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INSTRUCTIONS.—When papers on a subject become numerous they will be numbered serially and brief entries made on this form.

HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA, MTOUSA
APO 794, POSTMASTER NEW YORK CITY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

8 January 1947

Dear Admiral:

Reference is made to letter of Dr. Smolaka, 30 December 1946, in which complaint is made of the action of American Military Police in pursuing an ACI Yugoslav vehicle reportedly exceeding the speed limit, on to Yugoslav territory.

I have had the matter investigated and have personally interviewed the Assistant Provost Marshal and, as I have indicated in my letter to Dr. Smolaka, copy of which is attached, I have been unable to reconcile the allegations made in the letter of complaint with the testimony of the Assistant Provost Marshal and of the military police.

For your information, I have repeatedly stressed to our military police that they have no jurisdiction over the State Department personnel or the ACI personnel. This situation arose as a result of the zeal of three very recent arrivals from The States. It does appear, however, if the American Military Police testimony can be relied upon, that the vehicle was traveling at a dangerous and excessive rate of speed.

Very sincerely yours,

Chas. L. Dasher, Jr.

CHAS. L. DASHER, JR.
Colonel, Field Artillery
Commanding

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794, US Army.

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8 January 1947

My dear Doctor Smodlaka:

I am in receipt of your letter dated December 30th, signed by you and addressed to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, in which complaint is made of the action of American Military Police.

I have personally investigated the afore-mentioned incident and find that the military police were new arrivals to this Theater and, through some fault of our own failed to receive instructions to the effect that ACI vehicles do not come under the jurisdiction of the American Military Police. Although unable to reconcile various allegations pro and con, I wish to assure you that necessary measures have been taken to prevent a recurrence.

Sincerely yours,

CHAS. L. DASHER, JR.
Colonel, Field Artillery
Commanding

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Dr. Sloven J. Smodlaka,
Jugoslav Representative a.i.,
Advisory Council for Italy,
Via Monti Parioli 24,
Rome.

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3 January 1947.

Dear Doctor Smolaka:

Encl.

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 30 December protesting the action of certain American Military Police.

Your letter has been forwarded to Colonel Charles L. Dasher, the Commanding Officer of Rome Area Command, which is the Headquarters exercising jurisdiction over American troops in this city. Any further correspondence on this matter should be addressed to Colonel Dasher who, I am certain, will deal with this case appropriately.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Dr. Sloven J. Smolaka,
Jugoslav Representative a.i.
Advisory Council for Italy.

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CC-1020

3 January 1947.

Dear Colonel:

Attached is a copy of a letter received from the Yugoslav Representative to the ACI containing a protest against alleged actions of some American Military Police.

Would you please have the matter investigated and reply directly to Doctor Smolaka?

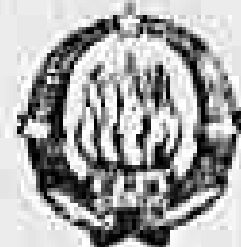
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/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel Charles L. Dasher, Jr.,
Commanding Officer, Rome Area, MTOUSA
APO 794, US Army.

Incl: copy of Dr. Smolaka's
letter dated 30 Dec 46.

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DELEGATION OF THE FEDERAL PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Br.1887/46

30 December 1946

TO : The Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

Yesterday on December 29, 1946, at about 12.30 hrs., our motor car, reg. plate ACI.JD 5, driven by our driver Filiplic Anton, re=turning through Via Flaminia to Via Monti Parioli, was followed by a USA Military Police Jeep (20118790) with three U.S. military personnel aboard, who entered after our car into the court-yard of the seat of our Delegation (Via Monti Parioli, 24) without asking permission to do so. An official of our Delegation demanded the M.P. to get out from our territory, after which the jeep left the yard, but one soldier remained behind. He was of rather small growth. Asked what he wanted, he refused to reply, upon what our official demanded him to get out. He started to insult our people saying that we were those who are killing the Americans in Trieste. Threatening vengeance he withdrew. Half an hour later the same jeep and the same people stopped before our house and behaved in the same way.

This was not the first time that our drivers were disturbed by the same USA MP personnel, who use to be on duty along Via Flaminia, and this was the second time that a MP jeep forcibly and without asking for permission entered into our court yard.

