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Oct. 1943 - Feb. 1945

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Subject:- Forwarding Correspondence to Greece.

Headquarters
15 Army Group
G-5 Section
Tel: Filpot 132.

To:- Political Section,
HQ Allied Commission.

G-5/7/12A
7 Feb 45.

1. Confirming conversation to-day (Mr. Halford and Lt. Col. Friend James spoke).
2. The Commanding General, HQ 15 Army Group, has requested that the attached letter be forwarded to:-

Mr. Panagiotin P. Fotinopoulon,
Odos Dimitros No. 85,
(Kallithea),
Athens, Greece.
3. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

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Friend James

Lt. Colonel., for
AC of S, G-5 Section.

Letter forwarded by Enby. change 3230

D.P.

Copy to:- Secretary General Staff.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: Q152
 Date Time of Origin: FEB 05/1900

Message Centre No. D/911
 Date Time Recd: FEB 07/0945
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: 202 SID AREA

TO : DATA S. GRIFFIN, INFO: AMIC BELTANE, G1. FREEDOM, CHAIRS COMMISSION
 (38) FREEDOM, CIVIL, POLITICAL SECTION HQ ALLIED COMMISSION,
 WELFARE OFFICER 202 SID AREA.

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Ref this Hq Q105 of 16th January. Request International Red Cross
 rep MR RAKM authorised to hand over keys and make necessary arrangements
 storage furniture documents etc of Italian Consulate SALONIKA.

INFO - ACTION

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Info-action: POLITICAL SEC
 Info: A/PRESIDENT
 CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS

7 FEB 1945

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Ref: W/430/359.

2nd February 1945

SUBJECT: Taking over of the Italian Consulate
at SALONIKA by Army Welfare Services.

TO : DAC, S-1 (Ar), Allied Force Headquarters.

Your letter No. 22/255/S-1 (Ar) of January
20th.

2. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
by their telegram No. 21 of January 27th to
Bern have instructed their representative there
to approach the Swiss authorities with a view to
instructions being sent to the Swiss Representative
at Athens authorising him to arrange for the handing
over of the premises of the Italian Consulate
General at Salonika to the British Army Welfare
Authorities on the terms set out in ARHQ cable
251/W/1162 of January 5th to 5 District Greekaid.

For the Chief Commissioner:

H.L.D. HOPKINSON,
Acting Vice-President,
Political Section.

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Copies to: 4-5 Section, A.F.W.S.,
Claims and Mirings, A.F.W.S.,
Welfare, A.F.W.S.

A D L SCONFIDENTIAL*Political* 9/15
✓Subject: Welfare - Greece

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/3050/G-1 (Dr)

28 Jan 45

✓ HQ Political Section
Allied Commission
ROME

1. It is understood that as a result of negotiation through Mr. Hopkinson, HQ Army Welfare Services secured the consent of the Italian Government to their taking over the Italian Consulate at SALONIKA.
2. The provisos to this agreement were :-
 - (a) The building should be handed back as soon as it was possible to reopen the Italian Consulate.
 - (b) Swiss Representative ATHENS to decide in agreement with RMA the sum to be paid as rent.
3. It is now desired to take possession of this building at once, as the need is urgent. To effect this it is suggested the Swiss Representative in ATHENS be empowered to authorise the International Red Cross representative, Mr. RAIMI, to hand over the keys to the CWM representative, and to make all necessary arrangements for the storage of furniture, sealing of documents, etc.
4. May it please be confirmed the agreement stands, and that the instructions required in para 3 will be forthcoming without delay.

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31 JAN 1945

Major General,
DAC, G-1 (Dr).Copy to: G-5
Claims and Pirings
WelfareCONFIDENTIAL

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SUBJECT: Italian Consulate Building
in Salonika

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

FROM: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
TO : Italian Legation, Bern

No. 91: January 27.

At the conclusion of negotiations carried out through the Allied Commission between the Headquarters of Aid Services for British Forces in Greece and the Italian Government for the turning over of the Italian Consulate General Building in Salonika for use as a club for said troops, the following has been agreed:

1) The Italian Government will permit the British Military Command at Athens to use said property for the purpose set forth above until the reopening of that Consular Office and afterwards the payment of the rent to be fixed by the Swiss Representative in agreement with the local British Command.

2) There is excluded from this agreement the furniture and official property which should be stored in a suitable place under watch and care of the Swiss Representative.

Please approach the Political Department to send instructions in this sense to their representative in Athens and we await to know the terms of rent.

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Approved for dispatch: _____

Jan 45

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R. MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

TELEGRAMMA IN PARTENZA

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Capello Immobile demaniale Consolato Generale Salonico

Data 27 gennaio 1945

Tramite C.A.

Destinazione ITALIA DI BERNI

GI = gennaio 27.

