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152	Cbl AFHQ, FX-45254	23 Sept 45	2, AC	Moravec Jose, arrest of, at Turin
152a	Ltr Balla	24 Sep 45	UNRRA	Italians in Yugoslavia
153	Ltr G-5 000.1-1 Hamlen	28 Sept 45	HQ AC	Elections in Venezia Giulia
154	Cbl AFHQ, FX-46496	29 Sep 45	54 Area, AC	Deportn of Jug airmen Slibor,Glukah
155	2214/159/EC, Stone	1 Oct 45	Smodlaka	Deportn of Jug airmen Slibor, Glukah
156	Cbl AFHQ, FX-46744	1 Oct 45	CinC-Med, 54, AC	Deportn of Jug airmen Slibor, Glukah
157	Cbl 6418, Ex C	2 Oct 45	AFHQ	Recom defin of It/Jug border, Trieste
157a	Ltr G-5 561.6 NEI	3 Oct 45	HQ AC	Seizure of It boats by Jugs
158	Smodlaka, Povbr1530/45	3 Oct 45	Stone	Deportn of Jug airmen Slibor, Glukah
158a	Cbl 6849 Carr	10 Nov 45	DISTWO	German POW as guards at San Martino
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159	Brooke, CSO, X.C.	15 Oct 45	Civ Aff Sec	Ret'n of Ex. R.Y.N. Per. to Jug.
160	Memo 6/4005/1846 Min For.	17 Oct 45	AC	Seizure of It boats by Jug.
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161	AC 2217/132/ECMcCleary	18 Oct 45	SCAO XIII C	Jug agencies in Italy
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163	Cbl Q1534 13 C Rear	20 Oct 45	AFHQ inf AC	Request legal expert to aide War Booty Committee with problems of Intern. law between Jugoslavs
164	Cbl Fx49790 AFHQ	22 Oct 45	Rear 13 C.	No legal expert available, solution to Juga International problems offered
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134	Cbl AFHQ, FX-38027	24 Aug 45	Mov Bari	Movement of Jugoslav Mission personl
134a	Ltr Hamblen	25 Aug 45	Hq AC	Seizure of It boats by Jugs
134b	Memo M.F.A. 6/3052/1426	28 Aug 45	AC	Jug agencies in It, activities of.
135	ES/12.03, Anderson	29 Aug 45	HM Ambassador	Mineral refinery in Fiume.
135a	Cbl 4397 EC	28 Aug 45	AFHQ G-5	Seizure of It boats fy Jugs-Situat.
136	2214/121/EC, Stone	30 Aug 45	COS AFHQ	Ital deserters in Jug Navy - case of Seaman Koljevina Grgur.
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137	5609/31/EC, Talbot	30 Aug 45	AFHQ	Seizure of It boats by Jugs.
137a	Smodlaka, 1276/45	31 Aug 45	Stone	Jug protest Italpress articles.
137b	Ltr 38992 etc Parri	24 Aug 45	CC	Application of Para 3 of Macmillan Memo
138	2214/EC, Kemaley	1 Sep 45	RAAC	Discipline of Chetniks in Italy.
139	4616/EC, Talbot	1 Sep 45	Naval S/C	Movement of lire across Adriatic.
139a	Ltr, AFHQ G-5	2 Sep 45	AC	Seizure of It boats by Jugs.
140	2217/106/EC, (Kemaley)	4 Sep 45	M.F.A.	Jug agencies in It, activities of.
141	2217/103/EC, Talbot	4 Sep 45	AFHQ	Jug agencies in It, activities of.
142	AGR 505.9.2, Econ Sec	5 Sep 45	Navy S/C	Seizure of It boats by Jugs.
143	NSC/3494, Butler	7 Sep 45	Ex C	Seizure of It boats by Jugs.
143a	AFHQ G-5: 250.1-5	10 Sep 45	AC	Ital deserters in Jug Navy - case of Seaman Koljevina Grgur.
143b	6512/74/EC, Lush	13 Sep 45	AFHQ	Jug protest Ital-press articles.
144	6512/75/EC, Stone	17 Sep 45	Smodlaka	Jug protest Ital-press articles.
145	2214/6/EC, Kemaley	17 Sep 45	Navy S/C	It deserters in Jug Navy - case of Seaman Koljevina Grgur.
146	2214/142/EC, Talbot	18 Sep 45	Jug Del, ACI	Discipline of Chetniks in Italy.
146a	Ltr 13c/AMG/208 Bowman	18 Sep 45	Ex Con.	Jugoslav Propganda
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147a	Ltr AC/45/19/LG Carr	19 Sep 45	AFHQ (G-5)	Preparation elctoral list Venezia Giulia
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120	Prunas,15/12119/46	7 Jul 45	Noel Charles	Croat undesirables in Italy.
121	Memo, Hopkinson	13 Jul 45	CC	Croat undesirables in Italy.
121a	Memo, M of Fn Affrs	16 Jul 45	AC	Seizure It boats by Jugs.
122	602/6/EC, Riordan	17 Jul 45	AFHQ	Croat undesirables in Italy.
123	Cbl AC DFR, 2061	18 Jul 45	Ven Reg	Repatriation of non-Dissident Jugs to Jugoslavia.
124	Ltr COS AFHQ	20 Jul 45	Secy ACI	Alleged Jugs in It units etc in France who are stated wish join FALJ.
125	5609/8/EC, Talbot	3 Aug 45	AFHQ,Amb's	Seizure of It boats by Jugs.
126	5609/11/EC, Talbot	3 Aug 45	M.F.A.	Seizure of It boats by Jugs.
126a	NSC/3186, Ziroli	8 Aug 45	CC	Seaman K.Grgur, arrest of.
127	NSC/3210, Ziroli	10 Aug 45	Mx C	Seizure of It boats by Jugs.
128	2217/87/EC, Stone	15 Aug 45	Smodlaka	Jug property in Rome,Bari & Naples.
129	Cbl AC CAS, 3750	15 Aug 45	AFHQ	Proposed Jug War Crimes Mission.
130	Pob.br.1142/45,Jug Del	16 Aug 45	Stone	Discipline of Chetniks in Italy.
130a	Memo 6/2803/1292 Min For	16 Aug 45	AC	Seizure of It boats by Jugs
131	2214/EC, Kemaley	20 Aug 45	AFHQ	Discipline of Chetniks in Italy.
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108	Memo, Br Pol Adv, AC	27 May 45	CC	Arrest-internment of Jugoslavs
109	Memo, US Pol Adv, AC	28 May 45	CC	Arrest-internment of Jugoslavs
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110a	Ltr, Min Foreign Affrs	29 May 45	AC	Incidents at Catania by Jugo Navy.
111	CC 1020, Stone	30 May 45	G-2 AFHQ	Arrest-internment of Jugoslavs
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113	8002/9/EC, Talbot	9 Jun 45	G-5 AFHQ	Incidents at Catania by Jugo Navy.
114	8002/10/EC, Talbot	9 Jun 45	MFA	Incidents at Catania by Jugo Navy.
115	524/EC, Talbot	16 Jun 45	XIII Corps	Italo-Slovene Anti-Fascist Council, headed by Umberto ZORATTI.
116	M.F.A., 6/1047/045	22 Jun 45	AC	9292 Trial of It officers in Jugoslavia.
117	2620/30/EC, Talbot	28 Jun 45	AFHQ G-5	Trial of It officers in Jugoslavia.
118	Cbl 15 AG, CAS-643 (AFHQ FX-14556)	30 Jun 45 (29 Jun 45)	XIII,8,AFHQ,G (15 AG)	Jugoslav children sent to Istria & Monfalcone Area.

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93	SAC (P) (45) 20	3 Apr 45		Abolishment of Royal Missions.
94	SAC (P) (45) 6th Mtg	5 Apr 45		Abolishment of Royal Missions;D/SAC's directions, policy.
95	Ltr Chairman-in-Rotation Advisory Council	6 Apr ??	SACMED	Jugos in units stationed Corsica, Sardinia,to join NLAJ Army.
95a	Ltr CAC(COS) AFHQ	8 Apr 45	Secy,ACI	Jugos in units stationed in Corsica, Sardinia, to join NLAJ.
96	NSC/2067, Warren	10 Apr 45	EX C,CC,etc	Case of It Navy rating deserting to Jugoslav Navy and subsequent arrest.
97	Memo, Quayle	12 Apr 45	CC	Case of It Navy rating deserting to Jugoslav Navy and subsequent arrest.
97a	15/05353/15, R.Prunas	18 Apr 45	CC	Case of Lagosta Island.
98	33rd Mtg, Adv Council	18 Apr 45		(1)Jugos in units stationed in Corsica, Sardinia,to join NLAJ.(2) Jugoslav rep on Allied Commission.
99	424/EC (L), Stone	20 Apr 45	Smodlaka	Jugo Bank - removal of gold by It Army
100	DPP/24-1/G-II(DP)Stone	23 Apr 45	G-5AFHQ	Abolishment of Royal Missions.
101	510/45, Smodlaka	23 Apr 45	Stone	Jugo Bank - removal of gold by It Army
102	424/EC/L,CC (Stewart)	23 Apr 45	Smodlaka	Jugo Bank- removal of gold by It Army
103	8260/14/EC, Stone	23 Apr 45	Prunas	Case of Lagosta Island.
104	8260/13/EC, Talbot	23 Apr 45	G-5 AFHQ	Case of Lagosta Island.
104a	Cbl Cincmed	1 May 45	SACMED	Jug seizure of It vessels in Adriatic
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Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. Kirk

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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Refers to memo from AEC with copy of letter to Ambassador 12/17/45

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Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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14 December 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 8 December (2186) presenting the views of the United States Government on the question of seizure of Italian boats by Yugoslav authorities and channels for handling Italian complaints of this nature against the Yugoslavs.

Sincerely yours,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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American Ambassador
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Ref: 799/Ed/EC. 17 November 1945.

SUBJECT: Travel of Russians and Yugoslavs.

TO : HQ Piedmont Region, AMG.

Reference your PR/230/111.1 dated 25 September 1945, attached for your information is a copy of the comments on that letter received from the Public Safety Sub-Commission.

C. R. BRAYBROOKE
Capt
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incls:
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/378.07/1

14 November 1945

SUBJECT: Irregular Movement of Russians and Yugo Slavs

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. With reference to Para 2(a) of PR/EXO/111.1 of 25 Sept. 1945 from Piemonte Region, such persons will not leave their Rome Hq., without an AC travel order, authorised by AFHQ giving details of places to be visited and the reason for the journey. Failure to produce these orders deprives the person concerned to all facilities, i.e., rations, petrol, requisitioned accommodation, etc and he must be ordered to return to Rome and the matter reported to AC.

2. With reference to Para 2 (b), this section is not competent to express an opinion on the movement of Soviet and Jugoslav military personnel who are not members of their official missions. Non military personnel are of course subject to Italian law, they must be registered as foreigners and any infraction of the law should be dealt with by AMG or the Italian Authorities. Such persons can claim no privileges or benefits other than those possessed by Italian nationals.

/s/ JOHN W. CHAPMAN, 2204
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 591/213/SC

16 November 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Propaganda

TO : SCAC AMG XIII Corps

1. Reference our 591/102/SC of 10 September 1945 and your 133/AMG/203 of 13 September 1945.

2. We have received the attached letter, 3/1313 of October 27, 1945 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and would be grateful for you comments thereon.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

F. H. McCLEARY
Lt Col.
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 591/214/30

6 November 1945

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Dear Dr. Gasperi,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter 3/1913 of October 27 addressed to the Chief Commissioner, discussing this HQ's letter on Yugoslav activities in Venezia Giulia. A further reply will be sent at an early date.

Very truly yours,

F. H. McCLEARY
Lt Col.
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Doctor Alcide De Gasperi,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Initials:
Date: 16 Nov 1945

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 250.1 GBI-O

16 November 1945

17 NOV 1945

SUBJECT: Policy Towards Jugoslavs.

TO: All Concerned.

1. Disposal instructions have already been issued in respect of deserters from the Armed Forces of the present Jugoslav Government. These instructions relate to the disposal of other Jugoslav nationals found in ITALY and in the area of VENEZIA GIULIA occupied by XIII Corps (hereinafter referred to as Zone "A").

2. Jugoslavs who are now located in ITALY and Zone "A" of VENEZIA GIULIA may be divided into the following two categories:

a. Supporters of the TITO regime.

b. Dissidents and opponents of the TITO regime.

3. The only TITO organizations which are legally established in ITALY and Zone "A" of VENEZIA GIULIA are the Jugoslav Delegation of the Advisory Council to ITALY, of which an official list is attached at Appendix "A"; a Jugoslav Military Mission attached to XIII Corps; and a Jugoslav detachment of 2,000 men under the command of that headquarters.

4. All Jugoslav citizens who are supporters of TITO and who do not belong to any of the organizations referred to in paragraph 3 above, and who are in the future located in ITALY, except in Zone "A" of VENEZIA GIULIA, should be detained. CI Staffs are being given special instructions regarding the investigation and disposal of such detainees. (This is not to conflict with standing instructions of XIII Corps).

5. Jugoslav dissidents and opponents of the TITO regime, with the exception of Ustasi and leaders and officials of the former Serb and Croat Quisling regimes, are at present to be allowed to live at large in ITALY or Zone "A" of VENEZIA GIULIA.

6. Jugoslav dissidents and opponents of the TITO regime are on no account to be handed over to representatives of the present Jugoslav Government without instructions from this headquarters.

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dtd 16 November 45 (Cont'd)

7. Ustasi and leaders and officials of the former Serb and Croat Quisling regimes should be arrested. This headquarters will be informed of their arrest and arrangements will be made for them to be sent to a PW or internment camp.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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APPENDIX "A" to AFHQ
ltr, AG 250.1 GBI-O,
dtd 16 November 45

Dr. Joseph SMODLAKA, Ambassador, Jugoslav Representative and wife, Mrs. Antonia
Dr. Slaven SMODLAKA, Deputy Delegate and wife, Mrs. Zori and daughter, Lillian

Mr. Dudolph Jarhuba, Secretary, with wife, Mrs. Hilda and son Bozo.
Mrs. Arsen Milutovic, Secretary.
Mr. Radisav Pasperovic, Secretary.
Mr. Niko Jakas, Secretary.
Mr. Nikola Mandic, Secretary.

Mr. Ivan Anturac, Economic Counselor, with wife, Mrs. Zovnka and son Goran.
Mr. Mihaljovic Bruno, Economic Secretary with wife and 2 children.

Mr. Andrija Stipanovic, Attache for Commercial Marine, with wife.
Mrs. Blanka and 2 sons, Zvonimir and Igor.

CLERICAL STAFF

Mr. Novica Jovanovic.
Mr. Simo Serio.
Mr. Josip Engel.
Mrs. Mandic Marica.

Miss Combos Klara
Miss Slajmer Tatjana
Mr. Vaso Jovanovic with wife,
Mrs. Olga.

AUXILIARY STAFF

Vracar Jovo
Dvizac Milan
Crozovic Salko
Troha Zdenko
Popovic Maks
Sinkovic Milos
Djurdevic Stefanija
Matak Kristina
Rajko Jeletic

Ajduk Franjo
Ljubovic Marko
Peric Milivoje
Manasovic Drago
Pijevic Branko
Josanovic Jovo
Flajhan Tereza
Cotic Vidica
Zivota Paunovic

Berilazic Ivan
Horacanin Edward
Petrovic Slavko
Dino Acimov
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Pavlin Herman
Ivin Marija
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16 November 1945.

Dear Mr. Key:

Thank you for your letter of 15 November in which you advise that you have informed the State Department of the views of Allied Forces Headquarters (G-5) with regard to the seizure of Italian boats by Yugoslav authorities.

Sincerely yours,

KELSEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

David McK. Key, Esq.,
Charge d'Affaires ad interim,
American Embassy,
ROME.

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c. to Exec Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 591/212/EC

6 November 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Activities in Venezia Giulia

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. Copy of our 591/156/EC of 12 October 1945 is forwarded herewith for information. It is regretted that this was not forwarded sooner.

2. The enclosed copy of letter 3/1918 of 27 October 1945 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in reply is also forwarded. Para (b) is of particular interest.

3. A copy has been sent to Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Venezia Giulia asking for his comments.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Lt. Col.
Executive Commissioner

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Restricted from AFHQ.

Cable received from Yugoslavia Mission BELGRADE asking for Allied Force permit for Peter Krajcinevic and Engineer of Yugoslavia Ministry Trade and Supply to enter Italy in connection with obtaining military surpluses for Yugoslavia. Holds passport No. 453 issued 28 July 1945.

Signed SCMED cite FWAT.

Requesting that permit be signalled to British Military attache BELGRADE. Forwarded for your remarks and recommendation as per suggestion of G2 (GI) this AFHQ before approval is given.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 2217/336/AC

15 November 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy

TO : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs

1. Reference your 6/4394/2023 of 9 November 1945 and your 6/4397/2024 of the same date.

2. These matters have been passed to the appropriate authorities, and we will keep you informed on any action which may be proposed.

B. SIMPSON
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2217/157/GC 15 November 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy

TO : CA Section (2)

1. Attached please find copies of letters from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 9 November on the above subject.

2. Will you please ask the Public Safety representative in Naples to investigate the behaviour of the Yugoslavs in this district and report.

3. For your information Eboli is in the Province of Salerno, near Naples.

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B. Sampson

for Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, November 15, 1945

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Dear Admiral Stone,

I refer to Brigadier Lush's memoranda of October 18 and November 2 (file nos. 5609/47/EC and 5609/56/EC) regarding the seizure of Italian boats by Yugoslav authorities and suggesting channels for handling Italian complaints of this nature against the Yugoslavs. I have informed the Department of the views of Allied Force Headquarters (G-5) as set forth therein and have asked for instructions.

In this connection reference is made to your letter of November 3, 1945 (file no. 8258/127/EC), to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs suggesting channels which it should use with respect to claims or complaints against the Yugoslav Government or Yugoslav authorities.

Sincerely yours,

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/s/ David McK. Key
/t/ DAVID McK. KEY
Charge d'Affaires ad interim

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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PARA THREE PD IF WE ARE PREPARED TO LOCK ON AND WATCH THIS PROGRESS I CONCUR WITH THE POLICY CONTAINED IN YOUR FOX FIVE ONE THREE NINE ONE OF ONE NOVEMBER PD IF NOT I RECOMMEND ACTION AS SUGGESTED BY ME IN MY SIX FOUR ONE EIGHT OF TWO OCTOBER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

NOV 19 REC'

Ref: 593/33/SC

17. November 1945

SUBJECT: Fascist Activities in Venezia Giulia

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. I am directed to forward to you for information the attached letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1025 of 3 November 1945.

2. A copy has been sent to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, 88th XIII Corps, asking him to investigate & report.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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E. H. McCLEARY,
Lt.Col.
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 592/11/20 14 November 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Activities in Venezia Giulia

TO : SCAO
AMG XIII Corps

1. Attached please find copy of letter from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, No. 1025 dated 3 November 1945.

2. Will you please investigate the allegations made, and report.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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F. H. McCLEARY
Lt.Col.
for Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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ITALIAN SOCIAL REPUBLIC — Rough Translation — Copy

Segr.Pol. No. 1025

Rome, November 3rd, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

Following upon my previous reports, I deem it advisable to acquaint you with some recent news relative to the Venezia Giulia, which, I believe, will be of interest to you.

(1) Information is at hand that in the district of Gorizia under Allied Administration, clandestine Fascist military authorities have started in the afternoon of October 5th to enlist young men who are being sent to the mobilisation centre of Tolmino.

The enlistment takes place under the shape of a written order, directly delivered by hand to the single individuals.

(2) It is reported that Italian bank-notes are being printed in Zagreb, to be circulated in Italy and particularly in the Venezia Giulia. Said paper-money is being used by the Slav organization of the region.

(3) It has been noted that while no Italian automobile can cross the Morgan line, several Fascist motor-vehicles are freely circulating in the Venezia Giulia and in the Venezia Euganea, some of them with LB (Lubiana) license plate or even without license plate at all.

It would seem advisable to submit this motor traffic to an appropriate control.

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(4) According to the latest reports from Fiume, the records of that Bureau of Vital Statistics have been carried away from the Town Hall premises. It has so far been impossible to learn where said material has been taken and what has become of it.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours

(signed) PETTUS

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 591/9/MD

14 November 1945

SUBJECT: Situation in Venezia Giulia

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Reference your 1025 of 3 November 1945.

2. The contents of this letter have been noted. This Headquarters will keep you informed of any action which may be taken.

For the Chief Commissioner:

F. H. McCLEADY
Lt. Col.,
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

11 November 1945

My dear Admiral

I have investigated the matter we discussed in your office concerning our permission to Triestine Italians to display the Italian flag at the pro-Italianita demonstration which took place in Trieste on Saturday 3 November.

It is clear that the Italian Committee of Liberation asked for permission to carry Italian flags with the Cross of Savoy concealed and that permission was granted, routinely, in the terms of the request. The covering of this portion of the flag was not a condition imposed by us.

I enclose a copy of the instructions of the Committee of Liberation to participants in the demonstrations and call attention to General Instructions No. 5 which I have marked with blue pencil.

I hope that this makes the position clear and will relieve us of any possible imputation of unfriendliness to the Italian Government or its flag.

Respects

Alfred M. Gruenther
Brig Gen

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

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APPENDIX "A".

SECRET CGLN INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF DEMONSTRATIONS.

The following document is a translation of the CGLN secret instructions to its adherents for the procedure to be followed on the occasion of outdoor demonstrations. The circular is not dated; the instructions appear to have been drawn up some time ago in provision of such an occasion as was presented by the demonstration on 3rd November for the anniversary of the Italian landing at Trieste in 1918.

It is of interest in that it shows a degree of preparation and organisation hitherto absent from the general activities of the CGLN. In practice the instructions were carried out fairly closely, the one notable variation being that, instead of the demonstration dissolving within ten minutes of the end of the speech, as laid down, the crowd proceeded in procession round the principal streets of the town for another hour. The guards provided to prevent the access of opposition forces to Piazza Unita' were not required, as this duty was performed most efficiently by the Allied and civilian police; it would appear somewhat doubtful that this part of the programme would have gone quite 'according to plan' otherwise.

COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION OF VENEZIA GIULIA - TRIESTE

Circular No. 2.

DEMONSTRATION OF 'ITALIANITY'

Detailed orders for Business Houses.

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1) The day of the demonstration may be a working day or holiday. In both cases, all personnel should start from their own place of business at the times indicated below; therefore, in case of a holiday, the demonstrators should reach their places of work between 10 and 11, and leave at the established hour for the place of assembly.

2) The day of the demonstration will be made known by handbills which will be distributed all over the city in the early hours of the morning.

Places of Assembly.

1) University students, Secondary School students, Boy Scouts, Edera Sports Association, Sporting Youth will be at 10.30 on the appointed day at the University. They will leave at 11.15 exact in the direction of Piazza Unita - they will pass in front of the Registration Office [illegible] All the above-named bodies

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2) Adriatic Shipping Co., Civil Engineers, Istria-Trieste Navigation, Italia Shipping Co., Orions (Lloyd Triestino), Town Hall, Prefecture: all these bodies will leave their addresses for Piazza Unita, direct, at 11.25.

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APPENDIX "A".

3) Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Riunione Adriatica di Sicurta', Credito Italiano, Cassa di Risparmio, Banca Commerciale Italiana, Rossilio, Smolars, Glossich, Boltrame, Banco di Napoli, Banco di Roma, Banco di Sicilia: all these bodies will leave their addresses as so to reach Piazza della Borsa exactly at 11.15; they will then leave for Piazza Unita at 11.25.

4) TELVE, ZIAR, SAINE, Arrigoni, Intendenza di Finanza, Istituto Previdenza Sociale, Assicurazioni Generali, CHDA, Posto e Telegrafi, Ferrovieri, Banco d'Italia, Aquila: all these bodies will leave their addresses so as to reach Piazza Evangelica at 11.05; they will then leave for Piazza Unita at 11.15 exact.

5) Magazzini Generali, Ditta Parisi, ACEGAT, GENEL, Alberti, E.C.A., Standard Oil, Cassa Ammalati, Cassa Marittima Adriatica Infortuni, Cooperative Operaio, Istituto Farmacoterapico and other firms which may have contacted the sub-committees will either go to the Piazza separately in order to be there at 11.30, or, if they have banners, they will deposit them in good time with the nearest firm that has been organised, and follow their orders.

Orders for the Piazza.

It is absolutely necessary to prevent outside forces from entering the Piazza to disturb the demonstration.

Bearers of signs will be in front. Flags here and there among the firms.

a) Members of 1) University Students, Secondary School students, etc. will guard the passages leading into the Piazza which are under the Palazzo del Comune.

b) Members of 2) Adriatica S.A., Genio Civile, etc. will guard the entry into the Piazza between the Comune and the Cafe Nazionale building, and between the latter and the Lloyd building.

c) Members of 3) Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, etc. will guard the entrance between Palazzo del Governo and the Cafe degli Specchi.

d) Members of TELVE, ZIAR, etc. will guard the entrance between Cafe degli Specchi and the Comune.

General Instructions.

1) The showing of flags is left to the discretion of the citizens.
2) It is absolutely necessary that firms keep scrupulously to the times fixed in this circular, for leaving their addresses.
3) The places of assembly must be kept secret and should be known only by the persons organising the demonstration in the firms.

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4) Disposition of the procession: First the signs, then the flags, surrounded by the youngest demonstrators - leave the places of work singing patriotic hymns in such a way as to electrify the citizens - sing the following songs: Piave - Hymn of Manoli - Hymn of Garibaldi - Hymn of San Giusto. Do not sing songs that might irritate our adversaries, e.g. "In the country of Rossetti only Italian is spoken".
5) Do not carry flags with the Savoy Cross in the procession.
6) The demonstration will begin and end in the Piazza. No processions should be formed once the demonstration in the Piazza is finished.

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Everything will be ended ten minutes after the end of the speeches.

7) The banners must be immediately returned to their proper places - if the place is distant from the Piazza, arrangements must be made to leave the banners with some firm nearer.

8) The sub-committees of the different groups (those that have the same assembly point) must try to keep in touch with each other.

9) Keep scrupulously to the instructions given in this circular.

IL COMITATO DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE DELLA VENEZIA GIULIA.

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IL COMITATO DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE DELLA VENEZIA GIULIA.

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Disposal of Royalists Yugoslavs is subject.

1. Our FX 50091 of 23 October 45 is cancelled.

2. No Yugoslav national will be repatriated to Yugoslavia against his will.

3. There is however no objection to Royalist Yugoslavs living at large in Italy providing they do not enter 13 Corps area or attempt to enter British occupied zone of Austria.

4. All cases should be referred to this HQ and if necessary disposal instructions will be issued.

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YUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY
Pov. br. 1756/45

Rome, 10 November 1945

SUBJECT: Jugoslav Nationals in Italy

TO : Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter 2214/194/EC dated 31st October 1945.

Since this question is affecting Jugoslav citizens, it is considered that only Jugoslav authorities are competent to lay down and to ascertain who is deserter from the Jugoslav Army.

The Jugoslav Government will be informed about the content of your letter.

/s/ Dr. Sloven Smodlaka
/t/ DR. SLOVEN SMODLAKA
Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia, ACI

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No. 45

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1/1015/1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Yugoslav claims concerning Italian Navy vessels.

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wish to bring to the Allied Commission notice that according to reports from Trieste, Yugoslavia claims rights of war prize on vessels - both afloat and sunk - of the Italian Navy in the Gulf of Trieste. Such claim would be based on the deceptive pretext that Yugoslav Forces would have been the first ones to occupy Trieste.

2. The vessels in question are:

Battleships: "IMPERO" (under construction) and "CAVOUR".

Cruisers: "ETNA" and "VESUVIO".

Destroyer: "PIGAFETTA".

Torpedo Boat: "MISSORI".

Sloops: "SPADA" and "LANCIA".

Auxiliary Craft: "CHIRONE", "MARITTIMO", "FASANA" and "T.A. 42".

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3. It would seem superfluous to observe how arbitrary the Yugoslavs' viewpoint is. Their claim is not only contrary to the Armistice terms and to the praxis the Allied Authorities have followed up to the present time, but also absolutely conflicting with the repeated Allied declarations that all questions concerning the Italian Navy will be committed to the Peace Treaty.

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Subject: Yugoslav claims concerning Italian Navy vessels.

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wish to bring to the Allied Commission notice that according to reports from Trieste, Yugoslavia claims rights of war prize on vessels - both afloat and sunk - of the Italian Navy in the Gulf of Trieste. Such claim would be based on the deceptive pretext that Yugoslav Forces would have been the first ones to occupy Trieste.

2. The vessels in question are:

Battleships: "IMPERO" (under construction) and "CAVOUR".

Cruisers: "ETNA" and "VESUVIO".

Destroyer : "PIGAFETTA".

Torpedo Boat: "MISSORI".

Sloops: "SPADA" and "LANCIA".

Auxiliary Craft: "CHIRONE", "MARITTIMO", "FASANA" and "T.A. 42".

3. It would seem superfluous to observe how arbitrary the Yugoslavs' viewpoint is. Their claim is not only contrary to the Armistice terms and to the praxis the Allied Authorities have followed up to the present time, but also absolutely conflicting with the repeated Allied declarations that all questions concerning the Italian Navy will be committed to the Peace Treaty.

4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs begs to inform the Allied Commission that what above has been also brought to the notice of the American and British Embassies in Rome.

Rome, November 10th, 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Seizure of Italian ships by the Yugoslav authorities.

Reference is made to this Ministry's memoranda n.6/2803/1292, dated 16 August 1945, and n.6/4005/1846, dated 17 October 1945.

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to acquaint the Allied Commission with the following additional cases of Italian ships removed from Trieste and neighbouring areas by partisan Yugoslav forces:

a) S/S Tenacia Gennari - gross displacement 996 tons. Taken over by Yugoslav troops at Trieste and compelled to sail for Spalato.

b) S/S Mercurio, of the "Montecatini" Ltd. - 1979 tons - captured by the Yugoslavs last April at Parenzo.

c) Tanker Lina Campanella - gross displacement 3356 tons - removed from Trieste and taken to Porto Re, where damages caused by a mine were repaired. Is now sailing under Yugoslav flag.

d) Motor sailing-boat Sanfelice. Unduly withheld by Yugoslav Authorities, while taking shelter, in the harbour of Cittanova d'Istria, owing to bad weather.

e) "Regina" and "Prometeus" and other smaller craft removed from Trieste by the Yugoslavs.

2. In addition to these ships and to those previously listed, which were removed by the Yugoslavs from Trieste and Istria last April and May after the Yugoslav occupation of those territories, and for whose restitution the Allied Commission was approached with memorandum 6/2803/1292 dated 16 August 1945, information has reached this Ministry that on or before September 8th, 1943 several other Italian ships, wereto be found in waters now under Yugoslav control. The particulars concerning these ships are tabulated in the enclosed list.

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3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will appreciate it greatly if the Allied Commission will take all suitable action in order to secure that also these ships be returned to their owners or that their salvage right be aknowledge in the case of the still sunken ships.

