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MEMORANDUM

Rome, September 29, 1944.

To: Political Section, ACC.

Subject: Financial Assistance to United Nations  
Nationals in Liberated Italy.

The Department of State has requested a list of United States and other American republic nationals receiving financial assistance in southern areas of Italy including Sicily through the Allied Control Commission.

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18 October 1944

Subject: Transfer of Dollar Credits from Soviet Accounts to Order of Yugoslav Partisans in Italy

To: Brigadier General Charles M. Spofford, Assistant Chief of Staff,  
3-5, Allied Force Headquarters, AFHQ

1. You will have seen copy of TOP SECRET memorandum from U.S. Political Adviser, signed G. F. Reinhardt, dated October 9, on the above subject.
2. As you know, we wrote you on this subject on 16 August and 23 August, to which you replied on 31 August stating that you had taken up the matter with the Combined Civil Affairs Committee, London, with a request for guidance.
3. With respect to the last paragraph of Mr. Reinhardt's letter, my letters of August 16th and 23rd reflect the Commission's views on this subject.

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WILHELM W. STONE  
Commodore, USNR  
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Political Section, ACC ✓  
U.S. Political Adviser, AFHQ  
British Resident Minister, AFHQ

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18 October 1944

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ELLEN W. STONE  
Commodore, USNR  
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Political Section, AOC ✓  
U.S. Political Adviser, AFHQ  
British Resident Minister, AFHQ

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TOP SECRET

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October 9, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-2 (C.I.)  
G-3 Special Operations  
G-5  
British Resident Minister  
Political Section, ACO,  
Ambassador Kirk, Rome

SUBJECT : Transfer of dollar credits from Soviet accounts to  
order of Yugoslav Partisans in Italy.

The Department of State has suggested that we bring to the attention of the appropriate military authorities at AFHQ and of the Allied Control Commission for Italy, the following matter:

The Bank of Naples was recently authorized to pay in lire the equivalent of \$90,000 to Ivan Milutinovic, "Representative and Attorney for Financial Affairs National Committee People's Liberation of Yugoslavia." It would appear that this transaction was ordered by the head of the Yugoslav Partisan Military Mission in the Soviet Union.

Similar transactions, it is important to note, in the amounts of \$130,000 and \$30,000 respectively were made on August 3 and August 26.

The Department has suggested that this series of transactions be brought to the attention of the military authorities concerned with the activities of the Soviet Mission to the Partisans, as well as to the Control Commission, in view of recent reports concerning what appear to be excessive rates of expenditures on the part of the Soviet representative of \$250,000 in a two months' period may also be in excess of the sum necessary for balancing the accounts of the Partisan Mission in Moscow and the Soviet Mission to the Partisans. The possibility that a part of these funds may be used for political purposes under the direction of the Soviet Missions in this theater cannot be excluded.

Your views on the foregoing would be appreciated, particularly with respect to the question of the approval of future transactions of this kind. In this connection it is pointed out, however, that these transactions could be stopped only with some difficulty since up to the present they represent only transfers from Soviet accounts.

For the U.S. Political Advisor:

G. F. Reinhardt

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

CMS/CF/JJR

31 August 1944

SUBJECT: Advance of Lire to Advisory Council for Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission  
APO 394 (Attn: Acting Chief Commissioner)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your two letters on the above subject, A/CC 100 of 18 August and of 23 August. You point to the disproportion which appears in the sums drawn by the various delegations, and ask whether further advances should be made without requiring supporting information.

2. TAM Airgram 8 of 18 March 1944, addressed to this Headquarters, as you cite, authorized the Supreme Allied Commander to advance lire in amounts which he considers reasonable to meet expenses incurred in Italy by the national delegations to the Advisory Council. For the present it is not desired that the delegations be called upon for explanations, though you should observe closely the amounts drawn and take note of any information available as to the disposition made of them. You will keep this Headquarters informed.

3. In the meantime the matter is being brought to the knowledge of the Combined Civil Affairs Committee, London, with a request for guidance. Similar problems may arise in connection with control authorities set up in other conquered countries, and it is felt that the CCAC should be consulted before taking any action which must inevitably have political as well as purely fiscal implications.

  
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5 6504

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A/C 100

23 August 1944

SUBJECT: Advance of Line to Advisory Council for Italy

TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 312

1. Reference is made to our letter of 16 August 1944 concerning the above subject (A/C 100).

2. We have discovered that a clerical error was made in the May figures in compiling the table in para 3. The table should read as follows:

|       | American | British | German    | Japanese | Greek     | French |
|-------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| April | 10,625   | 1,075   | 1,075     | 51,518   | 1,070     | 1,070  |
| May   | 1,212    | 305     | 1,000,755 | 50,305   | 100,205   | 205    |
| June  | 3,010    | 110     | 1,000,455 | 50,055   | 100,055   | 55     |
| July  | 3,149    | 425     | 2,300,350 | 30,000   | 800,000   | --     |
|       | 18,596   | 1,715   | 4,302,635 | 702,078  | 1,001,430 | 1,430  |

3. This correction does not change in any way the facts set forth in para 2, the conclusion, and request contained in para 4.

A 927  
24 AUG 1944

WILLIAM W. WIGG  
Captain, USMC  
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: The Hon. Alexander Kirk  
Sir Noel Charles

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C O P Y

A/CC 100

16 August 1944

SUBJECT: Advance of Lire to Advisory Council for Italy

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

1. Reference is made to TAM Airgram 8 of 15 March 1944 from CCAC to FMIGS concerning above subject.

2. Monthly statements of the advances made to each delegation as reported to AFA by the Finance Agent of the Advisory Council for Italy have been sent to you for your files and for forwarding to Washington and London. In addition to these advances, the Russian delegation received remittances from Moscow of 7,480,000 lire during July via the Bank of England.

3. Para one of above reference authorizes advance by AFA of Lire "...in amounts which you consider reasonable...". An examination of the statements for April, May, June and July discloses that, in addition to itemized disbursements such as Furniture and Equipment, Office Supplies, Rations and Laundry, the following amounts have been advanced in Lire for Miscellaneous Current Expenses:

|       | <u>AMERICAN</u> | <u>BRITISH</u> | <u>RUSSIAN</u>              | <u>JUGOSLAV</u> | <u>GREEK</u>       | <u>FRENCH</u> |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| April | 10,625          | 1,075          | 1,075                       | 51,518          | 1,070              | 1,070         |
| May   | 104,466         | 70,714         | 1,001,655                   | 80,367          | 134,152            | 31,058        |
| June  | 3,610           | 110            | 1,600,000<br>400<br>55      | 200,000<br>55   | 100,000<br>55      | 55            |
| July  | 3,149           | 425            | 300,000<br>350<br>2,000,000 | 300,000<br>200  | 400,000<br>400,000 | 65,028        |
|       | 121,850         | 72,324         | 4,583,535                   | 632,140         | 1,035,277          | 32,183        |

4. In view of the disproportion in these sums as between delegations and the increasing amounts of monthly advances to certain delegations, it would be appreciated if you would inform us whether or not you consider that further advances should be made without requiring supporting information.

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ELLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Acting Chief Commissioner

*See page 13081/F.*  
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WAR PENSIONS TO  
AMERICAN NATIONALS  
IN ITALY



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IN REPLY REFER TO

FILE NO. 103,9992,  
GLB/BHdeC

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICAAMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL  
Naples, Italy, May 11, 1944.Samuel Reber, Esquire,  
Vice President Allied Control Commission,  
Political Section.

Dear Sam:

Thanks for sending me the file on the Veterans' cases involving Mrs. Maria Rosario Virgilio Russo and Mrs. Maria Rosa Chiaiano, and the accompanying letter of April 27, 1944, from Don Renato Prunas of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs expressing the desire of the Italian authorities to be informed of the opening of new American Consular offices in Italy. The correspondence is returned herewith as you request.

If you reply to Don Renato Prunas' letter you may wish to embody the following information in your letter:

1. The Consulate at Palermo with Consul General Nester in charge, was opened for public business on February 11, 1944;
2. The consular district of the Palermo Consulate covers the Island of Sicily;
3. Consul General Brandt has arrived in Naples to open the Consulate General at Naples, and
4. When the Consulate General at Naples is opened for public business the Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be informed.

Sincerely yours,

  
George L. Brandt,  
American Consul General.Enclosures:  
letters in above cases.

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R. MINISTERO  
DEGLI  
AFFARI ESTERI

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Salerno, April 27th, 1944

Dear Reber,

I write to thank you for your letter of 13th inst., and for your kind interest in the matter of Signora Maria Rosaria Virgilio and Signora Maria Rosa Chaiaino. I note that they will both have to apply direct to the U.S. Veterans Bureau in Washington, D.C., through the American Consul General at Palermo, and this until another American Consular Office will be opened on the mainland of Liberated Italy.

In this connection I wish to recall our conversation of 10th March ult., when it was agreed that, within the framework of the "de facto" re-establishment of the consular relations between the two Countries, you would have kept us informed of subsequent openings of Nord-American Consulates in Liberated Italy giving at the same time notice thereof in the press.

This would, above all, enable us to give the relevant instructions to all Italian Authorities whom the new Consular Offices will have to contact for reasons of their work.

I shall accordingly be particularly grateful, my dear Reber, if in due course you will inform us of the opening of the proposed new American Consular Office in Liberated Italy, giving us at the same time the name of the Official appointed and the territorial jurisdiction of the new Office. The last information would, as a matter of fact, be of interest also in the case of the new Consulate for (



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Truly yours  
Samuel Reber Esq.,  
Vice President  
Allied Control Commission  
Political Section,

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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

U.S. ARMY

April 13, 1944.

Dear Prunas:

I have had an investigation made with regard to the possibility of resuming United States pension payments, particularly with reference to the cases of Mrs. Maria Rosa Calais in Poto and Mrs. Maria Rosaria Virgilio Russo mentioned in your letters Nos. 1270 and 1654 of March 15 and March 29 respectively.

