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ACTION: ALCON INFO: HQ BAF

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On receipt of any enquiries from Italian Officers you should inform them that it is not possible to authorize any development of Italian Civil air transports during the war. Reference your AFSC/R/SL/ AIR January 19. You should explain that it would be impossible to find resources either in equipment or in suitably trained personnel without detriment to the war effort, and that until further notice they should confine their air transport activities to the use of such aircraft of the Italian Air Force as may be approved for this purpose by the AIR FORCES Sub Commission.

In this connection it is known that the Italian Government has a genuine requirement for the Air transport of officers or government officials in furtherance of their war effort or to meet essential administrative needs for which they are responsible. Some aircraft of the Italian Air Force are already engaged on such courier services, and if the requirement increases and sufficient Italian aircraft are available, there is no objection to a reasonable extension of these services

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Chief Commissioner
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION PAPER

PARA TWO PD AFTER CONSULTATION WITH AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION ITALIAN REGIO

AIRCRAFT ARE NOW TO OPERATE IN AFFECTED AREA

AG DISTRIBUTION:

- Chief of Staff.
- Political Sec.
- Pub Safety S/c.
- Loc Govt S/c.
- Hon Alexander Kirk.
- Sir Noel Charles.

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NICHOLAS PIGNINO,
CWO, USA,
ASA Adjutant 1943

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AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E DOE
Major A.C.D.
Secretary General

Administrative lines

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*cc: COMMA. S/C
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CITE: 71229

*Elliot Air Sub. C. says apparently just rumor.
Will send us copy of his findings - RK.*

UNDERSTOOD FROM NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT DIRECT AIR SERVICE MAIL AND
PASSENGER NOT OPERATED BETWEEN BOMBAY AND LISBON. REQUEST FULL INFORMATION
ON THE SERVICE.

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AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER
INCOMING MESSAGE

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: NADIST G5L

TO: AFHQ CB MOV ATTENTION COL WILLIAMS INFO GSI (B)
TRAVEL CONTROL SECTION AND CENTER DISTRICT HQS

REF TO THIS MESSAGE: G/76L/120/2 2 August 1944

Approval recommended for following to perform air travel. Read in four columns. 1 Title or Rank, 2 Full Name, 3 Proceed to, 4 Purpose of Trip. Monsieur. SCHERESCHESKY F. ELBA and return. Air passage has been requested by the Commissaire Du Ravitaillement and a La Production for Mons SCHERESCHESKY who is Chief Mining Engineer to proceed to ELBA to study the iron mining production and to report on what degree the mines have been working for Axis Powers.

ACTION: ~~C-2~~ G-5

INFORMATION: M & TN
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ADD. DISTRIB. ELISON
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MR MURPHY " " "
MR MACMILLAN " " "
QM " " "

7/8 - I telephoned to G-5 Jackson that visit should await transfer of Elba to jurisdiction of Reg VIII 1940 Province. 7

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*For information only - (info)
C. H. C. ... Pres 569*

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Ochmanov 681*

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Caccia
Plane tonight Freedom 498.
Send me in 969.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
 IED CONTROL COMMISSION,
 Bari.

TO: MR. PHILIP BROAD,
 OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI OF THE
 MINISTER RESIDENT AT ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
 BARI.

DATE: 4th August 1944.
 Copy: ALLIED FORCE H.Q. G.2 SECTION.

REF: AFSC/704/P1.

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IRREGULAR GRAVEL FROM YUGOSLAVIA.

With reference to the first addressee's letter to Mr. Gaccia of the 16th July 1944, and the second addressee's letter to this Sub-Commission N/389.506/75 of the 29th July 1944, I have to inform you that Major Ricci has been removed from his Command of Fighter operations at Nuova, and has been posted to an administrative unit, and that 2nd Lieutenant Biondi has been awarded seven days imprisonment.

WB

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
 AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
 AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Rome

OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AIR BARI
OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT AT
ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS,

BARI.

1st August, 1944.

My dear Harold,

I have now obtained details of the incident referred to in my letter of the 16th July which resulted in the escape of a number of Italians from Vis.

It turns out that there were 12 Italians, not 8. They arrived at Nuova airfield (not at Lecce as I was told at first) at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 14th July. They were at once handed over to the Security authorities and were subsequently interrogated and cleared so far as security grounds were concerned. They have now been handed over to the Italian authorities. A request has been made to the Italian Air Ministry for severe disciplinary action against the responsible members of the Italian Air Force.

Interrogation has established the following facts. The party of 12 falls into two groups, each of 6. The first consists of deserters from the Italian armed forces in Italy who were recruited in Italy by the Partisans and sent to Vis; and the second of Italians from German Prisoner of War camps in Yugoslavia who managed to escape and join the Partisans and were then brought by them to Vis from the mainland.