A conclusione trattative svoltesi tramite Commissione Alleata tra Direzione Servizi Assistenza truppe britanniche Grecia e R. Governo circa cessione immobile demaniale già sede Consolato Generale Salonico per ritrovo dette truppe è stato convenuto quanto appresso:

1°) R. Governo cede in uso Comando Militare britannico A= tene scopo sopracennato detto immobile demaniale beninteso fino risaperta Ufficio Consolare e dietro corresponsione equo canone fitto da farsi da Rappresentante Svizzero d'intesa con locale Comando Britannico.

2°) Da cessione resta escluso mobilio e materiale proprietà ereditaria che dovrà essere conservato in adetto ambiente stesso immobile sotto sorveglianza e cura Rappresentante Svizzero.

Pregasi pertanto V.S. di voler interessare codesto Dipartimento Politico perchè Rappresentante Svizzero Atene vegliasse impartire istruzioni senso sopraindicato e restasi attese conoscere canone convenuto.

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Immobile demaniale Consolato Generale Salonico

27 gennaio 1945

C.A.

ITALDIPL BERNA

31 - gennaio 27.

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Ref: P/380/335

13th January 1945

The Political Section of the Allied Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with reference to their memorandum No. 6/1372/606 of the 27th December, has the honour to inform them that the appropriate Allied Military authorities agree to the conditions set out in the Ministry's memorandum under reply for the loan of the premises of the Italian Consulate at Salonica.

2. The Political Section will therefore be grateful if the Ministry will be so good as to telegraph the necessary instructions to the Italian Legation at Bern for communication through the Swiss Government to the Swiss Representative in Athens.

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The Italian Ministry of
Foreign Affairs,
Giulio Gini,
C.M.S.

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copies to: Acting President } Allied Commission.
And Chief Commissioner }

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Ref: 7/58/385

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The Italian Ministry of
Foreign Affairs,
Palazzo Chigi,
ROME.

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copies to: Acting President
and Chief Commissioner } Allied Commission.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: WEL/HQ, 12
 Date Time of Origin: JAN 12 NPT

Message Centre No: 0/7627
 Date Time Rec'd: JAN 122133A
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ WELFARE

TO : 3 DISTRICT GREEK AID INFO: 21 (BR) FREEDOM: CLAIMS COMMISSION (BR)
FREEDOM: POLITICAL SEC HQ ALCON: DADAWS HQ LF AND NL (GREECE) CVWW

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Your 388 10 January 45. Retain premises pending arrival
 CVWW now at TARANTO awaiting call forward.

ACTION

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Action - Political Sec
 Info - A/President
 Chief Commissioner
 File (2)
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HEADQUARTERS
 12 JAN 1945

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: Q88
 Date/Time of Origin: JAN 101030A

Message Centre No: C/7392
 Date Time Recd: JAN 111050A
 Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: 3 DISTRICT GREEKAID
 TO: AFHQ WELFARE FOR ACTION, INFO G1 FREEDOM, CLAIMS COMMISSION (ER), FREEDOM
 DADWS GREEKMIL, POLITICAL SEC HQ ALLIED COMMISSION

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INFO - ACTION

Reference your WEL/HQ/1162 of 041120B.

Understood no repeat no CVWW team at present available to open canteen
 in SALONIKA. Regret unable to use building specified in your signal until
 they arrive. Request authority be retained until CVWW team available for
 this task.

INFO - ACTION

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INFO-ACTION: Political Sec
 INFO: A/President 122
 Chief Commissioner
 File 2
 Float

*There is nothing for us to do
 until we have further from 3 districts.
 We can then use the HQ to telegraph
 instructions to them.*

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: WEL/HQ/1162
 Date/Time of Origin: JAN 4/1420

Message Centre No: C/6583
 Date/Time Rec'd: JAN 5/1035
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ WELFARE

TO : ACTION: 3 DISTRICT GREEKAID INFO C1(B) FREEDOM CLAIMS COMMISSION (BR) FREEDOM
 DADAWS HQ LF AND ML (GREECE) POLITICAL SECTION HQ ALLIED COMMISSION CWW79

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INFO - ACTION

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For Brigadier BUTTERWORTH. Your WEL 39. Permission granted to take over buildings in question subject to following provisions.

1. It will be returned to Italian Government as soon as it is possible to reopen the Italian Consulate at SALONIKA.
2. SWISS representative ATHENS to decide in agreement with BMA the sum to be paid as rent.
3. All furniture documents etc to be stored in sealed rooms under the responsibility of SWISS representative ATHENS.
4. Signal agreement when necessary instructions will be given.

