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65	Ltr, Commo. Stone F/242	30 Oct 44	Gen Infante	Allies will not authorize return of Italian refugees to Tripoli.
66	Ltr. Bonomi, 16138	25 Oct 44	Commo. Stone	Help for ex-interned Allied civilians refugees in Italy.
67	Ltr Talbot 2213/5/COS	8 Nov 44	Civil Affrs Sec	Disposal of Italians in the Dodecanese Islands.
68	Ltr Capt Norden 8266/5/COS	11 Nov 44	CA Sec (Disper)	Repatriation of 5,000 Italians from Eritrea requested by GHQ MEF. ENCL: Ltr GHQ MEF, 6 Nov 44.
69	Ltr Lush DPR/18/G-11(It)	22 Nov 44	CA GHQ MEF	Repatriation of 5,000 Italians from Eritrea.
70	Ltr Lush DPR/10/RW	6 Jan 45	Brig Blackley EMA, Tripolitania	Repatriation of Italians to Tripolitania (?)
70a	Ltr Bonomi	23 Jan 45	Stone	Conditions at S. Andrea Cp, Taranto
71	Ltr, Vasco da Cunha	23 Jan 45	Stone	Repatriation of Brazilians.
72	Ltr, Stone	25 Jan 45	Vasco da Cunha	Repatriation of Brazilians.
73	Ltr, Stone	25 Jan 45	Capt J.R. Reed	Repatriation of Brazilians.
74	Ltr MOIA AQ/78	26 Jan 45	COS, AC	Conditions at S. Andrea Cp, Taranto
75	IPW/22/114 Stone	28 Jan 45	Bonomi	Conditions at S. Andrea Cp, Taranto.
76	DPR/18/2/G-2(It) Stone	? 31 Jan 45	AFHQ	Repatriation of surplus Italians in Eritrea to Italy.
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56	Memo Stone	13 Sep 44	Files	Conference with Bonomi 11 Sep establishing refugee camp for Hungarian Jews & other points
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61	Ltr Spofford G-5 080-1	20 Sep 44	ACC	Welfare & Relief Organizations Adv Com on Refugees & Disper Incl - AFHQ Staff Memo 89 18 Sep
61a	Ltr HSD/424 G-3	27 Sep 44	ACC	Prov of Ital Army pers to ass't in Disap Pers & Repatr Sub Comm
62	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 383.7	28 Sep 44	Brig Lush	Help ex interned civilians ans- wer ltr fr Bonomi my signature
63	Ltr, Commo Stone 6/1B/CA	8 Oct 44	Bonomi	Help for ex-interned Allied civil- ians refugees in Italy.

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46	Memo Stone A/CC 383.7	21 Aug 44	RC & MG Sect	Request for Assistance to Greek Refugees Incl 1 - Memo Greek Rep to AAC
46a	Foreign Office Cbl	25 Aug 44	High Commissioner	Hungarian Government release of Jews approved entry into Palestine
47	Ltr Capt Stone 75/470 A/CC 383.7	26 Aug 44	HQ AAI OMF	Return Civilians agriculturists; homes preserve law Carabinieri orders
48	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 383.7	28 Aug 44	Bonomi	Repatriation of Agriculturists providing Refugees Commissioner with adequate staff
49	Memo Stone	30 Aug 44	Lush	Help for refugees: pls pass ato to S/Cs if you agree. INCL: Poster on refugees, Ital Gov
50	Ltr 3802 Bonomi	4 Sep 44	CC ACC	Pls have encl circular sent to It Govt officials in AMG territory INCL: Circular addressed to LEP
51	Memo A/CC 383.7 Stone	5 Sep 44	RC & MG Sec Ref	Repatriation of Agriculturists INCL: Ltr 13430/10474/7.2/1/1.2 of 4 Sept Bonomi, stating compliance

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30	Cbl ACC ADV 473	14 Jul 44	Troopers, AFHQ	Proof removal foreign civilian internees to North Italy
30a	Ltr Paschina Ester	8 Jul 44	ACC Chief Comm	Maltese fr Tripolitania awaiting repatriation please authorize
31	Cbl ACC ADV 520	15 Jul 44	AFHQ	Specialists required are surgeon and engineers
32	Cbl ACC ADV 569	16 Jul 44	AFHQ, IACIA	Proof forcible removal Foreign Civilian Internees to German Concentration Camps in North 3 Apps
33	Heathcote-Smith ICCR/REF/1	18 Jul 44	ACC Chief Comm	Allied Civilians situation different now but want comments
34	Ltr Maj Bee SG 383.7	21 Jul 44	Col Poletti	Incl 1 - Extract - Points for Gen Alexander App a & Incl - Ltr Robertson 50019/CAO 19 Jun to Gen MacFarlane
35	Heathcote-Smith ICCR/MAL/2	22 Jul 44	BIA, AFHQ, ACC	Repatriation group 350 Maltese - Tripoli & Disloyalty problem
36	High Comm Refugees	24 Jul 44	Capt Stone	Assistance, camps, repatriation, all of refugees
36a	Ltr Hancock 383.7	24 Jul 44	Secy Gen	Return of Maltese Jesuits
36b	Ltr Findlay 805	26 Jul 44	A/CC	Situation Rome 23 Jul 44
37	Memo Slaughter SG 383.7	28 Jul 44	Col Findlay	Allied Civilians - Yugoslavs Question - necessary action
38	Cbl AMG 8 Army RI207	28 Jul 44	ACC	Regions 2 & 5 make personal accusation running of camp
39	Ltr Heathcote-Smith	28 Jul 44	Herbert Emerson	Situation report by Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees Italy
39a	Cbl AFHQ F76641	29 Jul 44	ACC Lush	Repatriation PIA/EE Eritrea
39b	Cbl ACC 1138	29 Jul 44	AFHQ	Info re 2 Concentration Camps & places free confinement
40	Ltr Heathcote-Smith	31 Jul 44	See Dist	Position Inter Govt Com Refugees
40a	Ltr Findlay 864	30 Jul 44	ACC-Alld Civies-	List names Province Arezzo-Tuscan
40b	Ltr MSC, AHC, EWS	31 Jul	A/CC	Foreign Civilian Internees
41	Ltr Heathcote-Smith	2 Aug 44	See Dist	Foreign Civilian Internees Province of Pesaro
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18	Ltr DCC 383.7 Captain Stone	28 Mar 44	Exec Com., Naples	Re Italian refugees from POW Camp #371, Padula, who were sent here without advance warning & with improper clearance. Request strongest protest be made.
19	Ltr 75/152/CA Brig Lush	30 Mar 44	Captain Stone	Ref your DCC 383.7 of 28 Mar 44, apologies for incident already presented. Hq 3 Dist have been helpful with Vesuvius sit. that it is thought best to go to higher author.
20	Ltr DCC 383.7 Captain Stone	1 Apr 44	Exec. Com., Naples	Ref your 75/152/CA of 30 Mar 44, I concur. Thank you very much.
21	Cbl Freedom F 35561	21 Apr 44	Fatima	Ref 48598 7 Feb 57641 28 Feb re Civilian internees fr Sicily & Ustica held by PMG in North Africa ready for transfer 21 App a - Cbl Freedom 48598 7 Feb ref above on same subject 21 App b - Cbl Freedom 57641 28 Feb ref above on same subject
22	Cbl Fatima Rear 2662	24 Apr 44	Freedom	Ref F 35561 21 Apr Reply to re Transfer civil internees fr North Africa no spec admin arrangements
23				Chart Camps - Displaced Persons
24	Cbl RC & MG Sec 5184 Lush	17 May 44	AFHQ	No objection appointment representative War Refugee Board Bari App a - Ltr Col Shipp to Brig Lush 15 May on same subject
25	Ltr MacFarlane CC/P/324	23 May 44	Gen Harding	Civilians refugees still in occupied areas taking of them
26	Ltr Stewell Gen G/105	8 Jun 44	AFHQ & ACC	Problem evacuation Ital fr Albania App a - Cbl FREEDOM F 42273 6 May to Mideast & ACC / 10 / ~ App b - Cbl Freedom F 58587 12 Jun to Mideast & ACC
27	HQ Ital Ref Bra ACC	13 Jun 44		Report period 1st-31st May 44

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10	Cbl Freedom 54970	22 Feb 44	Fatima & ACMF	Sicilian internees 120 remain under Allied Control & 73 transfer to Ital Control urge ACMF accept personnel
11	Ital Ref Bra FWE/2	27 Feb 44	SCAO AME 5 Army	Ref C-4399 Folio No. 01591 23 Feb re care for Ital Civ Ref in 5 Army Area recommend despatch of 1 Ital Camp Hospital similar to 1 sent to 8 Army Area
12	Cbl Freedom 54641	28 Feb 44	Fatima & ACMF	Ref 54970 22 Feb & ACMF 194 26 Feb 73 Internees Sicily transfer to Ital Control & re future disposal Internees - Ref 48598 7 Feb 2306 14 Feb S-7227 16 Feb proposed move Sicily Internees held North Africa Areas
13	Capt Stone Lttr 091.711	11 Mar 44	HQ ACMF	Employment of Ital personnel by Allied Commanders Ref 11439/CP 27 Feb fr Messe & 10260/CP 11 Jan attached attention requested & reply indicating decision ENCLOSURE: Letters as above mentioned on the same subject both fr liberated & occupied territory in Italy Receipt ack lttr 11439/CP 27 Feb re employment Ital personnel Allied Commanders ref lttr 24 Jan matter referred to HQ ACMF Ref DCC 091.711 11 Mar same subject security precautions are being taken as personnel pass back thru frontlines liberated Italy Nominal roll specialist Ital per being obtained
14	Capt Stone Lttr 091.711	11 Mar 44	Marshal Messe	Ref 11439/CP 27 Feb referring lttr 8653/1/BGS to Messe for approval
15	HQ Allied Armies Italy 8653/1/BGS	19 Mar 44	HQ ACC	
16	Capt Stone Lttr 383.7	23 Mar 44	Marshal Messe	

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1	Gen MacFarlane Ltr DP/G/Pol/2	22 Jan 44	Dep Chief Adm Off AMHQ Adv Adm Ech	Ref 3110/8/A2 19 Jan Agree organization care & disposal civilian refugees not mil responsibility but ACC
2	Capt Stone Ltr 383.7	24 Jan 44	Marshal Messe	Ref 10260/OP 11 Jan Matter personnel from German occupied territory referred to HQ ACMF presumed proper precautions taken ENCLOSURE: Ltr referred above fr Messe on same subject Ltr fr Brig Duchesne on same subject as above Note fr Doe to Stone referring to 2 encl mentioned above
3	Marshal Badoglio Ltr 384	5 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Min of Int advises inconvenience 1000's Slav ref in Lecce without understanding Ital authorities upsets systemization 35,000 Ital ref arriving from battle zones please intervene sug utilize ships returning to Africa without cargo
4	Marshal Badoglio Ltr 429	12 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Ref 1103 26 Nov to Gen Joyce request end propoganda by Yugoslav soldiers within ranks Ital Army request again stop put to this
5	Marshal Badoglio Ltr 446	14 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	450 Slav soldiers in locality of S. Velletri request transfer them to Garganic peninsula to prevent propoganda among Ital soldiers & civilian population
6	Cbl 5th Army CP M 137	14 Feb 44	Flambo pass to ACC	Ref 2074 3 Feb authority evacuate refugees granted at average 500 per day coordinate movement 5th Ar
7	Gen MacFarlane Ltr CC/P/57	16 Feb 44	Marshal Badoglio	Ref 384 5 Feb, 429 12 Feb, 446 14 Feb re Slav ref difficulties am working better matter concerning evacuation & better difficulties
8	Cbl Freedom 52495	16 Feb 44	Fatima (Kleeberg)	Instructions Pol Min Nat Def in agreement POW's & volunteers Pol Nat in Italy be despatched thru British channels to destination indicated by HQ Felcorps

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Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394
Civil Affairs Section

24 March 1945

DFR/18/2/G-2 (IT)

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

As promised, I attach hereto notes of your meeting yesterday on the subject of the repatriation of Italians from Eritrea to Italy.

Should you find any inaccuracy therein I should be grateful if you would let me know as soon as possible as a copy of these notes has been transmitted to the Supreme Allied Commander for his information.

At the same time may I express the Commission's gratitude to you for your expression of intention to appoint General Taidai to the post of Deputy Commander of the CO.ER. and also say that this Commission fully supports your intention to remove General Balachessa from his position as Chief of Staff.

Very Truly yours,

C. R. WELCH, Brig.
Vice President
Civil Affairs Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Civil Affairs Section

DFR/18/2/G-2 (IT)

24 March 1945

Notes of a Meeting between the Prime Minister
and Brigadier Upjohn at 1730 hours 23 mar 45.

Brig. Upjohn stated that the Supreme Allied Commander desired to know the view of the Government on the question of the repatriation of Italians from Eritrea to Italy. Brigadier Upjohn made it clear that SAC was only considering the question for repatriation during hostilities or during the immediate post-hostilities period and that was no question at the present time of considering any long term policy in this matter.

Brig. Upjohn pointed out that there were some 40,000 Italians in Eritrea and that the normal economy of the country could not support such a number and that it was the urgent desire of the Administration in Eritrea to repatriate during the year 1945 some 19,000 to 25,000 Italians to Italy.

Brigadier Upjohn said that the opinion of the Allied Commission was that now such repatriation should take place in the first place. The refugee problem in Italy was already acute and with the liberation of Northern Italy would become even more so and that the reception and housing and clothing of an additional 20,000 Italians would create a very big problem.

Secondly, Italians in Eritrea were understood to be receiving a higher ration than is at present in operation in Italy and that the reception of some 20,000 persons and placing them on a lower ration scale would inevitably lead to discontent and unrest.

Thirdly, food supplies were already short in this country and it was undesirable to bring in at the present time an additional 20,000 mouths to feed.

Finally, Brigadier Upjohn pointed out that many of these Italians were ardent fascists and their re-introduction into Italy would only be a cause for additional unrest.

On the other hand, Brigadier Upjohn continued, the situation from the point of view of the Eritrea Administration was desperate and there were several reasons making the repatriation of some 20,000 Italians to Italy very desirable.

In the first place, a large number of Italians were unemployed and were receiving civilians relief.

In the second place, owing to the distress amongst the Italians, some rich natives were employing Italians and this was greatly effecting the prestige and morale of Italians in Eritrea.

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In the third place, many Italians who had invested capital in small trades during the boom were now living on that capital and shortly a large number would be on civilian relief.

Finally, there was much discontent amongst Italians due to the very high cost of living in Eritrea.

Before asking the views of the Prime Minister, Brigadier Upjohn reminded His Excellency that in August the Italian Government had expressed an opinion against any large scale repatriation, but in December Sig. Prunas has expressed the view that repatriation was desirable at some stage.

Brigadier Upjohn then asked His Excellency whether he was prepared to express any views on this problem or whether he would like to have an opportunity of considering the matter.

His Excellency replied, without hesitation, that he entirely agreed with the views of the Allied Commission. The refugee problem that would be created was alone sufficient to make it undesirable to have any large scale repatriation during the period under review.

Brig. Upjohn, after pointing out that in any event repatriation would depend on the availability of shipping, asked whether he might take the views expressed by His Excellency as being the official views of the Italian Government which he could communicate to the Supreme Allied Commander.

His Excellency replied in the affirmative.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
Vice President
Civil Affairs Section,

DFR/18/2/G-2 (IT)

Ref: DFR/13/2/3-2 (IT)

31 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Surplus Italians
in Eritrea to Italy.

TO: AFHQ, 0-5 Section.

- 1 In November CAB GHQ MEF stated that there were 5,000 unemployed and 2,000 Italians on relief in Eritrea and that the War Office, in a telegram No. 71805 of 27th August 1944, had referred to you the question of repatriating 5,000 Italians to Italy. At that time you considered this number could be accepted provided repatriation was carried out in small shipments (with a preference for agricultural workers) and did not begin for several months.
- 2 On the 22nd November CAB GHQ MEF were informed, after consultation with the Italian Government, that:
 - (a) Priority must be given to agricultural workers, which class can most easily be given employment. Clerical and professional classes and general labourers are unlikely to improve their position by repatriation at the present time.
 - (b) Only those desiring return to liberated Italy could be accepted as otherwise the refugee problem, already large, would be increased.
 - (c) Persons who desired repatriation to certain areas where such destruction has occurred, or which for other reasons would be unsuitable, were to be excepted. This would exclude repatriation to the provinces of Grosseto, Chieti, Foggia, Pescara and Littorio.
 - (d) It would be desirable that repatriation should not commence before the end of the winter, and then in small groups at well spaced intervals.
 - (e) Before repatriation takes place nominal rolls with address of destination should be submitted.

