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DANISH MERCHANT VESSELS

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Med. 45/00180/16
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
(Copies to: The Commander United States Eighth Fleet
The Flag Officer, Taranto Adriatic and
Liaison Italy
Political Section, Allied Commission)

For information.

H. A. PACKER

MEDITERRANEAN
3rd March, 1945

for ADMIRAL

Enclosure
Med. 45/00180/16 of 3.3.45
to the Chairman Mediterranean Shipping Board.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean,
Allied Force Headquarters.
3rd March, 1945.

Ref. 45/00180/18

THE CHAIRMAN, MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

DANISH MERCHANT VESSELS

The attached paper from Navy Sub-Commission,
Headquarters Allied Commission (HAC 1834 of 7th February,
1945) regarding Danish Merchant Vessels believed to have
been transferred in 1940 to the Italian flag is forwarded
for examination.

H. A. PACKER.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO
THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN

Enclosures

Navy Sub-Commission HQ AC's 1834
List of Danish vessels

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APC 394

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NSC/1634
7 February 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Allied Force Headquarters.
Via: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
Subject: Danish Merchant Vessels.
Enclosure: (1) Copy List of Danish Vessels.

1. The Danish Legation in Rome informs the Political Section, A.C., that on 9 April 1940, when German troops occupied Denmark, a certain number of Danish ships were under French control and that according to information originating in Washington, a number of these vessels were probably handed over to the Italian Government. An incomplete list of vessels which are believed by the Danish Government to have been transferred to the Italian Flag is forwarded herewith as enclosure (A).

2. At the request of Danish representatives of Shipowners in the United States, the Danish Minister in Washington has requested the Legation in Rome to determine whether any of the Danish ships referred to above have been found in Liberated Italy, and to ascertain their present status.

3. The Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief was informed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in dispatch TAM 30 that the provisions of paragraph 7 of dispatch TAM 11 should govern the disposition of recaptured ships belonging to the United Nations. This directive provided that any ships belonging to Allied countries wherever captured, taken or turned over by agreement with Italy, should be assigned, if practicable, to the National Government under which they were formerly registered with the understanding that they must be used to further the war effort, with due regard for the rights of the National Government concerned, in a manner acceptable to the Combined Shipping Adjustment Board. It is assumed that Denmark is a United Nation within the provisions of this directive.

4. The Combined Chiefs of Staff further requested the Allied Commander-in-Chief to take over in his name any such ships found and report their names through the Combined Chiefs of Staff, so that arrangements for their return could be initiated with the respective governments.

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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Subject: Danish Merchant Vessels.

5. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 (c) of the Cunningham Agreement, the Italian Government is required to declare the names and whereabouts of Merchant Ships now in their possession which previously belong to any of the United Nations.

6. It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission, A.C. be informed whether the names of any former Danish vessels found to be under Italian control have been furnished by the Ministry of Marine and reported to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. If no list of former United Nations vessels has been furnished by the Italian Government, it is requested that the Allied Commission be informed in order that the Ministry of Marine may be requested to comply with the provisions of the Cunningham Agreement with respect thereto.

7. It is further requested that the Mediterranean Shipping Board be directed to furnish any data which may be available concerning former United Nations merchant ships which have been found or are known to be in Italian Waters.

H. W. RIMMEL,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

Copy to:
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FOCALI-TARANTO
POLITICAL SECTION, A.C. —

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DANISH VESSELS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN UNDER FRENCH CONTROL. NUMBER
OF WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN FLAG.

<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>RENAMED BY</u> <u>FRENCH</u>	<u>DANISH</u> <u>OWNERS</u>	<u>DEADWEIGHT</u> <u>TONNAGE</u>
S.S. "AALFORS"	"St. Lucien"	C. K. Hansen Steamship Co	1900
S.S. "ALMENA"	"St. Philippe"	Steamship Co. Torn.	2565
S.S. "ARNOLD MARSEN"	"St. Irene"	A.P. Moller	3250
S.S. "BETTA"	"St. Albert"	J. Lauritzen	2300
S.S. "VINDIT"	"St. Etienne"	Chr. Andersen	3200
S.S. "ESTRID"	"St. Guillaume"	Steamship Co. Torn.	2230
S.S. "GERD"	"St. Raymond"	Steamship Co. Torn.	2596
S.S. "GISELA TOST"	"St. Alain"	J. Teft	3392
S.S. "INGEBORG S"	"St. Martine"	Steamship Co. Torn.	1900
S.S. "JOHANNES MARSEN"	"St. Giselle"	A.P. Moller	3130
S.S. "NICOLINE MARSEN"	"St. Felix"	A.P. Moller	8065
S.S. "STELLA"	"St. Saviour"	J. Lauritzen	2450
S.S. "VIOLET"	"St. Denis"	Steamship Co. Torn.	2480
S.S. "ANNA"	Unknown	J. Lauritzen	1950

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(ENCLOSURE (A)).

DANISH LEGATION - ROME

On 9th April 1940, when German troops occupied Denmark, a certain number of Danish Ships were under French control and a part of these - according to information originating in Washington - probably were handed over to the Italian Authorities.

At the request of various Danish representatives of Ship Owners in the U.S.A., the Danish Minister in Washington has asked this Legation to ascertain if any of these Ships have been found in liberated Italy, and should this be the case, what their position is and how best to safeguard them. This Legation therefore would be extremely grateful if the Authorities concerned could give any assistance under this heading.

A list is attached of Danish Ships which had been under French control, a number of which it is felt will have been transferred to Italy. It is pointed out, however, that the list probably is incomplete and that other Danish Ships, not listed, may have been under such control. Any information in regard to the latter also would be much appreciated.

Rome, 13.1.45.

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See Mr. SCHWARTZ/HOPKINSON'S/

HILFORD'S Remarks

REMARKS:

Mr. Schell would
like your comments
please.

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Su richiesta dei diversi rappresentanti danesi delle società armatrici negli Stati Uniti il ministro di Danimarca a Washington ha chiesto a questa legazione di voler cercare d'informarsi se qualcuno di queste navi è stata ritrovata nella parte dell'Italia già liberata ed in caso affermativo in quale posizione esse attualmente si trovano e come possono nel miglior modo essere protette. All'occasione questa legazione sarebbe molto riconoscente se le competenti autorità le potessero essere d'aiuto al riguardo.

Si allega una lista delle navi danesi che sono state sotto controllo francese ed una parte delle quali si ritiene siano state trasferite in Italia. Si ha però rilevato che la lista probabilmente non può considerarsi completa e che di conseguenza altre navi danesi, che non vi sono elencate, possono essere state sotto tale controllo. Anche sulla sorte di queste si sarebbe molto grati di essere informati.

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Danish vessels reported to have been under French control, a number of which are believed to have been transferred to Italian flag

<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Renamed by French</u>	<u>Danish Owners</u>	<u>Deadweight Tonnage</u>
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S.S. "BRAD"	"St. Raymond"	Steamship Co. Torm	2596
S.S. "BRUNN TOFT"	"St. Alain"	J. Toft	3392
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S.S. "VIGOR"	"St. Denis"	Steamship Co. Torm	2480
S.S. "WINA"	unknown	J. Lauritzen	1960

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

January 8, 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Political Section, Allied Commission

SUBJECT: Enclosing Communication from Danish Legation,
Washington.

There are attached hereto two letters which have been received from the Danish Legation in Washington through the Department of State for delivery to the Danish Legation in Rome should there be no objection thereto.

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