Said vessels cannot in fact be considered as war prize for the following reasons, which were already illustrated to the Allied Commission:

a) Article 5 of the armistice signed on September 3rd, 1943, states that Italian merchant ships (wherever located) are subject to requisition by the Allied Commander-in-Chief. It is obvious that by this provision the Allies have implicitly waived the prize-right; if not, they would hardly have needed to lay claim to requisition.

b) The Cunningham-De Courten agreement, dated September 23rd, 1943 provides that Italian merchant ships, flying Italian flag and manned by Italian crews, shall be employed under the same conditions as those applying to merchantmen of the Allied Nations.

c) As regards sunken ships, the Italian Government feel that their capture, i.e. an actual seizure, cannot take place until the ship is in a position to make a seizure possible, in other words, until she has been refloated. Consequently the capture by the Allies of craft that, though sunk in the waters of territories occupied by them prior to 8th of September 1943, had not yet been salvaged at that date could in no way be considered legitimate. Said craft, if refloated after that date, could not be captured by the Allied Authorities but should be returned to the Italian Authorities, safe, of course the right of reimbursement of salvage expenses. Such was in fact also the view of Mr. Graham, Representative in Naples of the Ministry of War Transport who, referring to the Italian S/S "Giuseppe Leva" sunk in Tunisian waters, wrote on 31 August 1944: "Any Italian vessels which are found by the French remain Italian property, unless they were seized by the French before the signing of the armistice between the Allied Nations and Italy. I daresay

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the French will require to be paid or given some guarantee for their salvage expenses on the "Giuseppe Leva", but she is in the same category and should be-handed over as early as possible".
The same principle met implicitly with the approval of the British Admiralty, when the latter ordered the restitution to Italy (safe, of course, the payment of salvage expenses to be determined through arbi-tration) of the Italian craft refloated by the British Authorities in the harbours of the Peninsula.

The above argumentation is supported not only by the letter but also by the spirit of the armistice and of the subse-quent recognition of Italy as a cobelligerant. On the other hand a disparity of treatment of Italian ships, merely based on their different location at the time of capture, could hardly be deemed to be justifiable.

4. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be grateful to the Allied Commission for their kind interest in taking up the matter with the Yugoslav Authorities.

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Rome, November 10th, 1945

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SITUATION OF ITALIAN VESSELS WHO TOOK IN TERRITORIAL WATERS NOT OCCUPIED BY THE YUGOSLAV FORCES

Type	Name	Gross displacement	Where located on September 8th, 1943
S/S	STON	T.	Sunken at Sebenico
"	SANSECO		Sunken at Lussino
"	MAR BIANCO	2446	Sunken at Zara
"	SEBENICO		Sunken at Zara
"	LISSA	540	Sunken at Zara
"	GRIMPIA	5040	Sunken in the vicinity of Zara
"	BERBERA	2093	Sunken probably at Spalato
"	RAMB III	1960	Sunken at Fiume
"	NUMIDIA	7675	Sunken near Parenzo
"	BRIONI		In a shipyard at Spalato
"	VOLOSCA (present name HVAR)		In navigation
"	BRUNDUSIUM	1237	Probably sunk at Cravosa
"	G.ROSSINI	982	Probably sunk at Cattaro
"	ESPERIA	1313	At Spalato. Refloated by the Yugoslav and at present under Yugoslav flag
"			At Sebenico
"	MARINO	702	At Spalato
"	SAN LUIGI	4356	At Spalato
"	ST PANO	982	Sunken in the vicinity of Isola Lunga
"	ANNA MANTINI	1044	Sunken in the vicinity of Lussino
"	CATTARO		

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Type	Name	Tonnage	September 8th, 1943
S/S	STON	T.	Sunken at Sebenico
"	SANGRO		Sunken at Lussino
"	MAR BIANCO	3144	Sunken at Zara
"	SEBENICO		Sunken at Zara
"	LISSA	540	Sunken at Zara
"	OLIMPIA	5040	Sunken in the vicinity of Zara
"	SCUMBRA	2003	Sunken probably at Spalato
"	RAMB III	1960	Sunken at Fiume
"	NUMIDIA	7575	Sunken near Parenzo
"	BRIONI		In a shipyard at Spalato
"	VOLOSCA (present name MVAR)		In navigation
"	BRUNDUSIUM	1237	Probably sunk at Gravosa
"	C.BORSINI	982	Probably sunk at Cattaro
"	ESTERINA	1313	At Spalato. Refloated by the Yugoslav and at present under Yugoslav flag
"			
"	MARINO	702	At Sebenico
"	SAN LUIGI	4356	At Spalato
"	ST.VANC	992	At Spalato
"	ANNA MANFINI	1044	Sunken in the vicinity of Isola Lunga
"	CATTARO		Sunken in the vicinity of Cattaro
"	PALERMO	2897	Sunken in the vicinity of Fiume
"	ENRICO BARONI	840	Sunken in the vicinity of Sebenico.

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ype	Name	Gross displ.	Where located on September 8th, 1943
S/S	CIGLIOLA	734	Sunken between Zara and Sebenico
"	MERANO	3704	Sunken in the vicinity of Cattaro
"	MILANO	4078	Sunken in the vicinity of Sebenico
"	NICOLO' MARTINI		Sunken in the vicinity of Spalato
"	SPALATO		Sunken in the vicinity of Spalato
"	SANGIGI	3666	At Gravosa
"	CASTELNUOVO (F149)		Sunken at Teodo
M/S	POMONA	2198	Sunken in the vicinity of Pola
"	DEA MACESLLA	3082	Sunken at Sebenico
"	CUIDO BRUNNER	1081	Sunken in the vicinity of Recoznica
"	ARDONEA	4959	Sunken at Sebenico
"	ADRIANA	4353	Damaged at Ragusa
"	FELICE	90,54	At Lissa
"	ARDOR	3960	Sunken in the vicinity of Cattaro
M/S/b	MARGHERITA	(456)	Sunken in the vicinity of Sovra
"	MARIA JOSE'		Sunken at Novaglia
"	GIUSEPPE GESINA		Sunken at Punte Bianche
"	ZORNCO		Sunken at Zara
"	SARA		At Spalato
"	AMERIGO VASPUCCI	57	
"	BRUNA ZETA	220	

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ype	Name	Gross displ.	Where located on September 8th, 1943
S/S	GIGLIOLA	734	Sunken between Zara and Sebino
"	MERANO	3704	Sunken in the vicinity of Cattaro
"	MILANO	4028	Sunken in the vicinity of Sebenico
"	NICOLO' MARTINI		Sunken in the vicinity of Spalato
"	SPALATO		Sunken in the vicinity of Spalato
"	SANGIGI	3368	At Gravosa
"	CASTELNUOVO (F149)		Sunken at Teodo
M/S	POMONA	2198	Sunken in the vicinity of Pola
"	DEA MARZELLA	3082	Sunken at Sebenico
"	GUIDO BRUNNER	1081	Sunken in the vicinity of Recznica
"	ARDORA	4059	Sunken at Sebenico
"	ADRIANA	4353	Damaged at Ragusa
"	FELICE	90,54	At Lissa
"	ARDOR	8960	Sunken in the vicinity of Cattaro
M/S/b	MARGHERITA	(466)	Sunken in the vicinity of Sovra
"	MARIA JOSE'		Sunken at Noveglia
"	GIUSEPPE CESIRA		Sunken at Punte Bianche
"	ZORNCO		Sunken at Zara
"	SARA		At Spalato
"	AMERIGO VASPUCCI	57	
"	BRUNA ZETA	220	

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S/3	GIGLIOLA	734	bino
"	MERANO	3704	Sunken in the vicinity of Cattaro
"	MILANO	4098	Sunken in the vicinity of Sebenico
"	NICOLO' MANTINI		Sunken in the vicinity of Spalato
"	SPALATO		3 unken in the vicinity of Spalato
"	SANGIGI	3666	At Gravosa
"	CASTELNUOVO (F149)		Sunken at Teodo
M/3	PONONA	2198	Sunken in the vicinity of Pola
"	DEA MARZELLA	3082	Sunken at Sebenico
"	GUIDO BRUNNER	1081	Sunken in the vicinity of Recoznica
"	ARBOREA	4959	Sunken at Sebenico
"	ADRIANA	4353	Damaged at Ragusa
"	FELICE	90,54	At Lissa
"	ARDOR	9960	Sunken in the vicinity of Cattaro
M/3/b	MARGHERITA (456)		Sunken in the vicinity of Sovra 3698
"	MARIA JOSE'		Sunken at Novaglia
"	GIUSEPPE CESIRA		Sunken at Punte Bianche
"	ZORNCO		Sunken at Zara
"	JARA		At Spalato
"	AMERIGO VASPUCCI	57	
"	BRUNA ZETA	220	
"	MARISA	100	
"	MARIA GASPERRI	80	
"	SECONDA LUCIA	149	
"	DIVINA MADRE	49	
"	PAOLETTA	70,36	At Spalato

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Type	Name	Gross Displ.	Where Located on September 8th, 1943
M/S/b	MADONNA DI TERSATTO		At Teodo
"	VEGA	333	At Gravosa
"	S.ANTONIO (Vap.5)		Sunken at Sebenico
"	SACRA FAMIGLIA (V.260)		" " Spalato
"	S.NICOLO'U. (Vap.II)		" " Sebenico
"	LIBECCIO		Now in Dalmatia
"	ARDUINO		At Lissa
M/F/b	APOLLO MARONE (B105		Sunken at Gravosa
"	TRANQUILLO (B.472)		" " "
"	LA SUPERBA (R.185)		" " Spalato
"	MAZZARENO I° (B.92)		" " Sebenico
"	DESSIE' (B.584)		" " Teodo
"	ARTIGLIO (B.482)		" "" "
"	AMBRA		Sunken in the vicinity of Cittanova
"	ISOLINA LUCIA		At Spalato
"	ALBA 2°		" "
"	FLAVIO GIOIA (B.57)		" Zara
"	SAN LUIGI (B.130)		" "
"	FRECCIA NERA (B.438)		" "
"	CRISTINA (B.537)		At Spalato
"	IMPERO (B.167)		" Lagosta
"	AUDACE (R.3)		" Cattaro
"	STELLA D' ITALIA		" Fiume
"	EMMA		" Isola d'Istria
"	GRAZIELLA 2°		" Zara
"	ROSINA L.		" "
"	I TRE FRATELLI		" "
"	GUERRA EUROPEA		" "
"	PERINA MADRE	26,74	" Pola
"	Paola	31,71	" "
"	RADIOSA AURORA	70,36	" Spalato

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Type	Name	Gross Displ.	Where located on September 8th, 1943
M/F/b	NUOVO SAN ANDREA	(B.552) (D.1)	At Porto Re (1)
"	TIGRE	35,90	" Gravosa
"	SeVERO	26,06	Removed to Dalmatia
"	LEONE PADRE	23,04	Removed from Pola to Val di Fiem and probably sunken there
Tug	COSTANTE		Sunken at Dalmatia
"	PARENZO		Groundin the Canal of Selve
"	MOLARA (o simile)		In service at Spalato
Barge	SATI II°		At Spalato
Motorboat	GRAZIELLA I°		Sunken at Dalmatia

(1) Now at Fiume, is employed by the Yugoslav Navy for the removal of magnetic mines, under the name "D.1". Her original engine is at Fiume at the SKULL plant. (Make Deutsche Werke Kiel A.G. P.S. and 120 Umden/Min) Type 4M36, Factory 5231/5234).

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6/4397/2024

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Yugoslav assembly-centre S. Giovanni

1. A Yugoslav assembly-centre has recently been created in S. Giovanni, near Eboli. The number of the inmates is of about 15,000.

2. During the night from October 4th to October 5th several Yugoslavs from this centre have overrun the nearby hamlet of Grataglia and carried away large quantities of grapes and apples.

3. Other Yugoslavs from the centre forcefully claimed the right to freely purchase bread from the municipal bakery and desisted only after the vigorous intervention of the local guards.

4. The Commander of the Carabinieri (Italian Military Police) stationed in that district, reported the matter to the Yugoslav Commander of the centre, who replied not to be able, owing to the great number of his countrymen, to restrain them from such violations of the peace.

5. As the result of these illegal acts, a strong anti-Yugoslav feeling is growing in the population of that district, which could easily lead to serious incidents, specially because of the provocatory attitude often adopted by the men in the centre.

6. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs should consequently be grateful to the Allied Commission if they would kindly call the earnest attention of the proper authority to the above situation, recommending that steps be urgently taken to prevent the repetition of similar occurrences.

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Rome, November 8th 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NOV 9 REC'D

9 November 45

Ref: AC/45/19/16.

SUBJECT: Preparation of Electoral Lists in VENEZIA GIULIA.

TO: SCAD, VENEZIA GIULIA.

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1 Reference is made to the letter of the Allied Commission to AFHQ G-5 dated 19 Sep 45 (file AC/45/19/16) and to AFHQ reply of 28 Sep 45 (file G-5: 000.1-1) copies of both of which were sent to you. This correspondence indicates that the compilation of election registers is to commence in VENEZIA GIULIA as soon as possible and that the procedure will follow that in use in the remainder of Italy.

2 As agreed during discussion at this Headquarters on 5 Nov 45, the drafting of the pertinent AMG General Order and administrative regulations and forms will be undertaken by the VENEZIA GIULIA staff with such advice and assistance from Local Government Sub-Commission as you may require. It is suggested that the work of the legal officer to whom this task is assigned by you will be facilitated if he can arrange to spend some time at this Headquarters with local government experts.

3 The importance of starting the preparation of electoral rolls in VENEZIA GIULIA cannot be over-stressed and accordingly it is urged that the preparatory work should be commenced as quickly as possible.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M. Carr Brigadier

M. CARR, Brigadier,
Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

Copies to: AFHQ, G-5.
Chief Commissioner.
Executive Commissioner.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy

1. Reference is made to this Ministry's memorandum 6/3794/1760, dated October 8th, 1945.

2. The following episode has only recently been related but it adds confirmation to the previous reports of illegal and high handed activities on the part of offices and organizations of the Yugoslav Government in Italy.

3. On August 28th 1945, two uniformed members of Tito's Armed Forces approached an Italian national by the name of Giovanni Chernetta in a watch repairers shop in Naples, Corso Umberto 88, and induced him to follow them.

4. His failure to return home was brought to the attention of the police by a brother of his. One of the two Yugoslavs was traced and, with the assistance of a British Officer, taken to the Questura where he confessed that Chernetti was locked up in the Yugoslav premises of Piazza Nicola Amore. He also suggested to have him freed in exchange of his own liberation.

5. Chernetta, a native of Chistagne (Zara), 21 years of age and only recently returned from internment in Germany, was in fact released soon thereafter. Upon being questioned at the Questura, he declared that during the days of his stay at Piazza Nicola Amore he received copious meals. He also got cigarettes and was visited by the Yugoslav Consul.

6. The Yugoslav Consul has instead declared to the Questura that the existence of that dispersal centre was unknown to him and to have never visited the place.

7. Chernetta was supposed to have been taken to Bari for shipment to Yugoslavia.

8. The description of the Yugoslav mentioned in para 4 is as follows: 9603
Umberto Rocic (son of Nicolo and of Maria Stevnik), born in Tenja (Servia) on 6th March 1926.

9. Further investigations by the Italian Police have given the follwoing results:

a) Yugoslav recruiting agencies are reported to be operating in several Italian towns among others Rome, Perugia, Bari, Taranto, and Naples. Disgruntled former members of the Partisan formations and former residents of Venezia Giulia and Dalmatia are generally singled out. They are at first induced to join by promises of impunity or of good treatment but are then coerced to go to Yugoslavia, where their treatment is said to be very harsh.

b) The Naples recruiting agency is located at the 4th floor of Piazza

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Nicola Amore No. 6. Three men and two women of Yugoslav nationality are in attendance; one of the men speaks Italian and also the Neapolitan slang.

c) The Yugoslav Consul at Naples Joseph Pavlevic is reported to be connected with them and to be informed as to their activities. His office is in Via Pergolesi 14.

d) Yugoslavs and individual belonging to districts at present occupied by Yugoslav partisans are reported to be summoned to the Consulate for the purpose of filling in a declaration whereby they bind themselves to remain at the disposal of the Consulate for later shipment to Yugoslavia. Recalcitrants are said to be forcibly detained and later taken to Bari for shipment to Yugoslavia.

10. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be grateful to the Allied Commission for their kind interest in the matter.

P.S. On October 2nd 1945, a uniformed Yugoslav Officer, who arrived in Portoferraio from Rome, called on the Pretore (District Court Officer) and asked permission to enter the penal establishment of Portolongone, for the purpose of questioning a prisoner in order to ascertain whether he had been a member of Tito's Army. No written authorization having been produced, the requested permission was denied.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 9009/03/EC

8 November 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Claims to Property in Italian Hands.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

1. As you know, it is the policy of the United States and Great Britain to restore to any non-enemy nation property removed to another country during hostilities, if such property can be clearly identified.

2. Claims from the Yugoslav Government to property alleged to have been removed from Tivat Naval Arsenal (Yugoslavia) to Taranto have been received by this Headquarters. Copies of these claims are attached.

3. Remembering the cooperation you have always given this Headquarters in the past it would be appreciated if you would investigate these claims with a view to establishing whether, in fact, the property claimed should be returned to the Yugoslav Government.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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cc:
G-5, AFHQ
Poland (A)
Poland (B)
Navy S/C

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Ref: 501/4/EC

6 November 1945

My dear Dr. De Gasperi:

In reply to your letter 5/1861 of October 25th the two ladies from Corinia were interviewed by officers of the Allied Commission and their testimony made of record.

As you know, this whole matter has been the subject of considerable correspondence and I shall add this additional evidence to the reports that have already gone forward.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi
The Minister of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 591/B/SC

7 November 1945

SUBJECT: Report on Conduct of Yugoslavs in Venezia Giulia

TO : XIII Corps

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1. Reference telegram FX 51292 of November 1st from AFHQ to you, repeated Rear 13 Corps and AACOM Rome for information.

2. It would be appreciated if a copy of the report requested in para 2 of this telegram could be sent to this Headquarters as soon as possible.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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B. SANDSON
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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SECRET AND URGENT.

Ref: 605/EC.

7th November 1945.

SUBJECT: Treatment of Italians in VENEZIA GIULIA.

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

1. Enclosed herewith are copies of a letter from Signor de Gasperi and three telegrams, received at this Headquarters on 6 November 45.

2. We forward these communications for any action you may wish to take.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier.
for Executive Commissioner.

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Translation

The Minister of Foreign Affairs

3/1916

Rome, 2 Nov. 1945

Restricted - Urgent

My dear Admiral,

I have just received the telegrams of which I hereby enclose a copy; two of them bearing the signature of the President of the C.L.N. of Venezia Giulia, Fonda, concerning the very grave situation which seems to be taking place in Capo d'Istria between the local population and the Yugoslav authorities.

Unfortunately, I have no direct means for controlling the tenring of theincidents which seem to have taken place, but according to the above mentioned communications, their seriousness is obvious. On the other hand, the preoccupations so formerly expressed regarding the occupation by the fugoslavs, and without any allied control of so large a sector and particularly of the zones where the Italian speaking population forms a majority appear fully confirmed.

I shall therefore be most grateful, my dear Admiral, if considering the urgency of this matter, you are good enough to contact the organisms concerned to ascertain the elements of the situation, also in view of possible measures to safeguard the peaceful population of the so called 'B' zone.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

De Gasperi

Admiral Stone
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EC DIST. 6 Nov.

ACTION:- EX COMMR.

INFO:- CHIEF COMMR.

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Translation

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Telegram from Trieste, dated 1 November 1946

To Minister De Gasperi

Rome

Situation dapo d'Istria reaching a crisis stop Yesterday armed Slavs attacked town looting shops, illtreating and killing citizens stop Yugoslav troops impassible spectators stop other Istrian towns run same risk stop Ask for immediate allied military occupation of zone B stop.

Committee National Liberation
Venezia Giulia
FONDA

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C O P Y

Telegram from Trieste dated 1 November 1945

For Minister De Gasperi

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Fugitive Capodistrians beg Italian Government not to abandon for the third time their small and glorious city

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5609/56/EC

2. November 1945

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Boats by Yugoslav Authorities

TO : The American Embassy, Rome
The British Embassy, Rome

1. Reference our 5609/47/EC of 18 October 1945, we have had two further communications from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the above subject.

2. G-5, AMG are unwilling for Allied Commission to accept more long term commitments than necessary, and it is thought that the seizure of Italian fishing boats does not, in point of fact, constitute a real military interest. If it did this Headquarters would of course concern itself with the ultimate outcome.

3. Bearing this in mind, we would be most grateful if we could have an answer to the above quoted letter, confirming that the Embassies will in fact handle matters of this kind.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Polads (A) and (B)

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MEMORANDORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Yugoslav assembly-centre S.Giovanni.

1. A Yugoslav assembly-centre has recently been created in S.Giovanni, near Eboli. The number of the inmates is of about 15000.

2. During the night from October 4th to October 5th several Yugoslavs from this centre have over-run the near- by hamlet of Contoglin and carried away large quantities of grapes and apples.

3. Other Yugoslavs from the centre forcefully claimed the right to freely purchase bread from the municipal bakery and desisted only after the vigorous intervention of the local guards.

4. The Commander of the Carabinieri (Italian Military Police) stationed in that District, reported the matter to the Yugoslav Commander of the centre, who replied not to be able, owing to the great number of his countrymen, to restrain them from such violations of the peace.

5. As the result of these illegal acts, a strong anti- Yugoslav feeling is growing in the population of that district, which could easily lead to serious incidents, specially because of the provocatory attitude often adopted by the men in the centre.

6. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs should consequently be grateful to the Allied Commission if they would kindly call the earnest attention of the proper Authority to the above situation, recommending that steps be urgently taken to prevent the repetition of similar occurrences.

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Rome, November 8th 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy.

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4. His failure to return home was brought to the attention of the police by a brother of his. One of the Yugoslavs was traced and, with the assistance of a British Officer, taken to the Questura where he confessed that Chemetti was locked up in the Yugoslav premises of Piazza Piccia Amore. He also suggested to have him freed in exchange of his own liberation.

5. Chemetta, a native of Chistagne (Zara), 21 years of age and only recently returned from internment in Germany, was in fact released soon thereafter. Upon being questioned at the Questura, he declared that during the days of his stay at Piazzia Piccia Amore he received copious meals. He also got cigarettes and was visited by the Yugoslav Consul.

6. The Yugoslav Consul has instead declared to the Questura that the existence of that dispersal centre was unknown to him and to have never visited the place.

7. Chemetta was supposed to have been taken to Bari for shipment to Yugoslavia.

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Ref: 5609/47/EO

18 October 45

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian boats by Yugoslav Authorities

TO : The American Embassy, Rome
The British Embassy, Rome.

1. You will remember that on 3 August 1945 we sent you, under ref 5609/10/EO, a copy of our letter to C-S AFHQ together with copy of letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the above subject.

2. There have been more cases of this kind during the past two months, which have been referred back to us, as C-S are of the opinion that these ships do not come under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government or of the Allied Forces. They have suggested that your Embassies are the best authorities to deal with these cases.

3. It will be remembered that under the terms of the Belgrade Agreement the Embassies handle all matters arising from the occupation of Venezia Giulia, and as a result you are probably the best channel for communication with Belgrade. There are also other matters unconnected with Venezia Giulia (for example, the seizure of fishing boats at sea) which arise from time to time, and it is suggested that your Embassies would handle these matters as a post office (i.e. not in your own name) more suitably than Allied Commission.

4. We would be most grateful if you could let us know whether you are agreeable to undertaking matters of this kind. If you are, copies of the relevant correspondence will be forwarded to you for information and action.

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F. H. McCLEARY
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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31 Oct 1945

2214/194/EC

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Nationalsin Italy

TO : Dr. Sloven Smodlaka
Deputy delegate to the Advisory Council for Italy

1. With further reference to my letter 2214/100/EC of 3 April 1945 on the above subject, I am instructed by the Supreme Allied Commander to inform you that while his policy to assist your Government in every way in the apprehension and return of genuine deserters from the Yugoslav Armed Forces remainsunchanged, it is nevertheless considered desirable to clarify and supplement the provision of the above-quoted letter.

2. If a Yugoslav national is taken into custody by the Allied Forces and appears, oninterrogation, to be a genuine deserter from the Yugoslav Armed Forces hisname will be notified to your Delegation, and the following information must be submitted within 90 Days from the date of notification to show that he is in fact a deserter:

a. Rank of deserter
b. Military unit from which he deserted and its location
c. Date of enlistment or induction
d. Date of circumstances of desertion
e. Full description of deserter

3. If, after the production of such evidence, the responsible local Allied Commander is satisfied that the Yugoslav in question is a genuine deserter from the Yugoslav Armed Forces, he has been instructed to hand over the deserter to Yugoslav authorities as soon as possible for return to Yugoslavia.

4. If, in the opinion of the Allied Commander, the evidence gives rise to any doubt he has been informed that he should refer the case to theAllied Force Headquarters. If, however, the Allied Commander is of the opinion that the Yugoslav is not a genuine deserter or if your delegation fail to produce the necessary evidence within the specified time limit the alleged deserter will be released from custody.

5. It is requested by the Supreme AlliedCommander that you ensure that the contents of this letter are made known to the Yugoslav military commanders concerned.

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/S/ Ellery W.Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: G-5 AFHQ
Polads(A) & (B)
CA Sec (for DP&R S/C)
Liaison Division
Mr. Keeny, UNRRA

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C o p y

Telegram from Udine dated 31 October 1945

For Minsiter De Gasperi

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After issuing of special Yugoslav currency of occupation in Isuria and withdrawal of Italian ons population of Capo d'Istria yesterday made a general strike. If authorities insist on withdrawing Italian banknotes and replacing them with new currency which is not accepted without the zone of Yugoslav occupation Istrian economy will be completely ruined. Exasperated population could cause serious trouble. We beg to draw the attention of the allies on the sacrifice enforced on local population of Istria andthe ensuing dangerous situation

Committee for National Liberation
Venezia Giulia
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F.C. Dies should be sent up in flags with enclosures

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MILITARY DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS SECTION

Rough Translation

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6-5 6 Enclosures

No. 3/1958

Rome, November 6th, 1945

CC

Dear Admiral Stone,

As you know, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has repeatedly addressed the Allied Commission and the American and British Embassies in Rome to interest them in the cases of arrests, deportations and interrment of Italian civilians and members of the Armed Forces, in Yugoslavia and in the Yugoslav occupied territories of the Venezia Giulia.

It is a question of thousands of Italian citizens on whose behalf we receive constant requests of action from many institutions and from the families concerned, who for about six months have been awaiting the return of their dear ones.

You have certainly noticed that also the Italian Press has echoed such serious plight, and a state of discontentment towards the Italian authorities - who are held responsible for the situation - has ensued in the Italian public opinion from the want of information as to the difficulties confronting us in the solution of the problem. Any possibility of intervention is actually precluded to the Italian Government by th absence of diplomatic relations between Rome and Belgrade and by the attitude of the Yugoslav Government ostentatiously pretending to be still at war with Italy. Even the Yugoslav delegation to the Allied Commission has thus far refused to enter into even unofficial relations with the Italian Government.

As for the deportees from the Venezia Giulia, lists containing about 2,500 names for the Trieste, Gorizia and Pola districts alone, have been already forwarded to the Allied Commission. As you know, this figure is far from representing the total amount of deportees from the zone under Allied Administration. To the above there are to be added too the deportations carried out from territories to the East of the Morgan line, from the Islands and from the Province of Zara. As to these, unfortunately the Italian Government is not in a position to furnish detailed information, but their number is undoubtedly considerable, specially so far as Fiume and Zara are concerned.

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Furthermore there are thousands of Italian soldiers, for the greater part former internees of the Germans, who have been put in concentration camps, forced to the hardest labour and subject to an inhuman treatment. Even the UNRRA reports point out their plight.

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Please find, herewith enclosed, a report, dated 24 September 1945, by the UNRRA mission in Belgrade. From the same we have learned of the Yugoslav authorities' decision to detain all Italians, at present deported or interned in Yugoslavia, with the exception of a small group, pending the Italian Government's decision to repatriate Yugoslav citizens, now residing in Italy. Such Yugoslav attitude is very serious, and disturbing, also because, as it can be easily understood, Yugoslav citizens in Italy - even without considering they do not wish to return to Yugoslavia - are not subject to the Italian Government's, but to the Allied Authorities' control and responsibility. The possibility of exchange, suggested by the Yugoslav Government, is thus excluded.

I am therefore compelled, dear Admiral Stone, again to apply to you in order that the attention of the competent Allied authorities be drawn to the above mentioned facts and consideration. It is necessary that the Allies in their action (see your letter 221/96 of 18 September 1945) bear in mind the gravity of the matter in question and its repercussions on Italian public opinion and on Italo-Yugoslav relation.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) DE GASPERI

NOV 6 REC'D

6.6.

Ref: 2214/HC. 6 November, 1945.

Your telegram FX 50491 of 23 Oct 45 reads "no Yugoslav national will be repatriated to Yugoslavia unless he opts for TITO, etc".

I am sure it is a case of loose drafting but the policy laid down as such looks strongly undemocratic and has been brought to my attention as such by my Chief Commissioner and his Political Advisers.

The phrase as we read it means that "No Yugoslav will be repatriated against his will". If this is so, could it be substituted for it looks bad in a file of an Allied Commission and coming from AFHQ, pledged to democratic methods.

M. S. LUSH

Major-General M.F.K. McLeod,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q., C.M.F.

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MSL/JS. Copy to: CA Sec
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Major-General H.W.M. MacLeod,
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C.R.C., C.M.F.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

NOV 7

AC/14004/1/PS 6 November 1945

SUBJECT : Venezia Giulia Police Force

TO : AFHQ G-5

1. Reference is made to your cable F 50899 from AFHQ SACMED cite PHQSG dated 29 Oct 1945.

2. It is anticipated that two British Public Safety officers will not be available for transfer to Venezia Giulia Police Force until the northern provinces are handed over to Italian control. However, the question is being discussed with Venezia Giulia Police Force and G-1(B) and you will be informed of the result.

3. For your information it is mentioned that 5 American Public Safety officers have been transferred to Venezia Giulia during the past two weeks.

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

PJT/G

Copy to : Chief Commissioner
Establishments Sec
G-1 (B)

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Ref: NSO/3785

5 November 1945

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy letters Pov.br.634/45 and Pov.br.1047/45 of 22 May 1945 and 25 July 1945 respectively, in connection with the case of Seaman KOLJEVINA Grgur, reference is made to Allied Commission letter 2214/100/SO of 3 April 1945, which established a policy to assist the Jugoslav Government in the apprehension and return of deserters from the Jugoslav armed forces. This policy is indicative of the extent to which Allied authorities are co-operating with the Jugoslav Government to insure that deserters from Jugoslav forces are returned to Jugoslav control.

Italian authorities have furnished satisfactory evidence indicating that KOLJEVINA Grgur is a deserter from the Italian Navy. The Jugoslav Government is informed that in Italian Government territory deserters from the Italian armed forces, who are necessarily Italian nationals, are subject to arrest by Italian Government authorities. Inasmuch as the arrest of KOLJEVINA is legal, the Italian Ministry of Marine may take appropriate disciplinary action and he cannot be released to Jugoslav authorities.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone 2671

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Slovan J. Smodlaka
Acting Representative, Jugoslav Delegation
to the Advisory Council for Italy

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TOP SECRET

Ref: NNO/3786

5 November 1945

SUBJECT: Seaman KOLJEVINA, Grgur - Arrest of by Italian Authorities

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters

1. Allied Force Headquarters letter G-5: 250.1-5 of 8 October directed the Allied Commission to invite the attention of the Jugoslav Delegate to the Advisory Council for Italy to the policy established for the return of deserters from Jugoslav Forces to Jugoslav control and inform the Jugoslav Delegate that in Italian Government territory deserters from the Italian Armed Forces are subject to arrest by the Italian Government. A copy of Allied Commission letter NNO/3785 of 16 October 1945 informing the Jugoslav Delegate accordingly is forwarded herewith for information.