I therefore protest herewith against such behavior of the USA Military Police and request that the USA Military Policemen be warned that they have not the right to enter on our territory without asking for permission, and that the ~~three~~ a/m persons of the Military Police who are often disturbing our drivers be changed from the duty in Via Flaminia and punished for their behavior.

In case that our drivers might trespass the road traffic regulations, we should be informed through regular channels about it and we shall take measures to punish them.

*CC has seen
on 30 Dec.*

Dr. Sloven J. Bagdaka
DR. SLOVEN J. BAGDLAKA,
Jugoslav Representative a.i.
Advisory Council for Italy.

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DELEGATION OF THE FEDERAL PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Br.1337/46

30 December 1946

To: The Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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(s) Dr. Sloven J. Smolaka
DR SLOVEN J. SMOLAKA,
Jugoslav Representative a.i.
Advisory Council for Italy.

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(a) Dr. Sloven J. Smolaka
DR SLOVEN J. SMOLAKA,
Jugoslav Representative a.i.
Advisory Council for Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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OCT 9 1946

Ref: 194/202/43

8 October 1946

SUBJECT: Delay in delivery of Correspondence

TO : HQ
RACG

1. Forwarded for perusal are:

- (a) Pouch No. 7275
- (b) Receipt for contents of (a) above.
- (c) An enclosure to Pouch 7275.

2. It will be noted from exhibit (b) above that it is a receipt for correspondence which was written, and despatched by this Commission to your HQ on 30 September 1946. The time and date of receipt of the correspondence by G-5 Section AFHQ is as shown thereon, i.e., 1230hrs., 4 October 1946.

3. The content of (c) above was urgently required, and its non-receipt by that Section caused considerable inconvenience and delay in the despatch of an important letter to the War Office.

4. May the reason for this delay please be investigated and this Commission advised of the outcome.

5. In future all mail for G-5 Section, AFHQ will be pouched and a date-timed receipt will be obtained for this from your message centre to facilitate any future enquiries of this nature.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Signaler
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

G-5 AFHQ
Message centre A.C.

AUG 20 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES BRANCH

Tel. 489081 - Ext. 589

TGB/hjb

Ref. AG/5615/IND

20 August 1946

SUBJECT : Requisition.

TO : Impresa Industriali Immobiliari Italiane
 L'Amministratrice unica
 Sig.ra Adriana Bozzi ved. Spada
 San Zaccaria 4626
 Venezia.

1. Further to our letter AG/5615/IND of 2 Aug 46.
2. We are being informed by the Area Commander that an investigation of the complaint contained in your letter of 28 Jul 46 addressed to the Chief Commissioner has been made.
3. As a result of this investigation, however, it is clear that the agreement entered into between you and OC 55 Rest Camp has been carried out.
4. It is regretted that no further action can be taken by this Headquarters.

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 T.G. ELLIOTT
 Major, G.L.
 Chief
 Industry Division.

Copy : Office of the Chief Commissioner.

SIR. You are noted as being the epitome of fair-mindedness, especially in dealing with enlisted men, therefore in all justice to him, would it be possible for your office to explain the following charges. This letter is not intended to be disrespectful to your high office, or to cause any sort of trouble, but frankly speaking, the very nature of these charges makes it impossible to reach through proper channels, your own personal presence. It is to be hoped you will regard this statement in the manner in which it is written...I.E. humble respect and a very sincere desire to hear the true facts of the case from you personally....Thank you Sir.

1. Why are the E.M. of A. C. being moved from the Nuova Roma Hotel ??
2. Is it because the officers want to use it ??
3. Is it not the Personal Whim of one high ranking officer ??
4. Why aren't British personnel leaving their hotels ??
5. Cannot discipline be maintained efficiently in one place as well as another ??
6. Are not old combat men entitled to some good breaks ??
7. What of transportation difficulties to and from "Foro Italia" ??
8. Why not call an assembly of all concerned and explain this action ??
9. Is this not a flagrant case of the vicious army caste system ??
10. Do you Sir, know and approve of all the facts behind this movement ??
11. Why are the E.M. under the impression you are not fully acquainted with facts ??
12. Are not said E.M. entitled to some sort of explanation ??
13. Is the cost of the Hotel prohibitive ??
14. Could the men not pay for their rooms ?? They are more than willing.