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- 3 On 13th December 1944, Brigadier McCarthy, Chief Administrator of Eritrea, visited this Commission in connection with the subject of repatriation of Italians from Eritrea. From information in our possession and obtained from documents, copies of which are forwarded to you as per Appendix "A", it is apparent that there is a surplus of Italian population in Eritrea of 20,000 persons. Owing to the fact that the population of Eritrea is non-European and that these Italians are drawing relief, or otherwise maintained by the State, the Eritrean authorities are necessarily anxious to get rid of this commitment.
- 4 Brigadier McCarthy when in Rome visited the Italian Government and discussed the situation with them. It appears from Brigadier McCarthy's report that the Government indicated that they were in favour of this large scale repatriation at some stage and promised to write to the Chief Commissioner on the subject.
- 5 This Commission does not favour any large scale repatriation at the present time for the following reasons:
 - (a) The refugee problem is already acute in this country and may, as northern Italy is liberated, become even more so. Great difficulty is already being found in clothing and housing war refugees and to accept a liability for a further number in the region of 20,000 during the continuance of hostilities is to court disaster.
 - (b) The food position in the country is already most unsatisfactory and to accept a liability for feeding an extra 20,000 mouths cannot be contemplated.
 - (c) Persons in Eritrea are, it is understood, receiving a higher ration than in Italy, and to bring them here and feed them on the present low ration scale might give rise to serious trouble and disorder.
- 6 For the foregoing reasons this Commission has not made any approach to the Italian Government who has not itself yet communicated with this Commission on the subject since Brigadier McCarthy's visit. Indeed, this Commission has been informed unofficially that the Italian Government is unwilling to raise the question of repatriation from Eritrea until the broader question of repatriation to Libya has been discussed.
- 7 The CCAO MEW has however taken the matter up with the War Office asking for their assistance in the matter, particularly with regard to the provision of shipping. A copy of this letter dated 30th December is forwarded. No reply has, as far as this Headquarters is aware, yet been received.
- 8 On the 30th December GHO MEW wrote to this Headquarters stating that they hoped, with our assistance, to repatriate 20,000 Italians by the end of this year. This letter has been acknowledged and they have been advised that the matter is being taken up with you.

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- 9 This Commission recommends that while Italy remains a theatre of war and until the question of accommodation and feeding can be solved, no repatriation be permitted except of the 5,000 persons mentioned in para 1 above, who could be repatriated on the terms mentioned in para 2.
- 10 May the instructions of SACRED on the general policy please be communicated to this Commission and GHQ MEF.

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

Copy to: CA Branch, GHQ MEF
 (Your 11688.110/CA of 30 Dec 44 refers.)
 Political Section.

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APPENDIX "A"

List of Documents forwarded:

1. Copy Memorandum on repatriation of Italians to Italy prepared by S.M.A. Eritrea, dated 6th December 1944, with relative appendices.
2. Copy Report by Chief Administrator, Eritrea, on his visit to Italy in connection with repatriation, dated 15th December 1944.
3. Copy letter (11688/110/CA) dated 30th December 1944, from GHQ MEF to HQ AC.
4. Copy letter (11688/111/CA) dated 30th December 1944, from GHQ MEF to the War Office.
5. Copy letter (DPR/18/2/G-2(10)) dated 17th January 1945, from HQ AC to GHQ MEF.

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Prepared by *J. Campbell* Lieut.-Colonel.

Copy to:
Land Forces Sub-Com. (MFA)

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Ref: IPW/22/114

28 January 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Reference your letter 28412/10909/19.5 dated 23 January 1945.

I have been informed by the Director of the Sub-Commission concerned with the S. Andrea camp that it is his opinion that your informant does not know the position, and if he does, then he has not given you the facts.

The camp is undoubtedly open and wind swept, but accommodation for the repatriates from the Balkans and Greece had to be found at short notice and S. Andrea was the only possibility near Taranto with facilities to handle such numbers.

The repatriates on arrival are sorted, disinfected, issued with such clothing and boots as are available and fed on a large scale ration. They sleep in half shelter tents - (so do many of our soldiers), and a paillassae, straw and two blankets are issued.

My information is that there has been no trouble, and that the men were glad and grateful to be back in Italy, eating good food and with prospect of early hospitalisation or return to their homes.

Some 25,000 have passed through this camp, the average stay has not been more than 5 or 6 days, and at to-day's date there are less than 300 men left in the camp.

With such divergence of opinion I would request that you check the information you have received, and if your opinion remains the same after investigation I shall be glad if you will inform me, when I shall be pleased to arrange for a joint committee of Allied - Italian officers to investigate the whole question.

Yours very truly,

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/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council
of Ministers,
Italian Government, Rome.

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copySubject: St ANDREA Camp, TARANTO.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.O.
 (M.M.I.A.)
 File No. AQ/78
 26 January 45

Chief of Staff AG.

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Reference BONOMI's letter to Chief Commissioner 25418/10909/19.5
 of 23 Jan.

1. (a) I think the letter is monstrous and BONOMI has been so wrongly informed that it almost looks as if his informant is either malicious or trying to discredit the Government and thus make political capital.
- (b) I can only speak of the one camp which handles repatriates from Balkans and Greece, which I visited myself a few weeks ago.
2. (a) This camp is undoubtedly open and wind swept. On the other hand, doubtless it was selected as being the only possibility near TARANTO with requisite facilities in being - and, for the repatriates, a camp was required at short notice.
- (b) The repatriates on arrival are sorted, disinfested, issued with such clothing and boots as are available and fed on a perfectly adequate ration. Granted that they sleep in half-shelter tents; so do many of our soldiers. One cannot expect THE RITZ in war. I was informed that all repatriates received a palletasse, straw and two blankets.
- (c) The organisation from what I could see, was good and has worked smoothly. I was informed that there had been no trouble and that in fact the men were only too glad and grateful to be back in Italy, eating decent food and with the prospect of early hospitalization or return to their homes.
- (d) We have passed some 25,000 through this camp and the average stay has not been more than 5 or 6 days, depending on the size of the variable inflow.
- (e) To talk about "endlessly waiting to be examined"---"weaving out what energy they have left"---"cherished hope to participate in the war of liberation"---"depressing return" is just pure "hot air" or completely false.
- (f) The camp is only temporary and will presumably cease when the repatriates are all evacuated.

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- (c) The organisation from what I could see, was good and has worked smoothly. I was informed that there had been no trouble and that in fact the men were only too glad and grateful to be back in Italy, eating decent food and with the prospect of early hospitalization or return to their homes.
- (d) We have passed some 25,000 through this camp and the average stay has not been more than 5 or 6 days, depending on the size of the variable inflow.
- (e) To talk about "endlessly waiting to be examined" - "weasling out what energy they have left" - "cherished hope to participate in the war of liberation" - "depressing return" is just pure "hot air" or completely false.
- (f) The camp is only temporary and will presumably cease when the repatriates are all evacuated.
- (E) Finally, I would mention that these repatriates are aggressors. They ought never to have been in GREECE and the BALKANS. For political and humanitarian reasons we have been at great pains to get them back, despite the fact that we knew that only a few would be able directly to assist the war effort. The result is BONQMI's letter of gratitude.

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s/ L. BROWNING
Major General
(M.H.I.A.)

EMJ/hjp

24 January 1945

SUBJECT: Commandation

TO : Captain James R. Reed, Inf., 01291696
Hq., 2675th Regt., A.C. (Ovhd.) (1)

1. I have today received a letter from His Excellency, Vasco de Gama, the Brazilian Ambassador, expressing his appreciation of the cooperation and efficiency of the Commission in organizing and superintending the return of a group of Brazilian refugees on 19th January.

2. Inasmuch as you were in charge of this movement, I am pleased to transmit this commendation and to add to it my own appreciation for a difficult job well done.

3. A copy of this letter will be placed on your personal file.

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Isj Ellery W. Stone

ELLMY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: CO, 2675th Regt
(for 201 file)

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TO : Captain James R. Reed, Inf., 01291676
Bn., 2675th Regt., A.C. (Overd.)

1. I have today received a letter from His Excellency, Vasco de Cunha, the Brazilian Ambassador, expressing his appreciation of the cooperation and efficiency of the Commission in organizing and superintending the return of a group of Brazilian refugees on 19th January.
2. Inasmuch as you were in charge of this movement, I am pleased to transmit this commendation and to add to it my own appreciation for a difficult job well done.
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See (72)

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: CO, 2675th Regt
(for 201 file)
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WIS/hjp

25 January 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am pleased that the Allied Commission could be of some assistance to you and your countrymen. You did no small job yourself in the few hours notice you had.

I will pass on your thanks to my officers who I am sure enjoyed helping you.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Vasco de Cunha
Ambassador of the United States of Brazil
Rome

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Rome, January 23rd., 1945.

Nº 7

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
 Chief Commissioner
 Allied Commission.

My dear Admiral,

I wish to thank you most heartily for the splendid cooperation granted me by the Allied Commission in authorizing and organizing the return from Italy to Brazil of fourteen Brazilian citizens from Rome and fifteen from Naples on the 19th. instant.

2. I should very much appreciate if my warmest thanks were extended to all Allied authorities concerned and most especially to Major Hartmann, Captain Reed and Lieutenant Lenin for their efficiency and courtesy.

3. Were it not your kind understanding and speedy decision, and those compatriots of mine would have really "missed the boat".

Yours very sincerely,

V. de Albuquerque

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CHIEF COMMR

The President of the Council of Ministers
2/18/10909/1945

Rome, 23 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

I want to draw your kind attention on a state of things which is a cause of painful worry to me.

I have been informed that near Martina Franca (Taranto), in S. Andrea, has been established a centre for the gathering and sorting of the Italian soldiers who come back from the prisoner of war camps.

These eight camps have no barracks so that they all sleep under a small tent, with a little straw and one blanket only. Because of the altitude, the windy climate of the locality, the configuration of the ground which makes it impossible to deviate the water from the tents on rainy days, these men are suffering terribly from the cold, for most of them have no shoes, their clothes are in rags, and they get fed irregularly because of the difficulties which the logistics services meet with on the one and only path which gives access to the camps.

Such are the living conditions of 7000 men who are waiting endlessly to be examined and then liberated, wearing out what energy they have left for their health has been badly damaged by the hardships of a life of fighting, and by their sufferings in prison.

The moral consequences are just as bad, for good purposes and the cherished hope of being able, after so useless a sacrifice, to participate in the war of liberation, seldom outlive the ordeal of such a depressing return to the Country.

For these reasons, my dear Admiral, I draw your attention on this question and ask for your intervention to set things right. In case it wouldn't be possible to provide a better and more suitable accommodation, I beg you to see that everything is done to make their stay in the camp as short as possible; the sorting operations would have to be made much more quickly.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. I. Bonomi

Admiral Alexy W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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ref: DFR/10/20.

6 January 1945.

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With reference to your letter 37/10/2 dated 20 December 1944, I am sorry that you have not had a reply to the letter you addressed to the Inter-Governmental Committee for Refugees on 7 Sep 44.

As it is agreed in principle that Italian families shall be united, the bread winner being in LIBYANIA, I suggest the matter is best tackled by your sending us the names and addresses of the children whose repatriation is desired.

There is however one thing that should not be forgotten. These Fascist youths who left Tripolitania in 1940, in their 'teens, are now young men, and, up to six months ago, were still regimented and drilled in the best "eight million bayonets" tradition. Those in Rome still wear a sort of uniform and the wall opposite the offices of the "Italians Abroad" Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is one of the only places in the city to boast chalked ruderies about A.M.G. So "Italian Child" will need defining from the security angle.

Cornley's visit to Rome will be very welcome and the whole question will then be thrashed out.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier F. R. Mackley,
Headquarters,
British Military Administration,
TRIPOLITANIA.

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Ref. ~~227/8/302~~ DPR/15/6-11 (IT)

22 November 1944

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Thank you for your letter No. 11512/L/112/CA of 6 Nov 44.

I have been considering the manner in which we can best help you on the question of the 5,000 repatriates from Eritrea, at the same time dispensing with the maximum amount of restriction. Our difficulties are many and I thought it desirable, before replying to you, to obtain the views of the Italian Government who, of course, are now in control of all of Southern Italy. As a result the following conditions emerge, with which I concur:

- 1) Priority must be given to agricultural workers, which class can most easily be given employment. Clerical and professional classes and general laborers are unlikely to improve their position by repatriation at the present time.
- 2) Only those desiring return to liberated Italy could be accepted as otherwise the refugee problem, already large, would be increased.
- 3) Certain areas where such destruction has occurred or which for other reasons would be unsuitable have to be excepted. We should have to exclude therefore repatriates to the provinces of Grosseto, Chieti, Foggia, Pescara and Littoria.
- 4) It would be desirable that repatriation should not commence before the end of the winter, and then in small groups at well-spaced intervals.
- 5) Before repatriation takes place nominal rolls with address of destination should be submitted.

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By all means include in your nominal rolls names of individuals in any category who have received any guarantee of work on arrival. The Italian Government undertakes to examine each individual case of this kind.

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When you have had time to go into this it may prove a bigger outlet for you than appears at first sight and will, I hope, prove satisfactory to us all.

M. S. LUSH

Brig. R. D. H. Arundell,
Civil Affairs Branch,
W. A. F. S.

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Ext: 300

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Ref: 207/200

11 November 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Eritrea.
TO : Civil Affairs Section,
(Attention Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission)

1. I forward a DO letter (No. 11512/D/112/CA dated 6 November 1944) from Civil Affairs Branch, (HQ), ISEF, to Brigadier Lush, concerning the possible repatriation of some 5,000 unemployed Italians from Eritrea.

2. The War Office telegram referred to in paragraph 2 has not been received at this Headquarters. It does not seem to me a particularly propitious moment for adding to our repatriation difficulties by accepting a further 5,000 from this remote colony, but it may be that you would be able to find some means of accepting more numbers over a well spaced out period.

3. Would you please prepare, in draft, a reply to Brigadier Arundell for the signature of the Chief of Staff.

JH
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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COPYNo. 11512/D/112/CACivil Affairs Branch
GHQ., KEP.

6 November, 1944

Dear Iush,

Despite all efforts to develop useful industries and to find employment for Italian workers outside the Territory, unemployment figures in Eritrea are steadily mounting. At the end of October there were about 5,000 unemployed and 2,201 Italians on relief. As you well know, Eritrea owed its large Italian population to Italy's annexation of Ethiopia. Alone the country cannot absorb anything like the present Italian population of nearly 49,000, the majority of whom will presumably have to be repatriated to Italy sooner or later.

In War Office telegram No. 71805(CA1) of 27th August, 1944, we were informed that the question of repatriating 5,000 Eritrean Italians to Italy had been referred to AFHQ, who considered that this number could be accepted provided the repatriation was carried out in small shipments and did not begin for several months. They expressed a preference for agricultural workers.

I am informed by the Chief Administrator that 5,000 volunteers for repatriation would be readily forthcoming. It is unlikely, however, that more than 10% at the outside would be agricultural workers. 30% would be likely to belong to the professional and clerical classes, many of whom are desirous of educating their children in Italy; the remainder would be artisans and general workers. The proportion of workers to dependents might be expected to be two to one. Few of the repatriates would have homes to go to in Italy but most would have relatives there. The above estimated breakdown of repatriates is of course provisional since volunteers have not yet been called for.

My object in writing to you is to ascertain whether and when repatriation might begin and in what numbers. Naturally we do not want to add to your difficulties, but at the same time the situation in Eritrea demands a drastic remedy. As the C.inC. is taking a personal interest in this matter, I should be grateful for an early reply to this letter.

