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CC-1020 3 January 1947.

Dear Colonel:

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

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

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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

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CC-1020 3 January 1947.

Dear Doctor Smodlaka:

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

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

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

Dr. Slovan J. Smodlaka,
Jugoslav Representative a.i.
Advisory Council for Italy.

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

Br.1987/46

30 December 1946

To: The Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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

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

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

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

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

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NHQ/5872 16 January 1947

SUBJECT: Disposal of the Jugoslav Hulk "SARTANO" in Leghorn Harbor.

TO : AFHQ
Attention: G-5 Section.

1. At the request of United States Military Authorities the Navy Sub-Commission took steps to secure the cooperation of the Italian Naval authorities in the clearance of the Port of Leghorn for reasons of operational necessity. One of the principal obstructions in the harbor is the wreck of the former Jugoslav ship "SARTANO". An investigation of the possibilities of removing this ship by salvaging it or destroying it, has shown destruction of the hulk to be the most economical and quickest means of disposing or what is in any case a doubtful asset, as indicated by Ministry of Marine letter 3215/UT of 7 December 1946, a copy of which is enclosed.

2. In April 1946 the Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy advised the Navy Sub-Commission that a rumor to the effect that the Italian Government planned the destruction of the SARTANO in the interests of clearing Leghorn Harbor had come to their attention. In their letter Nr. 412/46 of 4 April 1946 (copy enclosed), strong opposition to any such suggestion was voiced. The Jugoslav Delegation were assured by the Navy Sub-Commission, at that time, that there was no truth in the rumor.

3. In June 1946 the Ministry of Marine requested permission to remove the ship for operational reasons. The views of the Jugoslav Delegation were requested and the reply was again strongly negative as indicated in their letter Nr. 922/46 of 28 June 1946, a copy of which is also enclosed herewith.

4. In view of the circumstances indicated in paragraph 1 above and the facts outlined in Ministry of Marine letter 3215/UT, of 7 December 1946 it is requested that the approval of the Supreme Allied Commander, may be given for the destruction of the subject vessel to expedite clearance of Leghorn Harbor for reasons of operational necessity, observing that the United States Army remains in military occupation of the Port.

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For Elliott W. Stone

ELLIOTT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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NRV/5872

16 January 1947

SUBJECT: Disposal of the Jugoslav Hulk "[illegible]" in Leghorn Harbor.

TO : AFHQ
Attention: G-2 Section.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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CC 1020

31 January 1947

SUBJECT: Jugoslav ships SS KARMEN and SS NETI

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

1. There is forwarded herewith letter No. Br.177/47 of 30 January 1947 from Dr. Bloven J. Smodlaka, Jugoslav Representative a.i. to the Advisory Council for Italy, addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander.

2. A report on the searching of the SS KARMEN was submitted to you in my letter of 26 September 1946, Ref. 5601/118/EC.

3. The Navy Sub-Commission of this HQ is investigating the case of the SS NETI and a copy of their report will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received. It would appear, however, that this case may be covered by paragraph 4 of my letter of 26 September 1946.

4. In compliance with the request contained in paragraph 4 thereof, a copy of Dr. Smodlaka's letter has been furnished the Italian Government as per the attached copy of my letter of this date to the Foreign Minister.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

CC 1020 31 January 1947.

My dear Mr. Minister:

In accordance with the request contained in paragraph 4 thereof, I am forwarding to you herewith a copy of the Jugoslav Representative, a.i., to the Advisory Council for Italy letter No. Br.177/47 dated 30 January 1947 in connection with the Jugoslav ships "KARNER" and "MRTI".

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Pietro Nenni,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

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

COPY

Br.177/47

30 January 1947

SUBJECT: Perquisition of Jugoslav S/S "Karmen" and S/S "NETI" by the Italian authorities.

TO : The Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre.

THROUGH: The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

I have the honour to state on behalf of the Jugoslav Government as follows:

1. In July 1946, the Jugoslav S/S "Karmen" was anchored in the Italian port Margerita di Savoia where she was loading salt. On July 4, at 22.00 hrs. an Italian man-of-war approached S/S "Karmen" and an officers Patrol came on board and performed a perquisition of documents and rooms of the ship. The perquisition was ended at 23.15 hrs. with a negative result. On July 9, 1946, an Italian Corvette stopped near the same Jugoslav ship and performed another perquisition from 21.30 to 22.00 hrs. The result was negative again.

2. On August 21, 1946, the Jugoslav S/S "Neti" left the port of Margerita di Savoia and sailed following the common route in the direction of the Jugoslav coast. At 21.50 hrs., when S/S "Neti" was about 7 miles West off the island Palagruza, an Italian Corvette "C 48" (Chimera) approached and stopped her. Four officers under command of a captain, two sailors, all armed with pistols, and one sailor armed with a rifle came on board S/S "Neti". Two of the sailors were filled bags. A perquisition was imposed for the doubt that the ship was carrying illegal goods, as wheat, exported from Italy. The perquisition was ended at 2.00 hrs. with negative result.

3. Considering that the forementioned cases of perquisition of Jugoslav vessels by the Italian man-of-war have been preceded by some other case (see our protest Br.1147/46 dated August 4, 1946), I protest herewith again on behalf of the Jugoslav Government against such proceeding of the Italian Maritime Authorities, who have not the right to do so for the following reasons:

(a) Italy, being an ex-enemy state has not yet regularised the relations with the Federal People's Republic of Jugoslavia by the Peace Treaty, and the right to stop and perquisition the United Nations vessels is contested to her.

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(b) The action of the Italian man-of-war in case of the perquisition of the Jugoslav S/S "Meti" was in contradiction with the general international maritime rule of hot pursuit (droit de poursuite), as well as in contradiction to the Italian H.M.Decree from the year 1896, stating that the Italian authorities can perform perquisitions of suspected foreign vessels up to the distance of 10 kilometres off the coast. Moreover it is pointed out that the Jugoslav S/S "Metti" had left the port of Margherita di Savoia with knowledge and permission of the Italian Maritime authorities in the Port, who would not have given that permission if anything had not been in order with the ship.

4. It is requested that the attached copy of this letter may be forwarded to the Italian Government

Enclosure: Copy for the Italian Government.

/S/ DR. SLOVEN J. SMODLAKA
Jugoslav Representative a.i.
Advisory Council for Italy.

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Ref. : 5609/399/20 22 January 1947

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian boats by Yugoslavs.

To : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

Reference is made to previous correspondence on this subject.

Enclosed is a copy of letter no. 41/01316/12 dated 17 January 1947 from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Will you please advise this Commission of the answer to be given to para 5.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

R. W. Knisely

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

ROME

SUBJECT: Italian vessels seized by the Jugoslav Authorities.

1. Further to this Ministry's note n. 41/984/143, dated December 19th, 1946.

2. The new up-to-date list of Italian vessels still in Jugoslav hands is at present being checked up by the competent offices and will be forwarded to the Allied Commission shortly.

3. In the meantime the Ministry for Foreign Affairs considers expedient to bring to the knowledge of the Allied Commission that, according to information supplied by the crews of recently captured fishing motor-boats, the Jugoslav Authorities maintain that Italian and Jugoslav waters of the Adriatic are separated by the middle line. Since the Adriatic sea is about 70 miles wide, the 35 miles stretching east of the middle line would fall into the Jugoslav jurisdiction and consequently the effected seizures would be justified.

4. Such a theory, under any principle of current international law is not sustainable. Under the present circumstances and in consequence of this the Italian Merchant Marine is suffering considerable material damage which is in no way justified.

5. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs begs therefore to be authorized to suspend the delivery, provided by the Armistice, of Jugoslav vessels and materials detained by Italy, until the Italian fishing boats illegally captured by the Belgrade Authorities, are returned to the Italian Government.

Rome, January 18th, 1947.

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Rome, January 18th, 1947.

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16 January 1947

SUBJECT: Disposal of the Jugoslav Hulk "CATTARO" in Leghorn Harbor.

TO : AFHQ
Attention: G-5 Section.

1. At the request of United States Military Authorities the Navy Sub-Commission took steps to secure the cooperation of the Italian Naval authorities in the clearance of the Port of Leghorn for reasons of operational necessity. One of the principal obstructions in the harbor is the wreck of the former Jugoslav ship "CATTARO". An investigation of the possibilities of removing this ship by salvaging it or destroying it, has shown destruction of the hulk to be the most economical and quickest means of disposing of what is in any case a doubtful asset, as indicated by Ministry of Marine letter 3815/UT of 7 December 1946, a copy of which is enclosed.

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4. In view of the circumstances indicated in paragraph 1 above and the facts outlined in Ministry of Marine letter 3815/UT, of 7 December 1946 it is requested that the approval of the Supreme Allied Commander, may be given for the destruction of the subject vessel to expedite clearance of Leghorn Harbor for reasons of operational necessity, observing that the United States Army remains in military occupation of the Port.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Ref: 2214/336/SC

13 January, 1947

Dear Doctor Smodlaka,

I refer to your letter Pov.Br.2/47 of 4th January, 1947, addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander on the subject of the interrogation of Captain SUZANIC Ivan by the Port Security Police at VENICE.

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I have been directed to refer you to my letter CC. 1020 of 26th November, 1946, which pointed out that you are not the appropriate channel for communication if the Yugoslav Government has any matter to represent as to the treatment accorded by the Allies to a Yugoslav national, and to inform you that no action can be taken on the request contained in your letter under reference.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Sloven J. Smodlaka,
Yugoslav Representative,
Advisory Council for Italy,
ROME.

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Ref. : 690/79/20

7 January 1947

SUBJECT: Dr. Smodlaka.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

Reference is made to this Commission's letter no. 690/68/20 dated 11 Dec.46 on this subject enclosing a letter ref. Pov.Br.1238/46 dated 7 Dec.46 addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander from Dr. Smodlaka. 407

In this letter, Dr. Smodlaka requests an interview with AFHQ representative regarding the extradition of Yugoslav traitors, and wishes to be advised of the time and place of this interview.

To date no reply has been received and a further letter has been received from Dr. Smodlaka addressed to this Commission requesting that the interview be arranged as soon as possible.

May this Commission please be advised as to what reply should be made to Dr. Smodlaka.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Kinsey

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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CC-1020

3 January 1947.

Dear Doctor Smodlaka:

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

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

Sincerely yours,

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

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

(orig. in Eng.)

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CC-1020 3 January 1947.

Dear Colonel:

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

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

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Hilary W. Stone

HILARY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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

Nov 8/22 (orig. in Hartle)

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

Br.1887/46

30 December 1946

To: The Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

Yesterday on December 29 1946, at about 12.30 hrs., our motor car, reg. plate ACI.JD 5, driven by our driver Filiplic Anton, returning through Via Flaminia to Via Monti Parioli, was followed by a USA Military Police jeep (26118790) with three U.S. military personnel aboard, who entered after our car into the court-yard of the seat of our Delegation (Via Monti Parioli 24) without asking permission to do so. An official of our Delegation demanded the M.P. to get out from our territory, , after which the jeep left the yard, but one soldier remained behind. He was of rather small growth. Asked what he wanted, he refused to reply, upon what our official demanded him to get out. He started to insult our people saying that we were those who are killing the Americans in Trieste. Threatening vengeance he withdrew. Half an hour later the same jeep and the same people stopped before our house and behaved in the same way.

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

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

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

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

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Pls return to cc files
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SECRETARIAT
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Rome, December 31, 1946.

The Secretariat has the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication from AFHQ, dated December 23, 1946, addressed to the "Chairman in Rotation" of the Advisory Council for Italy, regarding the subject of "Restitution of Jugoslav Property".

Enclosure:

Letter G-5: 912.23-1
signed by T.A. Airey.

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

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Pov. br. 1238/46 Rome, 7 December 1946

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I have the hono r to inform you that the Jugoslav Embassy in London has informed the British Foreign Office with its note P. No. 1666 of November 18, 1946, as following:

"The Jugoslav Government have appointed Dr. Sloven Smodlaka to act as their Representative with Allied Force Headquarters, in addition to his duty as Member of the Advisory Council for Italy, in respect of all the matters relating to war criminals and traitors." This function will last until the arrival in Italy of a Jugoslav Mission for War Crimes.