- The reasons for keeping the hotel are varied and justifiable, namely.....
1. The men are contented, a happy soldier is a good soldier.
 2. It is close to the A. C. building, P.X. Red Cross, Operas, Shops, Movies, etc.
 3. Splendid laundry facilities to keep the TWO summer uniforms clean.
 4. That GREAT & RARE privilege so unusual in army life.....PRIVACY.
 5. Living and being treated like Gentlemen, by an excellent C. O. and 1st Sgt.
 6. As a fine example of the great American democratic principle to live in a manner to which most are accustomed.
 7. The men feel the move is entirely un-necessary, unwarranted, and is being made without your full knowledge of all the causes.

In conclusion, will the Admiral not grant the E. M. the privilege of one of the greatest of the "FOUR FREEDOMS" for which they fought and died..."FREEDOM OF SPEECH"....?? If it is your own personal desire to make this drastic move for the benefit (?) of the men concerned---then there is nothing further to be said, and we abide by your decision. Please understand, it is only the uncertainty and doubting regarding the whole situation that prompts the writing of this letter, along with the fact that to reach you through regular methods would involve endless red tape with very little chance of success, and time is short. The men rest their case with you Sir, confident that you will clear up the vagueness surrounding this issue, with your usual discrimination and fair play. Every one seems a bit afraid to approach you directly, whereas the writer claims you are not Orge or Dragon to be so feared, but a man who rose from the ranks by sheer ability and is quite aware of the trials and tribulations that beset the lowly E. M.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

A P O 794

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Ref: 5414/16/MB.20 July 1946.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of 21st May.

It will be within your knowledge that Colonel Pemyouick as Commissioner for Allied Military Government in NAPLES wrote to this Headquarters in December 1945 making certain recommendations regarding the rebuilding of parts of NAPLES. In this letter he expressed his disapproval of the scheme submitted by you in your capacity as Public Utilities Officer, NAPLES AMG, and to which I understand you gave publicity. This HQ passed Colonel Pemyouick's letter to the Italian Government without making any recommendation and the Allied Commission has taken no position in the matter, one way or the other.

In April Colonel Pemyouick repeated his opinion in an interview given to an Italian newspaper. In saying that the Allied Commission had not encouraged the scheme he was correct. In stating that he did not personally approve the scheme he was referring to his official action taken when NAPLES was under Allied Military Government. Whether or not such an interview was politic may be debatable but I can assure you that the accusation of ulterior motive contained in paragraph four of your letter is untrue.

Yours faithfully,

Is/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.H. Townsend, Esq.,
President,
American Italian Development Enterprises,
23, Nazario Sauro,
NAPLES.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

JUL 19 1966

Ref. : 549/68/EC.

18 July 1966.

SUBJECT: Artillery Range.

TO : G-5 Section,
A.F.H.Q.

The attached copy of letter No. 5036, 100/2 dated 8 July 1966, from the Ministry of Agriculture protesting against the establishing of an Artillery Range near PAVEVECCIO and S. MARTINO di CASTROZZA, is forwarded for any action that you can take in this matter.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Kinsch

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl. As above.

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MINISTERO DELL'AGRICOLTURA E DELLE FORESTE
Direzione

Roma, 8 July 1946

No. 5036, 190/2

TO : Allied Commission,
Agricultural Sub-Commission,
Forestry Division.

SUBJECT: Artillery Range in the Demarcial Forests of Panaveggio and
S. Martino di Castrozza.

HQ. 13 Corps intends to establish an artillery range in the area of S. Martino di Castrozza and Panaveggio and in their letter G (refining) 5654/G Trg. dated 1.6.46 communicated the project to HQ 247 Area, to the Chief Liaison Officer, Venezia, to HQ District and to the 6 Brit. Army Div.

The office of the Genio Militare for Anglo-American requisitioning, Nucleo di Verona, Stradone Palio 49, has been charged with calculating the indemnities and making the provisional local agreements.

The area in question extends within about 70 kms to the valley of S. Martino di Castrozza across the Rollo Pass and ends at Panaveggio with an area of about 3 kms in all at the sides of the road.