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Yours sincerely,

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R. ARDRELL

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Brigadier M. S. Iush, CBE., MC.,
HQ., AOC., CEF.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 2212/3/53

8 November 1944

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italians in the Dodecanese.
TO : Civil Affairs Section, A.C.

1. Attached letter G-5: OLA.35-62 dated 5 November 1944 from G-5, AFHQ, subject as above, and accompanying copy letter from GIC MEF is passed for appropriate action and reply, with copy to us.
2. A copy of attached correspondence is being sent to W.M.D. & I.P.O.W. Sub-Commission for information and liaison with you.

L. J. Fisher
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Copy to: SO to A/CS.
W.M.D. & I.P.O.W. Sub-Commission (for action as in para 2 above)
Political Section

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5, 014.33-62.

5 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italians in the Dodecanese.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.1. Attached is copy of letter received from
GHQ, MEF dated 27 (?) October 44.2. Before decision is taken and reply sent
your views are requested on the desirability of
repatriating the categories listed in para 2.

3. Please treat as urgent.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

/s/ W. Driffield White, Major.
/t/ W. Driffield White, Major.Incl:
As above.

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Italians in the DUBOVARSKA

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GHO MEX
01/2/52
27(7) Oct. 44

APRO

Copy to:- HGA
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1. It is our policy that Italians are to be given no part in our administration of the DUBOVARSKA when we occupy these islands. While the future of the DUBOVARSKA is not yet decided, it can safely be assumed that they will not be returned to Italian sovereignty.

2. There will be certain categories of Italians whom it will be most desirable to repatriate to ITALY as soon after the occupation of the islands as possible. An estimate of these is given below, but the accuracy of the figures can only be verified after occupation.

- (a) Discharged Civil Servants who would be a focus for political intrigue - 200
 - (b) Discharged Carabinieri etc., who have military status and are subject to treatment as PW - 400
 - (c) Italians on Security Black Lists not sufficiently dangerous to justify internment - 400
 - (d) Wives and families of persons in (a), (b) and (c) above - 250
- 1,250

A certain number of persons of various nationalities who are on the Security Black Lists will have to be interned as being dangerous to security. These are not thought likely to exceed 20, in the first instance and it is intended to intern them in the DUBOVARSKA since their removal to another part of the MIDDLE EAST would involve political complications.

3. In the early stages of the occupation there will be a number of PW in the islands who will be concentrated and imprisoned in a central cage at KAVAS. These PW will be evacuated to the mainland in the MIDDLE EAST as shipping is available, but this may take some time. It is desired to avoid a further commitment of keeping the Italians in para 2 above under restraint, and as they will ultimately have to be repatriated to ITALY, it is suggested that they should be moved by direct shipment from KAVAS to ITALY as soon after occupation of the islands as possible.

It is suggested that you advise to this proposal for the disposal of

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Italians in the DODECANNESI.

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GAG: MDP
01/24/54
27(9) Oct. 44

MEMO

TO: MGA
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4. Will you please say whether you agree to this proposal for the disposal of Italians in the DOMINIONS?

/s/ W. P. OLIVER
Brigadier
For General,
Commander in Chief,
MIDDLE EAST FORCE.

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Transletion

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

n. 10138

Rome, 29 October 1964

Dear Admiral,

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Referring to your letter of October 8th, I communicate to you that, in accordance to your request, I ordered the manifest and the circular about the assistance to be given to the ex interned civilians to be modified.

I remain,

Yours truly,

/s/ I. Bonomi.

Admiral Ellery B. Stone,
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
R.O.C.E.

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Translation

The president of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

n. 10133

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Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
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Office of the Chief of Staff.

Letter from Prime Minister

2214/4/003.

Civil Affairs Section

31 October 4

Reference your G/12/CA dated 8 October 44, addressed to the Prime Minister, attached is reply dated 25 October for any action you may consider necessary.

[Signature]
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: - Major Gayle.

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

Letter from Prime Minister

2211/L/000.

Civil Affairs Section

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

Letter from Prime Minister
Civil Affairs Section

2211/4/003.
31 October 4

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[Signature]
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to:- Major Gangle.

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EMB/njp

Ref: P/242

30 October 1944

Dear General Infante:

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Thank you very much for your letter of the 25th October asking whether it would be possible for Italian war refugees to obtain permission to go back to Tripoli. I have looked into this question and fully understand the interest which H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Realm takes in this question. I regret to say, however, that permission cannot be obtained from Allied Authorities at the present time.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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General Adolfo Infante
The First Aide de Camp General
of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the
Kingdom
Rome

cc: Political Section
Chief of Staff
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Translation

The First Aide of Camp General
of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom

Oh/S. P.

Rome, 25 October 1944

Dear Admiral Stone,

Following a recent visit of H.R.H. the Lieut-
enant General of the Kingdom to the war-refugees, many of this - coming
from Libya - asked to be allowed to go back to their farms in the neigh-
bourhood of Tripoli.

H.R.H. takes a great interest in their condition and would like
to do something for them.

Do you think it would be possible for these refugees to obtain
the permission to go back to Tripoli?

(General Adolfo Infante)

/s/ A. Infante

Admiral Henry W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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MAJOR QUAYLE

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel 388

2202/6/008.

28 October 4.

Political Section.

Attached copy of translation of letter from General Infante to the Acting Chief Commissioner is forwarded with the request that you draft a reply ~~on his behalf~~ *for his signature on your file.*

William D. ...
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Major Quayle.

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Ref/6/1B/CA.

8 October 1944

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd September 1944.

With regard to the Manifest of which several thousand copies have been printed I would urge that a printed slip be made, making the necessary correction for pasting over the words " must be collected ". The words " must be informed and if they desire " should be printed on the slip. If the slips are printed and pasted on the copies of the Manifesto there would be no need to reprint.

I enclose copy of your translation of the Circular to Prefects which I have slightly amended. I have deleted the phrase which states " and then sent to an allied camp for foreign refugees or to the chief town of a province " and added a new sentence " Allied nationals and ex-internees will continue to live in their own houses until such time as individual cases can be considered by the Allied Control Commission. "

Yours very truly,

1/2/E. H. Stone
EMANUEL S. SPONS
Comodoro, USNR,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

cc - "a" File

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone W
ELLERY W. STONE W
Commodore, USNR, W
Acting Chief Commissioner. J

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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TRANSLATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Cabinet

n. 5802

TO THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE PREFECTS

OBJECT : Help to ex interned Civilians

Many citizens of the Allied Countries interned in concentration camps or banished, are now scattered in numerous localities.

I want them to be helped in the provinces which are being liberated from the enemy and during the first period of the liberation.

Therefore, I beg your Excellencies to impart the necessary instructions to all syndics, so that in every municipality, the ex-interned civilians should be informed that, if they wish, they can be given shelter and a subsidy of 75 Lire a day during 15 days at most. Allied Nationals and ex internees will continue to live in their houses until such time as individual cases can be considered by the Allied Control Commission.

The given subsidies must be duly registered a receipt must be given by those who got the subsidies.

I want the ex-interned civilians to be treated as guests of the Italian Government, during the first day of their liberation, this being an act of gratitude towards the Allied Countries for the war they are fighting for the liberation of Italy. Therefore I trust that your Excellencies will see that the former instructions are exactly followed.

THE MINISTER

/s/ DONOMI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

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A/CC 383.7

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28 September 1944

Dear Brigadier:

1. I attach a letter and draft circular just received from Sig. Bonomi. They are in reply to our A/CC 383.7 of 13 September, which you drafted.
2. Would you please consider the Prime Minister's reply and put up a letter for my signature embodying your views on the matter.

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ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Ltr No. 9387 fr Sig.
Bonomi, 22 Sept 44

Brigadier M. S. Lush, O.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS

N. 387

Rome, 22 September 1944

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D. 24/9

answer to note n. 385.7 of 16/9

Dear Captain,

(57)

I received your letter about the help to the ex interned civilians and I am glad to make the changes you suggested in the circular which is to be sent to the prefects.

As for the manifest, I must tell you that several thousand copies have already been printed, and that it would therefore be advisable to avoid its being reprinted.

The phrase which ought to be changed goes thus: 'All foreign interned civilians who find themselves in a territory of the province should be affectionately assembled'; this expression cannot be interpreted without circumspection. On the other hand, the population will exercise nothing but an informative function, while the other duties will be attributed to the authorities, which receive by means of the circular, very precise instructions to enable them to understand the aims that must be reached.

I enclose the project of another circular, and am waiting for your answer.

Yours very truly,

/s/ I. Bonomi

Captain Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

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TRANSLATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Cabinet

2. 2302

TO THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE PREFETS

SUBJECT: Help to ex-interned civilians

Many citizens of the Allied countries interned in concentration camps or banished, are now scattered in numerous localities.

I must know to be helped in the provinces which are being liberated from the enemy and during the first period of the liberation.

Therefore, I beg Your Excellencies to impart the necessary instructions to all syndics, so that in every municipality, the ex-interned civilians should be informed that, if they wish, they can be given another and a subsidy of 75 lire a day during 30 days at most, and then sent to an Allied camp for foreign refugees or to the chief town of a province.

The given subsidies must be duly registered a receipt must be given by those who got the subsidies.

I want the ex-interned civilians to be treated as guests of the Italian Government, during the first day of their liberation, this being an act of gratitude towards the Allied Countries for the war they are fighting for the liberation of Italy; therefore I trust that Your Excellencies will see that the former instructions are strictly followed.

THE M. ALBERTI

12/1/42

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DIU M. MISTRI

/s/ BIGNARDI

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G - 3 SECTION

SECRET
Chief Staff
HEADQUARTERS
30 SEP 1944
A. C. C.

FILE NO : HSD/424

SUBJECT : Provision of ITALIAN Army and Other Personnel to Assist Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission.

TO : ACC

HO ACC, APO 394
438
Recd. 27 Sep 44

Reference 75/470/OA A/CC. 383.7 of 26 Aug.

1. Arrangements are being made to supply the following ITALIAN Military personnel :-

(a) Medical

Medical Officers	20
Offrs Pharmacists	1
NCOs Medical	16
ORs Medical	80
	<u>117</u>

(b) General Duty

Officers	50
NCOs	44
ORs	469
Chaplains	5
	<u>568</u>

2. (a) The Medical personnel will be attached to you until 31 Dec 44. It is understood that it will be possible for you to replace these personnel by civilians except for the Medical ORs (see para 3 (B) below). Will you therefore take steps forthwith to carry out this replacement, which should be effected as early as possible, and at latest by 31 Dec. As regards medical personnel, circumstances may arise which will necessitate their removal by 30 Nov, so that every effort should be made to obtain their replacements by that date. MBIA are arranging to provide these personnel from the last two GRUPPI to be formed.

(b) For General Duty, a HQ ITALIAN Pioneer Labour Battalion, and three ITALIAN Pioneer Labour Companies will be formed on WS 44/44/1 and A1/11/1 at a date to be notified later but these WPs will not be filled beyond the 513 ORs required. An additional 31 Offrs will be provided as an increment. These General Duty personnel will count against the reinforcement portion of the International ceiling of the

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(c) You are no doubt aware, that there are no nurses in the ITALIAN Army. It will therefore be necessary for you to produce from other sources Red X workers or nuns, who should be put on to heavy workers' rations.

(d)../Contd

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27 Aug

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(d) As regards Police - you have made a request for 141 Polizia including 2 Officers and 12 NCOs. It is understood that these must be Carabinieri, and that although the Public Safety Sub Commission state that no Carabinieri can be made available, you may be able to make the necessary arrangements with the ITALIAN Government. Will you please confirm.

3. In order to put the Refugee Organisation on a firm basis, will you please :-

- (a) Forward proposed WEs and personnel requirements for Camps in the Army Area to this HQ by the 15 Oct.
- (b) Examine the numbers of military personnel now employed in the Army Area with the object of reducing them, and making any surplus available for training as medical orderlies in order to relieve the medical personnel mentioned in para 2 (a) above.
- (c) Report full details of the examination in (b) above, to this HQ by 15 Oct.

J. Napier
 DANIEL NOCK,
 Major General G.S.C.
 Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

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Copies to : ASI (2). Ref para 2(b) please arrange with ASIA that these units are formed forthwith.

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T. Nates

DANIEL NOGE,
Major General G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff G-5

JON/ber

Copies to : AdI (2). Ref para 2(b) please arrange with MDA that these units are forwarded forthwith.

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to send Admin Sec
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FILE UNDER NO. 321-3 CROSS
387-7 REVEREND

INDEX SHEET SYNOPSIS

Mr Col Spofford AFM 2-5 080-1 of 20 Sep 44 to HQ ACP
with Incl AFHQ Staff Memo No. 89 of 18 Sep 44.

Welfare & Relief Organizations - Advisory Committee on
Refugees & Displaced Persons.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

ENS/hjp

19 September 1944

SUBJECT: Transit Center in Sicily for Hungarian Jews

TO : Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, Hq ACC

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Prime Minister Bonomi agreed yesterday that Italian Government would not object to the establishment of a transit center for Hungarian Jews in Sicily as proposed in telegram dated August 25th to British High Commissioner, provided the Allies constructed the camp and imported all construction, maintenance and food supplies. He stated that the Italian Government would be glad to make available the necessary land but that the Sicilian economy was such that the government would not feel justified in permitting local materials or local food supplies to be diverted from the critical Italian needs.

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ELLEN W. STONE
Captain, USHR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Exec Comm

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**INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES**
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 374.

19th September, 1944.

Reference : **ICOR/35.**

From : **Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees,**

To : **British High Commissioner,
Rome.**

→ **Copy to Acting Chief Commissioner,
HQ, ACC. (with enclosed)**

Subject : **Transfer Centre in Italy for Jewish Refugees
From Hungary.**

Reference by ICOR/35 of the 14th September,
herewith copy of the actual memo on this subject sent
me by the Acting Chief Commissioner to-day.

Have we got this in our files?

G.R. BRIDGES-SMITH,
R.N. I.C.C.R.

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FILE UNDER NO.

100-1 Finance
100-2 Syria Program Broad rationing etc
100-7 Refugees

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Mem AFM 9-9 13 Sept to All concerned

Action resulting from conference of a a Economic Sub-Committee of the
NACMID's Political Committee, held 14 Sept 44

x-100-1 a. Factor desirable to raise wages for civilians (YAM) working for
Allies, but should be held up & coordinated with fuel wage proposals.

x-100-2 b. Food ration for fuel job-pros listed in program are undesirable.
Possibility of advancing job-pros line should be looked into. Control
should be exercised over laborers in lines, as best as able for broad ration
scheme for coming year.

x-100-7 c. Refugees Indesirable to move refugees from Syria to other areas where
are no accommodations, UNR to provide it personnel (all) to help
ACC to be for railway expansion. UNR to carry refugees.

d. Black market ACC maintaining to submit reports.

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.

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14th September, 1944.

A 305
19 SEP 1944

REFERENCE : IGCM/35.

FROM : Resident Representative,
Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees,

TO : British High Commissioner,
ROME.

Copy to: Acting Chief Commissioner,
H.Q., A.C.C.

SUBJECT : Transit Centre in Sicily for Jewish Refugees
from Hungary.

1. Reference Foreign Office telegram of the 25th August to High Commissioner Rome.

2. The Acting Chief Commissioner, A.C.C. consulted the Italian Government on this matter. Mr. Bonomi's reply was that, while the matter is still under consideration, it could be anticipated that it would be accepted in principle, the Italian Government's attitude being sympathetic. But the Italian Authorities would require full assistance in the matter of food and housing.

3. As I was asked on the 5th September for views on this matter, and I on leaving Rome for a few days, and this above reply has just reached me, I transmit it, since in substance it signifies that the Transit Centre in Sicily for Jewish Refugees could be established if the necessary areas.

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(Signed) C. E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH.

C. E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
P.R. I.C.C.R.

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(Send) C.E. H. S. APPROVED - SMITH

C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
R.R. I.G.C.R.

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J.A.P. ✓

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EWS/hjp

A/OC 383.7

13 September 1944

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letters of 25 August and 4 September.

With regard to the manifesto which you propose to issue, I assume that in the first instance the manifesto should be made to apply in Allied Military Government territory, both in regard to postare and payment of 75 Lire per dies for the first 14 days.