The Jugoslav Embassy in New York has informed the State Department about the same in a corresponding note.

In connection with this my appointment I would like to meet the competent representatives of AFHQ in order to discuss with them the questions regarding the extradition of Jugoslav traitors, and I beg to be informed about the place and date of the meeting.

I hope that this my appointment will give me an occasion to meet you personally what will be a honour for me.

Believe me, dear Sir,

Very truly yours

Dr. Sloven Smodlaka,
Jugoslav Representative
for War Crimes to AFHQ

Lt. Gen.
Sir W. Morgan, K. CB. DSO. MC.
Supreme Allied Commander
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

G-5: 912.23-1

23 December 1946

SUBJECT: Restitution of Jugoslav Property.

TO : Chairman in Rotation,
Advisory Council for Italy,
RGCE.

1. I have the honour to refer to the letter from M. Georges Balay of the 5th August and this Headquarters reply of 25th October in which the hope was expressed that it would be possible to supply you with the information you desired at a later date. I now forward the promised report.

2. With regard to List A you will note that, before Jugoslavia brought the matter before the Advisory Council, she had been informed that so far as the first eleven items were concerned, she had no case. Items 12 to 17 have either been handed back to or are awaiting take over by Jugoslavia. Items 18 to 23 cannot be traced. Of the 100 small vessels in items 24 and 25 - 77 cannot be traced, many of these small motor launches may have been repainted and renamed. Further action is not possible without fuller and better evidence of identity and present location. Of the remaining 23 vessels, 12 were last heard of in Jugoslav ports, 6 are stated to be in Allied and not Italian hands but have not been identified by the Allies, 2 are stated to have been destroyed and 3 have been traced.

3. With regard to List B, you will note that of the 18 items only four had been presented to the Italian Government prior to Sir Noel Charles' letter of the 15th May. The Jugoslav Government has received reports from the Allied Commission about the first four items. The Supreme Allied Commander does not consider that the remaining 14 items should have been presented to him as matters on which the Jugoslav Government had been unable to obtain redress until all proper efforts to obtain satisfaction had been made and had failed. The Allied Commission is in contact with the Italian Government on these items and will keep the Jugoslav Delegate informed. The Supreme Allied Commander does not propose to take any further action as regards Lists A and B until he learns the results of the contacts of the Allied Commission.

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4. Will you please also note that the Supreme Allied Commander has not the means to conduct investigations into disputed matters nor is he prepared to adjudicate on such. Where the case is clear, the Supreme Allied Commander, if satisfied that he should do so, is prepared to act; but, contentious matter must be settled through diplomatic channels.

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FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE:

T. A. AIREY
Major General
Chief of Staff

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LIST "A"

Ships claimed by Yugoslavia

1. SUNKEN SHIPS

Serial No.	Name of Ship	Action taken
1.	S/S JURAJ SUBIC	Yugoslavia informed on 9 Apr. by ALCOM letter NSC/4874 that the cost of salvage of liberated ships falls in the category of restitution. The Supreme Allied Commander is not prepared to make any representation hereon. Any claim must be taken up diplomatically.
2.	S/S Yugoslavia	
3.	Yacht TIHA	
4.	S/S SOCA	
5.	S/S SARAJEVO	
6.	S/S TOPOLA	
7.	S/S DUBROVNIK	
8.	S/S DRAVIA	
9.	S/S UNA	
10.	Schooner AIDA	
11.	M/V USPOMENA (RICORDO)	
11. bis	S/S BISTRICA (TEODO)	

2. OTHER SHIPS

12.	S/S UCKA (Monte Maggiore)	This vessel was found in Civitavecchia sunk and heavily damaged. She is considered to be beyond economic repair. As a "constructive" wreck the comments on items 1/11 applies to her also.
13.	M/S SUMIR	The Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy was informed by NSC/8731 of 4 December and NSC/8740 of 6 December that the vessel was available for handing back to representatives of the Yugoslav Government. The Italian Ministry of Marine was similarly informed and both authorities have been requested to inform the Navy Sub-Commission when the restitution

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7.	S/S DUBROVNIK	
8.	S/S DRAVLA	
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14.	M/V VILA (NINFA)	The Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy was informed by MSC/5718 of 30 November 1946 that this vessel was available for handing back to representatives of the Jugoslav Government. The Italian Ministry of Marine was similarly informed and both authorities have been requested to inform the Navy Sub-Commission when the restitution has taken place.
15.	Trawler Nr.2 (ANNE)	Handed over to Jugoslavia at Trieste on 8 Jan. 46.

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16.	Trawler Nr.4 (JUNO)	The Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy was informed by NSC/5617 of 8 November and by NSC/5616 of 8 November that the Trawler (dredge) No. 4 (JUNO) and the tugboat BOJANA (ZARA) are available for handing back to representatives of the Jugoslav Government. The Italian Ministry of Marine informed the Navy Sub-Commission on 7 December that the two craft have been taken over by the Yugoslav authorities.
17.	Tugboat BOJANA (ZARA)	
18.	Tugboat J.P. 1	Not traceable
19.	S/S ZEMANJA (ISTO)	" "
20.	M/V ISTOK II	" "
21.	M/V VILA	Presumed to be the same as item 14.
22.	M/V MIRAMAR	Not traceable
23.	M/V MARJAN	" "
24.	2 Custom Patrol Boats nos 32 and 38	The Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy was informed by NSC/5718 of 30 November 1946 that MB-32 vessel was available for handing back to representatives of the Yugoslav Government. The Italian Ministry of Marine was similarly informed and both authorities have been requested to inform the Navy Sub-Commission when the restitution has taken place. MB 38 was last heard of in Spalato in Jugoslavia. No further information is available regarding her.
25.	Jugoslav Custom.	This is a list of 98 small motor vessels, launches, etc. Many may have been repainted and renamed. There is little information which would lead to positive identification. Yugoslavia informed on 3 October by AFHQ letter NSC/5613 that 11 of the vessels were last heard of in Jugoslavia post 29 7 [illegible] were stated to have gone to Malta and efforts are being made to trace them now that more complete descriptions have been supplied by the Yugoslav Government. 2 had been destroyed by enemy action. 2 were stated to be under repair at Bari.

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23.	M/V MARJAN	" "
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List B

Property other than ships, claimed by Yugoslavs

Serial No.	Subject	Action taken
1	9 Machines from Tobacco factory at LUBIANA	Yugoslavia informed on 8 Feb by ALCOM letter AC/5688/INC that Italy had left a large number of machines at tobacco factories in Fiume, Pola, Rovigo and Zara and that 18 of these machines had been supplied in replacement of the 9 machines claimed. The Supreme Allied Commander cannot adjudicate contentious claims. The matter must be settled diplomatically.
2	Machines and tools by TRIFLETTI	Yugoslavia informed on 19 Aug. 46 by ALCOM letter 9009/206/EC that: a) the firm Trifletti did not remove the machineries concerned, but bought them from the High Commissioner of Lubiana; b) the specification of the machines bought by the a/m do not correspond with the specifications of the machines mentioned in the list submitted by the Yugoslav Delegation; c) the machines with other tools however were left on the road of Gruden and were not to be found there after the war because removed by party or parties unknown.
3	15 Mail Wagons of Yugoslav Railway.	Yugoslavia informed on 5 June by ALCOM letter AC/333/IN 4 that this case should be cleared through the machinery of KGITO. The Supreme Allied Commander concurs.
4	Property looted by Italian Brigata dei Carabinieri Albanesi Lorenzo.	Yugoslavia informed on 2 Aug. by ALCOM letter 9009/193/EC that the charges are denied. The Supreme Allied Commander has not the machinery to investigate and adjudicate on contended matters. If the matter is to be pursued it must be taken up diplomatically.
5	The Yugoslav Insurance Company "Yugoslavia"	These claims were first made after the original submission by Sir Noel Charles on 15 May. The Supreme Allied Commander does not consider that these items should [illegible]
6	Cement and post cards	[illegible]

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5	The Yugoslav Insurance Company "Yugoslavia"	These claims were first made after the original submission by Sir Noel Charles on 15 May. The Supreme Allied Commander does not consider that these items should have been included in the later list as a matter on which Yugoslavia had been unable to obtain redress seeing that the Italian Government had not even then received the claims. The claims have been communicated to the Italian Government but no reply has yet been received. ALCOM is actively pursuing the matter. The Supreme Allied Commander is not at present prepared to take any action.
6	Stamps and post cards of 12 million Jugoslav pre-war Dinars.	

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Serial No.	Subject	Action taken
7	Material for construction Railway CROMELY-VRBOVSKO	Jugoslavia was informed on 16 Sept by ALCOM letter 9009/242/EG that the property claimed was not removed by the Italians. The Supreme Allied Commander has not the machinery to investigate and adjudicate disputed claims and is not prepared to take further action. If the matter is to be pursued it must be taken up through diplomatic channels.
8	Yugoslav Ban Drzavna Hipotekarna Banka Bonds and Papers.	These claims were all first made after the original submission by Sir Noel Charles. For the same reasons as mentioned against items 5 and 6. the Supreme Allied Commander is not prepared to take any action at present. ALCOM is watching progress.
9.	Machine "Grosswacht" SPLIT.	
11.	Archives of Sibenik, Trogir, etc.	
12.	Objects plundered Gallery of Arts, SPLIT.	
13.	2 Paintings from Church of LATOV.	
14.	Many collections and objects from Museum in Zara.	
15.	Picture of Interior Court RUMOVNIK.	
16.	Ancient Columns from Museum in SPLIT.	
17.	Classical Sculpture in marble CETINJE.	
18.	Lighthouse Equipment.	Yugoslavia was informed on 22 Aug by ALCOM letter NOC/5588 that the Italian Government had made enquiries but had failed to find any information of the equipment. If the matter is to be pursued it must be taken up through diplomatic channels.

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DEC 10 1946

Ref. : 9009/393/20 17 December 1946

SUBJECT: Grosswucht - F3 and F4 Machines.

TO : The Yugoslav Delegation,
A.C.I.

Further reference is made to this Commission's letter no. 9009/350/20 dated 23 Nov.46 on this subject.

The Italian Government have now advised this Commission that all enquiries regarding the "Grosswucht" Machine F3 have proved unsuccessful.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Kneely
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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DEC 17 1946

Ref: 9009/ /20

16 December 1946.

SUBJECT: Restitution of Jugoslav Property

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

Attention G-5 Section.

1. Reference is made to your letter no. G-5: 912.23.1 dated 6 December 1946 on this subject.

2. In accordance with your request contained in para 1 the lists "A" and "B" have been completed and in the case of list "A", it will be seen that suggested candidate have been substituted for items numbered 13, 14, 16 and 17, 21, 24 and 25, to bring this list up to date.

3. With reference to Appendix "A" item 12, it can be stated that the unseaworthiness of this vessel makes it unreasonable to expect that a voyage to a Jugoslavian port can be accomplished. When the port of Civitavecchia was liberated the ship was found sunk and heavily damaged. She was salvaged in the interests of clearing the harbour, but is considered so damaged that repair is not economical.

The Italian Government is not prepared to make repairs unless the Yugoslav Government can make an agreement in line with the policy outlined by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station (Flag A), based on the Admiralty decision (Flag B) and furnished in response to the Navy Subcommission request (Flag C) submitted in the interests of clarifying the question of repair to salvaged or seized vessels. The Jugoslav Delegation was informed of the Admiralty decision (Flag B) by the Navy Subcommission on 9 April 1946 (Flag D).

4. With reference to list "B", it is noted that items 19 and 20 should be deleted from the list and that has been done on this Commission's copy.

5. With regard to the covering letter to the Chairman in turn of Rotation of the Advisory Council in Italy, the statements have been verified and this Commission has no comments to make.

6. It would appear that in the opening sentence of para 3 of the draft reply, reference should be to "19 items" and not "20 items".

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This Commission is vigorously pressing those matters still outstanding and informs the Yugoslav Authorities from time to time as fresh information is received from the Italian Government.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Encls: as above.

Copyto: Navy S/C.