There is in preparation a plan whereby individuals entitled to United States pensions may apply to the U. S. Veterans Bureau in Washington through the American Consul General at Palermo. Individuals therefore should address their applications to the American Consul General in Palermo. As soon as another Consular office is opened on the mainland of Italy, applications will be handled through that office.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Reber  
Vice President Allied Control Commission  
Political Section

His Excellency  
don Renato Prunas,  
Secretary General,  
Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

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Ref: 13025/F

7 APRIL 1944 *SR*MEMORANDUM

To - Mr. Samuel Reber,  
Vice President, Allied Control Commission.

1. Reference the case of Mrs. Maria Rosaria Virgilio Russo, concerning whom Sig. R. Prunas writes under date 29 March 1944.
2. The American Consul-General at Palermo, Mr. Alfred T. Nestor, hopes soon to inaugurate a plan whereby those entitled to U.S. Government pensions may apply to the U.S. Veterans Bureau at Washington through his office.
3. Application should therefore be made to the Consul-General, American Consulate, Palermo, Sicily.

*G. W. Foley*  
Colonel,  
Joint Director,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

*JAM/tlt*

Copy to AFA HQ.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394

13025/F

6 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Resumption of Pension Payments

TO : Mr. S. Reber,  
Political Section.

1. Reference attached letter from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. We requested information from CCS some time ago on the possibility of resumption of pension payments and have had as yet no reply. When general instructions are received you will be notified.

*G. W. F. J. h*  
Colonel,  
Joint Director,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY  
APO 194

Ref: FAH/75/964  
4 April 1944.

Subject: Pensions to U.S. Veterans.

To: Allied Financial Agency, Naples.  
" " " Bari.  
" " " Cassini.  
" " " Region IV.

1. Enquiries are frequently coming forward from U.S. World War Veterans, as to resumption of payment of their pensions, which have been suspended since 1940.

2. The American Consul General at Palermo hopes soon to inaugurate a plan whereby those entitled to pensions of this nature may apply to the U.S. Veterans Bureau at Washington, through his office.

3. All enquiries therefore, should be addressed to:-

American Consul General,  
American Consulate,  
Palermo, ITALY.

JMP

James M. Miller,  
Major, Spec. Res.  
Chief of AFA.

JAE/tlt

Copies to - Mr. Samuel Roper, Vice President, Allied Control  
Commission.  
Joint Directorate, Finance Sub-Commission.

AFA, Palermo.



R. MINISTERO  
DEGLI  
AFFARI ESTERI

No 1654

Financial Sub-Commission  
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Salerno, March 29, 1944.

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| INITIALS | ✓ |

Dear Reber,

Mrs. Maria Rosaria Virgilio Russo, age 83, residing in Crispiano (Taranto) Via Lepanto 2, has informed this Ministry that up to the outbreak of this war she was the beneficiary of a U.S. Government monthly pension (XC-89637) granted her following the death of her son Anthony Russo, fallen while serving with the American Forces during the world war.

Mrs. Virgilio Russo is blind and in dire financial conditions because her only remaining daughter is permanently sick. Therefore she trusts the American Authorities will examine the possibility of urgently resuming payment of said pension.

Under the circumstances I would be very grateful should you give me the possibility of answering Mrs. Virgilio Russo whose appeal for help is truly pressing.

Very sincerely yours,

R. Russo

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

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R. MINISTERO  
DEGLI  
AFFARI ESTERI

*No 1385*  
*8/4/44*  
Salerno, March 20, 1944.

Dear Reber,

I would be very grateful if you could kindly let me know whether you have received any answer from the competent authorities on the question submitted on January 7th, concerning the payment of war pension due by the U/S . Government to Mrs. Carmela Carbonara of Triggiano (Bari).

Very sincerely yours,  
*R. Reber*

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

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ROUTINE

TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF  
 REPRATED : USFOR FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF  
 REF NO : W 5388/65764  
 SIGNED : WILSON CITE : FIDGS

This is MAT 165

Reference/70 of 6 November and TAM 117 of 29 December.

(1) Some military missions requesting bulk advances of lire for relief payments to own Nationals on scales determined by them. Some missions also requesting relatively substantial sums without furnishing explanation of use to which funds will be put. AGC are of opinion that they have no authority to make advances in either case. Have given provisional authority for bulk advances for the first but not for second category.

(2) Necessary have ruling on how far relief extended United Nations Nationals is proper charge against Italian Government. Italian relief rates most instances too low and additional relief necessary. Where United Nations Nationals arrived in ITALY of own accord relief in excess of Italian rates would appear to be justifiable charge against government concerned. Where United Nations arrived in ITALY not of own volition but as part of Axis Internment Policy should cost of additional relief be debited to government concerned or to the Italian Government.

ORIGINATOR: MIS

AUTH: L. H. PORGAN, LT. CHIEF.

INFO : DDC  
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R. MINISTERO  
DEGLI  
AFFARI ESTERI

N° 1270

Financial Section  
What can I say?

Salerno, March 15, 1944.

SR

Dear Reber,

Mrs. Maria Rosa Chialino in Poto residing in Controne (Salerno), aged 81, has informed this Ministry that up to the outbreak of this war she received from the U.S. Government a monthly pension of \$45.00 (XC-634104) granted her following the death of her son Anthony, fallen while serving with the American Forces during the world war.

Mrs. Poto is in dire financial conditions and trusts the American Authorities will examine the possibility of resuming payment of said pension.

I would be grateful if under the circumstances you would give me the possibility of answering the old lady as soon as possible.

Yours very sincerely,

R. P. P. P.

Samuel Reber, Esq.,  
Vice President A.C.C.  
Political Section  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394 U.S. Army

January 28, 1944.

Sir:

With reference to your communication of January 7, 1944, concerning the desire of the Italian Government that the possibility of resuming payment of American war pensions be examined, I am informed that it has been decided that the question of pensions will be left for settlement until after the policy in regard to remittances from Allied countries is regularized. At the present moment, this question is under consideration.

I am, Sir,

Sincerely, Mrs,

Samuel Reber  
Director  
Political Section

His Excellency  
don Rinaldo Prunas,  
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry for  
Foreign Affairs

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394

13025/F

26 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Payment of pensions by U.S.A. to Italian nationals.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Samuel Reber,  
Headquarters,  
Allied Control Commission.  
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According to our directives, the question above mentioned will be left for settlement until after the procedure in regard to remittances from Allied countries is regularized.

Until then, U.S. citizens qualify for the approved relief, while Italian subjects, whether or not they are parents of U.S. citizens, will have to be taken care of by the Italian Government relief organization.



CARL A. MILLER,  
Lieut-Colonel,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

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Copy to:- Lieut-Colonel G.V. Claiborne,  
Chief, AFSA.

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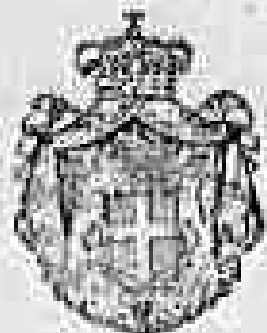


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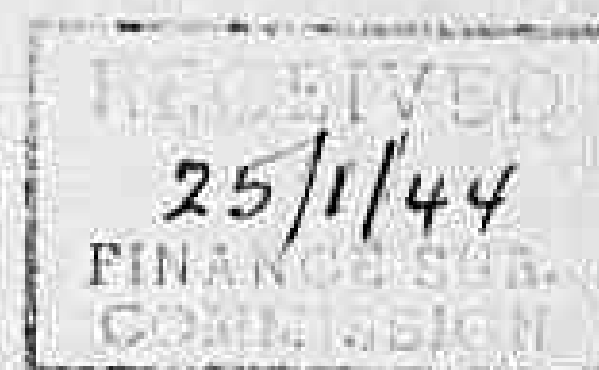
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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI



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Dear Reber,

Mrs. Carmela Carbonara of the late Francesco, widow of Signor Lagola, residing in Triggiano (Bari) Via Petrarca 36, has informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that up to the outbreak of war she received from the United States Government a war pension granted her after the death of her son, Michele Lagola, fallen in 1918 while serving in the American Army. The Italian Government trusts that, in view of the present relationship between our two countries, the American Government will examine the possibility of resuming payment of such war pensions. Italian authorities are ready to provide the Allied Control Commission with every supplementary information they might require.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation in the matter.

Sincerely yours

Mr. Samuel Reber  
Allied Control Commission  
Brindisi

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION  
AFC 394  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

8 November 1944

Reference: *13025/f*

Subject : Emergency Financial Assistance Payments to U.S. and  
other American Republic Nationals.

To : Political Section, AC.  
(Attention: Mr. Schott)

1. As requested in your memorandum dated 29 September,  
we are pleased to hand you herewith a list of subject payments  
up to the close of business 30 September 1944.

*for* *BER Timmons*  
Joint Director *Major*  
Finance Sub-Commission

Copy to: AFA, HQ.  
AFA, Accounts Branch.

Enclosures: as stated above.

*list handed to H. B. H. 9*  
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PAYMENTS TO AMERICAN  
AND BRITISH NATIONALS



Tel. 489081

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394

27 September 1944

References : 13025/F

Subject : Relief to British and American Nationals

To : Headquarters Regions IV and V  
(Finance Division)

1. It has been agreed between this Headquarters and the Swiss Legation that as soon as it is possible to do so, the Swiss Legation will effect payments for relief to American and British nationals, later handing over the responsibility to the respective Consuls.

2. On receipt of this letter, relief payments by Finance Offices in Region IV and V will cease. Any applications for relief will be forwarded to this Headquarters for onward transmission to the Swiss Legation.

3. Until the Civil Postal Service is functioning, the method of effecting the payments will be as follows:-

(a) Letters addressed to the P.O.'s of each province, in which payments are to be made, will be forwarded through this Headquarters to Regions.

(b) Accompanying the letter will be an envelope addressed to the Cassa di Risparmio containing an assegno Circolare for the total amount to be paid, a list of payments to be made and the relative receipts.