It should also be clearly stated that the payment refers only to Provinces in the first stages of liberation from enemy occupation and that the payment is to cover immediate needs.

The words "must be collected" should be deleted and "must be informed" should be substituted. The word "collection" is likely to produce an unnecessary refugee problem. It should also be stressed that Allied Nationals and ex-internees will continue to live in their own houses until such time as individual cases can be considered by this Commission.

I would point out that in this respect there may be elderly people amongst the Allied Nationals who have lived in Italy for years and who would wish to remain in their homes.

I would therefore urge that in the circular after the words "foreign refugees" in paragraph 3, the words "if they so desire" be inserted.

I much regret if inconvenience has already been caused by the printing of the notice.

Yours sincerely,

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pm.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government

Draft submitted by:
Brig. Lush, AC & MI Section

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FILE UNDER NO. 250-2 DEPAISCIITIZATIION
383-7 REFUGES

INDEX SHEET
SYNOPSIS

Re: Stone 13 Sept 44 for Files.

Conference with Bonard 11 Sept re question local elections & dismissing civil service employees & re-
cruiting specialist workmen & establishing refugee
camp for Hungarian Jews.

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Relief - Italy

Public Health Sub-Commission, Hq ACC
(For: Public Welfare Section) 11 September 4

- 1. Attached letter from Hq East Africa Command, Civil Affairs Branch, No. EAC/7057A/2/CA, of 11 Aug 44, is forwarded to you for appropriate action.
- 2. Delay in transmittal of letter was caused by its being held by UNKRA.

1 Incl:
as above

FRANK J. S. LIGHTER,
Captain, A.G.D.

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C O P Y

Subject: - Relief - Italy.

Civil Affairs Branch,
HQ East Africa Command.
EAC/7057A/2/CA.

11th August, 1944.

The Chief Secretary,
H.Q., Allied Control Commission,
C. M. F.

I have the honour to state I have received the sum of E.A. Shillings 3,000 from the Camp Commandant, Evacuee Camp, Tabora, Tanganyika for distribution as Relief in Italy.

2. This amount represents a general collection in the Camp and no specific body, individual or individuals has been mentioned as the recipient of the Relief.
3. May I ask that you pay the a/m to the appropriate body and charge the same to East Africa Command, Civil Affairs Branch through the War Office, London.

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Major
for Colonel,
CONTROLLER OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

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A/CC 383.7

9 September 1944

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago a representative of your office left a list of questions with this Commission and indicated that he would return for the answers. I believe I now have the answers to most of the questions and if your representative will call again, I shall be glad to give them to him.

For the Acting Chief Commissioners:

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

His Excellency George Exindari,
Greek Delegate to Advisory Council for Italy,
Via Romagna 42,
Rome.

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To Major Doe

NO ACC. NO. 201

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Herewith answers
to questions submitted
by Greek representative
to Allied Advisory Council
for Italy.

Philip R. Reilly
Maj.
C.A.B.
RC in G. Section

28 Aug 44

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Lt. Col. E. Brown,
Liaison Section.

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Will you please see me?

RD

Densmore,
8 Sept 44

HEADQUARTERS
INTERNERS AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel 489081 Ext 392

IDP/1211/191-6.

25 August 44.
27 AUG Recd

SUBJECT:- Request for Assistance to Greek Refugees.

TO :- R.C. & M.G. Section.

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Reference A/CC 383.7 dated 21 August 44.

Attached please find memorandum in duplicate with comments duly completed.

For the Director.

G. Fothergill

G. F. FOTHERGILL,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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APP A

PK 28/8

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MEMORANDUM.

- 1. To suppress the refugee's ration actually supplied and substitute it with the soldier's ration.
 - 2. To supply cigarettes as soldiers are provided with (same quantity and quality).
 - 3. To make available 500 soldier's bags needed for covering clothing requirements.
 - 4. To set up a special camp for refugees arriving from Greece.
 - 5. To quarter Officers in a Transit Hotel.
 - 6. To allow liberated persons enter Military Hospitals.
 - 7. To supply with full soldiers rations all consumptives being in sanatoriums.
 - 8. To accelerate transportation.
- 1. Present scale 30. Refugee scale good, being changed to Scale 36 which is better, not feasible to have F.S. Ration.
 - 2. Refugees are supplied with cigarettes on repayment.
 - 3. Kit bags for refugees are not available. On enlistment are part of equipment.
 - 4. This is not necessary or possible. Present camps adequate.
 - 5. Desirable if Military Officers but not if civilians. This rests with Adl.
 - 6. Hospitalization arranged by officers of Sub Commission, i.e. Medical Officers.
 - 7. Special scale already authorized and issued in Hospitals under control this Sub Commission.
 - 8. When made available. This Sub Commission has no control over priorities.

This sub Commission deals only with refugees, of whom a certain number volunteer for the Allied Armed Forces. Until they join a unit they are not entitled to soldiers' rations, clothing or equipment.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

A 227
22 SEP 1944

To: ACC

Signal message Center No: 73/08

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED Classification: NONE
REFERENCE No/ F93843 Precedence: PRIORITY
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEPT 8/1814

Office of Origin: CITE: FHGG

REQUEST URGENT REPORT HERE AS TO RESULT OF YOUR LETTER
OF 26 AUGUST TO AAI ON SUBJECT RETURN OF CIVILIAN TO THEIR
HOMES AND PRESENT POSITION OF SCHEME

ACC DIST

ACTION: CSO

INFO: A/CC
CA BR
SECURITY BR
ITAL REF BR
PUB SAFETY
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C.A. BRANCH

Sec.Ref. 75/470/Ca-A/CC 383.7 of 26 Aug.44

Subject: "Return of Civilian to their Homes"
drafted by CA Branch for Acting
Chief Commissioner request.

W
R
V

Please take attention on this (F93843)
message for the A/CC

(s) DENSMORE
Col. CSO

Date and time of receipt: SEPTEMBER 9/1130

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Acting Chief Commissioner

Help for Refugees
Executive Commissioner

1/00 383.7
6 September 4

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- 1. Re attached letter No. 3802 of 4 September from Prime Minister Bonnai relative to Help for Refugees.
- 2. Letter referred to by Bonnai was sent to you on 30 August.

1 Encl:
as in para 1 above

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Stone

AS 116

Hq ACC - Sec'y Gen.
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Date Time <u>21 Sept. 10.30</u>
via <u>mail</u>
initials <u>etd</u>

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Repatriation of Agriculturists
RC & MG Section
(For Refugees Branch)

A/CC 383.7

5 Sept 4

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1. Reference letter No. 13430/10474/1.2/1/1.2 of 4 Sept 44 from H.E. Bonomi which is in answer to A/CC 383.7 of 23 Aug 44, subject: "Repatriation of Agriculturists", drafted by your Branch.
2. Forwarded for appropriate action.

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Hq ACC Secy Gen.
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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

N. 13430/10474/7.2/1/1.2

HQ AEC, APO 394
22 Sully Gen.
Rec'd 4 Sept 1945
By ERR

Rome, 4 September 1944

A 174
6 SEP 1944

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Dear Admiral,

In answer to your letter of the 28th of August, about the organisation of the services for the war refugees, I am glad to tell you that, since the 26th of August, measures have been taken to detach from the various ministries, the functionaries who are necessary for these services.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

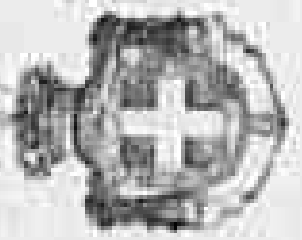
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Trans. E.C.

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N. 12430/10474.2.2/12



*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roms, 4 settembre 1944

HQ ACC. APO 394
22 Sep 44
Rec'd 4 Sept 1944
BY _____

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5 SEP 1944

Mio caro Ammiraglio,

in relazione alle premure da Lei rivolte con la lettera del 23 agosto u.s., in merito alla sistemazione dei servizi per i profughi di guerra, mi è gradito assicurarLe che è stato già disposto fin dal 26 agosto il distacco, dai vari ministeri, dei funzionari richiesti per assicurare il funzionamento dei servizi stessi.

Cordiali saluti

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All' Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone
if. Presidente della Commissione
Alcanta di Controllo

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Rec'd 4 Sept 1944
BY SPR

Mio caro Ammiraglio,

A 174
28 SEP 1944

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All' Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone
FF. Presidente della Commissione
Allegata di Controllo

R.C.M.A

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Cabinet of the Minister

To: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission

Subject: Assistance for Refugees

MO ACC, APO 394

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Rec'd 6 Sep 7 16 30

By PER

A 184
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Rome, 4 September 1944

No. 3802

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Following my letter of 25 August 1944, No. 3802, I inform you that the circular directed to the Prefects of the provinces placed under the jurisdiction of the Allied Military Government, concerning assistance for refugees, has been prepared.

As is revealed in the text of the circular itself, it is the intention of the Italian Government to come to the aid of Allied civilians who were formerly interned.

Because, furthermore, any action in this matter will have to be taken in the provinces under the administration of Allied headquarters, I ask you to arrange for the dispatch of this circular to the Prefects of the provinces recently liberated or which will soon be liberated.

At the same time I inform you that copies of the notice already transmitted with my preceding letter of the 25th have been stored in considerable numbers at this Ministry at the disposition of the Commission, who will be able to draw and dispatch them as soon as it is believed opportune.

THE MINISTER

/s/ I. Bonomi

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Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lwa

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Cabinet of the Minister

Rome, 4 September 1944

C I R C U L A R

To: Their Excellencies, The Prefects.

Subject: Assistance for former civilian internees.

Many citizens of Allied countries interned in concentration camps or sent away to outlying districts, are scattered throughout numerous localities.

I desire that they be helped wherever they are.

I therefore ask Your Excellencies to give instructions to all the mayors ("Sindacos") that every Comune collect these former internees, shelter them, and issue them a subsidy of £ 75 (seventy-five lire) per day for a maximum period of 15 days, subsequently sending them away to an Allied camp for foreign refugees or to a provincial collection point.

The subsidies as paid should be duly registered and documented by receipts furnished by those receiving them.

I desire that the former internees be treated, during the first days of their liberation, as guests of the Italian Government, this being an act of recognition for the war which the Allies are fighting for the liberation of Italy. I therefore urge Your Excellencies to exercise particular care in the exact execution of the aforementioned instructions.

THE MINISTER

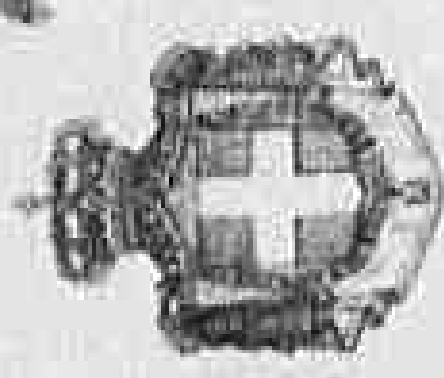
/s/ I. Bonomi

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50 INCL
Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lws

Stal Ref R.V.
Mod. 905/3

Roma, 4 settembre 1944



Ministro dell'Interno

GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

COMMISSARIO CAPO
DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

ROMA

FOGLIATO 36
75 Sec V Gen.
Rec d. 4. Sep. 16.30
By *RPR*

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IL MINISTRO

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Il pape...

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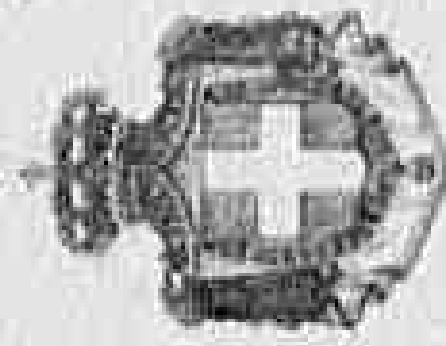
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CIRCOLARE

Roma, 4 settembre 1944



Ministero dell'Interno

GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Ale LL. EE. I PREFETTI

Dist. V. Allegh.

OGGETTO

Assistenza ex internati civili.

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IL MINISTRO

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Il prego l'ufficio per il quale hanno un solo rapporto e indovino nelle risposte
Il V. M. l'ufficio e la Direzione e me a risposta

Acting Chief Commissioner

Help for Refugees

Brigadier Lush, Exec Comm, Hq ACC

30 August 4

- 1. Re attached letter H. 3802 of 25 August and poster, relative "Manifest: Help for the refugees".
- 2. I take it that this applies only in territory under Italian Government.
- 3. If you have no question and agree with the action taken by H.E. Bonomi, will you pass this on to proper Sub-Commission or Branch for appropriate action?

1 Incl:
as in para 1 above

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Hq ACC - Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date-Time 31 AUG 1944
Via <i>Major</i> 0730
Initials <i>[Signature]</i>

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20 Aug 1944

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CABINET

To Capt. Ellery H. Stoss
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

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N. 3802

Inclosure: 1

HQ ACC, APO 394

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31 AUG 1944

SUBJECT: Manifest: Help for the refugees.

I communicate a copy of the manifest which will be distributed in the liberated provinces, on behalf of the interned civilians and ex-prisoners of war of the Allied countries.

THE MINISTER

/s/ E. Bonomi

ITALIANS

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Rome, 14 August 1944

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS
MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR
BONOMI

REFUGEES

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Trans. E.C.

ITALIANI

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Lo stesso trattamento è riservato a tutti i soldati alleati ex prigionieri di guerra.

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
MINISTRO DELL'INTERNO

BONOMI

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EWS/ajp

A/CC 383.7

28 August 1944

Subject: Repatriation of Agriculturists.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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The return of refugees generally is one with which we are both concerned, but this headquarters cannot countenance any relaxation in the restriction of movement of persons in this country or any really large mass movement unless it is assured that proper organization in every respect has been made.

I therefore ask you to give this matter of staff for this purpose your urgent consideration.

Yours very truly,

MELBY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Date Time 28 Aug 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
OFFICE OF THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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... Aug 44

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Prime Minister Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government.

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Copy to: Refugee Branch.

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Roma, 25 agosto 1944

Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

Al Cap. Ellery W. Stone
II. Commissario Capo
Commissione Alleata di
Controllo ROMA

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Per Per N°

Oggetto Manifesto assistenza profughi.

Trasmetto per conoscenza un esempla_ re del manifesto che sarà distribuito nelle provincie liberate, per l'assistenza degli in_ ternati civili e degli ex prigionieri dei paesi alleati.

IL MINISTRO

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Ref: 75/470/CA.
N/O. 381.7

26th August 1944.

SUBJECT: Return of Civilians to their Homes.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
C. M. P.

1. I refer to this HQ letter Ref: 75/ dated 1. August. 44.
2. The Italian Government has been approached on the lines of this letter and are formulating a plan for the implementation of the decision to return agriculturists to their homes.
3. The Italian Government state, and I agree with them, that it would be impossible to set up rapidly the organisation necessary with civilians. The Carabinieri are fully employed in preserving law and order. The Italian Government has submitted a request for 934 effectives from the Italian Army in order to man the transit points mentioned in para. 4 of my letter. These transit points will be the key to the smooth and rapid working of the organisation envisaged and they consider that these cannot be maintained without military discipline and organisation.
4. I have approached the G.O.C., M.M.I.A. who opposes the reversal of these men to deal with civilian refugees and is unwilling to take up the matter with you in view of your 1605/50/56/G(SM) dated 24. July.
5. I wish to urge in the strongest possible manner that these effectives from the Italian Army be provided.
6. In making the decision that the repatriations of agriculturists should commence when the plans of the Italian Government were prepared and the organisation was ready to carry them out, I had the following considerations in mind:-
 - (a) The Allies are importing food into Italy. Great areas of farm land are lying untilled. Their rehabilitation will save Allied shipping and supplies.
 - (b) The urge of great masses of people to move home can only be restricted by ~~them~~ employing regularised movement. This necessitates the use of force. Such force involves the employment of resources including men and transport.

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(c) Unauthorized mass migration must create disorder and affect Allied Lines of Communication. This has been brought to my notice forcibly by your own Headquarters, by A.F.E.C., by several Regional Commissioners, who have commented on the serious effects which this uncontrolled movement is creating.