The immediate effect of this plan would be the necessity of removing all the upland pasture enclosures where, in this season, there are thousands of cattle and where in the forest of Panaveggio alone there are about 2000 cattle and 1000 sheep.

This is not a question of calculating indemnity for the loss of pasture but of the life of thousands of head of cattle. In view of the fact that for centuries the area has been put to this use, it cannot be altered for a necessity of the moment without serious consequences which would imply the sacrifice and destruction of the Zootecnic wealth of these valleys which have already suffered a lot through the war.

It would further entail the ruin of cottages and farms who derive a large part of their normal assets from the leasing of the upland pastures. It would mean also a failure to supply the market with all the products of milk, and the unemployment of hundreds of persons who directly or indirectly live by this already poor mountain industry.

In addition to the upland pastures it would be necessary to evacuate the woods as wood felling is in progress everywhere and the mountain activity, which signifies life, is limited to the summer season.

Also in this case the immediate consequences would be the loss of income to the proprietary firms, whose only source of income comes from the woods and upland pastures, and thousands of unemployed. This without counting the repercussions on the reconstruction activity of the country which would thus be deprived of this raw material - wood, one of the few riches available which it is only necessary to import to a certain extent. It is quite impossible to foresee the extent of future losses due to the inevitable damage to mountain pasture and woods caused by artillery fire and the passage of troops or tanks on pasture land: losses which would have sensible repercussions on the present and future economy of the area.

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A summary is herewith given of the direct losses, apart from those of a general and social nature as indicated above, which the projected plan would cause the area.

1. INEVITABLE LOSSES TO THE A.S.F.O. (which cannot be estimated in advance)

- a) Damage to the wood both by artillery fire (explosion of shells) and tank manoeuvres.
- b) Damage to the motor roads and port tracks by the transit of tanks and other mechanised traffic.

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- c) Damage to the pastures of Juribello-Costomella (pasture and farms)
 d) Damage to the game preserves.
 e) As stated above in relation of wood peeling section 13.

2. LOSSES TO THIRD PARTIES

Removal of the cattle from the under-mentioned mountain pastures (about 200 head of cattle, half milk cattle and half not) and 1000 head of sheep.

The cattle would all have to return to their country of origin with great loss to the Zootechnic patrimony of the valleys of Primiero and Pinello, as it would not be possible to produce enough fodder to feed them during the winter with the result that the cattle breeders would be obliged to reduce from 40 - 50% of the a/m head.

Besides the great loss of a general character as above indicated, there is also the loss which would be caused to the individual lessee of the pastures who have already paid the rent for the season of 1946 and engaged all the service personnel.

These last losses can be specified as follows:

1. PASTURES COLLIERON - Proprietor Priory of S. Martino di Castrozza, lessee Giacomo Bessen of Primiero.

Containing: 100 milk cattle 150 young beasts (bullocks, heifers and calves)	
Expenses : Rent	L. 55.000
Service personnel and shepherds	
7 persons, average daily wage L.400 per person	" 252.000
90 days of employment	
Total loss	307.000

2. PASTURES ROLLE - Proprietor Priory of S. Martino di Castrozza, lessee Soc. Cantalut Messano (Primiero).

Containing : 150 milk cattle 150 young beasts (bullocks, heifers and calves)	
Expenses : Rent	L. 60.000
Guards and shepherds, 10 persons, average daily wage L.400 per person	" 360.000
90 days of employment	
Total loss	420.000

3. PASTURES JURIBELLO-COSTOMELLA - Proprietor Firm of S.P.D. - Office of Cavales, lessee Consorzio d'Alpeggio Trento, represented by the Societa' Allevatori di Predazzo.

Containing : 160 milk cattle
110 young beasts (bullocks, heifers and calves)

L. 250.000

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 Service personnel and shepherdsL. 55.000
 7 persons, average daily wage L.400 per person
 90 days of employment " 252.000

Total loss ... " 307.000

2. PASTURES ROLLE - Proprietor Priory of S. Martino di Castrozza, lessee Soc. Contanini Mezzano (Primiero).

Containing : 130 milk cattle

150 young beasts (bullocks, heifers and calves)

Expenses : Rent
 Guards and shepherds, 10 persons,L. 60.000
 average daily wage L.400 per person
 90 days of employment " 360.000

Total loss ... " 420.000

3. PASTURES JURIBELLO-COSTOMELLA - Proprietor Firm of S.P.D. - Office of Cavalese, lessee Consorzio d'Alpeggio Trento, represented by the Societa' Allevatori di Predazzo.