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Ref. : 690/67/SO 12 December 1946

Dear Dr. Smodlaka,

The Chief Commissioner has asked me to acknowledge your letter Ref. Prov.Br. 1239/46 dated 7 December 1946 and to inform you that your letter to the Supreme Allied Commander has this day been forwarded.

Yours very truly,

/s/ M. CARR.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Dr. Sloven J. Smodlaka,
Acting Representative of Yugoslavia
Advisory Council to Italy,
ROME.

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Copy to: C.C.

Ref. : 690/68/20 // December 1946

SUBJECT: Dr. Snodlaka.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

The attached letter addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander from Dr. Snodlaka, the Yugoslav Representative to the A.C.I. is forwarded.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Pov.br. 1238/46

Rome, 7 December 1946

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very truly yours

/S/ Dr. Sloven J. Snodlaka
Jugoslav Representative
for War Crimes to AFHQ

Lieutenant General
Sir W. Morgan, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
Supreme Allied Commander
Allied Force Headquarters,
Caserta.

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DEC 5 1946

Ref. : 9009/356/20 4 December 1946

SUBJECT: Radio set, property of Eloa Zitko, Jugoslav national, looted by the Italian officer of Carabinieri Giulio Reggiani.

TO : The Yugoslav Representative
A.G.I.

Reference is made to your letter no. Br. 119/46 dated 11 July 1946 on this subject.

The Italian Government have now replied stating that the 2/Lt of Carabinieri Giulio Reggiani on being questioned by the General Command of the Arm of the Carabinieri concerning the wireless set which was seized from the Yugoslav national Zitko Eloa has declared as follows:

1. " During my stay in Slovenia (Longatico) I did in fact seize a radio belonging to the Yugoslav National Eloa Zitko. In view of the long period of time intervening since then, I cannot give the precise date when the seizure took place.

2. The seizure was carried out by myself, together with other military, following on superior orders.

3. At this distance of time I cannot remember to what office the radio was handed over. According to the ruling however, the said apparatus was undoubtedly consigned to one of the following offices: Questura - Tribunale Militare - Comando Presidio Militare or the Alto Commissariato.

4. Minutes were compiled expressly for the seizure of the radio.

5. After the seizure I never had the radio in question in my possession."

As soon as any further information is received it will be passed to you.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Kilsely
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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CC 1020

26 November 46

Dear Doctor Smodlaka:

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A reply has now been received from Allied Force Headquarters to your letters of 8 and 11 November concerning Mr. Simurina Vjekoslav, a Yugoslav Red Cross Official.

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I have been directed to inform you that, as Yugoslav delegate to the Advisory Council, you are concerned only with the affairs concerning Italy and are not the appropriate channel for communication if the Yugoslav Government has any matter to represent as to the treatment accorded by the Allies to a Yugoslav national.

I am further directed to inform you that the Allies repudiate strongly any suggestion that Mr. Simurina has been otherwise than well treated and take particular exception to the use of the word "inhuman" in this connection. Mr. Simurina's detention is now under discussion through Political Channels and the reasons for his detention have been communicated to the Yugoslav Government at Belgrade. You are also informed that Mr. Simurina is no longer in Allied Custody but was handed over to the Italian Government on 5 November who, as your Government has already been informed, are holding him pending further investigation of his activities.

Sincerely yours,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Dr. Slovan J. Smodlaka
The Yugoslav Representative
Advisory Council for Italy
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 918.40

22 November 1946

SUBJECT: SIMURINA, Vjekoslav, Jugoslav Red Cross Official

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

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Reference your indorsement on Dr. Smodlaka's letter of 8 November and your letter CC 1020 of 14 November.

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1. You will please inform Dr. Smodlaka that as Jugoslav delegate to the Advisory Council he is concerned only with the affairs concerning Italy and he is not the appropriate channel for communication if the Jugoslav Government has any matter to represent as to the treatment accorded by the Allies to a Jugoslav national.

2. Despite this he will be informed that the Allies strongly repudiate any suggestion that Mr. Simurina has been otherwise than well treated and take particular exception to the use of the word inhuman in this connection. That Mr. Simurina's detention is under discussion through Political channels and the reasons for his detention have been communicated to the Jugoslav Government at Belgrade. You will also inform him that Mr. Simurina is no longer in Allied Custody having been handed to the Italian Government on 5 November who, as the Jugoslav Government have already been informed, are holding him pending further investigation of his activities.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A.L. MACHEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY
(G-4 British Section)

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Tel: 66504
22 Nov 46

SUBJECT: Employment of Yugoslav Displaced Persons.

DIRECTIVE 'R' (British)

1. Yugoslavs displaced persons may only be employed by Military Units provided they have been accepted and retained to date on AMGOT eligible D.P. list. All applications for employment will be made direct to Labour Branch this HQ.

2. Such Yugoslavs will be paid at normal civilian labour rates as laid down in current regulations.

3. Deductions will be made on pay rolls for full rations provided at a rate of 53 Lire daily.

4. A deduction will be made on pay rolls for accommodation as laid down in para 40 of "Regulations for the Employment of Civilian Labour, Italy Sicily and Sardinia", A.F.H.Q. 1945.

5. Application will be made to this HQ (G-4 British Section) for authority to issue HD rations.

6. They are not entitled to military medical attention or hospitalisation other than the normal First Aid given to civilian employees.

7. Discipline:- These displaced persons have the same status as other DP's and cannot be subject to military law, only to civilian law.

J. KELLY
Major
DAA & QMG

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NOV 22 1946

Ref. : 9009/345/RO

22 November 1946

SUBJECT: Lozio Gojko, property sequestrated by the Italians.

TO : The Yugoslav Representative
A.C.I.

Reference is made to your letter no. 996/46 dated 11 July 1946 on this subject.

The Italian Government now states that owing to the facts that all the files concerning POW's in concentration camps have been lost or destroyed, it is impossible to trace the monies and valuables taken into safe keeping.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Kakely

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. : 9009/346/BO

November 1946

SUBJECT: Spectroheliograph.

TO : The Yugoslav Delegation
A.C.I.

Reference is made to your letter no. Br. 1598/46 dated 6 Nov. on this subject.

The Italian Government have forwarded the additional information that the Ministries of the Navy, Education and Air have so far proved unsuccessful but that attempts to trace this item are still proceeding.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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NOV 22 1946

Ref. 9009/347/20 27 November 1946

SUBJECT: The Jugoslav Insurance Co. "Jugoslavija".

TO : The Jugoslav Representative
A.C.I.

Reference is made to your letter no. Br. 762/46 dated 5 June 1946 on this subject.

The Italian Government has nowadvised this Commission that the "Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni" was instructed to investigate this case and has reported as follows:

"The Agencies of the "Jugoslavija" Insurance Company of Ljubljana and Spalato were not put under sequester by the "Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni" but by the High Commissioner for the province of Ljubljana with decree n. 191 of December 31st, 1941, and by the Governor of Dalmatia with decree dated March 12th, 1942.

This "Istituto" took over the stock of the a/m agencies by contracts of transfer stipulated with the sequestrators. Such contracts were approved by the local Authorities and subsequently confirmed by the General Manager of Jugoslavija Company in Ljubljana and Belgrade.

The archive of the stock of Ljubljana has never been removed to Rome, and it is therefore supposed to be still in Ljubljana. The archive of the stock of the Spalato agency should be found in Belgrade at the Main office of the Company.

This "Istituto" is preparing the necessary elements for the retrocession of the stocks. It is not, however, in a position to supply the adjourned situation of payments in as much as the Ljubljana, Spalato and Zara agencies failed to forward the accounts to the "Istituto" as from September 1943.

It is to be pointed out that the transfer of amounts of mathematical reserves has never been effected by Belgrade, while the "Istituto" continued to meet its obligations for contracts in respect of persons covered by insurance."

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Kolodziej

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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NOV 21 1946

19 November 1946

Ref. : 9009/340/RO

SUBJECT: Restitution of a spectroheliograph, property of the astronomic observatory in Belgrade.

TO : G-5 Section, AMMG,

Reference is made to this Commission's letter no. 9009/298/RO dated 1 Nov.46.

Appendix B, para 20 deals with a spectroheliograph taken from Belgrade.

The Italian Government have replied stating that their efforts to trace this equipment have failed but drew attention to the enclosed translation of a statement made by Prof. Walter GROTHAN to the Yugoslav Authorities.

From this it would appear that this equipment fell into Allied hands and consequently it is requested that inquiries be made.

I enclose a copy of the Jugoslav original request giving all the available information.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Kniesly

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

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Translation

Concerning the request about the spectroheliograp of the Askania-Werke forwarded by the Soviet Military Administration I wish to state the following:

The signal service for the troops organized by the German air force showed evidence for the necessity of performing sun observation using spectroheliograph.

The German observatories were not provided with useful spectroheliograph but on the other hand as it was known that the Askania-Werke had delivered a good spectroheliograph to the observatory at Belgrad, a Committee headed by Chief Engineer PLENIL was sent to Belgrade after the occupation of this town by the Germans. This Committee found that the spectroheliograph in question delivered by the Askania-Werke, was not in use but still packed in cases inside the observatory and was flown to the signal post at Siracuse, Sicily.

When Siracuse was menaced by the Allied Troops the spectroheliograph was disassembled and packed in cases. But it was impossible to carry away the cases in time.

The personnel of the signal post retreated and left the spectroheliograph behind. It is probable that the Allied Troops that took Siracuse obtained possession of the spectroheliograph.

Potsdam, 25 May 1946

Professor Walter GRUTRIAN

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LEGATION OF THE FEDERAL PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY
BR. 1356/46 — 2 September 1946

SUBJECT: Restitution of a spectroheliograph, property of the astronomic observatory in Belgrade.

TO : HQ. A.C.
Liaison Division.

In March 1946 the German occupant authorities in Serbia took away from the observatory in Belgrade a spectroheliograph, make Ascania Werke, Bamberg. The Apparatus and its equipment, taken away by Prof. Grotrian and Kopenhauer from the observatory in Potsdam, had the factory registration number #9973.

The Yugoslav Military Mission in Germany requested the restitution of the apparatus through the Allied authorities there, but received the reply that the Germans had transferred it to Siracusa, Sicily, where it was left at the time of evacuation of the German forces therefrom. A statement, whose copy is enclosed to this letter, was given at that occasion by Prof. Walter Grotrain in Potsdam.

Application is made herewith that steps be taken for the restitution of the spectroheliograph to the Jugoslav authorities at the earliest possible convenience. This Delegation will be grateful to be informed about steps taken.

Enclosure.

FOR THE JUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE:

/S/ GEDOMIL VELJACIC,
Secretary.

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NOV 21 1946

19 November 1946

Ref. : 9003/339/RO

SUBJECT: Two paintings by Vittorio Carpaccio, property of the Academy of Zagreb.

TO : The Yugoslav Delegation
A.C.T.

Reference is made to your letter no. Br. 806/46 of 21 June 46 on this subject.