7. The best method of restricting this mass migration is to initiate a regular controlled flow of movement. I am satisfied that the Italian Government can do this provided, and only provided, that they are furnished with the troops for which they have asked.

8. I fully appreciate the strict necessity of employing the Italian Army for military matters, and military matters only. I submit, however, that this is a matter which affects not only the Italian but the Allied military effort. I cannot emphasize too greatly the dangers of uncontrolled movement of a quarter of a million people. It must lead to disorder. It can be prevented. I submit that the provision of 94 men from the Italian Army requested by the Italian Government is a small price to pay for the avoidance of these dangers.

9. An early decision is necessary. We cannot have a repetition of 2000 refugees crowded in a disorderly and unhealthy mass on Naples Station. We cannot see trains loaded with military supplies being over-loaded with returning refugees. We cannot have uncontrolled migration into devastated areas of hungry and homeless people.

10. I would ask, therefore, that the provision of the troops asked for by the Italian Government be made at the earliest possible moment in order that the Italian Government may set about its task of proper control of a potentially very dangerous situation.

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Mr. ACC Secy Gen
DISPATCHED
Date Time 27 Aug 1900
VIA HH
THRU USA

WILHELM W. STONE
 Captain, USMC
 Acting Chief Commissioner

Copy to: G-5, AFHQ
 NSIA
 Italian Refugee Branch
 Admin Sec
 Econ. Sec

FILE

- 1) From Heald to Smith
- 2) Capt. Star has spoken to Bennett.
- 3) Await Italian answer

Q 1969
15-9-44

Copy of Foreign Office telegram to High Commissioners, Exce dated 25th Aug. 1944

Deal with

It appears that Jews are no longer being deported from Hungary for reasons in Poland and the Hungarian Government has offered to release Jews whose entry into Palestine has been approved by Palestine Government and also Jewish children under 10 years of age who hold visas for countries other than Palestine.

2. In the opinion of the International Red Cross, upon which I am disposed to rely, Hungarian Government may release further categories of Jews. H.G. Government will undoubtedly be subjected to severe pressure in the U.S. and elsewhere to allow such people to enter Palestine. A proposal of this kind could not be entertained for one moment since it is essential, so long as the war lasts, to limit the numbers of Jewish immigrants into Palestine to those allowed in the White Paper. If this limit is not maintained there will be, as you are probably aware, a risk of serious consequences in the near east generally prejudicial to the conduct of the war.

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3. It therefore becomes urgently necessary to find a destination for, or at least other than Palestine for such Jews as may be released by the Hungarian Government in accordance with opinion of the International Red Cross cited above. Secretary of State for the Colonies urges (and I agree) that such an alternative destination should not (must not) be near Palestine. There seem to be objections to all countries in the Mediterranean area save Sicily which you recall was recently suggested in public by President Roosevelt as a possible asylum for refugees.

4. Please telegraph your views on the possibility of establishing in Sicily a transit centre for Jewish refugees and, should you see no objection, ask A.P.F. . . if they would agree to this proposal representing to them the urgency and importance of the problem in the light of considerations given above.

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner - Time 2.10pm 11.45

Via 71171
no. 1112

N/CC 383.7

Request for Assistance to Greek Refugees.

21 August 4

RC & HQ Section

1. Attached is memorandum prepared by the Greek Representative to the Allied Advisory Council for Italy.

2. The Greek Minister sets forth eight request with respect to Greek refugees, with the indication that Nos. 3, 4 and 7 be given priority.

3. Request that this matter be referred to the proper branch for appropriate action.

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MEMORANDUM

- 1a. To suppress the refugee's ration actually supplied and substitute it with the soldier's ration.
- 2a. To supply cigarettes as soldiers are provided with (same quantity and quality).
- 3a. To make available 500 soldier's bags needed for covering clothing requirements.
- 4a. To set up a special camp for refugees arriving from Greece.
- 5a. To quarter the officers in a TRANSIT Hotel.
- 6a. To allow liberated persons enter military Hospitals.
- 7a. To supply with full soldier's ration all conscripts being in sanatoriums.
- 8a. To accelerate transportation.

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FILE UNDER NO. 365.7 - RHPURSS

INDEX SHEET
SYNOPSIS

Paraphrase of telegram received dated 14 May 44 -
From Lelman No. 2 for USSR, for Kassy -

Re: availability USSR for supplies & for health services &
for displaced persons in Italy.

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Acting C.C.

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

HQ ACC, APO 394
569 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 11 Aug 1944
By J.P.R.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: ¹¹⁹ HQ/SA/OA

10th August 1944

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I am sorry to raise the question of channels of communication once more but I must refer to your HQ/SA/OA/1 of 7th August. While you are following the procedure of the Allied Control Commission I should be grateful if in future you would avoid direct communication with SCAG's Army AG's or Regional Commissioners but channel any correspondence for them through either the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission or myself.

I am particularly anxious that SCAG's, who are fully engaged in operational matters, should not be asked to send multiple returns unless it is absolutely necessary. The authority for deciding whether such returns are necessary must rest with me.

(Sgd) M. S. LUSH.

Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith,
Resident Representative,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.

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Copy to: Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Big. husk-
Did you
approve this.
10 AUG 1944 -> EW

No. 2 am
take this up
with Mrs. NV/10/8
2700 - 2012

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Captain Stone-
After you have
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be sent to Brig Leach
for info?
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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 334

HQ ACC, APO 334
465 Supply Com. 27 46
Rec'd 7 Aug 46
BY [Signature]

IMMEDIATE

7 August 1946

Provinces covered:

REFERENCE : IOR/REF/1 LUBA & PISA
(Four Lists of Names in Forward areas)

FROM : Sir Clifford Westbrooke-Smith,
Resident Representative, Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees.

TO : Chief Comptroller, I.C.C., ACC.
A.M.C. 5 Army Field. (8 Copies of Lists)
A.M.C. 8 Army Field. (1 Copy of Lists)
No 3 Forward Group (1 Copy of Lists)
Director, Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Committee.

SUBJECT : Forwarding of Forward Civilian Internees.
Lists of Names in Provinces of LUBA and PISA. Region of TUNANIA.

1. First Area covered: LUBA in TUNANIA.

Individuals formerly interned whose names are known total - 192
Other sources declare there were over 300 Forward Civilian Internees in this Province.

Nationalities represented are: 110 Jews from Central European countries (Germany, Poland, Austria, Croatia) British subjects 70 odd Maltese mostly from Tripoli, North Africa and 2 Englishmen named WEBB.

Localities covered: There were in restricted residence (confino libero) at MACH BI LUBA 115 persons - at GIUSTINOVIA CAVALERINA 75 persons, their names appear in attached list.

Other sources state there were 190 in each of the two above localities.

2. Second Area covered: PISA.

Individuals whose names are known total 40. Other sources declare there were over 60 Internees in PISA PROVINCE.

Nationalities covered: Greek, Russian, Croatian, other Yugoslavs, 1 French woman also 2 Jews.

Localities covered: 6 places of restricted residence (confino libero) chief discrepancy is for MURBATTINI the names of only 6 persons were known, where as over 30 Internees are believed to have been there.

3. It will be appreciated if a return could be made to me, by mentioning by the numbers only, those who have not been traced.

4. It is suggested the return might be as follows:

List of Forward Civilian Internees in the Province of

SUBJECT : Tracing of Foreign Civilian Internees.
Lists of names in Provinces of LUGGA and PISA, Region of Tuscany.

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List of Foreign Civilian Internees in the Province of

"PISA"

The following were not traced: No's 11, 12, 23 to 30, 63, 110.
The others have all been identified and are either remaining where they are or proceeding Southwards.

5. Similar information would be appreciated in respect of all further lists of names sent in by me; these lists will be supplied as the battle line advances, and cover Concentration Camps and localities right up to the Alps.

6. NOTE: Copies of these lists have not been attached in the Memorandum addressed to the Chief Commissioner and the Director Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

(144) APP A

Ch. Heathcote Smith
C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
R.R. I.C.C.R.

INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

HQ ACC, APO 394
532 Sec'y Gen.

Rec'd 1200 10/18
By my

13 AUG 1944

10 August 1944.

CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE : IGC/35

TO : Chief Commissioner, H.Q. Allied Control Commission. ✓

FROM : Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith,
Resident Representative in Itlay, I.G.C.R.

SUBJECT : Saving lives of Foreign Civilian Internees threatened
with deportation and murder by the Germans.

Situation beggars description.

406 APP A

Reference my IGC/35 of 30 July 44.

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This account was cabled by the United States Minister at Stockholm to Washington, and appears in the Confidential Weekly Report of the American War Refugee Board of 3 to 6 July 1944.

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According to evidence reaching the Swedish Foreign Office, these people are now being killed en masse, many of them by means of a gas chamber across the Hungarian frontier in Poland. Johnson's cable continues :

" It is said by (the Foreign Office spokesman) that these people of all ages, children, women and men, are transported to this isolated spot in box cars packed in like sardines and that upon arrival many are already dead.

Those who have survived the trip are stripped naked, given a small square object which resembles a piece of soap and told that at the bath house they must bathe themselves. The 'bath house' does in fact look like a big

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Those who have survived the trip are stripped naked, given a small square object which resembles a piece of soap and told that at the bath house they must bathe themselves. The 'bath house' does in fact look like a big bathing establishment, being a large building built by the Germans. Into a large room with a total capacity of two thousand packed together closely the victims are pushed. No regard is given to sex or age and all are completely naked.

When the atmosphere of the hall has been heated by this mass of bodies a fine powder is let down over the whole area by opening a contraption in the ceiling. When the heated atmosphere comes in contact with this powder a poisonous gas is formed which kills all occupants of the room.

Trucks then take out the bodies, and burning follows."

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Copy to ::
British High Commissioner, British Embassy,
British Minister to the Vatican,
Director, IADE Sub-Commission.

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C.S. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
R.R. I.C.C.P.

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION
ON REFUGEES
RECOMMENDING ALIEN CONTROL, QUANTITATIVE
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- It is suggested that the names be divided up between the 20
all places of restricted residence (see below)
- It will be appreciated that a return could be made to us, by ourselves
by the numbers only, those who have not been traced.
- It is suggested the return might be as follows:
- List of Foreign Civilian Detainees in the various of
- THE FOLLOWING
- The following were not formerly in 11, 12, 23 to 28, 33, 40.
The others have all been identified and are either remaining where they
are or providing addresses.
- Other information would be requested in respect of all further
lists of names sent in by my three lists will be supplied on the basis of
information, and cover concentration camps and localities right up to the 15th.
- THE copies of these lists have not been attached in the
enclosures referred to the Chief Commissioner and the Director Detainees &

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Chief of Consular, R.A. Smith
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Director, Business & Employment Service Sub-Committee.

Foreign Civilian Detainees - List of names (most) in region of HAMBURG (the British) Division of I.C.C.R.

1. NAME LIST - TABLE - 23 NAMES.
Individuals whose names are known under - 23.
Nationality - British, Czech, Polish, Czech, Russian, Hungarian, Italian, French, German and Jews of various nationalities who do not concern the I.C.C.R.
2. The Foreign Civilian Detainees were divided up between 20 all phases of residential conditions (outside above)
3. It will be appreciated if a return could be made to me by returning by the numbers only, those who have not been found.
4. It is suggested the return might be as follows: 1981
List of Foreign Civilian Detainees in the Province of ...
5. Further information would be appreciated in respect of all further lists of names sent in by me, whose lists will be included in the initial list shown, and cover identification groups and conditions right up to the date.
6. Names of those lists have not been attached in the memorandum addressed to the Chief of Consular and the Director Business & Employment Service Sub-Committee.

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C.S. HANCOCK-SEYMOUR
R.A. I.C.C.R.

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IMMEDIATE

REFERENCE : IGR/REF/1
FROM : Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith,
Resident Representative, Inter Governmental Committee -
on Refugees.
TO : Chief Commissioner, H.Q. ACC. ✓
A.M.C. 5 Army, Field.
A.M.C. 8 Army, Field.
No 2. Forward Group, IARP Sub-Commission.
Director, Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
SUBJECT : Foreign Civilian Internees - Lists of names in Province
of Arezzo - Tuscany.

1. Region covered. - AREZZO - TUSCANY.
Individuals whose names are known number - 258
Nationality - British, French, Yugoslav, Polish, Czech, Greek,
Belgian, Dutch and Stateless.
2. The Foreign Civilian Internees were divided up between the
Concentration Camps :

NEAR CIVITELLA DELLA CHIANA AT VILLA OLIVETO
Total : 60 Individuals
NEAR ANCHIARI AT RENICCI
Total : 9 Individuals
and in some 20 places of restricted residence (confino-libero)
Total : 169 Individuals

It is realised that most of this Province has already been
liberated, but these names should be useful in tracing those still there, or
those sent Northwards by the Axis, or escaped to the hills.

3. It will be appreciated if a return could be made to me, by
mentioning by the numbers only, those who have not been traced.
4. It is suggested the return might be as follows:

List of Foreign Civilian Internees in the Province of

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TO

Chief Commissioner, H.Q. ACC. ✓

A.M.C. 5 Army, Field.
A.M.C. 8 Army, Field.

No 2. Forward Group, I&EP Sub-Commission.
Director, Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

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Total : 189 Individuals

It is realized that most of this Province has already been liberated, but these names should be useful in tracing those still there, or those sent Northwards by the Axis, or escaped to the hills.

3. It will be appreciated if a return could be made to me, by mentioning by the numbers only, those who have not been traced.

4. It is suggested the return might be as follows:

List of Foreign Civilian Internees in the Province of

see "AREZZO"

The following were not traced; No's 14, 12, 28 to 32, 63, 110. The others have all been identified and are either remaining where they are or proceeding Southwards.

5. Similar information would be appreciated in respect of all further lists of names sent in by me; these lists will be supplied as the battle line advances, and cover Concentration Camps and localities right up to the Alps.

6. NOTE: Copies of these lists have not been attached in the Memorandums addressed to the Chief Commissioner and the Director Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION
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IDP/864/60-1.

30 July 1944.

SUBJECT:- Allied Civilians.

TO :- Secretary General, A.C.C. ✓

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1. Reference your SG 383.7 dated 28 July 44.
2. Approximately 150 Partisan Yugoslavs proceeding BARI by train 30 July - I hope this will leave very few of the fighting age in the vicinity of ROME.
3. The movement of a party of the Royalists is under consideration.

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C. B. FINDLAY.
Colonel.
Director.

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Acting Chief Commissioner.

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1. Attached correspondence is submitted for your information.
2. I do not think that Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith should have sent the telegram through the office of the High Commissioner without previous reference to this Commission. No such reference was made and Sir Clifford told me of his action only yesterday.
3. The position of the Inter Governmental Committee of Refugees is attached to this Commission and works under its aegis and in my opinion we should be careful to preserve this position and not allow telegrams on policy to emanate without your approval. With your permission I propose to tell Sir Clifford this and you may like to mention the matter to Sir Noel Charles and Mr. Ambassador Kirk.
4. In this particular case I do not think any harm has been done although in my opinion even the proposal is more of a gesture than practical proposition. I think it will take months for the various governments to obtain an answer from Germany and by that time we should have occupied most of Italy and the unfortunate people would either be dead or in our hands.

M.S.C.

I agree. This should have gone through the Commission & AFRC, the paragraph of the American reply I have marked draws this. NB words 'with due regard to military necessities' C in C M&C may have strong views and should have had the chance of expressing them ab initio.

A.N.C.

Orig. Lush:
Please speak to Heathcote-Smith as per para. 3.

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

SECRET

30 July 1944

REFERENCE : IGCR/35
FROM : Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith,
Resident Representative in Italy,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.
TO : Brigadier M.S. Lush,
Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Control Commission.
SUBJECT : Mercy Ship and saving of the threatened lives of
Refugees in North Italy.

1. Reference my conversation with you to day.
Herewith paraphrase of a telegram sent for me by the British High
Commissioner Rome, to the Foreign Office for the Inter-Governmental Committee
on Refugees London, under date 15 July 1944.
2. As the present paraphrase of the above telegram was used as the
basis of a cable sent by Mr. Myron Taylor (American Ambassador to the Vatican)
addressed on the 15 or 16 July to the Department of State, and as Mr. Myron Taylor's
telegram so far is the only one that has elicited a reply (which he has handed me)
I attach paraphrase of this reply also.
3. It is a cable from the Department of State dated 24 July embodying
a message from the War Refugee Board to the Director of the Inter Governmental
Committee on Refugees - Sir Herbert Hanson.

