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INTERNED DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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Tel 489081 Ext 392.

4 August 1944.

SUBJECT:- Memorandum.

TO :- Political Section.

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This meeting was organized to make a complete list of all
Syrians and Lebanese Subjects in Rome. This list is now available at
the Palazzo Farnese. Any who may think that their names may not be
included in this list should report to Mr Di Viale at the Palazzo Farnese.

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