(c) This envelope will be handed to the bank of the province concerned. When the payments have been effected, the receipts signed by the payees will be sent to the P.O. by the bank for return through the usual channels to the Swiss Legation.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner

(Signed) A. P. GRIFFIN SMITH

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Joint Director  
Finance Sub-CommissionCopy: to A.P.A., HQ.  
: Political Section, APC



Joint Directors,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

1. So far as I understand the Swiss memorandum it only proposes to extend to the different provinces of Italy where there are no British or American Consuls the practice already agreed upon for Rome, i.e., that payments to British and American nationals shall continue to be made to the Swiss and not by the A.C.C. It is not clear how far from now they propose to go but there is, of course, no question of their extending this system to the South for there are already British or American Consuls at such places as Palermo, Bari and Palermo.

2. This system was adopted in Rome in order to avoid complexity. The Swiss had been looking after British and American nationals during the whole period since Italy declared war on U.K. and U.S.A. They had all their records at hand. It was therefore judged more simple to let them continue until British and American consular offices were set up in Rome. Simplicity would clearly not be served if the Swiss Legation, this office, too, to extend this system beyond were in violation of limits, in view of the difficulty of maintaining them at present. I suggest, therefore, that it is a question of discussion with the new far the Rome system should be extended territorially, and if this is agreed the Political Section would like to be represented at any such discussion.

3. In view of the above points I suggest that Mr. Riva should have further discussions with the Finance Sub-Commission and Political Section before consulting the Chief Commissioner.

Political Section,  
22.5.44.

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- 5 AUG 1944

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Subject:- Emergency Financial Assistance to U.S. & British  
Nationals.

To:- M. C. Caillat Bordier  
Legation de Suisse  
121 Via Veneto

Date: 5 Aug 44

Enclosed herewith is a list of beneficiaries under the above mentioned assistance, also a copy of the letter to the Allied Financial Agency (a department of the Finance Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission) which I hope is self explanatory.

A card index giving all the knowledge available to me in regard to these British & American Nationals, will be delivered to you after revision in this office.

I have the honour to thank you for the kind co-operation which you have offered in connection with this matter.

S.E.V. J.

S.E.V. Smith Lt. Col.  
Goldstream Guards

Finance Sub-Commission  
Allied Control Commission

Copy to:

Political Section AGC.

Col. Gaffey-Smith.

W/Cdr. Legh-Jones

Finance Sub-Commission A.G.C.

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Rome Region.

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Subject: Emergency Financial Assistance to British &  
U.S. Nationals.

to Allied Financial Agency.  
for attention . Major E.J. Gits.

I enclose herewith:-

1. My account of funds disbursed in payment of above  
mentioned financial assistance as against advance of  
5,000,000 (five million) lire received by me from AFA .

2. Pass-book from Banca d'America & d'Italia  
relative to these payments together with daily record  
of said payments as rendered to me by the bank.

3. Counterfoils of cheques issued.

No cheques are outstanding. The account EFABUSN with  
the Banca d'America & d'Italia is closed and the whole  
matter has been handed over to the Swiss Legation to  
whom list of beneficiaries has been handed.

Please inform the Banca d'America & d'Italia, Largo  
Tritone Roma, how you wish the balance on the "EFABUSN"  
account to be made over to you (A.M. or Metropolitan lire).

Alternatively if it were more convenient I can close  
the account by issuing a cheque in favour of A.F.A.. If  
this is your wish , please advise me.

X. To 21 U.S. Nationals  
- 25 British  
- 15 - (Maltese) -

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The question of disposal of funds to meet future payments has been discussed with the Swiss Legation, remittance from Switzerland being no longer practicable. I am given to understand that, for the time being, it disposes of adequate funds. I have arranged that for the future, if need arises, it will advise either A.F.A. or myself, giving reasonable notice.

*J.E.V. Smith Lt. Col.*  
S.E.V. Smith Lt. Col.  
Goldstream Guards

Finance Sub-Commission  
Allied Control Commission

2 July 1944

Copy to:

Political Section A.C.C.

Col. Graffey Smith, Finance Sub-Commission A.C.C.

W/Cdr. Leigh - Jones, R.F.C. Rome Region.

M. Gaillat - Bordier, Attaché de la Legation de Suisse.

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## Emergency Financial Assistance to British &amp; U.S. Nationals

Lt. Col. S.E.V. Smith in account with A.F.A.

| Dr.                       | Lire.      | Cr.           | Lire          |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| 12.6.44. Advance from AFA | 5,000,000. | June payments | 271,600       |
|                           |            | July "        | 4,000         |
|                           |            | Bank cheques  | 50            |
|                           |            |               | <hr/> 275,650 |

Balance at disposal  
of AFA with Banca  
d'America e d'Italia 4,724,350

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Lire 5,000,000

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SWISS DELEGATION REQUESTS FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED TO SCHLATTER  
SWISS REPRESENTATIVE ALGIERS PD PAREN TO APHC FOR UNCLE SUGAR  
POLITICAL ADVISOR FROM ACC FROM STONE PAREN MESSAGE BEGINS FOR BERN  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM BERN AND REQUEST OF ALLIED  
AUTHORITIES WE ARE CONTINUING INTERESTS INCLUDING RELIEF PAYMENTS  
FOR BRITISH AMERICAN AND OTHER STATES PD SENDING RIVA WITH STENO-  
GRAPHER TO NAPLES TO ARRANGE FOR SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO ORGANIZE  
INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN ITALY END MESSAGE

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Foreign Interests.

M E M O R A N D U M.

The Swiss Legation, Foreign Interests Division, presents its compliments to the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission and would appreciate if the enclosed telegram could be transmitted to Mr.

Schlatter of the Swiss Consulate in Algiers.

The Swiss Legation takes the opportunity to renew its thanks for the courtesy.

R o m e, July 13, 1944.

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Foreign Interests.

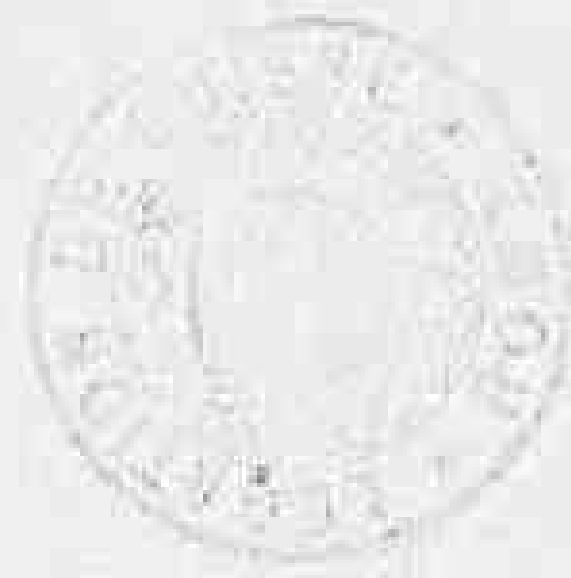
M E M O R A N D U M.

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The Swiss Legation takes the opportunity to renew its thanks for the courtesy.

R o m e, July 13, 1944.

Enclosure:  
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*Transmitted 3/13 1944*

Advanced Headquarters Allied Control Commission

June 26, 1944.

The Finance Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission presents its compliments to the Legation for Switzerland and wishes the honor to inform that, in order to obviate the hardship imposed on the people of the United States of America and of Great Britain by the payment of relief at exchange rates of 25 lire to the U. S. dollar and 100 lire to the pound sterling, the Legation for Switzerland will henceforth arrange to pay relief at such a scale as the value of 100 lire to the U. S. dollar and 100 lire to the pound sterling.

The Governments of the United States of America and of Great Britain have been requested to consider this arrangement as soon as possible to the Government of Switzerland.

A. E. Griffiths-Smith, Colonel  
Joint Director, Finance Sub-Commission



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OF ONE ZERO ZERO LINE TO THE POLMAN AND NOW ZERO ZERO LINE TO THE  
 FOUND AS IT IS URGENT THAT SWISS GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE KEPT TO  
 CONTINUE THIS ARRANGEMENT ON BEHALF OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS

Authenticated by: *[Signature]*

U.S. GOVERNMENT OF

Originator's signature:

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 MESSAGE FROM FREEDOM NUMBER FIVE ONE ZERO SEVEN FOUR FEBRUARY ONE THREE CITE VIEWS  
 AS FOLLOWS FOR YOUR INFORMATION CAN AGREE YOU INTRODUCE REDUCED SCALE OF ADVANCES  
 UNLESS DEPARTMENT OF STATE OBJECTS IN WHICH CASE QUESTION WILL NEED TO BE RECONSIDERED  
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 DETERMINING UNITED STATES NATIONALITY AGREED TO BUT BORDERLINE CASES NOT MEETING THE  
 REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO AMERICAN CONSUL CLOSEST AT HAND.

