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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 632/EC

13. August 1946.

SUBJECT: French Mission to Sicily.

TO : To Chief Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM

Reference your attached minute.

Lieutenant Hall R.N.V.R. is the British Liaison officer accompanying this mission.

Arrangements were completed and the French Representative to A.C. was advised on 8 August 46.

The French delegates will arrive in Rome by air P.M. 12 August and depart for SICILY by air A.M. 13 August. much are providing transportation to island.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE HAS SUGGESTED PARIS MARINE NATIONALS TO DETAIL BY
NAME TWO OFFICERS FOR VISIT TO ^{SOONEST} POSSIBLE DATE WILL BE ARRANGED
BETWEEN FRENCH OFFICERS AND BRITISH LIAISON OFFICER AND ITALIAN MINISTRY OF
THE MARINE WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS PD

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NICHOLAS NICHOLINO
CWO USA
Assistant Adjutant

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Reference phone Hind Smith/Trounson and our FX 65282 dated 15 May 46 para A.

1. An admiralty message to Cinc Med Res 241714 July repeated Foll, Nlo Sacmed and Bno Paris transmits the text of a telegram originating with Embassy Paris. This is retransmitted to you at para 2.
2. Quote La Paris had informed Marine Nationale that Allied authorities agreed to proposed French officers visit to Sicily accompanied by a British officer. French should now apply to Allied Commission concerning conditions and dates. In reply French stated that Italian authorities were understood to be in agreement with and French mission would be one Captain De Corvette and one Lieut De Vaisseau.

French asked what date would be convenient to British authorities observing this should be as early as possible because of discussion concerning peace treaty.

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- 3/ Request that Foll signals earliest date convenient for the visit to Cinc Med copy to AFHQ quoting admiralty ref 241714 July.
4. Also signal confirmation to AFHQ that a British Liaison officer will be available to accompany mission when it arrives.

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CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

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HQACDPR ALCOM

15 July 46

(1) Allied Commission Rumania

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SUBJECT: Rumanian/Mission to Italy

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BRITISH EMBASSY
ROME

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12th July, 1946.

My dear Admiral,

Thank you for your letter 43/5.16 of the 1st July. I also have been approached on many occasions by the Italian Government in their efforts to recover Italian property in Germany which was removed from this country during the time of the German occupation and I fully agree with you that it is important from the point of view of Italian economy that such material should if possible be recovered.

For your own information I have not failed to represent this point of view strongly to the Foreign Office, but so far, or at least in so far as the Italian request to send a special mission to Germany is concerned, I have as yet not received any instructions leading to this result. The Foreign Office, - and this I have explained to the Italian Government - is at present only willing to accept from the Italian Government for transmission to the British some authorities lists of looted Italian property believed to be in the British zones of Germany and Austria. When these final lists are received, the British Government will be willing to reconsider the question of the entry of an Italian Mission into the British zones of Germany and Austria to identify the actual property.

The above is briefly how the matter rests at this moment and in view of the already lengthy correspondence which I have had on the subject with London I do not feel that there is any more that can be done by re-opening the question at the present time. While the Italian Government have from time to time sent me sundry details of looted property and information as to its possible whereabouts, I am still awaiting from them their definitive statement which will enable me to ask my Government how soon after examining it they will deem it appropriate to re-consider the Italian request to send a mission.

Yours very truly

/s/ NORM. CHARLES

Rear Admiral E.W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
ROME

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THE AMBASSADOR
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

No. 132

Rome, 12 July 1946.

My dear Admiral,

(103) I have the honor of acknowledging receipt of your letter of July 1946, No. ES/5.16, and of informing you that, according to my opinion, the request of the Italian Government stated in said letter should be forwarded to the Control Council in Germany.

I avail myself of this opportunity, dear Admiral, to express to you the assurance of my perfect esteem.

/s/ M. Kostylev

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

EC DIST - 15 JULY

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Ref: 28/5.16

1 July 1946

My dear Ambassador:

The Italian Government has repeatedly sought advice on how to obtain authorization to send a technical mission to Germany and Austria for the purpose of locating Italian machinery and equipment which was removed from Italy by the Germans. The Prime Minister recently requested the Allied Commission to intervene with the representatives in Italy of the four Nations interested, namely, Russia, Britain, France and America. From the standpoint of the Italian economy the restoration of the materials is most important and I, therefore, give my full support to the proposal of the Italian Government. May I take the liberty of asking your support?