2. Paragraph (4) of your letter of 8 October 1945 requested that the Italian Ministry of Marine be advised that Allied Force Headquarters is of the opinion that in view of the period which KOLJEVINA, Grgur has been confined, he should be released. It is considered that this action is inconsistent with the right of the Italian Government to arrest KOLJEVINA and that pressure should not be exerted on the Italian Ministry of Marine to release KOLJEVINA without trial. Furthermore, the Italian Minister of Marine has already informed the Navy Sub-Commission, AC, that it is not possible to postpone the trial of KOLJEVINA indefinitely and that the period of confinement cannot in every instance be deducted from the sentence imposed.

3. Authority is requested to inform the Italian Ministry of Marine that from the evidence which has been adduced it appears that the arrest of KOLJEVINA is legal and that he may be brought to trial without further delay.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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NOV 6 REC'D

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Ref: 604/32/BO.

5. November 1945.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Atrocities in the Foibe of BASOVIZZA.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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I refer to your 6/4171/1928 of 26 October 1945.

This matter has again been referred to the appropriate authorities and it is hoped to address a further letter to you on this matter in early course.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Rough translation

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

no. 15/25154/62

Rome, November 4th, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

I wish to call your attention to a new initiative taken by the Yugoslav authorities in the zone of the Venezia Giulia under their control, an initiative obviously very detrimental to the interest of the population and, on the whole to the economic situation of the district.

I am referring to the issuance of a new occupation paper currency, forcibly imposed as unredeemable tender, and already put into circulation for an amount - it is said - of over one billion lire, all Italian currency having previously been withdrawn.

A communique' published in the Trieste Press states that the Allied Authorities have decided not to allow this money to circulate outside the Yugoslav occupation zone. This leads to the belief that said paper currency was issued without the Allied Authorities consent and that its issuance should therefore be deemed as being absolutely arbitrary and clearly exceeding the powers conferred upon Yugoslavia as an occupying country.

The people are now exasperated by this new imposition which completely disregards their rightful interests and it is feared that serious disturbances may occur. It has been reported to this Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the workers of the Capodistria shipyards are on a general strike since October 30th, to protest the above mentioned provision.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

(signed) PRUNAS

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Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

NOV 7 RECD
CC

Ref: 9009/EC. 4 November 1945.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Claims in VENEZIA GIULIA.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-5 Section.

I refer to your letter G-5: 560 IMI of 30 October 1945.

My suggested reply to the Yugoslavs would take the form that whenever and if the Yugoslavs are prepared to abide loyally and materially by the economic and other principles of the MORGAN Agreement, the Allies may see their way to considering Yugoslav claims in economic affairs - but not before.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Noted by CC

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MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT
MEDITERRANEAN REPRESENTATIVE
NAVY HOUSE,
NAPLES.

CAB/77/45. 19th October, 1945.

To: Deputy Secretary to SAC AFHQ.

From: M.W.T.R. MED.

Reference: INFORMAL ROUTING SLIP DATED 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Subject: CONFERENCE HELD AT NAVY HOUSE, NAPLES, ON 20TH JULY 45.
(with Yugoslav Merchant Shipping Representatives.)

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M.W.T.R., MED.

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JUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

J Pov.br.1347/45.

Rome, September 9, 1945.

To the Supreme Allied Commander
Mediterranean Theatre
Allied Force Headquarters

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Minutes of Meeting held at Navy House, Naples, on Friday, 20th July, 1945, at 3.30 p.m.

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Capt.Wellman, R.N., B.M.M., Belgrade.
Cmdr.J.S.Sharp, R.N.R.
Mr.I.Campbell
Mr.R.Hicol
Mr.A.Hogarth
General Mancla
Mr. Stretner
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All subsequent discussions were on this basis.

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It was pointed out that the Ministry of War Transport only maintained stores in this area as a war measure and that the Yugoslavs should take the necessary steps as soon as possible to put themselves in a position to supply and maintain their own vessels.

M.W.T. were requested to ascertain from U.N.R.R.A. whether they would be prepared to include in their programme fuel, stores etc. for Yugoslav merchant vessels.

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Salvage and repairs of Yugoslav ships in Trieste.

No objection was seen to the Yugoslavs making contracts for the salvage of their ships sunk in Trieste and of their subsequent repair at that Port. It was emphasised that in accordance with the U.N.A. Agreement on Principles, any vessels so salved would be requisitioned by the Yugoslav Government.

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The request of the Yugoslavs was not agreed to, but it was decided that, without determining the ownership of the property, it would be recommended by the Chairman that shares or property registered as being in that port, should not be transferred to some other port until eventual settlement at the Peace Conference.

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Yugoslav Ships seized by Italians or sunk in Italian Waters.

Whilst some difficulty was foreseen in obtaining the necessary information, it was decided that the Italian Government

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should be again asked to produce a full list of such ships. Three vessels were referred to which were presently flying the Italian flag and manned by Italian naval personnel, who refused to hand over the ships to the Yugoslavs. It was agreed that the names and allocation of these ships should be given to the C.-in-C. Med. with a request that the necessary instructions should be issued to the Italian Navy to remove their crews.

General Manola also referred to the return of the "[illegible]" (formerly a Yugoslav naval tug). Details of this vessel also to be given to the C.-in-C. Med.

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It was decided that this was a matter for the Sub-Commission on Enemy Property, Allied Commission, and if details were submitted to M.W.T.B. Med. by the Yugoslavs, they would be passed on to this Sub-commission.

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Yugoslavs stated they were in urgent need of certain equipment, e.g. diving gear, and they were requested to send to the Secretary of the Mediterranean Shipping Board a list of such equipment, which would be discussed by MEDBO, when it could be ascertained whether any or all of the necessary items were available and whether an immediate allocation to the Yugoslavs could be made.

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3 November 1945

SUBJECT: Currency Issued in Zone B by the Yugoslav Government.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5 Section, AFHQ, APO 512.

1. I enclose copies of a letter and enclosures (without currency notes) from the Chief Finance Officer, AMG Venezia Giulia, regarding the issuance of occupation lira currency by the Yugoslav authorities in Zone B.

2. It is the view of this Headquarters that this unilateral action on the part of the Yugoslav authorities is a violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the agreement between the Supreme Allied Commander, MTO, and the Supreme Commander of the Yugoslav Army, signed on 20 June 1945. Appendix I to that agreement provides for the discussion of matters relating to civil administration and economic activity in the Joint Economic Committee. As will be seen, at the meeting of the Committee held on 22 October, the Chief Finance Officer, AMG Venezia Giulia, was assured that he would be advised before any occupation lira was issued by the Yugoslav authorities. No such advice was given. In addition, the Yugoslav delegates on the Joint Economic Committee were aware that arrangements had been completed for the transfer of Metropolitan lira currency from the Banca d'Italia, Trieste, to the Banca d'Italia, Fiume, permission having been given for such transfer by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in FAM 706, dated 23 October 1945.

3. Since there was no provision in the agreement referred to above for the supply of AM lire to the Yugoslav authorities in Zone B, and since AM lire were not recognized as legal tender in that Zone, only Metropolitan lire could be sent to Zone B. The only request for currency emanating from Zone B took the form of a request by the Banca d'Italia, Fiume, for the replenishment of its cash reserves, which had been depleted by Yugoslav seizures of currency. As stated above, a transfer for this purpose was under way when the issurance of the Yugoslav occupation lira was announced.

4. It should also be noted that at no time has the question of currency requirements for Zone B been the subject of full discussion between AMG Venezia Giulia and the Yugoslav authorities, nor have the Yugoslav authorities furnished at any time any financial information. It is understood that little or no effort has been made in Zone B to collect taxes.

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5. Accordingly, I strongly recommend that the Yugoslav authorities be requested to give a full explanation of their action in issuing the new lire notes, together with full details regarding the denominations and amounts issued and their intentions as to further issues. I further suggest that you call their attention to the fact that their action constitutes an unilateral measure taken without consultation with your Headquarters, this Headquarters, or AMG Zone A, such consultation being considered necessary insofar as it affects trade between the Zones, the monetary conversion plans of the Italian Government, and other economic and financial factors.

6. I am sending copies of this letter to the American and British Ambassadors for their consideration.

Ellery W. Stone

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

copies to: Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
American Embassy
Rome

H.E. Sir Noel Charles,
British Ambassador,
British Embassy
Rome.

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TRANSLATION COPY

Order No. 26 of the Military Administration of the Jugoslav Army for the Region Giulia, Istria, Fiume, and Slovene Litorale.

It has been recently observed that in the territory of the above Military Administration of the Jugoslav Army no sufficient money is circulating.

With reference to the economic needs of the population such situation could result in serious consequences.

In order to avoid such inconvenience and to make possible the further development of the reconstruction and of the economy and to improve the financial situation and consequently the condition of life of the population in this territory, I order:

1) That the Bank for the Economy for Istria, Fiume, and Slovene Litorale shall issue new notes of Lire 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, and 1,000.
The value of notes equals the value of the former currency of the Banca d'Italia.
The notes of the Banca d'Italia already in circulation remain still effective.
The exchange rate of the new notes in respect of the dinar is the same as that for the notes formerly issued, i.e. 3/33 = 1.

2) The description of the new notes will be published later through the daily press.
From the effective date of this order, the new notes of Lire 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, and 1,000, will be the legal currency in the territory of this Military Administration of the Jugoslav Army (Istria, Fiume, and Slovene Litorale).

This order is immediately effective.

The Vice Commander of the Military Administration of the Jugoslav Army.

Colonel: V. Koljevac. 2849

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS
FINANCE DIVISION

Trieste 25 Oct 45

TO : The Joint Directors,
Finance Sub Commission, HQ.AC.

SUBJECT : Currency issued in Zone B by the Jugoslav Government.

REF. : 13/c/AMG/FIN/C/2

1. I was today informed that the Jugoslav Authorities in Zone B have issued Occupation Lire. I was not previously informed in spite of their undertaking to do so at the Joint Economic Committee held on the 22 inst.

2. I am enclosing the specimen of the currency issued by them and a copy of the proclamation issued by them. I am also enclosing a copy of an article I had published in the local newspaper.

2. It is unfortunate that the Jugoslav Authorities elected to take this course, because I had arranged to supply them with Metropolitan lire to the extend of 20 Millions Lire per fortnight, and was proposing to inform their representatives who know that I was considering taking this course.

3. I will keep you informed of further developments.

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M.T. Beard,
Lt.Col.
Chief Finance Officer

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TRANSLATION

Money Circulation in Zone "A"

The Jugoslav Authorities have issued Lire in Zone "A" of the Venezia Giulia. These lire as well as other currencies, i.e. Dollars and Pound Sterling are not considered legal currency in this Territory, and cannot be accepted in the Zone "A" occupied by the Allied Military Government.

The Finance Division of the Allied Military Government points out that whenever persons should be found in possession of this money or other foreign currency they will be denounced to the Military Government and these currencies detained by them will be confiscated.

The only legal currencies in the Occupied Territory is the Italian Lire and the Allied Occupation Lire.

Order has been given to the Bank not to accept any other currency as the above stated Lire.

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AFHQ SIGNAL CENTRE

INCOMING MESSAGE

:p Serial No2777 & 5193

M/C No N1322/18

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From: British Embassy Belgrade

To : AFHQ CITE FHGBI

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Para 1. Your telegram F48607 of 13 Oct and further to my 317 21 Sept.

Consul at ZAGREB has been requested to make further enquires this matter but it is pointed out that printing lire by Jugo-Slav Authorities is carried out in entirely clandestine manner.

Para 2. Up to few weeks ago it was permissible for Allied personnel to change Dinars into Lire at National Bank Belgrade at the rate of 30 Metropolitan Lire for 100 Dinars. National Bank now state they have run out of Metropolitan Lire and that they are unable to carry out any further transactions of this nature. Comment. This was of course very favourable rate of exchange and British military personnel have now been forbidden by me to underteke such transactions. National Bank is now presumably keeping its somewhat depleted supply of Metropolitan Lire solely for trading purposes.

Para 3. Will if possible keep you informed on Para 1 above.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI — Rough Translation — Copy

Segr.Pol. No. 1025 — Rome, November 3rd, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

Following upon my previous reports, I deem it advisable to acquaint you with some recent news relative to the Venezia Giulia, which, I believe, will be of interest to you.

(1) Information is at hand that in the district of Gorizia a under Allied Administration, clandestine Yugoslav military Authorities have started in the afternoon of October 5th to enlist young men who are being sent to the mobilization centre of Tolmino.

The enlistment takes place under the shape of a written order, directly delivered by hand to the single individuals.

(2) It is reported that Italian bank-notes are being printed in Zagreb, to be circulated in Italy and particularly in the Venezia Giulia. Said paper-money is being used by the Slav organizations of the region.

(3) It has been noted that while no Italian automobile can cross the Morgan line, several Yugoslav motor-vehicles are freely circulating in the Venezia Giulia and in the Venezia Euganea, some of them with LB (Lubiana) license plate or even without license plate at all.

It would seem advisable to submit this motor traffic to an appropriate control.

(4) According to the latest reports from Fiume, the records of that Bureau of Vital Statistics have been carried away from the Town Hall premises. It has so far been impossible to learn where said material has been taken and what has become of it.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours

(Signed) PRUNAS

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Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5609/56/EC. 2 Nov 45

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Boats by Yugoslav Authorities.

TO : The American Embassy, Rome
The British Embassy, Rome.

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1. Reference our 5609/47/EC of 18 October 1945, we have had two further communications from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the above subject.

2. G-5 AFHQ are unwilling for Allied Commission to accept more long term commitments than necessary, and it is though that the seizure of Italian fishing boats does not, in point of fact, constitute a real military interest. If it did this Headquarters would of course concern itself with the ultimate outcome.

3. Bearing this in mind, we would be most grateful if we could have an answer to the above quoted letter, confirming that the Embassies will in fact handle matters of this kind.

For the Chief Commissioner :

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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REUR 7594 OF 23RD OCTOBER. THE DECISION THAT NO LIAISON OFFICERS WOULD BE SENT TO THE WESTERN COAST OF ISTRIA AS SET FORTH BY F 47627 OF 6TH OCTOBER WAS MADE BY SACMED WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTORS INVOLVED. THE ONLY GROUNDS ON WHICH SACMED SHOULD BE APPROACHED TO REVERSE ANY DECISION IS THE APPEARANCE OF FACTORS NOT CONSIDERED AT THE TIME THE DECISION WAS MADE. YOUR 7594 DATED 3RD OCTOBER REVEALS NO NEW FACTORS.

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1. The following information has been furnished by the US political advisor.

'A. This office has received information indicating that the Area Commissioner at GORIZIA has reported serious interference in political and administrative affairs in the GORIZIA AREA by the Jugoslav detachment west of the MORGAN LINE. Reports indicate that the power of Jugoslav troops over civilians is increasing and in GORIZIA the presence of Jugoslav officers and troops in uniform and in mufti has been having an intimidating effect on local civilians. It has been reported that several serious crimes have been committed by Slovenes in that area controlled by Jugoslav troops but it is impossible to render justice owing to the fact that the Jugoslavs can readily recross the Jugoslav line.

B. This office is further notified that in the GUISCA and CASTEL DOBRA DISTRICT secret police are operating at all times and are in control of civil offices. Yugoslav officers are openly frequenting the city hall and Yugoslav troops fails to cooperate with AMG administration and evidence open resentment. Civil Affairs Officer Major BALLARD was discourteously treated by troops while on a field visit and was forced to clear himself with local Yugoslav military headquarters. Also his car was fired on the bullet narrowly missing him. Many school buildings are occupied by Yugoslav troops and no intention to leave is indicated. Yugoslavs apparently expect

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to direct and operate such schools."

2. A comprehensive report on the matter is desired with special consideration given to conduct of Yugoslav troops under command 13 CORPS.

3. Copy minutes SCAO meeting 15 October seen. If items reported in para 2 that report are confirmed it would appear that positive action is indicated.

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This is MAT 944.

For information it is advised that Yugoslav Military Govt order No 26 of 18 October announces the issue of Jugoslav Occupation litre in that part of VENEZIE GUILIA east of MORGAN line.

Reported that issue amounts to 12 million litre.

Currency takes the form of litre bank notes issued by Bank of ISTRIA FIUME SLOVENE LITTORAL in denominations one to one thousand.

New notes not legal tender in territory west of MORGAN line.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 31 October 1945

Dear Admiral,

I deem it advisable to draw your attention on the present monetary situation in Venezia Giulia.

For sometime, a large amount of Italian currency of Yugoslav provenience has been coming to the part of the above mentioned region which is under the control of the Allied Military Government, and particularly to Trieste. The compulsory changing of the lire which were in circulation in Yugoslavia must have supplied the authorities of the said country with important sums in our currency, which, during the period of German occupation, took in large quantity, the way to Slovenia and Croatia, where it was in great demand. It is also probable that Marshal Tito's troops became the possessors of considerable amounts of Italian banknotes, which German organisms probably centralized in Klagenfurt - during the occupation. Nor must it be excluded that private citizens residing in Yugoslavia and in the zone which is at present under Yugoslav control didn't comply with the obligation of exchanging their lire in dinars - at a rate excessively overrating the latter currency - and are now attempting by every means to send to Trieste their Italian banknotes which it is now unlawful and therefore dangerous to possess.

From all these sources, a considerable amount of lire which is being invested in goods come to Italy, and principally in the part of Venezia Giulia which is under the control of the Allied Military Command. In fact, it appears that part of such purchases are being made by various concerns which centralize the goods at Gorizia and Fiume and forward them to Yugoslavia.

I don't need to emphasize the serious monetary and economic inconveniences caused by such a situation by which a considerable amount of goods leaves our markets, without an adequate counterpart, this with the obvious result of compromising our modest availabilities in goods.

For this reason, the Italian Government asks for efficacious action to be taken without delay by the Allied Military Government of Venezia Giulia to eliminate the above mentioned situation, perhaps not in all its manifestations, in case this required too strict a control, but at least, in such manifestations as are most fatal to Italian economy. From this point of view, to prevent or at least to restrain the export of such goods in the points of greatest transit, by using, perhaps, the cooperation of the local Italian authorities, would be a great result. Should this end be reached, it might be possible to obtain, later on, that purchases of goods on this side of the demarcation line of Venezia Giulia (made on behalf of the territories beyond the said line) be made as counterpart of an opposite current of goods composed of characteristic products of the zone (foodstuffs, hides, fuel, etc)

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner - A.C.

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I deemed it advisable to explain the situation with a few details, and I beg you to be good enough to interpret the Italian point of view on such a matter to the Allied Military Authorities of Venezia Giulia.

Trusting in your kind intervention, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

S. Ferruccio Parri

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Ref your I 209 of 22 October and I 225 of 27 October from 13 CORPS not to AIGOM. Members of former Royal Jugoslav Military Mission are not allied military personnel and are not exempted from jurisdiction of allied military courts. Neither the mission nor the army to which these persons claim to belong have any recognised status.

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2214/194/EC

31 October 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Nationals in Italy

TO : Dr. Sloven Smodlaka
Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy

1. With further reference to my letter 2214/100/EC of 3 April 1945 on the above subject, I am instructed by the Supreme Allied Commander to inform you that while his policy to assist your Government in every way in the apprehension and return of genuine deserters from the Yugoslav Armed Forces remains unchanged, it is nevertheless considered desirable to clarify and supplement the provisions of the above-quoted letter.

2. If a Yugoslav national is taken into custody by the Allied Forces and appears, on interrogation, to be a genuine deserter from the Yugoslav Armed Forces his name will be notified to your Delegation, and the following information must be submitted within 90 days from the date of notification to show that he is in fact a deserter:

a. Rank of deserter
b. Military unit from which he deserted and its location
c. Date of enlistment or induction
d. Date and circumstances of desertion
e. Full description of deserter.

3. If, after the production of such evidence, the responsible local Allied Commander is satisfied that the Yugoslav in question is a genuine deserter from the Yugoslav Armed Forces, he has been instructed to hand over the deserter to Yugoslav authorities as soon as possible for return to Yugoslavia.

4. If, in the opinion of the Allied Commander, the evidence gives rise to any doubt he has been informed that he should refer the case to Allied Force Headquarters. If, however, the Allied Commander is of the opinion that the Yugoslav is not a genuine deserter or if your delegation fail to produce the necessary evidence within the specified time limit the alleged deserter will be released from custody.

5. It is requested by the Supreme Allied Commander that you ensure that the contents of this letter are made known to the Yugoslav military commanders concerned.

ELLERY W. STONE

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TO : Dr. Slovan Smodlaka
Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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No. 3/1916

Rome, October 27th, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

Following my letter of October 25th, No. 3/1881, I again refer to your letter No. 591/156/SC, dated October 12th inst., concerning the Yugoslav activities in the Venezia Giulia.

I shall endeavour to reply, in the same order as set forth in your letter, to the various points you made:

(a) I agree that the term "plebiscite" is not strictly correct. That is, however, how it is being described by its promoters, and it is a fact that there is a very active organized canvassing in progress in order to obtain signatures and other forms of consent, more or less voluntary and more or less sincere, with a view to presenting a presumptive "plebiscite" in favour of the annexation of those territories to Yugoslavia. Technically, I admit, it is not the same thing, but the objective is obviously the same, namely to build up an argument intended to influence artificially a decision regarding the future disposal of the region in question.

The problem of furnishing direct evidence that such canvassing is organized by the "Yugoslav Authorities" turns on the question of what is intended by direct evidence. As we Italians know only too well from recent personal experience, it is very difficult indeed, if at all possible, in any totalitarian regime - as undoubtedly the one existing now in Yugoslavia - to trace a line between government or government inspired, and purely individual initiative.

It is a fact, moreover, that this initiative is being carried on along the same lines and with the same methods, both in the territories under Yugoslav and those under Allied control, being therefore obviously the part of a general and well organized scheme. And it is very difficult to believe that such scheme could be carried out in the Yugoslav controlled sector, did it not enjoy considerably more that the tolerance of the Yugoslav authorities.

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(b) What I have just said, already partially covers the point you made under letter (b). As pointed out in my letter of October 25th, it is a practical impossibility to collect full and detailed documentary evidence of events taking place in territories where there is absolutely no possibility of exercising direct control or taking any immediate action. As you are aware, the Italian Government have already repeatedly suggested that an independent and impartial Allied or even neutral body shoud investigate the situation created to Italian nationals in the Yugoslav controlled section of the Venezia Giulia. Today again I wish to set forth this suggestion, and I shall be grateful if you will see you way to forwarding it to the proper quarters. Apart from this, I feel that the

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feel that the unexpected delay in the shaping of the final settlement, all the more warrants the necessity that the Allied Governments should be represented, at least in the form of observers, in the administration of the contested territories which, indeed, as you will recall, the Allies had undertaken to maintain under their direct control until their final disposition.

(c) & It is obvious, as you remark under letter (c), that theire is no reason why under a democratic regime, anyone may not, peacefully and without violence or duress, circulate any petition he pleases.

(d) Incidentally, I may remark that it is at least doubtful that a similar public solicitation in favour of Italy would be allowed to take place in the Yugoslav controlled area - but, on the other hand, I have no doubt at all that, in the case of the canvassing carried out by the Slavs, both violence and duress do in fact take place. Here too, I wish to emphasize that exhaustive documentary evidence is very difficult to collect, particularly for the Italian Authorities who locally exercise no control. I notice that you refer to the lack of initiative on the part of the local population in denouncing similar occurrences. The main explanation is obvious: the people live in the daily fear of that very violence which they dare not denounce, and of the consequences they may bring upon themselves in the uncertain future settlement of those territories, should they come too openly to the fore. I feel sure that many of these drawbacks might be overcome, if the Allied Authorities should see their way to consenting to the suggestion already submitted, namely that the sending of some responsible Italian observer be authorized, who might considerably help in keeping in touch with the local population and inform the local AMG officers of many circumstances which otherwise would escape their attention. I shall be grateful indeed if you will be so good as to forwar this suggestion to the proper authorites.

Let me conclude, dear Admiral Stone, that it is far from the mind of the Italian Government to embitter the local situation and throw new fuel on the very serious contrasts brought about by the Yugoslav occupation of the region. It is our duty, however, to defend, besides Italy's supreme interest, also the interests of that part of the population - and they are a majority - which still look upon Italy as their country, and only ask to be given the opportunity of expressing such feeling freely and without fear.

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Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

P.S. I would like to add that the purpose of the canvassing for signatures on the part of Yugoslav agents in the Venezia Giulia, as well as, indirectly, the Authorities by which said activity is assisted and favoured, are also evidenced by two passages of the declaration made by Mr Edward Kardelj on Sept 12th, 1945 before the Council of Foreign Ministers. Namely:

"The Yugoslav Government continually receives petitions from all parts of

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

- Office of the Executive Commissioner -

Subject: Yougoslav atrocities - "Foibe of Basovizza" -

1. Reference is made to letter nº 3/1994, dated August 6th, 1945, by Minister De Gasperi to Admiral Ellery W.Stone, concerning the subject above.

2. On September 4th, the Office of the A.C. Executive Commissioner verbally informed this Ministry that the competent Allied Authorities were investigating the matter of Yougoslav atrocities perpetrated against Italians, with particular regard to the question of the "Foibe" of Basovizza.

3. In view of the time elapsed since then and in consideration of the concern of Italian governmental quarters and public opinion over such matter, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be very grateful if an early reply could be given to the letter mentioned in para nº 1.

Rome, October 26th, 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

26 October, 1945

Chief Commissioner.

Yugoslav War Crimes Commission.

1. In 1944 the Yugoslav Delegation asked for permission to establish a commission of investigation into war crimes in Italy.

2. The matter has been the subject of much correspondence between AFHQ and the Allied Commission, chiefly on the matter of terms of reference which Allied Commission felt should be very carefully drawn up. 5 or 8 Sept & 11 Oct

3. The present situation is that the Yugoslav Delegation has been twice asked to submit a statement as to what enquiries they are to conduct and particulars of the crimes to be investigated. They have not replied to these requests, nor has the procedure yet been agreed upon, ~~in spite of the fact that~~ the commission is ready to leave BAOGRAD for Italy (a mission of 9 persons). The matter is still held up. No agreement has yet been obtained from the Italian Government in spite of two or three reminders.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

AFHQ/SAC/POLAD/207 25 October 1943

SUBJECT: Ingeller Mission to Italy

TO : CMFB, AFHQ

1. I have to refer to AFHQ letter AFHQ/SAC/POLAD/207 of 23 October 1943 to CMFB, and letter on the subject of "Intelligent Ingeller Personnel in Italy".

2. The following list prepared recently by Mr Alec Kirk, Secretary of the Ingeller Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy, shows the personnel at present attached to the Advisory Council for Italy:

Mr Robert MURPHY, Minister, Deputy Representative and wife, Mrs. Antonia.
Mr Henry SCHOLLEY, Deputy Delegate and wife, two sons and Daughter, Lillian.

Mr Ralph Acklom, Secretary, with wife, Mrs Nikki and two sons.
Mr Aaron Silvestyle, Secretary.
Mr William Szaszewic, Secretary.
Mr Alec Kirk, Secretary.
Mr Elmer Hemlo, Secretary.

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Mr Ivan Antonio, Kommando Commander, with wife, Mrs Dennis and son, Dennis.
Mr Rinaldo Bruno, Kommando Secretary, with wife and 2 children.

Mr Andrija Stigmovic, Attache for Commercial Matters, with wife, Mrs Zlatka and 2 sons, Dominic and Igor.

CLERICAL STAFF

Mr Carlos Jovanovic
Mr Alec Marko
Mr Josip Nagel
Miss Matilda Berdan

Miss Cecile Klare
Miss Elaine Dalgleish
Mr Vane Jovanovic with wife, Mrs Olga.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2217/44/13 25 October 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Mission in Italy

TO : G-3, AFHQ

1. I have to refer to MAAG letter F/2215/A of 21 October 1945 to AFHQ, G-2 Section on the subject of "Unauthorized Yugoslav Personnel in Rome".

2. The following list prepared yesterday by Mr Nike Zaloz, Secretary of the Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy, shows the personnel at present attached to the Advisory Council for Italy:

Mr JOSEPH SMODLAKA, Ambassador, Yugoslav Representative and Wife, Mrs. Antonia.
Mr SLOVAN SMODLAKA, Deputy Delegate and Wife, Mrs Mari and Daughter, Lillian.

Mr Rudolph Jechmin, Secretary, with Wife, Mrs Milka and son Mirko.
Mr Arsen Milutovic, Secretary.
Mr Vladimir Mazgarovic, Secretary.
Mr Nike Jakac, Secretary.
Mr Mihale Mandic, Secretary.

Mr. Ivan Antunac, Economic Counselor, with wife, Mrs Jovanka and son, Goran.
Mr Mihaljevic Ivan, Economic Secretary, with wife and 2 children.

Mr Andrija Stipanovic, Attache for Commercial Marine, with wife, Mrs Mirjam and 2 sons, Jovanka and Igor.

CLERICAL STAFF

Mr Savica Jovanovic
Mr Nino Sarin
Mr Josip Engel
Mrs Vanda Marica

Miss Cemboo Klaga
Miss Mirjana Dafjana
Mr Vane Jovanovic with wife, Mrs Olga.

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1. I have to refer to NLAO letter F/2215/K of 24 October 1945 to AMSG, G-2 Section on the subject of "International Yugoslav Personnel in Rome".

2. The following list prepared yesterday by Mr Mike Vukas, Secretary of the Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy, shows the personnel at present attached to the Advisory Council for Italy:

Mr JOSEPH SMODLAKA, Ambassador, Jugoslav Representative and wife, Mrs. Antonia.
Mr SLOVEN SMODLAKA, Deputy Delegate and wife, Mrs Mimi and Daughter, Lillian.

Mr Rudolph Jenkole, Secretary, with wife, Mrs Milka and son Rona.
Mr Aresm Milutovic, Secretary.
Mr Radisav Knezevic, Secretary.
Mr Mike Jakac, Secretary.
Mr Nikola Kmetic, Secretary.

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Mr. Ivan Antonac, Economic Counselor, with wife, Mrs Zorica and son, Ozren.
Mr Mihailovic Bruno, Economic Secretary, with wife and 2 children.

Mr Andrija Stipanovic, Attache for Commercial Marine, with wife, Mrs Blanka and 2 sons, Ivandic and Igor.

CLERICAL STAFF

Mr Savica Jovanovic.
Mr Nina Kasic
Mr Josip Engel
Mrs Danica Marica

Miss Cenica Klaga
Miss Ninjana Dabjana
Mr Vane Jovanovic with wife, Mrs Olga.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: AECT/44/20 25 October 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Mission in Italy

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. I have to refer to EAC letter P/2818/A of 23 October 1945 to AFHQ, G-5 Section on the subject of "The additional Yugoslav Personnel in Rome".

2. The following list prepared yesterday by Mr Nikola Kolak, Secretary of the Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy, shows the personnel at present attached to the Advisory Council for Italy:

Mr JOSEPH SMODLAKA, Ambassador, Yugoslav Representative and wife, Mrs. Antonia.
Mr SLAVKO SMODLAKA, Deputy Delegate and wife, Mrs Mimi and daughter, Lillian.

Mr Rudolph Jankuic, Secretary, with wife, Mrs Milka and son Koco.
Mr Arsen Milutovic, Secretary.
Mr Vasilije Mazgarevic, Secretary.
Mr Milo Jakac, Secretary.
Mr Mihaila Markic, Secretary.

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Mr. Ivan Antunac, Economic Counselor, with wife, Mrs Zorika and son, Goran.
Mr Mihailovic Drenk, Economic Secretary, with wife and 2 children.

Mr Andrija Stipcevic, Attache for Commercial Marine, with wife, Mrs Milka and 2 sons, Ivandjo and Igor.

CLERICAL STAFF

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Mr Josip Kugel
Mrs Natalie Kuzica

Miss Cambos Klaza
Miss Klajner Tatjana
Mr Vaso Jovanovic with wife, Mrs Olga.