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Copy for  
 Mr. Reber

L.T. MONTAGUE, Jr.,  
 2nd Lt., ADG-5  
 Adjutant



## CONFIDENTIAL ROUTINE TELEGRAM

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FHMGS

REFERENCE YOUR 6640 FARGO 578 of 28 January

Agreed you introduce reduced scale of advances on understanding that if Department of State objects the question will need to be reconsidered. Agree procedure determining United States nationality but borderline cases not meeting the requirements should be submitted to nearest American consul.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FARGO 578

FARGO

28 JANUARY 44

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PROPOSE TO AUTHORIZE AMG SLANT ACC OFFICERS TO EFFECT TO EFFECT ADVANCES TO UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM NATIONALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN DIRECTIVES FOR PAYMENTS BY PETER WILLIAM SUBCOMMISSION PD EXPERIENCE SHOWS PROCEDURE SHOULD BE FURTHER MODIFIED IN FOLLOWING RESPECTS PD PENBASE PAREN FARGO FOR MACFARLANE PAREN TO AFHQ FOR MGS CIVIL AFFAIRS AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER RPTD IBS FOR ROGERS FOR AMERICAN CONSUL PD CITE FARGO FIVE SEVEN EIGHT PD PAREN ABLE PAREN AMOUNT OF ADVANCES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO FOUR ZERO ZERO ZERO LIRE PER MONTH PER NATIONAL WHILE NO HOUSEHOLD MAY BE ADVANCED MORE THAN ONE TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO LIRE PER MONTH PD REDUCED SCALE OF ADVANCES TO UNITED STATES NATIONALS AND LIMITATION UPON UNITED KINGDOM HOUSEHOLDS SUGGESTED IN LINE WITH EFFORTS TO CONTROL INFLATIONARY RISE IN PRICES CMA COST OF LIVING AND MORE CLOSELY TO ACCORD WITH AMOUNTS APPROVED FOR REMITTANCES PD PAREN BAKER PAREN DETERMINATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY PD THE DATE OF VALIDITY OF PASSPORTS CMA CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION OR NOTICES OF APPROVAL SHOULD BE THREE ZERO JUNE ONE NINE FOUR ONE INSTEAD OF SEVEN DECEMBER ONE NINE FOUR ONE SINCE SUBSEQUENT TO JUNE THREE ZERO NO PASSPORTS COULD BE VALIDATED IN ITALY AND THOSE ISSUED PRIOR TO THAT DATE WERE VALID ONLY FOR LIMITED PERIODS AND HAD EXPIRED BY DECEMBER SEVEN PD IN ADDITION REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CMA FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING NATIONALITY FOR RELIEF PAYMENTS EVIDENCE THAT PAYMENTS HAD BEEN MADE BY SWISS REPRESENTATIVES PD AUTHORITY TO INAUGURATE THIS PROCEDURE IS REQUESTED URGENTLY

J.F. NICKEL  
Lt. Col., AGD  
Adjutant General



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PATIMA (FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION)

16 MARCH 1944

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GRAFFTEY-SMITH

FREEDOM

IN VIEW OF DISTINCT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION IN QUESTION  
OF PROPRIETY OF CHARGING TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RELIEF PAYMENTS TO UNITED NATIONS NATIONALS  
AT HIGHER RATES THAN THOSE TO ITALIAN NATIONALS FEEL STRONGLY MATTER SHOULD BE REFERRED  
TO CCS PD PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR MCS FROM PATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN REFERENCE YOUR  
SIX FOUR FIVE ONE SEVEN DATED ONE FOUR MARCH PD SOUTHARD CONCURS PD WE SHALL CONSIDER  
OURSELVES AUTHORIZED TO MAKE LUMP SUM ADVANCES TO MISSIONS FOR RELIEF THEIR NATIONALS  
ON UNDERSTANDING THEY WILL KEEP ADEQUATE RECORDS PD WE SHALL MAKE NO OTHER ADVANCES  
EXCEPT FOR REASONABLE OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF MISSIONS UNTIL DIRECTIVE HAS BEEN  
RECEIVED FROM CCS

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L. T. MONTANT,  
2/Lieut, AGD,  
Adjutant.



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ALLIED COUNCIL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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WE ARE OF OPINION THAT WHEN UNITED NATIONS NATIONALS ARE IN ITALY NOT REPT OF CONVOYATION BUT AS PART OF AXIS INTERMENT POLICY SHALL COST OF RELIEF A: RATES HIGHER THAN PRESENT ITALIAN RATES IS JUSTIFIABLE CHARGE AGAINST ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. (TO FACILITATE SIGNED CIRC CITE THIS REFERENCE YOUR 2006 OF 13 MARCH) COST OF RUNNING PARANETS INTERMENT CAMP OF SCALE LAID DOWN BY AXIS AUTHORITIES WAS THROUGH OUR ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH LOCAL INTERMENTS ABOVE (1). (2) REMOVAL OF AREA TO MAKE DUE ADVANCE TO MISSIONS FOR RELIEF OUR NATIONALS HAS RESULTED IN REQUESTS FROM DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES FOR CONVERSION BY MOS OF FRANCE INTO LINE FOR THIS PURPOSE. DO NOT FAVOR SUCH CONVERSIONS BUT IF AREA CONTINUES REFUSE MAKE LINE ADVANCES DIFFICULT TO RESIST REQUESTS. (3) ON RECEIPT YOUR OBSERVATIONS OF PARAGRAPH ONE MATTER WILL BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON FOR COVERING SANCTION. YOU SHOULD PROCEED ON BASIS OF PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN YOUR PARAGRAPH TWO IN MEANTIME.

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L. V. BENTLEY,  
 2/15/44,  
 Adjutant.

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FATIMA (POLITICAL SEC)

10 MARCH 44

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 UNITED NATIONS NATIONALS OTHER THAN BRITISH AND AMERICAN

Copy to:  
 Mr. Reber  
 Political sec

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L. T. HANFARLANE JR.  
 2nd Lt. AGO  
 Adjutant

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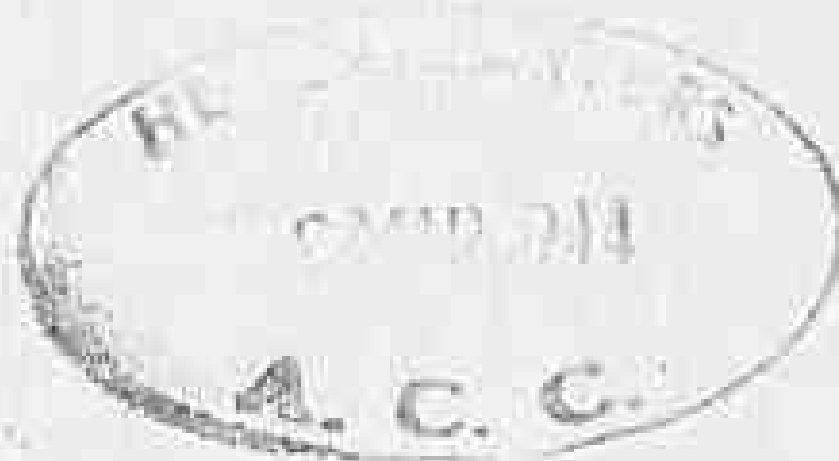
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CITE FHMGs REFERENCE 1781 OF 7 MARCH). IF YOU MEAN FARGO 578  
REPLY WAS CONVEYED IN MY 51074 OF 13 FEBRUARY. LETTER MGS/018.2  
OF 2 MARCH ALSO REFERS

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WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY FARGO FIVE SEVEN SEVEN JANUARY TWO EIGHT PAREN TO AETH  
FOR MS FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN RELATING ADVANCES UNITED NATIONS NATIONALS

*Copy for  
Mr. Roberts*

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I.T. MONTANT, JR.,  
2nd Lt., AGH,  
Adjutant

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28 JANUARY 44

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J.F. NICKEL,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General



UNITED FINANCIAL AGENCY

PALERMO OFFICE

AFA/190

Palermo 22 Feb 44.

Subject : Remittance to Sicily from U.S.A.

To : A.F.A. Headquarters, Naples, Region III,  
attention Lt. Col. Claiborne.

1. With further reference to TAN Airgram No. 1 of 7 January 1944, and in particular to para 5 thereof, the undersigned called on Consul General Kestor today to discuss with him some details of the remittance scheme.

2. Mr. Kestor agreed that neither AFA nor the Bank of Sicily should be charged with the responsibility of determining the nationality of beneficiaries and suggested that the New York bank submit every application involving a payment to an American citizen to the Department of State who are in possession of all the documents which were formerly in Palermo. This Department would approve the remittance at the higher rate and AFA would merely be responsible for advising the Consul General here when payment has been effected.

(signed)

E.F. BRAY  
MAJOR AFA

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R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394

13025/F

21 February 1944

SUBJECT: Procedure re Remittances from U.S. and U.K. to Sicily.

TO: Regional Finance Officer, Sicily Region,  
for Allied Financial Agency, Palermo.

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1. Refer to TAM Airgram 1 from CCAC to FIMGS, dated 7 January 1944 (sic), and cable 1092 dated 19 February 1944. After consultation with the Political Section of ACC, it has been agreed that the Banco di Sicilia, upon receipt of lists of remittances from U.S. banks, will at once prepare and submit to the U.S. consul-general, Palermo with a copy for Allied Financial Agency Palermo, a list of all payees indicated as American citizens, and amounts to be paid to them, with a request that the consul-general certify to the Banco di Sicilia such payees as are in fact American nationals, and entitled to receive amounts specified in excess of 10,000 Lire per household per quarter. No payment whatsoever shall be made to payees on this list until the consul-general has certified that the payee is an American citizen. If this procedure results in undue delay in the receipt of lire by American nationals, or prevents the payment of 10,000 Lire to persons on the list who are not in fact American citizens, it is requested that the consul-general so inform the Allied Financial Agency, Palermo, and submit to it, for transmittal to the Finance Sub-Commission, suggestions for obviating these difficulties. The Banco di Sicilia should provide the list of American payees to the Consul-General without any additional fee.
2. Attention is also directed to the change in accounting procedure contemplated in paragraph 2 (a) of TAM Airgram 1, which specifies that dollars will be credited to the AF Account of the Banco di Sicilia only after U.S. banks have received receipts executed by designated beneficiaries and guarantees by the Banco di Sicilia that designated persons received the payments. No change in the agreed fee will be made as a result of this revision in accounting procedure.
3. It is requested that Headquarters, Allied Financial Agency, be advised after the preceding instructions have been executed, and after any additional correspondence between the Banco di Sicilia and U.S. banks which may be required by other paragraphs of TAM Airgram 1 has been forwarded.
4. It is noted that a copy of TAM Airgram 1 was addressed by MGS directly to the Regional Finance Commissioner, Sicily Region on 14 February. However, three significant paragraphs are quoted in the enclosure, to assure prompt receipt by the Allied Financial Agency Palermo.
5. A letter received from the Bank of England, setting forth the terms and conditions for remittances from the United Kingdom, is also enclosed.

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For Lieut-General MACRABLANE, CARL A MILLER, Lt-Col  
Finance Sub-Commission.

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BANK OF ENGLAND,

LONDON, E. C. 2.

10th February, 1944.

Banco di Sicilia,  
Palermo,  
Italy.