The Italian Government have replied stating that the Department of Antiquities and Fine Arts of the Ministry of Education has supplied the following particulars:

a) On June 27th, 1941, the Academy of Sciences and Literature of Zagreb unanimously decided to proceed to the exchange of two paintings by Carpaccio (N. 54 - St. Peter Martyr - and N. 56 - St. Sebastian-) with the baptistry of Prince Vlaslav, a property of the Correr Museum of Venice. The Mayor of Venice on August 1st, by decree n. 33850 IV.Ah., authorised the Correr Museum to proceed to said exchange. The Italian Government only intervened in giving the final authorisation and in granting the necessary export permit. Therefore the parties concerned were only the Academy of Zagreb and the Municipality of Venice (on behalf of the Correr Museum).

b) As far as the baptistry of Prince Vlaslav is concerned, it is pointed out that it belonged to the Cathedral of Nona and remained there until the demolition of said Cathedral in 1776. It was then brought to Venice by the monks of the Redemmer in the Giudecca, either because it was granted to them as a present, or because they intended to safeguard an historical relic from loss or from destruction. It remained in their possession till 1853, the year in which the baptistry was handed over to the Correr Museum. The term "removal" is therefore a misnomer. No element exist whereby, as stated in the Yugoslav Delegation's note that the restitution of the baptistry would have been decided after the war 1914-1918.

c) The two paintings by Vittorio Carpaccio were originally parts of the panels of a polyptych disappeared between 1808 and 1819. Of the

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panels a part was lost, and 3 were bought by Count Guglielmo Lochis, who kept one of them (St. Rocco - now at the Academy Carrara of Bergamo). The a/n wrote in 1858 that the remaining two panels (St. Peter and St. Sebastian) were in the possession respectively of Signor Valmia and Signor Petroballi. At their death they were in 1868 bought by Bishop Strossmayer and brought to Zagreb. At the death of the latter the panels were handed over to the Academy of Zagreb.

d) At the moment of the exchange, which was officially effected in Venice on May 24, 1942, the Correr Museum gave in addition to the baptistry as a gift a painting attributed to F. Bencovich, representing San Simeon or San Bartolomeo. This gift was conditioned upon the exchange of the baptistry with the two paintings by Carpaccio. This particular is entirely ignored in the note of the Yugoslav Delegation.

e) The exchange effected is to be considered valid inasmuch as it was not effected by the two governments but by two private institutes, namely the Academy of Zagreb and the Correr Museum. The request for a restitution of the two paintings without the correlative restitution of the baptistry and of the painting by Bencovich is entirely unsound because the baptistry (besides the prescription of two centuries) was never removed by the monks of Giudecca but saved from destruction.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Crisely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 9008/191/EC

16 November 1946

SUBJECT: War Booty

TO : SCAO,
Venezia Giulia.

1. Reference is made to the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Italian Prime Minister, No. 9008/120/EC dated 14 March, on this subject, copy to you.

2. A copy of the Italian Government's reply is enclosed. Will you please investigate this matter and advise this Commission of the reply to be given to the Italian Government in this case.

By Command of Rear Admiral STOKES:

/s/ M. CARR.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Translation

Ministero degli Affari Esteri
Il Segretario Generale
D.G.A.P. Uff. IV.

No. 36538/104

2 Nov 46.

My dear Admiral,

Reference is made to your letter No. 9008/120/EC dated 14 March 46 concerning the problems arising from war booty.

The contents of this letter were communicated to the Ministry of Marine at the time and they have pointed out that in regard to the material belonging to the Italian Navy which is to be found in Zone "A" and which is claimed by Jugoslavia, they do not know what decisions have been taken in the matter by the War Booty Committee nor whether amongst the materials possibly already assigned to Jugoslavia, is to be included the material declared war booty by the Jugoslav Armed Forces during their occupation of Zone "A", and which, as for instance in Pola, has been in part removed.

I should be grateful therefore if you would kindly furnish me with such detailed information as will permit the Ministry of Marine to clear up the a/m points.

Yours very sincerely,

/S/ R. Prunas

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

17 November 1946

G-5: 912.20

SUBJECT: Boarding of the Jugoslav SS SRBIN and SS KARMEN.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
(Attn: Rear Admiral Stone)
APO 794.

1. Attached are copies of this HQ letter G-5: 912.20 of 20 August addressed to the Jugoslav Delegate to the Advisory Council for Italy, and of the Navy SC letter NSC/5604 of 30 October and its enclosure, CinC Med letter 46/001377/3/1 of 15 October.

2. Please remind the Navy Sub-Commission that it is inappropriate that a subordinate headquarters should criticise the form of a letter despatched on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander.

3. In case the Head of the Navy Sub-Commission considers it desirable to refer the matter back to the Office of the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Fleet, it is relevant to note that the latter, in his signal 281213 of 28 August to NID to SACMED, concurred in the wording of this Headquarters' letter under reference prior to its despatch.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incls: as above.

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End.-1 19 November 1946 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

From: Chief Commissioner.
To : Chief, Navy Sub-Commission.

1. Forwarded for information and guidance.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

20 August 1946

G-5: 912.30

SUBJECT: S/S "GORDIN" & S/S "WARREN."

TO : Dr. STEVEN J. SKODLAKA,
Jugoslav Delegate to the Advisory Council.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter Br. 1147/46 of the 8 Aug.

The administration of Italy having been handed back to the Italian Government the allegedly improper searching of ships by Italian preventive vessels appears to be entirely a matter for diplomatic representations to the Italian Government.

There does not appear to be any military implication which would make the matter one for the Supreme Allied Commander to deal with.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER.

A.L. HAMPLEN
Colonel GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to : AFHQ refer 5601/174/SC of 12 Aug.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUBCOMMISSION APO 794

MSC/5604
30 October 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, APO 512

Subject: Boarding of the Jugoslav MS SRBIN and SS KARMEN.

Reference: (a) AFHQ ltr. G-5 912.20 of 30 August 1946.
(b) AFHQ ltr. G-5 912.20 of 1 October 1946.

Enclosure: (A) Commander in Chief, Mediterranean ltr. 46/001377/3/1 dated 15 October 1946.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information.

2. Inview of the action already completed in this case, as indicated by references (a) and (b), the Navy Sub Commission concurs in the view expressed in paragraph (2) of enclosure (A), that there is no need to take any further action.

H. W. ZIRGII,
Commodore, U.S. NAVY,

for Rear Admiral,
Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Fleet.
15th October, 1946.

Med.46/001577/3/1.
CHIEF OF NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

BOARDING OF JUGOSLAV s.s. SRBIN
AND s.s. KARMEN BY ITALIAN NAVY.

With reference to your letter No. NSC/5448 of the 12th September, 1946, it is considered that a more appropriate reply by O.S. Section, A.F.H.Q. to Dr. Sadlake would have been in the sense that it is a matter for the local courts to decide whether these interceptions took place inside or outside Italian territorial waters. If the interceptions were inside territorial waters the Italian action was entirely justified.

2. It is requested that O.S. Section may be so informed. It is considered that no further action need be taken unless the Yugoslav representative again raises the matter.

/s/ G. Grantham

for A D M I R A L.

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CC 1020

14 November 1946

My dear Dr. Smodlaka:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11 November 46 which I forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters.

I shall advise you as soon as a reply is received.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Sloven J. Smodlaka
Jugoslav Representative ad interim
Advisory Council for Italy
Rome

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CC 1020 14 November 46

SUBJECT: SIMURDA, Vjekoslav, Jugoslav Red Cross Official

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ, APO 512

Further to Dr. Smodlaka's letter of 8 November 46, subject as above, which was forwarded to you by indorsement on 9 November, the attached letter is transmitted for appropriate action.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

Br. 1625/46

11 November 1946

My dear Admiral Stone,

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I refer to my letter Pov.br.1183/46 of 8 November 1946, to the Supreme Allied Commander, regarding Mr. Simurina Vjekoslav, Jugoslav Red Cross official, arrested by F.S.S. in Padua.

I request herewith to be informed about the reason why Mr. Simurina is being detained by the British Authorities since several months and under such condition.

I hope that this explanation will be given to me and that Mr. Simurina will be released without delay.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this case I remain

Sincerely Yours

DR. SLOVEN J. SMODLAKA,
Jugoslav Representative a.i.
Advisory Council for Italy.

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Rear-Admiral
ELLERY W. STONE,
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

NOV 16 1946

Ref. 9009/316/30 12 November 1946

SUBJECT: Restitution of Property.

TO : The Yugoslav Delegate
A.C.I.

Reference is made to your letter no. Br. 459/46 dated 11 April 1945 regarding the cartographic instruments taken to Italy.

This matter was referred to the Italian Government who have replied as follows:

"The Ministry of the Navy, after having carried out an accurate investigation, has apprised this Ministry of the following:

a) that in 1941 the instruments were transferred from Split to the Istituto Idrografico in Genoa and distributed among its departments;

b) that at the time of the German occupation of Northern Italy, a Commission of the Croatian Navy, accompanied by a German officer, came at the Istituto Idrografico of the Italian Navy (at that time provisionally lodged at Savona) with the task of collecting and taking back the instruments. The said commission was in possession of a detailed list of all the instruments which were removed from Split;

c) that the greater part of the said instruments was recovered and sent to Vienna on a freight car;

d) that the instruments which were left behind in the Battery of the "Stella" (Genoa) were, after September 8th, 1943, lost because the Battery was destroyed and subsequently looted;

e) that the Istituto Idrografico till recently had a copy of the list of the instruments consigned to the a/m Croatian Commission together with a copy of the list of the instruments left and subsequently destroyed during the German occupation of the Battery "Stella",

These lists were destroyed in a fire which occurred 9 months ago in the archives of the Istituto Idrografico".

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Knisely.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

CC has seen 14 Nov

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Your AG/02041 of 1NOV .

1. Proposed plan for absorption Chetniks in DP Camps outlined our 73085 of 6 NOV. Estimate maximum DP capacity not in excess 5000. Therefore little possibility accepting within existing organization more than 2000 of number quoted. Your sub para (C) your sub para (D) agreed. Will notifydetails of distribution when finally determined.

2. Our FX 73085 of 6 Nov and FX 73105 of 7 Nov pointed out that instructions from CCS are necessary before Chetnik plan can be implemented. Emphasize no rpt no Chetniks can be accepted in DP Camps until directive from CCS recieved.

3. Reur para five. Soviet citizens as defined in your 3491/A -2 of 15 August whether or not liable for cible repatriation cannot be accepted in DP Camps in view of terms of Crimea agreement as promulgated in AFHQ letter CR/3192/2/G1(BR) of 15 March 1945. Unable to trace anything in Royce report which implies need for transfer of responsibility for their care.

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Basic: Jugoslav Rep. ACI ltr Pov.br.1183/46 dated 8 Nov 46, subj: SIMARINA Vjekoslav, Jugoslav Red Cross official.

2nd Ind.

TO: Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater, AFHQ. (Attention: G-5 Section)

1. Forwarded.

2. Basic letter was presented to me yesterday by Dr. Smodlaka. In the course of our meeting, he elaborated on the allegation that Mr. Simarina's clothing had been taken from him -- stating that no camp clothing had been issued to him and he had only one shirt.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Notes of telephone conversation between Smodlaka and Lt

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

Pov.br. 1185/46 8 November 1946

SUBJECT : SIMURINA Vjekoslav, Jugoslav Red Cross official.

TO : Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater.

THROUGH : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

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DR. SLOVEN J. SMODLAKA,
Jugoslav Representative a.i.
Advisory Council for Italy.

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

Pov.br. 1183/46 8 November 1946

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Arrested (our months ago
Hadley) advised that Allies
cannot arrest persons in Stal
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Story: How can FSS arrest in Milan
Probably violation of Allied security
Smoddalen: Fur only a slint — Report in coll
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Notes of meeting with
Dr Smoddalen 8/XI/46

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Your 710620A(1) and CS3838 of 31 Oct and Nov 3 refers.

Your para one sub A. In anticipation of directive from CCS to implement these recommendations following plan is being prepared in coordination with GEN CMF. 4-5000 Chetniks at present employed by British ~~Xxxxxx~~ Forces outside Eboli camp to be transferred as refuggees to Allied Commission DP Camps. These Chetniks to be distributed throughout the 12 available camps so as to disintegrate their quasi military organisation as far as possible with due regard to their political and racial classification. Above Chetniks to be ~~xxxxx~~ replaced in their employments by a further 3-4000 from Eboli. Above operations considered practicable ~~xxxx~~ resources now available. On completion of plan some 3000 Chetniks will be left at Eboli comprising ~~xx~~ about 1000 ~~senior~~ officers old men and sick and about 800 married men ~~xxx~~ with families amounting to some 1200 women and children. The 3-4000 replacements referred to above will have to be disposed of should their employments cease prior to ultimate handover to interim organization is under consideration.

Emphasise that above plan involves transfer of Chetniks from British custody as CDP to DP camps as refugees where they will become an intergrated Anglo-US responsibility. Plan cannot therefore be implemented until and unless SACMED recieves instructions to do so from CCS.