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Subject: Yugoslav Mission in Italy

TO : G-2, AFHQ

1. I have to refer to EAC letter F/EAC/K of 21 October 1945 to AFHQ, G-2 Section on the subject of "Unauthorized Yugoslav Personnel in Rome".

2. The following list prepared yesterday by Mr Milo Rakas, Secretary of the Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy, shows the personnel at present attached to the Advisory Council for Italy:

Mr JOVETIC NICHOLAS, Ambassador, Yugoslav Representative and wife, Mrs. Antonia.
Mr SLAVKO NICHOLAS, Deputy Delegate and wife, Mrs Mant and Daughter, Lillian.

Mr Rudolph Jankuin, Secretary, with wife, Mrs Milka and son Rono.
Mr Arsen Milutovic, Secretary.
Mr Vasiliev Kazyevnin, Secretary.
Mr Milo Rakas, Secretary.
Mr Nikola Vuchic, Secretary.

Mr. Ivan Antonac, Economic Counselor, with wife, Mrs Ruzika and son, Goran.
Mr Mihaljevic Drago, Economic Secretary, with wife and 2 children.

Mr Andrija Stipcevic, Attache for Commercial Marine, with wife, Mrs Mirjam and 2 sons, Svemimir and Igor.

CLERICAL STAFF

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Mrs Vasilia Vuchen

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Tenaz Jovo	Ljubo Perajo	Serafimko Ivan
Dušan Kilar	Ljubomir Dragić	Nikolovski Nikola
Gruevski Velko	Tasić Milivoje	Petrovski Živko
Trpko Jakimo	Nikolovski Dragi	Ilkov Jovan
Popovski Kolo	Miljevic Branko	Stankovski Veljko
Ilievski Ilija	Jovanović Jovo	Pavlin Herman
Djordjevic Stefanija	Živkova Tereza	Avdo Hamija
Petak Kristina	Cvetić Vidan	Ivan Petarčić
Ljuba Jolanda	Živko Ivanović	Stevo Vlado

3. It is recommended that all these be properly accredited, with the exception of the following who have not proved sufficiently cooperative in their work with the Advisory Council.

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Mr Nikola Dančić, Secretary
Mrs Danica Jurišić
Mr Ivan Jovanović, with wife, two CHC.

4. In addition to the above exceptions it is recommended that 13 of the auxiliary staff should be also dispensed with. The choice of the 13 not required could, it is suggested, be left to the Regular Delegation.

5. It will be seen that the total number of those whose is recommended be properly accredited is 46, which number is considered quite adequate. As regards the removal of those people who are not recommended, you will no doubt wish to take up the question of their departure from Italy with AMG.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier
Executive Coordination

Copy to: MAAC
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Liaison & Admin Officer, JHQ (Capt Biggio)
Toledo (A) & (B)

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AUXILIARY STAFF

Vasmar Jovo	Ajbuk Franjo	Berilasic Ivan
Dujmic Milan	Ljubovic Dragho	Beracomin Milorad
Grozovic Salko	Juric Milivoje	Petrovic Slvko
Trsin Edmund	Radonovic Drago	Mino Aciuov
Pogovic Nako	Vijovic Hermin	Cherdevic Veljko
Simkovic Milos	Jovanovic Jozo	Pavlin Herman
Djurdevic Stefanija	Kinjkun Tereza	Zgin Marija
Matak Jristina	Cutic Vidica	Ivan Petrovic
Rajko Jelatic	Zivcic Tatomvic	Stara Vlado

3. It is recommended that all these be properly accredited, with the exception of the following who have not proved sufficiently cooperative in their work with the Advisory Council.

Mr Radivoy Rasgorovic, Secretary
Mr Mihajlo Marulic, Secretary
Miss Mandic Marica
Mr Vaso Jovanovic, with wife, Miss Olga.

4. In addition to the above exceptions it is recommended that 13 of the auxiliary staff should be also dispensed with. The choice of the 13 not required could, it is suggested, be left to the Yugoslav Delegation.

5. It will be seen that the total number of those whom it is recommended be properly accredited is 48, which number is considered quite adequate. As regards the removal of those people who are not recommended, you will no doubt wish to take up the question of their departure from Italy with PAAC.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: PAAC
USSR S/U
Liaison & Admin Officer, AMG (Capt Riggio)
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3. It is recommended that all those be properly accredited, with the exception of the following who have not proved sufficiently cooperative in their work with the Advisory Council.

Mr Radisav Raspopovic, Secretary
Mr Mihaila Mandic, Secretary
Miss Danica Marion
Mr Vane Jovanovic, with Wife, Miss Olga.

4. In addition to the above exceptions it is recommended that 15 of the auxiliary staff should be also dispensed with. The choice of the 15 not required could, it is suggested, be left to the Yugoslav Delegation.

5. It will be seen that the total number of those whomit is recommended be properly accredited is 48, which number is considered quite adequate. As regards the removal of those people who are not recommended, you will no doubt wish to take up the question of their departure from Italy with PAAC.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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AUXILIARY STAFF

Vrsaj Jozo	Ajduk Franjo	Barilacic Ivan
Dujmic Milan	Ljubicic Ernest	Baracanin Milomir
Cvetkovic Zeljko	Veric Milivoje	Petrovic Slavko
Truha Zdenko	Radanovic Drago	Dino Jelisav
Popovic Nada	Pijevic Branko	Gavrilovic Veljko
Simkovic Milos	Jovanovic Jose	Pavlin Herman
Djurkovic Stefanija	Kiajban Tereza	Lyia Marija
Matak Cristina	Cetic Vidica	Ivan Petrovic
Rajko Jelatic	Zivota Tasovic	Stare Vlado

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Mr Rudimir Magazinovic, Secretary
Mr Mihailo Manojlo, Secretary
Miss Manlio Marion
Mr Vane Jovanovic, with wife, Miss Olga.

4. In addition to the above exceptions it is recommended that 13 of the auxiliary staff should be also dispensed with. The choice of the 13 not required could, it is suggested, be left to the Yugoslav Delegation.

5. It will be seen that the total number of those whom it is recommended be properly accredited is 46, which number is considered quite adequate. As regards the removal of those people who are not recommended, you will no doubt wish to take up the question of their departure from Italy with PAAC.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: PAAC
PWAR S/C
Liaison & Admin Officer, AFI (Capt Biggio)
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Mr. Jelenic — Zagreb Telephone — Police Files

5. It is recommended that all those be properly accredited, with the exception of the following who have not proved sufficiently cooperative in their work with the Advisory Council.

Mr Radivoj Knezevic, Secretary
Mr Mihaila Mandic, Secretary
Miss Mandic Marica
Mr Vane Jovanovic, with wife, MMB Offs.

6. In addition to the above exceptions it is recommended that 13 of the auxiliary staff should be also dispensed with. The choice of the 13 not required could, it is suggested, be left to the Yugoslav Delegation.

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For the Chief Commissioner

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: PAAC
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Liaison & Admin Officer, AMI (Capt Riggio)
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 250.1 SACS-O

23 October 1945

SUBJECT: Jugoslav Deserters

TO : All Concerned

FROM : Christenberry

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Kew 41534 dated 20th October and ref our F49760 (not to ALCOM)

Regret no international legal expert available. In any case doubt advisability of entering into prolonged and fruitless arguments with Jugoslavs which might result. Regardless of arguments private firms will not be blocked by Jugoslav claims. If there is any doubt in your mind about release any item it will not be released. You will permit no action to be taken which will make industry and commerce in your area inoperative. Jugoslavs may at your discretion be forbidden to enter private business areas.

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assist.

1. Our body considers not commencing any legal problem involving international law. There are many aspects which are well constructed and must be contested. Latest action of Pugh is to claim as body the effects of many footballs and flags operating in Toronto. Counsel must each flags which is entering line by rope into night. Once flags successfully have to be blocked and Ark will soon face position where large part of industry and customs will be inoperative. This is very serious both economically and politically.

2. Ark have no for assigned counsel with legal advice. Mr Pugh refrigerant Ark are no longer assist and will not have anyone competent to deal with problem involved.

3. Assuming that legal aspect able to assist counselor in next here attend. Upper England is possible by 31 October

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Ref: 5609/47/EC.

18 October 45

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian boats by Yugoslav Authorities.

TO : The American Embassy, Rome.
The British Embassy, Rome.

1. You will remember that on 3 August 1945 we sent you, under ref 5609/10/EC, a copy of our letter to G-5 AFHQ together with copy of letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the above subject.

2. There have been more cases of this kind during the past two months, which have been referred back to us, as G-5 are of the opinion that these ships do not come under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government or of the Allied forces. They have suggested that your Embassies are the best authorities to deal with these cases.

3. It will be remembered that under the terms of the Belgrade Agreement the Embassies handle all matters arising from the occupation of Venezia Giulia, and as a result you are probably the best channel for communication with Belgrade. There are also other matters unconnected with Venezia Giulia (for example, the seizure of fishing boats at sea) which arise from time to time, and it is suggested that your Embassies would handle these matters as a post office (i.e. not in your own name) more suitably than Allied Commission.

4. We would be most grateful if you could let us know whether you are agreeable to undertaking matters of this kind. If you are, copies of the relevant correspondence will be forwarded to you for information and action.

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/S/ COL. McCLEARY

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

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OCT 18 HQ

Ref: 2217/132/SC

15 October 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy

TO : SCAO, XIII Corps

1. Attached is copy of a letter forwarded to us by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It was sent by the Yugoslav Liberation Committee at Pola to a non-commissioned officer of the Italian Air Force.

2. Do you know of any other similar cases of pressure being exerted by Yugoslav agencies?

F. H. McCLEARY

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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GRADSKI NARODNO OSLOBODILACKI ODBOR
TAJNSTVO

COMITATO POPOLARE DI LIBERAZIONE
Segretaria

PULA

Otsjek: mobilitazione
Sezione

Br. 1041/II/3

M.O.
Odgovor na
Risposta a nota
Predmet: offerta di arruolamento
Oggetto:

Al compagno COOS Giuseppe
Pola
Piazza Port'Aurea 2

This office is aware that up to date you have not yet been reinstated in the ranks of the Italian aviation, and in view of your Julian origin we assume you have very small chances of such reinstatement.

Therefore, in order to secure the services of trustworthy and trained personnel to the aviation of the Yugoslav Federation, we suggest that you consider the possibility of joining our Armed Forces; thus you will benefit of the scale of wages established for officers in active service with the Yugoslav air force.

We are expecting your affirmative reply to our offer.

signed (illegible)

(NOTE: Above is translation of the letter addressed on August 20 by the Secretary of the Popular Committee of Liberation of Pola to Giuseppe Coos).

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6/4005/1446

COPY

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Ships by the Yugoslav Authorities

1. Reference is made to the Memorandum 6/2803/1296 of August 16th.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to acquaint the Allied Commission with the following new cases of Italian ships seized by the Yugoslvas:

a. Motor sailing-boat "Arduino", matr.683, Ancona Compartment. The vessel was transferred after the Armistice from Ancona to Punto Bianche (Dalmatia), where it was detained by the local Yugoslav partisan Command and used by them.

On December 19th, 1943, the vessel was taken over by the 3rd partisan Sector. Since October 1944 the vessel would be lying damaged in some harbour of the Dalmatian coast.

b. Trawler "Audace", matr.905 (Mola di Bari), Bari compartment; abandoned on September 8th, 1943, in Teodo harbour (Cattaro). The vessel was subsequently seized by the Yugoslav Authorities.

c. Motorship "Nora", 330 tons. The vessel, build by the Depangher shipping yards of Capo d'Istria, was sequestrated immediately after the lauch, on August 24th, by the Yugoslav Authorities who forbade that the ship be taken to Trieste to be fitted.

d. Motor sailing-ship "Nuovo Avvenire". The day before the German surrender, the vessel had been refitted in the naval shipping yards of Giuliano. As nothing more has been heard of her, it is believed that the ship was requisitioned by the Yugoslavs.

3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, recalling the arguments expounded in the Memo in reference, warmly request the Allied Commission to again interest the Yugoslav Authorities with a view to obtaining that the aforesaid vessel be returned to Italy.

It may be pointed out, in this connexion, that the British Authorities have approached the Italian naval Authorities requesting that the Yugoslav ships now in Italian hands be returned to their owners.

4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs thank the Allied Commission for those steps they will see fit to take in the matter.

Rome, October 17th, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

OCT 16 RECD

Ref: 2214/171/EC

15 October 45

SUBJECT: Return of Ex K.Y.N. Personnel to Yugoslavia

TO : Civil Affairs Section

Copies of correspondence on the above subject received from CHQ CMF are forwarded to you for action.

CR Key Brooke

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Ltr Med 45/465/1/1 of 2 Oct 45
Incl #1 to Ltr Med 45/465/1/1 of 2 Oct 45

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COPY

Office of Commander-in-Chief
Mediterranean Station
MALTA
2nd October 1945

Med. 45/465/1/1
THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN
(Copy to:- The Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Mediterranean
The Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison
The Vice Admiral, Malta and Central Mediterranean
The Commodore-in-charge, Taranto
The British Naval Representative, Belgrade)

RETURN OF EX. R.Y.N. PERSONNEL TO JUGOSLAVIA

1. With reference to Item No. 14 of the minutes forwarded under cover of No. 3268/Med. 45/0070/1 of 23rd July 1945, the attached letter No. 1687 of 7th September 1945 from the Jugoslav Ministry of National Defence has been received from the British Naval Representative, Belgrade.

2. It is requested that the Allied Commission may be directed to arrange for the ex-R.Y.N. personnel now under their care to be informed of the contents of the letter, and the conditions set out in Item 14 of the minutes, and be allowed to state whether they wish to return to Jugoslavia or not. Furthermore, it is requested that volunteers to return may be collected at Bari in accordance with the wishes of the Jugoslav authorities, and that their numbers and ranks may be reported to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, (and any other authorities you may require).

3. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, will inform the British Naval Representative, Belgrade, of the numbers and ranks of the men returning on receipt of the report referred to in paragraph 2.

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COPY

Enclosure No. 1 to Mediterranean letter
No. Med. 45/465/1/1 dated 2 10 45

TRANSLATION

Ministry of National Defence
General Staff Yugoslav Army
Naval Department

No. 1687

7th September 1945

British Naval Representative
Captain Welman

With reference to your letter of 6th September, BMR/24/25/287, I beg to inform you that the personnel of the former Yugoslav Navy are to be given one more opportunity to declare themselves for returning to Yugoslavia in accordance with the decision contained in the agreement arrived at in Caserta.

In order to organize the return of the above-mentioned personnel, please arrange as follows with the requisite authorities:

1. That all personnel willing to return to Yugoslavia may be collected at Bari by Yugoslav Army Bases

and

2. To inform this Department of the number of Officers, petty officers and sailors collected by the Yugoslav Army Base at Bari.

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Assistant Chief of Staff
Lieutenant Colonel -

(sgd) ZIMONOV VANYA

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YUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Pov.br.1530/45

Rome, 3 October 1945.

Dear Admiral Stone,

(155) I beg to inform you that today I received your letter Ref.2214/159/EC dated October 1, 1945.

The matter being completely unknown to me, I took necessary steps to clarify the case.

Investigations are in due course, and as soon as I receive the necessary informations I shall let you know.

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Very truly yours,

Dr. Sloven J. Smodlaka

Dr. SLOVEN J. SMODLAKA,
Acting Representative of Jugoslavia
Advisory Council for Italy.

cc: Exec. Commr. (ACTION)
Pol. Advsr. (A)
Pol. Advsr. (B)

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5:561.6 MEI

3 October 1945

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Boats by Yugoslav Authorities

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your 5609/25/EO dated 27 August subject as above and inclosures thereto and to your 5609/31/EO dated 30 August on the same subject.

2. The case of the 'Punta Planca' referred to in the memorandum of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (6/2803/1292)inclosed with your letter of 27 August has previously been considered by this Headquarters at the instance of C-in-C Med. C-in-C Med was advised under date of 21 July that since the vessel in question is in the possession of the Jugoslavs and not within the control of either the Italian Government or the Allied Forces, no further action would be taken by this Headquarters. C-in-C Med informed the Navy Sub Commission accordingly in Med 45/00100/22 of 30 July 45.

3. It would appear that all of the ships referred to in correspondence set forth in paragraph 1 are in a status similar to that of the 'Punta Planca' in that they are not under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government or of the Allied Forces. It is therefore suggested that these matters and any similar matters which may arise be referred by you directly to the US and British Embassies for such action as they may consider to be appropriate.

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A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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GEN PD REFERENCE TTK COMMUNIQUE RELEASED BY THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN LONDON ON OCT NINE SEPTEMBER REGARDING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DEFINITION OF THE ITALIAN SLAVE YUGOSLAV BORDER AND THE FUTURE OF TRIESTE AND IN PARTICULAR TO THAT PART OF THE COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTING THAT THE FRONTIER WOULD BE DRAWN ON ETHNIC LINES AFTER A COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY HAD VISITED VENEZIA GIULIA IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL POSSIBLE STEPS BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE ETHNIC CHARACTER OF THE VARIOUS LOCALITIES OF THE COMPARTMENT OF VENEZIA GIULIA IS NOT DISTURBED DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD BY DEPORTATION OF THE ITALIAN POPULATION OR FORCE PD

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Lt. Col.
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BOUR FD MAY EARLY STEPS THEREFORE BE TAKEN TO ESTABLISH SUCH LIAISON OFFICERS ON THE LINES PROPOSED FD IN THIS CONNEXION IT IS POINTED OUT THAT THESE OFFICERS WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED FROM MILITARY SOURCES AS THERE IS NONE AVAILABLE FROM THE RAPIDLY DIMINISHING RESOURCES UNDER THE COMMAND OF THIS HEADQUARTERS

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Request you inform naval authorities TARANTO of following. SLIBOR and SLUKAH 2 YUGOSLAV airmen landed TORTORELLA airfield near FOGGIA 15 September their purpose allegedly being to desert from YUGOSLAV ARMY. Inadvertently they were turned over to JUGOSLAV Mission in BARI. Demand for their return was refused by Chief of JUGOSLAV Mission BARI. The JUGOSLAVS planned to return SLIBOR and SLUKAH to JUGOSLAVIA by JUGOSLAV boat on 1 October. Chief of JUGOSLAV Mission BARI has been notified he will behold personally responsible to this Hq that subjects not depart from ITALY without AFHQ consent. Head of JUGOSLAV Advisory Commission to ITALY also notified. 54 Area Commander advised (1) under no circumstances to permit departure of SLIBOR and SLUKAH (2) to keep ship under surveillance. (3) to have troops available to prevent use of force by JUGOSLAVS (4) to have port authorities refuse the ship clearance if subjects placed on it. In event ship escapes with subjects aboard navy should be employed to intercept and at sea return it to port and subjects should be removed to Allied custody

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POLAD (B)
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Ref: 2214/159/SC

1 October 1945

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Supreme Allied Commander to inform you that it appears that the Yugoslav Mission, Bari, intends to depart to Yugoslavia two Yugoslav airmen, Slibor and Glukah, who landed at Tortorella Airfield, near Foggia, about the 15th September.

The Chief of the Yugoslav Mission, Bari, has been informed, through military channels, that he will be held personally responsible by Allied Force Headquarters to ensure that these two Yugoslav airmen are not removed from Italy without the consent of Allied Force Headquarters.

I am directed by the Supreme Allied Commander to notify you of the foregoing.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Sloven J. Smodlaka,
Acting Representative,
Yugoslav Delegation to the
Advisory Council for Italy.

cc. G-5 AFHQ (last para, your signal FX 46496 Cite FHGBI of 29 Sep 45 refers)
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54 AREA ALCOM

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Subject is SLIBOR and GLUKAN the 2 JUGSLAV airmen who landed at TORTORELLA airfield near FOGGIA in a German trainer plane on 15 September 1945 with alleged intention to desert from the JUGSLAV ARMY. They were inadvertantly handed over to the JUGOSLAV Mission in BARI.

A demand was made on the Chief of JUG Mission in BARI for their return which was categorically denied.

Information has come to our attention that SLIBOR and GLUKAH will be deported to JUGOSLAVIA by JUGOSLAV boat about 1st October. You are requested to inform the Chief of JUGOSLAV Mission BARI that he will be held responsible personally responsible by this Headquarters to insure these 2 men will not be removed from ITALY without the consent of Allied Force Headquarters.

To ALCOM you will notify the head of the JUGOSLAV Advisory Commission to ITALY of the foregoing.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 000.1-1 28 September 1945

SUBJECT: Elections in Venezia Giulia

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

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1. Reference your AC/45/19/LEG of 19 September 45.

2. Your views on the preparation of electoral lists for that part of Venezia Giulia administered by AMG are fully agreed. It is confirmed that there is no objection to obtaining the advice of Italian expert officials on technical questions of law and drafting.

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(sgd for)
A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Asst Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to: AMG, Venezia Giulia
British Resident Minister
U.S. Political Adviser

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
JUGOSLAV MISSION
BELGRADE

24 Sept 45

TO: Chief of Mission
UNRRA Italian Mission
ROME.

Att: A.A. Sorieri
Director, Displaced Persons Division.

From: E.K. Balls,
Director, Div. of Welfare and Displaced Persons.

Subject: Italians in Yugoslavia.

I reply to your memorandum of September 11th, 1945. We have had considerable correspondence on various groups of Italians in Yugoslavia, but have been unable to obtain definite figures on numbers and locations of Italian citizens still remaining in this country. The position appears to be that all Italians, with the exception of a very small group, are being detained in Yugoslavia pending the settlement of the question of repatriation of Yugoslavs from Italy, and possible the final settlement of the Trieste problem.

We were advised officially by the Bureau of Repatriation on September 5, 1945, the three following statements;

1. The Yugoslav authorities will move only those Italian subjects who joined the Partisans during the last two years.
2. Only those Italian subjects who are transit through Yugoslavia coming from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia etc.,
3. All other Italian subjects are held up pending action on behalf of the Italian Government to move the Yugoslav subjects living at present in Italy.

No. 1 refers to a comparatively small number who are being released from the army individually and are officially the responsibility of the Yugoslav military authorities for repatriation.

With regard to the treatment of Italians in Yugoslavia, we have had no opportunity of observing this at first hand since all are in military controlled camps. Complaints do reach us but whenever these have been taken up through the Commission for Repatriation, we are informed that all that is possible is being done for Italian prisoners but in view of all the shortages in the country it is unlikely that the standard of support will approach the standard reached in those camps and centers supplied by the allied armies or directly supplied by UNRRA.

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CONFIDENTIAL (Reur A/30000) (O) of 21 September not to ALCOM.) Detention MORAVEC JOSE understood to be delegate of Jugoslav Red Cross should continue and FSS interrogation requested by AMG should proceed with view to full developement of facts relating to security considerations and circumstances under which MORAVEC was carrying pistol including issuance of permit by CAMPT EDWIN PERVANJA. Facts ascertained should then be reported to ALCOM on question of further action by AMG against MORAVEC and to this Hq in connection with security considerations.

For ALCOM. MORAVEC was arrested at TURIN by AMG Public Safety carrying pistol without official permit. He was in possession of permit issued by PERVANJA. Investigate authority and circumstances PERVANJAS activities in this connection and include in report required by our FX 42510.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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Subject Yugoslav personnel.

On 20 September MORAV JOZE Yugoslav arrested at TURIN by AMG Public Safety Dept for carrying pistol without official permit. He was in possession of permit issued by Captain KLEIN PENVADA (this HQ A312(O) of 15 refers). He was in possession of Yugoslav passport 245/45 issued BELGRADE 6/7/45 valid 2 months and ALLIED FORCE permit 17842 for entry into ITALY from YUGOSLAVIA valid 11 July to 11 August 45. CSI interrogating at request of AMG. Request your instructions.

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ACTION: Pub Safety SC
INFO: Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
Legal SC
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E.C. Why TO This address?

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GWD SEP 22 (45)

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Ref: 2217/122/AC. 21 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Representative in Northern Italy.

TO : C-in-C(B), AMG.

1. I enclose copy of a letter Pow.Br.1417/45 dated 19 September 45 from Dr. Smodlaka, the Yugoslav Delegate of the Advisory Council for Italy, on the subject of Capt. Pervanje.

2. I should be grateful if you would instruct me what to reply.

For the Chief Commissioner:

See 1488

E. TALBOT
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: C-in-C Section, AMG.

Ex Cmr
Reply as "in Sec
Nicol's instructions"
Ex 25/9.

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COPY

JUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Pov.br.1417/45. ROME. September 19, 1945.

Dear Sir,

Capt. Edvin Pervanje has been appointed Head of the Jugoslav Repatriation Office Milan, and accredited by A.F.H.Q. to D.P. & R.S.C. following the proposal of the Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy. This Delegation entrusted Capt. Pervanje, with agreement of the Jugoslav Government, to protect Jugoslav interests in Northern Italy, having this Delegation taken over the protection of Jugoslav interests from the Swiss Legation, according to protocol signed on 13th August 1945.

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See 1486

I arrived in Milan on 14th September. I made an inspection in the Jugoslav Repatriation Office and found that Capt. Pervanje's work was quite correct, and that there was no reason to recall him. Notwithstanding that, in order to exclude even the minimal possibility of incorrectness in Capt. Pervanje's work, I left on duty in Milan Mr. Radislav Raspopovic, Secretary of Embassy, and Member of the Jugoslav Delegation to A.C.I. and charged him to supervise the work in Milan Jugoslav Repatriation Office. I have seen and informed officially about it Col. Hancock in charge of the Regional Commissioner AMG for Lombardy, getting his acknowledgment. Col. Hancock had no reason to complain against Capt. Pervanje's activity.

I noticed in Milan that D.P. & R.S.C. authorities were trying to make impossible further work of thes Jugoslav Repatriation Office, refusing to take Jugoslav nationals in their transit camps and stopping any transports for Jugoslavia.

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Capt. Pervanje's case is a unique example for Allied authorities arresting in their area an accredited Representative of one of the United Nations in Northern Italy. I protest against such proceeding against the accredited Representative of Democratic Federative Jugoslavia in Northern Italy and I demand his immediate release and rehabilitation, so that he should be returned back to his duty and enabled to continue his work on repatriation. I also demand to be informed about the actual location of Capt. Pervanje.

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At the same time I am informing the Jugoslav Government about the a/a procedure against the Jugoslav Representative in Northern Italy.

Truly yours,

(signed) Dr. Slovan J. Gecilain.

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6512/36/80

21 September 1945

My dear Dr. Smodlaka:

I have received your letter Nov.br. 1335/45 of 12 September 1945 referring to articles in the Italian press and I have forwarded it to AFHQ.

You will, no doubt, by now have received my letter 6512/75/80 of 17 September 1945.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Sloven J. Smodlaka
Yugoslav Delegation
The Advisory Council for Italy
56 Via Quintina Sella
Rome

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SECRET FD

CAPTAIN ERVIN PERVANJE HAS BEEN APPOINTED HEAD OF THE JUGOSLAV REPATRIATION OFFICE MILAN AND accredited BY AFHQ TO CG AFHQ AND REC FOLLOWING THE PROPOSAL OF THE JUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY FD THIS DELEGATION MAINTAINED CAPTAIN PERVANJE WITH AGREEMENT OF THE JUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT JUGOSLAV INTERESTS IN NORTHERN ITALY HAVING THIS DELEGATION TAKEN OVER THE PROTECTION OF JUGOSLAV INTERESTS FROM THE SWISS LEGATION CMA ACCORDING TO PROTOCOL SIGNED ON ONE THIRD AUGUST ONE NINE FOUR FIVE FD

PARA TO C.I. FROM HQ AFCOM MTOUSA SUBSTANCE ACTING REPRESENTATIVE OF JUGOSLAVIA

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I telephoned Sen
B C Head and told
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He said "Send it
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

NSC/3610
18 September 1945

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy letters Pov.br.634/45 and Pov.br. 1047/45 of 22 May 1945 and 25 July 1945, in connection with the case of Seaman KOLJEVINA Grgur, and your letter Pov.br. 1318/45 of 5 September 1945 to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre, the matter is now under investigation. You will be informed as soon as the investigation is completed and a decision is reached.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

Copy to:
AFHQ G-5(AFHQ Ltr G-5 250.1-5
of 10 Sept. 1945 refers)
(Distribution not shown on original)

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Dr. Slovan J. Smoklaka,
Acting Representative, Jugoslav Delegation
to the Advisory Council for Italy.

Prepared by H. R. Butler
Capt U.S.N.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AC/45/19/LG

Tel: 478190
19 Sep 45

SUBJECT: Preparation of electoral lists in Venezia-Giulia

TO: AFHQ (G-5)

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 11 August (Subject-Elections in Venezia-Giulia) and to AMG XIII Corps signal 8/237 of 15 August to you, copy to this HQ. Your letters of 23 August to this HQ and 6 September to HQ XIII Corps are also relevant.

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5. It is considered that the procedure to be adopted for Venezia-Giulia should follow as closely as possible that adopted for the remainder of Italy. As however the Italian Government Decrees mentioned in para 4 cannot be implemented in Venezia-Giulia, the procedure must be defined in an AMG General Order.

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6. A number of technical difficulties in the preparation of this order will arise, but these are all believed to be surmountable. It is essential, however, that there should be consultation with the appropriate officials of the Italian Government on this matter. It is not proposed to consult or even discuss with the Italian Government the policy involved or decisions taken, but merely to have the advice of Italian expert officials on technical questions of law and drafting. Have you any comments?

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. CARR
Brigadier
VP CA Section

Copies to: SCAO Venezia-Giulia
Chief Commissioner, Exec Commr,
Polads (A) & (B)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

MSC/3609

18 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Seaman KOLJEVINA, Grgur - Arrest of by Italian Authorities.

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters.

1. In reply to paragraph 2 of AFHQ Top Secret letter G-5: 250.1 of 6 September 1945, a copy of Ministry of Marine letter R.11399 of 18 September 1945, which contains data relative to the nationality of Seaman Koljevina Grgur and his service in the Italian Navy, is forwarded herewith as enclosure 1.

2. In connection with paragraph 3 of your letter of 6 September 1945 with reference to the reasons for holding Koljevina under arrest without trial, the Resident Minister Central Mediterranean, AFHQ letter A/166/16 of 15 May 1945, a copy of which is forwarded herewith as enclosure 2, states that the Jugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs agree that Seaman Koljevina should be left in prison, at any rate for the time being.

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of your letter of 6 September 1945, Seaman Koljevina was arrested by Italian authorities at Taranto, Italy on or about 26 March 1945, whereas the Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy was not informed by the Allied Commission as to the provisions of AFHQ Secret letter G-5: 250.1-5 of 24 March 1945 governing the apprehension and return to Jugoslav jurisdiction of deserters from the Jugoslav armed forces until 3 April 1945. Furthermore the Italian Ministry of Marine has not been informed as to the provisions of your letter of 24 March 1945. The policy established therein is not considered to be applicable in a mutual sense.

4. The data requested in paragraph 4 of your letter of 6 September 1945, upon which the Italian Ministry of Marine alleges that Koljevina was heretofore a member of the Italian Navy, is contained in enclosure 1. 148

5. While no mutual agreement was obtained from the Jugoslav Government that the policy established in AFHQ letter of 24 March 1945, relating to deserters, would be applicable to the apprehension and return of deserters from Allied Forces, including the Italian armed forces, it may be desirable to base the reply to the Jugoslav Delegation letter of 22 May 1945 on this principle.