Gentlemen,

The Bank of England are advised by His Majesty's Treasury of arrangements whereby, with the approval of the Allied Commission of Control, certain payments to residents in Sicily, or in some areas of the mainland of Italy as may be authorized for this purpose by the Allied Control Commission, may from time to time be made through the medium of your Institution. The Bank of England have been asked to facilitate these arrangements by opening in their books a sterling account in the name of the Banco di Sicilia to be designated "A.C. Account", to which account sterling amounts in respect of these payments are to be credited.

The Bank of England are prepared, at the request of your Institution, to open a non-interest-bearing current account in your name for this purpose and I accordingly propose that the following technical arrangements should govern all operations on the account:-

1. When a receipt has been obtained from the Bank of England the requisite Exchange Control permission he will arrange for his bank to pay to the Bank of England the sterling amount to be credited. The Bank of England will credit the account of the Banco di Sicilia and will also forward to that details of the payments. These details will be advised in a schedule stating the amounts concerned, the names of payees and of the beneficiaries. On receipt of the schedule the Banco di Sicilia will pay to the named beneficiaries the lire equivalent at a rate of Lit.400 to the £1, less their customary banking charges. The Banco di Sicilia will advise the Bank of England in due course of the charges which they propose to apply in this connection.
2. If the Banco di Sicilia is unable to effect a payment within one month after receipt of instructions, they will advise the Bank of England promptly through the Allied Commission, quoting full details of the item; they will also state the sterling equivalent of any charges which may have been incurred by them, so that the amount of the original payment, less charges, may be returned to the bank by whom it was tendered.

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C C K B I - D C I V I L A F F A I R S - U N C L A S S I F I E D

TAM Airgram 1. 7 January 1944

From : CCAC

To : FINOC

Subject : U.S. Procedure re Remittances to Sicily

Ref : HCS/123.7 16 January 1944; TAM 140

1. U.S. Treasury Department issued on 7 February 1944, General License No. 32A (attached as Enclosure No.1) and Press release (attached as Enclosure No.2) putting into effect Sicilian remittance program in general conformity with procedure outlined in your 16 January 1944 letter, except that no provision has been made for the execution of waiver of responsibility of the Allied Military Government as contemplated by your paragraph 2 (C). Since it is felt here that such requirement would constitute an unnecessary administrative burden and delay program, and would unnecessarily raise issue of participation of this government and AMG in this program. Moreover, no basis for responsibility of this government or AMG would appear to exist. It is considered unnecessary also to require remitter to execute statement that duplicate remittances are not being made, in view of the check in this respect by Banco di Sicilia as indicated in your paragraph 2 (E) (1), and since experience has indicated that duplicate remittances have not been prevalent to any material extent in connection with remittances subject to freezing controls.

2. Banks designated in your cable 21 January 1944 have been notified of their selection by the Bank of Sicily as correspondents, and these banks have been instructed to forward their remittance schedules as outlined in your 16 January 1944 letter addressed to Banco di Sicilia, AMG No.4400, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York. Replies have been procured thus far from New York banks only. With respect to accounts to be opened by such designated banks, you are requested to facilitate prompt submission to these banks by Banco di Sicilia of following:

- (a) Request from Banco di Sicilia that account be opened on terms specified, i.e., that credits to accounts for remittances will be made only after banks here have received (i) receipts executed by designated beneficiaries and (ii) guarantees by Banco di Sicilia that designated persons have received the payments.
- (b) Specimen signatures of persons authorized to operate accounts and execute guarantees that designated beneficiaries received remittance payments.
- (c) Authentication by appropriate Allied Military Authorities of signatures and authority of persons who will operate accounts and execute guarantees.

3. It is urged that you proceed as promptly as possible toward the effectuation of arrangements of a similar character with respect to remittances to allied-occupied zones of Italian mainland and to Sardinia as soon as conditions in such areas permit the resumption of remittance facilities.

4. For your information there are quoted letters from the New York banks designated as correspondents of Banco di Sicilia in which conditions of acceptance of accounts are detailed.

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1. U.S. Treasury Department issued on February 1944, General Release No. 2, putting (attached as Enclosure No. 1) and press release (attached as Enclosure No. 2) putting into effect Sicilian remittance program in general conformity with procedure outlined in your 16 January 1944 letter, except that no provision has been made for the execution of waiver of responsibility of the Allied Military Government as contemplated by your paragraph 2 (c). Since it is felt here that such requirement would constitute an unnecessary administrative burden and delay program, and would unnecessarily raise issue of participation of this government and AMG in this program. Moreover, no basis for responsibility of this government or AMG would appear to exist. It is considered unnecessary also to require remitter to execute statement that duplicate remittances are not being made, in view of the check in this respect by Banco di Sicilia as indicated in your paragraph 2 (f) (1), and since experience has indicated that duplicate remittances have not been prevalent to any material extent in connection with remittances subject to freeding controls.

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(a) Request from Banco di Sicilia that account be opened on terms specified, i.e., that credits to accounts for remittances will be made only after banks have received (i) receipts executed by designated beneficiaries and (ii) guarantees by Banco di Sicilia that designated persons received the payments.

(b) Specimen signatures of persons authorized to operate accounts and execute guarantees that designated beneficiaries received remittance payments.

(c) Authentication by appropriate Allied Military Authorities of signatures and authority of persons who will operate accounts and execute guarantees.

3. It is urged that you proceed as promptly as possible toward the effectuation of arrangements of a similar character with respect to remittances to allied-occupied zones of Italian mainland and to Sardinia as soon as conditions in such areas permit the resumption of remittance facilities.

4. For your information there are quoted letters from the New York banks designated as correspondents of Banco di Sicilia in which conditions of acceptance of accounts are detailed.

#### GUARANTEE TRUST

"We will be pleased to open an account on our books to be designated 'Bank of Sicily AF Account' to facilitate remittances to designated payees. We would require specimen signatures of those authorized to operate the account, the genuineness and the authority of the signature to be authenticated by the appropriate Allied Forces Military Authorities. This account to be credited only after we have received receipts of designated payee and guarantee of the Bank of Sicily that the designated payee personally received payment."

#### CHASE NATIONAL BANK

"Referring to our recent conversation regarding the initiation of mail remittance to Sicily, we understand that the Banco di Sicilia Palermo is expecting to receive a



cable from us as to whether we are prepared to handle remittances to civilians in Sicily, and under what conditions. Consequently, we would thank you to dispatch the following cable to the Banco di Sicilia, Palermo:-

"Under proper U.S. Treasury license we are prepared to transmit through your intermediary and subject approval U.S. authorities in Sicily rail payments to civilians in Sicily. For this purpose we propose to open a blocked ADDRESS dollar account in the name of Banco di Sicilia AS, Palermo, which account shall be credited with the amounts of your payments after receipt of your advice of execution. Please forward specimen signatures of your signing authorities. Please cable acceptance."

#### NATIONAL CITY BANK

"In reply to your enquiry as to whether we would open an account for the Banco di Sicilia, Palermo, to be designated 'Banco di Sicilia AS account', we may say that we will be pleased to open such an account to facilitate remittances to designated payees, this account to be credited only after we have received receipts of the designated payees and the guarantee of the Banco di Sicilia that the designated payee had personally received the payments."

We would require a communication from the Banco di Sicilia requesting us to open such an account upon the terms specified, and giving us specimen signatures of the persons authorized to operate the account and to sign guarantees, the genuineness and authority of these signatures to be authenticated by the appropriate Allied Military authorities in Sicily. We would also require authentication by some appropriate authority here to verify the authority of the officers of the Allied Military Forces in Sicily who authenticated the signatures of the signing officers of the bank."

#### DEPT OF THE TREASURY

"I am pleased to confirm that we are prepared to act as depository for the Banco di Sicilia. Our only requirement for the present is a signature list of the Banco di Sicilia which, we presume, will be verified in some way. We are pleased to enclose our signature list as well as our condition of account for transmission to the Banco di Sicilia."

5. State Department has requested that AFR. or Bank of Sicily make available to local American foreign service representatives the names of remittance beneficiaries who are American nationals and amounts of payments involved.

6. It is suggested that replies to this letter or to other matters too lengthy for cables be sent directly to the Combined Civil Affairs Committee in a corresponding series of AIR messages.

(SAC) T. D. H. Hiley,  
King Commander.

(SAC) W. L. Thomas  
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Combined Secretariat

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1. General License 524.
2. From Finance - Treasury 2046



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(sgd) T. J. H. Bailey,  
Wing Commander.

(sgd) W. H. Cameron,  
Acting Major, GSO

Combined Secretariat

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1. General License 324.
2. Press Release - Treasury 2566

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THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
Foreign Funds Control  
February 1944

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GENERAL LICENSE NO. 32A.  
UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8389, AS AMENDED,  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9193, SECTION 5 (b) OF  
THE TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT, AS AMENDED  
BY THE FIRST WAR POWERS ACT, 1941, RELATING  
TO FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL.\*

- (1) Certain remittances to Sicily for living expenses authorized.  
A general license is hereby granted authorizing remittances by any individual through any domestic bank to any individual within Sicily, and any domestic bank is authorized to effect such remittances providing the following terms and conditions are complied with:
- (a) Such remittances are made only for the necessary living expenses of the payee and his household;
  - (b) If the payee is not a citizen of the United States, the total of all remittances to such payee and his household effected in any three month period under this general license may not exceed \$100;
  - (c) If the payee is a citizen of the United States, the total of all remittances to such payee and his household effected in any one calendar month under this general license may not exceed \$75, except that additional sums not exceeding \$25 in any one calendar month may be remitted for each member of such payee's household in addition to the payee who is a citizen of the United States, provided that in no case shall a sum in excess of \$150 per calendar month be remitted to any such payee and his household;
  - (d) Such remittances are not made from a blocked account other than from an account in a banking institution within the United States in the name of, or in which the beneficial interest is held by, a citizen of the United States who is the payee or a member of his household; and
  - (e) Such remittances are effected only by the payment of the dollar amount of the remittance to a domestic bank for credit to a post-liberation blocked account in the name of "Bank of Sicily, Account A."
- (2) Use of individuals and domestic banks acting under this license.  
All individuals making such remittances and all domestic banks effecting such remittances shall satisfy themselves that the foregoing terms and conditions are complied with.

