orders on receipt of the information which you have sent me, it appears that the "PERSISTANTE" could be the Trawler "PERSISTANTE".

A silhouette of the latter corresponds, more or less, to the photograph sent.

The number of the engine has those indicated.

Characteristics of the hull are more or less those given by M. AGATINO COSTS.

2. The trawler "PERSISTANTE" is of Italian origin, armed with two 8mm. machine guns of Italian type, and was captured at LA GOULETTE on 15th May, 1943.

Since named M.F.I.I., this trawler has been manned exclusively by French military personnel (contrary to the information supplied by M. AGATINO COSTS) until 1st October, 1945.

3. The validity of the capture of the "PERSISTANTE" is now under examination in the Prize Courts in Paris.

4. Unless a contrary decision is reached by this high judicial body, M.F.I.I. (ex "PERSISTANTE") is considered as war booty, and no demand to re-take her by an owner giving satisfactory proof of his rights can be entertained.

By Order of Captain P. MARELLY.
Chief of Staff.

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(Sgd) P. MARELLY.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. T-2520

SUBJECT : M/V "PERSEVERANCE"

Following a new enquiry held under my orders on receipt of the information which you have sent me, it appears that the "PERSEVERANCE" could be the Trawler "PERSISTANTE".

A silhouette of the latter corresponds, more or less, to the photograph sent.

The number of the engine are those indicated.

Characteristics of the hull are more or less those given by M. AGATINO COMIS.

2. The trawler "PERSISTANTE" is of Italian origin, armed with two 8mm. machine guns of Italian type, and was captured at LA COUBRE on 15th May, 1943.

Since named M.F.T.I., this trawler has been manned exclusively by French military personnel (contrary to the information supplied by M. AGATINO COMIS) until 1st October, 1945.

3. The validity of the capture of the "PERSISTANTE" is now under examination in the Prize Courts in Paris.

4. Unless a contrary decision is reached by this high judicial body, M.F.T.I. (ex "PERSISTANTE") is considered as war booty, and no demand to re-take her by an owner giving satisfactory proof of his rights can be entertained.

By Order of Captain P. MANELLI.
Chief of Staff.

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(Sgd) P. MANELLI.

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Number 46/1352/2/1 Date 10.46

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterrancean Station.
26th May, 1946.

Med.46/1352/2/1A.

Dear Sir,

ITALIAN SCHOONER "PERSEVERANTE".

Receipt of your letter dated 9th May, 1946 and enclosures thereto is acknowledged.

2. The question of the whereabouts of the vessel "PERSEVERANTE" is again being taken up with the French authorities, and a further communication on this subject will be addressed to you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

SGD. L.W.B. COTCHING.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Comis Agatino, Esq..
21, Via Vecchio Lastione,
Catania, Sicily.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
26th May, 1946.

Med.46/1352/2/1.
THE ADMIRAL, MEDITERRANEE.
(copy to:-
The Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.)

ITALIAN SCHOONER "PERSEVERANTE".

With reference to your letter No. 76.N.M.A./3 of 22nd April, 1946, it would be appreciated if further enquiries regarding the whereabouts of the "PERSEVERANTE" could be instituted in the light of the information supplied in the attached letter and enclosures from Comia Agatino dated 9th May, 1946.

Peter Cazalet

for ADMIRAL

Enclosures:

Letter from Comia Agatino dated 9th May, 1946 and enclosures thereto.

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NSC/5015
11 May 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Subject: Italian Schooner "PERSEVERANTE"

1. Information has been requested of the Italian Schooner "PERSEVERANTE" which is said to have been seized at La Goulette (Tunis) by the Allied Authorities in March 1944 and handed over to the French for employment.

2. The owners of the vessel are stated to be in receipt of information that the vessel was seen recently in Tunis still in the service of the French Government.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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BRITISH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

A.P.O. S. 551 C.M.F.

Telegrams: Shipminder, Rome.
Tel. 843041 Ext. 37

9th May, 1946.

Ref: GAB/400/46/R.17f.

To HQ Allied Commission, Navy Sub Commission.

From British Ministry of Transport Representative (Italian Area)

Subject: Italian Schooner "Perseverante"

1. An enquiry has been received in respect of the Italian Schooner "Perseverante" which is said to have been seized at La Goulette (Tunis) by the Allied Authorities in March 1944 and handed over to the French for employment.

2. The owners of the vessel are stated to be in receipt of information that the vessel was seen recently in Tunis still in the service of the French Government.

3. This Ministry has no information respecting the vessel under reference and it would be appreciated if her present status and whereabouts could be ascertained.

G.A.BELL
Ministry of Transport Representative (Italian Area)

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3568
18 September 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Motor Fishing Trawler Perseverante.

1. The attached letter from Signor Comis Agatino is forwarded herewith for appropriate action. Signor Agatino has been informed that the communication has been submitted to the Ministry of Marine.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3589
18 September 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Signor Comis Agatino,
21, Via Vecchio Bastione,
Catania.

Sir,

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 7 September 1945 in regard to Motor Fishing Trawler Perseverante. It has been forwarded this date to the Italian Ministry of Marine, Rome, for appropriate action.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Note

Motor-vessel "Perseverante"

This vessel was requisitioned by the Italian Govt. in 1940 and was used as a tug and otherwise: it was in Tunis in May 1943 and is alleged to have been handed over to a Commission of English and American officers. Subsequently it was "handed over to the French for employment" (Letter dated 9/5/46 from British Ministry of Transport & Navy S/C)

The French C/m C alleges that the vessel "was captured at La Goulette on 15th May '43": he does not say it was captured by the French. He further says that the validity of the capture is now under examination before the Prize Courts in Paris.

It is suggested that, if confirmation is forthcoming that the facts mentioned in para 1 above are correct, the French authorities might be informed (1) that although ~~the~~ requisitioned ~~of the vessel~~ by the Italian Govt. ~~was of the use of~~ the vessel remained the property of 1119 ~~only, the ownership remaining with~~ the owner; (2) that the vessel being private property there is no question of its being war booty; (3) that the vessel first came into the hands

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It is suggested that, if confirmation is forthcoming that the facts mentioned in para 1 above are correct, the French authorities might be informed (1) that although requisitioned by the Italian Govt. ~~was of the use of the vessel~~ remained the property of [illegible] 1149 ~~only, the ownership remaining with~~ the owner; (2) that the vessel being private property there is no question of its being war booty; (3) that the vessel first came into the hands of the British and American Naval Authorities who allowed the French to make use of it; (4) that the last-mentioned Br. & A. authorities are responsible for its restoration to the owner, and (5) accordingly the vessel should be returned to the British & American naval Authorities to enable them to discharge their obligation of returning the vessel to the owner.

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SEIZURE OF "LUIGI II" AND "ANNA A" BY YUGOSLAVS.
(C.S.1's letter No.321/8, dated 16th December, 1946).

II.

No.F.O.L.I.1011/9.

THE NAVY SUB-COMMISSION,
H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION.

Forwarded for information.

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

ROME,
2nd January, 1947.

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SEIZURE OF MOTOR FISHING VESSELS LUIGI II AND ANNA A.
(The Senior Naval Officer, Adriatic's letter No.3077/191,
dated 4th December, 1946).

II.

No.F.O.L.I.1011/9.

THE NAVY SUB-COMMISSION,
H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION.

Forwarded for information.

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

ROME,
18th December, 1946.

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Subject

Seizure of Italian fishing vessels "Luigi II" and "Anna A" by Yugo-Slavs on 12th November, 1946.

Formers

The Senior Naval Officer, Adriatic's No. 3077/191 of 4th December, 1946.

Enclosures

The Senior Naval Officer, Adriatic's No. 3077/191 of 4th December, 1946.

No. 321/8.
THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copies to :-
The Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy.
The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste)

I do not agree in the action proposed in paragraph 3 of the Senior Naval Officer Adriatic's letter No. 3077/191 dated 4th December, 1946. A reference to 12 miles might at some future date be taken as an indication that we recognise that distance as territorial waters and also a denial of assistance inside any limit might be interpreted as implying that we accept responsibility for protection outside that limit. The incident of itself should be sufficient warning to Italian fishermen to keep well clear of Yugo-Slav waters and no other action by the allied authorities seems necessary on this occasion.

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Enclosures

The Senior Naval Officer, Adriatic's No. 3077/191
of 4th December, 1946.

No. 321/6.
THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copies to :-
The Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy.
The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste)

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H.M.S. Mauritius, at Trieste.
16th December, 1946.

H.H.C. Kinahan
REAR-ADMIRAL COMMANDING
FIRST CRUISER SQUADRON.

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
27 DEC 1946
No M.3803/011/9
ROME

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SEIZURE OF MOTOR VESSELS "LUIGI II" AND
"ANNA A".
(Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste's letter No.496/345,
dated 27th November, 1946).

II.

No.F.O.L.I.1011/9.

THE NAVY SUB-COMMISSION,
H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION.

Forwarded for information.

S.T. Kinahan.

ROME,
5th December, 1946.

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

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FROM: THE SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, ADRIATIC.

DATE: 4th December 1946. No. 3077/191.

TO: THE NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, TRIESTE.

Copies to: General Headquarters, Central Mediterranean Force.
The Joint Economic Committee, Headquarters, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia.
Rear Admiral Commanding, First Cruiser Squadron.
Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy.
Headquarters, 1st Armoured Division.
Trieste Bureau.
The United States Naval Liaison Officer.
The British Political Adviser, Headquarters, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia.

Seizure of Motor Fishing Vessels LUIGI II and ANNA A

With reference to your letter No. 496/345 dated 27th November 1946, it is my considered opinion that their positions given by the Italian fishermen as 10 and 1/4 miles Southwest of Lucietta Rock (43° 40' N, 15° 33' E) were not correct, and that in all probability both fishing vessels were sheltering under the lee of the islands off Sibernik.

2. This would have been a seamanlike precaution under the circumstances, as I was forced to approve PEACOCK'S return to harbour on that day (12th November 1946) owing to weather.

3. I have recommended to the Rear Admiral Commanding, First Cruiser Squadron, that Italian fishermen should be warned through the Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy, that if they proceed within 12 miles of the Jugoslav coast, which includes the outlying islands, they will receive no Naval or judicial assistance from Anglo-American sources.

4. From patrol reports it is evident that Italian Fishing vessels - like fishing vessels the world over - have a tendency to encroach into territorial waters where the fishing is best, and hope to escape detection.

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CAPTAIN.

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
Date 13 DEC 1946
No. 17373
ROME

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Subject : SEIZURE OF MOTOR FISHING VESSELS "LUIGI II" AND "ANNA A".

From : THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, TRIESTE.

Date : 27th November 1946. No. 496/345.

To : THE SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, ADRIATIC.
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE.
THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, VENEZIA GIULIA.
(Copies to : The Flag Officer, Liaison Italy.
Headquarters 1st Armoured Division.
Trieste Bureau.
The United States Naval Liaison Officer.
The British Political Adviser, Headquarters, Allied Military Government.)

The attached correspondence is forwarded for any action which may be considered necessary.

2. From the positions given by the fishermen, i.e., 10 and 14 miles SW of Lucietta Rocks (43degs. 40mins. North 15degs. 33mins East) it is doubtful whether the craft were in fact violating Territorial Waters.

3. Owing to bad weather no Naval Vessel was on Fishery Patrol on November 12th.

(E.B. TANCOCK)
COMMANDER, R.N.
for CAPTAIN, R.N.(on leave).

FOR NAVAL LIAISON OFFICE
Date 3 DEC 1946
No. N. 496/1011
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ROME

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22.11.46.

CAPITANERIA DI PORTO
TRIESTE.

To:- Transportation Division
Port Security
King's Harbour Master
TRIESTE.

No.6899

Subject:- Seizure of motorfishing vessels "LUIGI II" and "ANNA A".

Two reports from the masters of the two subject vessels is sent to you. For your information the vessels have been held by the Jugoslav Authorities at the port of Sebenico.

The Acting Captain

(Sgd.) P. KLODIC.

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TRANSLATION

Statement concerning the M/Sch. "ANNA A" of the Compartimento Marittimo of Ancona owned by Giuseppe SABINI & Co.

This year 1946, this day 21st November at the Capitaneria di Porto di Trieste, the skipper of the m/fishing schooner "ANNA A" Sig. Guido FRANCHINI of late Lavinio, born on the 6th September 1909 at Fano, reported to me, Ranieri MARTINOLI, Auditor, and stated what follows :

On the 12th November at 1800, while fishing at 14 miles bearing SW from Lucietta rocks owing to strong bora, a Jugoslav m/torpedo boat intimated to stop and ordered us to follow it to the harbour of Sabenico. As soon as we were moored alongside, the boat was strictly searched and together with my crew we were brought to a barrack, while the catch and the boat were confiscated. After 6 days of internment we were repatriated via Fiume to the Jugoslav boundary of Divaccia and handed over the A.M.G. authority.

Signed the Auditor of the Port

R. MARTINOLI

Signed : FRANCHINI Guido.

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COPY

TRANSLATION

Statement concerning the M/Sch. "LUIGI II" of the Compartimento Marittimo Ancona, owned by SPINA FRANCESCA FISCALETTI.

This year 1946, this day 21st November at the Capitaneria di Porto Trieste the skipper of the fishing schooner "LUIGI II" Mr. PALESTINI ALBERTO of Domenico born at S.Benedetto del Tronto on the 27th March, 1916, reported to me, Renieri Martinoli, Auditor, and stated what follows :

On the 12th November at 1800 I was fishing at 10 miles distance bearing SW from Lucietta rocks owing to strong bora, when a Jugoslav motor torpedo boat ordered me to stop and obliged me to follow it to the harbour of Sebanico. As soon as I was moored alongside, together with the crew I was brought to a barrack while the boat was first put under a strict search and then confiscated together with the catch of fish. After 6 days of arrest together with the crew, we were repatriated via Fiume and on the boundary of Divaccia handed over to the authorities of A.M.G.

(Signed) Auditor of the Harbour
R. MARTINOLE

(Signed) PALESTINI ALBERTO

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NSC/ 5876
17 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: The Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission.

Subject: Italian Passenger Ship CITTA' DI TUNISI.

1. Further to my letter number NSC/5832, dated 6 January 1946 the Ministry of Transport in London have confirmed to their Rome office that the British Government pays to the Ellerman Company a fixed fee for managing the CITTA' DI TUNISI. Individuals sponsored by the British Government occasionally take passage in the vessel, in addition to British service personnel, and these pay a fare to the British Government, NOT to the company managing the CITTA' DI TUNISI.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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STAFF MINUTE SHEET

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY

Subject : Italian Passenger Ship CITTÀ DI TUNISI

Originator, reference No. & Date : .....

Referred to	Remarks of Staff Officers should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.
Sd	Mr Bell has received a reply from the Ministry of Transport in London, which gives the facts concerning the CITTA di TUNISI.
	Propose To: The Chief Commissioner. HQ. AFC.
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Proposal

To: The Chief Commissioner, H.Q. A.C.

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Pass above to Ra. Shipg. further to my 5832 of 6/1/47.

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NSG/ 5832
6th January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission.

Subject: Italian Passenger Ship CITTA' DI TUNISI.

With reference to your memorandum dated 30th December, 1946, it is confirmed that the "CITTA' DI TUNISI" is on nominal hire to the British Government, the requisitioning fees being paid by the Italian Government, in accordance with the Armistice terms. The vessel is employed on the MALTA service between Malta and Toulon, and as far as is known only service personnel and Government sponsored passengers are carried. The position is similar to that of the "VULCANIA" and "SATURNIA" before they were released by the United States Army.

2. Under the British Merchant Shipping Act no British Government Authority can manage a merchant vessel, and the management of the "CITTA' DI TUNISI" has been entrusted to the Milazzo Company. This procedure is adopted in the case of all Government operated merchant vessels as opposed to Fleet Auxiliaries.

3. The British Ministry of Transport's Rome office has already referred the Riccardo della Sera's article to the Ministry in London in a letter dated 21st December, 1946, and has requested information whether any corrective action should be taken. Despite the inferences of the article the only deliberate mis-statement of fact appears to be that a London Underwriter "takes an inadequate and highly profitable use of the vessel".

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, 4.0.97

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO [redacted] 794

30 December 1946.

MEMORANDUM TO: Director Navy S/C

SUBJECT: Italian passenger ship "Citta' di Tunisi"

I should be grateful if you would give me such information as you may have or can secure with respect to the marked paragraph in the British Embassy "Press Headlines" for 16 December.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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In an editorial comment Avanti accuses the Turkish Government of "persecuting our comrades employing methods already tried by Fascism. Turkey is another part of the world from which peace is driven away by violence. And with peace democracy also disappears - that democracy which in the Middle East, judging by events in Greece, Turkey, Persia, Palestine and Egypt, seems to be a mockery. The Turkish reactionary Government believes that it is defending its own interests by outlawing Socialists and Communists; this may well be the case if it regards as its own interests those of foreign Great Powers which do not want any change in the equilibrium of the Eastern Mediterranean. The incubus of the Dardanelles and the heroic struggle which the neighbouring Greek people is waging for its liberty have shaken the nerves of the Ankara rulers. The measures it has adopted constitute the first stage; the second will insist in a more ferocious dictatorship; the third may well be another war".

Greece.

Risorgimento Liberale publishes an Athens despatch by Walter Lizard under the headline "The leader of the Greek Communists walks up and down in front of the Royal Palace, but everyone knows that Russia and her satellites operate in Greece with precise and immediate objectives". The writer sees in the Greek situation a repetition of the "tragi-comedy of non-intervention in Spain extended from the international to the internal field, and "the triumph of hypocrisy".

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Mussolini's secret archives.

Giornale d'Italia (17/12) publishes a message from Milan stating that, contrary to what has appeared in some newspapers to the effect that Mussolini's documents are in the hands of the Allied Commission, it has been learnt from a usually well-informed source that a conspicuous part of Mussolini's secret archives has been dispersed or carried off. Of the papers which had been taken to the Prefecture of Como on the night before the flight, part have been carried off by the Communists and part have been exchanged in Switzerland for francs. Commenting on this message, the Giornale d'Italia says that the news contained therein is not entirely in keeping with the truth, since what is referred to as a "conspicuous" part is in fact nothing but the documents - amongst which was his correspondence with Hitler - that Mussolini took with him to Como. All the rest was taken possession of by the Allies in April 1945 and brought to Rome.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
MEDITERRANEAN

File No.
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Serial: 273

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT to
CO NavDet Palermo Ltr
ND/YT Serial 115 of
28 January 1946.

From: Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Mediterranean.
To : Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.

Subject: Tug RENATA, Transfer of Custody of.

1. Forwarded.

O. V. McCandless

F. V. McCANDLESS
By Direction

Copy to:
NavDet Palermo

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U. S. NAVAL DETACHMENT
PALERMO, SICILY

FILE No: ND/YT
SERIAL: 115

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28 JAN 1946

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
Via: Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

Subject: Tug RENATA, transfer of custody of.

Reference: (a) NavDet Palermo ltr. serial 114, dated 26 January 1946 to Capitaneria di Porto di Palermo.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of reference (a).

1. Custody of subject tug was transferred from this command to Capitaneria di Porto di Palermo on 26 January 1946.

2. Reference (a) is the instrument of transfer and acknowledgment of acceptance of subject tug by Capitaneria di Porto di Palermo.

E. J. BEALL.

cc: CNO
CinCMed
ComNavEU

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U. S. NAVAL DETACHMENT
PALERMO, SICILY

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Serial: 114

26 JAN 1946

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Capitaneria di Porto di Palermo.
Via: Italian Naval Liaison Officer, Palermo.

Subject: Tug [redacted], transfer of custody of.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/4330 dtd. 26 December '45, to Ministry of Marine.

1. Pursuant to reference (a) custody of subject tug is herewith transferred from this command to the Capitaneria di Porto di Palermo, acting for Italian Ministry of Marine.

2. The subject tug is in good operating condition at the time of this transfer. The hull is of steel construction; length about 67 feet 9 inches; beam about 15 feet 8 inches; powered by a coal-burning steam engine of about 240 horsepower.

3. During the time the subject tug was held by the U. S. Naval forces at Palermo, repairs of an estimated value of $4,500 were made on the subject tug by U. S. Naval Operating Base Palermo.

E. J. BEALL

Subject tug accepted at Palermo on 26 January 1946, in accordance with above and in behalf of Capitaneria di Porto di Palermo.

Leandro Damiani

Tenente di Porto Leandro Damiani

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4330
28 December 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Tug RENATA.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission has been informed that the U. S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo has no further use for the tug RENATA. Ownership of the tug is claimed by Societa Anonima Industria Lavori Edili Marittimi. It was at one time believed that the tug was purchased by Island Base Section of the U. S. Army for the sum of $10,000. However, the above named firm denies having sold the tug, claiming that it was requisitioned by the U. S. Army at the time of the occupation of Palermo in July 1943.

2. Repairs of an estimated value of $4,500 have been made on the tug while in the custody of the U. S. Naval Operating Base at Palermo.

3. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has stated that the RENATA is not required by him.

4. The Ministry of Marine is requested to requisition the tug RENATA retroactively to the date said vessel was originally taken over by the United States Forces for the purpose of the settlement of the cost of hire and employment by the Italian Navy or return to the owner of the vessel as directed by the Ministry of Marine.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

29 DEC 1945

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Copy to:
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COMNAVNAW (ADM) (R) CNO C IN C MED COMNAVEU ... NAVY S/C
COMNOB PALERMO

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REFER YOUR SERIAL 5664 4 DECEMBER MY DISPATCH 141231A DECEMBER. ITALIAN MINISTRY OF MARINE HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO REQUISITION TUG TRINACRIA RETROACTIVELY TO DATE VESSEL WAS ORIGINALLY TAKEN OVER BY U.S. NAVY FOR SETTLEMENT COST OF HIRE, EMPLOYMENT OR RETURN TO OWNER AS DIRECTED BY THE MINISTRY OF MARINE.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
11th December, 1945.

Med.45/56/7/14.
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONMISSION.
(Copies to:
The Commandant, Naval Operating Base, Palermo.
The Chief of Naval Operations.
The Commander, United States Naval Forces, Europe.
The Commander, United States Naval Forces, North West African Forces).

DISPOSAL OF TUG "RENATA"

It is requested that you will take appropriate action on the Commander, United States Naval Forces, North West African Water's letter Serial 5656 dated 4th December, 1945.

2. The tug RENATA is not required by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

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A. L. Pugsley

for ADMIRAL

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UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
NORTHWEST AFRICAN WATERS

CNO/ope.
Cpa.

Serial: 5936 -4 DEC 1945

From: Commander United States Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, Malta.

Subject: Tug RENATA.

1. Instructions are requested for the disposition of the subject tug, which will no longer be required at Palermo after 15 December, 1945.

2. The tug is now in the custody of, and being operated by U. S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo.

3. Ownership of the tug is claimed by Societa Anonima Industria Lavori Edili Marittimi (S.A.I.L.E.M.) of Rome. It was at one time believed that the tug was purchased by I. B. S. (Island Base Section) of the U. S. Army for the sum of $10,000. However, the above named firm denies having sold the tug, claiming that it was requisitioned by the U. S. Army at the time of the occupation of Palermo in July 1943. There are no documentary records on file with U. S. Naval Operating Base Palermo to indicate the manner of acquisition of the tug by that command.