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Henry W. Stone

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

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Memo: SECRETARY OF STATE (Athens)
To : U.S.A. - U.K. - A.C.
Date: 16th September 1945
Ref.: A.1939

Subject: [illegible]

1. With reference to your letter No.ZM/3035 of 11th September 1945 the following information is communicated with regard to the above matter:
a) Born at Corfu (Italy) on 7th March 1920.
b) Joined U.S.C. on 30th April 1940.
c) At the time of enlisting in the U.S.C. he resided in Athens, at 14, Odos [illegible], Athens (Hellas).
d) No one considered to be a pro-Axis sympathiser.
e) Received Nil.7740 - Medals - Decorations.
f) At the time of his departure he was attached to the U.S.C. Records, Athens, for duties in the Athens.

2. On the early days of July 1944 ANASTASIA, formerly an Allied U.S.C. in Sicily, arrived in Athens for duty at the above-mentioned Records. A few days later a distant kinsman of his, by name [illegible], who had been in the Italian army in the ranks of the Axis partisans, decided to join King Peter's army, in order to be near his family living in Athens.

(6 1939) born on 30th September 1914 ANASTASIA, in the capacity of [illegible] Records Office, also serving in the Headquarters in the office of King Peter's Navy, as No.113 were taken in that room, both of them in order to perform [illegible] duties.

The Records Officer in charge of the office, having ascertained that the two soldiers were Italian, invited them to present themselves on the following morning for [illegible] on the 24th September 1944. 9445
for duty.

3. On the morning of 25th September and his colleague returned to the aforementioned office where they were both provided with regular Navy uniforms, and they remained that day for duty, where they underwent no [illegible] ceremonies of the Greek Navy.

At noon they received superior papers and were allowed to [illegible] visit.

4. Upon completion of the course ANASTASIA was separated from his colleague - of whom he was in further [illegible] - and attached as the sole "Marconi" [illegible], following the sinking of the vessel caused by a mistake, he returned to Italy and joined U.S.A. 209.

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cs #7th [illegible]

From: MINISTRY OF WAR (Cabinet)
To : W.O.C. - N.O. - A.O.
Date: 15th September 1945
Ref.: D.11599

Subject: Carpenter [illegible] CAVAGNIS.

1. With reference to your letter No.[illegible]/3555 of 11th September 1945 the following information is communicated with regard to the above rating :
a) Born at Cherso (Pola) on 7th March 1922.
b) Joined I.N.N., on 20th April 1943.
c) At the time of enlisting in the I.N.N. he resided in Istria, at Via. S.Mauro No.532, Cherso (Pola).
d) He was conscripted; is at present retained in service.
e) He deserted while at Taranto on 20th September 1944.
f) Official No.71745 - seaman - carpenter.
g) At the time of his desertion he was attached to the C.P.S.M. barracks, Taranto, for duties in the general.

2. In the early days of July 1944 CAVAGNIS, formerly an Allied P.O.W. in Sicily, arrived in Taranto for duty at the above-mentioned barracks. A few days later a fellow countryman of his, by name [illegible], who had been in the Italian Army in the uniform of the Tito partisans, decided to join King Peter's Navy, in order to be near his family living in Cherso.

At 1930 hours on 26th September 1944 CAVAGNIS, in the company of carpenter [illegible], also serving in the [illegible]ment to the office of King Peter's Navy, at No.[illegible]9 Corso Umberto in that town, both of them in order to request the enlist.

The Jugoslav officer in charge of the office, having ascertained that the two ratings were Istrian, invited them to present themselves on the following morning for embarkation on the S.S. "[illegible]" which was sailing for Malta.

3. On the morning of 27th CAVAGNIS and his colleague returned to the above-mentioned office where they were both provided with Jugoslav Navy uniforms, and they embarked that day for Malta, where they underwent an gunnery refresher course of one month's duration.

At Malta they received Jugoslav papers and swore allegiance to King Peter.

4. Upon completion of the course CAVAGNIS was separated from his colleague - of whom he was no further news - and embarked on the S.S. "[illegible]" but, following the sinking of the vessel caused by a cyclone, he returned to Malta and joined H.M.S. 209.

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He was conscripted; is at present retained in service.
He deserted while at Taranto on 30th September 1944.
Official No.71746 - person - carpenter.
At the time of his desertion he was attached to the C.N.N.N. barracks, Taranto, for duties in the command.

2. In the early days of July 1944 CORLIEVICH, formerly an Allied P.O.W. in Sicily, arrived in Taranto for duty at the above-mentioned barracks. A few days later a fellow townsman of his, by name PASQUALE, who had been in the Italian Army in the uniform of the Fifth Partisans, decided to join King Peter's Navy, in order to be near his family living in Cherso.

At 1930 hours on 29th September 1944 CORLIEVICH, in the company of Carpenter MARINKO MATTEO, also serving in the command pant to the office of King Peter's Navy, at No.149 Corso Umberto in that town, both of them in order to request the enlist.

The regular officer in charge of the office, having ascertained that the two ratings were Istrian, invited them to present themselves on the following morning for embarkation on the S.S. "CHANCOMB" which was sailing for Malta.

3. On the morning of 30th CORLIEVICH and his colleague returned to the above-mentioned office where they were both provided with duplicate Navy uniforms, and they embarked that day for Malta, where they underwent an infantry refresher course of one month's duration.

At Malta they received duplicate papers and swore allegiance to King Peter.

4. Upon completion of the course CORLIEVICH was separated from his colleague - of whom he was no further news - and embarked on the S.S. "STRATHNAVER" but, following the sinking of the vessel caused by a cyclone, he returned to Malta and joined H.M.S. 203.

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From: MINISTRY OF WAR (cabinet)
To : F.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 18th September 1945
Ref.: M.11599

Subject: Carpenter [illegible] CAPPELLINA (Zagreb).

1. With reference to your letter No.[illegible]/3535 of 11th September 1945 the following information is communicated with regard to the above rating :

a) Born at Cherso (Pola) on 7th March 1922.
b) Joined I.N.N. on 20th April 1942.
c) At the time of enlisting in the I.N.N. he resided in Istria, at Via. S.Nicola No.532, Cherso (Pola).
d) He was conscripted; is on personal retained in service.
e) He deserted while at Taranto on 20th September 1944.
f) Official No.71745 - rating - carpenter.
g) At the time of his desertion he was attached to the C.N.N. barracks, Taranto, for duties in the forward.

2. In the early days of July 1944 CAPPELLINA, formerly an Allied P.O.W. in Sicily, arrived in Taranto for duty at the above-mentioned barracks. A few days later a fellow townsman of his, by name [illegible], who had been in the Italian Army in the uniform of the Tito partisans, decided to join King Peter's Navy, in order to be near his family living in Cherso.

At 1950 hours on 30th September 1944 CAPPELLINA, in the company of carpenter [illegible] matteo, also serving in the forward, went to the office of King Peter's Navy, at No.119 Corso Umberto in that town, both of them in order to request the enlist.

The Jugoslav officer in charge of the office, having ascertained that the two ratings were Istrian, invited them to present themselves on the following morning for embarkation on the s.s. "[illegible]" which was ready for Malta.

3. On the morning of 31st CAPPELLINA and his colleague returned to the above-mentioned office where they were both provided with Jugoslav Navy uniforms, and they embarked that day for Malta, where they underwent an gunnery refresher course of one month's duration.

At Malta they received Jugoslav papers and swore allegiance to King Peter.

4. Upon completion of the course CAPPELLINA was separated from his colleague - of whom he was no further news - and embarked on the s.s. "[illegible]" but, following the sinking of the vessel caused by a cyclone, he returned to Malta and joined M.L.B. 209.

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the following information is communicated with regard to the above rating :

a) Born at Cherso (Pola) on 7th March 1922.
b) Joined I.N.V. on 20th April 1942.
c) At the time of enlisting in the I.N.V. he resided in Istria, at Via. S.Elena No.302, Cherso (Pola).
d) He was conscripted; is at present retained in service.
e) He deserted while at Taranto on 29th September 1944.
f) Official No.71746 - seaman - carpenter.
g) At the time of his desertion he was attached to the R.N. Barracks, Taranto, for duties in the ground.

2. In the early days of July 1944 [redacted], formerly an Allied P.O.W. in Sicily, arrived in Taranto for duty at the above-mentioned Barracks. A few days later a Yugoslav lieutenant of his, by name [redacted], who had been in the Italian Army in the uniform of the Tito partisans, decided to join King Peter's Navy, in order to be near his family living in Cherso.

At 1930 hours on 23th September 1944 [redacted], in the company of Carpenter [redacted], also serving in the ground,ment to the office of King Peter's Navy, at No.119 Corso Umberto in that town, both of them in order to request to enlist.

The Jugoslav officer in charge of the office, having ascertained that the two refugees were Istrian, invited them to present themselves on the following morning for embarkation on the s.s. "[redacted]" which was 9445 for Malta.

3. On the morning of 29th [redacted] and his colleague returned to the above-mentioned office where they were both provided with Jugoslav Navy uniforms, and they embarked that day for Malta, where they underwent an gunnery refresher course of one month's duration.

At Malta they received Jugoslav papers and swore allegiance to King Peter.

4. Upon completion of the course [redacted] was separated from his colleague - of whom he was no further news - and embarked on the s.s. "[redacted]" but, following the sinking of the vessel caused by a cyclone, he returned to Malta and joined M.L.O. 209.

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On 27th .....

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On 27th March 1945 the 2.I.C., Capt. [illegible] Royal Warwickshire REGIMENT in the Arun and, recognising him as a deserter, arrested him and gave him in charge to the Military Mobile Guard, at the disposal of the Taranto Naval Tribunal, before whom he is now charged for desertion since 3rd November 1944.

2. At the time of his alleged DESERTION he was wearing the ordinary uniform of the Regular Army of King Peter.

FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

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On 27th March 1945 the I.S.N. Taranto Town Patrol encountered OCKLJEVIKA in the town and,recognising him as a deserter, arrested him and gave him in charge to the Military Maritime Command, at the disposal of the Taranto Naval Tribunal, before whom he was charged for desertion since 3rd November 1944.

3. At the time of his arrest OCKLJEVIKA was wearing the seaman's uniform of the Jugoslav Navy of King Peter.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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On 27th March 1945 the I.S.N. Taranto Town Patrol encountered OCCLIPETRA in the town and, recognising him as a deserter, arrested him and gave him in charge to the Military Maritime Command, at the disposal of the Taranto Naval Tribunal, before whom he was charged for desertion since 3rd November 1944.

3. At the time of his arrest OCCLIPETRA was wearing the seaman's uniform of the Jugoslav Navy of King Peter.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT MINISTER
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN,

A.F.H.Q.

46/166/16

15th May, 1945.

My Dear Admiral,

A telegram has just been received from the Ambassador at Belgrade to say that he has now been informed, orally but officially, that the Yugoslav authorities propose formally to protest at the detention in an Italian prison of the deserter about whom we have already had several conversations. They intend to take this action because, at the time of arrest, he was in the uniform of the Yugoslav Navy. The Yugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs, however, further state that they realise that the man is a poor type. They add that they do not propose to press the protest and are prepared to agree that he should be left in prison, at any rate for the time being.

Mr. Stevenson says that in his opinion this should be a quite reasonable arrangement, provided the Italians do not force the issue by such action as a court martial. In all the circumstances, and bearing in mind the peculiarly delicate situation which has arisen in the last few days in Venezia Giulia, I hope that you will feel able to ensure that the court martial is indefinitely postponed. I am sure that this will be in the best interests of all concerned, not least of the Italians themselves.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Laing.

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Yours sincerely,

/s/ Philip Broad

Rear-Admiral C.L. Warren,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

Ref: 130/AMG/208

18 September 1945

SUBJECT: Jugoslav Propegonda

TO : Executive commissioner
Hq Allied Commission

1. I have your 591/102/EC of 10 September, enclosing copy of letter 3/1563 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy. You request my comments.

a. First paragraph - There is no question that someone is circulating petitions of the type mentioned, and that these are, in the aggregate, referred to in the opposition newspapers as a "plebiscite," which of course they are not.

In spite of constant vigilance and investigation, we have been unable to connect this effort, in our part of Venezia Giulia, with the "Jugoslav authorities." If Signor de Gasperi has evidence of such connection, I think he should use it as a basis for protest through diplomatic channels. The Italian Government has, on the whole, been much less diligent in asserting its rights in matters of this kind than has Jugoslavia. After all -- Tito is also a "trustee" and "stakeholder."

b. Second and third paragraphs - These techniques are probably used in some cases. It is noted that this portion of the letter relates solely to Jugoslav -occupied Venezia Giulia. I have, of course, no knowledge of what occurs on the other side of the line, and if I had would not of course in any event comment officially.

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c. Fourth paragraph - There is of course, no reason why, under a democratic regime, any person may not, peaceably and without violence or duress, circulate any petition he pleases. We have heard that methods of the type described in this paragraph have been used, and I have repeatedly urged Civil Affairs and Police Officers to make arrests whenever any evidence, however slight, could be discovered of the use of such methods.

Unfortunately, not one Italian in a hundred has the courage to raise a finger or name a name. Several arrests have been made, but none have revealed circumstances approaching those described in the Minister's letter.

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We have as yet, due not entirely to our own fault, no civil police, as such, here. The Military Police are inadequate in number to cope with the situation in each small village. As a result, we are forced to rely on the courage of the local inhabitants in coming forth and making accusations. In general, a people without such courage are difficult to save, but we keep on trying.

d. Fifth paragraph - This constitutes the conclusion of the writer which is sound if the facts can be substantiated. Signor de Gasperi should, in his position, have access to sources of information difficult for us to obtain. He may be assured that if we are furnished with information as to where to get evidence of unlawful, violent, and subversive acts of the type described, we shall act as promptly and forcefully as possible with the means at our disposal.

/s/ Alfred C. Bowman
ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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SEP 20 RECD

Ref: 2214/142/EC

18 September 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline of Troops

TO : Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy

1. With reference to your Pov.Br. 1317/45 of 6 September 1945 and previous correspondence on the above subject.

2. Inquiries made have not produced any further information on the incidents alleged in your letter Pov.Br. 1142/45 of 14 August 1945 and the military authorities have no knowledge of the presence of any Chetniks in Rome.

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. TALBOT
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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SECRET.

Ref: 2244/6/20.

17 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Jugoslav Acting Representative's Protest on the arrest of Italian Naval Deserters.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

1. With reference to your NAV/2816 of 7 July 45 and letter G-5:250.1-5 of 6 September 45 from AFHQ - G-5, on the above subject.

2. Enclosed please find copy of a further letter from AFHQ on this subject -- G-5:250.1-5 of 10 September 45, enclosing a letter from the Jugoslav Acting Representative.

3. Will you please take action as at para 3 of the enclosed letter.

R. W. KEMSLEY
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Encln: As stated in para 2 above.

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Ref: 6512/75/SC.

17 Sept. 45.

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Dear Dr. Smodlaka,

I have received your letter Pov.br.1276/45 dated 31 Aug. 45 and its enclosures referring to articles published in the Italian Press.

I must remind you that the Italian Press is not controlled or censored by the Allied authorities who, on the other hand, consider that Freedom of Expression is one of the benefits which it was their task to assure to the Italian people.

I am, however, forwarding a copy of your letter to AFHQ for any action they may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

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Dr. Sloven J. Smodlaka,
Yugoslav Delegation,
The Advisory Council for Italy,
96, via Quintina Sella,
R o m e.

Copy to: G-5
AFHQ.

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SEP 17 RECD

Ref: 6512/74/2C. 13 Sept. 45.

Subject: Anti-Yugoslav Articles in Italian Press.

To: G-5,
AFHQ.

1. Enclosed please find copy of letter Pov.br.1276/45 of 31 Aug. 45 from the Yugoslav representative on the Advisory Council for Italy and also a copy of our reply.

2. We forward this correspondence in view of paras: 4 and 5(a) of the Yugoslav representative's letter in which a specific statement is made to the effect that Allied authorities are acting in this matter.

For Chief Commissioner:

M. C. LUCH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 250.1-5 10 September 1945

SUBJECT: Jugoslav Nationals in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to our letter of 6 September, subject and file as above.

2. The Jugoslav Delegation has written directly to this Headquarters with respect to this matter. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

3. It is requested that you make an interim reply to the inclosed letter from the Jugoslav Delegation and endeavor to expedite reply to our reference letter in order that a determination of this matter may be made by the Chief of Staff.

(sgd) A. L. Hamblen.

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Encl: as above dated Sept. 5, 1945.
ref Fov. ltr. 1316/45.

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COPY

JUGOSLAV DELEGATION

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY.

Pov. br. 1318/45 ROM. September 5, 1945.

SUBJECT: Grgur Koljevina, Jugoslav Seaman.

TO : The Supreme Allied Commander
Mediterranean Theatre
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta.

1. Enclosed herewith, please find the copy of the Note forwarded by this Delegation to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, Pov.br.6245 dated May 22, 1945, explaining the subject matter of the Jugoslav seaman Grgur Koljevina.

2. The Jugoslav Delegation forwarded another Note on July 25, 1945 (Pov.br.1047) requesting a quick answer on same subject.

3. As no reply arrived from the Allied Commission, Mr. Juhas, Secretary of this Delegation, has been personally informed at the Liaison Division Headquarters Allied Commission that the subject had been forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters for further consideration.

4. Since the question was set up nearly two and a half months ago and the Jugoslav Government being interested in same subject, it is requested herewith that arbitary decision be taken please as early as possible. 9595

/s/ Dr. Slovan J. Gazdlain

Dr. Slovan J. Gazdlain,
Acting Representative of Jugoslavia
Advisory Council for Italy.

Enclosure as stated.

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Pov.br.634/45. Rome. May 22, 1945.

The Acting Representative of Jugoslavia on the Advisory Council for Italy presents its compliments to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, and has the honour to request, according to the instructions he got from his Government that the Jugoslav seaman Koljevina Cegur from the Jugoslav torpedo-boat M.T.B. 209 be released immediately. The s/m Koljevina was arrested at Taranto the 26th March 1945 by the Italian Navy Police and he is still in prison.

The behaviour of the Italian authorities is definitely irregular because this man could not have been arrested by any other authority than his own competent military H.Q. Accordingly any claim against this man should have been directed to the competent Jugoslav military H.Q. Besides it appears quite inconceivable that Italian authorities have ventured to arrest a serviceman belonging to Allied Armed Forces.

The matter has been dealt with by the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

The Jugoslav Acting Representative has to point out that this request has been presented by explicit instructions of the Jugoslav Government.

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To the Chief Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Commission.

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SEP 10 REC'D

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

FIRST ENDORSEMENT to:
Agriculture Sub-Commission,
AC, ltr. AGR/505.9.2 of 5
September 1945.

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N30/3494
7 September 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Fishing Boats alleged to have been seized by Yugoslav Nationals.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission first endorsement NSC/3169 of 7 August 1945 to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean ltr. Med.45/00100/22 of 30 July 1945.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission first endorsement NSC/3210 of 10 August 1945 to Agriculture Sub-Commission, AC, ltr. AGR/500.2 of 7 August 1945.

1. In continuation of the matters raised in references (a) and (b), the basic correspondence is forwarded for appropriate action.

2. It is assumed by the Navy Sub-Commission that G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, will refer the allegations concerning the seizure of fishing vessels to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean or to the other competent authorities at Allied Force Headquarters which may be involved.

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H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner.
Economic Section.
Agriculture Sub-Commission.

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Chief Commissioner

Tel:47[illegible]08 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION DCFM/ce
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

SEP 5 RECD

AGE/ 505.9.2 5 September 1945

SUBJECT: Fishing boats seized by Yugoslavs.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission

1. References:

a) Letter Agriculture Sub-Commission of 7 August 1945 (AGE/500.2)

b) First Endorsement to reference (a) by Navy Sub-Commission 10 August 1945 (NSC/1210)

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2. "Il Giornale del Mattino", Rome, with their issue of 28 August, announced that the Italian government had been notified, via the Allies, that the government of Belgrade was making arrangements for the return of the crews of the three Italian motor fishing vessels allegedly seized in July by an armed Yugoslav vessel.

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3. The article went on to say that no explanation regarding the seizure was given by Belgrade, nor was anything said about the return of the vessels.

4. The request that this matter be referred

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to Commander in Chief, Mediterranean is repeated. It is believed that he is the only authority with competence in this case.

S.B.McKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President

Distribution:
Chief Commissioner
Economic Section (Supply)
Agriculture Sub-Commission

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SEP 4 0830

Tel: 478603

Ref: 2217/103/30.

4 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. Further to my 2217/100/30 dated 28 August 1945 enclosing Memorandum from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on the above subject, enclosed is Memorandum 6/3052/1426 dated 28 August 1945 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on the same subject.

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2. This is also passed to you for your consideration.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl:
as above

cc: POL. ADVSR (A)
POL. ADVSR (B)

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P 6 2CD

Ref: 2217/106/EC. 4 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy.

TO : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

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1. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs memorandum 6/3052/1426 dated 28 August 1945 on the above subject is acknowledged.

2. It has been forwarded to the appropriate authorities for their consideration.

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R. W. KEMSLEY

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COPY

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

RB/333r

2 September 1945

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Boats by Yugoslav Authorities

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Ref. your 5609/25/EC of 27 August 1945

1. A reply to your 5609/8/EC of 3 August was despatched under our letter of 25 August subject as above.

2. The matters raised in the Agriculture Subcommission's letter AGR/500.2 of 7 August and inclosure appears to have already been covered by our letter referred to in para 1 above. However in view of your 5609/31/EC of 30 August, this matter is being reconsidered.

3. The matters raised by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs ref 6/2803/1292 of 16 August 45 are under consideration at this Headquarters and you will be informed of the result in due course.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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(sgd) R. Barrat
R. BARRAT
Lt Colonel

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EC

17 September 1945

Ref: 5609/38/EC

SUBJECT: Fishing Boats Alleged to have been seized by Yugoslav Nationals

TO : Navy Subcommission

1. Reference is made to your letter NSC/3494 of 7 September, regarding above subject.

2. For your information, this matter was referred to AFHQ and an interim reply was received, copy of which is enclosed. From this you will see that the matter is under consideration and when definite information is received it will be passed on to your Subcommission.

A. R. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
as above

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SEP 8 RECD

Ref: 4616/EC. 1 Sept. 45.

Subject: Movement of Lire across the Adriatic.

To: Naval Sub-Commission.

It is reported in the Italian Press that considerable movement of Lire across the Adriatic in exchange for grain is taking place - this traffic being organised by the Yugoslavs.

It is considered that this is properly a matter for the attention of the Italian Coast Guard Service and the Executive Commissioner directs me to say that he would be grateful if you would inform him as to the state of this Service and whether you consider it competent to take any effective action in this matter.

/s/ E. TALBOT.

CSO -
To Executive Commissioner.

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SEP 1 RECD CC
CC 1122

Tel : 478603

1 September 1945

Ref: 2214/30.

SUBJECT: Discipline of Troops.

TO : HQ., Rome Allied Area Command.

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1. Enclosed please find copy of a memorandum Fov.br. 1142/45 dated 14 August 1945 on the above subject, received from the Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.

2. This was originally passed to G-5 AFHQ for their investigation but it has been returned with instructions that it should be referred to H.Q. Rome Allied Area Command.

3. Inquiries at AFHQ established the fact that there should at the present time be no Chetniks in Rome.

4. Will you please keep us informed of any information received or action taken in order that we may reply to the Yugoslav representative.

For the Chief Commissioner:

R. W. KEMSLEY

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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CC1122

JUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY
Pov.Br. 1142/45

COPY

The Acting Representative of Jugoslavia on the Advisory Council for Italy presents his compliments to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, and has the honour to state as follows:

1. On August 13, 1945 at 1800 hrs. at the Piazza Regina Margherita in Rome, near the Jugoslav Officers Home, 10 Corso Trieste, held by the Chetnics - the soldier of the Jugoslav Army, Krizmancic Lazar, occasionally passed by six Chetnics in British uniform. Suidenly one of them took off the Krizmancic cap from the head, tearing up the red star, and thrown down the cap. After this he blowed with the feast in the Krizmancic's face, causing him a bleeding. Krizmancic was not in a position to defend himself, because he was with no weapons, and moreover surprized by his six adversaries. Closely to these Chetnics, there were two more Chetnic officers with white angle on the cap, laughing with pleasure.

2. Explaining this the Jugoslav Delegation wish to point out that this is not the first time that in Italy, which is under the Allied control, the Chetnics are attacking the soldiers of the recognised Jugoslav Army, Ally of Great Britain and United States of America, and Member of the United Nations.

Accordingly the Jugoslav Delegation has the honour to request the competent Allied authorities to take necessary measures in order to bring to end these attacks as well as to severely punish the offenders.

Rome, 14 August 1945

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D.S.S.

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

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COPY

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
38992/16644.2/19.11

Rome, 24 August 1945

Dear Admiral,

I refer to your letters of June 26th and July 12th, n. 4001/240 and 4001/248/MC, concerning the application of para 3 of the Macmillan Memorandum.

I have no difficulty in confirming - with the reservation suggested by the position of the Cabinet - the statement made by my predecessor, on. Bonomi, according to which the Government, complying with the content of the above mentioned memorandum, will not fail to inform the Allied Commission constantly and directly, about the negotiations which might be undertaken with other Governments on political or economic matters.

I also deem it advisable to point out that the mention of official statements to be made public by the press, contained in the letter of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of April 30th, must be understood as referring only to the case of the agreement with France for the resumption of direct relations and the definition of the status of the Italians in Tunisy. A different interpretation, implying that the Government meant to inform the A.C. of the stipulation of international agreements after they had been concluded, is therefore to be excluded.

For what particularly concerns the relief convention stipulated in Moscow on April 28th, for the treatment of Italian and Polish refugees, it must be acknowledged that the agreement had been mentioned beforehand in the said letter of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, referring to 'soundings which are being made ... for relief to Italians interned in Poland'; however, because of difficulties in communicating with Moscow, the on. De Gasperi hadn't yet been informed that the agreement had already been signed. I have also been informed that, ever since April 8th, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had informed Ambassador Charles of the negotiations that were taking place and of their bearing, and that a copy of the telegraphic text of the agreement had been handed to Mr. Dowling, because of his functions of Political Adviser to the A.C.

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The procedure suggested by the Economic Section has been followed for the negotiation of the commercial agreements, though it isn't without inconveniences, which were recently brought to your attention.

I am most happy to show you with these informations, that the Italian Government always intended to comply with the clauses of the Macmillan Memorandum, and I want you to know that I issued orders that, from now on, to avoid inconveniences, direct communication be given to your office of the news relative to international agreements of a political or economic nature.

Believe me,

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission - Rome

Yours very truly,

n. Ferruccio Parri

trans. e/o

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COPY

YUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY
Pov.br.1276/45

Rome, 31st August 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

1. I have the honour to send you, attached herewith copies of the Italian newspapers "Risorgimento Liberale" of 30 and 31 August, and "Italia Nuova" of 31 August, containing articles about invented scandals and raptures of Yugoslavs in connection with alleged activities of Yugoslav institutions in Italy.

2. These statements are completely false and invented with the purpose to create among Italian people hostile atmosphere against the Democratic Federative Yugoslavia. For instance:

a) Ivan Jelicic was arrested in the Transit Camp Cinecitta on 13th August by Field Security Service and handed over to Yugoslav authorities in Rome on 14th August, as deserter from the Yugoslav Army. On August 15 Jelacic escaped.

b) In the hospital Forlanini there are two Yugoslav soldiers, very badly affected by T.B.

In the same way other assertions of same newspaper are tendenciously invented.

3. It is quite uncomprehensible to us that Italian newspapers are allowed to print so heavy offenses and slunders against the Yugoslav Army, which is an Allied Army, and against Yugoslav authorities, Jugoslavia being an Ally and Member of the United Nations, and the Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy being a part of Allied control institutions in Italy.

4. In this case especially I wish to emphasize that one article in question is: "Un'inchiesta delle autorita alleate sull'attivita illegale di elezenti jugoslavi" (An inquiry of Allied authorities upon the illegal activity of Yugoslav elements). 9582

5. In consequence, I have the honour to ask you, as Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission:

a) to issue necessary orders for a dementi to be inserted, denying that Allied authorities are carrying on such investigations;

b) to undertake necessary steps in order to prevent these false attacks of the said and other newspapers against the Yugoslav Army and Yugoslav authorities; See 144

c) that, as in question are heavy offenses and slunders against an Allied Army and Allied Country - the a/m newspapers should be severely punished.

6. Since the Yugoslav Government will consider this question as very serious, I shall appreciate any information as to what steps you have taken.

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Believe me, dear Admiral Stone

Very truly yours,
(sgd) Dr Sloven J. Smodlaka

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AUG 31 RECD

CC

Ref: 2609/32/SC.

30 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Boats by Yugoslav authorities.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
ATTN: G-5 Section.

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1. Reference para 4 of your letter dated 25 August 1945 on the above subject. (134a)

2. The present situation is set out in this HQ signal A377 of 28 August, addressed to your Section. (135a)

3. It is suggested that under these circumstances the United States and British Embassies should be asked to carry out further negotiations in the matter.

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. TALBOT
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 2214/123/EC.

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30 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Deserters in Jugoslav Navy.

TO : Chief of Staff,
AFHQ.

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1. On 26 March 1945 the Italian Authorities arrested in Taranto a man named Koljevina Grgur on the charge of desertion from the Italian Navy. At the time of his arrest Koljevina was in the uniform of the Jugoslav Navy; he was apparently serving in the Jugoslav Navy from which he had received authorised shore leave.

2. By letter dated 22 May 1945 the Jugoslav Delegation to the AFI protested, in the name of the Jugoslav Government, against the arrest and requested the immediate release of Koljevina.

3. No reply has been sent to that letter because this Commission was informed that, as a result of conversations in Belgrade, the Jugoslav Government did not intend to press their protest, did not expect a reply and were prepared to allow the matter to drop provided that court-martial proceedings were not instituted.

4. The Jugoslav Delegation to the ACI has, however, written a further letter, dated 25 July 1945, requesting a quick reply to the earlier letter. It is therefore necessary that the policy should be decided and that a reply should be sent.

5. There can be no doubt that the Italian authorities are entitled to arrest and try in Italian Government territory an Italian subject, charged with desertion fromthe Italian armed forces, unless they are prevented from doing so by the Armistice Terms or the various Terms of Restoration of Territory. The only relevant clause is the clause in the Terms of Restoration (originally No.13) which provides that "No member of the Allied Forces or any official or other representative of the United Nations, civil or military, shall be brought to trial in any Italian court... without the consent of the Allied Commander in Chief." If Koljevina is to be regarded as a member of the Jugoslav Navy he would be protected by that clause from trial by Italian court-martial, or other Italian court, unless SAC should authorise such trial.

6. It should be pointed out that this clause applies to Taranto even though Taranto has been at all times under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

7. The policy of the Allies in regard to members of the Italian armed forces who desert to the armed forces of Jugoslavia has been clearly laid down, and has been made plain to and accepted by the Jugoslav and Italian

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Governments. This policy is that desertion from the Italian armed forces must be prevented; that the only Italian subjects whom the Yugoslavs may recruit are Italians of Slav origin who are not serving in the Italian armed forces and that permission for such recruitment must be obtained from this Commission in all cases.

8. Moreover, the Italian Government has been informed that, in spite of the desire of the Allies to prevent these desertions, it is impossible as a practical matter to secure the return of deserters unless they happen to be under Allied control. It follows from this, however, that the Allies must return any deserters who do come under their control and must take no action to prevent the Italian Government from themselves apprehending and trying such deserters when they are in a position to do so.

9. It is the opinion of this Commission that it would be contrary to the agreed policy to regard Koljevina as a duly recruited member of the Jugoslav Navy. It is considered that the proper course to adopt is to treat him as a deserter from the Italian armed forces who is now within the jurisdiction of the Italian Government and who should therefore be placed at their disposal for trial.