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INFO-ACTION : POLITICAL SEC (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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INFO - ACTION

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HEADQUARTERS
 5 JAN 15

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSURGENT

SUBJECT: Use of Italian Consulate at Salonika,
for the purpose of a British soldiers Club.
WEL/1008/DAWS.

30 Dec 44.

H.L.L.A. Hopkinson Esq. C.M.G.
Political Section,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

May we have a reply to the DO letter which
Brigadier Newth the Director of Army Welfare Services
addressed to you on the 16 Dec 44 as the matter is now
becoming somewhat urgent.

W.E. Rayner

W.E. RAYNER, Lt. Col.,
AD Army Welfare Services, W.I.,
(For) Brigadier,
Director Army Welfare Services.

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*this has moved
on action of 21st Dec
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Jan. 2.

Ref: P/380/385

29 December 1944

With reference to your letter of 16 December regarding your desire to obtain permission from the Italian Government to use the Italian Consulate at Salonika for the purpose of a British Soldiers' Club, the following reply has now been received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Ministry see no objection ^{to} ~~for~~ the granting of permission for the use of the building in question on the understanding that the premises will be returned to the Italian Government as soon as it is possible to re-open the Italian Consulate at Salonika.

The Ministry state that the Swiss Representative in Athens should decide in agreement with the British Military Authorities upon the sum to be paid as rent for the use of the building.

All furniture, documents, etc., are to be stored in sealed rooms under the responsibility of the Swiss Representative in Athens.

Subject to agreement on the above points, the Ministry are prepared immediately to telegraph the necessary instructions to the Italian Legation at Bern for communication, through the Swiss Government, to the Swiss Representative in Athens.

Brigadier A.L.S. North
Director, Army Welfare Services
Allied Force Headquarters
C.M.F.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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A I D E = M E M O I R E

Reference to letter addressed to Minister Hopkinson by Brigadier Hewth on December 16th concerning the re-use of the Italian Consulate in Salonika (Greece) for the purpose of a British Soldiers Club.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs see no difficulty in granting permission for the use of the building in question being it understood that the premises should be returned to the Italian administration as soon as it will be possible to re-open the Italian Consulate in Salonika.

The Swiss Representative in Athens should determine, in agreement with the British Military Authorities concerned, the sum to be paid as rent for the use of the building in question.

All the furniture, documents, etc. should be stored in sealed rooms under the responsibility of the Swiss Representative in Athens.

Should the British Embassy agree on the above points, the Minister for Foreign Affairs would immediately wire all relevant instructions to the Swiss Representative through Bern.

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Rome, December 27th 1944

H.Q.
ARMY WELFARE SERVICES
A.F.W.S.
C.M.F.

16th December 1944

M.L.A. HORNBYSON Esq., C.M.F.
Political Section,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

1. Confirming our conversation this morning it is desired to obtain from the Italian Government permission to use the Italian Consulate at SALONIKA, GREECE, for the purpose of a British Soldiers Club.
2. When I visited SALONIKA a fortnight ago, the building was undamaged and was in charge of a Custodian who lives nearby. It appeared to be under the general protection of the local representative of the International Red Cross, a Swiss Subject, who recommended that the Swiss Minister in ATHENS should be approached to obtain permission for its use. On the advice, however, of the Political Adviser in ATHENS the matter is referred to you.
3. If the permission for its use is given, the building will be handed over to the Council of Voluntary War Work and the greatest care will be taken of it and of its contents. Certain rooms in the basement will be reserved for storing Italian documents etc. and would be sealed, an arrangement in which the Italian Custodian and the Swiss Representative concurred, subject to higher approval, when I saw them.
4. I would add that in present circumstances it may well be very much in the interests of the Italian Government that this building should be under the active protection of the British Military Authorities in SALONIKA, in addition to which the need for its use by us is very urgent, owing to the grave lack of amenities for the troops which unfortunately exists in SALONIKA.
5. I should be grateful if you would approach the requisite Italian Authorities in this matter and notify me of the result at the above Headquarters.

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A.I.W. NEWMAN, Brigadier,
Director of Army Welfare Services.

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16th, December 1944

H.L.A. FORTHSON Esq., C.M.G.,
Political Section,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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A.L.W. NENTH, Brigadier,
Director of Army Welfare Services.

Copies to DALWIS, 5 Corps.
Chairman C.V.W.W.
A.W.S. W1.

Ref: 380/385

19 December 1944

SUBJECT: Evulsion of Italian Citizens from
Corfu and Ionian Islands.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum No. 6/1145/486 dated
1 December on the above subject.

2. This matter was submitted to the appropriate authorities of
Allied Force Headquarters who now have replied as follows:-

"As a result of information from a number
of sources, it was decided in October to evacuate
Italian soldiers and civilians from Greece, among
them approximately 1,000 from Corfu who were stated
to be in a 'deplorable condition' and in fear of attack
from the Greeks. On 9 November information was re-
ceived that all Italian personnel had been evacuated
from Corfu.