Containing : 160 milk cattle

110 young beasts (bullocks, heifers and calves)

Expenses : Rent
 Service personnel and shepherdsL. 250.000
 10 persons daily wage L.400 per person
 100 days of employment " 400.000

Total loss ... L. 650.000

4. PASTURES VERDEGAL - VALLEJO - Proprietor Comuna de Tomillos (Primero)
 Lessee L. ga. Cantadina Tomillo.

Containing : 180 milch cattle
 230 young beasts (bullocks, heifers and calves)
 300 sheep

Expenses : Rent L. 300.000
 Service personnel and shepherds
 15 workmen at an average daily
 wage of L.400 per person
 90 days employment " 540.000

 Total loss ... L. 840.000

5. PASTURES VERDEGAL - Proprietor Comuna de Transoqua Lessee Soc. Cantadina
 of Transoqua.

Containing : 100 milch cattle
 120 young beasts (bullocks, heifers and calves)
 100 sheep

Expenses : Rent L. 150.000
 Service personnel and shepherds
 3 persons average daily wage L.400
 per person 90 days of employment " 238.000

 Total loss .. L. 438.000

6. PASTURES CASOVI-JURIBUTTO - Proprietor Finca of S.R.D. office of Caylen
 Lessee Prudal Electro S. G. of Primero.

Containing : 100 milch cattle
 100 young beasts (bullocks, heifers and calves)
 100 sheep.

Expenses : Rent L. 50.000
 Service personnel and shepherds
 3 persons average daily wage L.400
 per person 90 days employment L. 238.000

 Total loss.. L. 338.000

7. PASTURES BOCHER - Proprietor Comuna de Bocha Lessee Litteria Soc. Moana.

Containing : 120 milch cattle
 100 young beasts (bullocks, heifers and calves)
 500 sheep

Expenses : Rent L. 130.000
 Service personnel and shepherds
 400 persons daily wage L.400

13 women at an average daily wage of L.400 per person 90 day employment " 540,000

Total loss .. L. 340,000

5. PASTURE VAREGELA - Proprietor Company of Transacoma Lessee Soc. Contadina of Transacoma.

Containing : 100 milch cattle
120 young beasts (bullocks, heifers and calves)
400 sheep

Expenses : Rent
Service personnel and shepherds L. 150,000
3 persons average daily wage L.400
per person 90 days of employment " 233,000

Total loss .. L. 438,000

6. PASTURE VAREGELA-JUJUEGUITO - Proprietor Firm of S.F.D. of Cevallos Lessee Pablo Pizarro & Co. of Pinaro.

Containing : 100 milch cattle
100 young beasts (bullocks, heifers and calves)
400 sheep.

Expenses : Rent
Service personnel and shepherds L. 50,000
3 persons average daily wage L.400
per person 90 days employment L. 233,000

Total loss.. L. 338,000

7. PASTURE BOCHUM - Proprietor Company of Boona Lessee Lutteria Soc. Boona.

Containing : 120 milch cattle
100 young beasts (bullocks, heifers and calves)
500 sheep

Expenses : Rent
Service personnel and shepherds L. 130,000
400 persons daily wage L.400 per person
90 days employment " 360,000

Total loss .. L. 540,000

SUMMARY OF LOSSES

1. Pasture Colbricon	307.000
2. " "	420.000
3. " "	650.000
4. " "	340.000
5. " "	438.000
6. " "	338.000
7. " "	510.000
Total of general loss lire	3. 503.000

I therefore earnestly beg your Consideration to intervene in order that the projected mancyres should take place in an another area to be agreed on with the competent Forestal Offices (Administration of the Mountain Forests of Primiero and of Cavalese) so as to limit as much as possible the damage which would be caused to the local economy.

THE MINISTER

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JUN 13 1946

International News Service

GENERAL OFFICES

235 EAST 45TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

ROME OFFICE

380 CORSO UMBERTO
TELEF. 62.270 - 66.226

June 12, 1946

To: The Minister of Interior
Giuseppe Romita
Palazzo Viminale, Rome.

