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Ref: P/345.1

9 February 1945

SUBJECT: Supplementary Bread Cards for Egyptian Subjects.
TO : Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission
FROM : Political Section

1. Reference our Memo No. P/345.1 of 2 February 1945.
2. It has now been agreed by the U. S. and British authorities that, since Egypt is a base for both U.S. and British military forces, she cannot be regarded as a neutral country discharging the obligations of neutrality. Egyptians in Italy should, therefore, be treated on the same footing as United Nations nationals.
3. The Political Section will be grateful if further instructions may now be issued to the appropriate authorities permitting the grant of supplementary bread cards to Egyptian subjects in liberated Italy.

H. L. G. A. HOPKINSON
Acting Vice President, Political Section

Copies to: U. S. Embassy
British Embassy.

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Office of the Resident Minister,
Central Mediterranean,
Caserta.

3rd February, 1945.

My dear Halford.

Your letter No. P/345.1 of the 23rd January to Mr. Broad.

I have spoken to Reinhardt in the U.S. Political Adviser's Office here on this subject. In view of the fact that the United States have a force in the Middle East based in Egypt, he agrees to your proposal to issue further instructions to the Allied military authorities in Rome.

Yours ever.

Alain Russell.

A. Russell.

A. S. Halford, Esq.

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Ref: 345.1

2nd February 1945

TO : Displaced Persons and &
Repatriation Sub-Commission.

FROM : Political Section, A.C.

Supplementary Bread Cards for Egyptian
subjects.Reference your memorandum DER/1-4/ADM of
January 30th.

The status of Egyptian subjects in Italy
is still under consideration by the British
and United States authorities. When the
views of these authorities have been coordinated
a further communication will be addressed to you.

(A. S. HILFORD)
Asst. Director, Displaced Persons
Political Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/1-4/Adm

Tel. 489081 Ext 576

30 January 1945

SUBJECT: Supplementary Bread Cards for
Egyptian Subjects.

TO : Political Section.

1. May a reply please be given to this Office even
number dated 8 Jan 45.

For the Director:

C. P. Fothergill
C. P. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel.
Deputy Director.

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23rd January 1945

Ref: P/345.1

Dear

The Egyptian Government, acting on information received from the Swiss Legation here, recently protested against the decision of the Allied military authorities to cease the issue of supplementary bread cards to Egyptian subjects in Italy. This decision was based on the statement that Egypt is neutral.

2. The Foreign Office, whom we have recently consulted, state that although Egypt is not a belligerent, she has broken off relations with all enemies of the allies. She is an ally of the United Kingdom and Egyptian territory is a base for Allied operations under the terms of the United Kingdom/Egyptian Treaty of Alliance. Her position is certainly not that of a neutral fulfilling the obligations of neutrality.

3. On consulting the files of the Political Section, however, I find that in a letter to Schott of October 3rd, Office stated categorically that Egyptians are neutrals. I have spoken to the United States Embassy here and they are of the opinion that Egyptians should not be treated as neutrals. I therefore propose to arrange for the issue of further instructions to the Allied military authorities here, but before doing so I should be grateful if you would have a word with Office and straighten the matter out. I shall do nothing until I hear from you.

Yours,

P. Broad, Esq.,
Office of the Resident Minister at A.F.H.C.,
CASERTA.

Copies to: United States Embassy (for the attention of Mr. McBride),
British Embassy.

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Status of Egyptian subjects in Italy

In the Foreign Office view, although Egypt is not a belligerent, she has broken off relations with all enemies of the Allies. She is an ally of the United Kingdom and Egyptian territory is a base for Allied operations under the terms of the United Kingdom/Egyptian Treaty of Alliance. Her position is certainly not that of a neutral fulfilling the obligations of neutrality.

2. I have consulted Mr. McBride, of the United States Embassy, who surmises that Egypt should not be treated as a neutral.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

3 January 1945

DPR/1-4/Adm.

SUBJECT : Supplementary Bread Cards for Egyptian Subjects.
: Political Section.

1. Reference your letter 345.1 dated 20 December 1944.
2. Lazio Region have been working on the instruction forwarded to them by you under cover of your letter 231 dated 7 October 1944 which states Egyptians are considered as neutrals.

3. Would you state if you intend to issue further instructions changing the status of Egyptians so that the supplementary ration cards can be issued.

For the Director:

C. Fothergill
C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director.

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I have
telegraphed to
the A.O. for
guidance.

HH.

It now seems that, on Mr. Fothergill's advice,
the Section told the DP & R S/C that Egyptians were
neutrals. I fear Mr. Fothergill was misinformed. - but it
may be the official U.S. view that Egypt is neutral.
I think we must ask
the F.O.

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Ref: 345.1

20 December 1944

SUBJECT: Supplementary Bread Cards for Egyptian Subjects.

TO : Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

1. The Egyptian Government have received a report from their Legation at Bern that the Allied Government has recently cancelled the supplementary bread cards held by 20 Egyptian nationals, resident in Rome, on the grounds that Egypt is a neutral country. The Egyptian Government state that these cards were issued to nationals of countries who were at war or who had broken off diplomatic relations with Italy and claim that in view of the fact that the Egyptian Government have broken off diplomatic relations with Italy, these Egyptian nationals should be included in the latter category. In view of the hardship caused by the loss of these bread cards, the Egyptian Government would be grateful if the Commission's decision could be reversed.