"A copy of the above-mentioned memorandum is
being sent to ML (Greece), with a request to en-
quire into the situation as soon as internal con-
ditions in Greece make such enquiry possible."

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

16 December 1944

SUBJECT: Expulsion of Italian Citizens from Corfu.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your letter dated 12 December 1944 on above subject, and enclosing a copy of a memorandum No 6/1146/486 dated 1 December 1944, from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. As a result of information from a number of sources, it was decided in October to evacuate Italian soldiers and civilians from Greece, among them approximately 1,000 from Corfu who were stated to be in a "deplorable condition" and in fear of attack from the Greeks. On 9 November information was received that all Italian personnel had been evacuated from Corfu.

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For Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

H. F. Perkins Maj

H. F. PERKINS,
Major.

Copy to: Brit Res Min
US Polad

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12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Expulsion of Italian Citizens from Corfu

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters
Copies to: U. S. Political Adviser
British Resident Minister

1. There has been received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Memorandum No. 6/115/46 dated 1 December 1944, concerning the expulsion of Italian subjects from Corfu, of which a copy is attached.
2. It will be noted that the Allied authorities are requested to obtain from the Greek Government a suspension of the orders of expulsion or of forced repatriation.
3. It will be appreciated that G-5 Section is asked to afford political action in response of any proposed action to be taken in this matter in order that a reply may be made to the Ministry.

For the Chief Commissioner:

WILLIAM W. SCHULTZ
Vice President, Political Section

1 Encl: As in para 1 above.

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

DPR/24/G-II (IT) Tel: Ext 392.

9th December 1944.

SUBJECT : Italians from Corfu, IONIAN ISLANDS
TO : Political Section, A.C.

1. Reference your memorandum dated 3rd December 1944, attaching memorandum from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding conditions of Italian subjects in CORFU and the other IONIAN Islands.

2. The questions raised are quite outside the jurisdiction of this Sub-Commission and are matters of policy which concern A.F.H.Q.

3. Memorandum from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs returned herewith.

For the Director:

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

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no. 6/1146/486

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Ufficio Collegamenti

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION - A.C. -

On October the 27th ult. 121 Italian citizens belonging to the Italian colony of Corfu landed at Brindisi following repatriation by the Allied Authorities. These refugees, who for several years have lived in Corfu where they had established the centre of their interests, have in Italy, for their greater part, neither relations nor friends to whom to turn for assistance or help.

According to statements made by them, further expulsions may shortly follow, owing to an order given by the Commander of the Greek partition, Major Carl, in the island of Corfu, where the Italian colony has been arrested and detained in prison pending expulsion from Greek territory.

In a report addressed to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, a group of refugees described the shocking conditions of life to which they were subjected during their internment and the sufferings that were dealt to them from the time of their arrest to that of their repatriation, aided in the letter by the generous and human intervention of the British Military Authorities.

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An order of the Greek authorities is enclosed to the report according to which the property of the Italians is subject to confiscation.

Ministre degli Affari Esteri

Ufficio Collegamento

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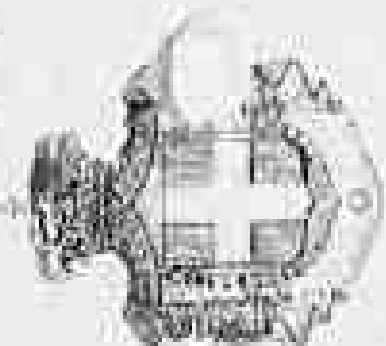
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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs warmly request, therefore, the A.C. to kindly interest the competent Allied Authorities with a view to taking the necessary measures for the protection

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of the life and property of the Italians residing in Corfu and in the other Ionian Islands and to obtain the suspension of the claims of expulsion or of forced repatriation.

Galini



Rome, December 1st 1943

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19 Dec 44.

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Brigadier,
Commander,
North Atlantic District.

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1. U. S. Office Group.
a. Hingham, American Red Cross Service Committee,
Refugee Section, 21 St. - 72 -
NAHED, 100 St.
Director UNRRA, Hingham Office.
b. Allied Commission,
United States Political Mission.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS

17th December 1944

SPECIAL GUIDANCE ON GREECE.

The following AFHQ directive on the Greek situation, although primarily intended for use by those engaged in broadcasts directed to Greece, should govern our coverage in both press and radio, news and comment.