Your para two sub para A. After further examination of report there is no change in our reaction as set forth in para two of Royses signal

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FX 72599 of 9 October. GOCINC CMF agrees report in full. Sub para B only 6 and 7B summary of recommendations Royce report are within provinces of SACMED or GOCINC CMF measures to foster repatriation set forth in para 6 are in main considered practible and are in fact either already in operation or being planned in so far as Allied Commission camps are affected. Not considered expedient to attempt to apply them to Chetniks until after tranfer to refugee status. Measured to implement recommendation para 7B set forth in one above.

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Executive Commissioner

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Foreign Office are pressing strongly for following information regarding all Jugoslav PW/SEP and DP in Italy.

(A) Numbers by location showing whether dissedents or willing to return to Jugoslavia.

(B) Numbers by political classification in each location under following headings.

1. Royal Yugoslav Army less Ustachi
2. Royal Yugoslav Navy less Ustachi
3. Royal Yugoslav Air Force less Ustachi
4. Chetniks not included in 1,2,3 above less Ustachi
5. All Ustachi whether or not they would otherwise have been eligible for inclusion under headings 1,2, 3, 4.
6. Further breakdown of each list under (B) above into sex and age groups(children ages to be given) and proposed skills or occupations of all except Ustachi. Names of all personnel who served with Allied Forces during the war should be specially marked. Will you please render returns as above of all Yugoslavs under your control im this theater. Information addressee have already been asked to take similar action regarding Yugoslav personnel held by them. Will you please treat as urgent all informed.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 5609/362/3C

5 November 1946

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Piratical Activities.

TO : G-5 Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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I refer to Brigadier Lush's letter No. 5609/30 dated 4th June, 1946 and subsequent correspondence under even reference on this subject.

Enclosed for your information are copies of two memoranda from the Italian Government numbered 6/3207/1253 and 6/3285/1280 dated 5th and 23rd October, 1946 respectively which request this Commission to forward the information to the Yugoslav Representative to the A.C.I.

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The information that the vessels concerned were outside Yugoslav territorial waters would appear to be confirmed by the map, showing the position of some of those ships at the time of their capture, forwarded to you with this Headquarters letter ref. 5609/303/30 dated 28th August, 1946. It is not known what action was subsequently taken by your Headquarters.

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In view of the statement contained in Dr. Smodlaka's letter No. Br. 1122/46 dated 3rd August, 1946 (copy forwarded to you with this Headquarter's letter No. 5607/278/30 dated 9th August 1946) it does not seem that any useful purpose would be served by complying with the Italian Government's request that this further information be transmitted to the Yugoslav Representative. At the same time however, it is felt that some pressure should be brought to bear on the Yugoslav Authorities in order to obtain the release of these vessels and your advice regarding the next step to be taken is requested please.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Val/Sa 6/3207/1253

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Italian fishing-boats seized by Yugoslav authorities.

1. Further to this Ministry's memorandum no.6/3150/1229 dated September 23rd, 1946.

2. Mr. Arderio PERLA - via Alessandro Poerio 127, Rome -, attorney in charge of the interests of the owners of the fishing-boats seized by the Yugoslav authorities, has solicited this Ministry, on behalf of his clients, to make the competent Yugoslav authorities acquainted with the following facts:

a) It seemed for a time, according to informations reaching the owners, that their vessels were seized on suspicion of smuggling arms and of spying activities. This has proved itself to be groundless, since the crews were later on released and repatriated into Italy;

b) Such being the case, it is not understood why and on what grounds the Yugoslav authorities are still detaining the vessels;

c) All men of the vessels have unanimously averred that their crafts were at least 6 miles off the Yugoslav coasts and that the Yugoslav territorial waters were never violated;

d) It appears, moreover, that the fishing-boats in question are not being taken care of, and consequently are subject to quick deterioration.

3. The Allied Commission is kindly requested to bring Mr. Arderio Perla's statement to the knowledge of the Yugoslav authorities, A.C.I.

Rome, October 5th, 1946.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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6/3285/1280

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Italian vessels seized by the Yugoslav Authorities.

1. Reference is made to letter n.5609/279/EC of 13 August 1943, which the Allied Commission has addressed to the President of the Council of Ministers Dr. Alcide De Gasperi.

2. The Ministry of Navy, which has been duly apprized of the contents of the a/m letter, is confirming now that the seizure of the ships took place in the high seas and not in the Yugoslav territorial waters as it appears from Dr. Smodlaka's assertion.

3. The truth of the Ministry of Navy's communication is also proved by the statements made by the crews which have recently been repatriated.

4. Therefore, having regard to the elements already furnished with previous memoranda, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs would appreciate if the Allied Commission could kindly effect additional steps in order that the Yugoslav Authorities, considering the fact that the crews of the a/m vessels have been liberated, would also return the above stated craft to the Italian Government.

Rome, October 23rd, 1946.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

D.G.A.P. Uff. IV

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Rome, November 2, 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

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I refer to your note 9008/120/EC dated March 14, 1946, concerning the problem of war-prizes.

The contents of the above-mentioned note has been brought to the knowledge of the Ministry of Navy, which, as far as the materials belonging to the Italian Navy left in zone "A" and claimed by Yugoslavia are concerned, has now pointed out that it has no knowledge of the decisions reached on the matter by the Committee for War-Prizes, and neither is it informed whether among the materials possibly already assigned to Yugoslavia there are some items which were declared War-Prizes by the Yugoslav Armed Forces during the period of their occupation of zone "A" and partly already removed, as for example from Pola.

I shall be much obliged to you if you could supply me with those detailed particulars which would put the Ministry of Navy in a position of clearing the above points.

Sincerely yours,

(s) R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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Ref: 9008/120/EC. 14 March 1946.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Reference your letter 43/01431/2 of 15 January 1946 and my 9008/99/EC of 13 February 1946 to Dr. Renato Prunas.

I have been instructed to give a general statement on the development of war booty problems leading to the position as it is at present. The War Booty Committee was established in September 1945 in accordance with the terms of Appendix F of the Morgan - Jovanovic Agreement. It has so far held ten meetings, and is now preparing its final report. 23 October 1945 was fixed as the final date for the submission of claims by the Jugoslavs, and although the delegation protested that this date allowed insufficient time for the completion of lists, no claims submitted after that date have been admitted. Lire and lire accounts, warships and merchant ships were expressly excluded from discussion by the Committtee, the latter since, as you know, the question of shipping in general is to be decided on a governmental level. The setback to industry caused by the delay in the salvage and repairs of shipping is, however, gradually being overcome and Allied Military Government is already taking action to ensure the development of a programme for salvage and repair and the completion of ships already in contruction.

Some of the stocks at the Ilva plant are subject to a war booty claim which was rejected by the Anglo-American members of the Committee. These stocks are as a result still blocked. For the time being orders have been issued that no items in relation to which any question of ownership by your State can possibly arise will be removed. While these lists were under discussion it was naturally necessary for the movement or consumption of certain industrial and other materials and facilities to be blocked. Blocking is, however, no longer necessary except in the case of the few items still under dispute and free movement of the remainder is being restored.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: American Embassy, Rome.
British Embassy, Rome.
G-5, AFHQ.
Political Adviser (A), AC.
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Dr. Aldide De Gasperi
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Italian Government
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FLAGSTAFF TRAIN LEAVING NAPLES MONDAY FOUR NOVEMBER PD GRATEFUL IF YOU
WOULD AUTHORIZE HIM TO OBTAIN ON FLAGSTAFF TRAIN FROM PADUA TO TRIESTE

JOHN R HAGER
MAJ AGD
Adjutant

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SUBJECT IS SEIZURE OF ITALIAN CRAFT BY YUGOSLAVS PD

REFERENCE LETTER FIVE SIX ZERO NINE SLANT THREE FIVE NINE SLANT

MASY CHARLIE DATED TWO SIX OCTOBER PD FOR VOCANO PLEASE READ

VCLANO PD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

Ref: 9009/298/20 1 November 1946.

SUBJECT: Restitution of Jugoslav Property

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

Attention: G-5 Section.

1. Reference is made to your letter G-5:912.23-1 dated 22 August which sent entry cards only received by this HQ. with your further letter of even reference dated 27 Sept.

2. Further steps have been taken to obtain settlement of the Jugoslav claims and the Appendices attached to 4 in Commission's letter 9009/212/13 of 17 August have now been revised to show the present position and are forwarded herewith. It will be noted that Appendix B has now been divided into two parts - Part I listing the items on which no further action can be taken by this HQ. without further word from the Jugoslav Delegation, and Part II showing items which still require action by the Italian Government.

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5. You will note from the foregoing that it is a matter of extreme difficulty to obtain satisfactory replies from the Italian Government. However, this Commission will continue to press the matter with a view to clearing up these outstanding claims.

Appendices "A" and "B", Part I and II will be kept up to date and as soon as any material change takes place amendments or revised copies will be sent immediately to your headquarters.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
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APPENDIX "A"

1. SUNKEN SHIPS

Serial No.	Name of Ships	Action taken
1.	S/S JURAJ SUBIC	Jugoslav Delegation informed of the position by letter No. NSC/4874 of 9 April 1946 (Copy at Appendix "A" 1.) Navy S/C wrote on 1 Oct. 46 to Ministry of Marine to confirm that locations are correct. Reply is waited.
2.	S/S JUGOSLAVIA	
3.	Yacht TIHA	
4.	S/S SOCA	
5.	S/S SARAJEVO	
6.	S/S TOPOLA	
7.	S/S DUBROVNIK	
8.	S/S DRAVA	
9.	S/S UNA	
10.	Schooner ALGA	
11.	M/V USPOPENA (RICORDO)	
11.bis	S/S BISTRICA (EDDO)	

2. OTHER SHIPS

12.	S/S UCKA (Monte Maggiore)	Traced, located and request made for return to the Jugoslav Authorities by letter No. NSC/5269 dated 12 July 1946 to the Italian Ministry of Marine. Jugoslav Delegation informed by letter No. NSC/5271 of same date. Slovs want this ship in good condition. Ship at present unseaworthy C-in-C MED'S policy on this and other vessels requested by Navy S/C on 11 Oct. 46 (Copy at Appendix "A" 2). Reply is now awaited.
13.	M/S BUDUR	Traced located and C-in-C MED'S authority to hand back those vessels was requested. C-in-C [illegible]

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4.	S/S SOCA	
5.	S/S SARAJEVO	
6.	S/S TOPOLA	
7.	S/S INNEKOVAIK	
8.	S/S DRAVA	
9.	S/S UNA	
10.	Schooner ALBA	
11.	M/V UNPONTEA (RICORDO)	
11.bis	S/S DISTRICA (GIORDO)	
2. OTHER SHIPS		
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13.	M/S BUDMIR	Traced located and C-in-C MEDS authority to hand back these vessels was requested. C-in-C MED replied asking for further information. Request passed in the case of no. 13 to the Italian Ministry of Marine on 7 Sept. 46 and in the case of no. 14 to the Jugoslav Authorities on 13 Aug. Now awaiting reply.
14.	M/V VIL. (NIKP.)	
15.	Trawler Br.2 (ARHE)	Towed from Grado to Trieste 8 May 1946 handed over to Jugoslavia 8 June 1946 and towed to Pirano.