2. The British Embassy has asked the Political Section to investigate this matter and the latter would be grateful for material for a reply.

H. L. d'A. MONTGOMERY
Acting Vice President, Political Section

Copy to : British Embassy.

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To: Diplomatic Teams + Reps

Sub-Committee

From: Pol. Sect.

Subject: Supplementary Report
on the Egyptian Subjects

The Egyptian subjects have
received a report from the Egyptian
Bureau that the United Nations
Security Council ~~has~~ the
supplementary report on the subject
by 20 Egyptian nationals resident
in the grounds that Egypt
is a neutral country. The Egyptian
State which has these nationals were
issued to nationals of countries who
are at war or who had taken
if diplomatic relations with Egypt

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 the latter category, in view of the

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 upon themselves, caused by the loss of their
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 and the ~~British~~ ^{Embassy} will be grateful
 for material for a reply.

Copy to Brit. Emb.

[Signature]
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

7 October 1944

Ref: 231

SUBJECT: Allied Nationals

TO : Internees and Displaced Persons Section
Iasio Region, A.P.O. 394

1. Reference is made to your No. 481/15.36 dated 11 September 1944.
2. Your communication is returned herewith together with the comment on the question by the Office of the U. S. Political Advisor, AFHQ.

WILLIAM SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

2 Encs:

- 1 - AFHQ ltr dtd 3 Oct 44.
- 2 - Your ltr 481/15.36 dtd 11 Sep 44.

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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

October 3, 1944.

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Dear Bill:

With reference to your letter of September 18, 1944, transmitting a memorandum from M. Lozoraitis, former Minister of Foreign Affairs for Lithuania, I am returning the memorandum herewith. If it is necessary to make any reply to M. Lozoraitis, I would suggest that you tell him that Lithuanian citizens, as well as citizens of Estonia and Latvia, are considered, in the absence of specific evidence to the contrary in individual cases, by the Allied authorities to be friendly and there is no question of discriminatory treatment against them. I am sending a copy in translation of M. Lozoraitis' memorandum to the Department for its information, together with an indication of the suggested reply to be used by you.

The other enclosure to your letter, which is the original copy of a communication to the Political Section from the Internees and Displaced Persons Section is likewise returned. I have marked with a check mark the following nationalities whose governments, I believe, are members of the United Nations, although I confess that we do not have any authentic list in this office:

American
Belgian
Brazilian
British
Canadian
Chinese
Costa Rica
Chile
Czechoslovakian
Columbia
Cuba

Ethiopic
El Salvador
Equator
French
Greek
Guatemala
Holland
Honduras
Irak
Yugoslav Nationals
Yugoslav Partisans
Luxembourg

Maltese
Mexican
Norwegian
Nicaragua
Polish
Panama
Peru
Soviet Russian
San Domingo
Uruguay
Venezuela

I have marked with a circle those who, although not members of the United Nations, are considered, in the absence of specific evidence to the contrary in individual cases, to be "friendly": Albanian, Danish, Arian, Syrian.

Egyptians are neutrals.

Jews and White Russians take their character from their citizenship. Stateless Jews would be normally considered to be friendly in the absence of specific evidence to the contrary. Stateless White Russians have presumably been screened by the security authorities.

To reply

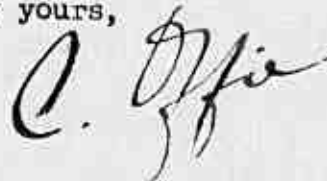
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To reply to the specific questions: (1) The correct term is "member of the United Nations" rather than "Allied Nations;" (2) There is normally no relationship between White Russians and Soviet Russians other than a racial one, since White Russians are either Stateless or have acquired the citizenship of some other country; (3) The position with respect to Yugoslavs is that we recognize the Royal Yugoslav Government which, in turn, has recognized the Partisan organization as being the de facto administrative authority in the larger part of Yugoslavia. The latter, in turn, recognizes the Royal Government as its representative in foreign affairs. Both groups are considered friendly from our point of view, but it is usually wise to keep them well separated one from another.

I trust the foregoing satisfactorily answers the questions raised in the reference memorandum.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures:

1. Original memorandum
from M. Lozoraitis
2. Original communication from
Internees & Displaced Persons
Section to Political Section

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Brazilian	Equator	Norwegian
British	French	Nicaragua
Canadian	Greek	Polish
Chinese	Guatemala	Panama
Costa Rica	Holland	Peru
Chile	Honduras	Soviet Russian
Czechoslovakian	Irak	San Domingo
Columbia	Yugoslav Nationale	Uruguay
Cuba	Yugoslav Partisans	Venezuela
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/s/ C. Office
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Enclosures:

1. Original memorandum
from H. L. G. to H. L. G.
2. Original communication from
Internees & Displaced Persons
Section to Political Section

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