1. British forces have been called into action solely to defeat attempted solution of political issues by pressure of arms.
2. All talk about our abetting Fascism is nonsense. We are now in the sixth year of war against Nazism and Fascism. In spite of many offers we have refused to arm Athens volunteers from Right wing organisations and have disarmed many.
3. Our objective is solely to establish conditions in which Greeks can vote freely on their future government. We do not care if this is a Monarchy or a Republic, Right, Left or Centre.
4. The present wasteful strife.
 - a) Pins down our troops and prevents their going forward to the battle fronts to hasten Germany's final defeat.
 - b) Prevents the arrival of food and supplies for the relief of the people of Greece. Even so, we are trying to organise relief for the hungry population of Athens on both sides of the battle.
 - c) Creates conditions under which the Greek people cannot express its will nor exercise its right to choose freely the form of government it desires.

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TO: Legal Sub Commission
FROM: Political Section

Please note Mr. Hopkinson's
request, and return all papers.

14 Dec 44

Positive explained to me by
Col. Kunz X *ltg Dec. 19*

Legal Sub. Commission.

Has the decree referred to
in para. 1 been issued yet? If so
may I have four copies of the
Br. Embassy to send to the F.D.
No doubt the American Embassy
would also like copies.

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[Signature]

Dec. 14.

Political Section

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No. 3/1297/516

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

As it is known to the A.C., the Italian Government have already approved provisions for the release of British, United States and Russian properties in Italy.

The application of similar provisions is being studied as regards other countries: to this effect the Italian Government would like to be informed of the measures adopted against Italian properties by the same countries. In particular, it would be of great interest to ascertain which treatment the Greek Government have applied to Italian interests and properties in Greece after the liberation of that territory. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, having no direct sources of information from Greece, would be grateful to the Political Section if they could furnish such data.

With the opportunity the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is glad to advise that the decree concerning the release of Brazilian properties in Italy is about to be issued.

Rome, 13th December, 1944.



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REF 101704

ASST. DIR. SEC. CITE FREQ

ALPHA

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

DEC 110900

MILITARY

This I suppose concerns *Green* is
 who wanted to go to *Green*

11 Dec 44

RECEIVED

11 DEC 1944

A. C.

SECRET.

Letter 1000 of 3 December 44.

Military Commander has requested that no diplomats be permitted to proceed to *Green* until further notice due to military situation. Please give assurance to parties concerned that travel will be authorized at earliest possible time

Agnes Advisory Council
Jane - Chief Commission
Liaison Div
Per Sec
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GREEK DELEGATION
TO THE
ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR ITALY

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Ref. N° 2410

PRO - MEMORIA

The Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy present their compliments to the Political Section of the Allied Commission, and in reply to the latter's letter N° 380/385 of yesterday's date, beg to inform them that they share the opinion of the Allied Force Headquarters that the journey in question is not appropriate at the present time. Nevertheless, they will report the contents of above-mentioned letter to the Greek Government and will not fail to communicate, in due time, to the Political Section of the A.C. the reply received with regard to this matter.

Rome, 28th of November 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 380/385

2 December 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. Reference is made to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs communication of October 28th and November 27th concerning the appointment to Athens of an official of that Ministry.
2. Allied Force Headquarters now has informed the Allied Commission that they do not consider the proposed journey to Athens to be appropriate at the present time.

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Ms. 6/111/170

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.S.

attached
Reference is made to Memorandum No. 6/882/325 dated October 28th concerning the appointment to Athens of an official of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

This Ministry would much appreciate should the Allied Commission acquaint them with the decision of the competent Allied Authorities on the matter. *Camp*

Rome, 27th November 1944



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REF: 383/385

7 MAY 1954

The Political Section presents its compliments to the Greek Legation to the Advisory Council for Italy, and desires to inform them of a request by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that consideration be given to the dispatch of a Greek official to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in view of the important economic and cultural Italian interests in Greece.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has requested that the Greek Legation to the Advisory Council for Italy be requested to inform the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the results of its efforts in this regard.

Italian words in parentheses are translated into English and are not to be taken as a recommendation of the Italian Government. However, the approval of the Italian Government is on the Advisory Council for Italy, which is the highest authority in this regard.

WILLIAM W. WOODWARD
Vice President

A. George Santarini
Deputy to the Advisory Council for Italy
Via Romagna, 42

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 300.4-4

21 November 1944

SUBJECT: Authorization to travel from Italy to Greece of Italian
Official.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your 380/385 of 6 November.
2. While it is felt that the journey would not be appropriate at the present time, it is considered that in any event the matter should first be referred to the Greek representative in Italy in order that the views of his Government may be obtained.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 380/385

6 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters
Copy to: British Resident Minister
D. S. Political Adviser

1. There has been received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Memorandum No. 6/332/385 dated October 28th, requesting the authorization for the travel from Italy to Greece of an official of the Ministry to take charge of Italian economic and cultural interests in that country.

2. It is suggested that this official be accompanied by Prof. Luciano Laurenti, Director of the Institute of Italian Archaeology in Athens.