\* Part 121, Sec. 5(b), 40 Stat. 415 and 946; Sec. 48 Stat. 1; 54 Stat. 179; 55 Stat. 828; Ex. Order 8389, April 10, 1940, as amended by Ex. Order 8785, June 14, 1941, Ex. Order 8822, July 26, 1941, Ex. Order 8962, Dec. 9, 1941 and Ex. Order 8968, Dec. 26, 1941; Ex. Order 9193, July 6, 1943; Regulations, April 10, 1940 as amended June 14, 1941, and July 26, 1941.



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- (3) Reports by domestic banks effecting remittances. Domestic banks through which any such remittances originate shall execute promptly Section A of Form TFR-122 with respect to each such remittance. When so executed, Form TFR-122 shall be forwarded promptly to the domestic bank ultimately transmitting abroad the payment instructions for such remittances and the latter bank shall, upon receipt thereof, execute Section B of Form TFR-122 and promptly file such executed report with the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank. If the domestic bank through which any such remittance originates is also the bank ultimately transmitting abroad the payment instructions for such remittances then such bank shall execute both Sections A and B of such report. No report on Form TFR-122 shall be deemed to have been filed in compliance with this general license unless both Sections A and B thereof have been duly executed as herein prescribed.
- (4) Reports by domestic banks maintaining post-liberation blocked accounts.  
Domestic banks maintaining post-liberation blocked accounts in the name of "Joint of Sicily, Account A" shall report promptly the establishment of such accounts, and the balances therein at the end of each calendar month, to the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank.
- (5) Refunds. Domestic banks are authorized to refund the amount of any remittance ordered pursuant to this general license when such domestic banks are advised that such remittance cannot be effected.
- (6) Travel of General Emilio Aguinaldo and General Luning No. 12.  
Transactions authorized herein and communications with persons in Sicily relating thereto are authorized notwithstanding General Order No. 11 domestic banks are authorized, notwithstanding General Order No. 58 to send to and receive from the bank of Sicily non-negotiable bank payment orders covering remittances or refunds authorized herein.
- (7) Definitions. As used in this general license:
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    - (i) those individuals sharing a common dwelling as a family or
    - (ii) any individual not sharing a common dwelling with others as a family.
  - (b) The term "post-liberation blocked account" shall mean a blocked account which is established pursuant to this license or any other license or other authorization expressly referring to a post-liberation blocked account;
  - (ii) to which funds may be credited only pursuant to this license or any other license or other authorization expressly referring to a post-liberation blocked account; and
  - (iii) with respect to which payments, transfers, or withdrawals or other dealings may not be made or effected except pursuant to this license or any other license or other authorization expressly



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/s/ Randolph Paul  
Acting Secretary to the Treasury



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 Bureau - Treas 2566 OFFICE REPORT INFORMATION  
 (WT-2918)

For:  
 Treasury Department  
 War Department

Advance Release: For Monday Morning Papers, February 7, 1944.

The Treasury and War Departments today announced the restoration of facilities for living-expenditures remittances to Sicily.

General license No. 32A, issued by the Foreign Funds Control of the Treasury Department, specifies the maximum amounts that may be remitted and the procedure that must be followed. Such remittances may be effected through any domestic bank and are limited to \$100 in any three month period to any one household. Unlawful larger remittances are allowed to American citizens in Sicily. It was stressed, however, that the regulations do not authorize the sending of checks, drafts, securities, or currency to Sicily. Persons desiring to effect remittances to this area should consult their local banks concerning the proper procedures to be followed.

Domestic banks through which remittances to Sicily originate will channel the remittances through correspondent banks of the Bank of Sicily. It is understood that the Bank of Sicily is establishing correspondent relationships with certain banks in Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, New York and San Francisco. It will be necessary for the correspondent bank in the United States to be furnished with the name and address of the remitter and of the beneficiary and the amount of each remittance. The correspondent banks in the United States will forward payment instructions to the Bank of Sicily by mail at monthly intervals and the Bank of Sicily will make payments in lire to the beneficiaries. At present, cable facilities to Sicily are not available.

Living-expenditures remittances to other parts of Italy controlled by Allied forces will be allowed as soon as conditions permit. Attention was directed by the Treasury to the fact that General license No. 32, issued by the Treasury Department on August 15, 1943, allows the sending of United States postal money orders, to members of the armed forces of United States through the Army Post Office.

END OF ADVANCE RELEASE: FOR MONDAY MORNING PAPERS, February 7, 1944



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The Treasury and War Departments today announced the restoration of facilities for living-expenses remittances to Sicily.

General License No. 114, issued by the Foreign Funds Control of the Treasury Department, specifies the maximum amounts that may be remitted and the procedure that must be followed. Such remittances may be effected through any domestic bank and are limited to \$100 in any three month period to any one household. Somewhat larger remittances are allowed to American citizens in Sicily. It was stressed, however, that the regulations do not authorize the sending of checks, drafts, securities, or currency to Sicily. Persons desiring to effect remittances to this area should consult their local banks concerning the proper procedures to be followed.

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HEADQUARTERS  
 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
 FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION  
 APO-394

25 January 1944.

Ref

Subject : Advances to British and American Nationals.

To : Political Section, ACC.

## 1. Following is a summary of instructions and correspondence:

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(b) On 6 November 1943, CCS replied to MAT 60, (TAM 70), approving assistance payments to American and British nationals, and directing that the procedure be the same as that previously followed by the Swiss Legation in Rome (Instruction 1202 of 14 February 1942 as amended). All questions of nationality of American applicants were to be submitted to Mr. Murphy, who was to receive appropriate instructions. Monthly advances of advances made were to be transmitted to CCS for the State Department. Funds of the State Department would be charged and dollars credited to the post-liberation blocked account of the Bank of Sicily's correspondent bank in the U.S. Repayments made in dollars or in lire at the official rate of exchange would be credited to the State Department, and in the case of repayment in lire the dollar account of the U.S. correspondent of the Bank of Sicily would be debited. Receipts for advances would be forwarded to Mr. Murphy. CCS assumed that British procedure would be similar to that outlined for American applicants.

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(d) On 28 November 1943, AFHQ (MGS) Finance wrote to this headquarters, (File FIV/100), stating that it was hoped to arrange for review of both British and American applications by the British F.W. Sub-Commission. The Sub-Commission was to be guided by appropriate consular officials, such as Consul General Nestor at Palermo, in determining nationality of applicants. To this letter was enclosed a telegram from the State Department dated 18 November 1942, to Mr. Murphy, requesting that he draw up a brief form of application, and placing upon him the responsibility for determining the eligibility of doubtful applicants, and for reviewing all applications to verify eligibility. Retroactive payments were not authorized. This letter also raised the maximum monthly payment per

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adult American national in liberated Italy from \$ 75.00 to \$ 90.00, with additional payments for other adult members of the household not to exceed 150% of this figure (adding 75% per adult) and payments to minor members of the same household not to exceed 75% (25% per minor member) of the basic maximum of \$ 90.00. A household containing three adult American nationals and three or more minor American nationals could, under this directive, receive a maximum of \$ 292.50 per month. The telegram continued as follows:

"To such extent as United Nations or other general relief measures applicable in liberated areas provided for needs of American nationals there, financial assistance shall be reduced or discontinued. Moreover, Department contemplates terminating financial assistance upon re-establishment of normal channels of communication and commercial banking facilities for transactions in foreign exchange and desires you to keep it informed of developments in this respect and of your opinion concerning continued necessity of financial assistance."

(e) On 6 December a letter was received from AFHQ, MGS (file MGS 018.2), stating that the British Prisoner of War Sub-Commission would continue to receive applications until such time as the field organization of the Allied Control Commission assured this function. The Commission would forward evidence of nationality to the nearest American consular official, and would accept his ruling on the nationality of American applicants. P.W. Sub-Commission would make payments on the scale recommended under (d) above, and would report monthly to AFHQ the details of advances made, for transmittal to Consul General Nestor at Palermo. This procedure was approved by the office of the Representative of the United States in Algiers.

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(l) On 27 December 1943, AMFA Headquarters secured a copy of a directive from the Chief Accountant of Region III to the provincial finance officers, directing that an undertaking be signed by the recipient, in the form directed by the British Resident Minister under (c) above.

(m) On 27 December 1943, Troopers advised MGS (Cable 51974F5) that British procedure would follow the same lines as the American procedure outlined in TAM 70 (b above).

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(n) On 27 December 1943, AFHQ (MGS) advised AMFA Headquarters (File MGS/018.2) that the office of the Representative of the United States had indicated that it was being left to Consul General Nestor to work out any necessary details.

(o) On 28 December 1943, a letter was received from AFHQ (MGS), file MGS/018.2, advising that the British Resident Minister was satisfied to have the P.W. Sub-Commission determine questions of British nationality, referring to him only those cases where it was not satisfied. The Resident Minister also confirmed the scale of payments noted under (c) above, as definitive. A monthly report was to be made to the Resident Minister by AMFA, via MGS. It was also suggested that Mr. E.T. Wailles, of the Office of the Representative of the United States, be consulted during his visit to Naples. This was subsequently done, without obtaining further instructions.

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1. The P.W. Sub-Commission may advance to American citizens either a maximum of 4000 lire per month or the maximum amount previously advanced by the Swiss Legation in Rome.
2. The P.W. Sub-Commission must refer every case of a person claiming American citizenship to Consul General Nestor, now in Palermo Sicily.
3. Reimbursements are to be obtained from AMFA, and financial difficulties should be referred to AMFA Headquarters.

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(v) During the week ended 16 January, 1944, Consul General Nestor advised AMFA Headquarters verbally that he still had no instructions, no forms, no office, and no staff, and hence could not pass on the nationality of Americans.

(w) On 19 January 1944, the Chief Accountant, AMG/ACC advised the Regional Chief Accountant, Region II (File HQ/CA/2) suggesting that the Sardinian procedure be adopted in Region II, with field officers of AMG/ACC making advances up to 4000 lire per person or 8000 lire per household.

