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Ref: P/362/385

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Dear General Suslogarov:

On September 19th the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs requested the Allied Commission to give consideration to the repatriation of Italian citizens who had been interned in Germany. The names of the individuals are: Francesco Pina, a former member of Parliament; Mario Montagna, brother-in-law of Ingilisti; and Nicola.

The question of repatriation of the above three individuals has been forwarded to Allied Forces Headquarters for decision and I shall inform you thereof as soon as a reply is received.

Very truly yours,

WILEY S. SMITH
Commander, USAR
Chief Commissioner

Major General Suslogarov
Soviet Delegate to the Advisory
Council for Italy
Via Santa, 5
Rome

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23 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Commissioner
FROM : Political Section

1. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on September 15 requested the Political Section to approach the competent authorities for the purpose of obtaining authorization for the repatriation from Mexico of Francesco Frola, a former member of Parliament; Mario Montagnana, brother-in-law of Togliatti; and Vidali. All three of these persons were described as noted Italian anti-Fascists residing in Mexico who had expressed the desire to return to Italy.

2. The Political Section forwarded this request to G-5 Section, AFHQ, on October 14, with the recommendation that the repatriation of these individuals be not made because such action would not further the war effort. No reply has yet been received.

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WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

*Pls prepare letter for my
sig to Insular Affairs*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 304

Ref #362/385

14 October 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation from Mexico.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum G-5:014.33-54 of 5 October 1944.

2. The Political Section does not feel that the repatriation of these individuals will further the war effort, which is the criterion for the granting of permission to travel.

For the Chief Commissioner:

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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5 October 1944

G-5: 014.33-54

SUBJECT: Repatriation from Mexico.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your Political Section's memorandum # 362/385 of 23 September.

2. Your own views are requested please on the desirability of this repatriation.

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For Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref # 362/385

23 September 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.
Copies to: United States Political Adviser,
British Resident Minister.

There has been received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs memorandum No. 6/822/233, dated September 15, 1944, requesting that the necessary authorization be obtained for the repatriation from Mexico to Italy of Signor Francesco Frolo, a former member of Parliament; Signor Mario Montagna, brother-in-law of Signor Togliatti, leader of the Italian Communist Party; and Signor Vidali. All three persons are described as noted Italian anti-Fascists and action in their cases was requested by Signor Togliatti.

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section.

Copy to:
U.S. Representative, A.C.I.
British High Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref #362/385.

23 September 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

This refers to your memorandum Nr. 6/522/233, dated September 15, 1944, concerning the repatriation of Messrs. Francesco Prolo, Mario Montagna and Vidali.

A request for the necessary authorization for this action has been submitted to the appropriate Allied authorities.

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.C.

Signor Francesco Frola, a former member of Parliament, signor Mario Montagnana, brother in law of E.A. Togliatti and signor Vidali, all noted Italian anti-fascists residing at present in Mexico, have expressed the desire to return to Italy.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be grateful if the Political Section A.C.C. could approach the competent Authorities in order that the necessary authorization be granted to the repatriation of said persons.

At the same time it should be appreciated if the necessary measures would be kindly taken to expedite their journey home. *EdA*

Rome, September 15th. 1944.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Italy

April 14, 1944.

Dear Johnny:

I refer to my letter of March 24 in regard to Italian merchant seamen in Mexico. I have now had a further communication from the Italian Foreign Office which states that the Italian Government offers no objections should the Italian merchant seamen interned in Mexico wish to serve with the United Nations merchant marine or to secure employment locally. In its opinion these solutions seem the best under the circumstances in view of present difficulties connected with their repatriation and subsequent employment in Southern Italy. The Foreign Office states that the Ministry of Shipping would prefer that the individuals in question obtained employment locally.

I enclose two communications, one to Mr. Hammond, and the other to Dick Southgate from his nephew. I telegraphed Jimmy Dunn in regard to the latter and hope you will be able to see that the letter reaches its destination. Jimmy will have Dick's other address if this is not sufficient.

Bob reports that you are working very hard over our problems here. I should like an opportunity of discussing some of them with you soon.

All best wishes.

Yours as ever,

J. Wesley Jones, Esquire,
Office of European Affairs,
Department of State,
WASHINGTON.

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI
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No 1843

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Salerno, April 2nd, 1944.

Dear Reber,

With reference to my letter of March 21st
n.1435 concerning Italian merchant seamen interned in
Mexico, I wish to inform you that, according to advice
received from Admiral Barone, there are no objections
should the same wish to serve with the United Nations
Merchant Marine or secure some employment locally. (c)

For my part I concur with Admiral Barone's
opinion in view of the present difficulties connected
with their repatriation and subsequent employment in
Southern Italy.

I would be very grateful if you could bring
the foregoing to Mr. Jones's attention.

Very sincerely yours,

R. Rinaldi

Samuel Reber, Esq.,
Vice President
Allied Control Commission
Naples.

(c) The latter solution is preferred.

Ref 1435 and more.
From 14 to 15 June 1944
to 15 June 1944
J.M.F.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Italy

March 24, 1944.

Dear Johnny:

I received your letter of February 25, 1944, quoting a despatch from Mexico City in regard to certain groups of Italian internees at Perote. I discussed this question with the Italian Foreign Office which stated that in its opinion the information contained in the Embassy's despatch has been superseded by the recent decision of the Mexican Government to abrogate all restrictions imposed upon Italian residents. It is believed that the internees at Perote have already been liberated. Many of them had previously been authorized to move to more healthy surroundings at Irapuato.

The Italian Government would be gratified if means could be found to utilize the services of the merchant seamen and eventually to repatriate them. The Foreign Office would appreciate learning of any decision taken in their regard.

- 1/ I enclose a letter addressed to Mrs. Lina Mechan on behalf of Queen Elena. The letter is in reply to one from Mrs. Mechan which was transmitted to me through the Department for delivery to the Queen.

With all best wishes,

Yours,

Enclosure:

1/ - Letter to Mrs. Lina Mechan

J. Wesley Jones, Esquire,
Department of State,
Washington.

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

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Salerno, March 21, 1941.

Dear Reber:

Many thanks for having shown me Mr. Jones's letter which I am hereby returning.

I believe the information therein contained has been superseded by Mexico's recent decision to abrogate all restrictions imposed on Italian residents following the war. This generous attitude on the part of Mexico must have resulted in the liberation of the internees at Perote, of which many had already been authorized to move to more healthy surroundings on a ranch at Irapuato.

As to the merchantseamen we would of course be very gratified if they could resume their profession instead of remaining idle in Mexico, and eventually repatriate. I therefore would be very grateful should you let me know, in due course, the decision reached in the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel Reber, Esq.,
Vice President
Political Section (A.C.C.)
Naples.

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Political Section (A.C.C.)

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 25, 1944

Dear Sam:

There is quoted below a paragraph from a recent despatch from Mexico City:

"The Embassy has also received several letters from groups of Italian internees now in the enemy alien camp at Perote. The majority of these individuals were merchant seamen. They have expressed a desire to volunteer their services in the Merchant Marine of the United States or of Italy."

When you have a convenient occasion, would you endeavor to ascertain the attitude of the Italian Government as regards the repatriation of these merchant seamen? What would be the opinion of the Allied Control Commission? The Embassy in Mexico requests instructions as to the nature of the reply that should be made to such requests, and I would appreciate hearing from you before drafting anything.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Johnny
J. Wesley Jones

Samuel Reber, Esquire,
Care of American Mission,
Algiers.

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