3. Prof. Laurenti is known to the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission, A.C., to which he submitted a report on the condition of monuments in Greece. The Sub-Commission infers that Prof. Laurenti will go to Athens to resume his work in the Institute of Italian Archaeology, and they suggest that if he were to go to Athens, he be put under the supervision, or made responsible to, the American and British Schools for Classical Studies there.

4. An early expression of G-5 Section views in this matter would be appreciated for reply to the Italian Ministry.

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WILLIAM W. FORBES
Vice President, Political Section

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MEMO.

To : Political Section, AC.

1. Prof. Luciano LAUREZZI, former director of the Italian Institute at ATHENS, submitted a report on the condition of art monuments in Greece for this Subcommittee.

2. He presumably is the person for the Italian government to send to ATHENS to resume the work of the Institute. However, it is suggested at this moment that if he goes he be made responsible to or put in some way under the supervision of the American and British Schools for Classical Studies there. Dr. Gorham Stevens, the director of the American School, and Dr. Bert Hill, former director of the American School, are presumably in ATHENS, having remained there during the entire war period. It might be well to contact in addition to these two Americans, Mr. Ellis Waterhouse of the British Foreign Office, who was an attache' at the British Legation in ATHENS at the beginning of the war, was since in CAIRO, and has now presumably returned to GREECE. Mr. Waterhouse, as a former archaeologist and curator at the National Gallery in LONDON, would be the competent British official to control this matter in the absence of a director of the British School.

Ernest T. DeWald

ERNEST T. DE WALD
Major, Spec. Res.
Director.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives Sub-Comm.

May we have your views
regarding Prof. Laurenzi and
the necessity or desirability
of his going to Athens?

Please return.

W. S. Hitt
Political Section.

Oct. 30, '44.



m. 6/882/385

*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

In consideration of the important Italian interests in Greece, both economic and cultural, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs draw the attention of the Political Section on the necessity of sending as soon as possible to Athens, an official of this Ministry in order to take care of said interests. The official in question might be accompanied by Prof. Luciano LAURENZI, Director of the Institute of Italian Archaeology in Athens, well known by the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub Commission.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be very grateful therefore, if the Political Section could use its good offices in order that the two officials be authorized to reach Athens with as little delay as possible.

Rome, 23th October, 1944.

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MONUMENTS FINE ARTS & ARCH.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 380/385

24 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters

We enclose a telegram which the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs have asked should be sent to the Italian Consulate at Patras. We have no means of communicating with the latter and if there is no objection, we should be grateful if it could be sent through Allied Force Headquarters' channels.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

1 Encl: Telegram No. 2 dtd 19 Nov 44.

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FROM: MR CATTY

CAPT. DUKE

Annex. Floor 2. Room E2. Tel. Ext. 619

TO: Political Section (Mr Hopkinson)

DATE: 22 November, 1944

We do not know how this would be sent, as we have not been seeing clear text except for occasional items of special interest. We would presume that it would have the same treatment as other clear text, going out through Message Center A.C. for transmission.



Francis Duke
Captain Signal Corps

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

FROM: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
TO : Italian Consulate, Patras

No. 2: November 19. Your 3 and 4. With regard to the soldiers, I have approached the Ministry of War, which, by agreement with the Allies, is now arranging their repatriation by means of vessels.

With regard to Italian civilians, while I approve what Lanzetta has done to date, please keep in contact with Allied Authorities, which this Ministry will approach.

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Approved for dispatch: _____

____ November 1944

Mr. Cally

*Have you any idea how long
it will be sent?*

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Vis.:

R. MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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Telegramma in PARTENZA

N.° coll. 2471

Oggetto:

Data: Rimpatrio militari italiani dalla Grecia
1941, Novembre 19. ^{Tramite G.A.}

Diretto a: Consolato Italiano: PATRASO

Testo: (originale)

N.°

2 - Novembre 19. - Suoi 3 e 4. - Per quanto si riferisce militari ho interessato Ministero Guerra il quale, d'accordo con Alleati, sta già disponendo loro rimpatrio a mezzo piroscafi.

Per quanto si riferisce civili italiani, mentre approvo quanto fatto sinora da Lonzetta La prego volersi mantenere in contatto con Autorità Alleate che questo Ministero provvede interessare.

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1944, Novembre 19.
Prima: C.A.