Mr. Minister:

It is with some regret that I bring to your attention the fact that an International News Service photographer was beaten up by Italian police, his films destroyed and photographic equipment worth several hundred dollars damaged to the point that it has been rendered useless.

I have no knowledge of any edict on your part prohibiting the taking of photographs either by Italian or foreign agencies.

I request that you either issue such a repressive edict or order your police to refrain from beating up our photographers who are in no way disturbing public order.

I request furthermore that International News Service be reimbursed for damages it suffered in its photographic equipment.

Respectfully,

Michael Chinigo
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Chief, INS, Italy.

Copies: Admiral Stone ✓
Premier De Gasperi
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7 June 1946.

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May 21st, 1946

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TO : Admiral Ellery Stone
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Yours truly:

H. H. Townsend
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"WHERE VIA ROMA MEETS THE SEA.."

19 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Complaints - U.S. Embassy Staff.

TO : Captain Arthur M. McPhail, C.M.P.,
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3. Please return all papers.

Ts/ Ellery W. Stone

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Super Garage

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25 March, 1946.

SUBJECT : Complaints - U.S. Embassy Staff.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. With reference to your letter of 19 March 1946, I will endeavour to answer said letter in the absence of Capt. Arthur L. McPhail who is at present on temporary duty for 12 days.

(a) Certain Embassy and Diplomatic Corp people were notified to move and did so. Other boxes were locked and empty. Since the cars may have left before the soldier came on duty and came back into the garage late at night when the soldier was off duty it was surmised the stalls were abandoned.

(b) T/Sgt Barron did not surmise that chains and locks had been abandoned. The British soldier surmised as stated in T/Sgt Barron's statement and this being 3 days later T/Sgt Barron agreed with the British soldier that the stalls have been abandoned. Abandoning of stalls in this garage is a common practice due to the fact that there are 960 stalls in this garage and that 8 (eight) Commands, including transients, use this garage.

2. Captain Balfour, Br. o/c, was notified as requested in para 3 in referenced letter.

Frank N. Gayok
FRANK N. GAYOK
1st Lt QMC
Motor Transp. Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

19 March 1946.

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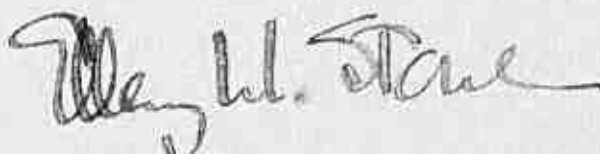
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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SG-701

18 March, 1946

SUBJECT : Complaints - US Embassy Staff.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. Reference attached complaints of Mr. J.F. Huddleston and Mr. John L. Goshie.

2. In the afternoon of 11 March 1946 I was requested by Maj. King of Landforces Sub-Commission (MMIA) British, to allot the whole of the 9th floor to their use as their transportation had expended to the extent that they had insufficient room with the G-4 British Storage Pool on the same floor. I agreed that if the G-4 British was willing that it could be arranged.

3. In the morning of 12 March 1946 I discussed the matter with Capt. Balfour, British Motor Transport Officer, and it was agreed that the G-4 British Storage Pool would move that afternoon to a section of the 6th floor. It was further discussed that the operators of vehicles then parking in that section would be instructed to park on the 7th floor as that was the new designated space for transients and persons not permanently assigned for operations from Super Garage to park.

4. The details of the move was left entirely to the British MTC (statement attached). However, there was some discussion about the move with my Maintenance Officer (Lt. Gayok) and 1st Sgt (T/Sgt Barron) statements attached.

5. On March 13, 1946, Mr. Huddleson called me by telephone reference the forced entry of the stall assigned to him for parking and as at that time, I had not been informed that some of the Security devices had been forced, I could only promise an investigation into the matter and the possible reason for it. I further explained to Mr. Huddleson that suitable parking space was available on the 7th floor.

6. It is regretted the inconvenience caused the Embassy Staff and I can assure you, Sir, that "strong-armed" methods were not intended. All security devices removed from stalls in question are in my possession and will be gladly returned upon request.

Respectively.