All of the deserters except one, who was shanghaied when drunk, appear to have enlisted voluntarily in the Partisan armed forces, but the various forms of ill treatment meted out to them when they reached Vis disillusioned them and made them determine to try to escape.

All of the escaped prisoners of war joined the Partisans in Yugoslavia in April, May and June of this year, of their own free will. Five of them had been taken prisoner in Yugoslavia by the Germans after the Italian armistice, and the sixth was taken prisoner on the island of Rhodes and later brought to Croatia. Five of them received definite assurances from the Partisans that they would be repatriated to Italy. This, indeed, was their main motive for joining the Partisans. When they found that they were being held on Vis and subjected, like the deserters, to ill-treatment and humiliations, they decided to try to escape.

Their eventual escape was effected as a result of contact which they succeeded in making with the pilots of a Savoia-Marchetti three-engined aeroplane and two Macchi fighters, which arrived at Vis on the 11th July with spare parts and technicians to mend a

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airfield. After some slight difficulty they succeeded in persuading the Pilot of the Savoia-Marchetti to take them on board.

I have heard nothing from the Partisans about all this and Lieut. Colonel Whetley of "Z" Military Mission tells me that he also has had as yet no representations from them. I do not propose, therefore, to do anything further unless the Partisans raise the matter themselves, in which case we will take the line indicated in my letter to you under reference.

.... I attach a list giving the names of the 12 Italians.

Yours ever,

Philip Brown

DESERTERS

FERRARI, Giuseppe

GRILLO, Ruffino

LONGO, Berno

ALBERPAZZI, Giovanni

ZIMARELLI, Gildo

BALDUCCI, Lontano

PRISONERS OF WAR

BELLAVIA, Carmelo

SINATRA, Paolo

ROMANO, Vito

PAGNI, Cesare

HUCCIO, Salvatore

CANTARELLA, Francisco

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FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
BAEL.
TO : Mr. Philip Broad,
Office of the Representative at Bari of the
Minister Resident at Allied Forces Headquarters,
BAEL.
DATE : 23rd July 1944.
REF. : A360/704/Fl.

UNAUTHORISED AIR TRAVEL

A copy of Mr Philip Broad's letter dated 16th July, has been forwarded to this Headquarters by the Rome Detachment of the Air Forces Sub-Commission, under cover of letter reference IM/9 dated 22nd July 1944.

2. Briefly the position is as follows :-

On the 14th July at 0900 hours, twelve Italians were landed at NUOVA Airfield from an Italian aircraft which came in from VIB.

Pilot Officer J. Moriva of this Sub-Commission, station at NUOVA, immediately handed them over to the Port Security Section.

A.F.H.C. Forward Counter Intelligence, Office of the A.C.65, C-2, completed the investigation and forwarded a report to this Headquarters.

3. The Italian Air Ministry have been advised of the position and requested to take severe disciplinary action against the responsible members of the Italian Air Force. Notification of the sentence awarded is awaited.

4. Any further information required may be obtained from Forward Counter Intelligence of this Sub-Commission.

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AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
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J. Wallis s/c

J. WALLIS, SQUADRON LEADER,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

Copies to :- Mr. Harold Goocia, Political Section, Allied Control Commission.

Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome.

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Embassy informed. D2/D
 of Mr. de Haen has
 taken a copy of this letter
 & is getting a report from
 Bari. Until he has this he
 says he cannot comment. Wth
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OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI
OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT ALIEN ALLIED
FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
BARI.

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16th July, 1944.

My dear Harold,

I am afraid there has been another incident between the Partisans and the Italians, but on this occasion the Italians seem to have got the better of it.

Briefly, the facts are that an Italian aircraft flew across to Vis the day before yesterday to take spare parts for an Italian fighter which had crashed on the island (there are a few Macchis operating from Vis). Somehow or other the aircraft succeeded in bringing out eight men stated to be Italian prisoners of war held by the Partisans. Quite why they were allowed to be wandering loose near the airport is not at present clear.

Anyhow, the aircraft got them to Lecce, and the story came to our notice through being reported by the R.A.F. authorities at the airport. We have heard nothing about the matter from the Partisans yet. If we do, we propose to take the line that the Partisans themselves have got away with this sort of thing on many occasions in the past and they really have no grounds for complaint if, on one occasion, the Italians succeed in playing the same game.