4. Repairs of an estimated value of $4,500 have been made on the tug while in the custody of U. S. NOB Palermo.

5. (a) Physical description of the tug is as follows:

Hull:	Steel
Length:	67' 9"
Beam:	15' 8"
Draft Fwd:	5'
Draft Aft:	7'
Engine:	Steam
Fuel:	Coal
Horse Power:	240

(b) The hull name plate is inscribed as follows:
HUIZENGA & VAN DIJK
MACHINE FABRIEK
SCHEEPS BOUW
KUYPERSKADE DORDRECHT

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Subject: Tug RENATA, cont.

(c) The boiler name plate is inscribed as follows:

HUIBREGTS & VAN DIJK
DORDRECHT 1914

6. The tug is not considered suitable for an open sea voyage, but might be sailed along the coast with stop-overs at suitable ports for shelter and replenishment of fuel and water. It is capable or making a speed of 7 knots and has a maximum cruising range of 4 days.

B. V. McCANDLISH,
By direction.

cc:
ComNOB Palermo
Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
ComNavEu
CNO

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VISIT OF ITALIAN SALVAGE REPRESENTATIVE TO DODECANESE.
(Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy's letter No.F.O.L.I. 975/39, dated 4th March, 1946)

II.

No. F.O.L.I. 975/39 (a).

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
FLAG OFFICER, LEVANT AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.
SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, DODECANESE.
NAVY SUB COMMISSION, H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION.
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION (TRAVEL), ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Copy to each).

For information with reference to paragraph 2 of my signal timed 031150 A March, 1946.

ROME,
4th March, 1946

for REAR ADMIRAL.

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Liaison, Italy,
ROME.

4th March, 1946.

No. F.O.L.I. 975/39.

MINISTRY OF MARINE,
ROME.

VISIT OF ITALIAN SALVAGE REPRESENTATIVE TO DODECANESE.

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4th March, 1946.

No. F.O.L.I. 975/39.

MINISTRY OF MARINE,
ROME.

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for REAR ADMIRAL.

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U/C.

TO. FOIL ROME (R) NAVCOMMSTA NAPLES. SNODEK. NOLEM. CINC MED. AICOM.
PUBS & SAFETY TRAVEL.

FROM. AFHQ.

Signal 181056 of 13 Feb from CINC MED not to all., Lieut. ANGELO DE NICOLA granted permission enter Dodecanese. Condition of entry must arrive in civilian clothes and wear civilian clothes whole period visit. He should be provided with letter quoting authority BM Medit. signal xxxxx HMA 3915 of 25 January.

... 2816144/ MARCH ....

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Info. CINC Comd
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TOR P.M.

H/M F/L
Time of ... 13.25.Jan. MEC(L).

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From

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MUNICIPALITY OF NAPLES
(R) C IN C MED,
ADMIRALTY, SEVO GREECE, H C MOLES
ADMIN PUBLIC AFFAIRS NAVAL ATTS, G2(C1)

My 2 1302. On arrival CA (E) ANGELO DE NEGOLA is requested to report to the MAYOR ES PLUS NAVAL OFFICER, DOLECK ESE at MOLES and submit for approval details of proposed work. Civilian clothes are to be worn on arrival and throughout proposed visit. Activities to be strictly confined to exam ation of salvage possibilities.
2. Acknowledge letter for DE NEGOLA, not to all addressees follow.

03/150A/MARCH

E/T TCO 1257/3rd T. 3/3/45

E/T
Last 1-4 15-12 23 Mar 2 2
Ref. proposed visit to DONARATI

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FROM.FOIL(18)

TO. MINISTRY OF MARINE (R) NSC..A.C.

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MY LETTER NO. 975/39 DATED 18/2/46. INSTRUCTIONS AS TO CERTAIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WORK AND CLEARANCE PAPERS FOR LT.(E) ANGELO DE NICOLA WILL BE FORWARDED.

.....214302 FEB....

REF...PROPOSED VISIT TO DODECANESE.

DIST...1-4 13 16-18 NSC(4) 1 T/P MIN OF MARINE.

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C IN C MED

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RE TEST TOD WITH OCEAN CLEARANCE FOR LIEUT (E) ANGELO DE NICOLA
R.I.N. ITALIAN MINISTRY OF MARINE NAVAL OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE TO PROCEED TO RHODES
TO JOIN S/M ENRICO TOTI. ETA ITALIAN WATERS AT AN EARLY DATE (MSG OS/134 ZOZB NOT
TO BEING REPEATED).
2. REQUEST YOUR ACTION MAY BE ADDRESSED TO FOR. OFFICE.

---- WA056A ZCZC ...

FM C. IN C(E) ANGLO DE NICOLA HOLDING RI MINISTRY OF MARINE.

D.T.G. 1-, 13, 16, 1 1, 25. MED (E). LXX.

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TO.C IN C MED (R) FOLEM SNODEK

FROM. N.S.O.

UNCLASSIFIED.
YOUR 151025A JANUARY MINISTRY OF MARINE NOMINATE LIEUTENANT (E) ANGELO DE NICOLA.

.....0611?1A.

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION

MARINA

URGENT.

NO. 15994. REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL 161655 JANUARY.
IT IS PROPOSED TO SEND THE FOLLOWING TO UNDERTAKE TASK IN THE DODECANESE. LIEUT (N.A.) ANGELO DE NICOLA BORN OF FRANCESCO AND OF TAURO MARIA AT NAPLES ON 3rd APRIL 1919. PASSPORT APPOINTED TO SALVAGE OFFICE, NAPLES.

=== DE COURTEEN .. NO T.O.O.

REF. EXPERT TO VISIT THE DODECANESE.

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T/P (ITALIAN) D/L TOR 1230 LAG W/T

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N.S.C.

MINISTRY OF MARINE

U/C

AN EARLY REPLY TO MY 181055 JANUARY IS REQUESTED. YOUR LETTER 25183/2 DATED 13th DECEMBER REFERS.

=== 231205A JAN ...

REF. NAME OF EXPERT TO VISIT DODECANESE.

DIST. 2-5,15,25. LOG. NSC (4). LOG.

T/P P/L TFD 1220 LAG 23/1

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CINC MED (R) FOLEM NSC EMA RHODES

SNODEK
191047B Jan

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Your #61030 and FOLEM's 171117.
EMA Rhodes have no ~~xxxxx~~ objection to proposals outlined in para. 3.

=191047B Jan

Ref: Wreck of bombed Italian ship Pomiola.

Dis: MSO(4.)

T/F F/L TOR 1055/20 D.T.I. 50/9

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U/C
TO. SHNO(G) (R) BCOPA, CINC MED, MSC, EMA RHODES. FROM. SNODIK.

MASTER ITALIAN SALVAGING BELRORIE REPORTS THAT THERE ARE TWO CAMELS
BELONGING TO HIS FIRM AT EITHER PIRAEUS OR SALAMIS DO YOU CONFIRM HE
SO PROPOSE TO SAIL BELRORIE TO BRING THEM FROM PIRAEUS TO ASSIST IN REMOVAL
OF WRECK OF POMEZIA FROM MANDRACHIO HARBOUR ENTRANCE AT REQUEST OF EMA
DODECANESE REFERENCE CINC MED'S 161030 NOT TO YOU.

.... 191825/JAN ....

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N.S.C.

MINISTRY OF MARINE

U/C

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER 25183/2 DATED 13th DECEMBER 1945.
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU FURNISH THE NAME AND FULL PARTICULARS
OF THE EXPERT WHOM YOU DESIRE TO VISIT THE DODECANESE IN ORDER
THAT P RMISSION MAY BE OBTAINED.

=== 181055A JAN ...

DIST. 2-5,15,25. LOG. NSC (4).

T/P P/L TOD 1115 LAG 18/1

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U/C
TO. SNODEK (R) NSC, CINC MED. FROM. FOLEM.

Request you discuss with EMA and reply direct to para 3 CINC MED

161030.

.... 171118D/JAN ....
T/P F/L TOR 2334 F.R. 17/1.
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FOREM (R) SNOEK NSC

CINC MED
161030A Jan

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SNOEK's 021135 being passed to NSC does not appear to be a commitment for FN.

2. Italians have asked permission to send a technical expert to inspect and make proposals for removal from Dodecanese of craft which they are entitled to remove. My 61025 and 241604 Oct. refer.

3. Subject to your concurrence intend to await Italian proposals. It may be that Beltoria with gear from Italian resources and possibly a small Italian party could complete work required on Pomezia. Request confirmation BNA would have not objection in principle.

=161030A Jan

Ref: Wreck of Bombed Italian ship Pomezia.
Dte: NSC(4)
T/P P/L TOO 1840/16 D.T.I. 16/1

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NSC (R) POLISH SNODEK

C IN C MED.
161025A

UNCLASSIFIED.
YOUR NSC/4246 OF 14th DECEMBER TO C IN C MED. REPORT THE NAME OF THE EXPERT WHOM MINISTRY OF MARINE DESIRE TO SEND TO ENABLE CLEARANCE TO BE OBTAINED FOR HIS VISIT.

.....161025A /

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4406
10 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Unserviceable Craft in Dodecanese.

1. An early reply to NSC/4246 of 14 December 1945, which requests that permission be granted a representative of the Ministry of Marine to inspect 3 ships sunk in Dodecanese waters, would be greatly appreciated.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
For CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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TO. NAVY DEB COMMISSION (For information)
TW. POLEM. (H) SVBO ALEXANDRIA.

Wreck of bombed ... Italian ship ROMOLA partly raised by Salvage, towed as far as entrance to MADDALENA harbour grounded there and ... on her stern has arrived to 11ft 6ins but to get her proved abortive. Salvage party with under water cutting tools be sent ... have also to cover steel ... and allow floatable part of hull from engine room forward to be towed clear of ... away and sunk in deep water.
2. Steam portion will have to be ... up and dumped piecemeal.
3. Wreck at present is resting ... position in just over two fathoms down to sea ... breast contain bullions in entrance to MADDALENA harbour. This rendering entrance and main navigation dangerous.

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C.C.O. NCTM: CINC MED(S 154050 Z) 255.
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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/4246.
14 December 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Unserviceable Craft in Dodecanese.

References: (a) CinC Med despatch 241604A October 1945.
(b) CinC Med Minute II, No. Med.45/217/4/11 dated 8 September 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of translation of Ministry of Marine ltr. 25183/2 of 13 December 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) requests permission to make necessary inspection in order to make proposals concerning reference (b).

2. It is requested that permission be granted to investigate subject craft.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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17 DEC 1945

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. T85020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 13th December 1945
Ref.: 25183/2

Suoject: Unserviceable craft in the Dodecanese.

1. This Ministry is not in a position to supply details other than those contained in letter NSC/4084 of 23rd November 1945 since there has been no opportunity of obtaining direct information concerning the three vessels in question from the time of the Armistice.

2. In order to make proposals concerning the manner in which these should be disposed of, it is necessary that an inspection be carried out by one of this Ministry's technical experts.

3. It is requested, therefore, that the Navy Sub Commission may investigate the possibility of this.

CHIEF OF CABINET

GGE/P.

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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA-ROMA

Roma, 13 DIC. 1945

Prot. N. 25183/2 Allegati

Al NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

ARGOMENTO: Natanti fuori servizio nel Dodecanneso.-

1. Questo Ministero non è in grado di fornire altre notizie oltre quelle contenute nel foglio NSC/4084 in data 23 novembre 1945, poichè dalla data dell'armistizio in poi non vi è stata la possibilità di avere informazioni dirette riguardanti i tre natanti in argomento.

2. Per avanzare delle proposte sul modo di disporne sarebbe necessario poter far fare un sopralu da un Tecnico di questo Ministero.

3. Pregherei pertanto codesta Navy Sub-Commissi voler esaminare questa possibilità.-

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C.di V. G.MARI 067

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C.di V. G.MARINI 4067

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

RESTRICTED

NSC/4084
23 November 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Unserviceable Craft in Dodecanese.

1. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has requested the Navy Sub-Commission to make proposals for the disposition of the following three Italian craft which are now sunk in Dodecanese waters:

(A) S.S. "CABOTO".
(i) Italian Fleet Auxiliary; Built 1912; About 660 tons displacement. Completely stripped of all fittings.
(ii) Government owned.
(iii) Sunk in Mandrachio Harbour following R.A.F. raid on 19th September, 1944. Direct hit on forecastle and numerous splinter holes above and below waterline. Has been refloated since British Occupation, and beached in Pedi Bay, Symi.

(B) S.S. "POMEZIA".
(i) Refrigerator Ship; Chartered by Italian Government; 638 gross tons; Built 1883. Completely stripped of all fittings.
(ii) Registered in Naples.
(iii) Sunk in Mandrachio Harbour following R.A.F. raid on 19th September, 1944. Direct hit in No.3 hold. Side blown out and stern practically severed. Entirely unserviceable.

(C) STEAM CRANE
(i) About 15 tons(?) Lifting Capacity.
(ii) Government owned.
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2. Pending the decision concerning the above three vessels the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has requested local British Naval authorities to take whatever steps are practicable to prevent additional damage by weather.

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Subject: Unserviceable Craft in Dodecanese.

3. It is requested that the Ministry of Marine inform the Navy Sub-Commission at an early date of all available information concerning the three craft and make proposals for their disposition by the Ministry of Marine in order that a reply may be made to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

H. St. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL.
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
2nd November, 1945.

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THE SECRETARY TO THE ADMIRALTY.
(Copies to: Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Mediterranean.
Senior Naval Officer Dodecanese.
Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Rome.)

Ref. Senior Naval Officer Dodecanese's No.DEC 219 of 8th October 1945 (not to Admiralty

UNSERVICEABLE EX-ENEMY CRAFT IN DODECANESE

With reference to paragraph 3 of the note on the seizure of ex-enemy vessels salved in Greek waters, forwarded under Admiralty Letter S 605/45 of 31st July 1945 (to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean only) information is requested whether caiques and motor vessels registered in the Dodecanese should also be seized in prize, observing that these craft are almost exclusively owned by Greeks and that there are about 1,000 such craft registered in the islands, a few of which are lying sunken, generally as a result of R.A.F. Bombing.

Peter Cazalet

for ADMIRAL

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NSC ROME,SNODEK (R) FOLEM

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NSC IS REQUESTED TO MAKE EARLY PROPSALS FOR DISPOSAL OF VESSELS IN PARA 1 PARA 2 OF SNODEK NO: DEC 219 DATED 8TH OCTOBER.
2. PENDING DECISION SNODEK IS REQUESTED TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE PRACTICABLE TO PREVENT DAMAGE BY WEATHER.

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UNSERVICEABLE EX-ENEMY CRAFT IN DODECANESE

(Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's No.Med.45/217/4/11 dated 8th September, 1945.)

II.

No.DEC. 219.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copies to:- Chief of Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Rome.
The Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Mediterranean.)

It is assumed that this does not affect caiques and motor vessels registered in the Dodecanese and which are almost exclusively owned by Greeks. There are roughly over 1,000 such craft registered in these islands and a few are lying sunken, generally as a result of R.A.F. bombing.

2. As regards non-Dodecanesian Italian craft sunk in Dodecanesian waters before and after the Italian capitulation the following may be cited:-

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(ii) Registered in Naples.

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Allied Commission, Rome.
The Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Mediterranean.)

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3. Several other (alleged Italian) sunken craft have been reported but their nationality or date of sinking have not yet been definitely established. The Civil Affairs Officers of the various islands of this territory have been asked to investigate all enemy wrecks and unserviceable craft and report full details.

4. A further communication on this subject will be made in due course.

SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER,
DODECANESE.
8TH OCTOBER, 1945.

COMMANDER, R.N.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
8th September, 1945.

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THE SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, DODECANESE.

(Copies to:-
Chief of Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters,
Allied Commission, Rome.
The Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Mediterranean.)

UNSERVICEABLE EX-ITALIAN CRAFT IN DODECANESE.

With reference to my signal timed 061705 September, the following directive concerning Italian shipping in the Dodecanese has been received from Admiralty:-

" Italian ships, except those registered in a Dodecanese port, or sunk before Italy's surrender, should not be seized in prize, but should be returned to the Italian Government for operation. Dodecanese ships should be seized in prize in order to preserve the status quo until the ultimate ownership of the Islands is decided."

2. In order that shipping in the Dodecanese may be dealt with in accordance with the foregoing, the Senior Naval Officer, Dodecanese, is requested to report in respect of Italian ship which are not warships as follows:-

(i) Type, and brief particulars;
(ii) Whether registered or not, and if so where?
(iii) If sunk, and when?

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(Sgd.) J. R. S. HAINES
for ADMIRAL

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MINISTRY OF MARINE.

N.S.C.
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IT IS REQUESTED THAT ACTION ON NAVY SUB COMMISSION LETTER NSC/3213 OF 14th AUGUST BE SUSPENDED PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION (R) FOLEM SNOEBEK

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061705Z SEPTEMBER

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ACTION ON MY 45/00100/22A DATED 3RD. AUGUST, 1945 IS TO BE SUSPENDED.
LETTER FOLLOWS.

.....061705Z SEPTEMBER.....

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3213
14 August 1945

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Unserviceable Craft in the Dodecanese.

1. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean informs the Navy Sub-Commission that the unserviceable craft listed below are in the Dodecanese and requests that Italian authorities make proposals for their disposal:

RHODES

(a) 1 Harbour Master's Launch.
(b) 1 Floating crane ex-Italian Navy. This is damaged beyond repair, sunk, and lying on its side.

LEROS

(a) 1 Yacht with damaged hull.

2. Information is requested whether the Ministry of Marine can identify the craft from the data furnished and make recommendations for their disposal.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION - ALLIED COMMISSION
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14 AUG 1945

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 795020

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
3rd August, 1945.

Med.45/00100/22a.
THE CHIEF, THE NAVY SUB-COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
(Copies to:- The Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Mediterranean.
The Senior Naval Officer, Dodecanese).

UNSERVICEABLE EX-ENEMY CRAFT IN DODECANESE

It is requested that it be brought to the notice of the Italian authorities that there are the following unserviceable craft in Rhodes:-

(a) 1 Harbour Master's Launch

(b) 1 Floating crane ex-Italian Navy. This is damaged beyond repair, sunk, and lying on its side.

and in Leros

(c) 1 yacht with damaged hull.

2. The Italian authorities should make proposals for disposal.

for ADMIRAL

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T85020

NSC/4705
8 March 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Comission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Schooner "MARIA LUISA".

1. With reference to your letter 1165/U.T. dated 8th January 1946 it is regretted that no information is available regarding the above vessel and permission for the owner to visit Tobruk cannot be authorized at present.

Captain, U.S. Navy,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
Acting.

9 MAR 1946

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T 85020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE.(Cabinet)
To : A.C. - N.S.C.
Date: 25th February 1946
Ref.: 684/UT

Subject: Schooner "MARIA LUISA"

It would be appreciated if a reply could be given to our letter No.1165/UT dated 8th January last, subject being : Schooner MARIA LUISA.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T25020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : A.C. - N.S.C.
Date: 8th January 1946
Ref.: 1165/U.T.

Subject: Schooner "MARIA LUISA".

Mr. Bruno Antonino, owner of the Schooner "MARIA LUISA", registered in the Trapani Registry, has approached this Ministry with the request that application may be made to you for news of his vessel, which is sunk in Tobruk harbour, and to be authorised eventually to proceed there in order to ascertain the schooner's condition personally.

It is requested that you may indicate what reply may be given to the person concerned.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Be/d.

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

GABINETTO
Ufficio Trattati

Indirizzo telegrafico: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 1165/UT Allegati .....

Roma, 18 GEN. 1946

Al la COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione Navale

ARGOMENTO: Motoveliero MARIA LUISA.

Il Signor BRUNO Antonino, proprietario del M/v. "MARIA LUISA" iscritto nelle matricole di Trapani, si è rivolto a questo Ministero chiedendo che sia interessata codesta Commissione per avere notizie dell'unità, affondata nel porto di Tobruk, e di essere autorizzato eventualmente a recarsi sul posto per accertarsi di persona delle condizioni del motoveliero.

Si prega codesta Commissione voler far conoscere cosa possa esser risposto all'interessato.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

NSC/4704
8 March 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: S.S. "S. GIOVANNI BATTISTA".

1. With reference to your letter 2967/U.T. dated 8th January 1946 it is regretted that permission cannot be granted at present for a representative of the Owners to Visit Tripoli.

Captain, U.S. Navy,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
Acting.

9 MAR 1946

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T25020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : A.C. - N.S.C.
Date: 25th February 1946
Ref.: 685/UT

Subject: S.S."S.GIOVANNI BATTISTA"

It would be appreciated if a reply could be given to our letter No.2987/UT dated 8th January last, subject as above.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG No. T85020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : A.C. - N.S.C.
Date: 8th January 1946
Ref.: 2987/U.T.

Subject: S.S. "S.GIOVANNI BATTISTA".

The S.S. "S.GIOVANNI BATTISTA" of 5628 tons gross, belonging to the Ligure Shipping Co., sank as a result of act of war in Tripoli harbour on 19th January 1943, where it remained when the town was abandoned.

The Company owing the vessel has applied to this Ministry to be allowed to send its own representatives to Tripoli in order to ascertain the desirability and convenience of salvaging the vessel.

It is requested that you may supply information upon which a reply may be based.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 185020

Roma, 8 GEN. 1946

Be/d.

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

GABINETTO
Ufficio Trattati

Indirizzo telegrafico: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 2987/UT Allegati .....

Al COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione Navale

ARGOMENTO: P/fo S.GIOVANNI BATTISTA.

Il piroscafo S.GIOVANNI BATTISTA di 5628 T.S.L. appartenente alla Compagnia Ligure di Navigazione, affondò il 19 gennaio 1943 per evento bellico, nel porto di Tripoli, ove rimase al momento dell'abbandono della città.

La Società proprietaria si è rivolta a questo Ministero chiedendo di poter inviare a Tripoli proprio personale per constatare l'opportunità e convenienza di ricuperare l'unità.

Si prega codesta Commissione di voler fornire elementi per la risposta.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : I.3.C. - APO 394 - Rome
Date: 16th April 1945
Ref.: 21792

Subject: M/V. "Giuseppe" - O/N. 216

Further to letter No.19265 dated 4th April.

You are informed that the owner Brigadi Sebastiano, has informed us that he has again taken possession of his motor fishing vessel S.Giuseppe, as from December last.

It is therefore requested that you may consider the above matter closed.

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FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

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Roma 16 Aprile 1946

Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

NAVY SUB COMMISSION
APO 394 = ROMA

Uff. M.D.P. Uff. 3ª Sez.BL

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 2/792 Allegati

ARGOMENTO M/P S.Giuseppe N.248.=

Prosecuzione dispaccio 19266 del 4 aprile.

Si comunica che l'armatore Tringali Sebastiano ha fatto conoscere di essere rientrato in possesso del suo motopesca S.Giuseppe fino dal dicembre u.s.

Pertanto si prega considerare risolta la pratica in argomento.=

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 725020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - APO 394 - Rome
Date: 4th April 1946
Ref.: 19266

Subject: Fishing Vessel S.GIUSEPPE No.248

Reference letter NSC/4812 of 28th March 1946.

You are informed that this Ministry has requested the Captaincy of the Port of Augusta to supply the necessary details for dealing with the question of the above fishing vessel.

Further information will be forwarded in due course.

for CHIEF OF STAFF 4046

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T 75020

Roma 4 aprile 1946

Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Rep. M.D.S. Uff. B.D. 3^Sez.

Al NAVY SUB COMMISSION
APO 394
R O M A

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 19266 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Peschereccio S.Giuseppe n°248

Riferimento foglio NSC/4612 del 28 marzo u.s.
Si informa che questo Ministero ha richiesto alla R.Capitaneria di Augusta le notizie necessarie per lo svolgimento della pratica relativa al peschereccio in argomento.