C.E. HEATHCOTE - SMITH
H.R. I.G.C.R.

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Sent

FROM : Mr. Myron Taylor,
U.S.A. Ambassador to the Vatican

TO : President Roosevelt

The following is the gist of a telegram dated 15th July sent from Rome to the Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees, London; from the Committee's Resident Representative in Italy

(Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith)

Subject of the Telegram is the saving of the lives of foreign internees in Italy notably Jewish whom the Germans threatened with imminent deportation and murder; and the despatch of a mercy ship.

1. There have been discovered in Italy the originals of German official orders dated 22nd April, 44, by which all internees except Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian, French, Greek, ex Polish and ex-Yugo-Slav were to be sent Northwards into German concentration camps. The order stated specifically that Jews of all nationalities, presumably Italian also, were included. A corroboration of this is found in the fact that forty three British Jews were thus suddenly removed in April at noon one day at a few minutes notice to a German camp at Cerpi near Modena.

2. The monstrous fact that large numbers are deported to Germany and liquidated is disclosed by evidence scarcely less complete. This fate must have been that of thousands of men, women and children from Italy alone. This bestial carnage should early be stopped forthwith if this, without injury to the war effort of the Allies, can be achieved.

The size of the problem. There should have been sixteen to twenty

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thousand internees today in Republican Italy, so it is estimated; but, including all Christians and an outside maximum of five thousand foreign Jews, there may today be alive there under nine thousand, what with the large scale repatriation of Jugo-Slave and deportation of Jews and others. Republican Italy with her Fascist laws has denationalized all Italian Jews; so that some twenty thousand Italian Jews should be added to the above five thousand foreign Jews.

4. President Roosevelt initiated the refugee camp for the thousand stateless persons now being shipped from Italy to the United States. Could therefore the President be approached to intervene on behalf of these persons in German camps and possibly for these purposes utilize the Pope, if thought advisable, as intermediary or in support? The President, it is suggested, would invite the Axis to deliver at a named port in the North Adriatic all internees and notably all stateless persons. A mercy ship will be sent to that port to collect them; and this ship, until all had been removed to safety, could carry on a shuttle service to some nearby port in liberated Italy. If the U.S.A. found it impolitic to provide a temporary home for any of these refugees then as regards their eventual disposal they could be kept, many thousands of them, in Italy and if required there could be made available in Algeria several huge camps.

5. If the Intergovernmental Committee took a successful initiative in this operation this would be directly in accordance with the essence of its mandate which is to take steps to preserve, protect, preserve and maintain refugees. Similarly rescue work has gone on for the American War Refugees.

6. Immediacy of the problem. Never before has there been such a probability of success nor, such urgency. It is clear this suggestion of mercy ships is not original; the question is whether this is the psychological moment to try again. The German policy of deportation is well established. If we do not move quickly total repeat total deportation may be carried out. On the other hand Germany is now on the defensive and hard pressed and has just declared this publicly and frankly.

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This comparatively small act of decent behavior which incidently will saddle the Allies with several more thousand mouths to feed may well be welcomed by the Germans as an opportunity to gain some ground.

7. Success in this eleventh hour attempt to save from extermination some few thousand lives might permit later successful repetitions elsewhere.

8. No immediate threat. It is suggested that only after eventual rejection should threats be used; but that the invitation itself should be merely courteous and direct and that Germany should be informed beforehand that we hold the names of the majority of those who were interned in Italy.

9. This mercy suggestion formed the subject of a talk I had with American Ambassador to the Vatican, Mr. Aaron Taylor. He said that the scheme and would be sending directly to the President with a view to soliciting his invaluable backing without which the scheme would have but scant chance of success.

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The War Refugee Board sends the following for Sir Herbert Morrison.

Mr. Taylor transmitted to this Department the substance of a cable which Heathcote-Smith sent to the Inter Governmental Committee in London on July 15.

The cable in question described the organized deportation of Jews and other refugees from Italy to concentration camps by the Germans with the ultimate purpose of exterminating the persons deported.

In Hungary such campaign is being carried out on an especially large scale and is typical of what is going on in all German occupied areas.

To find refuge havens for all victims of this persecution who can leave the areas occupied by the Germans, the United States Government has in the past months clearly stated its readiness to cooperate with the other Government of other sympathetic countries. In a message to Congress recently concerning the bringing to this country of 1000 refugees and also in a statement he made on March 2 President Roosevelt enunciated this policy.

The Government of the United States will cooperate in all ways with the British Government and other governments which will facilitate feasible plans of action, although it is quite possible that many deportees from Italy have been executed already. Approach to German Government requesting release to Italy of deported refugees and to deliver them to Allied authorities at a North Atlantic port whence they could be taken to temporary havens elsewhere or returned directly to Italy is apparently involved in Heathcote-Smith's suggestion.

The willingness of the Allied governments with due regard to military necessities to consider measures for the reception in Allied and neutral territory should according to our views be indicated in any approach to the Germans and should not be limited to deportees from Italy.

It has been indicated to the British Government that this government is willing to join in such an approach to the government. Any plan designed to meet the Italian problem to which Heathcote-Smith refers will however be considered sympathetically by us. For the Inter Government Committee to discuss the practical problems involved with the British government after it has determined these problems would appear to be the most feasible.

Information covering further developments of this question would be appreciated by the Board. It would also be appreciated if the text of the Heathcote-Smith cable could be transmitted to A.C.B. Winant in order that he may be fully informed.

The above is the paraphrase of a telegram from the Department of State dated July 24, 1944 addressed to Mr. Myron Taylor, American Ambassador to the Vatican.

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LEADER GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION
OF REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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31 July 1944
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31 JULY 1944.

REFERENCE : IOGR/REF/A

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FROM : Sir Clifford Featherstone-Smith,
Assistant Representative, Inter Governmental Committee -
on Refugees.

TO : Chief Commissioners, E.C. ACC. ✓
A.M.C. 5 Army, Field.
A.M.C. 6 Army, Field.
Director, Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT : Further information regarding 2 Concentration Camps and
several places of free confinement (confino-libero) of
Foreign Civilian Internees, near the present line of
battle. (In continuation of my Memorandum of 6 July 1944.)

1. Regions covered - TOSCANI - Province of Livorno.

The Camps dealt with are Concentration Camps :

BASSI A RIFOLI AT VILLA LA SEVA - 71 Individuals.

NOVELLINO AT CASALE DI MONTALBANO - 15 Individuals.

and another 109 individuals scattered among some 20 odd localities.

The names of the internees whom should still be there, if
not been removed elsewhere by the Axis, are given in each case.

2. It will be appreciated if a return could be made to me, by
returning by the numbers only, those who have not been traced. *1070*

3. It is suggested the return might be as follows:

List of Foreign Civilian Internees in the Province of
"TOSCANI"

The following were not traced: No's 11, 12, 28 to 32, 65, 110.

The others have all been identified and are either remaining
where they are or proceeding Southwards.

4. Smaller information would be appreciated in respect of all
further lists of names sent in by me; these lists will be supplied as the
battle line advances, and cover Concentration Camps and localities right up
to the Axis.

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TO : Chief Commissioner, E.C. ADD, ✓
A.M.C. 5 Army, Field.
A.M.C. 8 Army, Field.
Director, Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT : Further information regarding 2 Concentration Camps and several places of five confinement (confine-libero) of Foreign Civilian Internees, near the present line of battle. (In continuation of my Memorandum of 6 July 1944.)

1. Region covered - TOSCANA - Province of Florence.

The Camps dealt with are Concentration Camps :

- ZAMEI A RIFOLI AT VILLA LA BELVA - 74 Individuals.
- BOVIZZANO AT CASSELLA DI MONTALANO - 16 Individuals.

and another 109 individuals scattered among some 20 odd localities.

The names of the internees whom should still be there, if not been removed Northwards by the Axis, are given in each case.

2. It will be appreciated if a return could be made to me, by mentioning by the numbers only, those who have not been traced. 1078

3. It is suggested the return might be as follows:

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List of Foreign Civilian Internees in the Province of

"FLORENCE"
The following were not traced; No's 11, 12, 26 to 32, 65, 110.

The others have all been identified and are either remaining where they are or proceeding Southwards.

4. Similar information would be appreciated in respect of all further lists of names sent in by me; these lists will be supplied as the battle line advances, and cover Concentration Camps and localities right up to the Axis.

5. NOTE: Copies of these lists have not been attached in the Memorandum addressed to the Chief Commissioner and the Director Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

C. E. HARRIS
C. E. HARRIS-SMITH,
R.R. I.C.C.R.

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Assistant Representative, United States Government, Geneva, Switzerland

TO : Chief Commissioners, I.C.G. ACC.
A.M.G. 5 Army, Field.
A.M.G. 8 Army, Field.
Director, Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT : Further information regarding 2 Concentration Camps and several places of free confinement (confine-libero) of Foreign Civilian Internees, near the present line of battle. (In continuation of my Memorandum of 5 July 1944.)

1. Region covered - TOSCANA - Province of Florence.

The Camps dealt with are Concentration Camps :

- PAGNI A KINOLI AT VILLA LA BENA - 71 Individuals.
- BOZZANO AT CASTELLO DI MONTALBANO - 45 Individuals.

and another 109 individuals scattered among some 20 odd localities.

The names of the internees whom should still be there, if not been removed Northwards by the Axis, are given in each case.

2. It will be appreciated if a return could be made to me, by mentioning by the numbers only, those who have not been traced. 1978

3. It is suggested the return might be as follows:

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List of Foreign Civilian Internees in the Province of

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The following were not traced: No's 11, 12, 23 to 32, 55, 110.

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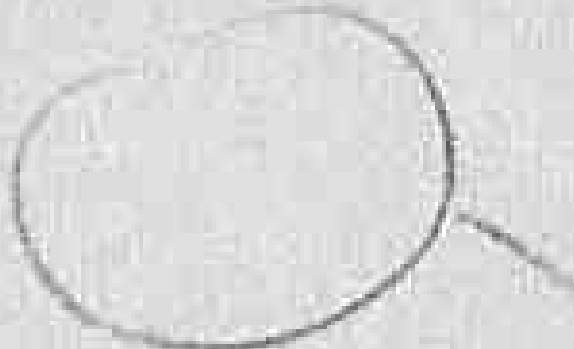
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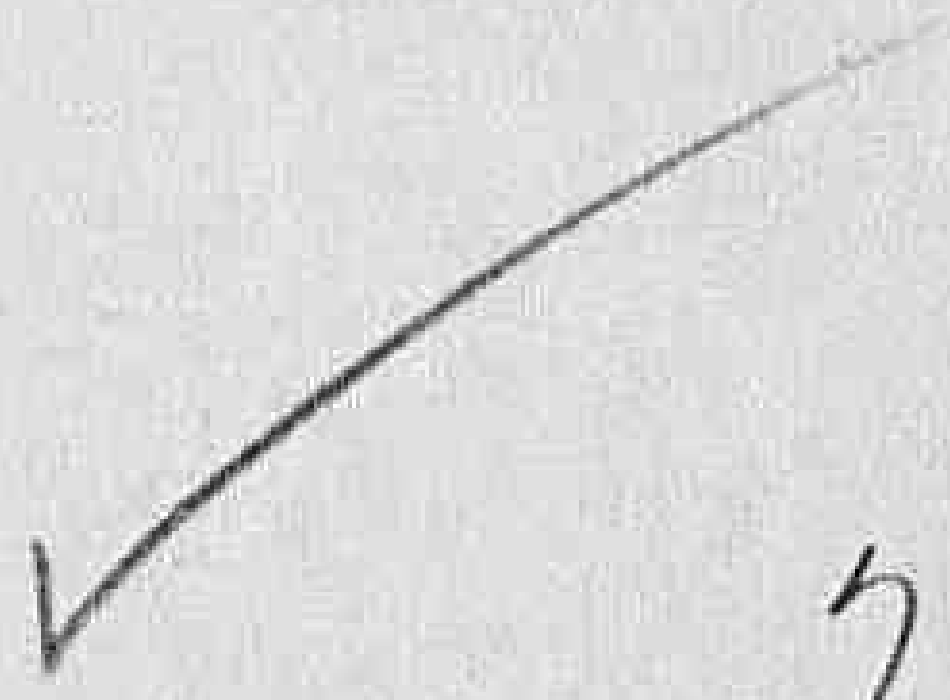
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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION
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REC'D 28 July 1944
BY: [Signature]

26 July 1944

REFERENCE : IACR/8

TO : Sir Herbert Morrison, Director, Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, London.

FROM : Resident Representative in Italy, I.G.C.R.

SUBJECT : Report on Situation and Activities in Italy. 15 AUG 1944

1. Distribution.

¹⁵ As I have but little time available, I propose again to write what was intended to be, a concise report, giving a brief comprehensive picture of our more important activities to date, and therefore from 10 June to 26 July 1944.

2. European Jewish Refugee Distribution.

South of the battle front - Latest figures appear to be some 4,500 men, of whom slightly over 1,500 are in Rome.

Non-Jewish refugees, apart from Yugoslavs in transit - about 2,000 of whom are Italian and have been in a Refugee Camp near Rome ever since our occupation, while the others have just come South from recently liberated Italy.

The refugees in the South are still scattered in the same camps as before, except that Campagna has been closed. Further changes are in prospect.

3. My own movements.

I visited Salerno, Naples, Bari - Naples between the 10 and 13 June. I settled in Rome in the Grand Hotel on 16 June, from the 28 June until 2 July I stayed at Salerno, Naples, Bari - Naples, and back to Rome.

On the 9 July until the 15 I visited, travelling by Jeep, the 6th Army near K.C. (A.L.S.) and then examining Italy eastwards Polignano, Polignano, Cassano, Marone and various small villages off the roads in the mountains.

The bridges on most of these roads had not yet been re-built.

4. Movements of others.

Mr Wiggins who had been visiting Camps in the South, left Bari and reached Rome on the 7 July, went to Aversa to assist in the evacuation of the 1000 to the United States, returned here for 4 days, and left on the 22 July for Algiers (by Air) to meet Mr. Well - head of the A.R.S.G.

Wiggins may have to go to Egypt before returning to Italy. Mr Harold Farley remained in the South until the 25 July, when he joined here. Previously being in charge of the Bari Office, he had visited El Bagh, Palermo, Lecce and Potenza. He also consulted at Aversa in the

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15 AUG 1944

1. Introduction.

As I have but little time available, I propose again to write what was intended to be, a concise report, giving a brief comprehensive picture of our more important activities to date, and therefore from 10 June to 28 July 1944.

2. July's Jewish Refugee Distribution.

South of the battle front - latest figures appear to be some 4,500 maximum, of whom slightly over 1,500 are in Rome.

Non-Jewish refugees, apart from Yugoslavs in Transit - about 2,000 of whom are Maltese and have been in a Refugee Camp near Rome ever since our occupation, while the others have just come south from recently liberated Italy.

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Mr Max Periman of the J.B.C. was in Rome from the 18 to 24 July, he had previously toured all Jewish centres in the South, and he too helped with the 1000.

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28 Jul 1944

Mr Mann was working at first in Bari Transit Com., has visited and written a useful report on Ferramonti.

Mr Harrings and Mr Mann of the F.A.V. - Mr Harrings fell ill for a time but has since returned to work. Mr Mann is continuing his work. Mr Harrings is making a useful contribution in improving the morale and activities at M. Dugli.

1/Opl J. Wilson has been my sole and faithful companion throughout, and for some time I was alone in Rome with him. There is still no news yet of Miss Talbot, except that she should arrive "soon".