I believe there will be general agreement that the loss of the machinery and equipment is a great deterrent to Italian recovery. Furthermore, it is believed that some of the machinery transferred from plants for which it was especially designed and adaptable is now in plants where it may not be particularly useful.

It is fully appreciated by the Italian Government, and by me, that authorization for an Italian Mission to visit the controlled zones of Germany and Austria is dependent upon the controlling Governments. Likewise, it is understood that the activities of the Mission within a given zone will be subject to the control of the authorities in that zone.

The Supreme Allied Commander has concurred in my presenting this case to you, and also written to the General Officers commanding the British and United States Zones in Germany.

Yours very truly,

Ch. sent to the President in Washington **ELLERY W. STONE**

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Mikhail A. Kostylov
The United States of Soviet Russia Ambassador
to Italy
Via Costa, 5
Rome

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Ref: NY/516

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Yours very truly,

HERBERT W. DODGE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander C. Kirk
American Ambassador
American Embassy
Rome

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Ref: ES/5.16

3 July 1946

My Dear Minister:

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Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Georges Balay
Minister Plenipotentiary to Italy
French Embassy
Palazzo Farnese
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

JUL 3 RECD
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Ref: 632/ED.

2. July 1946.

SUBJECT: Visit of French Naval Mission
to SICILY.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. I forward copy of letter received from the French
Representative to the Allied Commission in connection with the
visit of the French Naval Mission to SICILY.

2. In this respect I have taken note of paragraph 2
of your letter G-5: 910.11-3 of 28th June 1946.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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TRANSLATION

The Captain of Ship Heron de VILLEFOSSE
- French Representative to Allied Commission
in Italy

29 June 1946

TO: Rear Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner

NOTE

SUBJECT: French Control Mission of fortification in Sicily.

Reference my letter 236 of 13th June.

I beg you to inform the Italian Government that the modalities of the execution of this inspection will be fixed by the British Admiralty with the collaboration of which it will be organized.

The General, Chief of Staff of the National defence, from whom I address to you this application, asked me to insist with you, in order that you will be so kind as to let Mr. De Gasperi have the notes contained in my reference letter.

/S/ De VILLEFOSSE

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Ref: Ref 5.16

1 July 1946

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Yours very truly,

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Sent to Hon. A. P. Kirk
Am. Amb.

HARRY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Sir Noel Charles, K.C.M.G., Bart., etc.
 H.B.M. Ambassador
 British Embassy
 Rome

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Also sent to The Honorable Mikhail A. Kravtchenko
 The United States of Soviet Russia Ambassador
 to Italy
 Via Yalta, 5
 Rome

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ALCOM SITE ACPSP TRAVEL CONTROL

26 JUNE 1946

1) ACABRIT FOR GSI

2) AFHQ

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FRENCH REPATRIATION MISSION OF COMMANDANT JEAN HARTMANN CMA LIEUTENANT
GEORGES SCHAEFFER AND SERGEANT ANDRE COCUMELLE OF YOUR GSIB SLANT EIGHT
ONE ZERO MAY ELEVEN APPROVED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ENTRY INTO ITALY
FOR PERIOD OF ONE MONTH PD AUTHORITY TO ENTER IS ITALIAN MINISTERO
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ONE ONE DATED TWENTYONE JUNE ONE NINE FOUR SIX WHICH MUST BE QUOTED
ON THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS PD

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO

CWO. USA.

Asst. Adjutant

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A.C. Baker F/Lt. RAF.

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2) ACABRIT

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MILITARY PERSONNEL BUT THIS HAS BEEN RECENTLY REVOKED SEMICOLON THE
HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT BEING ADVISED BY ITALIAN MISSION IN VIENNA THRU
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BETWEEN ITALIAN AND HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENTS TO EXCHANGE MISSIONS FOR REPAR
TION OF NATIONALS PD HUNGARIAN MISSION IS ALREADY IN ROME AND ITALIAN
ONE IS ABOUT TO LEAVE PD THIS MISSION TO HUNGARY IS FIRST HAVING
OFFICIAL CHARACTER PD

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AND IS AWAITING REPLY PD WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED PD

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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NICHOLAS FLOWBINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjt

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