Si fa riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni in merito.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG No. 725020

NSC/4812
28 March 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Fishing Boat No. 248, "SAN GIUSEPPE".

Reference: (a) NSC letter 4409 of 11 January 1946.

1. The attention of the Ministry of Marine is invited to the request contained in Reference (a).

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G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

29 MAR 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4409
11 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Fishing Boat No. 248, "SAN GIUSEPPE".

Enclosure: (A) Summary of ltr from TRINGALI Sebastiano.

1. It is requested that the Ministry of Marine furnish the Navy Sub-Commission with any data it may possess concerning the past and present status of the subject vessel in order that appropriate action may be taken on enclosure (A).

H. W. ZICGLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

11 JAN 1946 4043

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Summary

To : H.E. Admiral Stone
From: TRINGALI Sebastiano of Via Alabo, 90, Augusta - Sicily.

Who represents that his fishing boat No.248 (name : "San Giuseppe") was stopped and confiscated by the Allied Police Patrol Vessel when about to enter Augusta harbour from Marzamemi in March 1945.

The Mayor of Augusta ("Sindaco") obtained a release order for all confiscated vessels in November last and they were returned to their owners. There was one exception : the vessel mentioned above was not returned to TRINGALI because it had been loaned to the local Italian Police who stated that he need an explicit order from the Allied Command which had loaned it to him before he could hand it over. He asks, therefore, that the Allied Military Command at Augusta be made to instruct the Italian Police Commandant in this sense.

GGE/P.

ILL/MO SIGNOR

AMMIRAGLIO S T O N E

Presidente della Commissione Alleata di Controllo

R O M A

Sono TRINGALI SEBASTIANO di GIUSEPPE, nativo da AUGUSTA - SICILIA - ove sono residente in Via ALABO 90, e mi rivolgo umilmente a Vostra signoria, alla quale sottopongo quanto appresso:

Nel marzo di quest'anno, mentre con la mia barca da pesca che si chiama San Giuseppe e porta il N° 248, provenivo da Marzamemi ove avevo comprato la barca stessa, nell'atto di entrare nel porto di Augusta, venni fermato da un battello della Polizia di Marina Alleata che scambiatomi per un equipaggio di quelli che traffica= vano comprando merce a bordo di Navi Mercantili Alleate, mi se= questrava irremovibilmente la barca.

In seguito allo intervento del Sindaco di Augusta presso il locale Comando Alleato, nei primi di Novembre di quest'anno fu disposta la revoca del sequestro a tutte le barche, fra cui quel= la mia, e la conseguente restituzione a tutti i legittimi pro= prietari, cosa che venne fatta per tutti meno che per me, per il fatto che la mia barca era stata data in prestito al locale Comman= dante della Polizia Italia, dal quale fui mandato per ritirarla. Questi alla mia richiesta rispose che per potermela dare necessita= va un ordine categorico del Comando Alleato che gliela aveva data. Portai tale risposta al detto Comando al quale è addetto come in= terpetre un tale Bonnici Giuseppe il quale non volle curare di=~~sè~~ Mandare il documento richiesto dal Comando della Polizia Italiana, per cui fino ad oggi non sono riuscito ad avere restituita la mia barca che pur mi necessita per lavorare.

Mi rivolgo perciò a V. S. affinchè si interessi a far mandare dal

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Ufficio di Controllo

R O M A

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Mi rivolgo perciò a V. S. affinchè si interessi a far mandare dal Comando Militare Alleato di Augusta, al Comandante della Polizia italiana di Augusta stesso, l'invito a restituirmi la barca regolarmente provvisto di bollo o timbro del Comando stesso, per come lo richiede il Comando della Polizia Italiana.

Sono grato di quanto sarà per fare in mio favore ed umilmente mi sottoscrivo. Augusta li 15/12/1945.

Tringali Sebastiano

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FROM

DTG
250553 JULY

(RESTRICTED FOUO FOR EYES ONLY)

POINT SCORE: 81643E ITALIAN MOTOR BOAT SAN GIUSEPPE FOUND FISHING NEAR KELIBIA ON 16th JUNE IN FRENCH TERRITORIAL WATERS.
(2) BOAT BROUGHT INTO PORT OF LA GOULETTE AND CREW PLACED UNDER FRENCH CONTROL AT TUNIS.

----------250955B- JULY----------

REF. INFORMATION CONCERNING ITALIAN SAN GIUSEPPE.
T/P P/L TOR 0108 PAC.D. 26/7
DIST. O-4 24 25 33 34 36(3) IGC.

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Vice Admiral Malta
VAM
191134D JULY

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YOUR 181643. BEING PASSED TO SEIC TUNISIA AND CMFSY. NO INFORMATION OF WHEREABOUTS OF SAN GIUSEPPE IN MALTA.

=191134E JULY

DIS: WHEREABOUTS OF ITALIAN MOTOR BOAT.

DIS: 3, 7, 7a, 9, 9a, 11, 14.

T/P E/L TOD 1716/19

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V.A.M.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION
1816/3B JULY

UNCLASSIFIED

THE BRITISH EMBASSY, ROME, REQUESTS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ITALIAN MOTOR BOAT 'SAN GIUSEPPE D' WHICH LEFT PORT AT MAZARA DEL VALLO ABOUT 40 DAYS AGO; DESTINATION WAS MALTA OR A TUNISIAN PORT. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN FORWARD.

=1816/3B JULY

DIS: 3, 9, 9a, 11, 14, 7, 7a

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T/P P/L TOD 1754/13

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SEN[illegible] U. S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER, [illegible]ALY

ROME, ITALY.

QS17
Serial: 277

15 March 1946.

From: Senior U. S. Naval Liaison Officer, ITALY.
To : Office of the Naval Attache, American Embassy,
2 Avenue Gabriel, PARIS.

Attn: Lt. Comdr. Paul F. Brine.

Subject: Yacht "BLUE WATER".

1. Receipt of your telegram of 13 March 1946, relative to subject yacht, is acknowledged.

2. No further information has been obtained concerning name, although, additional inquiries were made.

C. F. MENTZ,
Acting.

16 MAR 1946

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Il destinatario è invitato a firmare la ricevuta presentata dal fattorino ed a segnarvi la data e l'ora della consegna del telegramma. In mancanza il destinatario perde il diritto a reclamare in caso di ritardo della consegna.

Ricevuto il 13 194 ore

Ricevente

Pel circuito N. 1

Le ore si contano sul meridiano corrispondente al tempo medio dell'Europa centrale, e pei telegrammi internazionali con uguali passi decorsi da una mezzanotte all'altra.
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REQUEST FURTHER CONFIRMATION THAT AUXILIARY YACHT BLUE WATER OWNED BY MRS HARRISON DULLES AND REQUISITIONED BY ITALIANS AT CANNES HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED X REFERENCE LETTER ALUSNA PARIS 11 DECEMBER SAME SUBJECT X REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY XXX =

BRINE ASTALUSNA PARIS =

FATEVI CORRENTISTI POSTALI PAGAMENTI E RISCOSSIONI IN TUTTE LE LOCALITÀ DEL REGNO – FRA CORRENTISTI I PAGAMENTI E LE RISCOSSIONI MEDIANTE POSTAGIRO SONO ESEGUITI SENZA LIMITAZIONE DI SOMMA ED IN ESENZIONE DI QUALSIASI TASSA

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TELEGRAMMA INTERNO URGENTISSIMO

N. di raccolta - Rimesso al fattorino ad ore

AMERICAN NAVAL LIAISON

OFFICER ROME =

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TELEGRAMMA

Nulla è dovuto al fattorino pel recapito.

Il latore rimette una ricevuta a stampa quando è incaricato di una riscossione.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 125020

QS17
Serial: 170

25 January 1946.

From: Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, ITALY.
To: Office of the Naval Attache, American Embassy,
2 Avenue Gabriel, PARIS.
Attn: Lt. Comdr. Paul F. Brine.

Subject: Yacht "BLUE WATER".

1. Receipt of your letter No. 1174 of 12 December 1945 is acknowledged and the machinery set in motion to obtain the necessary information. To date, however, nothing of the yacht's whereabouts has been ascertained.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR H. W. ZIROLI.

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26 JAN 1946

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : A.C. - N.S.C.
Date: 22nd January 1946
Ref.: 273/U.T.

Subject: Americanyacht "Blue Water".

With reference to your letter NSC/4293 of 21st December 1945 you are informed that the yacht "BLUE WATER" was in La Spezia harbour on 9th September 1943, and remained there.

To date nothing has resulted from enquiries made of external Authorities.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Roma, 22 GEN. 1946

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

GABINETTO
Ufficio Trattati

In indirizzo telegrafico: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 273/ut Allegati .....

Al COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione Navale -

ARGOMENTO: Panfilo americano "BLUE WATER"

Con riferimento al foglio NSC/4293 del 21 dicembre 1945, si comunica che il panfilo "BLUE WATER", al 9 settembre 1943 si trovava nel porto di La Spezia, ove rimase.

Ricerche effettuate presso le autorità periferiche hanno sino ad ora dato esito negativo.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G.MARINI

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4293.
21 December 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: American Yacht "BLUE WATER".

1. Information is requested as to the present location and condition of the American yacht "BLUE WATER", the property of Mrs. L. Harrison Dulles.

2. The following information outlines the characteristics of subject vessel:

Yacht "BLUE WATER" is a Dutch Pilot Sailing Schooner of about 117 tons with twin auxiliary Diesel motors.

Steel hull Schooner - type Dutch Pilot Schooner - Overall length 86 feet (estimated waterline length 70 feet) Gross tonnage 117.26 (Thames: 148); beam 20 feet six inches; draft 10 feet 3 inches; masts (reportedly cut down); auxiliary power: 2 4 cyl. Baudoin Diesel engines of 65 HP each with 1000 litre oil tank capacity. Built 1904 at Nieuwendam, Holland by H. Bernard who also designed the "Blue Water" - Mahogany and oak deck.

December, 1942, requisitioned by the Italians while at Shipyard "Glemot" 17 Quai Saint Pierre, Cannes. Receipt given by Italians to Swiss Consular or Diplomat representatives later reported on to U.S. State Department, Washington.

BLUE WATER recently reported afloat at Savona, Italy, and also reported at Viareggio.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
REAR ADMIRAL,
FOR CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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27 DEC 1945

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

OFFICE OF THE NAVAL ATTACHÉ
2, AVENUE GABRIEL
PARIS

12 December 1945

Dear Commodore:

Enclosed you will find a letter from Grier Bartol, a lawyer from Philadelphia, regarding the yacht of one of his clients.

Mr. Bartol called me the other day and requested information as to how he should handle this matter. I should like to point out to you that the first paragraph of the enclosed letter represents a sad scramble of the information which I gave to him. I explained that you were not Naval Attache, that Admiral Glassford and not Admiral Blandsford is ComNavNaw and I did not suggest that this letter should be sent via American diplomatic pouch.

Aside from this, however, this matter undoubtedly comes within your jurisdiction and I am taking the liberty of forwarding this letter through the usual channels.

I still remember with pleasure the days when you were head of the Department of Foreign Languages at Annapolis and you were extremely kind to me in the "bull" department on many occasions. I trust that sometime in the near future I shall have the pleasure of seeing you personally in Rome.

Very respectfully,

Paul F. Brime

PAUL F. BRIME,
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Commodore Zirolli, USN,
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PHILADELPHIA 2

Paris, Dec. 11th., 1945

Paris Address:
chez Coudert Frères
52 Ave. des Champs Elysées

To the Naval Attaché
American Embassy, Rome

Re: Mrs. L. Harrison DULLES
Yacht "Blue Water"

Sir.

I write to request your co-operation in attempting to locate my clients Yacht of which details are given in the enclosed Memo. This letter is sent (through the American Diplomatic Pouch from Paris) at the suggestion of Lt. Commander Brine, Asst. Naval Attaché of the Paris Embassy to Capt. Zeroli, Naval Attaché in the Rome Embassy with copy to Admiral Blandsford, Commander of the U.S. North African Waters Naval Command at Palermo, Italy.

In summary explanation of the Memorandum enclosed:

Yacht "Blue Water" is a Dutch Pilot Sailing Schooner of about 117 Tons with twin auxiliary Diesel motors.

Owner: Mrs. L. Harrison Dulles, American Citizen, residing at the Hotel Barclay, Philadelphia, Pa.

Agent: Grier Bartol, lawyer, presently reachable at Paris, France, at the address noted above.

The Yaacht according to latest rumor is either at Savona, or Viareggio, Italy. In about 1943 it was reported sunk in the Bay of Genoa by shell-fire.

The assistance of American authorities is requested to ascertain whether the Yacht exists, its location and how to take steps to salvage it.

The present letter authorizes expense in reasonable amount up to say $300.- which will be refunded on application to the undersigned or on draft to my firm appearing on the letter-head.

Respectfully yours

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(John) Grier Bartol

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Grasse, AM, 13 nov, 1945

DESCRIPTION
of
YACHT "BLUE WATER"

Owner: Mrs. L. Harrison Dulles (Ida J. Dulles) of the Hotel Barclay, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Etats Unis d'Amérique.

Representative of Owner in Europe: John Grier Bartol, lawyer, of Philadelphia, by virtue of Power of Attorney in his favor signed, acknowledged and legalised in Philadelphia October 23rd., 1945, (the day before Bartol's departure by airplane from Philadelphia) including power

"To take all steps useful in asserting the rights of the appearer in and to the appearer's yacht "Blue Water", formerly located at Monaco and reportedly seized by the Italian authorities..." and "... to retain for the account of the appearer the services of French counsel (of whatsoever character in- "avocats"; "avoués" or "notaires" or fiscal counsel) and to compensate them for their services."

Addresses of Agent:

	Philadelphia	Room 2301 Packard Bldg. Philadelphia (2), Penna.
tel. Elysées 01-60 teleg. BARTOL TREDOUC PARIS	Paris	care Coudert Frères 52 Ave. des Champs Elysées.
	Grasse	chez L. Harrison Dulles Jr. Villa Trianon, Grasse, AM.
	Nice	care Vice Consul Charles Beylard U.S. Consulate 35 Ed, Victor Hugo

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Steel hull Schooner - type Dutch Pilot Schooner - Over-all length 86 feet (estimated Waterline length 70 feet) Gross tonnage 117.26 (Thames: 148); beam 20' 6" ; draft 10'3";
(2) "Parson" electric light unit; Sailing Schooner two steel masts (reportedly cut down) ; Auxiliary power: 2 4cyl. Baudoin Diesel engines of 65 HP each with 1000 litre oil tank capacity. Built 1904 at Nieuwendam, Holland, by H. Bernard who also designed the "Blue Water"- Mahogany & oak deck.

(3) Dec., 1942, requisitioned by the Italians while at Shipyard "Glémot" 17 Quai Saint Pierre, Cannes. Receipt given by Italians to Swiss Consular or Diplomatic representatives later reported on to U.S. State Department, Washington.

(4) Blue Water recently reported afloat at Savona, Italy, & also reported at Viareggio. Sailor Angelo BIGGI, Corso Umberto I, 104 , Marina di Carrara, Italia can identify the Blue Water.

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Reward (in money or contribution to Navy or Army Relief Fund) will be paid for information as to whereabouts, authority in control and present condition & identification information by John Grier Bartol as agent for owner.

"BLUE WATER"
Cabin layout as of
December 1942

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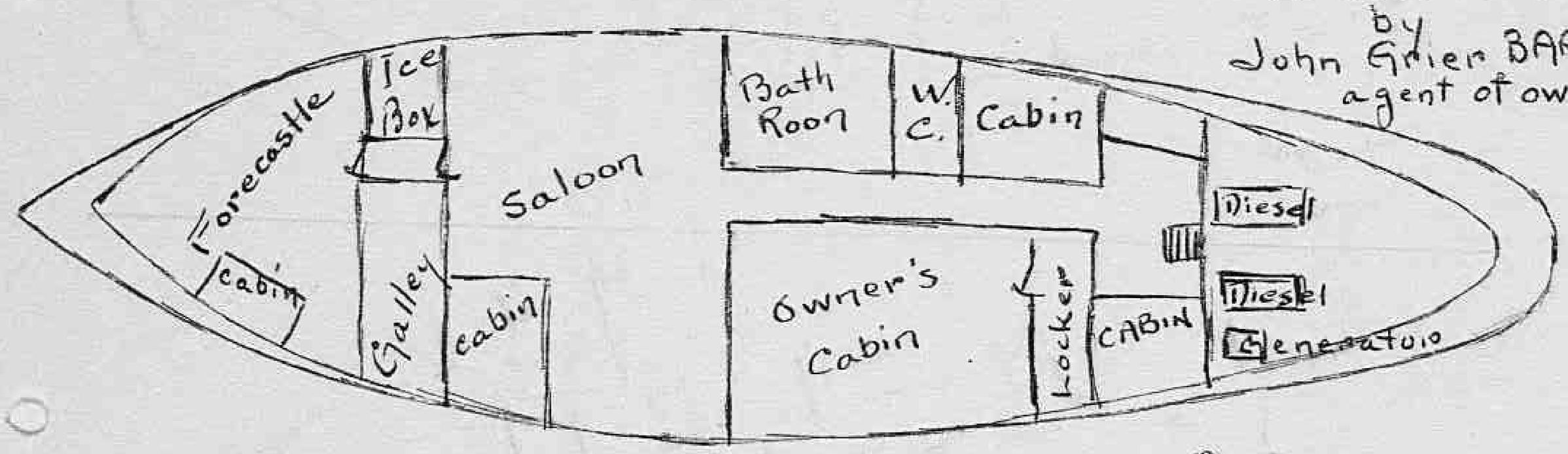
Prepared at
Grasse
13 nov. 1945
by
John Grier BARTOL
agent of owner



Over all length 86'
Beam 20'6"
Gross Tonnage 117.
Draft 10'3"

Owner:
Mrs L. Harrison DULLES
Hotel Barclay
Phila., Pa.
U.S.A.

Bartol permanent address
c/o Coudert Frères
52 Ave des Champs Élysées
Paris

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NSC/4591
13 February 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Camera di Commercio Italiana per le Americhe,
Piazza G.G. Belli, 2, Roma.

Subject: Return of Ships to Italian Merchant Marine.

1. Your letter of 5 February received and the contents duly noted. Information contained therein has been brought to the attention of the proper authorities and will be given full consideration.

O. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

14 FEB 1946

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Navy S/C 661

Translation

Camera di Commercio Italiana per le Americhe
Italian Chamber of Commerce for America

N. 6427
PT/vb

Rome, 5 February 1946

Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

This Camera, interpreting the wishes of the categories which it representsand which are very justly worried by the present shipping situation in connection with the resumption of their activity, has been studying this matter for some time, and last April, on the proposition of its Commission for the Study of Transports, it took the liberty of bringing a few observations to the attention of the Allied and Italian Authorities concerned.

As the Maritime Pool of the United Nations is shortly to be broken up, the matter was taken up at the General Meeting of the Members of the Camera which took place on January 31st, and the following motion which we want to bring to the attention of the Commission, was unanimously approved:

"The General Meeting of the Camera di Commercio Italiana per le Americhe,

considering that all the Countries belonging to the United Nations are shortly to re-take possession of the merchant ships given to the maritime pool created for Allied war purposes;

considering that our Country substantially contributed to the pool;

considering it is urgently necessary that our ships be handed back to us to form the first nucleus of the shipping required by our country which is an essential condition for the resumption of overseas traffic, and which will also make it possible to reduce considerably the burden of the freight which are now paid to foreign navy and are a heavy burden for our economy and have a harmful repercussion on our payment balance:

honors that

the ships we gave to the pool of the United Nations may speedily be returned to our merchant marine.

EC DIST - 8 Feb.
ACTION - NAVY S/C (2)
INFO:- CC
:- E.C.

Sincerely yours,

The Secretary General
(Prof. Giuseppe Tucci)

c. Giuseppe Tucci

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CAMERA DI COMMERCIO
ITALIANA PER LE AMERICHE

Indirizzo telegrafico: CAMERAMERICHE - ROMA

ROMA 5 Febbraio 1946

Piazza G. G. Belli, 2
Tel. 532-651

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AMMIRAGLIO ELLERY STONE
Capo Allied Commission

= ROMA =

Questa Camera, interprete dei voti espressi dalle categorie che rappresenta, le quali sono giustamente preoccupate per la nota situazione attuale dei nostri mezzi di trasporto marittimi ai fini della ripresa della loro attività, da tempo ha messo allo studio la questione e, fin dal mese di aprile, su proposta della propria Commissione di Studio per i Trasporti, si permise sottoporre alcune raccomandazioni all'attenzione delle competenti Autorità Alleate e Italiane.-

Nella imminenza dello scioglimento del "Maritime pool" delle Nazioni Unite, la questione è stata discussa dall'Assemblea Generale degli Associati della Camera tenuta il 31 gennaio u.s. ed è stata approvata all'unanimità la seguente mozione, che desideriamo raccomandare all'interessamento di codesta Commissione:

"L'Assemblea Generale Ordinaria della Camera di Commer-
"cio Italiana per le Americhe

"avvicinandosi l'epoca in cui tutti i Paesi delle Nazioni
"Unite rientreranno in possesso delle navi mercantili date
"in apporto al "maritime pool" creato per le finalità bel-
"liche degli Alleati;

"poichè a tale apporto ha sostanzialmente contribuito an-
"che il nostro Paese;

"in considerazione della necessità urgente che le nostre
"navi ci siano restituite affinchè si possa costituire con
"esse il primo nucleo di quel naviglio necessario alle esi-
"genze del nostro paese e che è condizione essenziale per

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"la ripresa dei traffici transoceanici, nonchè per attenuare
"in notevole misura l'aggravio costituito dai noli marittimi
"che sono oggi devoluti ad altre marine e che costituiscono
"un peso insopportabile per la nostra economia ripercuotendosi
"dannosamente sulla nostra bilancia dei pagamenti:

a u s p i c a

"un sollecito ritorno in seno alla nostra marina mercantile
"delle navi costituenti il nostro apporto al pool delle Nazio-
"ni Unite".-

Con perfetta osservanza.-

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE
(Prof. Giuseppe Fucci)

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : A.C. - N.S.C.
Date: 7th January 1946
Ref.: 23/U.T.

Subject: S.S. "GIORGIO ORSINI".

Reply is made to your letter NSC/4237 of 14th December 1945.

Following an exchange of views between this Ministry and the British Ministry of War Transport Representative in Rome, the latter has been notified that in consideration of the state of the vessel this Ministry is agreeable to the sale of the S.S. "GIORGIO ORSINI" where she is laying.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

GGE/P.

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Be/d.

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

GABINETTO
Ufficio Trattati

In lirizzo telegrafico: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 23/UT Allegati .....

Roma, 7 GEN. 1946

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione Navale -

ARGOMENTO: P/fo "GIORGIO ORSINI".

Si risponde al foglio n.NSC/4237 del 14 dicembre 1945.

In seguito a scambio di vedute intervenute tra questo Ministero e il Rappresentante del British Ministry of War Transport di Roma, è stato comunicato allo stesso che, tenuto conto delle condizioni dell'unità, nulla osta da parte di questo Ministero che il piroscafo GIORGIO ORSINI sia venduto sul posto.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4305.
23 December 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : British Ministry of War Transport.

Subject: Italian m.v. "GIORGIO ORSINI" at Peramo, Greece.

Reference: (a) M.W.T.R. Italian Area ltr. GAB/27/45 dated 15 November 1945.
(b) M.W.T.R. Italian Area ltr. GAB/126/45/R.4. dated 11 December 1945.