5. Visits

Among those visited by me and with whom I have been occasionally or frequently in contact, are: SIG. TASSINI Under Secretary at the Vatican, Prime Minister Sig. L. BURNI, Sig. CAMPIARI Under Secretary for the Interior, Sig. SCHIAPPA Insuper General for re-organizing Public Safety, Sig. MARCONI Head of the Italian Post, Sig. CASARINI Head of the Italian Red Cross, the Italian officials - SIG. RIZZO LEVI, PERANI, GOTTSCHE LOWE, the Head of the White Russian Colony - Prince ALEX KOHAROVSKI, the Swiss Minister MRS. DEWEZ, our Minister to the Vatican Sir D'ARBY OGDON, Mr MURPHY TAYLOR President Roosevelt's special Ambassador to the Vatican. and many others.

6. Headquarters of my Office

I have been given 3 excellent rooms for I.G.C.R. Offices in the N.O. ADG Building which is the large and new Ministero delle Corporazioni in the Via Vittorio Veneto.

7. Vehicles

N.O. ADG kindly placed a 15 cwt truck at the disposal of the Bari Office; the F.A.V. are providing a vehicle also, and I have a loan car with driver for my work, and when necessary can usually obtain a Jeep for travelling along the rougher roads near the fighting line.

Typewriter. This office has been given on loan a brand new Imperial typewriter. I should be most grateful, if it is not too difficult, if you could send me a further typewriter in case the present one has to be returned.

8. Public Activities

These have centered around various subjects. The signing of records of the Italian Civilian Resistance. It will be a long affair to relate and not involving in the various villages of the zone. I have been helped in an invaluable way by the integrity, energy and resourcefulness of a number of the Public Safety Branch of the Ministry of the Interior - Doctor LIORI who has been practically placed at my disposal of the Ministry of Interior Authorities.

It is thanks to him that we now have 15,000 names of Internees in their various Camps, last year and in some cases later. Of these we held already 9,000 names, and others are coming in fast. I have so far been able to turn out all the copying of these Italian lists and thereby saved an immense in staff, which might not have been necessary from a more permanent point of view.

9. Relations and Italian Civilian Resistance

This matter is well under way, and without being over optimistic I can

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8. Media Activities.

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9. Refugees and Italian Civilians.

This matter is well under way, and without being over optimistic I am hopeful of a particularly successful result.

10. Refugees and Enemy Detainees.

I will comment later a brief statement which will be for Max Perles, in the manner in which this is being done in respect of the Jews.

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11. Refuges - Visit to Camp.

I visited the Aversa Camp and the Camp Oliva Camp (10 miles South of Rome) both of the IAR Sub-Commissions, and also another Camp close to the forward line near Termoli, which is used for South coming Refugees, both Italian and non-Italian, by the Italian Refugee Branch and the IAR Sub-Commission - it is a Transit Camp.

12. Planning ahead for the future.

There are various projects before me, or in my mind - such as the Navy (Italy) greater I.C.C.R. activity in tracking out Foreign Interned (Militiamen, as territory becomes liberated) and plans as to how to face the situation when our Armies get into the North of Italy, with trouble with front. These subjects will all be dealt with in separate despatches, and involve the question of more and suitable personnel.

13. Despatch of Refugees Abroad.

The only actual sailing was that of the 1000 to the United States. There is the pending despatch of a maximum of 400 British subjects back to Tripoli, and also the Jews to be sent to Palestine under the 73 Certificates allowed, have not yet been tackled.

C.S. Hutchcroft Smith

C.S. HUTCHCROFT-SMITH.

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 FROM: AMG REAR EIGHTH ARMY
 REFERENCE No: R1207
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUL 28 11 52

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 43/28
 CLASSIFICATION: NONE
 PRECEDENCE: NONE
 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: 4 1955
 2 AUG 1944

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 "ADDRESSED REQ 8 ARMY HQ ACC REGION 2 HQ ACC REGION 5. FOR SECOND
TIME THIS MONTH REGIONS 2 AND 5 MAKE PERSONAL ACCUSATION RUNNING THIS CAMP
 BEFORE VERIFYING FACTS. PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AS HAVE NO DESIRE
 ACCEPT LIABILITY OTHERS. REF NO SIGNAL DEN VI 2337 AND R2/55. CONSIDER
 APOLOGY IS WARRANTED". KNOW NOTHING OF THIS BUT CONSEQUENCES DISTURBING.
 PLEASE TAKE ACTION WITH HERBERT TAYLOR.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: SECRETARY GENERAL

28 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Allied Civilians

FILE No. 363.7

TO: Colonel Findlay.

28 July 1944 194

The following is extract of Memo "Points for General Alexander" which the Acting Chief Commissioner has directed be forwarded you for necessary action:

"YUGOSLAV QUESTION: Approximately 400 Tito Followers,
1600 Royalists.

Suggestion: That at the earliest possible moment the Tito followers be sent to Bari. Agreeable to all parties. Then a person be appointed by General Alexander to deal with the remainder. Suggest Mr. Zerkitch, Secretary to Yugoslav Legation to Holy See. If nothing is done to get the Tito Followers away we feel that trouble will occur."

FRANK J. SHAMBER,
Captain, A. G. D.,
Deputy Secretary General.

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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

26 July 1944

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner. ←

Rome. SITUATION AS AT 23 July 1944.

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1. Allied Civilians total 6,011 consisting of 40 National Groups.
Being fed with Italian Ration Card plus additional card giving further
100 grams bread a day.

2. Total receiving additional rations for medical reasons in kind is 711 which
will increase to 1,000 on receipt of all returns.

Daily food per head -
Milk 4 oz
Sugar 1 1/3 oz
Meat 3 oz
Soup 2 oz

3. Financial assistance continues in American, British and Dutch groups. Further
financial aid under review.

C. B. Findlay
Colonel
Director

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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HQ ACC, APO 394
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Rec'd 30 July 1944
BY

FILE:RC/383.7

24 July 1944

SUBJECT: Return of Maltese Jesuits
TO : Secretary-General
H.Q. A.C.C. ROME

going to Rome
30 July
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31 JUL 1944

1. The undermentioned British subjects born in MALTA were in a Jesuit college in SICILY at the outbreak of war and so were prevented from returning.

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of British passport</u>
REV. F. ROBERT DARMANIN, son of Joseph	has passport no. not known
REV. F. ERVIN BUSUTTIL, son of Anthony	7383
REV. F. JOSEPH BORG, son of Carmel	9096
REV. B. ANTHONY VELLA, son of Andrew	10389
REV. B. PASCHAL GILIA, son of Joseph	G. 7655

2. Now they are anxious to return to their families in MALTA and to their Jesuit college - ST ALOYSIUS BIKKIRKARA, MALTA. It is stated that the Archbishop of Malta is anxious for their return.

3. Please inquire whether the Governor of Malta is willing to accept above, in which case arrangements will be made to expedite them via SYRACUSE.

A.N. Hancock
A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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forwarded to Displaced Persons Sub-Com. 31 July 44

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HIGH COMMISSARIAT FOR THE WAR REFUGEES

Rome, July, 24th, 1944

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26 JUL 1944

To Captain MILLY W. STONE
Deputy President and Chief Commissioner A.S.C.
To Brigadier H.S. LUSH
Executive COMMISSIONER
To Col. L. RHULLS
Director of the Italian Refugee Branch

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ROME

Ic - Assistance for the refugees south of Rome. I have taken note of the communication sent to us by Col. Halls, stating that from now on, the High Commissariat only, with the means it disposes of, will have to undertake the assistance of the refugees in the regions of Italy which are south of Rome. That therefore we should have to take charge of the camps of Cesano and Cinecitta. I have also been informed that the Allied Authorities have given orders to close the camps of Averna and of the Piccolo Cottolengo in Naples at the end of the month, these camps give now hospitality to about 1,600 refugees.

IIc - Camps of Cesano and of Cinecitta: To enable us to make improvements in the camps of Cesano and of Cinecitta which contain respectively 7000 and 5000 refugees, it is indispensable that the Allied Authorities should allow us to employ military personnel in such number as will prove necessary. Civilian personnel would not give the same guarantee of discipline, we have sent some of our men there and they have established contact with the present Commanders of the camps; the necessary military personnel should be the following:

a) for Cesano: for general and sanitary services: 14 officers (among them 2 doctors and 1 chemist), 12 non-commissioned officers (among them 6 of the sanitary department), 135 soldiers (among them 25 of the sanitation department), 1 chaplain, 16 C.R.I. nurses; for police services 1 officer, 4 non-commissioned officers, 15 soldiers.

b) for Cinecitta: for general and sanitary services: 12 officers (among them 2 doctors and 1 chemist), 8 non-commissioned officers (among them 4 from the sanitation department), 115 soldiers (among them 15 from the sanitation department), 1 chaplain, 15 nurses C.R.I. For police services: 1 officer, 3 non-commissioned officers, 30 soldiers. It must be remembered that for this camp it will be possible to reduce the personnel when the work of organization now taking place will come to an end. In this way only will the management of the said camps prove possible. We should also be unable to administrate these camps should they be deprived of the assistance and sanitary equipment now existing, which it would not be possible for us to replace in such a short time. It would also be necessary to fix a reasonable length of time for the session of the camps, which would enable us to prepare our organization, and avoid that thousands of people should be left to their fate without the necessary assistance.

IIIc - Camps of Averna, del Carmine and of Piccolo Cottolengo. About 1600 refugees live now in these centers. To close these two centers between

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the 25th and the 30th of this month would mean that these exasperated people would be thrown on the street; it is easy to imagine what the political, social and above all the humanitarian consequences would be. I must therefore formally protest against this measure, and I ask that the Carminiello and the Piccolo Cottolengo of Naples at least should be reserved for the refugees, the more so as these centres are indispensable resting- and sorting-places for the starting of the repatriation of the refugees. As for the camp of Aversa, I must also ask that a delay in the closing order should be granted. It would enable us to send the refugees back to their homes, and to find another shelter for those who have no roof.

Ivo - Repatriation of the refugees - I - preceding accords. Following the numerous meetings of Col. Briker, then Head of the Italian Refugee Branch, which ended by my meeting General Macfarlane, in the presence of Col Briker, it had been decided:

- a) not to take the refugees too far from their place of residence, so that they could be more rapidly repatriated.
- b) to start the repatriation of the refugee agriculturists back to their provinces.
- c) to detach from the A.C.G. a senior officer and appoint him to the High Commissionariat, to examine and promote, in harmonious collaboration, the plan of repatriation.

2) Refugees of Rome. In Rome are to be found not only the refugees of the regions where the war has stagnated during the winter, but also refugees of the southern regions, which have remained cut off from their homes, and who have in those regions intact houses, families, and every opportunity for peaceful work. Everything advises to repatriate them at the earliest possible date, for this would also relieve Rome from its present state of over population -

3) Suspension of the repatriations. We have just been told that every repatriation movement of the refugees must be suspended, and that we must be ready to receive new refugees in Rome.

4) Absolute necessity to start immediately the repatriation of the refugees. I must absolutely insist on the repatriation of the refugees, particularly of the agriculturists, to be started without further delay, because of the difficulty of giving them proper accommodation in winter, because of the culture of autumn products and of the preparation of the spring ones, and also because the agitation mentioned everyday by the Prefects could take an alarming aspect, and was beginning to cause a disorderly and spontaneous movement of these people northward. If it has been possible till now to repress this movement, it is not so much because of the orders I have given to the Prefects, than because of the promises, which, according to the agreements made with the Allied Authorities, I made to the refugees through the press, that their repatriation had been decided and that means to effectuate it were being organized, and I have no intention of breaking the engagements I have taken.

Vo - Organisation of the repatriation. According to the agreements made, I have already gathered ample information about the refugees agriculturists of every single municipality which is to be repopled; they are now in the Provinces of the South (total number about 24,000). I have already come to an agreement with the railway companies, the sanitation and P.S. escorts, for the refugees to be escorted back with discipline. For the repatriation of the refugees of Rome back south, (about 60,000 according to the accurate registrations of the Vatican) it will be possible to use on their return the trains which will bring back the refugees of the South along the line Naples, Frosinone, Rome - and also Italian trucks and trucks from the Vatican City. The plan of execution of the repatriation carries a whole lot of problems, which must be quickly faced in close collabora-

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tion with the Allied Authorities. Therefore, I take the liberty to request that, in compliance with General Macfarlane's promises, an Allied Senior Officer should be sent to collaborate with us, in the examination and resolution of the complex problem of the social rehabilitation of the refugees. Therefore, I think it is not only opportune, but necessary, to avoid loss of energy that the resolution of present and further problems about the repatriation of the refugees peasants (who might save the products of their vineyards, obtaining a gain which would in great part solve for them the food question next winter; they would also be able to prepare the great spring cultivations); as I cannot imagine another solution besides that agreed upon by Col. Baxter and General Macfarlane, if no other has been suggested to me; as I had, according to the agreement made, taken engagements with the mayors, the refugees and the already moved public opinion; regretting that I can do nothing to relieve the unfortunate situation of these poor people, out of consideration for my self-esteem and that of my collaborators, I must declare that I am still hampered in the swift execution of the engagements already taken, or if other solutions tending to the same end are not offered, I regret to say that I shall leave my post to someone else.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

(Tito Zaniboni)

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 334

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REFERENCE : ICCC/MI/2

TO : MA Tripoli.

FROM : Sir Clifford Benthooke-Smith,
Resident Representative in Italy,
Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees.

SUBJECT : Repatriation of group of some 350 Maltese to Tripoli -
and Disloyalty Problem.

1. There is, now pending, a repatriation of some 350 old Maltese British subjects formerly resident in Tripolitania, back to their homes there.
2. A memorandum under reference ICCC/MI/1 of the 7 July which I addressed to the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, London, and of which a copy was sent to MA Tripoli, gave a list of 76 Maltese British subjects from Tripoli, who according to an Italian document, had professed pro-Italian sentiments.
3. Names of further disloyal Maltese are now being furnished me from certain sources. In no case hitherto have names who have been disloyal been kept all the time in Concentration Camps. Naturally the utmost care will be taken to see that none of those from the Concentration Camp at Lammuzza Barracks - Nicosia, who constitute the great majority of those now down on the list for repatriation to Tripoli, figure among the suspects.

Further, Counter Forward Intelligence is screening the list. It may therefore be taken as certain, that among the Maltese who are being sent back to Tripolitania in the forthcoming shipment, there are none tainted with disloyalty.

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R.S., I.C.C.C.

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- I.C.C. Allied Control Commission (for Chief Commissioner)
- via Exocleary the Governor of Malta.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of group of some 300 Maltese to Tripoli and disloyalty angles.

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His Excellency the Governor of Malta.

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21 July 1944

subject: Allied civilians

To: Colonel Charles Poletti, regional commissioner, Rome Region.
(Thru: Brigadier Lush, Executive Commissioner)

1. Inclosed is an extract from a memorandum which was prepared about the middle of June for General Alexander by Sir D'Arcy Osborne, British Minister to the Holy See.
2. It is realized that this situation is very different now from what it was when the memorandum was written. Nevertheless, the Acting Chief Commissioner would appreciate your comments in light of the memorandum and the present situation.

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As stated above

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Major, A.C.D.
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POINTS FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER

- E X T R A C T -

Allied civilians. Approximately 4000. Large number of women and children (e.g. at the British School 300 odd Maltese, including 150 children under 12 years). Includes British (mostly women), American, Maltese, Yugoslavs, Greeks and Poles. Many from civilian internment camps. Most have homes or accommodation. Very short of food - got same as when Rome was occupied by the Germans. Financial assistance no good. Most have money but cannot buy food.

Suggestion. That 4,000 extra rations consisting of sugar, Milk, (especially for children), Tea, Oil, Rice and Flour or Pasta, be issued to Major Sampson i/c Misplaced Persons, for passing on to the Committee of each nationality (each nationality has already got its own means of distribution).

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Major Doe.
Where did this
come from -
" 19 June 44 ?

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20 July 1964

Ct. Lawrence -

This was found in papers for file, showing no indication of where it had been received here or copies, also showing no indication of anyone having seen it.

I had not seen it previously, nor did any of the clerks recall it. I had it registered in. I have no way of knowing whether the Clerk saw it and did anything before he left.

[Signature]
Name

Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson Et.,
Chief Administrative Officer,

Tac HQ

ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

C.M.F.

HD 301 APP 304

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Recd 19 July 1944

by PER 19 Jun. 44.

My dear General,

I attach some notes given to the Commander-in-Chief by Sir D'Arcy Osborne. The Commander-in-Chief will no doubt speak to you about them when he sees you next.