10. If Koljevina is to be technically considered as either a member of the Allied Forces or as a military representative of one of the United Nations, it is recommended that the consent of SAC should be given to his court-martial by the Italian authorities.

11. On the basis of this policy, it is proposed to reply to the Jugoslav Delegation to the ACI in the terms of the letter attached hereto at Annexure "A". It would be appreciated if you could give an early indication of your approval of this letter in order that it may be transmitted to the Jugoslav Delegation as soon as possible.

12. There are attached hereto, for information, at Annexure B, copies of the documents in the case of Koljevina, and of the relevant letters setting out the general policy for the treatment of such deserters. 2579

[s] Harry W. Stone

HARRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Annexures A and B.

cc: G-5, AFHQ
Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
C.A. Section (for Legal Sub-Com)
Navy Sub-Commission.

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TOP SECRET ANNEXURE 'A' to AFHQ/121/A dated 10 August 45.

MEMORANDUM TO THE JUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY.

Reference is made to the Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy letters Pow.br 634/45 and Pow.br 904/7/45 of May 22, 1945 and July 23, 1945 respectively, in connection with the arrest of Koljevina Cvgov by Italian authorities at Taranto, Italy on March 26, 1945. On June 16, 1945, advice was received from the Office of the British Resident Minister, Italy, following an exchange of telegrams with the British Ambassador at Belgrade referring to conversations with the Jugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs indicating that the Jugoslav Government did not propose to press the protest. While Koljevina is still in Italian custody, his trial by court-martial for desertion from the Italian Navy has been held in abeyance.

In view of your letter of July 23, 1945, it is considered appropriate to review the status of persons alleged to be of Jugoslav or Italian citizenship who are in the Armed Forces of one country and desert to the Armed Forces of the other. The recruitment of Italians into the Jugoslav Armed Forces has been a matter of serious concern to the Allied Commission for some time past. In March 1944 the Regional Commissioner, ACC, Sicily, was instructed to inform Jugoslav Authorities in Sicily that the only Italian personnel who may be recruited by Jugoslav authorities are Italians of Slav origin who are not in the Italian Armed Forces and that the permission of the Allied Control Commission must be obtained in all cases. Again in March 1944 the Advance Hq. Force 133, CMF, was directed to inform the National Liberation Anti-Fascist Council of Jugoslavia that notwithstanding questions of Slavonic origin no soldier, sailor or airman serving in the Italian Armed Forces should be solicited to leave, for any purpose whatsoever, the Italian force in which they are serving.

Notwithstanding this policy members of the Italian Navy have continued to desert to Jugoslav forces. The Italian Ministry of Marine is aware of the policy of the Allied Commission to prevent desertions from the Italian Navy in the interest of military discipline, however, as a practical matter the Ministry has been informed that no action will be taken on requests for the return of deserters unless they are directly under Anglo-American control. I am not aware that any demands have been made on Jugoslav authorities for the return of Italian Navy deserters.

The facts concerning the arrest of Koljevina have not been determined by formal investigation. It appears, however, that he was serving in the Jugoslav torpedo boat M.O.B.209, that while on authorized liberty or leave ashore at Taranto, Italy on March 26, 1945, in territory under Italian government control and jurisdiction, he was arrested by Italian authorities for desertion from the Italian Navy. While it is stated that he was in Jugoslav naval uniform, it does not appear that he was in a formed military unit or on duty at a military installation under Allied control, at the time of arrest. 2578

Three factors are involved in the validity of the arrest of Koljevina, namely, jurisdiction over the place of arrest, jurisdiction over the offense with which he is charged and jurisdiction over his person. The Italian Government has jurisdiction over the place of arrest since it was made in territory which has

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been under Italian Government control and jurisdiction. The Italian Government has jurisdiction over the offence since Koljevina is charged with desertion from the Italian Navy.

As to jurisdiction over the person of Koljevina, the Italian Government has jurisdiction over Italian nationals and citizens and a sovereign right to arrest and bring to trial such persons for offenses against Italian law when they subject themselves to Italian jurisdiction by entering Italian territory. In territory under Italian Government control and jurisdiction no member of the Allied Forces or any official or other representative or agent of the United Nations, civilian or military, shall be brought to trial in any Italian court for any cause whatsoever, either civil or criminal, without the consent of the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces.

The point at issue is therefore whether the Italian Government has prior jurisdiction over the person of Koljevina by reason of his alleged citizenship and desertion from the Italian Navy or whether he is immune from arrest and trial by Italian courts by reason of his status as a member of the Jugoslav Navy. In principle the Allied Authorities in Italy support the right of Italian Authorities to arrest deserters when they subject themselves to Italian jurisdiction. Whether Koljevina is actually a deserter from the Italian Navy can only be determined by a fair and just trial by court-martial. In this connection the Italian Ministry of Marine states that all Italian Navy personnel must possess Italian citizenship and thus be subject to the laws of Italy which exclude citizens of another nationality from service in the Italian Armed Forces.

Koljevina has now been in Italian custody under arrest since March 26, 1945. For the reasons stated above, in order to ascertain the actual facts involved and to clarify his status, it is intended to authorize the Italian Government to bring Koljevina to trial by court-martial.

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ANNEXURE "B" to 2214/RO dated 30 August 1945.

NEAR HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner
APO 394

RMS/hjp

6 March 1945.

In reply refer to :
DCC 091

SUBJECT: Recruiting of Jugoslavs for NLAY

TO : Adv HQ Force 133, CMF.

1. In reply to your letter of 25 February on the above subject, the Commissr in charge of recruiting at NLAY HQ should be given categorical instructions that, notwithstanding questions of Slovene origin or territorial action of the National Liberation Anti-Fascist Council of Yugoslavia, NO sailors, soldiers or airmen serving in the Italian Army, Navy or Air Force should be solicited to leave, for any purpose whatsoever, the Italian military force in which they are serving.

2. No violation of these orders will be tolerated by the Allied authorities.

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HILARY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Cdr. Kirkwood.
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission,
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED SOMETHING COMMISSION
APO 394

Regional Central and Military Government Section

13 March 1944.

Ref: 18/3/CA.

SUBJECT : Enlistment of Italians in Yugo Slav Army.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I.

1. During your visit last week you raised the question of recruitment of Italians for the Yugo Slav Army which is now taking place in Sicily. Marshal Badoglio has raised the same question with the Chief Commissioner (see attached letter).

2. The Chief Commissioner directs me to tell you that the only Italian personnel who may be recruited by the Yugo Slav authorities are Italians of Slav origin who are not in the Italian armed forces: moreover the permission of the Allied Control Commission must be obtained in all cases.

3. You should inform the Yugo Slav authorities now in Sicily of this ruling and you may tell them that the principle is under consideration by the Allied Governments.

4. Names and details of persons whom they wish to recruit should be reported to you and forwarded to this HQ for scrutiny.

/s/ M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to : Secretary General.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
AFHQ COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,
TARANTO.

24th June, 1944.

No. T.A.740/5.

MINISTER OF MARINE,
MARISTAT, PALAZZO FUSTA,
TARANTO.

ITALIAN DESERTERS TO THE PARTISANS.

During the past six months, requests have frequently been received that Italian naval personnel deserting to the Jugoslav partisans be traced and returned to their units. Conscientious efforts have always been made to trace these men as the Allied authorities support the principle that no Italian soldier, sailor or airman, whatever his origin or political colour, has the right to desert to forces of another nation.

2. These enquiries have never yet been successful and it is becoming increasingly obvious that they will always be in vain. The main reasons for this are that :-

(a) Enquiries must necessarily be conducted through the partisans who, while closely co-operating with the United Nations, are in no sense subordinate to them and are under no obligation to carry out administrative instructions issued by the Anglo-American authorities.

(b) The partisans are not able to employ Secretarial staffs on a large scale and it is doubtful if they keep any record of men joining their ranks.

(c) It is most probable that Italian deserters take care to change their names on joining the partisans.

(d) As Italians who have deserted are probably now fighting in the Jugoslav hinterland where they would be quite impossible to trace.

3. The Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission has issued instructions that the Jugoslavs shall not enter any Italian service personnel in their armed forces, but Jugoslav recruiting is frequently done by patriotic individuals whose activities the higher authorities are unable to check.

4. I am sure you will appreciate these difficulties and will realise that the real solution lies not with the United Nations or the partisans, but with the Italian authorities who should impress upon their men that desertion to the forces of another nation is a serious breach of military discipline.

5. It is not therefore, intended to take any further action on these requests unless deserters are known to be directly under Anglo-American control.

(Sgd) C. E. MORGAN.
REAR ADMIRAL.

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JUGOSLAV DELEGATION
THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Rome, May 22, 1945.

Pov. Nr.634/45.

The Acting Representative of Jugoslavia on the Advisory Council for Italy presents its compliments to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, and has the honour to request, according to the instructions he got from his Government, that the Jugoslav seamen Koljevina Grgur from the Jugoslav torpedo-boat M.G.B. 209 be released immediately. The a/m Koljevina was arrested at Taranto the 26th March 1945 by the Italian Navy Police and he is still in prison.

The behaviour of the Italian authorities is definitely irregular because this man could not have been arrested by any other authority than his own competent military Hq. Accordingly any claim against this man should have been directed to the competent Jugoslav military Hq. Besides it appears quite inconceivable that Italian authorities have ventured to arrest a serviceman belonging to Allied Armed Forces.

The matter has been dealt with by the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

The Jugoslav Acting Representative has to point out that this request has been presented by explicit instructions of the Jugoslav Government.

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To the Chief Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Commission.

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Flag Officer Leghorn, Italy,
Allied Commission,
Headquarters,
Rome.
29th May, 1945.

Dear Broad,

Herewith the formal protest of the Yugoslav Authorities with regard to KOMISVENA ORSIC of the Yugoslav Navy who was arrested in Toronto on 26th March, 1945. As can be seen from the Minute of the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, this has been forwarded to me to raise a suitable reply for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

In so far as the matter has been dealt with by the Navy Sub Commission, that party has been little other than a pillar-box through which requests of the Yugoslav Ministry have been passed to the Ministry of Marine.

The following is a chronological statement of events:-

26th March — Arrest of man.

12th April — Visit to the Ministry of Marine to request postponement of Court Martial until further advice from Resident Minister.

22nd April — Visit to the Ministry of Marine with request for further postponement after conversation between Broad and Macron at Caserta.

30th April — Visit to the Ministry of Marine with further request for postponement of Court Martial due to take place on 2nd May.

6th May — Letter from Broad giving verbal agreement from Yugoslav Authorities in Belgrade.

17th May — Visit to Ministry of Marine to give purport of the above letter to Minister. Received statement from Minister that Court Martial would be more or less indefinitely postponed. Visit followed by private letter to Minister. (Copy attached).

To the best of my knowledge the matter is not yet officially known to the Italian Government and I assume that this is the reason why the Chief Commissioner requires that a reply be prepared for his signature.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) G. L. Sutton.

FILED (ROME), 1944.
OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT MINISTER
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN,
ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS.

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Copy of telegram to Belgrade from
Deamed No. 297 of the 5th June.

Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, has received a note dated the 22nd May from the acting Yugoslav representative on the Advisory Council for Italy, requesting the immediate release of the arrested Yugoslav seamen. The note complains that action of Italian authorities was irregular and adds that it is inconceivable that they should have ventured to arrest seamen belonging to the Allied Armed Forces.

2. I presume that this is the formal protest forecast in your telegram No. 291, and that therefore the Yugoslav Government do not propose to press their note. In the circumstances, do you agree that it would be the correct course for the Chief Commissioner to refrain from returning a reply?

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Copy of telegram from Belgrade to Rescod No. 479 of the 10th June

Your telegram No. 297.

I agree that the Chief Commissioner should refrain from replying.

Foreign Office pass to Rome as my telegram No. 130.

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YUGOSLAV DELEGATION
THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Rome, July 25, 1945.

Rep. Nr. 1047/45

The Yugoslav Delegation on the Advisory Council for Italy presents its compliments to the Allied Commission, and has the honour to request according newly received instructions from the Yugoslav Government a quick answer to the Note of this Delegation Rep. Nr.634/45 dated May 22, 1945.

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Headquarters Allied Commission

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AFHQ, G-5

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THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NO OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH THE JUGOSLAV MEMBER ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND IN ANY CASE THIS INDIVIDUAL WOULD MOST CERTAINLY TAKE NO ACTION AT ALL PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM H. ALCOM CITE ACERC PAREN

I SUBMIT THAT WE CANNOT REFUSE TO INTERVENE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF ITALIAN OFFICIALS AND ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION YOUR DECISION PD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

AUG 31 1945

29 August 1945

Ref. E3/12.03

SUBJECT: Mineral Refinery in Fiume

TO : His Excellency
The British Ambassador
Rome

1. Attached is copy of a memorandum received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, relative to the alleged seizure of the Mineral Oils Refinery Company in Fiume. A copy of the Chief Legal Adviser's opinion on the case is also enclosed.

2. If you consider it advisable, you will doubtless wish to report the Italian case to the Jugoslavian Government through diplomatic channels, or if not, inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs accordingly.

3. A similar letter has been addressed to the American Ambassador.

D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

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cc: Executive Commissioner
Ref: 4047/4/E3 dated 25/8/45

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Yugoslav Agencies in Italy.

1. Reference is made to Memo. 6/234.2/1077 of July 12th 1945.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to inform the Allied Commission that the Yugoslav Agencies in Italy continue to carry out an intense propaganda with Italian civilians of Julian origin, in order to induce the latter to return to their places of origin. The return journey, via Bari and through Yugoslavia, is implemented by the aforesaid Agencies free of charge. The centre of assembly is the Yugoslav Mission at via Garigliano.

3. A similar activity would be carried out by a Yugoslav Committee at Milan, Via Bocchetto n.6.

4. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be very grateful if the Allied Commission would consider the possibility of exercising at Bari a stricter control on the activities of the aforesaid Agencies, and eventually of closing them down as there does not appear to be any further use in their existence.

Rome, August 28th, 1945.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

25 August 1945

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Boats by Jugoslav Authorities

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your 5609/8/EC of 3 August forwarding a copy of a memorandum dated 16 July from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, regarding the seizure of Italian boats by Jugoslav authorities.

1. This matter was referred by the Italian Ministry of Marine in letter reference 86913 of 4 July to Flag Officer Italy and Liaison (Navy Sub-Commission). Copy of this letter is attached at Appendix A.

2. This matter was referred to CINC MED through FOTALI and to British Naval Representative, Belgarde by FOTALI. Copy of relevant signals is attached at Appendix B.

3. Copy of CINC MED's reply reference Med.45/0060/45 of 2 August to Flag Officer Italy and Liaison is attached at Appendix C.

4. If no steps have yet been taken by the Italian Government to refer this matter to the Jugoslav Government, the former should be instructed to do so through the Jugoslav member of the Advisory Council for Italy.

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/S/ A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff G-5

Incls:
as above

Copy to: US POLAD with copy of memb from Italian Ministry
BR RESMIN of Foreign Affairs dated 16 July 45.

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1. Understand only 600 Jugoslavs of Jugoslav missions remain in ITALY for move to JUGOSLAVIA. 54 AREA JUG/C/422/5 of 23 August not to all refers.

2. MARIGOT Ets BARI 1st September will embark these Jugoslavs completing to capacity with any Jugoslav ex POWS and DPS available for CASTEL BAY destination. Capacity for this trip 1000 subject sufficient LSA.

3. MOV BARI to advise by signal to all addressees as soon as existence these personnel is confirmed and firm arrangements for embarkation have been made with Jugoslavs.

4. Agreed POTO M.D.

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(This is NAF 1058)

ALCOM is now holding lists of some 2000 Italians alleged to have been deported from VENEZIA GIULIA to YUGOSLAVIA prior to Allied occupation. US and British Governments have been requested through ROME Embassies to take steps to induce Yugoslav Govt To implement paragraph 6 of BELGRADE agreement of 9 June. No action appears to have yet been taken and matter has become subject of constant approaches to ALCOM by Italian Govt. It is requested that this matter be taken up urgently with State Dept and Foreign Office with the view of expediting action thereon.

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Ref: 602/12/BC.

21 August 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

SUBJECT: Former Croat officials in Italy.

The Allied Commission acknowledges receipt of memorandum No.6/2435/1108 dated 29 July 1945 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on the subject of former Croat officials in Italy. AMG state that the policy to be followed with regard to such individuals has not yet been defined; but the Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be informed as soon as the position has been clarified. Meanwhile the information contained in the above mentioned memorandum has been noted by AMG.

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AUG 20 RECD

Ref/2214/20.

19 August 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline of Troops.

TO : Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.

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1. The Allied Commission acknowledges the receipt of Memorandum Pov.Br. 1142/45 dated 14 August 1945 from the Acting Representative of Jugoslavia on the Advisory Council for Italy.

2. The memorandum has been passed to the appropriate higher authority for consideration.

R. W. KEMSLEY

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 2214/MC.

18 August 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline of Troops.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

1. Enclosed please find copy of a memorandum Pov.br. 1142/45 dated 14 August 45, received from the Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.

2. It is passed to you for information and any action you may consider appropriate.

R. W. KEMSLEY

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Vessels by the Yugoslav Authorities

1. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs thank the Allied Commission for their communication No. 5609/11/20, dated 3 August, 1945, and beg to inform them that a considerable number of requisitions and seizure by Yugoslavia of vessels flying the Italian flag and other actions connected with such operations have been denounced to the Italian Government.

2. Following is a partial enumeration of such activities:

(i) The motor sailing-ship "DELIA", registered at Chioggia, reg. No.211 - gross displacement 36,50 tons, net 19,68 tons - semi-Diesel engine 45 HP on axle - owner: Antonio Barbieri, was at anchor in the harbour of Trieste at the end of April 1945. Soon after the occupation of the city by Yugoslav forces, the crew of the above mentioned vessel was compelled to land and replaced by a Yugoslav crew. To the Italians"s complaints it was opposed that "everything in the Trieste harbour was considered as being war-prize", while the Yugoslav flag was hoisted on the ship.

(ii) The s/s "PUNTA PIANOSA" of the "Ligure Romana Co.", reg. No. 1107 Genoa, was compelled to sail for an unknown destination, displaying the Yugoslav flag, previous substitution of the captain and of the crew.

(iii) The tugs "ARDITA" - 85 HP - of the "I.M.I.C. Co." of Genoa and "AURELIO PADOVANI" - 260 HP - owned by Mr Vittorio Armerio of Naples, serving the Trieste harbour during the month of April 1945, as far as could be ascertained were seized by the Yugoslavs.

(iv) The traffic-boat "MARCO", registration No. 166, Chioggia, gross displacement: 46,10 tons, net: 30,51 tons, semi-Diesel engine, 24 HP on axle, owned by Emilio Gamba, moored at the "Sacchetta", lay inactive in the harbour of Trieste, during the past month of June. To the owner's request that the boat be allowed to sail, the Yugoslavs Authorities have opposed a general order forbidding the sailing of all Italian craft.

(v) The river motor-barge "DANE" of the "Societa' Cantieri Navali del Levante", while under repair in the Muggia (Trieste) shipyards, was seized by the Yugoslav forces and sent to Dalmatia under Yugoslav flag.

3. From the above and other information received, it results that the present situation, in point of fact, is as follows:

(a) The Yugoslav Authorities consider as being Yugoslav all Italian vessels registered in the Italian harbours they occupy.

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(b) The Allied Authorities have removed a majority of the Italian floating equipment, which they found in the harbour of Trieste at the time of the occupation.

(c) An emissary of the Yugoslav Government has been sent to Italy with the task of taking possession of Italian vessels registered in the Kingdom's harbours.

4. From a juridical view-point the Ministry for Foreign Affairs remark:

(a) In conformity with the Regulations on land-warfare laws and customs (annexed to the Hague Convention of October 18th, 1907) the occupying Power is bound to respect private property (art 46), is responsible for any infringement by its Armed forces members and is bound to indemnity (art 3, Convention). It ensues that the Yugoslav Authorities' taking possession of Italian vessels registered in the Italian ports they occupy, is an activity contrary to International law.

(b) From the above mentioned Convention it is permissible to infer that the Occupation Authorities are bound to respect in their integrity and in their destination all installations and equipment of the occupied Country. The removal by the Yugoslavs of Italian floating installations from the harbour of Trieste, is not only deprived of any juridical ground, but is to be considered an illecite action as well.

(c) A general principle of International law entitles all Countries to deny that sovereign-right activities, such as the seizure and requisition of vessels, be carried on in their own territory by another Power. Therefore the charge given their emissaries by the Yugoslav Authorities: i.e. to take possession of Italian vessels registered in non-occupied harbours would become, if it be proved true, an illicit action.

5. In the light of the above considerations, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs warmly ask the Allied Commission to take all those steps that they may deem fit in order to safeguard the Italian rights injured by Yugoslavia.

Rome, August 26th, 1945.

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JUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Prot.br. 142/45

August 16, 1945

The Acting Representative of Jugoslavia on the Advisory Council for Italy presents his compliments to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, and has the honour to state as follows:

1. On August 13, 1945 at 1900hrs. at the Piazza Regina Margherita in Rome, near the Jugoslav Officers Home, 10 Corso Trieste, held by the Chetnics,- the soldier of the Jugoslav Army, Krizmanic Lazar, accidentally passed by six Chetnics in British uniform. Suddenly one of them took off the Krizmanic cap from the head, tearing up the red star, and thrown down the cap. After this he blowed with the feast in the Krizmanic's face causing him a bleeding. Krizmanic was not in a position to defend himself, because he was with no weapons, and moreover surprised by his six adversaries. Closely to these Chetnics, there were two more Chetnic officers with white eagle on the cap, laughing with pleasure.

2. Explaining this the Jugoslav Delegation wish to point out that this is not the first time that in Italy, which is under the Allied control, the Chetnics are attacking the soldiers of the recognised Jugoslav Army, Ally of Great Britain and United States of America, and Member of the United Nations.

Accordingly the Jugoslav Delegation has the honour to request the competent Allied authorities to take necessary measures in order to bring to end these attacks as well as to severely punish the offenders.

Rome, 14 August 1945.

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

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AFHQ OMUGAR FIVE SECTION

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CONFIDENTIAL FD

PARA ONE FD SUBJECT IS PROPOSED YUGOSLAV WAR CRIMES MISSION FD REPEAT NOT
THIS HEADQUARTERS THREE FOUR TWO FOUR OF NINE AUGUST FOUR FIVE FD

PARA TWO AFHQ OMUGAR FIVE SECTION FOUR ALPHA CITE ACCAG PARIS

PARA TWO FD DOCTOR SUBASLAKA CHA YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL
IS VISITING AFHQ MONDAY TWENTY AUGUST AND HAS REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW AT
AFHQ ON THAT DATE AT ELEVEN HUNDRED HOURS TO DISCUSS PROPOSED MISSION FD
HE HAS ASSURED THAT YOU HAVE CONSIDERED THE MATTER FAVORABLE AND EXPRESSED
THAT HIS REQUEST WOULD BE FORWARDED BUT NO HOPE WAS HELD OUT THAT INTERVIEW
WOULD BE GRANTED FD

PARA THREE FD REQUEST REPLY URGENTLY AS TO WHETHER INTERVIEW CAN BE GRANTED
AND TO WHOM DOCTOR SUBASLAKA SHOULD REPORT

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Civil Affairs Section

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NICHOLAS FIORENZO,
CPT USA
Asst. Adjutant.

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15 August 1945.

AMG/2217/57/30.

SUBJECT : Jugoslav Property in Rome, Bari and Naples.

My dear Doctor Hoeflich:

Reference is made to your three memoranda - ref.rov.hr 1023/45, 1024/45 and 1025/45, all dated 23 July 1945 - addressed by you to this Commission on the following subjects :

1. The Yugoslav Welfare Society and the premises occupied by it on the third floor of No.19, Via Angelo Brunetti.

(a) This matter was referred to AFHQ, where it was ruled, that as the Welfare Society could not be considered as an official organisation of the Yugoslav Red Cross, it could not remain in official occupation; on instructions from this Headquarters, the society has therefore vacated No.19 Via Angelo Brunetti, which has been returned to the owners by AMG.

(b) For the reasons given in sub-paragraph (a) above, the Society cannot be required to hand over the archives or other property to your Delegation. It is not proposed to take any steps with regard to its closure.

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2. Premises and Furniture of No.10 Corso Trieste.

(a) Your attention is drawn to two letters reference Rel/21-1/G - 2 (RC), dated 26 March and 2 April, in which the Chief Commissioner informed you that these premises were in no way an official institution and could not be handed over to you as such. This ruling has been endorsed by AFHQ, and the subject should therefore be considered closed.

(b) If you will forward an inventory of and receipts for the furniture loaned to No.10 Corso Trieste from No.34 Via dei Monti Parioli (as already requested in letter Rel/21-1-G-2 (RC) dated 11 April), this Commission will endeavour to assist you in obtaining their return to the Delegation.

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3. The premises and property of the Royal Military Mission at Bari and Naples.

The Royal Military Mission at these places has accommodated in furnished requisitioned buildings which have now been released. There is consequently no accommodation or property to be handed over to your delegation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Major General, USA
Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Steven J. Gavrilov,
Yugoslav Representative to Advisory
Council for Italy,
Via Quisisana Hotel, 36
Rome, Italy.

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Copy to : G - 5, A.F.H.Q.(Ref G-5; 334-28 Jugoslavia, dtd 2 Aug 45).
Civil Affairs Section (For Displaced Persons & R. Saboom).

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT to:
Agriculture S/C, AC., ltr.
AGR/500.2 of 7 August 1945.

NSC/3&10
10 August 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Fishing Boats Alleged to have been seized by Yugoslav Nationals.

References: (a) Navy Sub-Commission first endorsement NSC/3169 of 7 August 1945 to CINCMED ltr. Med.45/00100/22 of 30 July 1945.

1. Reference (a) forwarded correspondence on the subject of an Italian vessel which was alleged to have been seized illegally by Yugoslav Nationals and recommended that the correspondence be forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, for consideration in connection with previous similar instances.

2. The basic correspondence and its enclosure, which now have been received from the Agriculture Sub-Commission on the same general subject, is forwarded with the recommendation that it be referred to Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, for action in connection with reference (a) and former correspondence.

H. W. [illegible]
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
AFHQ, G-5 Section, w/o Encl.
Chief Commissioner, AC, w/o Encl.
Economic Section, AC, w/o Encl.
Agriculture S/C, AC, w/o Encl.

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Original has been
seen by C.C. and
passed to CC with
comment

Action is being taken
on CC file 2214/CC
which will be submitted
to CC in course.

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AUG 18 RECD

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3186
8 August 1945

Memorandum for Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission:

Subject: Seaman KOLJEVINA, Grgur - Arrest of by Italian Authorities.

1. On March 26 1945, Italian military police at Taranto arrested two ratings in uniform of the Jugoslav Navy on charge of desertion from the Italian Navy. Subsequently one rating was released and the other rating, Koljevina Grgur, who was serving in Jugoslav torpedo boat M.T.B. 209, is still in Italian custody.

2. The Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy on May 22, 1945 (Encl. A) forwarded a request to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission that Koljevina be released, which was referred to the Flag Officer Liaison, Italy, who in turn on 29 May 1945 (Encl. B) referred the matter to Mr. Philip Broad, Esq., Office of the Resident Minister, AFHQ.

3. On June 5, 1945 (Encl. C) Mr. Broad referred the matter to Belgrade with a view towards ascertaining whether any reply by the Chief Commissioner to the Jugoslav Government was required. In reply a telegram was received from Belgrade on June 10, 1945 (Encl.D) agreeing that the Chief Commissioner should refrain from replying. Subsequently on July 25, 1945 (Encl.E) a request was received from the Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy requesting a quick reply to their letter of May 22, 1945.

4. The Flag Officer Liaison, Italy on May 21, 1945 (Encl.F) requested the Italian Minister of Marine to postpone indefinitely any trial of Koljevina by court-martial. During the past week, however, the Ministry of Marine has requested information verbally whether he could now be tried.

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5. The problem of desertions from the Italian Armed Forces to Jugoslav Forces has caused considerable difficulty for some time past. In March 1944, the Regional Commissioner, Sicily Region, ACC was directed to inform Jugoslav authorities that "the only Italian personnel who may be recruited by Jugoslav authorities are Italians of Slavene origin who are not in the Italian Armed Forces, moreover the permission of the ACC must be obtained in all cases". Again in March 1944, the Advanced Hq. Force 133, CMF was directed to inform the Jugoslav Commissar in charge of recruiting categorically that, "notwithstanding questions of Slovene origin or territorial action of the National Liberation Anti-Fascist Council of Jugoslavia, no soldiers, sailors or airmen in the Italian Armed Forces should be solicited to leave, for any purpose whatsoever, the Italian military force in which they are serving". Notwithstanding this policy, many instances of desertion from the Italian Navy to Jugoslav forces have occurred. In the interest of morale and discipline, Allied authorities in Italy have supported the right of the

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Italian Government to arrest deserters from their Armed Forces. As a practical matter, however, no action has been taken in such cases unless the deserters are known to be directly under Anglo-American control.

6. Under the terms of restoration of Italian territory, document A, paragraph 13 "no member of the Allied Forces or any official or other representative or agent of the United Nations, civilian or military, shall be brought to trial in any Italian court for any cause whatsoever, either civil or criminal, without the consent of the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Force". AFHQ Administrative Memo No. 31 of May 7, 1945, paragraph 3 states as follows:

"Process in Italian courts--no members of the Allied Forces, Allied followers of such forces or British or United States merchant seamen will be subject to jurisdiction of Italian courts."

7. The Italian Government had jurisdiction over the locus of the arrest at Taranto is in territory which has been returned to Italian Government control and jurisdiction. No allegation is made by Jugoslav authorities that Koljevina was arrested on board a Jugoslav vessel, or in a location under Allied Forces jurisdiction or control. While it is stated that he was in Jugoslav naval uniform, he apparently was not a member of a formed military unit at the time of arrest. It would therefore appear that the requirement as to jurisdiction over the place of arrest has been met.

8. Assuming that Koljevina is guilty of desertion from the Italian Navy, the Italian Government has jurisdiction over the offense. Furthermore, the Minister of Marine has informed the Flag Officer Liaison, Italy that all Italian Navy personnel must possess Italian citizenship and thus be subject to the laws of Italy, which exclude citizens of another nationality from the Italian Armed Forces.

9. The remaining question of jurisdiction pertains to jurisdiction over the person of Koljevina and whether he is subject to immunity from arrest for the reason that he was in Jugoslav naval uniform. If he is in fact a member of Allied or United Nations Forces, he is perhaps subject to immunity under the directives quoted above. Further complications might arise, depending on whether the Italian Government alleges that Koljevina is a volunteer or conscript in the Italian Navy. These matters can only be determined by a court-martial. Since the Jugoslav Government has preferred charges against Koljevina, his status can only be ascertained through Italian courts.

10. Several courses of action are open to consideration as follows:

(a) Inform the Jugoslav Government that the Allied Commission has no jurisdiction over the matter since the arrest of an

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alleged deserter from the Italian Navy was made in territory which has been returned to Italian Government control and that representation should be made by the Jugoslav Government direct to the Italian Government.

(b) Request the Italian Government to submit to the Allied Commission a complete statement of the case against Koljevina and simultaneously request the Jugoslav Government to furnish particulars regarding the status of Koljevim in the Jugoslav Navy, including evidence as to his nationality, citizenship and manner of induction into the Jugoslav Navy, with particular reference to the organization through which he was recruited.

(c) Forward the original protest received from the Jugoslav Government on May 22, 1945 to the Italian Government for formal reply through the Allied Commission.