1. Information has been received from the Italian Ministry of Marine to the effect that in view of the present condition of the S.S. "GIORGIO ORSINI" and the accruing costs due to that vessel lying on a slip-way at Peramo, Greece, that agency requests that the subject vessel be taken off the slip-way and has no objection to the sale of the vessel at Peramo.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C.
Date: 21st December 1945
Ref.: 21113

Subject: S.S."GIORGIO ORSINI"

In reply to your letter No.NSC/4123 of 19th November last you are informed that the S.S."GIORGIO ORSINI" is an Italian vessel of 220.27 tons gross, registered No.14 in the Zara Port Registry, owned by the Fiumana Shipping Co. (Societa' Fiumana di Navigazione).

On 8th September 1943 it was in Piraeus harbour and as a result of known events it was taken by the German forces and subsequently sunk in that area.

Sgd. F.VICEDOMINI
Rear Admiral
Departmental Head

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OFFICE OF THE

BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT

TELEPHONE 843041 Ext. 91.

Rome,

GAB/167/45/R.4.

19th December, 1945.

To: Hq. Allied Commission. (Attention: Chief of Navy Sub-Commission)

Subject: Italian m.v. "GIORGIO ORSINI" at Peramo in Greece.

1. Reference your letter 14th December, NSC/4237, I have received and now attach for such action as you may deem to be necessary, letter from the Director General of the Italian Merchant Marine dated 16th December (Div.III Nav. Sez. 1 Prot.No.17318) from which you will see that he has no objection to the sale of the vessel as she lies.

G.A. Bell.

M.W.T.R. (Italian Area)

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T25020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Directorate General of Mercnatile Marine)
To : British Ministry of War Transport - Rome
Date: 16th December 1945
Ref.: 17318

Subject: S.S."GIORGIO ORSINI" at Peramo, Greece.

Further reference is made to this Ministry's letter No.16279 of 20th November 1945.

The question of the S.S."GIORGIO ORSINI", salvaged by the Greek Admiralty, having been examined and it having been taken into consideration that the ship can not put to sea in its present condition while - on the other hand - it is necessary to free the slip on which she is now lying, you are informed that this Ministry has no objection to the sale of the vessel on the spot.

for THE MINISTER

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Roma, 16 DIC 1946

Ministero della Marina
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

Divisione III Nav. Sez. 1ª
Pel N. 17318 Allegati

Risposta al foglio
Div. Sez. N.

A BRITISH MINISTRY OF
WAR TRANSPORT
ROMA

OGGETTO P/fo "GIORGIO ORSINI" a Peramo in Grecia.

Seguito al dispaccio di questo Ministero n.16279 del 20 novembre u.s.

Esaminata la questione del P/fo "GIORGIO ORSINI", recuperato dall'Ammiragliato greco, e considerato che la nave, nelle condizioni attuali, non può navigare, mentre, d'altro canto, è necessario sgombrare lo scalo d'alaggio dove in atto essa trovasi, si comunica che nulla osta da parte dello scrivente Dicastero perchè sia fatto luogo alla vendita sul posto dell'unità stessa.

IL MINISTRO
P. Madden

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4237
14 December 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Italian m.v. "GIORGIO ORSINI" at Perama, Greece.

References: (a) Navy S/C ltr NSC/4123 of 29 November 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Copy Ministry of Marine ltr 16279 of 20 Nov. 1945.

1. In connection with reference (a), the Navy Sub-Commission, AC is informed by the British Ministry of War Transport that the subject vessel is reported to be lying on a slip-way at Perama, Greece, at a daily cost of 50,000 drachmas per day. A copy of Ministry of Marine letter No. 16279 of 20 November 1945, which informs the British Ministry of War Transport that the "Giorgio Orsini" was requisitioned by the Italian Navy, is forwarded herewith as enclosure (A) for information.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission is now advised that the British Ministry of War Transport representative at Athens has informed the Greek Ministry of Marine that no instructions have been received from Italian authorities concerning the vessel. In view of the costs which are accruing, it is requested that the Ministry of Marine inform the Navy Sub-Commission as to the status of the vessel and whether any action is desired.

H. St. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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14 DEC 1945

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OFFICE OF THE

BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT

TELEPHONE 84.304.1 Ext. 91.

Rome,

GAB/126/45/R.4..

11th December, 1945.

To: Hq. Allied Commission (Attention Navy Sub-Commission)

Subject: Italian m.v. "GIORGIO ORSINI"

1. With reference to my letter GAB/52/45/R. of the 23rd November, I am now informed that the Ministry of War Transport Representative, Athens, found it necessary to advise the Greek Ministry of Marine he had been unable to obtain instructions from the Italian Authorities in respect of the above vessel.

2. I am further informed that, from a superficial examination of the vessel, it is feared a grave error was made when this vessel was placed on the slips as almost half of the ship needs to be rebuilt, which work probably cannot be carried out where she now lies.

3. The opinion has been expressed that the vessel is a constructive total loss.

4. If it should be proved that the responsibility for slipping the vessel falls on the Greek Government, it is suggested that the expenses for slipping and keeping her on the slips since July, 1945 should be for their account.

G.A. Bell.

M.W.T.R. (Italian Area)

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4123.
29 November 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Italian m.v. "GIORGIO ORSINI" at Perama, Greece.

1. Information is requested as to the former status of the Italian Naval Auxiliary "GIORGIO ORSINI."

2. An early reply will be appreciated.

H. St. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

29 NOV 1945

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OFFICE OF THE

BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT

TELEPHONE 84304l Ext. 91.

Rome,

CAB/52/45/R.

23rd November, 1945.

To: Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Italian m.v. "GIORGIO ORSINI"

1. The above named vessel is reported to be lying on a slip-way at Perama, Greece, at a daily cost of 50,000 drachmas per day.

2. A request for instructions in respect of disposal of the vessel was received by the Ministry of War Transport Representative, Athens, some time ago and placed before the Italian Board of Co.Ge.Na. as it was assumed that the "GIORGIO ORSINI" was an Italian Merchant vessel.

3. As Co.Ge.Na. did not reply to the enquiry, I wrote to the Director General of the Italian Merchant Marine on the 15th November, Reference CAB/27/45, as per copy attached.

4. I have now received his reply, No. 16279, dated 20th November, which is enclosed and from which it will be seen the "GIORGIO ORSINI" is an Italian Naval Auxiliary. I assume, therefore, as she is not a Merchant vessel, I may leave the matter in your hands.

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G.A. Bell.

M.W.T.O. (Italian Area)

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C.C. M.W.T. Naples Office.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Directorate General of Mercantile Marine)
To : British Ministry of War Transport - Rome
Date: 20th November 1945
Ref.: 16279

Subject: S.S."GIORGIO ORSINI" at Peramo in Greece.

Reference is made to letter No.Gab/27/45 of 15th November.

From a perusal of the correspondence forwarded to this Ministry by CO.GE.NA. Naples it has appeared that the vessel in question was requisitioned by the I.R.N. and inscribed in the list of National auxiliary shipping.

Therefore the owner has to be excluded from the affair, which must be examined in a different light.

You are assured, however, that this Ministry - Traffic and Requisitioning Office - will not fail to inform you of its decisions as soon as it is able.

Sgd. for THE MINISTER

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R. MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT 01 NOV 1945 ROME

R. AMBASCIATA BRITANNICA ROMA 02 NOV 1945

Ministero della Marina Mercantile

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

Divisione III Sez. 1
Prot. N.° 16279 Allegati

Risposta all'Off.
Div. Sez. N.°

OGGETTO P.fo "GIORGIO ORSINI" a Peramo in Grecia

Riferimento alla lettera del 15 nov. c.m. GAB/27/45

Dall'esame della corrispondenza inviata a questo Ministero dal Co.Ge.Na. di Napoli si è potuto rilevare che l'unità in questione era requisita dalla R.Marina ed inscritta nel naviglio ausiliario dello Stato.

Pertanto si è dovuto escludere l'intervento in causa dell'armatore, ed esaminare invece la cosa sotto un diverso punto di vista.

Si assicura comunque che questo Ministero = Ufficio Traffico e Requisizione = appena in grado non mancherà di far conoscere le deteminazione prese al riguardo.

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IL MINISTRO
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MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT,

ROME.

15th November, 1945.

COPY

843041 Ext. 91.

GAB/27/45.

To: Director General, Italian Merchant Marine.

Subject: Italian m.v. "GIORGIO ORSINI" at Perama, Greece.

The Ministry of War Transport Representative, Athens, has called attention to the position of the above ship which is reported to be lying on a slipway at a daily cost of 50,000 drachmas. This expense commenced on the 18th July, 1945 and still continues, so that unless some prompt steps are taken will eventually become a great burden to the ship's Owners.

A full copy of the correspondence in connection with this matter was sent to CO.GE.NA Naples on the 15th October, with a request that urgent steps be taken through you to elucidate the position. Mr. Walter Williams informed me he discussed the matter with General Matteini in Rome on the 1st November.

It is suggested that Italian Shipping interests should take prompt steps in connection with this vessel inorder to limit expenses which the vessel is incurring daily.

G.A. Bell.

M.W.T.R. Italian Area.

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

22nd January, 1946.

No.F.O.I.L.1153/4.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copies to:- Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Mediterranean.
Navy Sub-Commission, H.Q., Allied Commission.)

GREEK CAIQUES.

With reference to your Mediterranean letter No.Med.45/1381/4/1 dated 1st November, 1945, the attached list of Greek vessels now in Italian ports or stranded in the Italian coastal area has been received from the Ministry of Marine.

E.N. Blandy

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

Enclosure:-
List of Greek vessels in Italian ports.

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COPY.

List of Greek ships sunk in Italian waters, or which were in Italian waters on 8th September, 1945, nothing further being known of them.

Patrol vessel A	sunk, cause unknown, during transfer from Patras to Taranto.
S.S. ATHINAI (Afterwards Palermo)	Captured by the Germans at Valona and taken to Trieste.
Schnooner DAVIDA	At La Spezia on 8.9.43.
S.S. KRITI	At Trieste on 8.9.43.
S.S. MAJORIS	At Trieste on 8.9.43.
S.S. ELLENIS(Afterwards Molfetta)	Scuttled at Naples on 20.9.43.
S.S. MESSARIA NOMIKOS(Afterwards Rastrello)	Sunk on 27.8.43, 30 miles from Bari by torpedo from submarine.

List of Greek ships now in Italian waters.

Cableship "AXIOS" (Afterwards Rastrello)	Now at Taranto.

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Patrol vessel A	sunk, cause unknown, during transfer from Patras to Taranto.
S.S. ATHINAI (Afterwards Palermo)	Captured by the Germans at Valona and taken to Trieste.
Schnooner DAVIDA	At La Spezia on 8.9.43.
S.S. KRITI	At Trieste on 8.9.43.
S.S. MAJORIS	At Trieste on 8.9.43.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4428
14 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Flag Officer Italy and Liaison.

Subject: Greek Caiques.

Enclosure: (A) List of Greek Ships in Italian Waters.

1. In reply to your letter No. F.O.I.L. 1153/4 of 11 January 1946, details of the whereabouts of Greek Caiques in Italian waters are forwarded herewith in enclosure (A).

H. W. ZIEGLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

11th January, 1946.

No.F.O.I.L.1153/4.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION, H.Q.
ALLIED COMMISSION.

GREEK CAIQUES.

With reference to your letter No. NSC/4380 dated 7th January, 1946, information is requested whether any details of the whereabouts of Greek Caiques in Italian waters have yet been received from Italian sources.

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4390
7 January 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Italy and Liaison.

Subject: Greek Caiques.

1. With reference to your letter F.O.I.L. 1153/4 of 28 December 1945, the attached is forwarded for your information.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

7 JAN 1946

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

28th December, 1945.

No.F.O.I.L.1153/4.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION, H.Q.,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

GREEK CAIQUES.

It is requested that the Ministry of Marine may be pressed to provide an early report in accordance with Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison's letter No.F.O.I.L.1153/4, of 1st November, 1945.

J. H. Downes

ADMIRAL'S SECRETARY.

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

28th December, 1945.

No.F.O.I.L.1153/4.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION, H.Q.,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

GREEK CAIQUES.

It is requested that the Ministry of Marine may be pressed to provide an early report in accordance with Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison's letter No.F.O.I.L.1153/4, of 1st November, 1945.

J. K. Crowe

ADMIRAL'S SECRETARY.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4270.
16 December 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : British Ministry of War Transport.

Subject: Greek Vessels Seized by Italians.

Enclosure: (A) List of Greek Ships Sunk in Italian Waters.

1. Further to your GAB/149/45/R.17, inquiries have been made to subject and enclosure (A) is forwarded for information. This is the sum total of information available.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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21 DEC 1945

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C.
Date: 15th December 1945
Ref.: 30039/O.A.

Subject: Particulars of Greek ships.

Reference is made to your letter NSC/4168 of 5th instant upon the above subject.

Forwarded attached is a note of Greek ships lost in Italian waters, or which were in Italy at the time of the Armistice no further information concerning them to being to hand, and of former Greek ships which are in Italian waters at the present time.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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List of Greek ships sunk in Italian waters, or which were in Italian waters on 8th September 1945 nothing further being known of them.

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Patrol vessel A	- sunk, cause unknown, during transfer from Patras to Taranto.
S.S. ATHINAI (afterwards Palermo)	- Captured by the Germans at Valona and taken to Trieste.
Schooner DAVIDA	- at La Spezia on 8.9.43.
S.S. KRITI	- at Trieste on 8.9.43.
S.S. MAJORIS	- at Trieste on 8.9.43.
S.S. ELLENIS (afterwards Molfetta)	- scuttled at Naples on 20.9.43.
S.S. MESSARIA NOMIKOS (afterwards Rastrello)	- sunk on 27.8.43, 30 miles from Bari by torpedo from submarine.

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List of Greek ships now in Italian waters

Cableship "AXIOS" (afterwards Rastrello)	- Now at Taranto.

Rome, 12th December 1943.

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 30039/sott.

Roma 13-5 D16 1943 19

A SOTTO COMMISSIONE NAVALE

ARGOMENTO: Dati riguardanti le navi greche.-

Riferimento foglio NSC/4168 in data 5 corrente al= l'argomento sopraindicato.

Si rimette allegato il notamento delle navi greche che sono state perdute in acque italiane o che si trova= vano in Italia all'atto dell'armistizio e delle quali non si è avuta più notizia e il notamento delle navi già gre= che che si trovano attualmente in acque italiane.=

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

L'Ammiraglio

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIA MARINA
Rep. O. - Uff. Nav. - 2ª Sez.

ELENCO NAVI GRECHE AFFONDATE IN ACQUE ITALIANE O CHE TROVAVASI L'8 SETTEMBRE 1943 IN ACQUE ITALIANE E NON SE NE E' PIU' AVUTE NOTIZIE -

Vedetta A.	- affondata per cause imprecisate durante il trasferimento da Patrasso a Taranto -
P/fo ATHINAI (Poi Palermo)	- catturato dai tedeschi a Valona e portato a Trieste -
Gol.tta DAVIDA	- L'8/9/43 trovavasi a La Spezia -
P/fo mist. KRITI	- L'8/9/43 trovavasi a Trieste -
" MAJORIS	- L'8/9/43 trovavasi a Trieste
" ELLENIS(Poi Molfetta)	- autoaffondato a Napoli il 20/9/43 -
" MESSARIA NOMIKOS(poi Rastrello)	- affondato il 27/8/43 a 30 miglia da Bari per siluro di smg.-

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ELENCO NAVI GRECHE ATTUALMENTE IN ACQUE ITALIANE

Posacavi AXIOS (Poi Rastrello) - Attualmente a Taranto

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Roma, 12 dicembre 1943

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. T-8502

I. STEAMSHIPS SEIZED BY ITALIANS

NAME	CATEGORY	GROSS TONNAGE	DATE OF SEIZURE	REMARKS
1.Athinai SVVO	Cargo steamer	2,897	Oct. 1940	Seized at Messina
2.Evangelistria (Calliopi)	"	98	-	Refloated and taken to Brindisi
3.Kriti SZHK	Passenger Mail Steamer	1,028	13 Apr.40	Aground 15 miles South of Trieste
4.Maiotis SVMM	Cargo steamer	1,712	24 Apr.41	ditto
5.Maria Nomikou SZLF	"	1,165	Oct. 1940	Seized at Messina used for transports to Greece during the occupation.
6.Nicolaos Nomicos SZLS	"	625	24 Apr.41	Refloated and taken to Italy
7.Nicolaon Ourania SVVE	"	6,327	26 May 41	ditto
Total gross tonnage		13,922		

II. MOTOR-BOATS AND SAILING VESSELS SEIZED BY THE ITALIANS.

NAME	GROSS TONNAGE	DATE OF SEIZURE	REMARKS
1. AGHIOS IOANNIS THEOLOGAS	75.40	March 1943	Taken to Italy
2. MIKAIL D	98	1941	" 3998 "
3. NICOLAOS	93.60	1943	" "
4. HYPSOS	-	Oct. 1941	" "
5. ELLI	75	Jan. 1943	" "
6. AGHIOS GARALAMBOS	68	-	" "
7. AGHIOS NICOLAOS	27	Oct. 1944	" "

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5. Maria Nomikou SZLP	"	1,165	Oct. 1940	Seized at Messina used for transports to Greece during the occupation.
6. Nicolaos Nomicos SZLS	"	625	24 Apr.41	Refloated and taken to Italy
7. Nicolaon Ouranis SVVE	"	6,397	26 May 41	ditto
Total gross tonnage		13,922		

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6. AGHIOS CARALAMBOS	68	-	" "
7. AGHIOS NICOLAOS	27	Oct. 1944	" "
8. AGHIOS DIMITRIOS	-	-	" "
9. EVANGHELISTRIA	-	-	" "
10. AGHIOS NICOLAOS	63.45	May 1941	" "
11. AGHIOS IOANNIS	-	-	" "

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OFFICE OF THE

BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT

TELEPHONE 843041 Ext. 91.

Rome,

GAB/ 149/45/R.17.

14th December, 1945.

To: Hq. Allied Commission. (Attention, Navy Sub-Commission)

Subject: Greek vessels seized by Italians.

I have been instructed by the Ministry of War Transport, London, to ask if enquiries could be made as to whether any of the vessels mentioned in the attached list have been found and handed by the Italians back to the Greeks, also what action can be taken to trace the others, which on recovery should be returned to the Greeks.

If such enquiries could be instituted it would be appreciated if I could be informed of the result.

Farrell.

G.A. Bell.

M.W.T.R. (Italian Area)

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Enc. List of Steamships, Motor-boats and sailing vessels seized by Italians.

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List of Greek ships sunk in Italian waters, or which were in Italian waters on 8th September 1945, nothing further being known of them.

Patrol vessel A	sunk, cause unknown, during transfer from Patras to Taranto.
S.S. ATHINAI (Afterwards Palermo)	Captured by the Germans at Valona and taken to Trieste.
Schnooner DAVIDA	At La Spezia on 8.9.43.
S.S. KRITI	At Trieste on 8.9.43.
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S.S. ELIENIS(Afterwards Molfetta)	Scuttled at Naples on 20.9.43.
S.S. MESSARIA NOMIKOS(Afterrards Rastrello)	Sunk on 27.8.43, 30 miles from Bari by torpedo from submarine.

List of Greek ships now in Italian waters.

Cableship "AXIOS"(Afterwards Rastrello)	Now at Taranto

Rome, 12th December1943

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4168
5 December 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Greek Vessels - Data on.

1. It is requested that the Ministry of Marine submit a list of all former Greek vessels, including caiques listed separately, now operating in Italian waters, together with a list of all Greek vessels, including caiques, which are known to have been sunk or lost in Italian waters.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
CINC MED(Med.45/1331/4/1
of 1 Nov. 45 refers)

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GREEK CAIQUES.
(The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's Minute III No.Med.45/1381/4/1 dated 1st November, 1945).

IV.

No.F.O.I.L. 1153/4.

THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, H.Q.
ALLIED COMMISSION.

Forwarded for necessary action. It is suggested that the scope of the enquiry be extended to cover schooners, motor fishing vessels and other auxiliary craft, as well as caiques.

for REAR ADMIRAL.

ROME.
14th November, 1945.

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GREEK CAIQUES

(The Greek Principal Sea Transport Officer, Alexandria's No.2352 of 25th September, 1945).

III.

Med.45/1381/4/1.
THE FLAG OFFICER, ITALY AND LIAISON.

With reference to paragraph 2 of Minute I, it is requested that the Ministry of Marine may be ordered to report names of caiques of Greek origin now in Italian ports, and also the names of those stranded in the Italian coastal area.

FLAG OFFICER ITALY & LIAISON D
9th NOV 1945 OE
C. 829/1153
ROME

Peter Cazalet

for A D M I R A L

MEDITERRANEAN.
1st November, 1945.

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GREEK CAIQUES.
(Greek Principal Sea Transport Officer, Alexandria's Minute I, No. 2352 of 25th September, 1945.)

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.
SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, DODECANESE.
(Copy to each).

With reference to paragraph 2 (a) of Minute I, it is requested that information may be forwarded as applicable.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 (b) of Minute I, the Greek Principal Sea Transport Officer, Alexandria has been informed that there is no record of the whereabouts of stranded caiques held in Alexandria.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MEDITERRANEAN
T.WDE.
15 OCT 1945
No. 45 1381 4 1

Levant and Eastern
Mediterranean.
10th October, 1945.

for VICE ADMIRAL.

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From: Greek PSTO/ALEXANDRIA

Date: 25th September 1945 Ref.No. 2352

To : F.O.L.E.M.

Copy to : Greek Ministry of Mercantile Marine

Greek PSTO/Piraeus

Subject: GREEK CAIQUES

1. As a great deal of querries are put in by caique owners in Greece requesting information on the whereabouts of their craft and in order to satisfy their demands, your cooperation is requested.

2. In this instance, we would very much appreciate a list which could be established by your service mentioning the following informations:

a) Name of all Greek caiques seized by the British Authorities on liberation of Dodecanese and after full occupation of Italy.

b) Name of all Greek caiques found stranded in the above areas as well as in North Africa, their exact position and possibly if there is any chance of refloating same.

FLAG OFFICER 28 SEP 1945 HCO/3

The DGPSTOR/ALEX. 3991

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 125020

NSC/4462
19 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: Tug "CAPO D'ISTRIA."

References: (a) Your letter No. 2712 of 8 November 1945.

1. In reply to reference (a), the following information has been received from the Ministry of Marine:

"The above tug has been listed as No. 6973 in the Italian Naval Register since 1934, and previously bore the names "COLOMBE" and "ANGELA RICCARDI"; it was built at St. Nazaire in 1917, and is of the following characteristics: gross tonnage: 376.24 - length: 40.86 m. - beam: 8.25 metres - Indicated horsepower: 845 - triple expansion engines".

2. From the above information, it is ascertained that it does not come under Article 15 of the Armistice Terms.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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19 JAN 1946

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C.
Date: 15th JANUARY 1946
Ref.: SM/2655

Subject: Tug "CAPODISTRIA"

Reference is made to your letter N.S.C. 4217 of 11th December 1945.

The tug CAPODISTRIA was inscribed as No.1983 in the Genoa Port Registry on 16th October 1934 under the name of ANGELA RICCARDI, following her acquisition abroad.

Subsequently the tug became the property of the Ministry of Public Works, took the name : "CAPODISTRIA" and was cancelled in consequence from the Genoa Register, becoming No.511 on the Naples Register on 29th December 1938.

By direction
for THE CHIEF OF STAFF
Sgd. Head of Operations Dept.