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16.	Trawler Br. 4 (ZLMO) (dredge)	Information requested of Italian Ministry of Marine verbally, who reported vessels being used in Ancona & Venice on dredging for Italians. C-in-C MED has given approval for their hand back and the Italian Ministry of Marine have been instructed to hand back these vessels.
17.	Tugboat DOJRA (ZLR.)	
18.	Tugboat N.P. 1	Information requested from the Italian Ministry of Marine who reported that they had no trace of these craft. The Jugoslav Delegation informed by letter no. NSC/5098 dated 31 May 1946. Ministry of Marine have been asked to state what steps have been taken to trace them by letter no. NSC/5500 dated 1 Oct. 46. x. MMG VIMERL GIULIA asked about this vessel on 1 Oct. 46. (Last location Pola).
19.	S/S ZAGLJA (ISTO)	
20.	x.M/V ISTOK II	
21.	M/V VILA	
22.	M/V GIBRALAR	
23.	M/V MARIJU	
24.	2 Custom Patrol Boats no. 32 & 38.	Information has been received about these boats and the permission of C-in-C MED to return these to the Jugoslav Authorities was requested. C-in-C MED required more information and this was requested from the Jugoslav Authorities on Oct. 4th. Slav Authorities advised that the M.B. 38 was left at Spalato on 8-9-43.
25.	Jugoslav Custom Ships	Partial information on this list of 98 ships was forwarded to Jugoslav Delegation by NSC/5301 of 19 July 1946. 4 of these are said to be in Malta and C-in-C MED has been asked to confirm. One is said to have been sunk by Polish submarine, one is located at Scutari and additional information has been obtained on a further 20. This information has been passed to the Jugoslav Authorities by letter No. NSC/5573 of 3 Oct. 46. (Copy at Appendix "A" 3). From this letter it will be seen that a number of these craft are already said to be in Jugoslav ports. In this case attention is drawn to the fact that in para c of claim no. 25 the Slav Authorities claim 15 Motor boats but list only 13. The Italian Ministry of Marine have been requested to produce a report showing what action has been taken to find these small and in many cases unpainted and renamed boats.

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18.	Turbert J.P. 1	Information requested from the Italian Ministry of Marine who reported that they had no trace of these craft. The Jugoslav Delegation informed by letter no. NSC/5093 dated 31 May 1946. Ministry of Marine have been asked to state what steps have been taken to trace them by letter no. NSC/5500 dated 1 Oct. 46.
19.	S/S ZETLNJA (1570)	
20.	x.M/V LETOK II	
21.	M/V VILA	x. MG VENEZIA GIULIA asked about this vessel on 1 Oct. 46. (Last location Pola).
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APPENDIX "A. 1."

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

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NSC/4874
9 April 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, HQ Allied Commission.
To : Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.

Subject: Salvage of Jugoslav ships sunk in Italian waters.

Reference: (a) Jugoslav Delegation letter Nr. 1554 of 13 November 1945.

1. It is considered that claims for the costs of salvage of liberated ships sunk in Italian waters are justifiable in point of fact under the Armistice Terms. However, since the conclusion of the Armistice a distinction has been drawn between current occupation expenses, which can properly be charged to the Italian Government, and restitution, which is considered to be a matter for settlement by the Peace Treaty. The cost of salvage of liberated ships falls into the category of restitution.

2. It is the responsibility of the Jugoslav Government to make all necessary arrangements for salvage. In order to facilitate the salvage of Jugoslav ships therefore, it is advised that a Lire account be obtained from the Italian Government. It must be emphasized that the final disposal of this account is not considered to come under the terms of the Armistice, but is a matter left to be determined by the Peace Treaty.

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RIGHT ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC

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NSC/4874
9 April 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, HQ Allied Commission.
To : Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.

Subject: Salvage of Jugoslav ships sunk in Italian waters.

Reference: (a) Jugoslav Delegation letter Nr. 1554 of 13 November 1945.

1. It is considered that claims for the costs of salvage of liberated ships sunk in Italian waters are justifiable in point of fact under the Armistice Terms. However, since the conclusion of the Armistice a distinction has been drawn between current occupation expenses, which can properly be charged to the Italian Government, and restitution, which is considered to be a matter for settlement by the Peace Treaty. The cost of salvage of liberated ships falls into the category of restitution.

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APPENDIX A.2.

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[illegible]/5526
11 October 1946.

From: [illegible] Sub-Commission, [illegible] Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Transfer to Jugoslav and other governments of Vessels Confiscated by Italian authorities - Policy regarding.

Reference: (a) [illegible], Telegram, No. [illegible]/310 dated 20 September 1946.
(b) [illegible] dated [illegible] September 1946.
(c) Confidential signal [illegible] of 12 March 1946.

1. The Jugoslav [illegible] has submitted to the Advisory Council for Italy [illegible] to Jugoslav authorities of a [illegible] number of vessels confiscated by Italian authorities in Jugoslav waters. This difficulty has been encountered in locating a number of these vessels by the Italian Ministry of Marine. A considerable number of vessels are small craft such as motor boats, motor petrol boats, and other small craft. In every instance the Italian owners have changed the names and there appears to be little record of the origin or previous ownership of the vessels involved. Recently information of all Italian confiscated vessels has been transferred from the Ministry of Marine to the Ministry of Merchant Marine with a consequent delay in expeditiously obtaining information on these vessels.

2. It is anticipated that a number of ex-Jugoslav vessels in small craft will be located and will be found to be turned over to Jugoslav authorities in the near future. The question of condition of the vessels has been in each case an important factor in each instance and the Jugoslav representative for transfer of ships to Jugoslav authorities has stated that such vessels be turned over in generally condition and in good operating condition. The Jugoslav Government also has strongly demanded that such vessels be repaired, refitted, equipped, and put in first class operating condition at the expense of the Italian Government.

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3. A case in point is that of the ex-Jugoslav [illegible] (now [illegible]) which has been available for some time and under for transfer to Jugoslav authorities. Reference (a), a copy of which has been forwarded to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, and in [illegible] to the Jugoslav Naval Representative, Belgrade, by the Jugoslav Military Officer, General Staff, Belgrade, states that the Jugoslav Naval Department is prepared to take over the [illegible] if could be fitted out according to the inventory [illegible]. He further states that in case it is not possible to [illegible] the inventory, a request is made for a list of missing equipment, and the inventory to be authenticated by "the [illegible] Allied Naval Officer in Venice" after which, presumably, the ship would be [illegible] to the Jugoslavs. Attention is invited to [illegible] Commander-in-Chief [illegible]

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[illegible]

Reference: (a) [illegible], ltr. [illegible]/40 dated 20 September 1946.
(b) [illegible] and 1214[illegible]/[illegible]/1945.
(c) [illegible] dated 2.15/[illegible] of 14 March 1946.

1. The Jugoslav Government is sympathetic to the currency control for it by [illegible] number of vessels [illegible] It is a [illegible] in Jugoslav power. This difficulty has been [illegible] in the [illegible] number of these vessels by the Italian Ministry of Marine. It considers in danger of vessels are small craft such as motor boats, custom patrol boats, and other small craft, etc. In every case the It is [illegible] the [illegible] seem to be little regard of the military [illegible] involved. Recently the control of all Italian [illegible] vessels has been transferred from the Ministry of Marine to the Ministry of Merchant Marine with a resulting delay in expeditiously [illegible] information on these craft.

2. It is not expected that a number of unjugoslav vessels and small craft will be [illegible] to be turned over to Jugoslav [illegible] in the near future. The question of condition and seaworthiness in each case has been [illegible] further discussion in a [illegible] by the Jugoslav representative for transfer of ship to Jugoslav authorities. [illegible] that each vessel be turned over in a seaworthy condition and in good operating condition. The Jugoslav Representative [illegible] that each vessel be repaired, refitted, equipped, and put in first class operating condition at the expense of the Italian Government.

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3. A case in point is that of the ex-Jugoslav [illegible] (now the [illegible]) which has been available for some time at Venice for transfer to Jugoslav authorities. Reference (a), a copy of which has been forwarded to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, and is addressed to the Senior Naval Representative, Belgrade, by the Jugoslav Military Mission, General Staff, Belgrade, states that the Jugoslav Naval Department desires to take over the [illegible] if completely fitted out according to the inventory that [illegible]. It further states that in case it is not possible to [illegible] the [illegible] according to the inventory, a request is made for the list of missing equipment, and the inventory to be authenticated by "the Italian Naval Officer in Venice" after which, presumably, the ship would be accepted by the Jugoslavs. Attention is invited to reference (b) in which the Naval Sub-Commission informs them that liability for condition of vessel and loss of equipment and stores is a matter for future determination. That no definite decision as to the responsibility of the Italian Government to repair or replace equipment and assume obligation for losses can be given at that time.

The [illegible], formerly a [illegible], the [illegible], has been available for transfer to the Jugoslav Mission but to date no effort has been made to take possession of that vessel. The Jugoslav Representative has stated that they will take over the vessel only on condition of its being [illegible] by the Italian Government. Similarly, the

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APPENDIX A.2. COPY

NSD/2526
11 October 1946.

From: Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Transfer to Jugoslav and other governments of vessels originally seized by Italian authorities - policy regarding.

References: (a) NTS, Belgrade, Ltr. 441/910 dated 20 September 1946.
(b) NSD 51 and 1201/2 /December/1945.
(c) Previously signed A.115/46 of 12 March 1946.

1. The Jugoslav Navy is anxious to obtain the military vessels for Italy in accordance therewith to Jugoslav authorities of a considerable number of vessels originally seized by Italian authorities in Jugoslav ports. Some difficulty has been encountered in locating a number of these vessels by the Italian Ministry of Marine. A considerable number of vessels, small craft such as motor boats, harbour patrol boats, and other small craft, in every instance the Italian owners have changed the name and there appears to be little record of the seizure or previous ownership of the vessels involved. Recently the concept of all Italian warship vessels has been transferred from the Ministry of Marine to the Ministry of Merchant Marine with a resulting delay in expeditiously obtaining information on these craft.

2. It is not expected that a number of Jugoslav navy vessels and small craft will be located and available to be turned over to Jugoslav authorities in the near future. No question of condition and seaworthiness in each case however is important as much as in each request which the Jugoslav Navy contributes for transfer of ship, in the Jugoslav authorities have always been stated that each vessel be turned over in normally acceptable in good operating condition. The Jugoslav Representative has now unofficially discussed that each vessel be repaired, refitted, equipped, and put in first class operating condition at the expense of the Italian Government.

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3. A great deal of interest is that of the ex-Jugoslav Italian (now the Trieste Zone of Italy) which has been available for some time at Venice for transfer to Jugoslav authorities. Reference (b), a copy of which has been forwarded to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, and addressed to the British Naval Representative, Belgrade, by the Jugoslav Liaison Officer, General Staff, Belgrade, states that the Jugoslav Naval Department is ready to take over the vessel if completely fitted out according to the inventory list of [illegible]. It further states that in case it is not possible to fit out the ship completely according to the inventory, a request is made for the list of items required, and the inventory to be authenticated by the senior Allied Naval Officer in Venice after which [illegible]

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Reference: (a) [illegible], Belgrade, ltr. [illegible]
(b) [illegible] and letter [illegible] December 1945.
(c) [illegible] signed [illegible] of 18 March 1946.

1. [illegible] Jugoslav [illegible] for transfer to the Jugoslav [illegible] a considerable number of vessels [illegible] by the Italian [illegible] of Marine. A considerable number of these vessels are small craft or motor boats, marine patrol boats, and other small types. In every instance the Italian [illegible] to be little record of the origin or change of the name of the vessels involved. Normally the transfer of all previous ownership of the vessels involved. Normally the transfer of all Italian merchant vessels has been transferred from the Ministry of Marine to the Ministry of Merchant Marine, which is responsible for the delay in adequately outlining information on these craft.

2. It is not expected that a number of merchant vessels [illegible] small craft will be [illegible] to be turned over to Jugoslav authorities in the near future. The question of [illegible] has been [illegible] on a request of Jugoslavia for transfer of ship [illegible] authorization [illegible] that such vessel be turned over in [illegible] good operating condition. The Jugoslav Representative has [illegible] such vessel be repaired, refitted, equipped, [illegible] over the condition at the expense of the Italian Government.

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3. A case in point is that of the ex-Jugoslav [illegible] (now the training [illegible]) which has been [illegible] for some time at Venice for transfer to Jugoslav authorities. Reference (a), a copy of which has been forwarded to Commander-in-Chief, [illegible] Station, and addressed to the British and Italian Naval Representatives, Belgrade, by the Jugoslav [illegible] Mission, Naval Staff, Belgrade, states that the Jugoslav Naval Department is prepared to take over the [illegible] if completely fitted out according to the [illegible] list of [illegible]. It further states that in case it is not possible to fit out the ship [illegible] upon the inventory, a request is made for the list of military equipment, and the inventory to be authenticated by "the Italian Naval Officer in Venice" after which, presumably, the ship would be turned over to the Jugoslavs. Attention is invited to reference (b) in which the Naval Sub-Commission informed them that liability for condition of vessel and loss of equipment and stores is a matter for future determination. There no determination as to the responsibility of the Italian Government to replace missing equipment and assume obligation for losses can be given in this case.