(d) Either AFHQ or the Allied Commission inform the Jugoslav Government as to the difficulties which have been encountered in desertions from the Italian Armed Forces to Jugoslav Armed Forces and suggest that the Jugoslav Government agree to the trial of Koljevina by Italian authorities to determine his actual status. The proceedings and findings of the trial would be reviewed by the Allied Commission and the Governments concerned to abide by the decision of the reviewing authority.

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H. W. ZINOLI.

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CC FILES

3 August 45

Ref: 5609/11/EC

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

Reference is made to your memorandum 6/2219/1015 of 16 July regarding seizure of Italian boats by Yugoslavian authorities.

This matter is being referred to the appropriate authorities and as soon as the reply is received we shall communicate with you.

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. Talbot

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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CC FILE

Ref: 5609/8/EC 3 August 45 ABA/el

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Boats by Yugoslavian Authorities

TO : G-5, AFHQ

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1. Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum number 6/2219/1018, July 16, from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, regarding the seizure of Italian boats by Yugoslavian authorities.

2. It would be appreciated if you would investigate this matter and inform this office what reply may be given to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For the Chief Commissioner:

H. Talbot
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

1 Incl:
as above

Copies to:

Economic Section
Navy S.C.

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ABA/el

c.c. FILLET

Ref: 5609/10/80

3 August 1945

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Boats by Yugoslavian Authorities

TO : The British Embassy, Rome

Enclosed for your information is our letter 5609/8/80 to AFHQ to which is attached a copy of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' memorandum on the above subject.

2 Incls:
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E. Talbot

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AJA/el

CC Files

Ref: 5609/9/MO

3 August 1945

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Boats by Yugoslavian Authorities

TO : The American Embassy, Rome

Enclosed for your information is our letter 5609/8/MO to AFHQ to which is attached a copy of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' memorandum on the above subject.

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E. Talbot

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

20 July 1946

SUBJECT: Alleged Jugoslavs in Italian Units stationed in FRANCE who are stated to wish to join the National Army of Liberation of JUGOSLAVIA.

TO : The Chief of Secretariat,
The Advisory Council for Italy

1. With reference to the letter sent you on 8 April acknowledging receipt of the minutes of the 31st and 32nd meetings of the Advisory Council, transmitted under signature of the Chairman in Rotation of the Advisory Council, investigations have now been made into the matter.

2. The personnel in question, who number some 5,000, were originally in CORSICA and SARDINIA, but for some time past have all been stationed in Southern FRANCE where they are working for the Allied Armed Forces on essential work. It will be appreciated that the whole group are a part of the Italian Army.

3. The Allied authorities, for whom the men are working, desire to retain their services for a further period as they are doing excellent work for which they have been specially trained in areas where competent civilian labour is not available. When they have finished this work it is planned to return the group to ITALY as part of the Italian Army subject to demobilization. As civilians the group could then make their homes where they wished.

4. It should be stated that the morale of the group is reported as high and their living and working conditions are excellent.

5. In the circumstances it is considered that the group should continue to carry out the essential work in which they are employed for so long as the need exists, and then should, as stated above, be returned to ITALY subject to demobilization. Their ultimate domicile, as civilians, will then depend on their desires, and on the arrangements which can be made to implement such desires. A reply to Marshal Tito, who has raised the matter personally with the Supreme Allied Commander, is being sent in the above sense.

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For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre:

(signed) E. D. MORGAN,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

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SECRETARIAT

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

1/ The Secretariat has the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a note, dated July 20, 1945, from the Chief of Staff of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater, relating to the question of "Jugoslavs Actually in Units Stationed on the Islands of Corsica and Sardinia to Join the Jugoslav Army (Former National Liberation Army of Jugoslavia)".

Rome, July 24, 1945.

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Enclosure:

Note signed by W.D. Morgan,
Lieutenant General, Chief of Staff.

REAR ADMIRAL ELLERY W. STONE

CHIEF COMMISSIONER

ALLIED COMMISSION

ROME

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FOR ACTION VENEZIA REGION FOR FOR GROUP FOR [illegible]

2063. 18 July 1945 ROUTINE

ADDRESSED FD

SUBJECT IS REPATRIATION OF YUGOSLAVS TO YUGOSLAVIA FD

PARA ONE FD INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING NON RESIDENT YUGOSLAVS TO YUGOSLAVIA

THROUGH TRIESTE FD

PARA TWO FD IF POSSIBLE PROPER CONSIDERATION AT PARRA WHICH SHOULD BE GIVEN OF

OTHER YUGOSLAVS FD

PARA THREE FD [illegible] ARE NOT REPORTED TO BE GREAT

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Tel: 470231

Ref: G02/6/HC.

17 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Great Undesirables in ITALY.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. Attached hereto is copy of letter dated 7 July 1945 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs which has been addressed to both the American and British Ambassadors.

2. We have no information of the individuals mentioned and it is thought that you may have knowledge of them. You may also be able to say if there is any substance in the allegations.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl:
as above

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DUPLICATE 6/2-17/1017

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Seizure of Italian boats by Yougoslavian Authorities.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to bring to the attention of the Allied Commission the following:

1. The Fishing Launch "DELFINO", which sailed from Molfetta on May 26th last for deep sea fishing, has not been heard from since.

2. The Fishing Launch "SAN NICOLA", which sailed from Bari on May 25th last for deep sea fishing, has not been heard from since.

3. On May 29th last the Fishing Launch "SAN MICHELE ARCANGELO", while fishing at a distance of 5 miles north to the island of Pelagosa, was followed and attacked with machine-gun by a Yougoslav motor-boat coming from the Island of Cazza. The Fishing schooner escaped, abandoning its nets in order to save itself.

4. The Fishing Launch "NUOVA MARIA" sailed onas fishing trip from Molfetta, on May 30th last, and has not been heard from since.

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5. The Fishing Launch "S.TERESA" on June 17th, at 3 o'clock south of the Island of Pelagosa, while fishing with its regulation lights lighted, was seized by a Yougoslav motorboat and taken toward the east cost of the Adriatic. The incident was witnessed and reported by the crew of the Launch "LADIANA" which was fishing close to the "S.TERESA" and was able to evade capture its lights being out.

6. Other fishing launches report having been attacked with machine-gun by a Yougoslav motor-boat in Adriatic waters.

There are reasons to believe that the aforementioned "DELFINO", "SAN NICOLA", "NUOVA MARIA" have also been captured by Yougoslav Unite.

In this connection the Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to draw the attention of the

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There are reasons to believe that the aforementioned "DELFINO", "SAN NICOLA", "NUOVA MARIA" have also been captured by Yougoslav Units.

In this connection the Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to draw the attention of the Allied Commission to the foregoing cases, setting forth the fact that the seizure by Yougoslav of these Italian Motor-launches is wholly without juridical founda-

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tion and is to be therefore considered as an arbitrary measure as well as an act of aggression perpetrated against the legitimate owners and crews of the vessels captured.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs therefore would be very grateful if the Allied Commission would use their good offices with the competent Yougoslav Authorities in order that the vessels seized be at once permitted to return to their ports, giving due consideration to the fact that the families of the crews are in deep distress over the fate of their relatives.

Rome, July 16th 1945

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letter to C-2 - HCHQ's —

Chief Commissioner

Subject: Croat undesirables in Italy (17)

I attach a translation of a letter dated 7th July from Signor Bruno to Sir Noel Charles about the alleged presence in Rome and Venice of certain undesirable Croats.

2. For my part, I know nothing of the individuals Signor Bruno mentions, but it would be as well, I think, to endeavour to obtain some information, confirmatory or otherwise, and probably Allied Force Headquarters are best able to provide it. Might I suggest that you ask Allied Force Headquarters whether there is any substance in Signor Bruno's allegations?

H. d'A. Hopkinson

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Political Advisor (ZK)

copied to: British Embassy,
U.S. Political Advisor,
Executive Commissioner, AC.

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Translation. Copy

15/12119/46 Rome 7th July 1945

From Italian MFA
To Sir Noel Charles.

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that it has been ascertained from certain Italian officials formerly interned in Croatia by the Ustashi authorities that there are in ROME and in VENICE certain members of the former Pavelic regime living in absolute freedom. They are said to be living undisturbed in the above mentioned cities and to be provided with considerable means brought with them at the time of their flight from Croatia.

According to present information, Dr. Dragutin Toth who was Minister of Finance in the Ustashi Government, accompanied by his Private Secretary, and Dr. Lelas, ex-official of the Croat Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who was for a time in charge of Italian diplomatic and consular officials interned at Zagreb, are said to be actually in Venice.

The presence in Rome has also been reported of another ex-official of the Croat Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Omrcianin.

This privileged position enjoyed by the above-mentioned Croat ex-officials in Italy is in sharp contrast with the treatment received in Croatia after the 8th September 1943 by Italians and officials and employees of the Representative of the Italian Govern[illegible]

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(Sgd) R. Prunas.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2818
7 July 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Subject: Jugoslav Acting Representative's Protest on the Arrest of Italian Naval Deserters.

1. The enclosed original note of protest addressed to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, has been seen by the Deputy Resident Minister, Allied Force Headquarters, who has received information from Belgrade that no reply is expected by the Jugoslav Government. Copies of Mr. Broad's letter No.46/166/16 of 16th June 1945, and enclosures, are attached.

2. In these circumstances it is recommended that no further action be taken at the present time.

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REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

cc: Exec. Commr.

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JUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

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Rome, May 23 - 1945

The Acting Representative of Jugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy presents his compliments to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, and has the honour to request, according to the instructions he got from his Government, that the Jugoslav seaman Koljevina Grgur from the Jugoslav torpedo-boat M.G.B. 209 ~~has to~~ be released immediately.The a/m Koljevina was arrested at Taranto the 26th of March 1945 by the Italian Navy Police and he is still in prison.

The behaviour of the Italian authorities is definitely irregular because this man could not have been arrested by any other authority than his own competent military H.Q.Accordingly any claim against this man should have been directed to the competent Jugoslav Military H.Q. Besides it appears quite inconcievable that Italian authorities have ventured to arrest a serviceman belonging to Allied Armed Forces.

The matter has been dealt with by the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

The Jugoslav Acting Representative has to point out that this request has been presented by explicit instructions of the Jugoslav Government.

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To The Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT MINISTER
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN.
A.F.H.Q.

46/166/16 16th June, 1945.

To : Flag Officer Liaison, Italy,
Allied Commission Headquarters.

From : Deputy Resident Minister.

Subject : Arrest by Italian Authorities of
Yugoslav Government rating.

Copy to : Capatin Laing, R.N.

With your letter of the 29th May you sent me the formal protest of the Yugoslav representative in Rome against the action taken by the Italians in arresting one Koljevina Grgur on the 26th March last. I enclose a copy of a telegram to the Ambassador at Belgrade which I despatched as a result of your letter.

In reply, I have had a signal from Mr.Stevenson (of which I also enclose a copy) saying that he agrees that the Chief Commissioner should refrain from replying to the Yugoslav note.

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(Sgd) PHILIP BROAD.

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Copy of telegram to Belgrade from
Resmed No.297 of the 5th June.

Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, has received a note dated the 22nd May from the acting Yugoslav representative on the Advisory Council for Italy, requesting the immediate release of the arrested Yugoslav seamen. The note complains that action of Italian authorities was irregular and adds that it is inconceivable that they should have ventured to arrest someone belonging to the Allied Armed Forces.

2. I presume that this is the formal protest forecast in your telegram No. 304 and that therefore the Yugoslav Government do not propose to press their note. In the circumstances, do you agree that it would be the correct course for the Chief Commissioner to refrain from returning a reply ?

BROAD.

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Copy of telegram from Belgrade to Resmed No.479 of the 10th June.

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Your telegram No.297.

I agree that the Chief Commissioner should refrain from replying.

Foreign Office pass to Rome as my telegram No. 130.

STEVENSON.

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Following signal from AFHQ number FX 14556 cite FHQ88 of 29 June is repeated to you:

'British Ambassador BELGRADE reports according to TANJUG 28 June JUG Social Welfare sent 900 children between 15 and 17 to mountains MONTENEGRO KRAJ and ISTRIA to live with families who volunteered to receive them. Parents allowed to visit. Will you confirm especially in view of possible influence on them by JUG Communists suspicious here.'

Please reply as above required direct to AFHQ copy this Headquarters and [illegible] information addressees.

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Tel: 470201

Ref: 2620/38/HQ. 28 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Trial of Italian Officers in Yugoslavia.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. With reference to our letter 820.42/HQ(L) dated 7 June and yours G-5: 091.713-4 Italy of 22 June received only today, attached is copy of Memorandum 6/1847/45 dated 22 June from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. A copy of the Memorandum referred to in the last para was enclosed with our letter 8002/9/HQ dated 9 June 45.

2. Your prompt advice for dealing with this matter would be appreciated.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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H/V E. TALBOT
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl:
Memo, 6/1847/45 dtd 22 Jun 45.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri.

6/1847/845

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Trial of Italian Officers in Yugoslavia.

1. Reference is made to Memorandum 820/42/EC(L) of May 26th of the Allied Commission.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to inform the Allied Commission that, pursuant to the suggestion of the AFHQ, they charged one of their officials to approach the Yugoslav Mission in Italy in order to obtain some information concerning the Italian Officers and other ranks committed to trial in Yugoslavia. In the absence of Mr. Smodlaka, the Yugoslav acting Delegate directed, however, that the aforesaid official be informed that Yugoslavia considers herself still at war with Italy and that he had received precise instructions from the Head of the Delegation not to enter into ay official contact with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

3. In the light of these informations the Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to draw once again the Allied Commission's kind attention to the question and in particular to the Memorandum no.6/1576/724 of June 5th 1945.

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4. As regards the statement that Yugoslavia considers herself still at war with Italy, it may be recalled that the former (as pointed out in the Ministry's Memorandum 6/1474/679 of 29 May 1945 concerning certain incidents provoked at Catania by Yugoslav Navy personnel) is held to the observance of the Armistice between Italy and the United Nations, and that the status of co-belligerant was recognised to Italy by the Allies as regards all the United Nations, including Yugoslavia.

Rome, June 22nd 1945.

(Stamp) Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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SECRET

16 June 45.

Ref: 524/20.

Subject: Italo-Slovene Anti-fascist Council.

To: AMG
XIII Corps.

Attached for information is copy of a letter from a secret organisation, enclosing details of the above Council.

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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SLAV AND ITALIAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

COME E COSTITUITO IL COMITATO ESECUTIVO.

A seguito della notizia di ieri sull'allargamento del Comitato esecutivo di Trieste, compiuto allo scopo di renderlo meglio atto ad assolvere i compiti che gli spettano nella normalizzazione dellavita cittadina, diamo oggi i nomi dei componenti, con l'indicazione della loro appartenenza nazionale e politica e della loro professione. La composizione del Comitato esprime di per se stessa la profonda democraticita di esso, in quanto vi sono in prevalenza gli Italiani e in equo numero gli Sloveni, ed esso comprende insieme lavoratori del braccio e della mente, commercianti e industriali giovani a donne, senza distinzione di tendenza politica. Un tale Comitato rappresenta degnamente una citta come la nostra e siamo certi ch'esso sara all'altezza dei suoi compiti nella fase di transizione che va dalla avvenuta liberazione alla completa normalizzazzione, che ci auguriamo quanto piu prossima. A tale organismo rappresentativo popolare la cittadinanza deve pero dare tutto il suo appoggio, perche quanto piu tutti parteciperano con ordine coscienza e disciplina all'opera rinnovatrice, tanto piu essa sara rapida e ricca di risultati positivi.

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Vice Presidente: Gustincich GUISEPPE, professore di musica, partito comunista italiano;

Vice Presidente: Stoka FRANC, pescatore OF slovene;

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Il segretario: Ursic MIRI, macchinista navale OF slovene;

Membri: Bogliano MITO, ingegnere all'Aquila, partito socialista italiano; italiano;

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Dannini VINCENZO, studente universitario, Gioventu anti fascista italiana, italiano;

Dott. Perfoglia GUISEPPE avocato OF slovene.

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COPY.

1. ZORATTI, President of CRAIS (Consiglio Esecutivo Anti-fascista Italiano-Sloveno) was interviewed on May 31st by a representative of 37 Military Mission.

2. One of our officers who was present at this meeting describes ZORATTI as a man of feeble character, with no interest in politics, who was made president against his will.

3. ZORATTI knows virtually nothing of the situation and it is reported that the only occasion he sees decrees ostensibly signed by him is when he reads them in a newspaper. He also stated that no Italian member of the Council carries any weight and all power is in the hands of Slav Communists.

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Ref:- 8002/10/EC.

9 June 45.

To; The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
R O M E.

Allied Commission acknowledge receipt of memorandum from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 29th May, a copy of which they have sent to AMMA.

for Chief Commissioner

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref:- 8000/9/Eq. 9 June, 45.

Subject:- Complaint from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on behaviour of Yugoslav crew at CATANIA.

To: G-5
AFHQ.

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I enclose a copy of a memorandum from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for any action you may wish to take.

for Chief Commissioner

E. Talbot
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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CC 1020

31 May 1945

Subject: Transmittal of Correspondence re Jugoslavs

To: Brigadier General Thoburn K. Brown
Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command

The attached correspondence is transmitted to you for your general information. Major General T. S. Airey, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, AFHQ, has recently made an inquiry of this Commission regarding Jugoslavs that might be properly placed under surveillance should the necessity arise.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to
Chief Commissioner

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Incl: Ltr CC 1020, 30 May 45,
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Honorable Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
119 Via Vittorio Veneto
Roma

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Sir Noel Charles, Bt., K.C.M.G.
British Ambassador
24 Via Venti Settembre
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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30 May 1945.

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My dear General Airey:

In the eventuality mentioned in your letter GBI-389. 453/2-A of 23 May, addressed to Mr. Harold Macmillan, it is suggested that the Jugoslav officials who were dismissed at the time of the formation of the Subasic-Tito Government might be exempted from the proposed measure. The most important personality in this group is perhaps Dr. Miha Krek, formerly the Jugoslav Delegate to the Allied Advisory Council.

A roster of Dr. Krek's staff, that is, the members of the Jugoslav Delegation of the Advisory Council for Italy, as it existed from June through November, 1944, is attached as Enclosure 1. In addition I am also sending you a nominal roll of so-called dissident Jugoslavs now residing in Rome. This list has been compiled by my Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

However, I should like to observe that the exempting of any large groups from a security arrest and careful subsequent screening is, I believe, most inadvisable. Should the emergency arise, I feel that a strong wave of national unity will come to the fore and tend to overshadow internal factional differences. For example, with respect to the Venezia Giulia question, I am advised that all Jugoslavs are more or less united.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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3 | CG, RAAC
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5 | British Ambassador
6 | Chief Commissioner
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Major General T. S. Airey, C.B.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512, U.S. Army.

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JUGOSLAV DELEGATION

A. C. I. STAFF

Dr. Krek's list

From June to November, 1944

Dr. Miha KREK	Ambassador
Miloje D. Smiljanic	Deputy
Ilija Plamenac	Secretary
Branislav Subotic	"
Dr. Reynold Macun	"
Zdravko J. Duteg	"
Vladimir Kovacevic	"
Branislav Djordjevic	Major, Air Force
Djordje Mitrovic	Commander, R.J.N.

Honorary Employees, Consular Section

Jeronim Zanic	Dr. Bojan Ribnikar
Milenka Bajic	Dr. Veljko Milenovic
Vladimir Ciric	Jose Godina
Ivan Mihelcic	Vida Ribnikar
Dr. Odon Sorli	Dr. Matija Baruga
Katarina Novak	Nadejda Popovic
Jovan Arjanac	Boljko Gjivanovic
Ivica Klijan	Dr. Janko Jez
Todor Vujic	Dragica Zanic
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Ivica Elijas	Dr. Janko Jen
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C O P Y

DPR/2/G11 (DP)

SUBJECT: Nominal Roll of Dissident Yugo Slavs residing in Rome.

TO: Chief Commissioner, H.Q., A.C.

In accordance with your instructions, the following list of Dissident Yugo Slavs residing in Rome is submitted for your consideration.

Personnel of the Transit Hotel.

1. General Peter LAZIC President of the committee.
2. Lt. Col Mihailo CUKAVAK Chief.
3. Lt. Lazar JOVANOVIC Storekeeper.
4. 2/Lt. Ruda STERMEKI Treasurer.
5. Vladac KOJADINOVIC P.M.C. of the Hotel.

Personnel of the Welfare Society.

1. Capt. Dr. Miha KREK
2. Dr. Anatolije GROTO
3. Radmilo GREDJIC
4. Dr. Theodora POPADIC
5. Mrs. Radmila POPOVIC

Personnel awaiting employment.

1. General Zivko PAVLVIC
2. " Dodje GLISIC
3. " Dr. Aleks MARKOVIC
4. " Marko MIHAILOVIC
5. Lt. Col. Vukasin VUKOTIC
6. " Zivko TOPALOVIC
7. " Alex JEZDIMIROVIC
8. Major Albin DRZAN
9. " Fran ERJAVEK
10. " Aleks MIHAILOVIC
11. " Jovan DABAOVIC
12. " Sveta CIJANOVIC
13. Captain Zvonko VUKOVIC
14. " Mihailo BABIC
15. " Todor VUJIC
16. " Radoje VUKCEVIC
17. " Nokola VUJNOVIC
18. " Djordje DJURIC
19. " Jovan RISTIC
20. " Zdravko KAJNIK
21. " Sbasoje LAKONIC
22. " Milenko MARKOVIC
23. " Anton PETELN
24. " Zarko POROBIC
25. Captain Peter POPOVIC
26. " Mane VUKOBRATOVIC
27. " Mateja SARUGA
28. " Josip GODINA
29. " Radojica POPOVIC
30. " Sima OMCIKUS
31. " Filip RAJKOVIC
32. " Ciril KOTNIK
33. " Ljubomir IGNJATOVIC
34. " Zivko ZIVKOVIC
35. " Milivoje PETROVIC
36. War Cor. Adam PRIBICEVIC
37. " Dr. Vladimir BELAJCIC
38. Lt. Nenad DJARDJEVIC
39. " Andjelko ANDJELOVIC
40. " Svetolic NIKACEVIC
41. " Bozidar BULAJIC
42. " Milan MIHAJLOVIC
43. " Todor POPOVIC
44. " Dusan RADONJIC
45. " Dragoljub SOLUNAC
46. " Milko LAZARIC
47. " Branko MIKULETIC
48. " Jaromir HANUS

Svetislav BILBIJA

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52. " Nikola MARKOVIC
53. " Ratislav PETELE
54. " Vasilije BURIC
55. " Predrag ILIC
56. " Milan MRSIC
57. " Branko SOLARIC
58. " Dr. Vjekoslav BUCAR
59. " Vucina SUKOVIC
60. " Fran MACUS
61. " Ciril ZEBOT
62. " Ivan AUSNIK
63. " Milko BREZIGAR
64. " Stevan RADULOVIC

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Wives of the s/m waiting to be employed.

1. Mrs. Milica TOPALOVIC
2. " Jelena DRZAN
3. " Olga OMCIKUS
4. " Aleksandra RISTIC
5. " Tina ANDJELKOVIC
6. " Melka KREK
7. " Julija PETELIN
8. " Malka STERMECKI

In Transit.

1. Major Svetozar BOGICEVIC
2. Capt. Milisav SURBATOVIC
3. " Miomir KOLAREVIC
4. Lt. Edvard KOGACNIK
5. " Radomir VUKSANOVIC

For the Director

/s/ C. F. Fothergill
/t/ C.F.FOTHERGILL.
Lt. Col.
Deputy Director

28 May 45.

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COPY.

MINISTERO DELLO AFFARI ESTERI.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION.

Subject: Incidents provoked at CATANIA by Yugoslav Naval personnel.

1. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to draw the Allied Commission's attention to the following incidents which took place on March 3rd in CATANIA harbour:-

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(Sgd.).....

ROME, 29 May 45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

LWS/hjp

28 May 1945

CC 1020

TO: Lt. Col. Fothergill, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

Reference attached correspondence the Chief Commissioner directs that you give this matter your most immediate attention. The extract received by Mr. Macmillan from General Airey, G-2 AFHQ, together with Mr. Halford's (British Political Adviser) comments, explains the situation briefly. It is understood that you have at hand personnel list of all Yugoslavs that should be given priority attention should the emergency arise.

Would you please return the attached together with your answer not later than 1430 hours today.

L. W. STEARNS
Major, A.G.D.
Staff Officer to CC

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S/ Airey
G-2 AFHQ

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Memorandum to: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

From : Political Adviser (A)

With regard to General Airey's letter, I suggest that in the eventuality mentioned therein Yugoslav officials who were dismissed at the time of the formation of the Subasic-Tito Government might be exempted from the proposed measure. I do not see how any distinction can be made as regards other Yugoslav citizens but those interned could be subsequently screened and those not considered as security risks could be rel_eased.

Walter C. Dowling
Political Adviser (A)

Rome, May 28, 1945

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TO : Chief Commissioner

Reference attached letter to Mr. Macmillan.

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/S/ A. J. HALFORD
Pr. Ad. (Br.)

27 May 1945.

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Major Stevens.

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A.K. Galpin
Pte. Sk. (Br.)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512 U.S. ARMY

GBI-389.455/2-A

23 May 1945.

TO: Mr. Harold MacMILLAN,
Office of Acting President,
Allied Commission, APO 394.

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T.S. AIREY,
Major General, G.S.,
A.C. of S., G-2.

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CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

Ltr 27/1GCR/73 Intergovernmental Comm on Refugees 12 May 1945

To: Director, London

Subject: MANDATE AND FEEDING HUNGRY DISSIDENTS

Includes care of dissident Jugoslavs

DOCUMENT FILED IN CC 2201

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Ref: 2217/57/BD.

3 May 1945.

MEMO TO : Acting President.

FROM : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.

Royal Yugoslav Mission in Rome.

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4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the enclosure to your memorandum, refugee rations are supplied to the Welfare Society by the Commission but we have no knowledge of any vehicles being operated.

M. S. LUSH

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N.L.O. TRIESTE (R) FOLI
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In view of report of recent seizure of Italian fishing vessels in the Adriatic you should institute a patrol by one of the destroyers or escorts allocated to you of area north of 42 degs North in which Italian fishing vessels normally operate.

2. Ships on patrol should attempt to establish the identity of vessels met but may not (R) NOT board unless

(a) A definite act of piracy is observed on the high seas
(b) A request for assistance is received from the master or crew of a fishing vessel

3. Any vessel arrested should be brought into Trieste. On no account are Yugoslav territorial waters to be entered for any purpose whatsoever

4. N.L.O. Ships employed on this duty should embark an interpreter and a local fisherman with knowledge of the fishing grounds and vessels if practicable.

DTG 011345 May

CSW W.CY. 'W' GR 173 TOH A.H. 2nd WTCB 2.5.46.

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C C 11070
APR 24 RECD
L.6.

Ref: Ctlc/13/nc.

25 April 1945.

Subject: Island of LAMPEDUSA.

To: G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

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Enclosed in copy of a letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for any action you may deem appropriate.

FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION:

/s/ E.T.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 8260/14/50. 23 April 1945.

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Dear Doctor Prunas,

I have received your letter of 18 April regarding the islands of LAMPEDUSA.

I am forwarding a copy to AFHQ, and will inform you of any action they decide to take in the matter.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Don Renato Prunas
Secretary General
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
ROME.

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Ref: A24/30(L) 23 April 1945

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The Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission presents his compliments to the Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy and has the honor to refer him to the Chief Commissioner's letter No. A24/30(L) of 20 April 1945 in regard to the capture by the Italian Army of 40 cases of gold belonging to the Yugoslav Bank.

Further information has been received that two of the Italian officers, Colonel Guido Barbe and Major Angelo Lunari, have been traced and that instructions have been issued for their earliest interrogation and for complete statements to be taken from them as to their knowledge of the matter. No trace can be found of the other officers and it is believed that they are not in Allied occupied territory. Enquiries are nevertheless being continued.

Major A. J. STEWART

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Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Quintino Sella, 56
ROME

Copies to: Office of the Chief Commissioner
Office of the Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section

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DEPUTY DELEGATE OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Pov. br. 510/45

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The Deputy Delegate of Jugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy presents his compliments to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission and has to express his gratitude for latter's Note 424/20 (L) of April 20, regarding gold bars and coins of the Jugoslav National Bank taken by the Italian Army during the occupation of Jugoslavia.

In connection with previous correspondence in the premises the Jugoslav Deputy Delegate has the honour to inform as follows :

1.) Owing to the fact that the first informations on subject, received by cable, arrived not correct particularly as to precise names and particulars, two correcting Notes (dated March 7 and 14) had had to be forwarded in additional to the principal one of February 23. As a consequence, particulars of persons from which statements should be taken, might appear not quite clear. For that reason please find hereunder repeated particulars of all witnesses referred to, summarised :

(a) LUBARI, Angelo, Captain of Infantry, who was the first Commander (Comandante del Presidio) of HERCEGNOVI, when this town was occupied on April 17, 1941, but held this Office only for a few days and was replaced by Lt. Col. BARBA.

(b) BARBA, Guido, Lieut. Col. of Artillery. He was the second Commander (Comandante del Presidio) of Hercegnovi in succession to Capt. LUBARI, in April 1941.

(c) ROSSI, Lieut. of the 11th Battalion of Carabinieri Reali, stationed in April 1941 in Hercegnovi.

(d) GENOVA, Alberto, Lieut. Col. of Intendenza Superiore FF.AA. in TIRANA, who especially arrived from Tirana in connection with the taking of gold.

2. For the identification of Lieut. ROSSI, it might be useful that he had belonged to the Eleventh Battalion of Carabinieri Reali, stationed in April 1941 in Hercegnovi.

3. The Jugoslav Deputy Delegate has tried to obtain any more information as to the description of bars, coins and containers in question. In case that such are still available they will be forwarded as requested.

4. It is requested please that investigations are continued for the purpose of having statements taken from the above Officers as soon as possible.

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5. The Jugoslav Deputy Delegate would be very grateful if the Chief Commissioner could keep him informed on the course of investigations and action in this matter.

Rome, April 23, 1945.

/s/ Dr. S.S.

S.C. MIST. 24 April

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AFHQ/2Sec1/G-XI (IR)

23 April 1945

SUBJECT: Closing of Royal Yugoslav Missions and Welfare Society.

TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

(91) + enclosures

1. Forwarded herewith is a letter addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander by Dr. Slavko J. SKERLAVA, Acting Representative of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy. Copies of the documents listed hereunder are attached to Dr. SKERLAVA's letter:

"A" Letter from the Royal Yugoslav Mission to Headquarters Rome Allied Area Command, reference No.O.1401 dated 4th September 1944.

"B" Order No.O.1393 dated 4th September 1944 signed by the Head of the Mission.

"C" Order No.O.1517 dated 16th September 1944.

"D" Letter No.O.1547 dated 17th September 1944. Signed by the Head of the Mission, addressed to Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

"E" Letter No.O.1546 dated 17th September 1944, from Head of the Mission to British Town Major, Rome.

"F" Order No.O.1551 dated 17th September 1944, signed by Head of the Mission.

"G" Order No.O.1842 dated 17th October 1944, signed by the Head of the Mission.

"H" Order No.O.2383 dated 20 November 1944 in which Head of Mission authorises undertaking.

2. Two questions have arisen and are at present under discussion with Dr. SKERLAVA:

a) His request to close and take over the Mess at 10 Corso Trieste, Rome, used solely for the accommodation of Yugoslav Officers, when it was not considered desirable to send to Refugee Centres.

b) His request to take over the Yugoslav Welfare Society at 19 Via Angelo Secchi, Rome.

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3. It is considered essential to put forward the facts with regard to the Welfare Society at the same time as the question concerning the premises at 10 Corso Trieste, Rome.