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Rep. OPERAZIONI Uff. Naviglio

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 24/2255 Allegati

Al SOTTO COMMISSIONE NAVALE -

ARGOMENTO: Rimorchiatore "CAPODISTRIA."-

Riferimento vostra lettera N.C.S. 4217 dell'11 Dicembre s.a.-

Il Rimorchiatore CAPODISTRIA fu iscritto il 16 ottobre 1934 al nº 1983 delle matricole di Genova col nome di ANGELA RICCARDI, in seguito ad acquisto all'Estero.-

Successivamente il Rimorchiatore passò in proprietà al Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici assumendo il nome di CAPODISTRIA e venne quindi cancellato dalle Matricole di Genova e in data 29/12/1938 iscritto al n.511 delle matricole di Napoli.-

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d'ord.ne
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
p. IL CAPO REPARTO OPERAZIONI
Capitano di Vascello
(Carlo [illegible] Ciano di)

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission AFO 394

NSC/4227.
11 December 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Tug "CAPODISTRIA."

1. Further to your letter 19731/OA of 29 November 1945, confirmation is desired that the tug "CAPODISTRIA" is in fact of Italian registry and ownership since 1934.

[illegible] BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
and for Info. : MARINA - Rome
Date: 8th December 1945

Hand Message No. 1450.

With reference to your signal of 5th instant.

Information concerning the tug "CAPODISTRIA", as requested in your letter NSC/3999 of 15th November 1945, was forwarded to the Navy Sub Commission in our letter 19731 of 29th November 1945.

By direction
for CHIEF OF STAFF

GGE/P.

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

(1) MARISTAT = REP. OP.UFF.NAVIGLIO

MESSAGGIO A MANO N. 1450

Indirizzato a:
NAVI SUB COMMISSION
HQ ALLIED COMMISSION

e per conoscenza a:
MARINA = ROMA

Data 8 DICEMBRE 1945 *Rif.* *del*

Testo:

Riferimento telegramma 5 corrente alt Informazioni relative Rimorchiatore "CAPO-DISTRIA" richieste con lettera NSC.3999 Novembre 15 u.s. già inviate codesto Navy Sub Commission con dispaccio 19731 data 29 Novembre u.s.=

d'ordine

P. IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

IL CAPO REPARTO OPERAZIONI

FIRMA

C. Pla

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(1) Autorità mittente.

Ord. 84 - 24-1-45 - Roma - Tip. Sabucchi (200.000)

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UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
NORTHWEST AFRICAN WATERS

File No.
QS

Serial: 5883 -7 DEC 1945

THIRD ENDORSEMENT to
Navy Sub-Comm, Hq. Allied
Comm. ltr NSC/4802,
dated 15 Nov. 1945.

From: Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.
To : Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394.

Subject: Tug "Capo d'Istria", Comment on.

1. Forwarded.

W H Brandt, Jr.

W. H. BRANDT, Jr.
By direction.

Copy to:
Comd't NOB Palermo

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MINISTRY OF MARINE NAVY S/C

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AN EARLY REPLY TO NAVY SUB-COMMISSION LETTER NSC/3999 OF 15th. NOVEMBER 1945 WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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U. S. NAVAL OPERATING BASE
PALERMO, SICILY

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SERIAL: 1479

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT to
Navy Sub-Comm, Hq. Allied
Comm. ltr NSC/4002,
dated 15 Nov. 1945

From: Commandant.
To : Commander, U. S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

Subject: Tug "Capo d'Istria", Comment on.

1. A tug named "Capo d'Istria" arrived at Palermo on 19 October 1945, under operational orders of SNOESY (Senior Naval Officer Eastern Sicily), whose headquarters are at Messina, Sicily.

2. The tug sailed for Messina on 20 October 1945, arrived at Palermo again on 23 October 1945, and departed once more for Messina on the same day.

3. The French tug "St. Charles" arrived at Palermo on 17 October 1945 and departed on 20 October 1945.

4. In a telephone conversation with Messina on 2 December 1945, information was received by this Command to the effect that the subject tug was at Augusta, Sicily, on 2 December 1945, and still under operational control of SNOESY.

B. V. McCandlish
B. V. McCANDLISH.

Copy to:
Navy Sub-Comm, APO 394

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UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
NORTHWEST AFRICAN WATERS

File No.
QS15

Serial: 5822

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT to
Navy Sub-Comm, Hq. Allied
Comm. ltr NSC/4002
dated 15 Nov. 1945

From: Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.
To : Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo.

Subject: Tug "Capo d'Istria".

1. Forwarded for comment.

B. V. McCandlish.

B. V. McCANDLISH,
By Direction

Copy to:
Navy Sub-Comm, APO 394

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T25020

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date : 29th November, 1945.
Ref. : 19731/OA.

Subject : : Tug "CAPODISTRIA".

Reference is made to your letter NSC/3999 of 15th November, 1945.

It is considered that the ex-French tug presence of which at Palermo was notified to you may be the"Capodistria", belonging to the Ministry of Public Works, presently in Augusta at the disposal of the Allied Authorities.

The above tug has been listed as No.6973 in the Italian Naval Register since 1934, and previously bore the names "COLOMBE" and "ANGELA RICCARDI"; it was built at St. Nazaire in 1917, and is of the following characteristics : gross tonnage : 376.24 - length : 40.86 m. Beam : 8.25 metres - Indicated horsepower : 845 - triple expansion engines.

There does not appear to be any other ex-French Capodistria type tug at Palermo or any other Sicilian port.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3999
15 November 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: "Capo d'Istria" - Status of.

1. A report has been received that the tug "Capo d'Istria" is operating at Palermo manned by an Italian crew. It is alleged that this tug is exactly similar to the French tug "Saint Charles" of the "Conari" type.

2. Information is requested whether the Ministry of Marine has any knowledge concerning the status of the tug "Capo d'Istria" and whether she is a former French vessel.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL.
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

16 NOV 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4037
15 November 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: The French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: Tug Capo d'Istria.

1. In reply to your letter 2712 of 8 November 1945, inquiries are being made to determine the status of the subject tug and you will be informed in due course as to the action taken.

R. ST. J. SUTTER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

17 NOV 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4002
15 November 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander United States Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

Subject: Tug "Capo d'Istria".

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2. As the French Representative to the Allied Commission has requested that the "Capo d'Istria" be returned to French authorities if the vessel is in fact a former French tug, information would be appreciated as to whether United States Naval authorities at Palermo have any knowledge concerning the vessel.

H St. J. BUTLER,
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CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission AFO 394

NSC/4002
15 November 1945

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To: Commander United States Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

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From: Office of the French Representative - Allied Commission
To : Navy Sub Commission
Date: 8th November 1945
Ref.: 2712

Memorandum for the Navy Sub-Com.

1. - The French tug "Saint-Charles" has recently put in at Palermo, where it met the Italian tug "Capo d'Istria".

2. - The latter is precisely similar to the "Saint-Charles" and there is every reason to think that it may be a former French tug of the "Canari" type.

3. - It is asked that an enquiry may be made into the origin of the tug "Capo d'Istria".

4. - In the event that the "Capo d'Istria" should in fact be a former French tug, this vessel should be returned without delay to the French Authorities in accordance with article 15 of the Armistice Agreement.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
A P O 394

N° 2712

Rome, le 8 Novembre 1945

AIDE-MEMOIRE

POUR LA NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

1. - Le remorqueur français "Saint-Charles" a fait récemment escale à Palerme et y a rencontré le remorqueur italien "Capo d'Istria".

2. - Ce dernier est exactement semblable au "Saint-Charles" et on a toutes raisons de penser qu'il s'agit d'un ancien remorqueur français du type "Canari".

3. - Il est demandé qu'une enquête soit faite sur l'origine du remorqueur "Capo d'Istria".

4. - Dans le cas où le "Capo d'Istria" serait bien un ancien remorqueur français, ce navire devrait être remis sans retard aux autorités françaises conformément à l'article 15 de la Convention d'Armistice.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

Ref. PR/MIS/018

7th March, 1946.

With the compliments of

THE CHANCERY.

"Dolphin"

To: The Naval Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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No. 54
PR/MIS/018

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to refer to this Embassy's Note Verbale No. 268 PR/MIS/018 dated 17th December, 1945, concerning the Yacht named "Dolphin" belonging to the estate of a British subject - Sir Warden Chilcott, deceased.

2. From information which has reached the British Embassy, it is believed that this Vessel is lying submerged adjacent to the coal quay of the arsenal at La Spezia and it is further believed that another Vessel which is being salvaged is lying close to the "Dolphin".

3. The British Embassy would appreciate any confirmatory information upon the above which the Ministry may be able to obtain and also any information as to the action proposed to be taken to raise the "Dolphin".

Rome,
7th March, 1946.

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2. From information which has reached the British Embassy, it is believed that this Vessel is lying submerged adjacent to the coal quay of the arsenal at La Spezia and it is further believed that another Vessel which is being salvaged is lying close to the "Dolphin".

3. The British Embassy would appreciate any confirmatory information upon the above which the Ministry may be able to obtain and also any information as to the action proposed to be taken to raise the "Dolphin".

Rome,
7th March, 1946.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

PR/MIS/024

10th January, 1946.

With the compliments of

THE CHANCERY

O.J.C.

Alisa Craig

The Naval Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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No. 7
PR/MIS/024

NOTE VERBALE

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to invite the Ministry's assistance in tracing the present whereabouts of a Yacht named "Ailsa Craig" belonging to a British subject, Mr. William Alfred Crowle.

2. The Yacht is alleged to have been removed from Nice during the occupation and towed away to Italy. Particulars of the Yacht are as follows:

(i) Length 74 feet — Tonnage under deck 51
Breadth 14 feet — Gross tonnage 64
Depth 8 feet — Registered tonnage 41½

(ii) Fitted with twin screw English Diesel engines. "Ailsa Craig" 96 B. H.P. and separate Delco lighting plant.

(iii) 2 mast Clincher built Hull with counter type stern. Hull built of steel.

(iv) Registered under British Registry at Southampton, England, Customs House.

(v) Last date of registration 5th May 1939 with William Alfred Crowle as owner under official number 161675.

3. It would be much appreciated if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would invite the assistance of the Ministry of Marine in prosecuting enquiries concerning this Yacht.

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Rome,
10th January, 1946.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

Ref. GE/014 4th January, 1946.

With the compliments of

THE CHANCERY.

The Naval Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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No. 276
GE/014

NOTE VERBALE

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to invite the Ministry's assistance in tracing the present whereabouts of a Yacht named "Schyria" belonging to a British subject, Mr. Rupert Fordham.

2. The Yacht, which is stated to be of an over-all length of 26 feet, fitted with a Kelvin diesel engine of 15-18 h.p., is understood to have been seized by the Italians on August 23rd, 1943 at the port of Antibes, France, from where it was understood to have been taken to Imperia. Enquiries made to the Italian Naval Authorities at Genoa, Naples and Leghorn by His Majesty's Consul-General at Genoa have proved fruitless.

3. It would be much appreciated if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will invite the assistance of the Ministry of Marine in prosecuting enquiries concerning this Yacht.

Rome,
28th December, 1945.

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2. The Yacht, which is stated to be of an over-all length of 26 feet, fitted with a Kelvin diesel engine of 15-18 h.p., is understood to have been seized by the Italians on August 23rd, 1943 at the port of Antibes, France, from where it was understood to have been taken to Imperia. Enquiries made to the Italian Naval Authorities at Genoa, Naples and Leghorn by His Majesty's Consul-General at Genoa have proved fruitless.

3. It would be much appreciated if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will invite the assistance of the Ministry of Marine in prosecuting enquiries concerning this Yacht.

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Rome,
28th December, 1945.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

Ref. PR/MIS/019

4th January, 1946.

With the compliments of

THE CHANCERY.

Bordonniere 2.

The Naval Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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No. 275
PR/MIS/019

N O T E V E R B A L E

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to invite the Ministry's assistance in tracing the present whereabouts of a Motor Vessel named "Bonbonniere" belonging to a British subject, Mrs. Alice Carson.

2. The Vessel was lying at the port of Antibes, France, when it was seized by the Italian Naval authorities on August 18th 1943 when the Minutes of seizure and an Inventory were prepared as follows:-

"Translation

Italian Office of the Port
of Antibes.

Memorandum of seizure of an enemy vessel.

At 4 p.m. on August 18, 1943, the undersigned Lieutenant of the Port Leopoldo Bellangamba, head of the Italian Office of the Port of Antibes, in fulfilment of instructions from the Italian Naval Command in France proceeded on board the yacht "Bonbonnière" moored in the port of Antibes and seized the vessel because she was a vessel under enemy flag as shown in the declaration attached to the present memorandum in the absence of regular ship's papers.

For this purpose the enclosed inventory of the yacht has been compiled with all the particulars prescribed by the instructions for the exercise of the right of search of ships, issued by the Ministry of Marine on October 18, 1939, in execution of article 138 of the War Law approved by Royal decree dated July 8 of that year.

The yacht seized remains in custody of the Italian Office of the port of Antibes at the disposal of the Italian Naval Command in France.

The present memorandum of the foregoing has been drawn up in quadruplicate of which one is for the French Maritime Authority (Insciption Maritime) represented by Monsieur Nicolas Ogno, Garde Maritime, who after having read and confirmed the same signs the memorandum together with the undersigned.

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The Lieutenant of the Port
(Leopoldo Bellagamba).
(Seal).
(Signed) Bellagamba.

Le Garde Maritime

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The Lieutenant of the Port
(Leopoldo Bellagamba).
(Seal).
(Signed) Bellagamba.

Le Garde Maritime
Nicolas Ogno.

P.C.C.
N. de la Traille
Chef de la Police Navigation Nice.

Italian Office of the Port of Antibes.

Inventory of the Yacht "Bonbonnière."
seized by reason of being under enemy flag (British)

1. Summary of the vessel's features:

Yacht of 13 tons measurement, length 13 metres, width 3.15 metres, draught 0.80 metres and structural height 1.30 metres.

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Provided with a petrol and oil engine (at present dismounted), Scarcon make, two cylinders, 30 horse power. Speed 6 knots.

2. List of the charts and documents on board: None

3. Short inventory of the fittings and cargo:

Two masts; one mainsail, two jibs, two compasses, two navigation lamps, two awnings, one barometer, one portable lamp, one extinguisher.

4. Inventory of the effects, valuables and other articles belonging to the master, members of the crew or passengers: none.

5. List of names of the persons on board:

The Lieutenant of the Port
(Leopoldo Bellagamba).
(Signed) Bellagamba.

(Seal).

Le Garde Maritime
Nicolas Ogno.

P.C.C.
M. de la Taille
Chef de la Police Navigation Nice."

3. It would be much appreciated if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will invite the assistance of the Ministry of Marine in prosecuting enquiries concerning this vessel.

Rome,
27th December, 1945.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

Ref. PR/MIS/017 17th December, 1945.

With the compliments of

THE CHANCERY.

Viking III

To: Naval Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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No. 267

FR/MIS/017

N O T E V E R B A L E

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to invite the Ministry's assistance in tracing the present whereabouts of a Vessel named "Viking III" belonging to a British subject, Mr. C. W. Bowles.

2. This Vessel was lying at Beaulieu S/Mer, France until the 29th August, 1943 when it was understood to have been seized by the Italian Naval authorities and moved to Italian waters.

3. A full description of the Vessel is as follows:-

Displacement:	6 ton (Thames measurement)	
Measurements:	Length	9 metres
	Beam	2.8 "
	Water bill	7.5 "
	Draft	1.5 "
	Length of Mast	
	entire	12.4 "
	above deck	11.0 "
	Cabin height interior	1.85 "
Description:	Spoon type bow.	
	Squared stern, very sloping to keel.	
	Painted white.	
	Name on stern in chromium letters.	
	2 berths in saloon - 1 forward - W.C.	
Engine:	M.A.N. Victor Diesel type 10.	
	3 cylinders with 3 bladed propellor.	

4. His Majesty's Consul-General at Genoa has already made enquiries of the Italian Naval authorities at Genoa, Naples and Leghorn which have proved fruitless and it would be much appreciated if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will invite the assistance of the Ministry of Marine in prosecuting enquiries concerning this vessel.

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8. This Vessel was lying at Beaulieu S/Mer, France until the 29th August, 1943 when it was understood to have been seized by the Italian Naval authorities and moved to Italian waters.

3. A full description of the Vessel is as follows:-

Displacement: 8 ton (Thames measurement)

Measurements:

Length	9 metres
Beam	2.8 "
Water bill	7.5 "
Draft	1.5 "
Length of Mast	
entire	12.4 "
above deck	11.0 "
Cabin height interior	1.85 "

Description:
Spoon type bow.
Squared stern, very eloping to keel.
Painted white.
Name on stern in chromium letters.
2 berths in saloon - 1 forward - [illegible].C.

Engine:
M.A.B. Victor Diesel type IC.
2 cylinders with 3 bladed propellor.

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Rome,
17th December, 1945.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

Ref. PR/MIS/018 17th December, 1945.

With the compliments of

THE CHANCERY.

Dolphin

To:
The Naval Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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No. 268.
PR/MIS/018

NOTE VERBALE.

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to invite the Ministry's assistance in tracing the present whereabouts of a Vessel named "Dolphin" belonging to a British subject's estate - Sir Warden Chilcott, decd.

2. The Vessel was lying at the port of Cannes, France, when it was seized by the Italian Naval authorities, the Minutes of the seizure being as follows:-

"At twelve noon on February 4, 1943, in the port of Cannes, the undersigned, directed by Commander Manlio Lazzeri, commandant of the 2nd Anti-Submarine Group, to exercise the right of search, boarded the yacht "Dolphin" entrusted to the care of the caretaker Charles Pérole, of French nationality.

In view of the fact that from an examination of the ship's papers it transpires that the said yacht is of enemy nationality, it has been seized.

For the purpose of justifying the seizure, the ship's papers and documents, detailed in the attached inventory, have been sequestrated and enclosed in an envelope duly sealed.

Moreover, an inventory has been drawn up, including in addition to the details of the ship's papers and a list of the names of persons on board, details concerning the ships as well as the effects, articles of value and the nautical instruments.

The present minutes concerning the foregoing have been drawn up in quadruplicate, of which one copy is for the caretaker of the seized vessel who, after having heard it read, has signed it together with the undersigned.

The caretaker of the yacht
(signed) Charles Pérole
(for the Taylor Agency).

The officer in charge of the search
(signed) Luigi de Ferrante
Sub-Lieutenant.

(signed Manlio Lazzeri,
Commander."

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3. An inventory and description of the Vessel was prepared at the time in the following terms:-

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The caretaker of the yacht
(signed) Charles Pérole
(for the Taylor Agency).

The officer in charge of the search
(signed) Luigi de Ferrariis
Sub-Lieutenant.

(signed Manlio Lazzeri,
Commander."

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3. An inventory and description of the Vessel was prepared at the time in the following terms:-

"1. Ship's papers (list)
Certificate of British Registry.

2. Summary of the vessel's characteristics:
Type: Pleasure vessel for sails and motor
Displacement: 470 tons.
Length: 40 metres.
Breadth: 7.50 metres
Structural height: 7 metres
Draught: 4 metres
Engines: 2 Diesel motors of 200 h.p. each
Speed: 9 knots.

/3. Summary

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3. Summary inventory of cargo:
None

4. Inventory of effects, articles of value, nautical instruments and other articles belonging to the master or to members of the crew or passengers:
None

5. Nominal list of persons on board:
None

The caretaker of the yacht
(signed) Charles Périole
(for the Taylor Agency)

The officer in charge of the search
(signed) Luigi de Serpente
Sub-Lieutenant.

(signed) Manlio Lazzeri
Commander."

4. It would be much appreciated if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will invite the assistance of the Ministry of Marine in prosecuting enquiries concerning this Vessel.

Rome,
17th December, 1945.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

Ref. PR/MIS/016

17th December, 1945.

With the compliments of

THE CHANCERY.

To:
The Naval Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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No. 269
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N O T E V E R B A L E.

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to invite the Ministry's assistance in tracing the present whereabouts of a Vessel named "Prixos" belonging to a British subject. Mr. J.V. Berden.

2. The Vessel was lying at the port of Cannes, France, when it was seized by the Italian Naval authorities, the Minutes of the seizure being as follows:-

"At 9 a.m. on February 11, 1943, at the port of Cannes, the undersigned directed by Commander Manlio Lasseri, commandant of the 2nd Anti-Submarine Group, to exercise the right of search, boarded the pleasure motor vessel "Prixos" entrusted to the care of caretaker Antoine Ghibaudo of French nationality.

Having regard to the lack of ship's papers and considering that, according to the written statement of the above-mentioned caretaker, the said vessel is of enemy nationality, it has been seized.

For the purpose of justifying the seizure, the written statement of the caretaker attesting the enemy nationality of the pleasure motor-vessel has been enclosed in an envelope duly sealed.

Moreover an inventory has been drawn up containing particulars relating to the effects, articles of value and the nautical instruments.

The present minutes concerning the foregoing have been drawn up in quadruplicate, of which one copy is for the caretaker of the seized motor vessel, who, after having heard it read, has signed it together with the undersigned.

(Signed) Antoine Ghibaudo
The caretaker of the vessel.

(Signed) Luigi de Perrante,
Sub-Lieutenant,
The officer charged with the search.

(Signed) Manilio Lasseri 3959
Commander."

3. An inventory and description of the Vessel was prepared at the time in the following terms:-

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2. The Vessel was lying at the port of Cannes, France, when it was seized by the Italian Naval authorities, the Minutes of the seizure being as follows:-

"At 9 a.m. on February 11, 1943, at the port of Cannes, the undersigned directed by Commander Manlio Lazzeri, commandant of the 2nd Anti-Submarine Group, to exercise the right of search, boarded the pleasure motor vessel "Prixos" entrusted to the care of caretaker Antoine Ghibaudo of French nationality.

Having regard to the lack of ship's papers and considering that, according to the written statement of the above-mentioned caretaker, the said vessel is of enemy nationality, it has been seized.

For the purpose of justifying the seizure, the written statement of the caretaker attesting the enemy nationality of the pleasure motor-vessel has been enclosed in an envelope duly sealed.

Moreover an inventory has been drawn up containing particulars relating to the effects, articles of value and the nautical instruments.

The present minutes concerning the foregoing have been drawn up in quadruplicate, of which one copy is for the caretaker of the seized motor vessel, who, after having heard it read, has signed it together with the undersigned.

(Signed) Antoine Ghibaudo
The caretaker of the vessel.

(Signed) Luigi de Ferrante,
Sub-Lieutenant,
The officer charged with the search.

(Signed) Manlio Lazzeri,
Commander."

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3. An inventory and description of the Vessel was prepared at the time in the following terms:-

"1. Ship's papers (list)
None

2. Summary of the vessel's characteristics:
Type: Motor cruising vessel of wood
Displacement: 85 tons
Length: 18.76 metres
Beam: 4.06 metres
Structural height: 2.49 metres
Draught: 1.68 metres
Engines: 2 Diesel engines of 120 h.p. each
Speed (estimated): 11 knots

/3. Summary

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5. Summary inventory of cargo:
none.

4. Inventory of the effects, valuables, nautical instruments and other articles belonging to the master or to members of the crew or passengers:
none.

5. Nominal list of persons on board:
Antoine Ghibaudo, French, caretaker of the motor vessel.

(Signed) Antoine Ghibaudo
Caretaker of the motor vessel.

(Signed) Luigi de Ferrante,
Sub-Lieutenant
Officer charged with the search.

(Signed) Manlio Lazzeri.
Commander."

4. It would be much appreciated if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will invite the assistance of the Ministry of Marine in prosecuting enquiries concerning this Vessel.

Rome,
17th December, 1945.