The [illegible], formerly a minelayer, the [illegible], has been available for transfer to the Jugoslav authorities but no definite effort has been made to bring [illegible] that vessel. The Jugoslav Representative has [illegible] that they would take over a [illegible] vessel [illegible] condition of its being regarded as the property of the Italian Government. Similarly, the

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APPENDIX A.2.

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11 October 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Transfer to Jugoslav and Other Governments of Vessels Originally Seized by Italian Authorities - Policy Regarding.

Reference: (a) BMM, Belgrade, ltr. BM/910 dated 20 September 1946.
(b) USN Signal 121145/December/1945.
(c) Admiralty Signal 3.213/46 of 12 March 1946.

1. The Jugoslav Representative to Navy Advisory Council for Italy has requested transfer to Jugoslav authorities of a considerable number of vessels originally seized by Italian maritime authorities in Jugoslav ports. Some difficulty has been encountered in locating a number of these vessels by the Italian Ministry of Marine. A considerable number of vessels are small craft such as motor boats, custom patrol boats, and other small types. In every instance the Italian owners have changed the names and there appears to be little record of the origin or previous ownership of the vessels involved. Recently the control of all Italian merchant vessels has been transferred from the Ministry of Marine to the Ministry of Merchant Marine with a resulting delay in expeditiously obtaining information on these craft.

2. It is anticipated that a number of ex-Jugoslav vessels and small craft will be located and available to be turned over to Jugoslav authorities in the near future. The question of condition and seaworthiness in each case becomes an important factor inasmuch as in each request made by the Jugoslav Representative for transfer of shipping to Jugoslav authorities each agency has insisted that each vessel be turned over in seaworthy condition and in good operating condition. The Jugoslav Representative has constantly demanded that each vessel be repaired, refitted, equipped, and put in first class operating condition at the expense of the Italian Government.

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3. A case in point is that of the ex-Jugoslav JADRAN (now the training ship MARCO POLO) which has been available for some time at Venice for transfer to Jugoslav authorities. Reference (a), a copy of which has been forwarded to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, and addressed to the British Naval Representative, Belgrade, by the Jugoslav Liaison Officer, General Staff, Belgrade, states that the Jugoslav Naval Department desires to take over the JADRAN if completely fitted out according to the inventory list of April 1941. He further states that in case it is not possible to furnish the ship completely as per the inventory, a request is made for the list of missing equipment, and the inventory to be authenticated by the British Allied Commission and verified after

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References: (a) NTL, Belgrade, ltr. NR/910 dated 20 September 1946.
(b) [illegible] and 121165 /December/1945.
(c) Admiralty Signal [illegible]/46 of 12 March 1946.

1. The Jugoslav Representative to the Advisory Council for Italy has requested transfer to Jugoslav authorities of a considerable number of vessels voluntarily seized by Italian maritime authorities in Jugoslav ports. These difficulty has been encountered in locating a number of these vessels by the Italian Ministry of Marine. A considerable number of vessels are smaller craft such as motor boats, customs patrol boats, and other small craft. In every instance the Italian owners have changed the name and there appears to be little record of the origin or previous ownership of the vessels involved. Recently the control of all Italian merchant vessels has been transferred from the Ministry of Marine to the Ministry of Merchant Marine with a resulting delay in expeditiously obtaining information on these craft.

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The ADE, formerly a minelayer, the ex-PALINURO, has been available for transfer to the Jugoslav authorities but to date no effort has been made to take possession of that vessel. The Jugoslav Representative has stated that they would take over that vessel only on condition of its being repaired at the expense of the Italian Government. Similarly, the

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[illegible], or Jugrat v. U.S.A., [illegible] will [illegible] transfer to Jugoslavia [illegible] and the [illegible] of that vessel [illegible] Italians did in [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible].

4. [illegible] to the Committee's question regarding [illegible] Italian [illegible]. Under this [illegible] distinction in [illegible] expenses which [illegible] to charge to the Italian Government under Article 1 of the Armistice, no restitution [illegible] would apply to the [illegible]. The [illegible] of [illegible], according to this directive, [illegible] Allied Commission [illegible] French Government [illegible] to set in [illegible] the [illegible] of which [illegible] [illegible]. This letter further directs that it is the [illegible] of [illegible] to make [illegible] to make [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] to [illegible] to other governments [illegible] Italian [illegible]. Furthermore, such [illegible] in [illegible] It is [illegible] would appear to be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

5. In anticipation of recommendations for transfer of vessels by the Italian Government to other governments, the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief regarding a policy, particularly as to [illegible] of repair [illegible] of the vessels [illegible], is requested.

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CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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[illegible] French [illegible] in Italy [illegible] the [illegible] This letter further [illegible] that it is [illegible] of vessels [illegible] repairs [illegible] it would appear [illegible] should apply to other vessels [illegible] transferred [illegible] to other governments. The expense [illegible] necessary [illegible] materials and labor in the repair of vessels to be transferred to other governments would [illegible] at this time [illegible]. Furthermore, such [illegible] would not appear to be in the best [illegible] interest at [illegible].

5. In anticipation of future representations for transfer of vessels by the Italian Government to other governments, the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief regarding policy, particularly as to state of repair and seaworthiness of the vessels concerned, is requested.

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[illegible] ANCONE, on August 1 [illegible], was made available for transfer to Jugoslavia [illegible] condition but there is a limit of that vessel now at Divitore which is considered beyond economical repair.

4. Reference (c) is the Commander's directive regarding salvage of Allied shipping in Italian waters. Under this directive distribution is made between current requirements of expenses which can properly be charged to the Italian government under Article 1 of the Armistice, and reconstruction salvage of liners or cargo, according to the Peace Treaty. The cost of category 1 restitution and the French Government was divided to obtain the Italian Government to meet their expenses in Italy by the establishment of a blocked account the disposal of which would be determined under the Peace Treaty. This letter further directs that it is the responsibility of owners of vessels of the governments concerned to make necessary arrangements for salvage. While this has reference to sunken vessels, it would appear that the same procedure should apply to other vessels lying and transferred from Italy to other governments. The expense involved, and the employment of Italian necessary raw materials and labor in the repair of vessels to be transferred to other governments would seriously affect Italian economy. Furthermore, such a drain on Italian scarcity economy would not appear to be in the best Allied interest at the present time.

5. In anticipation of future representations for transfer of vessels by the Italian Government to other governments, the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief regarding a policy, particularly as to state of repair and seaworthiness of the vessels concerned, is requested.

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[illegible] Allied [illegible] in Italian waters. Under this directive distinction is made between current occupation expenses which can properly be charged to the Italian Government under Article 1 of the Armistice, and restitution of vessels or their equivalent, particularly under the Peace Treaty. The most of category [illegible] Italian and the French Government may divide to obtain [illegible] Government to meet their expenses in Italy by the establishment of [illegible] if the account the date upon which we did be determined under the Peace Treaty. This latter further directs that it is the responsibility of owners of vessels [illegible] to make necessary [illegible] vessels [illegible] requested [illegible] would appear that [illegible] should apply to other vessels [illegible] transferred [illegible] to other governments. The expense involved, as the employment of [illegible] labor in the repair of vessels to be transferred to other governments would materially offset its disadvantage. Furthermore, such a drain on Italian [illegible] would not appear to be in the best United [illegible] at the present time.

5. In anticipation of future representations for transfer of vessels by the Italian Government to other governments, the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief regarding policy, particularly as to state of repair and seaworthiness of the vessels concerned, is requested.

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REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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[illegible] ARTICLE, on Jugoslav v UNRRA, [illegible] available for transfer to Jugoslav [illegible] position [illegible] of the vessel now in Italy which is considered beyond economical repair.

4. [illegible] is the Military's [illegible] supplies [illegible] Allied [illegible] in Italian waters. Under this directive distinction is made between current [illegible] expenses which cannot properly be charged to the [illegible] under Article 1 of the Armistice, and reconstruction [illegible] which [illegible] peculiarly on the Italian State. The cost of salvage of these vessels, according to this directive, falls under the category of reconstruction and the French Government has arrived to act in [illegible] the [illegible] expenses in Italy by the establishment of a division [illegible] the disposal of which [illegible] be [illegible] the [illegible]. This letter further directs that it is the [illegible] of [illegible] of vessels [illegible] to make [illegible] salvage. [illegible] which have reference to sunken vessels, it [illegible] that the same principle should apply to other vessels [illegible] treated for Italy or other governments. The expense involved, as the [illegible] of Italy necessary raw materials and labor in the repair of vessels to be transferred to other governments would [illegible] if it is necessary. Furthermore, such a division [illegible] would not appear to be in the best United interest of the present time.

5. In anticipation of recommendations for transfer of vessels by the Italian Government to other governments, the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief regarding policy, particularly as to state of repair and [illegible] of the vessels concerned, is requested.

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[illegible] ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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APPENDIX "A" 3

NSO/5913
3 October 1946

From : Navy Sub-Commission, HQ. Allied Commission

To : Jugoslav Representative, A.C.I.

SUBJECT : Jugoslav Customs Ships.

Ref. : (a) Jugoslav Representative ltr. Br. 767/46 dated 6 June 1946.

1. Additional information requested in reference (a) has been received as follows.

N.M. 38 Nominal at Spalato on 8th September 1943.

10 motorboats (.. to L)

A remained at Rogoznizza
B under repair at Bari
C returned to the British at Malta on 5/1/44
D " " " " " 7/12/43
E remained at Fiume
F sunk at S.Benedetto del Tronto
G returned to the British at Malta on 5/1/44
H under repair at Bari
K at disposal of Allies
L returned to the British at Malta on 5/1/44

15 motorboats

2 remained at Fiume
4 destroyed by the Germans
11 remained at Zara
12 remained at Obrovazzo
13 remained at Spalato
14 remained at Vrmizza
15 remained at Sebenico
16 remained at Durazzo
17 remained at Zarevecchia
23 remained at Corgnanizza

2. If a complete description of Motor Boats C, B, G & L can be forwarded, additional information will be requested from British Authorities at Malta.

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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To : Jugoslav Representative, [illegible]

SUBJECT : Jugoslav Customs Ships.

Ref. : (a) Jugoslav Representative ltr. Br. 767/46 dated 6 June 1946.

1. Additional information requested in reference (a) has been received as follows.

N.N. 38 Remained at Spoleto on 8th September 1943.