In the meantime, we are making enquiries as to exactly who these eight men can be. Personally, I imagine that they may be among those who have been shanghai'd by the Partisans from Italy, but it is just possible that they may be genuine prisoners of war and Fascists who ought to be held. There is, therefore, a security/

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security angle which makes it necessary for us to find out as much as possible about the business.

Under any circumstances there could not, of course, be any question of our returning these men to the Partisans. And even if we wanted to do so, I do not think there would be any opportunity, for I feel that the Italians will take another leaf out of the Partisans' book and make sure that the eight men disappear.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Minister Resident at Algiers, the Foreign Office and Noel Charles.

Yours wa,

Philip Rowan

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FROM: Tangiers
DATE: 1 Aug 44

No. 46: Your 32. Thanking you for your kind communications, I should like you
to possibly allow family use of civilian air service between Rome and Gibraltar which
recently was instituted. Please wire.

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*Col. Elliot wants no line established
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OUTGOING MESSAGE

TO: ARMY AND EIGHT ARMY RC REGION FIVE RC REGION EIGHT RC REGION NINE

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R. MINISTERO
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No. 662

MEMORANDUM
FOR THE
POLITICAL SECTION (A.S.C.)

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The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to bring to the serious attention of the Allied Control Commission the following considerations:

1. - As the Allied authorities are aware, the Royal Government, owing to lack of foreign currency, finds itself in the absolute necessity of reducing its personnel abroad. This course of action is also advisable in view of the fact that, the longer certain members of its services abroad are left inactive the greater are the probabilities of contrasts and disorientations spreading amongst them. Contrasts and confusion are on the other hand also facilitated by the circumstance that the Royal Government has practically no possibility of corresponding directly and speedily with its agencies abroad and thus cannot impart to them the necessary information and clarifying instructions. A clear demonstration of this is given by what is now going on in Spain and Portugal.

2. - The repatriation of the personnel and obviously be carried out only if the necessary means of transportation can be provided. Over a period of five months, no Allied means have been available for that purpose, except for the repatriation from Turkey of a small number of employees. The few other repatriations have been carried out so far from Spain and Portugal by Italian means (cruiser "Capeo Regno", Italian airplane of the "Lavi" Co.).

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3. - On the other hand Allied authorities have insisted that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs should recall a number of its employees and of its officials. All instructions to that effect issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs serve however no useful purpose as long as the necessary means for their repatriation will not be provided.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be grateful to the Allied Control Commission if it could kindly see its way to causing an adjournment of all Allied requests of individual repatriations until the necessary means of transportation will be available, the only result in the present situation being otherwise the one of adding to the state of uncertainty and uneasiness of the officials and employees concerned.

4. - The total lack of speedy and direct telegraphic communications between the Italian Government and its agencies abroad is largely exploited by the self-styled Fascist Government, which on the contrary can telegraph freely and directly wherever it wishes and is in a position to send agents to any European country, naturally with the exception of U.S.S.R.. The scope to

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isolation in which the Italian Government has been kept for the last five months does not help in any way our common effort, whereas it seriously hinders, every day more, the action of the Government itself, whose activity and very existence is practically ignored in foreign countries and amongst Italian communities abroad.

5. - The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to ask the Allied Control Commission to kindly bring once more the matter to the attention of the Allied Governments in view of its re-examination in that liberal spirit which alone can bring it to a fair and equitable solution, and taking into due account the considerable time already elapsed since the armistice and the proofs of absolute loyalty to which the Royal Government has consistently inspired its relations with the Allies. It is obvious that without a minimum of confidence no equitable solution can ever be obtained.

6. - The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to submit to the Allied Control Commission the following proposals:

a) The cruiser "Albatros" or some other Italian vessel should be authorized to carry out the aforesaid repatriations. The Royal Government will undertake to ensure before and all the precautions and to give the Allied Authorities all the informations which may be best fitted to guarantee the necessary security.

b) An Italian air service with plain and normal aircraft should be resumed at least temporarily, also in view of avoiding, as repeatedly pointed out, that a similar service may be carried out against our own interests by the so-called Fascist Government. Also for such a service the Royal Government undertakes to adopt all those measures which the Allies may deem necessary.

c) The Royal Government should be authorized to send and receive directly unceded messages containing press items and information to and from its agencies abroad.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be most obliged if the Allied Control Commission would kindly sponsor the aforesaid proposals to the Allied Governments, conveying their particular attention upon the fact that after five months since the date of the armistice it should be possible to take on the matter an attitude which may enable the Italian Government to perform some of its normal functions. Only then would it be possible to convey abroad the impression that Italy, with the help and cooperations of the Allies, is beginning to breathe again in the democratic and liberal atmosphere, which is the fundamental condition for her revival.

Salerno, February 10, 1944

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