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COPY

Ref: 5610/38/30

19 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Position of Italian Ships in Greek Waters.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Reference your memorandum no. 6/4520/2064 dated 14 Nov 45 regarding the position of Italian ships in Greek waters.

A reply has been received from the Greek Government to the effect that the question of the condition and whereabouts of Italian ships in Greek waters was put before the commission of Economical Problems, which has decided that since these Italian ships are in Greek waters they will be considered as enemy property under sequestration, until the final solution of this question at the Peace Treaty.

(sgd) M.S.LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: HELAD 'A')
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Legal S/C) of 7 Dec. refers.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5610/15/80 7 December 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Ships in Greek Waters

TO : G-5, AMG

1. We have received a letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 14 November 1945 concerning a number of Italian ships (most of them sunk) which on 8 September 1943 were to be found in Greek or Aegean waters. Allied Commission is asked to take up the matter with the Greek Authorities in order to obtain all possible information as to their present condition and to secure their return to their owners or have the salvage rights acknowledged.

2. The Ministry asks that these vessels are not considered as war booty because:

(a) Article 5 of the Armistice signed on September 3rd, 1943, states that Italian merchant ships (wherever located) are subject to requisition by the Allied Commander-in-Chief. It is obvious that by this provision the Allies have implicitly waived the prizerights; if not, they would hardly have needed to lay claim to requisition.

(b) The Cunningham-De Courten agreement, dated September 23rd, 1943 provides that Italian merchant ships, flying Italian flag and manned by Italian crews, shall be employed under the same conditions as those applying to merchantmen of the Allied Nations.

(c) As regards sunken ships, the Italian Government feel that their capture, i.e. an actual seizure, cannot take place until the ship is in a position to make a seizure possible, in other words, until she has been refloated. Consequently the capture by the Allies of craft that, though sunk in the waters of territories occupied by them prior to 8th of September 1943, had not yet been salvaged at that date, could not be captured by the Allied Authorities but should be returned to the Italian Authorities, save, of course, the right of reimbursement of salvage expenses. Such principle has already found a practical application when the Allied Authorities provided that the Italian

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ships they

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ships they recovered in Italian harbours be returned to Italy, save, of course, the payment of salvage expenses.

The above argument is supported not only by the letter but also by the spirit of the armistice and of the subsequent recognition of Italy as a cobelligerent. On the other hand a disparity of treatment of Italian ships, merely based on their different location at the time of capture, could hardly be deemed to be justifiable.

3. We would be grateful if you could inform us whether the Italian interpretation of the armistice terms is sound and what further action you wish to be taken in the matter.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:
Poland (A)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4425
14 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Hull S.S. "CESCO".

1. Information has been received that it is intended to turn over the hull S.S. "CESCO", at present in use as an alongside berth at Leghorn, to the Ministry of Marine for return to its owners.

2. The probable date of transfer will be the 15th February, 1946, and it is requested that arrangements be made to implement this transfer.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U.S. NAVY.
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

10th January, 1946.

No.F.O.I.L.976/10.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION, H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Copy to:- Naval Officer-in-Charge, Leghorn.)

DISPOSAL OF HULL S.S. "CESCO".

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for REAR-ADMIRAL

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Tel.478209

War 8 Sub. Comm. FC/cc A.C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Food & Agriculture Sub-Commission

AGR/505.9.1

5 January 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisition of the Motor Fishing Vessel "Dentice"

TO : Ministry of Agriculture
Ufficio Centrale della Pesca

1. Reference your letter 7260 dated 5 October'945.

2. The Ministry of Marine has pointed out that on 11th January 1945 the above mentioned motor fishing vessel will be derequisitioned in Venice and returned to its owner.

W.J.Legg
Director

Distribution:
Ministry of Marine
(Rep.M.D.S. Attn: Capt.Bernabò)
Navy Sub-Commission AC

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

FIRST ENDORSEMENT to:
Agriculture Sub-Commission
ltr. AGR/505.9.1 of 12
October 1945.

NSC/3780
16 October 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Motor Fishing Vessel "Dentice".

1. Forwarded.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

cc AGRICULTURE S/C

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Tel. 478209

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

AGR/505.9.1

12 October 1945

SUBJECT: Motor Fishing vessel " Dentice "

TO : Ministry of Marine

Via : Navy Sub-Commission

1. Reference the attached copy of request for the derequisition of subject vessel.

2. The Ministry of Agriculture and this Sub-Commission concur in recommending the derequisition of the above mentioned motor fishing boat assigned at present to the "Flottiglia R. Guardia di Finanza - Venezia".

3. The owner of the vessel, Mr. Michele Amorusc, from Bari, has pointed out that due to war events his fishing fleet was sunk with the exception of the "Dentice" which is his only resource to carry on his fishing activity. Therefore, should this boat not be restored to him he will be obliged to terminate all activity and to dismiss a large number of his personnel who have their family to support.

JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

Inclosure:
ltr Ministry of Agriculture dtd 5/10/45

Distribution:
Ministry of Agriculture - Ufficio Centrale Pesca

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

4th January, 1946.

No.F.O.I.L.975/23.

MINISTRY OF MARINE, ROME (Director General of Mercantile Marine.)

(Copy to:- Navy Sub Commission, H.Q., Allied Commission.)

TOWING OF MOTOR-TANKER "LUCIANO MANARA".

With reference to your letter No.5924 dated 14th December, 1945, you are informed that authorisation cannot be given for the towing of the motor-tanker "LUCIANO MANARA" from Trieste to Venice by Italian Royal Navy tugs.

(signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

4th January, 1946.

No. F.O.I.L. 975/23.

MINISTRY OF MARINE (DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MERCANTILE MARINE).
(Copy to:- Navy Sub Commission, HQ. Allied Commission.)

REQUESTS FOR TOWING.

With reference to your letter No.UT.2/4897, dated 10th November, 1945 and further to my letter No.F.O.I.L.975/23, dated 28th December, 1945 it is requested that further requests for tows which are considered to be operational matters may be addressed to the Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison, and not the Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission.

2. The following decisions on outstanding requests have been made by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

(a) "ANDREA ZOTTI" - not authorised, as ship is claimed as War Booty by the Jugo-Slavs.

(b) "LUIGI RIZZO" - not acceptable at this time of year in view of length of tow. Considered repairs should be undertaken at Palermo.

(c) "DORA" - understood repairs will now be carried out in Taranto.

(d) "LUCIA" - no objection provided Italian tugs are provided. As it is understood this is not the case consider ship should be repaired in Taranto.

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(e) "LUCIANO MANARA" - not permissible as ship is claimed as War Booty by the Jugo-Slavs.

(f) "PAOLO" - no Naval objection to repairs being

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No. F.O.I.L. 975/23.

MINISTRY OF MARINE (DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MERCANTILE MARINE).
(Copy to:- Navy Sub Commission, HQ. Allied Commission.)

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(e) "LUCIANO MANARA" - not permissible as ship is claimed as War Booty by the Jugo-Slavs.

(f) "PAOLO" - no Naval objection to repairs being undertaken in Leghorn, as requested latterly.

(g) "SANTA RITA" - as for (f).

(h) "RESURRECTIO" - repairs should be undertaken in Brindisi.

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for REAR ADMIRAL.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
21st December, 1945.

Med.45/56/6/4.
THE FLAG OFFICER, ITALY AND LIAISON.
(Copy to:
The Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters,
Allied Commission).

REQUESTS FOR TOWS

With reference to your No.FOIL.975/23 dated 23rd November 1945, no new arrangement has been authorised but it was felt that with the departure of the staff officer concerned to Malta, it would be preferable for requests for tows to be made officially through you instead of unofficially direct to him as had often previously been the case.

2. Decisions and remarks regarding the proposed towing programme are as follows:-

(a) ANDREA ZOTTI. Not permissible as ship is claimed as War Booty by the Jugoslavs.

(b) COR JESU. No objection. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's signal timed 191804A December 1945 refers.

(c) LAURETTA Not applicable.

(d) LUIGI RIZZO Not acceptable at this time of year in view of length of tow. Consider repairs should be undertaken at Palermo.

(e) DORA No objection provided Italian tugs are available. As it is understood this is not the case consider ship should be taken in hand at Taranto.

(f) LUCIA As for (e).

(g) LUCIANO MANARA Not permissible as ship is claimed as War Booty by Jugoslavs.

(h) PAOLO No objection to repairs being undertaken at Palermo. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's signal timed 191804A December 1945, refers.

(i) RESURRECTIO Consider ship should be taken in hand at Brindisi.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. T2502

REQUESTS FOR TOWS

With reference to your No.FOIL.975/23 dated 23rd November 1945, no new arrangement has been authorised but it was felt that with the departure of the staff officer concerned to Malta, it would be preferable for requests for tows to be made officially through you instead of unofficially direct to him as had often previously been the case.

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(h) PAOLO No objection to repairs being undertaken at Palermo. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's signal timed 191804A December 1945, refers.

(i) RESURRECTIO Consider ship should be taken in hand at Brindisi.

(j) SPLENDOR No objection. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's signal timed 191806A December 1945 refers.

(k) SANTA RITA No objection. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's signal timed 191804A December 1945 refers.

3. Delay in replying to your letter is regretted.

(Sgd.) H. A. PACKER

for ADMIRAL

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

23rd November, 1945.

No.F.O.I.L. 975/23.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copy to:- Navy Sub Commission,
HQ. Allied Commission.)

REQUESTS FOR TOWING.

Forwarded herewith is a translation of the Ministry of Marine's letter No.UT.2/4897, dated 10th November, 1945, with enclosure. It is requested that I may be informed whether in fact a new arrangement has been agreed upon for the authorisation of tows of Italian vessels between Italian ports.

(signed) [illegible]
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for REAR ADMIRAL.

Enclosure:-
Translation of the Ministry of Marine's letter No.UT.2/4897, dated 10th November, 1945. with enclosure.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE ~~(Inspectorate)~~ (Director of Mercantile Marine)
To : A.C. - N.S.C. - Rome
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Date: 10th November 1945
Ref.: 4897 - Encl. No.1

Subject: Request for towing.

Following an understanding reached between the Fleet Navigation Officer, Malta, Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean, and the Office for the Co-ordination of Repair to Merchant Vessels, Naples, it was agreed that requests for towing should be forwarded by this Directorate-General to the Allied Commission, Navy Sub Commission, which will then forward them to "F.O.L.I.-Chief Mediterranean".

With reference to the above I beg to forward the attached list of tows which have been requested up to 3rd November, it being desired that it may be passed to F.O.L.I. in order that he may give the executive orders.

FLAG OFFICER ITALY & LIAISON
Date 16 NOV 1945
No
ROME

(Sgd) THE MINISTER

GGL/F.

DATE: Nov 15, 45
FROM: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION H.Q. AC.
TO : FLAG OFFICER ITALY & LIAISON.
FORWARDED FOR ... ACTION

for Chief, Navy S/C.

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Tours requested

NAME	Gross tonnage	From & to	Date request for towing
M/V ANDREA ZOTTI	6835	From Trieste to Genoa	(29th Aug.'45)
S.S. COR JESU	3993	From Olbia to Genoa	(9th Oct.'45)(..
S.S. LAURETTA	976	From Taranto To Venice	(already carried out)
S.S. LUIGI RIZZO	382	From Palerro to Ancona	(5th Oct.'45)(.)
S.S. DORA	5643	From Taranto to Genoa	(26th Sept!45)(.)
S.S. LUCIA	6123	From Taranto to Genoa	(25th Sept!45)(.)
M/V LUCIANO MANARA	6165	From Trieste to Venice	(3rd Oct.'45)
S.S. PAOLO	3625	From Cagliari To Genoa	(13th Oct.'45)(..
S.S. REBURRATTO	979	From Brindisi to another port in the Upper Adriatic	(25th Aug.'45)
Motor-Tanker SPLENDOR	12174	From Savona to Genoa	(8th Oct.'45)
S.S. SANTA RITA	5191	From Cagliari to Genoa	(18th Oct.'45)

(.) Tours not requested by Marinercant

(..) Instead of that requested the port of destination could be in Sicily (Palermo) or in Southern-Central Italy.

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

27th January, 1946.

No.F.O.I.L.1055/9.

VICE ADMIRAL, MALTA AND CENTRAL
MEDITERRANEAN.
(Copy to:- Navy Sub-Commission, H.Q., Allied Commission.)

SAILING OF H.M.T.'s 604 AND 625
FROM TARANTO TO MALTA.

It is requested that your remarks on the enclosure to the Captain in Charge, Taranto's letter No.2/161 of 16th January, 1946, may be forwarded to the Navy Sub-Commission, H.Q., Allied Commission with a copy to the Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison.

(signed) [illegible]
for REAR-ADMIRAL

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Liaison, Italy.
ROME.

24th March, 1946.

No.F.O.L.I.443/13.

CHIEF DISPOSALS OFFICER, ROME.
(Copies to:- Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples Area.
Navy Sub Commission, H.Q.,
Allied Commission).

DISPOSAL OF SHEERLEGS AT NAPLES.

It is requested that an immediate arrangement may be made with the Naval Officer in Charge, Naples Area to dispose of the 30 ton Pontoon Sheerlegs, located at Naples, to the Italian Navy.

2. The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples Area has full authority to negotiate transfer.

(signed) S.H. [illegible]
for REAR-ADMIRAL.

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C. IN C. MED (R) FOIL, NAVY SUB-COMM.

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REFERENCE YOUR 181201A SEPTEMBER, FLOATING SHEERLEGS G.A. 96 WAS DOCKED IN NO.4 DOCK, NAPLES WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER ANTICIPATED DURATION IN DOCK FOR REPAIRS IS THREE WEEKS.

=091049A. NOVEMBER.

REF. WHEN IS IT ANTICIPATED ACTION AS IN MED MED 45/213/5/13.

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T/P. P/L. TOR 1135/9. Q.J. 9/11/45.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

NSC/4716
9 March 1946.

My dear Mr. Ambassador,

Further to your inquiry of December 28, relative to the S.S. TRITON MARIS, information has been received from the Ministry of Marine as follows:

> The S.S. TRITON MARIS, 1456 tons gross, is an Italian merchant vessel belonging to the Ravennate Shipping Company. She was requisitioned by the Ministry of Marine (Maristat) and on 26 November 1943 was placed at the disposal of MEDBO.

The Ministry of Marine (Maristat) requests that if the ship is no longer required that it be returned to MEDBO with the possibility of using the return voyage.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

The Honorable Alexander C. KIRK,
United States Ambassador to Italy,
U. S. Embassy, Rome.

14 MAR 1946

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WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

Naples, Italy
Feb. 20th, 1946

Commodore H.W. Ziroli, U.S. Navy
Hq. Allied Commission
Navy Sub Commission
A.P.O. 394

Sir: s/s TRITON MARIS

Further to your letter of January 7th, 1946, your ref: NSC-4377, we attach herewith copy of a letter dated January 31st, 1946 from our Washington Headquarters in regard to this vessel.

As you will see, Washington is not able to answer your third question, and in fact, asks whether any information is available here on that point. Our own opinion is that this vessel will probably be considered as being in the Italian shipping pool and we are asking the British Ministry of War Transport whether they can confirm this since, as you know, the operation of the shipping pool is their responsibility.

Very truly yours,

Lewis Hart
Assistant to Director Med. Area

LH:TF
Enclosure

c.c. Mr. P.A. Sullivan, Director,
Operating Contracts Division
Washington, D.C.

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(25) L.C.

January 31, 1946

Mr. Lewis Hart
Asst. to Director Med. Area
War Shipping Administration
123 Via Roma
Naples, Italy

Dear Sir:

Subject: S/S TRITON MARIA

Your inquiry of January 9, 1946 with attachments concerning the TRITON MARIA addressed to the Acting Administrator, Capt. Granville Conway has been referred to the undersigned for reply.

The TRITON MARIA is a wrought iron coal burner built about 1864 which was taken over from the Italians at the time of the Allied invasion of that country. According to our information she was requisitioned from her Italian owner by the Italian Government previous to acquisition by the Allied Command. The O.W.I. acting in conjunction with the Army Psychological Warfare Branch converted her into a radio broadcasting ship with which to beam Allied propaganda to the Balkans. Shortly after VE day General Mac Arthur requested O.W.I. to move her to the Pacific Theater for broadcasting to Japan.

The O.W.I. requested the aid of W.S.A. and accordingly we appointed United States Lines as our limited Time Charter agent to do the job.

As you know the vessel is now immobilized at San Francisco and we have been officially requested by the State Department to dispose of her. However as the title is not clear, the matter is now in the hands of our Legal Division and we expect to hear from them shortly concerning the manner in which she may be sold.

As to your question of the title coming under the cognizance of Lagena, we are not in a position to answer but we should be most appreciative of any information along those lines which you might be able to unearth.

Very truly yours,

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Paul A. Sullivan
Director, Operating Contracts Division

PAS:Gomersjog
cc: Capt. Conway

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WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

Naples, Italy
Jan. 9th, 1946

W.H. Ziroli, Commodore, U.S. Navy
Hq. Allied Commission
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

Dear Sir: s/s TRITON MARIS - Status of

Referring to yours of January 7th, 1946, your reference NSC/4377, we have no information on this subject here and we are, therefore, passing a copy of your letter to our people in Washington asking that they forward the information required.

Very truly yours,

Lewis Hart
Ass't to Director Med. Area

LH:TP

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C.
Date: 7th February 1946
Ref.: 2357

Subject: SS. TRITON MARIS

With reference to your letter NSC/4374 of 7th instant you are informed that the ss. TRITON MARIS, 1456.75 tons gross, belonging to the Ravennate Shipping Company, is an Italian merchant vessel, which , after various repairs had been effected at the Tosi Shipyard in Taranto, was requisitioned by Maristat and on 26th November 1943 was placed at the disposal of M.E.D.B.O., as was all merchant shipping over 300 tons gross weight.

In February 1945 the above ship passed to the control of the P.W.B. after certain work had been done upon the orders of the Allied Command communicated through CO.GE.MA., and it was sent for duty in the S.W. Pacific, being used as an O.W.I. radio station.

If no longer required by O.W.I., therefore, the ship should be placed at the disposal of M.E.D.B.O. once again, and possibly put to use while making the voyage from S.Francisco (California) to Italy.

More detailed information can be given by CO.GE.MA.

SGD. F.Vicedomini
Rear- Admiral

GGM/P
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Received N.S.C. on 7 Mch. 1946 MOAT 19

Stato Maggiore della R. Marina
Uff. Traffico Requisizione
Rep. Uff.

Roma, 7 FEB 1946 19 A

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N.° 2357 Allegati

ARGOMENTO. P/fo TRITON MARIS =

Al SOTTOC. NAVALE ALLEATA
APO. 394

Con riferimento al foglio N.S.C. 4374 del 7 corrente si informa che il P/fo TRITON MARIS T.L.1456,75 della Società Marittima Ravennate è una unità mercantile Italiana che, dopo vari lavori effettuati a Taranto presso i Cantieri Tosi, il 26 Novembre 1943, requisita da questo Maristat, fu messa a disposizione del M.E.D.B.O., come tutto il Naviglio Mercantile superiore alle 300 T.S.L.

Nel febbraio 1945 detta unità, dopo alcuni lavori di trasformazione eseguiti a Castellamare di Stabia, ordinati dal Comando Alleato tramite il CO.GE.NA, passò alle dipendenze del P.W.B. ed inviata in missione nel South West Pacific, usata come stazione radio del O.W.I.

L'unità quindi se non più necessaria all'O.W.I. dovreb be ritornare a disposizione del M.E.D.B.O. e possibilmente essere utilizzata nel trasferimento da S.Francisco di California in Italia.

Maggiori chiarimenti potranno essere forniti dallo stesso CO.GE.NA.

IL CONTRAMMIRAGLIO
Capo Ufficio
(F.Vicedomini)

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ISTITUTO POLIGRAFICO DELLO STATO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission AFO 394

NSC/4377
7 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: War Shipping Administration, Naples.

Subject: S.S. TRITON MARIS - Status of.

1. Information is requested as to the status of the S.S. TRITON MARIS, an Italian vessel of 600 tons now located in the harbor of San Francisco, California.

2. It is believed that this vessel has been used by the Office of War Information as a radio station, said radio station known as "Phoenix". Apparently this vessel is manned by an Italian crew of fifty and includes special radio equipment that was used by O.W.I. The present condition of repair, seaworthiness and so forth is not known, but it is understood that the U.S. Government is ready to derequisition this vessel and steps are now being taken to repatriate the crew in the near future.

3. Further information is requested as to whether this vessel was turned over to O.W.I. through the War Shipping Administration or through CO.GE.NA., and whether or not the present title of the vessel should come under the cognisance of CO.GE.NA.

H. W. ZEROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

7 JAN 1946 3934

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 75020

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4374
7 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: S.S. TRITON MARIS - Status of.

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H. W. HINDLE,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

7 JAN 1946 IRM-11 3933

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 725020

3 January 1946

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 28 December enclosing paraphrase of a telegram received from the State Department in reference to the status of the S. S. TRITON MARIS.

Sincerely yours,

KELLEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk
American Embassy
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
Rome

cc EX Comm
cc Navy S/C L

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, December 28, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

I am enclosing paraphrase of a telegram which I have received from the Department of State requesting information regarding the title status of the S.S. TRITON MARIS, a 600 ton Italian vessel presently lying in San Francisco, which has recently been in the service of the Office of War Information as the radio station "Phoenix". I should be grateful for any information which the Allied Commission may be able to furnish me in response to the Department's inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

A. KIRK

Enclosure

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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Paraphrase of telegram received from
Department of State, Washington,
dated December 26, 1945

At San Francisco os lying 600-ton Italian vessel SS TRITON MARIS with Italian crew of 50; OWI has been using vessel as radio station Phownix.

The status of this vessel is obscure. It is known that COGINA and OWI had made certain arrangements regarding payment of wages of crew and that COGINA was to pay to family and relatives of crew in Italy basic wages. Besides this, during service of vessel with OWI, officers and men have been paid a small bonus. WSA has been acting as agent for OWI in connection with movement and crew. Neither OWI nor WSA, however, have any information regarding vessel's title status.

OWI has desired since October to pay off and repatriate crew and to remove from vessel OWI equipment. Having expected to return to Italy on vessel, crew has been reluctant to leave. 22 crew members are radio technicians who no longer have business with vessel. Vessel will be uninhabitable when OWI equipment is removed as OWI owns light, power, hotel and feeding equipment. Without extensive repairs and installations certificate of seaworthiness will probably not be granted to vessel. For these reasons Department of State is taking steps to remove and repatriate the crew for OWI's account, and they may possibly be put on board MS GRIPSHOLM leaving New York on January 10.

In the meantime you are requested to investibate vessel's status through COGINA through records available or other sources and to report as to recommendations concerning disposition to be made after removal of equipment of OWI.

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HEADQUARTERS
25 JAN 1946
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REFERENCE ACT. FTH. ALCOM 221446 DECEMBER. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT WHETHER CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE TRANSFER OF DREDGER SAN MICHELE FROM PALERMO TO CAGLIARI TOO HAZARDOUS UNTIL APRIL OR MAY. (2) ESCORT WILL NOT (A) NOT BE PROVIDED FROM HN SOURCES AND WILL REQUIRE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE BY MINISTRY OF MARINE TO WHOM DREDGER IS ON CHARTER. (3) SUGGEST SAN MICHELE BE EMPLOYED MEANWHILE ON WORK AT PALERMO AS IN PARA 1 OF FOIL 160939 REFERRED AND THAT MINISTRY OF MARINERANGE ACCORDINGLY.