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CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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APPENDIX "B"

ITEMS ON WHICH NO MORE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN BY A.C. WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION BY THE JUGOSLAVS

PART I

Serial No.	Subject	Action taken
1.	9 Machines from Tobacco factory at LABIN. A	Passed to the Ministry of Commerce on 11 Sept. 45 under ref. CS/5.02 and again on 27 Sept. 45, 27 Oct. 45 and the 8 Dec. all under the above ref. Jugoslav authorities advised on 8 Feb. 46 by letter no. AC/5622/IVD which stated that the Italian State Monopoly had left a large number of machines at the Tobacco factories in Fiume, Pola, Rovigo and Zara, and that 18 of these have been supplied by the Italians in exchange for the 9 machines claimed by the Jugoslavs. No reply received from the Jugoslavs.
2.	Machines and tools by TRUBLETTI.	Passed to Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 8 November 1945 and again on 14 June 1946. Italian Government replied on 11 July 1946 to the effect that investigations are being made. Jugoslav Delegation advised on 15 July 1946. Further reply received on 12 August 1946 giving the result of the Italian investigations. This information was passed to the Jugoslav Delegation on 15 July 1946. No further action can be taken until a reply is received from the Jugoslavs.
3.	13 Rail Wagons of Jugoslav Railway.	Passed to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 5 November 1945 and again on 5 June 1946. Jugoslav Delegation informed on 15 June 46 that this case should be taken up with U.C.I.T.Q.
4.	Property looted by Italian Brigata dei Carabinieri Albanesi Lorenzo.	Passed direct Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 5 November 1945 and again on 14 June 1946. Information received that the Carabinieri denies all charges brought against him. Jugoslav Delegation informed of this on 2 Aug. 1946.
7.	Material for construction Railway CROMELY-VRBOVSKO	Passed Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 14 June 1946. Requested again on 9 July 1946. Reply received on 15 Sept. stating that the property claimed had never been removed by the Italians. Jugoslav Delegation informed on 16 Sept. 46. No further action can be taken until

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1.	9 Machines from Tobacco factory at LUBLJANA.	Passed to the Ministry of Commerce on 11 Sept. 45 under ref. ZS/5.02 and again on 27 Sept. 45 27 Oct. 45 and the 8 Dec. all under the above ref. Jugoslav Authorities advised on 8 Feb. 46 by letter no. AC/5622/IAD which stated that the Italian State Monopoly had left a large number of machines at the Tobacco factories in Fiume, Pola, Rovigo and Zara, and that 18 of these have been supplied by the Italians in exchange for the 9 machines claimed by the Jugoslavs. No reply received from the Jugoslavs.
2.	Machines and tools by TRIESTINI.	Passed to Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 8 November 1945 and again on 14 June 1946. Italian Government replied on 11 July 1946 to the effect that investigations are being made. Jugoslav Delegation advised on 15 July 1946. Further reply received on 12 August 1946 giving the result of the Italian investigations. This information was passed to the Jugoslav Delegation on 15 July 1946. No further action can be taken until a reply is received from the Jugoslavs.
3.	13 Mail Wagons of Jugoslav Railway.	Passed to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 5 November 1945 and again on 5 June 1946. Jugoslav Delegation informed on 15 June 46 that this case should be taken up with U.C.I.T.Q.
4.	Property looted by Italian Brigata dei Carbinieri Albanesi Lorenzo.	Passed direct Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 5 November 1945 and again on 14 June 1946. Information received that the Carbinieri denies all charges brought against him. Jugoslav Delegation informed of this on 2 Aug. 1946.
7.	Material for construction Railway CROMLEY-VRBOVSKO	Passed Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 14 June 1946. Requested again on 9 July 1946. Reply received on 15 Sept. stating that the property claimed had never been removed by the Italians. Jugoslav Delegation informed on 16 Sept. 46. No further action can be taken until a reply is received from the Jugoslavs.
18.	Lighthouse Equipment.	Passed to Italian Ministry of Marine on 3 July 1946. Reply received on 20 Aug. stating that enquiries had failed to find any information about this equipment. Jugoslav Delegation advised on 22 Aug. 46.

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APPENDIX "B"

ITEMS STILL OUTSTANDING

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Serial No.	Subject	Action taken
5.	The Jugoslav Insurance Company "Jugoslavia".	Passed to Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 14 June 1946 under ref. 9009/125/SC and again on 9 July under ref. 9009/146/SC and finally on 2 Oct. 46 by letter ref. 9009/251/SC. Reply awaited.
6.	Stamps and post cards of 12 million Jugoslav pre-war Dinars.	
B 8.	Jugoslav Bank Drzavna Hipotekarn Banka Bonds and Papers.	
9.	Machine "Grasswocht" SPLIT.	Passed to Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 14 June 46 under ref. 9009/125/SC and again on 9 July 46 under ref. 9009/146/SC. A reply was received on 12 Aug. 46 requesting further information about this machine. The information was obtained and forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 31 Aug. 46 under ref. 9009/232/SC together with a further claim for an additional similar machine. Reply is awaited.
11.	Archives of Sibenik, Trogir, etc.	Passed to Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 14 June 1946 under ref. 9009/125/SC and again on 9 July 46 under reference 9009/146/SC, and finally on 2 Oct. 46 by letter ref. 9009/251/SC. Reply is awaited.
12.	Objects plundered Gallery of Arts, SPLIT.	
13.	2 Paintings from Church of LATOV.	
14.	Many collections and objects from Museum in Zara.	
15.	Picture of Interior Court DUBROVNIK.	
16.	Ancient Colums from Museum in SPLIT.	
17.	Classical Sculpture in	

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Serial No.	Subject	Action taken
5.	The Jugoslav Insurance Company "Jugoslavia".	Passed to Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 14 June 1946 under ref. 9009/125/20 and again on 9 July under ref. 9009/146/20 and finally on 2 Oct. 46 by letter ref. 9009/251/20. Reply awaited.
6.	Stamps and post cards of 12 million Jugoslav pre-war Dinars.	
B 8.	Jugoslav Bank Drzavna Hipotekarna Banka Bonds and Papers.	
9.	Machine "Grosswecht" SPLIT.	Passed to Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 14 June 46 under ref. 9009/125/20 and again on 9 July 46 under ref. 9009/146/20. A reply was received on 12 Aug. 46 requesting further information about this machine. The information was obtained and forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 31 Aug. 46 under ref. 9009/232/20 together with a further claim for an additional similar machine. Reply is awaited.
11.	Archives of Sibenik, Trogir, etc.	Passed to Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 14 June 1946 under ref. 9009/125/20 and again on 9 July 46 under reference 9009/146/20, and finally on 2 Oct. 46 by letter ref. 9009/251/20. Reply is awaited.
12.	Objects plundered Gallery of Arts, SPLIT.	
13.	2 Paintings from Church of LATOV.	
14.	Many collections and objects from Museum in Zara.	
15.	Picture of Interior Court DUBROVNIK.	
16.	Ancient Colums from Museum in SPLIT.	
17.	Classical Sculpture in marble CETINJE.	
B 19.	Valuables from the "Crnogorska Banka".	
20.	4 Spectroheliograph, property of the astronomic observatory in BELGRADE.	Passed to Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 5 Sept. 46 under reference 9009/238/20, and passed again on 2 Oct. 46 by letter ref. 9009/251/20. Reply is awaited.

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APPENDIX C.1.

COPY

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

Ref. 9009/251/20

2 October 1946

Dear Dr. Prunas,

I refer to the subject of the restitution of Jugoslav property to Italian hands.

Since September 1945 this Commission has, at the request of the Jugoslav Representative to the Advisory Council for Italy and in accordance with the Armistice Terms, forwarded to your Ministry of Foreign Affairs thirteen claims for property said to be in Italian hands.

To these thirteen, answers have been received to four claims only. In all cases the matter has been followed up by letters from this Commission to your Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, in most cases, not even an interim figment has been received. In addition Dr. Drabanzi, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Liaison Officer to this Commission, has frequently asked the Ministry to expedite the replies but without success.

In addition one claim was forwarded to the Ministry of Commerce, and again no reply has been received.

The Supreme Allied Commander desires that in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Armistice Terms serious attention should be given to the claims made by the Jugoslav Government. He directs me to request you to furnish clarification of these claims with the least possible delay. I shall be grateful therefore to receive a letter from you before the end of this week stating the action which has been taken in each case mentioned in the attached list.

I should be glad if you would give this your urgent attention.

Yours very truly,

/S/ MILTON V. STOREY
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Renato Prunas,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,

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Dear Dr. Brunner,

I refer to the subject of the restitution of Jugoslav property to Italian hands.

Since September 1945 this Commission has, at the request of the Jugoslav Representative to the Advisory Council for Italy and in accordance with the Armistice terms, forwarded to your Ministry of Foreign Affairs ten claims for property said to be in Italian hands.

To these thirteen, answers have been received to four claims only. In all cases the matter has been followed up by letters from this Commission to your Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, in most cases, not even an interim document has been received. In addition Dr. Bandasoi, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Liaison Officer to this Commission, has frequently asked the Ministry to expedite the replies but without success.

In addition one claim was forwarded to the Ministry of Commerce, and again no reply has been received.

In Jugoslavia it is a matter of concern that in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Armistice terms serious attention should be given to the claims made by the Jugoslav Government. I am directed to request you to furnish clarification of these claims with the least possible delay. I should be grateful therefore to receive a letter from you before the end of this week stating the action which has been taken in each case contained in the attached list.

I should be glad if you would give this your urgent attention.

Yours very truly,

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/S/ ELLIOTT V. STRONG
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Renato Brunner,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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APPENDIX 2.2.

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Rough Translation

MINISTERO DELLA ARMATA ITALIANA
Il Sottosegretario Generale

35007/04

Rome, October 9th, 1946.

Dear Admiral Stone,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, concerning the restitution of Jugoslav goods and properties which have fallen into Italian hands, I beg to inform you that it has always been the aim of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs to forward to the competent authorities the claims submitted by the Jugoslav Delegation through the Allied Commission, which is present to examine the cases and refer on this matter.

As far as the cases specified in your letter are concerned, I herewith enclose a list of the essential data of the addresses of the notes, with which this Ministry has replied to the competent authorities.

Some of these cases have already been settled, and all of them are being actively dealt with.

The unavoidable delay with which these sorts of matters are dealt with is due to many reasons, which obviously are hampering the development of careful and painstaking research, as for instance the destruction of archives - the fact that several goods are scattered, after the armistice, in areas occupied by the Germans - the general situation which has resulted after the war events.

Moreover, I can reassure you, dear Admiral, that I will not fail to follow the matter with all my attention also for the future, trusting in a speedy solution of it.

I remain very sincerely yours,

/S/ Pruneas

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Rome, October 9th, 1945.

Dear Admiral Stone,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., concerning the restitution of Italian ships and properties which have fallen into Italian hands, I beg to inform you that it has always been the case of the Italian Military Authorities, after having forwarded to the competent authorities the claims submitted by the Jugo-Slav Delegation through the Allied Commission, which the respect to ex-Italian ships and refer on the matter.

As far as the ships specified in your letter are concerned, I hereunto enclose a list of the essential details of the determination of the owner, with which ships indeed have applied to the competent authorities.

Some of these cases have already been urged, and all of them are being attended to from a day.

The unavoidable delay with which these sort of matters are dealt with is due to many reasons, which obviously are hampering the development of careful and prudent king, research, as for that now the destruction of archives - the fact that national goods have been squandered, after the armistice, in some cases by the Germans - the general situation which has consolidated after the war events.

However, I can reassure you, dear Admiral, that I will not fail to follow the matter with all my attention also for the future, trusting in a speedy solution of it.

I remain very sincerely yours,

/S/ Pecorari

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
RIME.

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APPENDIX C.3.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

Ref. : 3000/275/[illegible]

16 October 1946.

My dear Doctor Pruna,

I am writing to thank you for your letter No. 3500/01 of October 9th, 1946 on the subject of the restitution of Jugoslav goods which have fallen into Italian hands.

I must, however, point out that this Commission has not all along been dealing with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the representative Ministry of the Italian Government in this matter.

The information contained in your letter is confined to giving me information as to what action has been taken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in regard to sending the claims to other Ministries or Government Departments. No information is given me as to what progress has been made by the Ministries or Departments concerned towards satisfying the claims of the Jugoslav Delegation. The majority of these claims were sent out by your Ministry more than three months ago and I feel that by this time information should be available as to whether or not the goods have been traced or as to the extent of progress made in the investigation.

This matter is one of considerable urgency which has been outstanding for a long time and I should be glad to receive at a very early date a report as to the progress made in tracing the Jugoslav property listed in my letter No. 3000/251/[illegible] of 2 October 1946.

Very truly yours,

BILTON Y. STORM
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Renato Pruna,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

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My dear Doctor Tarnuzzer,

I am writing to thank you for your letter No. [illegible]/1 of October 9th, 1946 on the subject of the restitution of Jugoslav goods which have fallen into Italian hands.

I must, however, point out that this Commission has at all times been dealing with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the representative Ministry of the Italian Government in this matter.

The information contained in your letter is confined to giving us information as to what action has been taken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in regard to sending the claims to other interested Government Departments. No information is given as to what progress has been made by the administrations of Departments concerned towards satisfying the claims of the Jugoslav delegation. The necessity of these claims was sent out by your Ministry more than three months ago and I feel that by this time information should be available as to whether or not the goods have been traced or as to the extent of progress made in the investigation.

This matter is one of considerable urgency which has been outstanding for a long time and I should be glad to receive at a very early date the report as to the progress made in tracing the Jugoslav property listed in my letter No. [illegible]/2[illegible]/[illegible] of 2 October 1946.

Very truly yours,

HILLRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Renato Tarnuzzer,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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