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(x) On 21 January, in response to a request of 11 January from the C.F.O. Allied Central Mediterranean Force, for clear instructions, (Cable FAS56), ICS advised that advances should be made to British Nationals up to 4000 lire per month. AMFA Headquarters and Consul General Nestor should be consulted as to American procedure. The same cable suggested that a uniform scale for other Allied Nationals be worked out with ACC/AMG.

(y) After a conference with the C.F.O., Allied Central Mediterranean Force, a letter was addressed by the C.F.O. AMG/ACC to the C.F.O., Allied Central Mediterranean Force, agreeing that relief payments might be made temporarily in case of need to all nationals of the United Nations, by field officers of AMG/ACC, if approved by their respective Finance Officers, up to a maximum of 100 lire per day. Such payments would be charged to the Italian government. The letter further indicated that the Political Section of ACC would suggest to the various Allied Missions that programs of assistance to their nationals in liberated Italy be adopted by the home governments.

As an enclosure to this letter, the C.F.O. circulated copies of a letter dated 29 December 1943 from ICS to ACC (Displaced Persons Sub-Commission) (File MGSL12.5), signed Jackling, which had not previously been received by AMFA Headquarters. The second paragraph of this letter read as follows:

" It is competent for the Allied Control Commission to determine a reasonable schedule of relief payments for United Nations Nationals, to be paid out of AMFA funds if necessary and to be charged against the

Italian Government. This schedule need not conform to that currently being followed by AMG or by the Italian Government with reference to needy Italians. Such relief payments are distinct from the advances provided for British and American nationals in TAM 70, or which could be provided for its nationals in Italy by any other United Nations Government.

2. There is enclosed herewith a draft procedure to be followed by AMG officers in the field in making payments in lire to American and British nationals, for consideration. The draft procedure differs from that contemplated by the directives from higher authority, as operations in the field cannot at present be carried out in many areas according to the latter method. As regards British nationals, the Prisoner of War Sub-Commission, which has jurisdiction, has no representatives in Sicily and in many parts of the mainland. In the case of American nationals, Consul General Nestor has stated that he has no formal instructions to act as a consular representative of the U.S. in Italy, and is furthermore not at present authorized or equipped to pass on claims of American nationality. The enclosed draft procedure is primarily designed to permit AMG officers in the field to effect payments in cases where nationality can be readily determined, while referring doubtful cases to this Headquarters, which can then transmit the documents to any authority which may be designated from time to time. An exception is made in the case of Sicily where direct reference of American claims to Consul General Nestor is authorized. The outlined procedure differs from the directives of higher authority in the respects outlined in the following paragraphs.

(a) The maximum monthly advance to any British or American national may not exceed 4000 lire per month, while no household may be advanced more than 12000 lire per month. This limitation compares with the following scales set up by the Foreign Office and the State Department, respectively:

British nationals - 1000 lire per month  
American nationals - 12000 lire per month



AMG/ACC, if approved by their respective Finance Officers, up to a maximum of 12000 lire per day. Such payments would be charged to the Italian government. The letter further indicated that the Political Section of ACC would suggest to the various Allied Missions that programs of assistance to their nationals in liberated Italy be adopted by the home governments.

As an enclosure to this letter, the C.F.O. circulated copies of a letter dated 29 December 1943 from MG3 to ACC (Displaced Persons Sub-Commission) (File MG312.5), signed Jackling, which had not previously been received by ALFA Headquarters. The second paragraph of this letter read as follows:

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| British nationals  | - 4000 lire per month per national if needed.                                                                 |
| Maltese & Cypriots | - preferably 1600 lire per national per month, but may rise to 4000 lire per national per month if necessary. |
| U.S. nationals     | - 6000 lire per month for first adult national.                                                               |
| " "                | - 6750 lire per month for each of next two adult nationals in household.                                      |
| " "                | - No payment for any other adult national in same household.                                                  |
| " "                | - 2250 lire per month for each of first three minor nationals in a household.                                 |
| " "                | - No payment for other minor nationals in a household.                                                        |
| " "                | - Maximum payment of 29250 lire per household per month.                                                      |



A reduced scale of advances has been proposed in the enclosure because of the strenuous efforts being made to hold civil budgetary expenditure, wages and other money incomes in liberated Italy at current levels, with a view to doing all that is possible on the financial side to control the inflationary rise in prices, in general, and the cost of living in particular. To this end the Finance Sub-Commission recommended, and secured approval from the Combined Chiefs of Staff for a reduction in the maximum amount to be remitted from the U.S. in any one month from the original figure of 20000 lire per month per household to the sum of 3533 1/3 lire per household per month. Even in the enclosed procedure, U.S. nationals are authorized to receive as an advance in case of need, 12000 lire per household per month which is more than three times the amount which the same individual could receive as a remittance from the United States. In the case of a British national, advances may total 36000 lire per quarter per household while remittances may not exceed 10000 lire per quarter per national. It is therefore suggested that advances in excess of the permitted remittances be approved only upon demonstration of need of funds to purchase essential food, clothing and shelter, etc. Under present conditions the real goods do not exist to provide in Italy an American or British standard of living for civilians, and additional amounts advanced might raise the prices of the limited supply of goods available to the Italian civilian population, without increasing the current consumption of U.S. and British nationals appreciably.

(b) The second important difference is that any AMG/ACC officer in liberated Italy would be authorized to make payment to those offering specified proof of nationality, by securing and forwarding a proper receipt, in quadruplicate. (in Sardinia officers of the Allied Commission for Sardinia have already been authorized to do this). In other words the officials of the Prisoners of War Sub-Commission would no longer be the sole AMG officers authorized to extend such advances outside of Sardinia. In cases of doubt, documents would be forwarded through channels to the Finance Sub-Commission, which could then secure a ruling from the Political Section of ACC or other designated authority in each case. The evidences of nationality to be accepted by AMG officers in the field are as follows:

#### U.S. Nationals:

- (1) A U.S. passport valid on 30 June 1941; *on*
- (2) An American certificate of registration valid on 30 June 1941; *on*
- (3) A notice of official approval by a proper officer of the State Department of application for a certificate of registration for a period extending beyond 30 June 1941.

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- (1) An Empire passport valid on 11 June 1940.

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3. It is requested that the enclosed procedure be submitted to proper authority.



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2 Enclosures.  
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- 1 copy to CTO, AMG/ACC.
- 1 copy to DCFC, AMG/ACC (att Lt. Comdr. Lawler).
- 1 copy to Chief Accountant, AMG/ACC.
- 1 copy to AFPA Headquarters.
- 1 copy to CTO, Allied Central Mediterranean Force.

Carl A. Miller,  
Lieut. Colonel,  
Finance Sub-Commission.



INLET PROCEEDING FOR AMG OFFICERS EMPLOYED  
IN THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH NATIONALS

1. Attached hereto is a form of application and receipt for use in all cases. When an advance is made, this form should be completed in quadruplicate. One copy will be retained in your files, and the other three will be forwarded to the Finance Officer, at the end of each month. The Finance Officer will transmit three copies to the Finance Sub-Commission. All copies must be signed and should be plainly marked "original", "duplicate", "triplicate" and "quadruplicate". Forms will be printed or mimeographed and distributed by Regional Chief Finance Officers.

2. Care should be exercised in entering full particulars on the application form. In the case of American nationals, AMG officers may make advances only to persons submitting one of the following documents:

- (a) An American passport valid on 30 June 1941
- (b) An American certificate of registration valid on 30 June 1941
- (c) A letter from an American diplomatic or consular officer informing the individual that his application for registration had been approved by the State Department for a period extending beyond 30 June 1941

In the case of applicants from British nationals, the following document must be submitted:

- (a) An Empire passport valid on 11 June 1940.
3. In the case of all other applicants, three copies of the application form, and three copies of each supporting document, the latter certified as true copies over the signature of the AMG officer, will be transmitted to the appropriate AMG Finance Officer, who will forward them via the R.C.F.O. to Headquarters, Finance Sub-Commission. The Finance Sub-Commission will refer the documents to the proper authorities for decision as to nationality. However, in the case of Sicily, the Regional Chief Finance Officer is authorized to detach one copy of the application and



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4. Retrospective payments are not authorized. Financial assistance commences as of the date of application, at the approved rate of payment.

5. In all cases, payment will be made in Lire, but the receipt will

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show the dollar or sterling equivalent as representing the amount of the obligation of the payee. The reason for this requirement is that the Allied Governments may look, for reimbursement of the sums advanced, to the interested friends or relatives of the recipient in the United States or the U.K. Repayment may, however, be made by the recipient at any time in lire at the official rate of exchange prevailing at the date of repayment. The applicant should provide a statement of banks, relatives, friends or others in the U.S. or U.K. who might be billed for repayment in dollars or sterling.

6. Until further notice, payments should be limited to a maximum of 4000 lire per month per British or American national, and to not more than 12000 lire per month per household. Households receiving remittances from the United States or the British Empire under the procedure now being established may receive not more than 36000 lire per quarter, less the amount of such remittances received. It is also the intent that advances be discontinued when and if a general relief scale is applied to Allied nationals, on a level higher than that afforded to Italian Nationals.

7. In the special cases of Maltese and Cypriote, the monthly advance will be limited to 1600 lire per individual, and to 4000 lire per household, in view of the lower standard of living.

8. These advances will eventually be shown under "Advances to Others" on the books of AMTA, under a sub-head "Advances to British and American nationals", when they are reclassified from "Funds Held by Accounting Officers in the Field". AMTA should not receive actual dollar or sterling deposits in a bank either from the State Department of the Foreign Office, but will advise each office monthly of the lire amounts disbursed. A suspense account should be set up by the respective Treasuries, in dollar or sterling. The actual dollars or sterling will be deposited to AMTA's accounts with American banks or with the Bank of England only when the advance is repaid in dollars or in sterling, at which time proper advices will be forwarded to AMTA Headquarters.