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ACTN: TTEN S/C 62)
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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TO. HQ ALCOM (R) FOLL. NOIC NAPLES. AFHQ.NAVSUB COMM. COMNOB PRIENSO.

FROM. CINC MED.

SELF-PROPELLED AND SELF-CONTAINED BUCKET DREDGER SAN MICHELE AND CREW ARE AVAILABLE PALERMO AND WILL BE SAILED TO LICATA TO CARRY OUT WORK IN TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMAND LETTER UC/549/6/TN3 of 29 MARCH 45 TO C4 (MOV & TN) AFHQ ON RECEIPT OF CONFIRMATION THAT. (A) DREDGING. AT LICATA IS STILL REQUIRED AND CONSIDERED OF HIGHER PRIORITY THAN THAT AT PALERMO IN FOIL 160930 DEC. TO CINC MED (R) NOIC. (B) SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS EXIST FOR SITE SUPERVISION AND FOR SUPPLY OF FUEL AND ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS AT LICATA.
2. YOUR EARLY REPORTS ON THE ABOVE ARE REQUESTED.

..... 171456A/DEC .....

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Ref. SAN MICHELE ready for employment?
T/P F/L TOR 1345 P.R. 18/12.
Dist. 1-4, 13, 16, 25, 27, log, N, S, C, (4).

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C. IN C. MED(R) COM NOB PALERMO.

NAVY C/C.
161447A. OCT.

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YOUR 111031. MINISTRY OF MARINE INFORMS THAT THE PETTY OFFICER (MINESWEEPING) AND THE ENGINE ROOM ARTIFICER FOR "SAN MICHELE" SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED PALERMO BY FIFTEENTH THIS MONTH AND THAT REMAINING PERSONNEL WERE SCHEDULED DEPART TARANTO FOR PALERMO BEFORE THAT SAME DATE.

=161447A. OCTOBER.

REF. REQUEST YOU EXPEDITE ASSEMBLY CREW FOR BRIGE SAN MICHELE.

DIST. 1,24,25. N.S.C.(4). LOG.

T/P. P/L. TOD: 527/16. C.J. 16/10/45.

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S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1939)
(Revised—June, 1943)

NAVY SUB COMMISSION

MARINA

NO: 16243.

REFERENCE YOUR 091517A OCTOBER. YOU ARE INFORMED THAT THE PETTY OFFICER (MINESWEEPING) AND THE E.R.A. APPOINTED FOR "SAN MICHELE" WILL ARRIVE BY 15TH INSTANT: THE DEPARTURE OF THE REMAINING PERSONNEL FROM TARANTO IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE 15TH INST.

SGD. . .DE COURTEN

. . . . 141130A OCTOBER. . . .

REF CREW FOR "SAN MICHELE"

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ALCOM FOR NAVY SUB COMMISSION (R) COMNAVNAW(OPS) COMNOB PALERMO
COMNAVNAW (AEGEAN)

FROM C IN C MED.
11031

UNCLASSIFIED.
REQUEST MINISTRY OF MARINE BE PRESSED TO IMPLEMENT COMNOB PALERMO'S 071124 OCT WITHOUT DELAY. C IN C MED 45/1089/3/2 OF 4 OCTOBER ALSO REFERS.
2. REQUEST ANTICIPATED DATE OF ARRIVAL OF CREW AT PALERMO BE SIGNALLED.

Decode 11031

Ref. Request you expedite assembly crew for dredge San Michele

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(Revised—June, 1944)

MINISTRY OF MARINE

N.S.C.

IMPORTANT

REPAIRS TO DREDGER SAN MICHELE COMPLETED AND DREDGER UNDER-GOING DOCK TRIALS AT PALERMO AT PRESENT. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE MINISTRY OF MARINE PROVIDE A CREW FOR THE SAN MICHELE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WITH REFERENCE TO MINISTRY OF MARINE LETTER 14169/2 OF 21 JULY BOTH INTERNAL HOPPERS ARE NOW IN OPERATING CONDITION AND THE DREDGER CAN DISCHARGE EITHER INTO THESE OR INTO BARGES ALONG-SIDE. PLEASE ADVISE DATE OF CREW'S ARRIVAL.

.....0915 7A OCTOBER.....

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C. IN C. MED(R) COMNAVTNAW(ADMAOPS),
AICOM,NAVY SUB-COMM.

COMNOB PALERMO.
071124A. OCT.

UNCLASSIFIED.

REQUEST YOU EXPEDITE ASSEMBLY CREW FOR DREDGE SAN MICHELE
NOW COMPLETED. DREDGE BEING MAINTAINED UNDER STEAM BY SHIP-
YARD FORCES PENDING ARRIVAL CREW. REFERENCE MY 281120A SEPT.

=071124A. OCTOBER.

REF. DREDGE SAN MICHELE.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
4th October, 1945.

Med.45/1089/3/2.
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

DREDGER "SAN MICHELE"

Further to Med.45/1089/3/2 dated 28th August 1945, the Commandant, Naval Operating Base, Palermo, reports that repairs to the dredger SAN MICHELE are now complete and that it is now undergoing dock trials.

2. It is requested that the Ministry of Marine be instructed to provide a crew as soon as possible.

3. It should be noted with reference to the Ministry of Marine's letter 14169/2 dated 21st July 1945, that both internal hoppers are now in operating condition and that the dredger can discharge either into these or into barges alongside.

4. It is intended to send the dredger for work at Licata as soon as the crew arrives.

Peter Cazalet
for ADMIRAL

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TO.....C IN C MED. (R) COMNAVNAW (ADM). COMNAVNAW (OPS)
ALCOM. NAVY SUB COMMISSION.
FROM...COMNOB PALERMO.....281120 A SEPT.

UNCLASSIFIED.

DREDGE SAM MICHELE COMPLETED AND UNDERGOING DOCK TRIALS.

REQUEST EARLY ACTION ON ASSEMBLE OF CREW.

MY 271031 28 AUGUST AND NAVY SUB COMMISSION LETTER 5 SEPT TO MINISTRY OF MARINE.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

N3C/3178
5 September 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Dredger "SAN MICHELE".

1. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has given consideration to the matters raised in Ministry of Marine letter 14169/2 of 21 July 1945 and has requested that the Ministry of Marine be directed to proceed forthwith with the requisitioning of dredger San Michele as originally requested in paragraph (2) of Navy Sub-Commission letter N3C/2037 of 5 April 1945.

2. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has stated that dredger San Albano is fully occupied on the East Coast of Italy and that the extreme shortage of dredgers on the West Coast as against commitments which have accumulated in the past two to three years is such that it is essential to employ San Michele regardless of whether the internal hopper can be used. In addition, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has requested that the Ministry of Marine arrange for the provision of a crew to operate San Michele on completion of the repairs now being carried out by the Commandant U. S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean considers that these arrangements should permit the vessel to work anywhere off the coasts of Italy and Sicily.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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6 SEP 1945

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COMNOB, Palermo.
(N3C/3073 of 28 July 1945 refers)

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
28th August, 1945.

Med.45/1089/3/2.
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

DREDGER "SAN MICHELE"

Consideration has been given to the points raised in the Ministry of Marine's letter Ref.14169/2 dated 21st July 1945 of which a copy was forwarded with your NSC/3073 dated 28th July, 1945.

2. Dredger SAN ALBANO is fully occupied on the East coast of Italy. The extreme shortage of dredgers on the West coast to meet commitments which have accumulated in the past 2 - 3 years is such that it is essential to employ the SAN MICHELE regardless of whether the internal hopper can be used.

3. It is therefore requested that the Ministry of Marine be instructed to proceed forthwith with the requisitioning of the SAN MICHELE in accordance with paragraph 2 of your NSC/2037 dated 5th April 1945, and with the provision of a crew to operate the vessel on completion of the repairs now being carried out by the Commandant Naval Operating Base, Palermo. These arrangements should permit of the vessel working anywhere off the coasts of Italy and Sicily.

H.S. Hamer 3916

for ADMIRAL

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OCMNAVNAW (R) COMNOB PALERMO, NAVY SUB-COMM ROME.

C. IN C. MED.
241755B. AUGUST.

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REQUEST INFORMATION ON PROGRESS OF REPAIRS TO DREDGER "SAN MICHELE" AND OF MAXIMUM DEPTH TO WHICH CRAFT WILL BE ABLE TO DREDGE ON COMPLETION.

=241755B. AUGUST.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3346
23 August 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Brodger "SAN MICHELE".

1. An early reply to NSC/3073 dated 23 July 1945 would be appreciated.

E. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3073
28 July 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Dredger "SAN MICHELE".

1. A copy of Ministry of Marine letter 14169/2 of 21 July is forwarded for the remarks of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean in order that an appropriate reply may be addressed to the Ministry of Marine.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - A.C.H.Q.
Ref.: 14169/2
Date: 21 July '45

Subject: Dredging: Repairs to Steam dredger "S.Michele".

Letter No.NSC/2037 dated 5th ~~May~~ APRL from the N.S.C. requested the requisitioning of the Steam Dredger "S.Michele", in order to use it for its proper dredging work after carrying out repairs and returning it to service. For these repairs, the estimated expense is approximately L.7,500,000 and they would take about 60 days.

2. As the steam Dredger "S.Albano" is available at Taranto, chartered by Allied Authorities for dredging work in the Adriatic, it seems convenient to place this dredger, complete with crew and ready for employment, at the disposition of the Operations Base at Palermo.

3. This will eliminate the costly repairs to the dredger "S.Michele", and the risk that should the chartering expenses not cover the cost of the repairs, the I.R.M. Administration would have to recover the difference between the expenses and the amount of the charter over an indefinite period and by other means, depending on the possibility, as brought forward by the owner, of realizing the income on frozen assets.

4. Moreover, it is pointed out that the steam Dredger "S.Albano" loads the material dredged into hoppers on board, while the "S.Michele" although furnished with hoppers, cannot load them at all, because it has always been impossible to use them. In this case, it would be necessary to have available besides the Steam Dredger "S.Michele" an adequate number of barges, and tugs to take the said barges to unload.

5. We would be grateful to know of the N.S.C.'s decision regarding this matter.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA-ROMA

Roma, 21 LUG 1945

Prot. N° 14169/2 Allegati

Al NAVI SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

ARGOMENTO: Dragaggio - Lavori di riparazione della pirodraga "S.Michele".

1. Codesta S.Commissione Navale con foglio NSC/2037 in data 5 maggio c.a. chiedeva la requisizione della pirodraga "S. Michele" al fine di poterla utilizzare nei propri lavori di dragaggi, dopo averla riparata e messa in efficienza. Per tale riparazione fu prevista la spesa approssimata di £.7.500.000, e la durata di circa 60 giorni.

2. Poiche si è resa disponibile in Taranto la pirodraga "S.Albano", noleggiata per conto delle Autorita Alleate per i dragaggi in Adriatico, si riterrebbe opportuna la convenienza di mettere a disposizione del Comando della Base Operativa di Palermo detta pirodraga al completo dell'equipaggio e pronta all'impiego.

3. Si eliminerebbe cosi la costosa riparazione della draga "San Michele" ed il rischio per l'Amministrazione della R.Marina, nel caso in cui la spesa del noleggio non coprisse la spesa della riparazione, di dover recuperare la differenza fra la spesa ed il noleggio in piu soluzioni ed in tempo indeterminato, a seconda della possibilita, rappresentata dall'armatore, di realizzare gli incassi su crediti congelati.

4. Si fa inoltre presente che la pirodraga "S.Albano" carica il materiale dragato nelle tramoggie di bordo mentre la "S.Michele", pur avendo proprie tramoggie, non puo effettuare alcun carico perché le tramoggie non si son potute mai utilizzare. Al caso occorrerebbe poter disporre, con la pirodraga "S.Michele", anche di un adeguato numero di bette e del rimorchiatore per il servizio di trasporto alla discarica delle bette stesse.

5. Si gradira conoscere le determinazioni che verranno prese da codesta S.Commissione Navale.

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ARGOMENTO: Dragaggio - Lavori di riparazione della pirodraga "S.Michele".

1. Codesta S.Commissione Navale con foglio MSC/2037 in data 5 maggio c.a. chiedeva la requisizione della pirodraga "S. Michele" al fine di poterla utilizzare nei propri lavori di dragaggi, dopo averla riparata e messa in efficienza. Per tale riparazione fu prevista la spesa approssimata di £.7.500.000, e la durata di circa 60 giorni.

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5. Si gradira conoscere le determinazioni che verranno prese da codesta S.Commissione Navale.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. E. CASLINI

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3739
26 June 1945

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, HQ. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Dredger "SAN MICHELE" - requisitioning and repair of.

1. In answer to Ministry of Marine letter 2/6/CO of 10 May 1945, the Navy Sub-Commission has been informed by the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo that no detailed estimates for the necessary repairs of the SAN MICHELE have been prepared, but that the overall estimate is seventy-five thousand dollars($75,000), as previously reported. As of the present date no work has been undertaken on SAN MICHELE at the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo. The Commandant has stated that he will be pleased at any time to assist Public Works and owners' representatives in conducting any inspection and survey of SAN MICHELE which they may desire. SAN MICHELE now is moored in the commercial port of Palermo.

2. In a recent communication from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, the Navy Sub-Commission has been informed that it will be necessary for the crews' quarters, galley, etc., to be fitted out. It is requested, therefore, that the Ministry of Marine arrange for the provision of stoves, bedding, mess gear and other similar equipment that may be required.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U.S.NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, ACC.

Copy to:
(Ref:Med.45/1089/3/2 of 20 June '45)
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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
20th June, 1945

Med.45/1089/3/2
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
(Copies to:-
The Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters
The Commandant, Naval Operating Base, Palermo, Sicily)

ITALIAN DREDGER "SAN MICHELE"

With reference to N.S.C./2443 dated 21st May, 1945, the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo has reported that it will be necessary for the crews' quarters, galley, etc. to be fitted out, and it is requested that you will refer this matter to the Ministry of Marine for the necessary provision of stoves, bedding, mess gear, etc.

Jos. Haines

for ADMIRAL

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UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
NORTHWEST AFRICAN WATERS

File No.
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Serial: 3034

28 JUN 1945

FIRST ENDORSEMENT to:
Comdt.NOB Palermo ltr.
ND/A14/N22/SR, Serial 0771,
dated 15 June 1945.

From: Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.
To : Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission, Rome.

Subject: Dredger SAN MICHELE - Repair of.

1. Forwarded.

William A Ruth

Navy Secretary

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDQ NO. 795020

U. S. NAVAL OPERATING BASE
PALERMO, SICILY
Navy 157, c/o F.P.O., N.Y.C, N.Y.

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15 June 1945

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From: Commandant.
To: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission, Rome.
Via: Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

Subject: Dredger SAN MICHELE - Repair of.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Com ltr NSC/2448 dated 21 May 1945.
(b) COMNAVNAW serial ltr 3518, dated 10 June 1945.

1. By reference (a) the Navy Sub-Commission forwarded certain letters of The Ministry of Marine relative to the repair of the dredger "SAN MICHELE", and requested that the Commandant consider the requests contained therein relative to the forwarding of copies of estimates and the arranging for an inspection of the dredger by representatives of Public Works and of the owners.

2. Please be advised that no detailed estimates for the necessary repairs have been prepared, but that the overall estimate is seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000.00), as previously reported. No work has been undertaken by this Base in the dredger, which is now moored in the commercial port of Palermo; and the Commandant will be pleased at any time to assist Public Works and owners' representatives in conducting any inspection and survey thereof which they may desire.

C.L. Nichols
C.L. NICHOLS

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File No.
A14/N22

Serial: 3518

FIRST ENDORSEMENT to:
Navy Sub-Commission, Hq.
Allied Commission ltr.
NSC/2448 dated 21 May 1945.

10 JUN 1945

From: Commander United States Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.
To : Commandant, Naval Operating Base, Palermo.

Subject: Dredger SAN MICHELE - Requisitioning and Repair of.

1. Forwarded for compliance with paragraph 3.

WILLIAM A. REITZEL
Flag Secretary

Copy to:
Navy Sub-Commission,
Hq. Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2446
21 May 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commandant Naval Operating Base - PALERMO.
Via : Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

Subject: Dredger SAN MICHELE - Requisitioning and Repair of.

Reference: (a) ComSTH FLEET despatch 261710A MARCH to CINCMED, info ComNOB-PALERMO.
(b) Navy Sub-Com ltr NSC/2037 of 5 April 1945, subject as above, to Italian Ministry of Marine.
(c) Navy Sub-Com despatch 061031B MAY to COMNAVNAW info CinC-MED, ComNOB-PALERMO.

Enclosures: (A) Copy (translation) Ministry of Marine ltr 135/CO of 4 May 1945.
(B) Copy (translation) Ministry of Marine ltr 286/CO of 16 May 1945.

1. Further to references (a) and (b), reference (c) notified Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters that the Italian Ministry of Marine had placed 7,500,000 lire at the disposal of Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base PALERMO, for payment of repairs to dredger "SAN MICHELE". Enclosure (A) is a translated copy of the communication which informed the Navy Sub-Commission that such action had been taken by the Ministry of Marine.

2. Enclosure (B), which now has been received by the Navy Sub-Commission from the Ministry of Marine, requests that the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO supply information concerning the estimated cost of repairs to dredger "SAN MICHELE" and permit representatives of her owners and of the Italian Ministry of Public Works to make an inspection of her hull.

3. It is requested that the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO consider the requests contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of enclosure (B) and inform the Navy Sub-Commission of his decisions regarding them in order that appropriate reply may be made to the Ministry of Marine.

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION - ALLIED COMMISSION 7

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY, 3906
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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22 MAY 1945

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 735020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 16 May '45
Ref.: 286/CO.

Subject: Repairs to Steam-Dredger "S.Michele" of S.A.I.L.E.M. Coy.

1. Further to letter 135/CO of 4th inst.

2. To be able to make arrangements with S.A.I.L.E.M. re. temporary ceding of Dredger "S.Michele", we shall be glad if you will ask U.S.Naval Operating Base at Palermo to forward a copy of the estimate for above repairs for which an advance payment of 7,500,000.-Lire has been requested.

3. At the same time request you ask above Naval Base to allow a Public Works representative, together with one from Company in question, to go aboard the Dredger to carry out a hull inspection, preferably before work is commenced, because, under contractual stipulations extant between both bodies, Public Works has to repay S.A.I.L.E.M. a certain sum for repairs to said Steam-Dredger.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

Uff. Collegamento

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Roma, 16 Maggio 1945

Prot. N° 286/CO Allegati

Al NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS A.C.

ARGOMENTO: Lavori di riparazione della pirodraga S.Michel dell'Impresa S.A.I.L.E.M.=

1°) - Prosecuzione foglio 135/CO del 4 corrente.

2°) - Allo scopo di poter regolare i rapporti con l'Impresa S.A.I.L.E.M. circa la temporanea cessione della draga "S. Michele", si prega voler richiedere alla U.S. Naval Operating Base di Palermo e rimettere quindi a questo Ministero copia del preventivo della spesa necessaria per i lavori in argomento in base al quale venne chiesta l'anticipazione di Lire 7.500.000.

3°) - Con l'occasione si prega voler interessare la predetta Naval Base affinché sia consentito ad un rappresentante dei Lavori Pubblici unitamente ad un rappresentante dell'Impresa di accedere sulla pirodraga per una ricognizione allo scafo, possibilmente prima di iniziare i lavori, dato che, per rapporti contrattuali precedentemente esistenti fra l'Impresa e l'Amministrazione dei Lavori Pubblici, questa é tenuta a rimborsare alla S.A.I.L.E.M. una certa quota per lavori alla pirodraga.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASLINI

Declassified E.O. 13065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 18502

ARGOMENTO: Lavori di riparazione della pirodraga S.Michele dell'Impresa S.A.I.L.E.M.=

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C. di V. F.BASLINI

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COMNAVNAW (R) C IN C MED. COMNOB PALERMO NAVY SUB COMMISSION ROME.

RESTRICTED.

YOUR 261710 A MARCH. MINISTRY OF MARINE HAS PLACED 7,500,000 LIRE AT DISPOSAL OF COMNOB PALERMO FOR REPAIRS TO DREDGER "SAN MICHELE" IT MAY BE DRAWN FROM MARIGENIMIL MESSINA AS SOON AS CREDIT OF THAT AMOUNT IS RECEIVED AT PROVINCIAL AGENCY OF ITALIAN TREASURY. NAVYSUB COM. LETTER TO MINISTRY OF MARINE NSC/ 2057 OF APRIL 5TH REFERS.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 125020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 4 May '45
Ref.: 135/CO.

Subject: Requisitioning and Repairs to Dredger "SAN MICHELE".

1. Ref. your NSC/2037 of 5th ulto.

2. You are informed that the sum of Lire 7,500,000 asked for in above-cited, has been placed at the disposal of ~~Base Navale Operative,~~ NOB Palermo to carry out repairs to Dredger "S.MICHELE" of the S.A.I.L.E.M. Coy.

3. Said amount may be drawn from Marigenimil Messina as soon as corresponding credit reaches Provincial Treasury.

CHIEF OF CABINET

DG/P.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Roma 4 maggio 1945

Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO
Uff. Collegamento
INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

Prot. N° 135/CO Allegati

ARGOMENTO Requisizione e riparazione della draga "S.Michele".

1. Riferimento vostro foglio NSC/2037 in data 5 Aprile c.a.

2. Si comunica che é stata messa a disposizione della Base Navale Operativa di Palermo la somma di L.7.500.000 chiesta col foglio in riferimento, per la riparazione della draga "S.Michele" dell'Impresa S.A. I.L.E.M.

3. Detta somma può essere ritirata presso il Marigenimil di Messina appena sarà giunto alla Tesoreria di quella provincia il relativo accreditamento.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. [illegible]

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 125020

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2037
5 April 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.

Subject: Dredger SAN MICHELE - Requisitioning and Repair of.

1. The U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO, can now undertake repairs to the Dredger SAN MICHELE. Based on the present work-load at PALERMO, it is estimated that 60 days will be required to complete the necessary work. It is estimated that the cost of overhaul and repair will be approximately 7,500,000 Lire. Data on the vessel is as follows:

Name - SAN MICHELE.
Length - 56.6 meters - 186'
Width - 10.8 meters - 35½'
Draft - 4.3 meters - 14'
Capacity in metric tons in 10-hrs. - hard bottom - 200.
Capacity in metric tons in 10-hrs. - soft bottom - 800.
Built in 1893.
Last in use - about 2 years ago.
Agent - Manchinelli Ettore, Palermo, Via Liberta No. 183.
Owner - Societe Anonima Italiana Lavori, Edili E Marittimi, Via Parlamento, No.16, Roma.

2. It is requested that the Ministry of Marine requisition the SAN MICHELE from the owner and place on deposit to the credit of the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO, 7,500,000 Lire to cover the cost of overhaul and repairs to the vessel.

3. After the SAN MICHELE has been overhauled and placed in an operating condition the vessel will be utilized for dredging work under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

4. In view of the need of dredging equipment and the fact that the U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO, can now undertake the work, it is requested that this matter be treated as urgent and arrangements completed at the earliest practicable date.

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION 7 ALLIED COMMISSION
5 APR 1945

(Sgd) G. E. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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ComNOB-PALERMO
FINANCE SC. AC.

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CINC.MED 42 (R) COMDTNOB.PALERMO COM.8thFLEET
261710A.March

RESTRICTED.

PALERMO can now undertake repairs to SAN MICHELE your 251125 repeat 251125 on non-priority basis. Estimate 60 days to complete based on present work-load. Request specific authorization to commence work after contract is negotiated with owner and information repeat information as to who will guarantee payment of invoices.
Assume you will arrange to provide special equipment if any required to fitout galley and living accommodations mentioned in paragraph 4 of referenced letter.