ARTHUR M. McPHAIL
Capt., G.M.P.,
G.O. Super Garage

Incls
as above

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S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

Several days ago a British soldier came into the Administration Office asking to see Captain Arthur M. McPhail, the American Motor Transport Officer. Since the officer mentioned was not in the garage at the time, I asked him what he wanted as I was the Captain's representative in his absence.

He stated that he had orders to transfer his cars to the sixth floor and was looking for stalls that had good gates in order to be able to lock the stalls. Most of the stalls with good gates had locks and chains on them but they were in most cases empty.

Since the persons occupying the stalls in question were supposed to have been moved to another floor, he surmised and I agreed, that they had abandoned the locks and chain when they left the stall. I agreed that he remove the locks from the empty stall, however I made the provision that the chain on the empty stalls should be cut rather than the lock broken, in order that the padlocks be preserved should their owners claim them.

T/Sgt Matthew W. Barron
T/Sgt Matthew W. Barron

18 March, 1946.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
British Motor Pool

March, 18th 1946

SUBJECT : Removal of Chain & Locks from 6th Floor.

TO : C.O. Super Garage.

Ref. the attached report, herewith facts regarding same. It was necessary to remove a part of the British Motor Pool from the 9th Floor to the 6th Floor.

The British soldier in charge of the movement was shown, by me, the part of the 6th Floor which had been allotted to this Motor Pool. Unfortunately the part contained the three stalls mentioned in the report.

There was no intention to cause inconvenience to the Embassy Staff, and the action of the soldier was one of mistaken zeal. The soldier returned the locks undamaged to the American Sgt. Disciplinary action has been taken, by me, against the British soldier.

It is deeply regretted that this occurrence took place, and if any action can be taken by this Motor Pool to atone for the incident, it will be taken.

W. Balfour
MTO (Br)

Capt.

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S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

18 March, 1946.

On or about the 14th of March, at about 1500 hours, I was approached by a British soldier who said he was from British G-4 Motor Pool on the 9th floor at the A.C. Super Garage and he told me he was moving from the 9th floor to the 6th floor of the garage as directed by his officer. He asked me what to do about the few stalls that were being used in his new section. I advised him to watch out for the owner or driver of the cars and told him to tell them to move up to the 7th floor as all transients would use that floor.

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1st Lt QMC
Maint. Officer
Super Garage

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rome, Italy, March 15, 1946

My dear Admiral,

With reference to our conversation of this morning, I take pleasure in transmitting herewith, for your information and such action as you may deem appropriate, a note, dated March 14, which I received from Mr. Huddleston, the American Consul at Rome, in which Mr. Huddleston registers a complaint against what appears to have been a "strong-armed" action on the part of some official at the Supergarage.

In connection with the foregoing I'm enclosing a part of the evidence in the case.

Believe me, my dear Admiral,

Respectfully yours,


John L. Goshie
Administrative Officer

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

Enclosures:
as stated above.

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Rome, March 14, 1946

Mr. Goshie:

John:
On the evening of March 12, 1946 when the chauffeur of the Consular Section returned to the Super Garage with my car which has been used for several days by the Consular Section on account of the official car being under repair, he found that the stall assigned for its storage had been forcibly entered and had been filled with furniture, etc., and re-locked by someone. The closure, to take the place of a chain, and my lock which secured the garage, had disappeared. The stall assigned by the Super Garage for the use of Vice Consul Snyder had also been forcibly entered and a car had been installed therein and Mr. Snyder's lock and chain had disappeared. The stall assigned for the use of the Consular car was forcibly entered during the day, yesterday, and another car put in it. The lock and chain, property of the United States Government, had disappeared.

This morning the chauffeur was able to find the three locks, one closure (a forged closure) and two chains which had secured the three stalls above-mentioned. The closure and chains had been cut through, apparently with hacksaw blades.

I draw this matter to your attention for such action as you deem appropriate and wish to inform you that no indication had been previously given to me that the stalls assigned to myself, Vice Consul Snyder, and to the Consular Section of the Embassy were required to be vacated. Please note that forcible entry to gain possession of these stalls was in no way necessary in my opinion and that this action was to say the least unusual and unaccountable. I attach the closure which was used on the stall occupied by my car to show you how entry was effected.

J. F. Huddleston
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