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9. Recipients should be informed that the financial assistance provided must not be considered as public bounty but as loans from public funds. American and British nationals finding themselves in an abnormal position by reason of the war. It is accordingly expected, as already indicated, that all sums advanced will eventually be repaid. However, the ability to repay is not an indispensable condition to financial assistance and American and British nationals able to qualify therefor should in no event be refused payment simply because they cannot foresee a time when they will be able to repay the sums advanced.

## ALLIED MILITARY FINANCIAL AGENCY

..... (Branch) No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## A. Request for emergency financial assistance to U.S. or British

## Nationals.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 A national of \_\_\_\_\_  
 having produced \_\_\_\_\_

(description of documents) +

Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dated \_\_\_\_\_

as evidence of my nationality and

(description of documents)

Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dated \_\_\_\_\_

as evidence of my identity, hereby request the ALLIED MILITARY FINANCIAL AGENCY to make advances to me up to the limit of £ or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.

My reason for this request is that :

(a) until \_\_\_\_\_ I was receiving remittance of \_\_\_\_\_ Lira per month through the Swiss Legation at \_\_\_\_\_ and can no longer obtain this.

(b) I was released from internment at \_\_\_\_\_ (place) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and now have no other resources

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ (any other reasons not covered by (a) or (b) )

I have \_\_\_\_\_ (friends) \_\_\_\_\_ (as indicated below) in the \_\_\_\_\_ (United States) \_\_\_\_\_ (employees) \_\_\_\_\_ (United Kingdom) \_\_\_\_\_ (attorneys)

at the following addresses and I request that they be asked to make provisions for my maintenance here:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

I undertake to repay to ALMA on demand any sums which may be advanced to me in answer to this request. In the meantime I understand that any sums so advanced to me will not bear interest.

Signature of applicant

## B. Approved by A.M.G. Officer

I \_\_\_\_\_ have interviewed the above mentioned applicant and have examined the document submitted. I have approved a monthly advance of Lit. \_\_\_\_\_, equivalent to £ or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable on the \_\_\_\_\_ of each month, commencing \_\_\_\_\_ 1944.

(Signature)

(Rank & Office)



as evidence of my nationality and

(Description of documents)

Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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I have \_\_\_\_\_ (relatives) \_\_\_\_\_ (as indicated below) in the \_\_\_\_\_ (United States) \_\_\_\_\_ (attorneys) \_\_\_\_\_ (United Kingdom)

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(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rank & ~~Grade~~)

C. RECEIPT

I hereby acknowledge the receipt from the Allied Military Financial Agency \_\_\_\_\_, of the sum of Lit. \_\_\_\_\_ equivalent to £ or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which I hereby promise to repay without interest upon demand in legal tender of the United States or Gt. Britain, or in lire at the official rate of exchange prevailing at the time of repayment.

(signature)

signed in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ (paying officer)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Rank and AMG title.)

+ Cite numbers of passports, place and date of issuance of passports, and similar information for other documents, etc.





Italian Relief Payments,  
State loans, pensions,  
remittances, and allow-  
ances to families of POW,  
missing or interned of-  
ficials.



Nr. 6/531/240

## Ministero degli Affari Esteri

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A. 2. 1.

Reference is made to memorandum  
A. Coll. 13/5 dated July 1944 concerning the  
payment of allowances to families of officials  
and employees who are prisoners, missing or  
interned.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs  
would like to associate if the Political Section  
A. 2. 1. would kindly approach the Finance S/C  
concerning, please, their note n. 13006/P dated  
August 24. 44, in order to have the decisions  
taken in connection with the payments to the  
persons listed in paragraph 6 and a) of  
the above mentioned memorandum. *Edm*

Rome, September 1944, 1944.

Copy transmitted to Finance S/C  
19th Sept 44. (CC)



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
POLITICAL SECTION  
APC 394

Conversation with Major Gits, Allied Finance Agency, Bank of Italy.

6 September 1944

Major Gits called this morning to say that <sup>British</sup> relief payments to Italians residing south of Cassino were being made through the British Consulate at Naples and that similar payments made to Italians living north of Cassino were being made by the Swiss Legation and would continue to be made until British and American Consulates were established in that territory.

He pointed out that the number of A.C.C. officials in the field had been greatly reduced and that it was difficult for them to make the payments. In practice, he went on to say, the British Consulate furnished the Italian banks with lists of names of the persons to be paid, whereupon the banks effected the payments. In this manner the personnel involved in the operation was reduced to a minimum.

Major Gits concluded by saying that it would be appreciated should the <sup>American</sup> Consulates at Palermo and Naples be able to make the <sup>American</sup> relief payments as soon as possible in the territory south of Cassino.

## Political Section

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DE: 30 Jul

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

| FROM                          | TO |
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| Capt. A. Kambeck              |    |
| Capt R.H. Bennett             |    |
| Lieut. E.J. Tessa             |    |
| Ensign J.E. Hicks             |    |
| SM R.H. Angibault             |    |
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REMARKS: Returned with thanks

P.S.  
30 Jul 44

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Mr. Gaccia,

On 19th July 1963 the Italian Legation at Rome by a communication No. 8153 requested the Foreign Interests Division of the Federal Political Department to check against lists of subscribers in West Africa to Italian State Bonds in order to enable interest to be drawn by those who had been registered to Italy. The request was referred to U.S. Government and lists furnished by the Treasury and the Banca d'Italia at London and by the Treasury, the Banco di Napoli, the Banco di Roma and the Banco di Sicilia at Rome. Lists have not been received from London and are forwarded to you.

Would you please be so good as to transmit these lists to the Italian Government?

27.7.63

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 7 show Finance S.C. first  
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*Please see and return.*

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To: Mr H. Gaccia, Joint Vice President, Political  
Sub Commission, A.C.C. Italy

From: E. B. J. Garnett, Office of the British High  
Commissioner in Italy, Naples.

Date: July 4th, 1944.

Enclosed is copy of a letter, with original  
enclosure, from the High Commissioner of Canada in  
London to the Dominion Office regarding a pension for  
a Canadian war prisoner named Antonio CALIBESNA who is  
reported to be residing at Corso Vittorio Emanuele  
(Sestoria) Salsiase, Prov. di Catanzaro.

2. I should be grateful if the competent sub-  
commission of the A.C.C. could be asked to make the  
arrangements of assistance to Calibesna mentioned in the  
enclosed letter, subject to satisfactory identification,  
and to return the necessary declaration, duly completed,  
to me for transmission to the Department of Exterior  
Affairs, Ottawa.

(E. B. J. Garnett)

Original & enclosure sent to Finance S.C.  
6.7.44

Reminds from H.C. in Naples also passed  
Finance S.C. with request they reply direct

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January 28, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Political Section,  
Allied Control Commission,  
c/o Brigadier Gueterbock,  
Headquarters, Allied Military Government,  
Naples.

SUBJECT: Emigrant's Remittances from Argentina.

The following is a paraphrase of a telegram received from Buenos Aires, marked for Badoglio from Garbaccio:

Pending negotiations with Allied representatives and local authorities concerning organization of remittance service (reference Your Excellency's telegram number 1 and my number 2), I wish to advise that I have been informed as follows by our banking institutions:

1. As telegraphic service for companies and private individuals is not being restored, it would be advisable that telegraphic service regarding remittances be effected, naturally at the interested parties' expense, through this Embassy on the basis of lists of payments furnished by the banking institutions.

2. Necessity of guaranteeing depositors in Argentina that within 90 days they would receive confirmation that payments have been made to the beneficiaries in Italy or that they be informed delivery impossible and pesos deposited reimbursed;

3. The zones for which remittances would be accepted should be indicated.

H. J. L'Heureux  
Acting Chief Civil Administrator 6641

*See 350/385 for orig. etc.*

January 28, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Political Section  
Allied Control Commission,  
c/o Brigadier Gueterbock,  
Headquarters, Allied Military Government,  
Naples.

SUBJECT: Attached paraphrase of telegram concerning  
emigrant's remittances from Argentina.

In connection with the attached message from Buenos Aires for the Badoglio Government concerning problems in connection with organization of remittance service from Argentina to liberated portions of Italy, your attention is drawn to a recent telegram from the Combined Chiefs of Staff to General Wilson (TAM 134).

This telegram advised that it was the CCS view that support remittances between Latin American countries and Italy should be channeled through the United Kingdom or the United States instead of being effected directly, and asked for comments and recommendations from the Commander-in-Chief.

It is suggested that you might want to bear in mind the substance of TAM 134 in delivering the attached message to the Italian Government, and possibly advise them that any action on this subject on their part should be suspended pending development of the Allied remittance program.

H. J. L'Heureux  
Acting Chief Civil Administrator.

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Major Timmons,  
Finance SubCommission.

May we have your comments on the attached,  
please.

Political Section,  
13.9.14

*No objection to  
this particular  
transaction. Would  
like to see any  
future  
cases.  
BJ*

*James M. [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]*

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Mr. Caccia.

-- I enclose a copy of a letter dated 14th August, from the Chancery at Angora, with enclosure in original, regarding the desire of one Alfredo Mantero, employed in the Press Office of the Italian Legation at Bucharest, to send a sum of 15,000 lire (enclosed) to his wife in Rome, who is in financial distress.

2. I very much doubt if the transmission of funds in this way is consistent with A.C.C. policy. Will you please consult the Finance Sub-Commission and let me have their views so that we may know how to deal with future cases of the same sort which may arrive?



31st. Aug. 1944.

C O P Y .

British Embassy,  
ANGORA.

14th. August, 1944.

No. 25/242/44.

Dear Office,

With reference to our letter No. 25/241/44 of today's date, we enclose herein, with French translation, despatch no. 790 from the Italian Legation at Bucharest to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Rome. Enclosed in this despatch are 15,000 liras in bank notes which you will no doubt deliver or not as you think fit.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY.

Office of the High Commissioner,  
R O M E .

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RECEIVED from the Political Section Despatch No. 790  
from the Italian Legation at Bucharest to the Ministry  
of Foreign Affairs in Rome together with enclosure for  
S.E. Alberto Ciance containing 15,000 liras in bank notes.

SIGNED:

*G. A. B. B. B.*

DATE:

*16.11.44*



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