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Ref.251125A. Request information of any change in condition of dredger SAN MICHELE reported in COMNOB.PALERMO Serial 4028 of 18th Nov.1944.

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FRATELLI DELFINO
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Roma, July 19th 1946.

The Officer
i/c NAVY SUBCOMMISSION
c/o ALLIED COMMISSION
R O M E.

Sir,

M/S."LUIGINA".

With reference to the petition filed for the granting of the necessary permit for the temporary release of the above motorschoone pending the final decisions of the Supreme Naval Authorities, we shall b much obliged if you could kindly ask for a reply.

As you are aware we have still on board the crew, encounteri new heavy expenses, besides those already caused to us by stopping the boat after having repaired and overhauled it last april.

Mr. Giacomo Delfino has spent all his financial possibilities for the "LUIGINA" and consequently we hope that our request be accepted.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to confirm once again that the "LUIGINA" - as already shown with documents - belongs since ... year 1939 to an Italian subject and consequently it is a private Ital property.

Awaiting to hear you on the matter, and thanking you in advance for your reply, we remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully.
G. Delfino

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2943
14 July 1945.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Merchant Schooner "LUIGINA".

1. It is regretted that the lack of facts and specific information presented in Ministry of Marine letter 1304/U.T. of 11 July 1945 precludes the possibility of effective action being taken by the Navy Sub-Commission. The name or unit designation of the Allied Authorities referred to is essential.

2. It must be appreciated by the Ministry of Marine that the Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission cannot conduct detailed investigations in these matters based on incomplete information. Prior to submitting requests for the return of vessels to Italian Navy control a full investigation should be made by the Ministry of Marine and complete data obtained.

(Sgd) C. R. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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16 JUL 1945

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. -
Date: 11 July '45
Ref.: 1304/U.T.

Subject: M/Schooner "LUIGINA".

The owner of the Motor Schooner "LUIGINA" of La Spezia has come to this Ministry asking if it would be possible to interest N.S.C. regarding the return of his Ship which was taken from him by the Germans in Sept.'43.

The Schooner ~~was taken to~~ Yugoslavia Zara, as it had been requisitioned by the Italian Navy and was recently towed to Mola di Bari by Allied Authorities.

In transmitting the above application this Ministry gives the assurance, in the light of the recent agreements as to the utilization of Ships found in Northern Italy, that the above Ship as soon as efficient, will be used with an Italian Crew and flag, in work of communal interest.

for THE MINISTER

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Be/a.

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

GABINETTO
UFFICIO TRATTATI

Indirizzo telegrafico: MARINA - ROMA

Protocollo N. 120/UT Allegati .....

Il 5/1 Luglio 1945

Al COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione Navale

ARGOMENTO: Motoveliero LUIGINA.-

Il proprietario del motoveliero LUIGINA di La Spezia si è rivolto a questo Ministero pregandolo di interessare codesta Commissione alleata perchè gli sia restituita l'unità che, presagli dai tedeschi nel settembre 1943 in Zara, ove si trovava perchè requisita dalla R.Marina, è stata recentemente rimorchiata dalle Autorità alleate nel porto di Mola di Bari.

Nel trasmettere la richiesta suddetta questo Ministero ritiene opportuno dare assicurazione, nel quadro degli accordi recentemente raggiunti per l'utilizzazione delle navi trovate in alta Italia, che l'unità appena restituita e rimessa in efficienza sarà impiegata, con bandiera ed equipaggi italiani, nell'espletamento d'incarichi di comune interesse.

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IL MINISTRO

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T 25020

NSC/5192
25 June 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Schooner "LUIGINA".

References: (a) Ministry of Marine signal 281300 of April 1946.

1. Further to reference (a), information has been received that action on subject ship must be deferred until receipt of instructions from higher authority.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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26 JUN 1946

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Liaison, Italy,
ROME.

22nd June, 1946.

No. F.O.L.I. 1085/5.

THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

SCHOONER "LUIGINA".

It is requested that you will inform the Ministry of Marine in the sense of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's signal timed 171214 June, a copy of which is attached.

for NEAR ADMIRAL.

Enclosure :-
Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's signal timed 171214 June.

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ADMTY (R) FOLI

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Approval [redacted] for Motor Schooner LUIGINA, one of the vessels referred to in No.2336/MED45/0070/7 of 28th May '45 and A.M. 211607 March to be released to Italian owner was given on 9th April without prior appreciation of formers quoted.

2. During period between date of approval and subsequent cancellation of order on 15th April owner had incurred expense on re-fitting schooner for service and had arranged for her to be chartered. He has appealed for re-consideration of his case.

3. Intend to release vessel without prejudice to ADMTY decision and to other vessels which will continue to be held pending decision on submission quoted.

4. Request FOLI inform NSC and Ministry of Marine accordingly.

5. Request early ADMTY decision concerning disposal of these vessels which have been lying idle since May 1945.

DTG 171214 June.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG No. NF 25020

NSC/5150
12 June 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Subject: Schooner "IJUICIHA".

References: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/1966 of 30 April 1946.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/5054 of 21 May 1946.
(c) CinCMed signal 131109 of April 1946.

1. The Ministry of Marine again requests information concerning subject ship.

C. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 795120

NSC/5150
12 June 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Subject: Schooner "LUIGIHA".

References: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/4966 of 30 April 1946.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/5054 of 21 May 1946.
(c) CinCMed signal 131109 of April 1946.

1. The Ministry of Marine again requests information concerning subject ship.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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NAVY HOME

MARINA

No 66230. Reference signal 49815 of 28th April. It is requested you may communicate details as taken regarding seizure MARINA.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 75020

NSC/5054
21 May 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Comission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Schooner "LUCINA".

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/4966 dated 30 April 1946.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Giacomo Delfino ltr. dated 20 May 1946.

1. Further to reference (a), enclosure (A) is forwarded for information.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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21 MAY 1946

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

GIACOMO DELFINO

ROME, May the 20th 1946.
Via Lisbona 7
Phone 863689.

The Officer
i/c NAVY SUBCOMMISSION
Rome.

Sir,

m/S."Luigina".

Following the authorisation given by the Navy Subcommission, the Ministry for Marine on April 4th has delivered to me the above motor-schooner at Brindisi, completely deprived of its equipment and with several damages.

2. All the necessary repairs (deck, hull and engine) docking, equipment etc were immediately done on my account and expenses, advancing heavy sums, as the equipment has been bought at current prices, presently very high in Italy.

3. The crew formed of 8 persons, including the skipper, hasbeen enlisted since April 4th and is presently on board.

4. The motor-schooner has been insured both for ordinary and war risks for one year.

5. Port dues have been paid for one year.

6. The vessel has been chartered for a voyage from Catania to Liguria for loading between May 3rd and 10th and charterers have protested against me for not loading at fixed dates, claiming damages.

7. As already informed, the motor-schooner is ready to sail since April 27th ult.

Having enquired at the Ministry for Marine for the necessary permit to leave Brindisi, I have been informed that instructions on this subject are being awaited from the NAVY SUBCOMMISSION.

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I beg to apply to your gooself to hasten an affermative reply, in order to avoid to me further damages, besides those already encountered for the overhauling and equipment of the m/s. "LUIGINA", which continues to cause further expenses in Brindisi.

Thanking you in advance, and awaiting the favour of an early reply, I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully.

G. Delfino

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

NSC/4966
30 April 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Schooner LUIGINA.

Reference: (a) CINC MED letter 46/58/2/3 dated 25 March 1946.
(b) CINC MED signal 131109 of April 1946.

Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Marine signal 281300 of April 1946.

1. Based on information contained in Reference (a) subject schooner was released to the Ministry of Marine.

2. Reference (b) suspended Reference (a).

3. Enclosure (A) requests re-examination of the question due to considerable sums being expended based on permission granted in Reference (a).

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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2 MAY 1946

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 78502D

GIACOMO DELFINO

Lit. 863689 - Via Livorno 7

Rome, April the 28 th. 1946

To ALLIED NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
R O M E

The undersigned Giacomo Delfino, shipowner and joint-proprietor of motor-sailer "LUIGINA", inscibed in the sea-compartment of La Spezia, let you know as follows:

- The 4th. of April, with reference to authorisation received by those Allied Naval Sub-Commission, the Ministry of Sea communicated to me that the named motor-sailer -steady at Brindisi from about two years- should be re-delivered to me.

General Management of Mercantile Marine, looked to give orders so that the ship should be delivered to me in contradictory with officers of the Harbour-Office of Brindisi, in order to determinate the damages suffered.

Every disposition was consequently executed and the undersigned provided:

- to engage the crew, composed by seven persons;
- to dock the ship, spotting and painting her. To unsheathe and repair the screw-shaft;
- to call the Italian Register who, after several prescribed works, has granted the character till 31st of August next;
- to transport from the ship-yard of Chioggia the necessary material to fit-out the ship, that is: masts, ropes, cables, life-boats, etc.;
- to buy what is necessary to equip the vessel;
- to revision opportunely the motor and to execute the trial of it;
- to execute the prescribed adjustment of the compass;
- to insure the ship against the normal risks, by the Mutua Marittima Viareggina, spending about 790.000 lires;
- to charter the ship for loading her by sulphur from Catania to Liguria: loading 3/10th. of May;-

The vessel, for as said re-delivered to me, is ready to start at Brindisi, from the 27th of this month ad I am informed by the Ministry of Sea that those Allied Naval Sub-Commission has given dispositions of not allow her the sailing, waiting further instructions.

I have explained to Ministry how grievous damage cause to me this counter-order, after the already heavy damage suffered by having this ship steady at Brindisi from about two years for your order.

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I apply to those Sub-Commission so that will benevolently consider the above mentioned reasons and does not procure me further damages, which I could not suffer.

I take the liberty to bring into your notice that I have fully demonstrated as the ownership of this vessel il incontestably of Italy and mine since 1938. Notwithstanding I beg to remark that

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the ship is carried on in Mediterranean Sea and shall be always at your disposal for any eventual inquiry.

Then I ask that the ship be authorized to sail as already allowed by those Sub-Commission and shall be much obliged if You will wire to Ministry of Sea, instructions on the subject.

I remain

Your obedient servant

G. Delfino

Giacomo Delfino

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GIACOMO DELFINO

tel. 863689 - Via Liboria 7

Roma, 29 aprile 1946.-

ON. SOTTOCOMMISSIONE NAVALE ALLEATA

R O M A

Il sottoscritto GIACOMO DELFINO Armatore e comproprietario del motoveliero "LUIGINA" inscritto nelle matricole del Compartimento Marittimo di La Spezia rende noto quanto segue:

Il giorno 4 aprile in dipendenza di autorizzazione data da codesta On. Sottocommissione Navale Alleata, il Ministero Marina ci comunicava che questo motoveliero -da circa due anni fermo a Brindisi- doveva esserci riconsegnato.

La Direzione Generale della Marina Mercantile provvedeva a dare ordini perchè la consegna ci fosse eseguita in contraddittorio con gli organi della Capitaneria di Porto di Brindisi onde determinare i danni subiti.

Vennero pertanto eseguite le disposizioni ed il sottoscritto provvedeva immediatamente a:

- fare l'equipaggio della nave composto di sette persone;
- portare la nave in bacino, picchettarla, pitturarla, sfilare l'asse dell'elica e ripararlo;
- fare intervenire il R.I.N.A. che dopo vari lavori prescritti ha concesso la classe a tutto agosto p.v.
- trasportare dal Cantiere di Chioggia il materiale necessario per l'armamento e cioè: alberi, sartiame, cavi, lancia di salvataggio, ecc.ecc.
- acquistare quanto necessario per dotare una nave;
- revisionato opportunamente il motore ed eseguito le prove;
- eseguiti i giri di bussola prescritti;
- assicurato la nave contro i rischi ordinari presso la Mutua Marittima Viareggina con una spesa di Lit. 790.000 circa;
- noleggiata la nave per caricare zolfo a Catania per un porto della Liguria - caricazione 3/10 maggio.

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La nave, per come sopra riconsegnataci, è pronta a partire da Brindisi dal giorno 27 c.m. e sono informato dal Ministero della Marina che codesta On. Sottocommissione Alleata ha dato disposizioni di non farla partire in attesa di istruzioni ulteriori.

Abbiamo fatto presente alla Marina quale enorme danno questo contrordine ci arreca dopo i danni già gravissimi subiti per essere stata questa nave ferma da circa due anni a Brindisi per ordine Vostro.

Mi rivolgo a codesta On. Sottocommissione perchè voglia

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considerare benevolmente quanto esposto e non mi procuri altri danni, che non potrei sopportare.

Mi permetto fare presente che ho dimostrato ampiamente come la proprietà di questa nave sia indiscutibilmente italiana ed in parte mia fino dal 1938; tuttavia mi permetto osservare che la nave viene esercita in Mediterraneo e sarà sempre a disposizione per ogni eventuale richiesta. Chiedo quindi che sia concessa la navigazione per come già autorizzato da codesta On. Sottocommissione e sarò molto grato se vorrà telegrafare in proposito istruzioni al Ministero della Marina.

Con osservanza, si rassegna

P. Delfino

- Giacomo Delfino -

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MINISTRY OF MARITIME

Marina 49815. As a result of the authorisation contained in letter [illegible] dated 30th March, Unbound, Limited was released to the owners who now already suspended considerable sums in repairing the vessel. The vessel is operational and has already been chartered, which Dept. may as expiry dates. Reference letter [illegible] of 15th inst. nothing of vessel has been suspended. Request you re-examine the question and authorise crew to use vessel.

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Ent.0-5..10...NSC(4)...Ship.

ITAL. T/P ITAL. YOR (A) K.B. 29/1.

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DTG 161116Z APR 46

FOLI(5)
161116

SECRET

Substance of NED 46/58/2/2 of 25th March was passed to Ministry of Marine who ordered release of LUIGINA on 9th April.

2. Ministry cancelled order by signal to Italian Naval Authority Brindisi on 15th April, but it is considered probably that schooner is already in hands of owners.

3. Further signal will be made.

4. Your 131109 refers.

DTG 161116 April

T/J. WCCy ER 114 TOD 1255/16 WCOB 16.4.46.

(LF:) Suspend action

DIST:- C - 6, 10G, NSO(4)

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NSC/4916
16 April 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Schooner LUIGINA.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Comission letter NSC/4830 of 30 March 1946.

1. Confirming verbal information to the Ministry of Marine today all action in disposal of the Schooner LUIGINA is to be suspended until further notice.

(Sgd) C. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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FOLI (R) VAM
NSC ROME

CINC MED
131109

SECRET

Action on MED 46/58/2/2 of 25th March is to be (suspended?). Disposal of schooner LUIGINA and other ships referred to in A.M. 211607 (only to FOLI) is still under (us?) consideration.

DTG 131109 April

CAW N.Cy. "O" GR 65 TOR 1000/14 WJCB 14.4.46.

REF:-,, Warships and War Booty.

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NSC/4830
30 March 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Schooner LUIGINA.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine letter 1304/UT dated 11 July 1945.

1. Further to Reference (a), and Paragraph 2 in particular, permission is granted for the return of subject vessel to the Italian government.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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ITALIAN MOTOR SCHOONER "LUIGINA".
(The Vice Admiral Malta and Central Mediterranean's Malta No.438/630/R/13 of 18th February 1946.)

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Med.45/58/2/3
THE NAVY SUB.COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Copy to:
The Vice Admiral Malta and Central Mediterranean
The Flag Officer Liaison Italy.)

The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has no objection to delivering this vessel to the Italian Government.

Peter Cazalet

MEDITERRANEAN
25th March 1946

for ADMIRAL

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NSC/4699
8 March 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Schooner "LUIGINA".

1. The Ministry of Marine has requested the Navy Sub-Commission for authorization to return subject vessel to its legal owner. Permission is requested from the Commander-in-Chief for disposition.

Captain, U.S.Navy,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
Acting.
For CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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9 MAR 1946

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - A.C.
Date: 5th March 1946
Ref.: 800/UT

Subject: Schooner "LUIGINA"

Reference is made to this Ministry's letter No.1304/UT dated 11th July 1945 and to your letter No.NSC/2943 of 14th July 1945.

The Schooner "LUIGINA" is at present in Brindisi, in the custody of the I.R.N.

Its particulars are :

234 tons gross
33 metres length
7 metres beam
3 metres depth
Ansaldo 200 H.P. diesel engine.

Information concerning the present state of the vessel was given in this Ministry's letter No.440/UT of 12th February.

The Allied Commission is requested to authorise the return of the above vessel to its legal owner : Mr. DELFINO Giacomo of La Spezia.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

Ufficio Trattati

Roma, 5 MAR 1946

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 800/ut Allegati

ARGOMENTO: M/v. LUICINA.-

Al COMMISSIONE ARMATA
Sottocommissione Navale

Si fa riferimento al dispaccio di questo Ministero n. 1304/UT in data 11 luglio 1945 e al foglio di codesta Commissione NSC/2943 del 14 stesso mese.

Il motoveliero LUICINA trovasi attualmente a Brindisi, in consegna alla R. Marina.

Le sue caratteristiche sono:

- T.S.I. 234
- Lunghezza m. 33
- Larghezza m. 7
- Puntale m. 3
- Motore diesel-Ansaldo da 200 HP.

Notizie sullo stato attuale dell'unità sono state date con dispaccio di questo Ministero n° 440/UT del 12 febbraio.

Si prega codesta Commissione di voler autorizzare che l'unità sia restituita al legittimo proprietario, Sig. Delfino Giacomo di La Spezia.- 3874

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MANCINI

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T85020

SUBJECT:- ITALIAN MOTOR SCHOONER 'LUIGINA'

FROM : VICE AIMIRAL, MALTA.

DATE : 18th February, 1946. Malta No. 438/638/R/13.

TO : COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.
(Copy to:- Flag Officer, Italy & Liaison).

ITALIAN MOTOR SCHOONER 'LUIGINA'.

An application which has been received for the release of the above named Vessel from Naval Service is forwarded herewith.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
MED
22 FEB 1946
48/58/2/3

J. Hamilton

VICE AIMIRAL,

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MANAGER'S OFFICE Nº 619
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ETC. ETC.

Sir,

Re Italian Motor Schooner "Luigina".

We have been entrusted by the owners of the above Motor Schooner of 300 tons that is at present lying at Brindisi in the hands of the Italian Navy, to apply to you for her release to her legal owners G. Delfino of Spezia.

We are informed that you are fully acquainted with the fact why this schooner is still laid up, but as we are not sure of this we are giving you a summary of the facts:-

"The Motor Schooner "Luigina" of 300 tons was requisitioned by the German Navy in January 1944 and was found by the British Forces at Triest with the German crew on board, as the Germans made the Italians leave the vessel when she was taken over by the former. The British Navy had the schooner towed to Bari and then to Brindisi, where she still is, lying since last July. The Italian Naval Authorities require the necessary instructions from the Naval Sub-Commission Italy for delivery of this schooner to her Italian owners. The Naval Sub-Commission Italy requires the instructions of the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean for re-delivery of the schooner to her owners".

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May we kindly request that the Commander-in-Chief may direct that this schooner may be handed back to her legal owners.

OFFICE OF VICE ADMIRAL
-6 FEB 1946
MALTA

Yours faithfully,
GASAN
Shipping Tourist & Commercial Enterprises

The Vice Admiral,
MALTA.

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MESSAGE OUT

FROM : MOV LIAISON OFFICE, ROME h. 1630

TO : MIDEAST CAIRO

507/MS/32 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) SUBJECT ITALIAN TUG MARIA GRAZIA 103 GRT NOW BEING EMPLOYED AS HARBOUR TUG AT MALTA (.) URGENTLY REQUIRED ITALY FOR SALVAGE OPERATIONS AND DEEP SEA TOWING (.) TUG WILL BE CONTROLLED BY ITALIAN SHIPPING BOARD UNDER PROVISIONS FAM 658 (.) REQUEST TUG BE RETURNED TO NAPLES DURING PRESENT FAIR WEATHER PERIOD (.) PLEASE OBTAIN NAVAL AND MILITARY AUTHORISATIONS AND REPORT REQ TUG AND ITALIAN CREW (.) COGEMA REPORT ALL EXPENSES CANAL DUES ETC CAN BE CHARGED TO CALTRAITH PENROSE & CO LONDON (.) AGREED BRITISH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT ITALIAN AREA (.)

AS WRITTEN ETC.

DEGREE OF PRIORITY

IMPORTANT

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Lt. Col. R.E.

C.C. BRITISH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, 25 Piazza d'Italia, Rome
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION AC/FOLI
COGEMA, 3 Via dei Centari, Rome
MOV 2/5 C.M.H.Q. C.M.P.

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NSC/4978
3 May 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Tug "MARIA GERRETTI".

1. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station has approved the repatriation of the four naval ratings relieving them by civilian maritime personnel available at Massawa, as requested in your letter SC/17153 dated 28th March 1946.

W. F. BAHLMANN
Comdr., USNR
For
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

3 MAY 1946

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TUG "ARTA DEPART"

(The Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission's letter N30/ 4343 dated 4th April, 1946.)

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Med. 45/1367/4/1
THE NAVY SUB-COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

Approved to repatriate the four ratings of Corps Reale Equipaggi Marittima to Italy, relieving them by civilian maritime personnel available at Taranto.

[signature]

MEDITERRANEAN
21st April, 1946. for ADMIRAL

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NSC/ 4548
4 April 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Tug MARIA CERRETTI.

1. Copy of Ministry of Marine's letter SM/17156 dated 28th March 1946 is forwarded.

2. It is recommanded that the four naval ratings should be repatriated to Italy for demobilisation.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

cc: F.O.L.I.

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8 APR 1946
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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To: N.S.C.
Date: 28th March 1946
Ref.: SM/17153

Subject: Tug "MARIA CERRETTI" - Massawa

On the requisitioned tug "MARIA CERRETTI", which as you informed us, is at the moment employed on important work in the port of Massawa, there are embarked, besides the militarized civilian crew, 4 ratings of C.R.E.M. who belong to older classes already demobilized.

It is therefore requested that the Navy Sub Commission may approach the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, for authority to repatriate the four ratings relieving them with civilian maritime personnel available at Massawa.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Rep. M.D.S. Uff. POM/I°

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT – ROMA

Prot. N. 3/4/1558 Allegati

Roma 20 MAR. 1940 19

Al NAVY SUB COMMISSION

ARGOMENTO: Rimorchiatore Maria Cerretti.-

Sul Rimorchiatore requisito "MARIA CERRETTI", che, come ha comunicato codesta N.S.C., è impiegato per importanti servizi nel porto di Massaua, sono imbarcati oltre all'equipaggio civile militarizzato, 4 militari del C.R.E.M. che appartengono a classi anziane da tempo congedate.

Si prega pertanto codesta N.S.C. voler interessare il C.in C. del Mediterraneo perchè autorizzi il rimpatrio dei quattro militari sostituendoli con personale civile che potrebbe essere assunto fra i marittimi disponibili a Massaua.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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STATO POLIGRAFICO DELLO STATO

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

30th December, 1945.

No: F.O.I.L. 1085/14.

MINISTRY OF MARINE, ROME.
(Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission,
H.Q., Allied Commission).

REQUISITIONED TUG "MARIA CHIETTI".

With reference to your letter number 2954/U.T. dated 8th December, 1945, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station has signalled that as the "MARIA CHIETTI" is used for important berthing duties in the port of Massawa, she cannot be released for return to Italy.

(Signed) B.B. [illegible]

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

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