In both cases Dr. SUBASIC claims that they are official institutions of the Yugoslav Government, which he has a right to take over. The facts concerning these two questions are set out separately in the following paragraphs.

4. Premises at 10 Corso Trieste, Rome. These are premises requisitioned under PMAG and have been used for the accommodation of Yugoslav Officers when it was not considered desirable to send to Refugee Centres. These were empty premises not specially requisitioned for the Yugoslavs, but made available to accomodate Yugoslav individuals officer status.

For convenience, officers of the Military Mission used the messing facilities and, as they were the more permanent members, Lt.Col. VUKOTIC, former Head of the Royal Yugoslav Mission, acted as President of the Mess. This Mess was not part of the Royal Yugoslav Mission and was used for the accommodation of Yugoslav Officers generally.

It has not been considered desirable to compel senior officers, some of whom have fought on the side of the Allies, to suffer the indignity of being sent to refugee camps and treated as refugees, treatment which they would not receive had they been captured by the enemy.

5. Welfare Society at 12 Via Angelo Secchi, Rome. The Sub-Committee for the administration of this society came into existence at the beginning of September 1944, shortly after the appointment of Dr. SUBASIC as Yugoslav Delegate to the Advisory Council, Italy. The purpose of the society was to look after the welfare of Yugoslavs living outside Refugee Camps in Rome. The Sub-Committee continued to function as such under the presidency of Dr. MILJANIC, then Deputy Yugoslav Delegate to the Advisory Council, Italy, until about the end of November 1944, when Dr. MILJANIC arrived in Rome. During this period the Deputy Delegate (Dr. Miljanic) authorised the payment by the Yugoslav Delegation to or for account of the Sub-Committee of some L.67,000. These amounts, it is stated, were outright gifts to the society and cover certain essential materials and wages of the dentist employed by the society.

There is no doubt that this society for a time, without authority, improperly called itself the Yugoslav Red Cross; subsequently, as it could not obtain official recognition, it named itself the Welfare Society.

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It appears that there is no real evidence to support the

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contention of the present Yugoslav Government that the Welfare Society is a branch of the Yugoslav Red Cross.

6. It is therefore requested that SACMED authorize this Commission to inform the Yugoslav Representative that he has decided :

a) that the premises at 19 Corso Trieste, Rome, will continue to be used for the accommodation of dissident Yugoslav Officers;

b) that the Welfare Society at 19 Via Angelo Secchi will be permitted to continue to carry out its work of assistance to Yugoslavs in Rome.

7. For your information, although in his letter to SACMED Dr. SUBASIC expresses his refusal to take over the Missions in BARI and NAPLES until these questions are settled, in fact the Missions have been closed and the assets retained by this Commission.

FOR Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Encl: as in para.1

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20 April 1945

Ref: 424/30(L)

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The Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission presents his compliments to the Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia on the Advisory Council for Italy and refers him to the correspondence in regard to the capture by the Italian Army in 1941 of 40 cases of gold belonging to the Yugoslav National Bank.

Information has been received as to the movements of some of the Italian officers in question, which is as follows:

a. Genova, Alberto Lt. Colonel on 2 February 1941 assigned to "Modena" Infantry Division. On 15 March 1941 assigned to "Intendenza Superiore Albania, Artillery Headquarters, Tirana. Later transferred to 17 Corpo d'Armata - Direzione Ricuperi" and landed at Bari on 12 May 1941. On 14 May 1941 he was assigned to the Military Zone of Torino (nella forza in congedo).

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b. Two officers named Lieut. Rossi are known to CC.RR. Command. They are:

Rossi, Attilio, of CC.RR Legion, Padova. Transferred on 9 June 1941 to 32 Sezione Motorizzata - 6 Armata.

Rossi, Mario of CC.RR. Legion, Torino. Transferred on 21 January 1941 to 411 Sezione Alpina. Nothing further has been heard of either of these officers and it is presumed that they are still in enemy occupied territory. The same presumption is made in the case of Colonel Genova.

Further enquiries, are, however, being pursued in order to obtain further information respecting the whereabouts of all the officers concerned.

The Chief Commissioner would appreciate it if the Deputy Delegate could furnish as full a description as possible of the gold bars and coins, also of the type of container used.

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Civil affairs Sec
Exec
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Chief Commr

Deputy Delegate of Yugoslavia to the
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Cristina Bella. 66

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ROUTING SLIP Date 20 Apr 45

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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	Chief Commissioner	✓
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	Political Adviser American British	
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	Establishments Section	
	Air Forces Sub-Commission	
	Commerce Sub-Commission	
	Communications Sub-Commission	
	Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission	
	Finance Sub-Commission	
	Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)	
	Legal Sub-Commission	
	Navy Sub-Commission	
	Public Safety Sub-Commission	
	Shipping Sub-Commission	
	War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission	

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✓ Information and Retention ~~Return~~

COMMENT: Reference Memorandum P/424 of 6 March 45. Originated in Liaison Division for the Chief Commissioner.

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CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

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18 April 1945
33rd Meeting

Adv Council for Italy

Para 2: Yugoslavs actually in units stationed on the Islands of Corsica and Sardinia to Join the National Liberation Army of Jugoslavia. Previous action implemented. & letter sent to SAC enclosing minutes of 31st & 32nd meetings.

Para 5: Representative of Jugoslavia on the Allied Commission.

Jugoslavia & Greece went representation on the ACI equal to that of Russia & France.

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CC. 1705

Translation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Rome, 18 April 1945

Dear Admiral,

On September 8th, 1943, the island of Lagosta, of the group of the Curzolane islands (southern part of the Adriatic) was evacuated by our garrison, and the allies who occupied Curzola and Meleda, didn't land there either because of its position, - it is farther from the mainland than the other main Curzolane islands - or because it had never been garrisoned by the Germans.

However, the Yugoslav partisans got hold of Lagosta that they are still occupying and they exercise their authority with great harshness which aroused the hostility of the inhabitants.

For instance, it seems that the partisan commanddoesn't distribute foodstuffs to the civilian population, the food situation of which is most precarious because of this, and that the Italian soldiers who remained there to avoid the Germans and fight against them together with the partisans, are being considered as prisoners and treated as such.

As it appears that the hostilities in Europe will soon be over, it seems advisable for an end to be put to this state of things, and for this reason, I take the liberty, my dear Admiral, to appeal to your kind courtesy. I shall be most grateful if you will examine whether it is possible to have the Yugoslav garrison removed from Lagosta and substituted by Italian and allied troops, or at least, to have it flanked by Italian and Allied units and commands which would assume the administration of the island.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Sincerely yours,

S. R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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JAQ/hjp

12 April 1945

NOTE TO: Chief Commissioner

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1. Sir,

Reference attached letter 830/2067 of 10 April 1945, at 1630 hrs today, 12 April, Mr. Philip BROAD phoned from CASERTA to say that the Jugoslav authorities were threatening to make a 'cause celebre' out of this incident, as the man is alleged to have been wearing Jugoslav uniform at the time of his arrest. The court-martial is apparently due to open tomorrow, 13 April.

Mr. Broad strongly suggested that the Italian authorities be urged, in their own interests, to postpone the court-martial while a solution was being sought through diplomatic channels.

2. I spoke to Mr. Halford and Mr. Dowling, both of whom agreed with Mr. Broad's suggestion.

3. I informed Admiral Warren of the whole of the foregoing and he will at once place Mr. Broad's suggestion before the Italian Navy Minister.

JAQuayle.

J.A.Q.

1800 hrs.

Admiral Warren tells me that he has seen Admiral de Courten who has phoned TARANTO postponing the court-martial but giving orders that the man is to remain in custody.

There the matter now rests till we hear more from Caserta.

J.A.Q.

cc: A/President
Exec Comm'r
Navy S/C

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APR 12 RECD

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

1NC/2067
10 April 1945

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From: Navy Sub-Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Subject: Royal Jugoslav Navy Personnel - Arrest of by Italian Authorities.

1. On 28 September 1944, an Italian Navy rating deserted from the Italian Navy at Taranto. On 29 September 1944, the rating was signed on in the Jugoslav Navy by Jugoslav Naval authorities at Taranto who were fully aware of his status, and sent to Malta. On 26 March 1945, the rating, while serving on board Royal Jugoslav Navy Petrol Torpedo Boat No. 209, was arrested by the Italian Navy petrol at Taranto for desertion from the Italian Navy. The rating was formerly stationed at Taranto and admits being a deserter.

2. The arrest was reported to the Vice-Admiral, Malta, who informed the Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy, that the Commander-in-Chief, Royal Jugoslav Navy is naturally perturbed by the incident and is informing his own government that British authorities are taking up this matter. Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, advises that the Resident Minister, AFHQ is informing the British Ambassador at Belgrade of what has occurred and has referred the matter to the Allied Commission for any further action which may be considered necessary.

3. The Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy, has adopted a policy of non-interference with the internal administration of the Italian Navy, but maintains that the Italian Navy has every right to arrest a deserter and take disciplinary action against him in accordance with their regulations. He has informed the Italian authorities that their action in the matter has his full concurrence, as he considers that it would be impossible to maintain discipline if any man who claimed to be of Jugoslav origin was permitted to desert from an Italian ship and join the Jugoslav Navy.

4. The above data are furnished for your information in order that you may be cognisent of the situation in the event further action is required.

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REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, AC.
POLITICAL ADVISER, (BR) AC.
POLITICAL ADVISOR, (A) AC.
LIAISON DIVISION, AC.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

8 April 1945

SUBJECT: Alleged Jugoslavs in Italian Units Stationed in the Islands of Corsica and Sardinia who wish to join the National Army of Liberation of Jugoslavia.

TO : The Chief of Secretariat,
The Advisory Council for Italy.

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I acknowledge receipt of the letter addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander and signed by the Chairman for the time being of the Advisory Council for Italy enclosing copies of the minutes of the 32nd and 31st meetings of the Advisory Council for Italy and calling particular attention to item 3 of these minutes.

The minutes are being carefully studied in connection with other documents which have been received at this Headquarters relating to the same problem and a considered reply will be sent as soon as possible.

(signed) B.H. Robertson, Lt. Gen.
for
W. D. MORGAN,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff,
to the Supreme Allied Commander
Mediterranean Theatre.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Rome, April 17, 1945

The Secretariat has the honor to transmit herewith

1/ a copy of a note, dated April 8, 1945, from the Office of the Chief of Staff to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater, acknowledging the receipt of the Advisory Council's note of April 4, 1945 and copies of the minutes of the 32nd and 31st meetings of the Council, which were enclosed therewith.

Enclosure as stated.

REAR ADMIRAL ELLERY W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Sir,

In accordance with the agreement reached by the Advisory Council for Italy at its 32nd meeting, held in Rome on March 16, 1945, there are transmitted herewith, for the information of the Supreme Allied Commander, copies of the minutes of the 32nd and 33rd meetings of the Advisory Council for Italy, during which meetings the Representatives on the Advisory Council discussed the item (3) of the agenda for the above said meetings ("Jugoslavs Actually in Unite Stationed on the Islands of Corsica and Sardinia to Join the National Liberation Army of Jugoslavia").

/s/ C. A. Scinteris
George Scinteris
Chairman in turn of Rotation
Advisory Council for Italy

Enclosures:
Minutes, as above.

Field Marshal The Honorable
Sir Harold R.L.G. Alexander, G.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.
Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater,
Allied Force Headquarters,
Caserta, Italy.

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Extract from the Minutes of SACMED's (Political) Conference of 5th April 1945 - Original on 217/SC.

Minute 5.

"5. JUGOSLAV ORGANIZATIONS AND MISSIONS IN ITALY. (93)

(Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 20).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper recommending that diplomatic approaches should be made to the Jugoslav government to obtain their approval for the closure of the Royalist Jugoslav military missions in ITALY and to the method of disposal of the personnel concerned, and further recommending that no action should be taken to request the closure of the Jugoslav Army military mission in ROME or the reduction in size of the similar military mission at BARI.

MR. MACMILLAN pointed out that in fact the old Royalist missions in ROME and NAPLES, which had consisted of elements who refused to recognise the new government in JUGOSLAVIA, had now been closed and the closure of the similar mission at BARI was in progress. The question of obtaining the formal approval of the Jugoslav government did not, therefore, arise. He did not consider it was desirable to make official representations on the question of the disposal of the personnel of these missions as the Jugoslav government would undoubtedly order them back to JUGOSLAVIA and, equally certainly, the people concerned would refuse to go. The Jugoslav personnel involved had certain funds in ITALY on which they could continue to subsist, and individual cases of hardship could be dealt with in the normal way as displaced persons. The Jugoslav Army military missions, in respect of which the Supreme Allied Commander had previously decided to press for the closure of the one at ROME and the reduction of that at BARI, had however previously been partisan missions and were composed of personnel favourably disposed towards the new Jugoslav government. Mr. Macmillan now believed, in view of the advice he had received from the British Ambassador at BELGRADE, that it would be unwise to apply such pressure. The decision, as to whether the advantages obtained from our present military missions in JUGOSLAVIA outweighed the disadvantages involved by allowing the partisan missions in ITALY to continue to function at their present scale, was, however, a military one.

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THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) Took note of the report by the British Resident Minister regarding the closure of the Royalist Jugoslav missions in ITALY and directed that no approaches should be made to the Jugoslav government either in respect of the closure of these missions or in regard to the disposition of the Jugoslav personnel thereof.

(b) Directed that no further action be taken to request the closure of the Jugoslav Army (formerly Partisan) military mission in ROME or the reduction of the similar mission at BARI, and instructed the Chief of Staff to inform JF Military Mission accordingly.

(c) Directed that a procedure similar to that described by Air Marshal Slessor at SAC (P) (45) 3rd Meeting, Minute 3, should be followed in respect of any Jugoslav personnel, in regard to whose disposition the Allied authorities in the Mediterranean Theatre were concerned.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

SAC (P) (45) 20
3 April 1945

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

JUGOSLAV ORGANIZATIONS AND MISSIONS IN ITALY

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Note by Secretary

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(a) To direct that in regard to the Royalist Jugoslav Missions his existing policy should not be changed, and that

(i) The formal approval of the Jugoslav Government to the closure of these missions should be obtained as soon as possible.

(ii) Joint representations should be made by the British and United States ambassadors, on the subject of the disposal of the Jugoslav personnel of these missions, as soon as the United States ambassador is established in Belgrade.

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(b) To revise his previous policy in regard to the Jugoslav Army Military missions, and to direct that

(i) No action should be taken to request the closure of the mission in Rome or the reduction of that at Bari.

(ii) The direction as SAC (P) (45) 3rd Meeting, Minute 3 (b), should be regarded as cancelled.

/s/ J. G. Sweetman,
LIEUTENANT COLONEL.
SECRETARY.

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/s/ T. J. Hewitmen.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL.
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DEPUTY DELEGATE OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY.

Pov.br. 395/45. Rome, April 3, 1945.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter DPR/24-1/G-II (DP) of 2 April 1945.

Attached hereto is a letter with documents which is addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ. May this letter please find your consideration for your detailed information on the subject in question.

If you might consider that on the ground of those documents, too, you were unable to comply with my request, in such a case I beg to request you kindly to forward the letter to the Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ.

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours

/s/ Dr. Slovan J. Smodlaka

Enclosure: as stated.

/t/ Dr. SLOVEN J. SMODLAKA,
Acting Representative of Jugoslavia
to the Advisory Council for Italy

Hillery W. Stone, Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

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Tel Ext 341

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. 2217/55/AG

7 April 1945

MEMORANDUM:

To : Director, Displaced Persons & Repatriation Div

Reference attached documents, please take immediate action on this matter and clear through the Executive Commissioner.

Chief Staff Officer
for Acting Executive Commissioner.

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CMPL AFFAIRS SECTION } under reference

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DEPUTY DELEGATE OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY.

Pov.br. 394/45. Rome, April 3, 1945.

Sir,

1. By order of the Jugoslav War Minister of February 1, 1945, Nr. O. 166 the Royal Jugoslav Military Mission in Italy was abolished, and the Head of same Mission ordered to hand over the Mission's premises, inventory and archives to a Liquidator whom I had had to appoint. By same order the Head of the mentioned Mission was ordered to place himself and his personnel at the disposal of Representatives of the Jugoslav Army in Italy for the purpose of their transportation to Jugoslavia.

Since on February 12, 1945 the Head of the above Mission refused to carry out the order of the Jugoslav War Minister and to hand over the Mission to the Liquidator, I sent a letter to you requesting that any further activity of the said Mission be stopped and its premises, inventory and archives handed over to the Liquidator.

It was not before March 26, 1945 that the Head of the foresaid Mission was ordered to hand over to the Liquidator the office premises of the Mission at 37, Via Santa Maria in Via, Rome. On this occasion the Head of the Mission did not hand over a single piece of inventory belonging to the Mission, he also failed to consign any motor-car serving with the Mission, and he only let us have such remnants of the archives which he did not consider necessary to burn. He even issued a written order for the burning of the archives which should have been handed over.

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After the taking over of the office premises at 37, Via S. Maria in Via, Rome, I requested by a letter Pov.br. 359/45 dated March 27, 1945, addressed to Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, which had received your order to compel the Head of the Head of the R. Jugoslav Military Mission to carry out the handover, that the handover of the Mission in Rome might be completed by handing over to the Liquidator the remaining premises making the "JUGOSLAVENSKI OFICIRSKI DOM" (Jugoslav Officers' Home) at

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Field Marshal the Honourable
Sir Harold R.L.G. Alexander, G.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.,
Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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10, Corso Trieste, Rome, together with its inventory part of which had been taken from this Delegation on the Advisory Council for Italy.

In an answer to this letter the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission stated on March 28, 1945 (MPR/24-1/G-II MP) that the premises at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome were in no way an official institution and could not be handed over as such. He further said that the handover of the Mission's Sections existing at Naples and Bari would take place on March 30 and April 1, 1945 respectively.

I thereupon informed the Chief Commissioner through my letter Pov.br. 383/45 dated March 31, 1945 that I had instructions to take over through a Liquidator the whole Royal Jugoslav Military Mission in Italy; that same Mission had in Rome its office premises at 37, Via S. Maria in Via, as well as its Mess at 10, Corso Trieste; that this Mess was part of same Mission and as such an official institution of the Jugoslav Army bearing an official denomination "Jugoslovenski Oficirski Dom" (Jugoslav Officers' Home); that its premises had been requisitioned by Allied authorities for an official purpose of the Mission; that the "Jugoslav Officers' Home" was regularly drawing from competent Allied Depots field service rations for the officers of the Mission; that officers who were messing in the "Jugoslav Officers' Home" wear Jugoslav uniforms. I therefore requested that any necessary police assistance be granted to the Liquidator for the purpose of taking over premises and inventory of the "Jugoslovenski Oficirski Dom" (Jugoslav Officers' Home) at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome. I added that only afterwards I would instruct the Liquidators at Naples and Bari to take over the respective Sections of the abolished Mission with all their parts.

To this letter the Chief Commissioner answered on April 2, 1945 (MPR/24-1/G-II MP) to the effect that the premises at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome were in no way an official institution and could not be handed over as such; that these premises were on requisition by Rome Area Allied Command, and were therefore completely under the control of that Command. He further stated that Colonel C.B. Findlay, Director of Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission would be available to assist us in the transfer of the Mission's Sections at Naples and Bari on April 4 and April 6, 1945 respectively, and that if I was not disposed to take over the Sections, he would make a report to you.

2. Owing to the fact that I have got instructions from the Jugoslav Government to take over the whole Royal Jugoslav Military Mission in Italy, and not its single parts, it is clear that I cannot agree that the Liquidator take over the Sections at Naples and Bari before the Jugoslav Officers' Home in Rome, as part of the Mission's Centre is handed over; after all the whole inventory belonging to the Mission in Rome, which had not been handed over at all, is being in the mentioned "Jugoslav Officers' Home." In addition on its premises

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is some furniture, too, which belongs to the Jugoslav Delegation's building at 24, Via dei Monti Parioli, Rome.

I am sure that when writing that the premises at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome, where the "Jugoslav Officers' Home" is seated, were in no way an official institution and could not be handed over as such, the Chief Commissioner was insufficiently informed, since it was not he but the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission which had been in direct contact with the Head of the foresaid Mission.

As evidence for the "Jugoslav Officers' Home" at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome being an official Jugoslav institution, subject to the Royal Jugoslav Military Mission in Italy, and as such latter's constitutive part, please find attached hereto copy-translation of the following official documents from the Mission's own archives:

ANNEXE "A" A letter of the Mission Nr. O. 1401 dated September 4, 1944 to H.Q. RAAC, from which it will be seen that the Mission itself had established the "Jugoslav Officers' Transit Mess" at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome, as its subject institution, and that the Royal Jugoslav Military Mission itself was indebted for rations issued to the said Mess resp. Home.

ANNEXE "B" An order of the Head of the Mission Nr. O.1395 dated September 4, 1944 to the effect that the requisition of premises at 10, Corso Trieste, had taken place at request of the Mission and that the Mission took those premises in possession.

ANNEXE "C" A decision Nr. O.1517, dated September 16, 1944 from which it will be seen that on the ground of an authorisation received from the Chief of Staff, Section of the Supreme Command, Nr. 165144, the Mission acquired with its own means kitchen implements for the "Jugoslav Officers' Home" as well as that 30 garnitures of dining implements had been taken from the Mess belonging to the Mission's Section at Bari.

ANNEXE "D" A letter of the Head of the Mission, Nr. O.1547 dated September 16, 1944, addressed to Colonel Findlay, Director of Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission through which latter was informed that the Royal Jugoslav Military Mission had established a "Jugoslav Officers' Transit Mess" at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome.

ANNEXE "E" A letter of the Head of the said Mission, Nr. O.1546, dated September 16, 1944, addressed to the British Town Major Rome, informing that the Royal Jugoslav Military Mission in Italy had established a "Jugoslav Officers' Transit Mess" at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome.

ANNEXE "F" An order of the Head of the Mission, Nr. O.1531 dated September 17, 1944, to the effect that the Royal Jugoslav Military Mission had according to the wish expressed by competent Allied authorities opened a "Jugoslav Officers' Home" at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome, the official denomination of which was ordered to be "Jugoslovenski Oficirski Dom" (Jugoslav Officers' Home) in Rome, and that authorities for messing in this Home would be issued

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by the Royal Jugoslav Military Mission, to whom all applicants have to report.

ANNEXE "G" An order of the Head of the Mission, Nr. O.1842 dated October 17, 1944, involving a disposition concerning visiting of the Home.

ANNEXE "H" An order of the Head of the Mission, Nr. 2083 dated 20 November 1944, by which he admitted one Bokun Branko to membership of the "Jugoslav Officers' Home."

3. Hence from the above documents, the originals of which are of course any time at your disposal, it will clearly be seen that the "Jugoslav Officers' Home" at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome

(a) is doubtlessly an official institution;

(b) is an official institution of the Jugoslav Army, and

(c) it is constitutive part of the Royal Jugoslav Military Mission in Italy.

Accordingly it appears obvious that the Head of the said Mission is bound to hand over same institution to the Liquidator.

The circumstance that the premises referred to had been requisitioned by Real Estate Section, RAAC, just proves that in question is a part of an official institution, since solely for official purposes are premises being requisitioned by RAAC. RAAC may in this case certainly have no objection that the requisitioned premises are handed over to the Liquidator following an order of an Allied Minister within his competence.

4. I therefore beg to request you again that you might issue strict instructions that the Liquidator be granted any necessary assistance for the taking over of the remnant parts of the abolished Royal Jugoslav Military Mission in Italy, and those are in Rome

(a) premises and inventory at 10, Corso Trieste, Rome;

(b) motor-cars belonging to or requisitioned for the Royal Jugoslav Military Mission in Italy.

On completion of the handover of the Mission's centre in Rome as above pointed out, I will issue instructions to the Liquidator of the Mission's Sections at Naples and Bari to take over same Sections with their constitutive parts.

5. It might be known to you, Sir, that the Jugoslav Government pay great attention to the handover of the Royal Jugoslav Military Mission in Italy, and I feel convinced that you will appreciate that and let the case be finally settled.

Assuring you of my highest esteem,

Sincerely yours

/sgd/ Dr. Slovan J. Smodlaka

Dr. SLOVEN J. SMODLAKA
Acting Representative of Jugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy

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Enclosures as stated

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ROYAL YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY

O.No. 1401. Rome, 4th September 1944.

SUBJECT: Rations for the Yugoslav Officers in Rome who will take their meals in the Yugoslav Officers Transit Mess in Rome.

TO : HEADQUARTERS - R.A.A.C.

I beg you to issue an order for rations for the Yugoslav Officers Transit Mess which will be established in Corso Trieste 10, Rome, for the officers who are named in the attached list.

Would you please take note of the following:

1) That premises have been found for the Mess in Corso Trieste 10.
2) That a certain number of unemployed officers are at Rome awaiting orders.
3) That this number will be in continual flux by the comings and goings of officers.
4) That the Mess will be under the auspices of this Mission.
5) That the Yugoslav Royal Military Mission, respectively the Royal Yugoslav Army, should be debited with the rations issued.
6) That it is necessary to arrange the time and place of issue of the rations and their transport as this Mission does not possess the necessary means of transport.

The fore-going is in connection with the letter of this Mission O. br. 1331 of the 26th August 1944.

Lt. M. Markovic, adj. 2121
for Vuk J. Vukotich 2122
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Chief

Enclosed: List of officers.

Stamp:

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ORDER Nr. O. 1395

OF THE CHIEF OF THE ROYAL JUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY
for the 4 September 1945

Since a building has been requisitioned by the Allied authorities for a transit Mess of Jugoslav Officers in transit in Rome, at 10 Corso Trieste, flats Nrs 10 and 11,

I ORDER

The following will be members of a commission for the taking over and examination of the building, making of an inventory and making of arrangements in accordance with the request of the Allied authorities in a letter dated 31 August 1944:

Radojica Popovic, Army Chaplain in Reserve,
Cotic Vojislav, Lt. Inf.
Ing. Lazar Jovanovic, Pte.

The Commission will after having taken over and examined the flat, and after making a detailed inventory in accordance with the request of Real Estate Section RAAC, send over a copy of the Commission's report and inventory (4 copies) in English.

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Radojica Popovic, Army Chaplain in Reserve.

The Chief, Lt. Colonel
VUK. J. VUKOTIC

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REPORT

to the Chief of the Royal Yugoslav Military Mission in Italy.

Since by authorisation of the Allies a Royal Jugoslav Officers' Home, which will house a Mess too, has been constituted, the following items are required to be acquired:

30 deep plates,
30 shallow plates,
30 small plates,
30 big glasses for water and tea,
20 small cups for coffee,
4 dishes for soup,
4 wooden spoons, various,
6 big plates, long for food,
6 big plates, long for salad,
2 big soup dishes,
2 big food dishes.

Since in the flat designed for the Officers' Home there are no kitchen implements at all, it is requested please that the above items be acquired as soon as possible thus enabling the Mess to start its activity.

30 garnitures of eating implements have been received from the Mess of the 1st Section of the Mission in Bari.

16 September 1944, Rome.

The Chief of the Officers' Home
Lt. in Reserve of Chemist's Branch.

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Nr. O. 1517
16 September 1944. 30

On the ground of the above report of the Rome Chief of the Royal Jugoslav Officers' Home in Rome, and with reference to an authorisation Nr. O. 16165/44

I LAY DOWN

that the above implements be urgently acquired. The acquirement will be carried out by a Commission in which I appoint

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O.No. 1547

Rome, 17th Sept 1944

Subject : YUGOSLAV OFFICERS TRANSIT MESS.

TO : Col. C.B. Findlay
director I.D.P.W.C.

We beg to inform you that this Mission has established an Yugoslav Officer's Transit Mess in Corso Trieste 10, Apartments 10 and 11 on the V-th floor. As all officers will, in the future, take their meals there, including the officers employed by this Mission, we beg to inform you that this Mission will not received rations from your Sub-Commission but directly from the R.A.A.C.

V.J. Vukotitch
.....
Lt. Colonel
Deputy-Chief.

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ROYAL YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY

O.No. 1546 Rome, 17th September 1944.

SUBJECT : Yugoslav Officers Tramit Mess.

TO : British Town Major

This Mission has established a Tramit Mess for Yugoslav Officer in Corso Trieste 10, Apartments 10 and 11 on the V Floor with the help and authorisation of the Allied Authorities.

We beg you to direct all Yugoslav Royalist Officers, in the future, to this Mess. Please be so kind as to inform all Allied Messes of this Mess.

V.J. Vukotitch
.....
Lt. Col.
Deputy-Chief.

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ORDER Nr. O. 1531.

OF THE CHIEF OF THE ROYAL YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY, 17 SEP 1944

In accordance with the desire of competent Allied military authorities in Rome, this Mission has opened the "JUGOSLOVENSKI OFICIRSKI DOM" (Jugoslav Officers' Home) in Rome, having its premises at 10, Corso Trieste, Flat Nr. II.

The Home will have the name JUGOSLOVENSKI OFICIRSKI DOM in Rome.

In the premises of the Home a Mess has been started in the form of Allied Transit Messes, besides in the Home there are premises adapted for lodging of transient Officers.

By Order of this Mission, Nr. O.1319/44, POPOVIC, Lieutenant of the Chemist branch in Reserve has been appointed Chief of the Home.

At an Officers' meeting in Rome there will be appointed 3 Officers, Members of the Control Committee, when Regulations are fixed.

All Officers, those of career and of reserve, as well as members of their family, being in Rome or in transit, those ones who are employed in the Mission, will be allowed to mess in the Home;

Further those ones employed in the Representation of the Kingdom of Jugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy;

Also those ones who are waiting for disposition from the Ministry of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and who had passed regular military allied channels in Italy.

Since food for members of the Mission will not be received in future separately, in the Home will mess also the other members of the Mission who are not officers.

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I. All officers, who are in Mess, and to whom this Order applies, will take note of it and comply with it;

II. All officers to whom this Order applies and who were up to now messing in Allied Messes, will mess in the Jugoslav Officers' Mess w.e.f. 18th instant.

III. Authorities for messing in the Mess of the Officers' Mess will be issued by this Mission; accordingly all officers will call on the Mission for collection.

IV. The officers' meeting for the election of a Control Committee will be held in the premises of the Mess on September 20, this year, at 15.00 hrs.

THE CHIEF, LIEUT. COLONEL.

(signed) VUK. J. VUKOTIC.

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Representation of the Kingdom of Jugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy;

Legation at the Holy Seat;

Chief of 1st Section of this Mission,
Commander of R. Jugoslav Air Force Battalion with B.A.F.

Delegate of the Jugoslav Navy, Taranto;

Chief of Officers' Mess.

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O R D E R, Nr. O. 1842.

OF THE CHIEF OF THE ROYAL JUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY for 17 October 1944.

Owing to the fact that costs for life (lodging and food) in Rome are very high, and that the Officers' Home has no more possibility whatsoever to afford any facilitation in this respect

I O R D E R

That no personnel be sent to Rome except in exceptional and indispensably necessary cases, and even then for the indispensable time to be spent in Rome.

THE CHIEF, LT. COLONEL:

(Signed) VUK. J. VUKOTIC.

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Chief of the 1st Section of this Mission;
Cmdr, 1st R.Jug.Air Battalion with B.A.F.

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To: Administration of the Jugoslav Officers' Home,
Rome.

May I please be inserted on the List of Members of the Administration of the Home since I am working with the Secretariat of the Jugoslav Red Cross.

I trust that favourable action will be taken.

Rome, 18 November 1944

(Signed) BOKUN BRANKO
Jugoslav Red Cross.

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Nr. O. 2063,
20 Nov 1944, Rome.

I authorise.

The Chief, Lt.Col.
(Signed) VUK. J. VUKOTIC

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