Diretto al Consolato Italiano: PATRASCO

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FROM PILAVACHIS FOR GREEK MINISTER EXINGARIS. ARRIVED SALERNO TO ASSIST
ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCOMMODATION PARTY ARRIVING ABOUT 6 SEPT. STAYING HOTEL DIANA.
MESSAGE TO 94 SUB AREA TO MAJ R Y DEN FOR PILAVACHIS

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ACTION : SEC GEN (2)

 INFO : POL SEC
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TOP SECRET

SUGGESTED BY OFFICE OF BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER THAT AS MATTER OF
COURTESY TO ITALIAN GOVT, REFERENCE OUR F91308 OF 2 SEPT, THAT YOU INFORM
BONGHI FOR HIS SECRET INFORMATION THAT GREEK GOVT ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE
ITALY 7 SEPT. REQUEST YOU ACT ACCORDINGLY.

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Action: Secy GEN (21)

INFO: Pol Sec

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TOP SECRET

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May 29, 1944

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Request of Greek Delegate for Press Facilities.

Major Fielden told me that Mr. Kapsambelis had requested his assistance in publicizing in Italy despatches received from his Government in Cairo. He asked my reaction, saying that he personally felt that to grant this request would involve later granting similar requests from other representatives on the Council, and he wondered about the desirability of this.

I pointed out that requests would not be likely to arise from the United States, United Kingdom, French and Russian representatives, all of whom had their own publicity facilities already. That left the Yugoslavs, who, Major Fielden agreed, would quickly try to get Allied Control Commission Public Relations Office assistance in publicizing releases which would probably be even less desirable than the Greek releases. I also suggested that since the representatives on the Advisory Council were not diplomatic missions nor press bureaus in any sense of the words, it hardly seemed appropriate to indulge, no matter how indirectly, in publicity activities, and Major Fielden agreed.

Accordingly Major Fielden decided to reply evasively citing the heavy demands on communication channels between here and Cairo and other mechanical difficulties as reasons for declining the request.

J. N. G.
Joseph N. Greene

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Later: We also discussed question of "political censorship"; ⁵⁰⁵²² and possibility that reason cited in par. 2 really might be a reason in favor of granting the request - but no change resulted in the decision taken. See letter attached.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 6.

29 May 1944.

Dear Mr Kapsambelis,

I have discussed the question of the release of the news items which you kindly sent me with the relevant authorities who are responsible for the distribution and transmission of news in this theatre. Although we have every sympathy with your desires in this matter, we feel that since this news emanates from Cairo and is handled there for the benefit of the press, the subsequent repetition of its release in Italy is a duplication which will not be of much interest to correspondents - since their papers will have had the news from Cairo - and would, moreover, if used, overload the cables which are already very heavily employed. I am afraid that, for the time being at least, we must drop the idea. I am so sorry, but under present conditions the decision seems inevitable.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Mr G. Kapsambelis,
Villa Chara,
240 Via Alessandro Manzoni.

Copy to: Political Section.

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MEMO No. -7*785016*
20 Sept 43

To:- The Head of the Anglo-American Mission.

The Head of Civil Affairs at CORFU has asked, in order that they may keep on good terms with the local Greek authorities, if the nominal Greek Government at CAIRO is recognised by ITALY.

This High Command would like to answer in the affirmation.

However, we should first like to have confirmation on this point.

*9/22 Col. Rosci was given the reply
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Translation

Patras, October 9th. 1944



THE ROYAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

R O M E

I have the honour to confirm my telegram a copy of which I include, relayed to the above High Ministry by the kind intermission of the British Command of North-West Peloponnese.

First of all, I consider it my duty to signal to the above High Ministry the most important question represented by the Italian officers and soldiers of the ex Army of occupation in Greece.

The latter, since the 4th of October, day of liberation of Patras, pour into this place in great numbers: All of them, without exception, are reduced to serious economic conditions, ragged, without shoes, many of them suffering from malaria. Not having any means of my own, I have succeeded to obtain modest funds of personal friends, by which it has been possible to provide them with one hot meal and 200 grams of bread a day, the latter having been kindly conceded by the President of the local Committee of the International Red Cross.

I have also provided the Italian ex-militaries with lodgings offered by a most kind person worthy of the highest praise. Until to day I have counted 400 militaries (the total number is expected amount to about 1200). These, I repeat, are in sad distress, having come from the mountains where they have suffered for a whole year all sorts of discomfort in spite of the cares bestowed on them by the Greek patriots. Every single soldier has been provided with a card of identity to serve him for free circulation according to the Greek military law.

During my first interview with Colonel Jalliscoe Commander of North-West Peloponnese I have insisted on the necessity to arrange for the speediest return of those militaries to their native country. The Commander has assured me that he would speak about it to the General Commander of the British army of the Adriatic who is actually present at Patras and who on his return to Italy should rapport to the competent Royal authority.

May I, subordinatesly, insist on the urgent necessity stating that the alimentary situation of the country is of the most serious. Really the International Red Cross, having been able to extend its beneficial work over the zone of Patras only since January past, cannot at this moment provide for the alimentation of these militaries, as it distributes provisions only to 45.000.- inhabitants of the 80.000.- composing the population. Besides the stock of provisions at its disposal is actually very much limited and it is impossible to replenish it, except by the direct way from abroad, as before they used to arrive from Athens, which way is now closed, after the liberation of the Peloponnese.

The Greek Commanders of the various services have promised to help me wholeheartedly : First among them is the mayor, patriot FUFOS, a personal acquaintance of mine, and the Commander of the town's police, patriot ZEMERIS who is personally obliged to me for some preceding services. I reckon besides, in short to have an interview with Minister Cannelopulo, representative of the Greek Government.

Anyhow, I take the liberty to ask the High Ministry to consider the situation, which is in truth desperate and I shall be very much obliged if you will put me in the position to resolve it in the best possible way and as soon as can be done, being aware that I do not dispose of any funds and those raised with the help of friendly people will allow me to prolong the modest assistance initiated at the utmost until 20ieth of October.

In this work I enjoy the useful cooperation of Lieutenant Colonel Tizio of the 24th artillery regiment of the ex Division "Piemonte", himself also a refugee in the mountains from the first. He would be very grateful to the High Ministry if it would communicate his news to his family in Rome,

I intend in a short time to communicate a first list of names of the militaries assembled at Patras : All of them wish ardently to quieten, at last for the moment, their respective families.

ITALIAN COLONY. - As I have succeeded in the past to include 20% or 1400 persons among the 45.000.- who benefit by the International Red Cross, I hold the opinion that the examination and solution of the equally important question of assistance to our countrymen, who are also in need of every possible help, might be postponed for a short time.

As I have had the honour to communicate in my telegram, the last news of Commander Lanzetta arrived on the first days of last September. In May the Royal Consul has undergone a serious operation of the eyes with a very good result in every respect. Therefore may I ask the High Ministry to have the kindness as to quieten Mrs. Lanzetta, resident in via Lucrezio Caro Nr....

In Athens is also residing the Royal Chancellor Commander Agostino Cecchi with whom I have been able to communicate until the 20ieth of September this year. I am sure that he will be very grateful if the High Ministry would be so kind as to notify his son, Royal Chancellor Roberto Cecchi, who is supposed to be in service at a Royal Chancellery in Switzerland.

At last I ask the favour to notify my sister, Mrs. Adelaide Teresi, in Rome, via Salaria 162/9, in the name of my mother, my wife, my nephew and myself.

May I repeat to the High Ministry the expression of my sentiments of profound devotion with the assurance never to have failed the service trusted to me by Comm. Lanzetta in September 1943 and after ²⁰⁸⁵ repeatedly confirmed by Comm. Eugenio Frato, Royal Delegate in Athens, who has returned to Italy in May last and as I have been informed, has succeeded to reach Rome.

G.ROSSI - Governor at the Italian Royal Consulate of Patras.

P.S. May I ask to forward the answer, if possible, by way of the kind British Military Command and by air.

C O F Y

E I E C R A M

Patras, the 5th October 1944

ROYAL ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

R O M E

Patras being liberated on the 4th of October (,) the kindness of the Commander of the Allied Forces of North West Peloponnese Colonel Jallioce offers me the possibility to communicate the following :

September 19th. 1943 before leaving for Athens to return to Italy (,) Consul Commander Lenzetta Umberto (,) obtains authorization for me to remain at Patras in order to secure assistance for the local colony (,) amounting to nearly 2000 persons (.)

March 10th. German military authorities proceed to close the Consulate by force after having arrested myself for having given assistance to Italian militaries who had escaped imprisonment (.) Having succeeded to avoid grave consequences after my arrest I continue secret work in spite of persecution by the local fascist section established after the closing of the Consulate (.) The Italian Colony needs assistance on a large scale the victuals received during the last few months by the International Red Cross being insufficient (.) I announce the presence of numerous Italian soldiers and officers at Patras (,) who are hard up (,) having fled from the German imprisonment since September 1943 (.)

The Royal Consul Commander Lenzetta (,) enjoys still hospitality in Athens because of a grave operation of the eyes effected May last (.) Also Commander Cecchi Agostino (,) Chancellor of the Royal ex Consulate Athens-Epirus remains in Athens having communication with Consul Lenzetta (.) I hope soon to be able to communicate freely with both the above mentioned (.) The latest news date from September c.a.

I beg to pass me instructions eventually (.)

Pleased to be able to express my respectful and devoted salutations (.)

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Chancellor GUIDO ROSSI

of the Royal Italian Consulate Patras
Mezence Street Nr. 71



Churchill's speech to House
of Commons--May 24, 1944

Greece

I am now happy to announce a hopeful turn in Greek affairs. All parties will be represented in the new Government, and Greece has a chance of shaking off the disastrous defeat.

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