With regard to point 4(a), I may say that the Commander-in-Chief does not agree with the statement made, and nor do I. All things considered, the behaviour of the troops in Rome so far has been very good indeed. I am afraid that some people expect them to behave with the politeness of schoolgirls!

As regards 4(b) you will know that I am going into the possibility of controlling this more closely.

Re para 5, we will do what we can, but the policy of keeping troops and installations out of Rome does not work in very well with a plan for the employment of Italians by the military.

Yours sincerely

B. Robertson

Lieutenant-General Sir F.W. Mason Macfarlane,
K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

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19 Jun 44

C. J. O. was there points from Sir D'Arcy Stone.
and then to speak to me. H.R.D.

HQ ACC. ZFO 39A

15 Sec. Y. Gen.

Recd 19 July 1945

By *[Signature]*POINTS FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER.1. Allied Civilians.

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2. Yugoslav Question. Approximately 400 Tito followers

" 1600 Royalists.

Suggestion.

That at the earliest possible moment the Tito followers be sent to Bari. Agreeable to all parties.

Freddy

Then a person be appointed by General Alexander to deal with the remainder. Suggest Mr. Zoukitch, Secretary to Yugoslav Legation to Holy See. If nothing is done to get the Tito followers away we feel that trouble will occur.

3. General Ration of Food.

An increase would have a very good effect on the Roman population - at present quantity (100 gr. a day) is the same as under the German occupation although the quality is better (e.g. white bread).

4. General complaints received

a. Behaviour of soldiers in town very bad: Stealing of cars, rape, drunkenness, petty pilfering, etc.

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→ I do not believe this!

H.R.D.

✓ b. Military personnel eating all the food in
cafés, hotels etc.

5. Question of work for Italians who have assisted the ex-Prisoners of War organisation since the Armistice - men and women. We have the details and can send them to labour employment department with details.

6. Question of settling claims of Italians who assisted ex-Prisoners of War. We are doing our best in preparing all the data - sorting out genuine from false etc. Trust that they will eventually be met, realise it will take time, but some cases are most urgent (e.g. cases where the menfolk of the family have been shot or taken north leaving the family destitute.)

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION
ON REFUGEES
BRUSSELS ALIEN CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 304

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19 July 1944
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25 JUL 1944

TO : UNR/HR/1
FROM : Resident Representative in Italy,
Inter-Governmental Commission on Refugees.
RE : Request of possible removal of Foreign Civilian Detainees to
Germany. Dissemination of news in the North.

1. This matter was referred to in my telegram to you, No 5 of the 14th July. Since that date candidates of the three original countries found in the archives of UNR/HR/1, residents in the region of the MARSA, has disclosed certain discrepancies in dates and other minor points which I now explain.

2. The document found was (a) a telegram from the Chief of Police of Lugliano Italy dated 17th April and dated 18 August 1944 and sent to the heads of all divisions. It ordered the division to disseminate news by the news's special channel, of all Jews over those who are privileged and exempt. This telegram was also received at the Ministry of Interior in Rome incidentally it had been dispatched the day after our landing at Anzio. Here in Rome, the head of the division of search affairs for foreigners in the Ministry decided that the order was difficult of fulfillment, as it went counter to existing legislation.

It decided to sit on the telegram and called March at the end of January. I do not yet know fully what action the police authorities took as March from the above mentioned division. At UNR/HR/1 the telegram office stamps and other stamps show that the telegram was only received at UNR/HR/1 on the 6th April. This can be accounted for by the fact that the wires were constantly clogged with telegrams, and were sent by post. It took from the 6th April to the 21st for the telegram to be entered in the Department of UNR/HR/1 and 5 more days i.e. to the 26th April for receipt stamp to be placed at the Quersera or Police Headquarters.

The original of this telegram with English translation from Appendix 'A'.

3. The second telegram, Appendix 'B', was sent by the Resident Chief of Police at Lugliano on the 6th April, was registered at the MARSA telegram office on the 22nd April, and by the Police Headquarters on the 28th. It ordered that foreign enemy subjects resident in Italy should be detained in German concentration camps at the instigation of the German Police. The text of the telegram about the Italian, Dutch, French, Norwegian, Greek, on Italy and on Yugoslavia were to be suppressed.

The third document, Appendix 'C', is a letter addressed by the head of UNR/HR/1 Division under the date 14th May to the Division of General and Secret Affairs in Section 3 (Foreigners Department) of the Ministry of Interior at Lugliano, and wishes that all the Italian citizens belonging to enemy states, as well as Jews of every nationality had been arrested already, and sent to UNR/HR/1. Notice, in agreement with

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1. This matter was referred to in my telegram to you, No 5 of the 14th July. Also that copy examination of the three original documents found in the archives of MAURIZIO BORTONE in the Region of the MARCHE, has disclosed certain discrepancies in text and other minor points which I now explain.

2. The document found was (a) a telegram from the Chief of Police of Bologna Italy dated 18 July 1948 and dated 22 January 1948 and sent to the heads of all provinces. It ordered the dispatch to communication agents by the King's special command, of all news items hitherto privileged and exempt.

This telegram was also received at the Ministry of Interior in Rome; evidently it had been expedited the day after our landing at Anzio. Now in Rome, the head of the division of secret affairs for foreigners in the Ministry specified that the order was drafted at Fiumicino, as it was easier to submit legislation in the order was drafted at Fiumicino, as it was easier to submit legislation.

It is decided to sit on the telegram; was called North at the end of January. I do not yet know fully that when the Police authorities took as minutes from the three mentioned divisions.

At MAURIZIO the telegram office stamps and other stamps show that the telegram was only received at MAURIZIO on the 5th April. This can be accounted for by the fact that the wires were completely clogged with telegrams, and many were sent by post. It took from the 5th April to the 21st for the telegram to be entered in the structure of MAURIZIO and 5 more days i.e. to the 26th April for receipt stamp to be placed at the Quercia or Police headquarters.

The original of this telegram with English translation from Appendix 'A'.

3. The second telegram, Appendix 'B', was sent by the Yugoslian Chief of Police at Trieste on the 6th April, was registered at the MAURIZIO telegraph office on the 10th April, and by the Police Headquarters on the 20th. It ordered that foreign enemy subjects resident in Italy should be interned in German concentration camps on the initiative of the German Police. The text of this telegram shows that the Belgians, Dutch, French, Norwegians, Greeks, as well as ex Yugoslians were to be interned.

The third document, Appendix 'C', is a letter addressed by the head of MAURIZIO Province under the date 14th May to the Division of General and Secret Affairs in Section 3 (Provincial Department) of the Ministry of Interior at VALENZA, and states that all the documents belonging to enemy states, as well as items of every nationality had been received already, and sent to MAURIZIO, Modena, in agreement with the General S.I. Command at MAURIZIO.

It is again that the Italians often use the same general reference number on any one subject in their correspondence, and therefore as the telegram under reference here of the 14th April has not been found, that telegram may have cancelled the completion of the Bologna, which etc, from attachment to German concentration camps, which completion had been specified in the telegram (Appendix 'B') of the 6th of April.

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In any case it is not clear yet what the final orders regarding foreign civilian internees were, but it is fortunately clear that in case these orders were not carried out, as was the British subject, Maltese from Tripoli - have been discovered in the last few days at MESSINA in the presence of AUBREY FRANK, the MESSINA, in which internees must have reached the same orders as those that MESSINA, the MESSINA, received, and clearly AUBREY FRANK did not carry them out.

On the other hand in the presence of GAMBINO, MESSINA received, the British subject Jews who were suddenly removed from MESSINA to a Concentration Camp on the 10th April 44, were already dealt with under the general instructions contained in the 2 telegrams Appendixes 'A' and 'B'.

5. As regards the Jews, I take this opportunity to report that I stated in the above quoted telegram No 5 of the 14th July, that an Italian subject was declassified all Italian Jews and also that the Italian, those removed to the North may be only Jews from outside Italy, or may unfortunately include all former Italian Jews who had not succeeded in reaching MESSINA in Italy out of the situation of the Axis.

6. German Concentration Camps. I have discussed this phase in the telegram (Appendix 'B') with an experienced Italian official, and he is convinced that this means Concentration Camps in German territory, and that as we have nearly for the Jews at least, a high probability of being of nationality. On the other hand there is information at FLORENCE, near GENOA, MESSINA, one of the Camps is German controlled, so that possibly distribution of transport will favor the German for some time to come, to remain at least a portion of those removed from MESSINA in their Camps in Italy, if it can be assumed that MESSINA is not an isolated instance.

7. One thing stands out clearly, and that is that the civilian internees removed from MESSINA are living in much more imminent danger now than they did prior to April 1944, and that unless some measures are found to keep them in Italy, their fate may be that already reserved by the Germans for countless tens of thousands of their victims.

MEMORANDUM

- 1. J. C. P., London (2)
- Chief Concentration, H. O. A. O. G.
- 1 & 2. P. Sub-Concentration, A. O. G.
- A. H. G., 5 Camps
- A. H. G., 6 Camps
- A. F. H. G.
- M. G.

O. H. Kesteven-Smith
C. R. HARRISON-CHISHAM,

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APPENDIX "A"COPY TELEGRAM

TO : A TUTTI CAPI PROVINCIA (MACERATA)
 FROM : SEDE DI CAMPANA
 22 JANUARY 1944.
 DATE :

AO SCESSE SEDE DI CAMPANA 197 53 22 15.20

416 PREGASI PRENDERE ACCORDI CON AUTORITA LOCALI GERMANICHE ALLE QUALI VANNO
 SPIEGATE LE DISPOSIZIONI IMPARTITE PER ORDINE DUCE ALF CONSEQUENTEMENTE FATE
 AFFLUIRE CAMPO CONCENTRAMENTO TUTTI GLI EBREI ANCHE SE DISCRIMINATI ALF
 COMMUNICATE ACCORDI RACCIUTTI ALF

TAMBURINI CAPO POLIZIA

PREFETTURA DI MACERATA
 (GABINETTO)

21 APR 44 XXII

TO ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS
 FROM CHIEF OF POLICE , SEDE DI CAMPANA, CONSULE OF MODENA PROVINCE OF BRESCIA,
 REGION OF LOMBARDY.
 TRIPLE URGENT DATE 22 JANUARY 1944 15-20

416. YOU SHOULD MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE LOCAL GERMAN
 AUTHORITIES TO WHOM THE DISPOSITIONS MADE BY ORDER OF THE DUCE HAVE BEEN EXPLAINED
 STOP. CONSEQUENTLY CARE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE CONCENTRATION CAMP ALL JEWS EVEN
 IF HITHERTO EXEMPT OR PRIVILEGED STOP.
 COMMUNICATE ARRANGEMENTS REACHED. TAMBURINI, CHIEF OF POLICE.

RECEPTION STAMP OF TELEGRAPH OFFICE 8 APRIL 44 MACERATA.

DATE OF RECEPTION PREFETTURA OF MACERATA (SECRETARIATE) 21 APRIL 44 XXII
 DATE OF RECEPTION BY QUASATURA (POLICE) 24 APRIL.

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APPENDIX "B"

COPY TELEGRAM

TO : QUESTORE MACERATA
 FROM : VALDAGNO
 DATE : 22 APRIL 1944
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11 SS VALDAGNO - 91175 - 55 TP. 6 18 - QUESTORI ITALIA
 REPUBBLICANA N° 13/443 RIPETERSI PRESSENTE CIRCOLARE PER APPLICAZIONE
 PUNTO AL INIZIATIVA ORGANO POLIZIA GERMANICA DOVRANNO ESSERE
 INTERNATI CAMPI CONCENTRAMENTI GERMANICI SUDDITI NEMICI RESIDENTI
 IN ITALIA ESCLUSI BELGI, OLANDESI, FRANCESI EX POLACCHI,
 NORVEGESI, GRECI ET EX JUGOSLAVI PUNTO PREGASI SEGNALARE
 NOMINATIVI PER ACCOMPAGNAMENTO CAMPI PREDETTI PUNTO CAPO
 POLIZIA TAMBURINI

TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS MACERATA

FROM HEAD OF POLICE, VALDAGNO, VICENZA PROVINCE

URGENT. VALDAGNO. 91175 55 TP 6 APRIL 1800

TO POLICE OFFICIALS IN REPUBLICAN ITALY

NO 13/443 THE PRESENT CIRCULAR IS TO BE REPEATED SO THAT ITS TERMS MAY BE
 CARRIED OUT. STOP.

ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE ORGAN OF THE GERMAN POLICE THERE MUST BE ~~INTEREST~~ IN
 GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS EVERY SUBJECTS RESIDENT IN ITALY, EXCLUDING BELGIAN,
 DUTCH, POLISH, EX POLES, NORWEGIAN, GREEK AND EX YUGOSLAVS STOP. NOMINAL ROLLS
 TO ACCOMPANY THE PRISONERS TO THESE CAMPS MUST BE COMMUNICATED. STOP.

TAMBURINI HEAD OF THE POLICE.

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 DATE OF RECEIPT IN TELEGRAPH OFFICE 22 APRIL 44 MACERATA
 " " " " QUESTURA (POLICE H.Q.) 23 APRIL 44

APPENDIX "C"

4.5.44

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AL N 13/443 DEL 4 U. S.

OGG. INTERNATI APPARTENENTI A STATI NEMICI

D.A.C.F.
MIN. INTA. S. R. SEZ. 3

VALDAGNO

CON RIFERIMENTO AL TELEGRAMMA SU INDICATO INFORMASI CHE TUTTI GLI INTERNATI APPARTENENTI A STATI NEMICI NONCHE GLI EBREI DI QUALSIASI NAZIONALITA RESIDENTI IN QUESTA PROVINCIA SONO STATI GIA ARRESTATI E TRASPORTATI A CORPI (MODENA) D'INTESA CON QUESTO COMANDO TEDE SCO S.S.

IL CAPO PROVINCIA

COPIATO 5 MAGGIO 1944 ANNO 22

NO 04399

4.5.44

No. 13/443 OF THE 4th APRIL

SUBJECT: INTERNESSE BELONGING TO ENEMY STATES

SECTION III
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
DIVISION OF GENERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS
FOREIGNERS DEPARTMENT

WITH REFERENCE TO THE ABOVEMENTIONED TELEGRAM, YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT ALL INTERNESSE BELONGING TO ENEMY STATES AS WELL AS JEWS OF EVERY NATIONALITY RESIDENT IN THIS PROVINCE, HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARRESTED AND TRANSPORTED TO CORPI (MODENA PROVINCE) IN AGREEMENT WITH THE GERMAN S.S. COMMAND HERE.

COPIED 5 MAY 1944 ANNO XXII

THE HEAD OF THE PROVINCE
(INITIALS ILLUMINE)

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BY ITALIAN ARMY

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AFHQ FOR MURPHY

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PRIORITY

INT GOVT CONCERN ON REFUGEES

FOLLOWING FROM BEATCOTE SMITH RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
 ON REFUGEE'S PASSE FOR AFHQ FOR MURPHY FROM ACC ADVANCED ^{F 7 1 8} ~~PASSE~~ TOUR F SEVEN ONE EIGHT
 FOUR FIVE OF THIRTEEN JULY PD HERewith PARAPHRASE OF MY TELEGRAM OF TWENTY SIX JUNE
 REFERENCE NUMBER ADV SEVENTY FIVE SENT TO YOU AND REPEATED BSA TRIPOLI PD BEGINS
 SUBJECT IS MALTESE FROM TRIPOLITANIA AWAITING REPATRIATION PD PARA ONE PD WOULD YOU
 PLEASE AUTHORISE REPATRIATION AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE OF THE THREE HUNDRED FIFTY
 OLD MALTESE NOW LIBERATED AND HERE IN MORE PD PARA TWO PD THE REMAINDER OF THE
 SEVENTEEN HUNDRED MALTESE BROUGHT TO ITALY FROM TRIPOLITANIA IN NINETEEN FORTY TWO
 ARE STILL IN FASCIST HANDS PD PARA THREE PD BOTH ABLE CHARLIE CHARLIE AND INTER
 GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE DESIRE THIS REPATRIATION PD PARA FOUR PD ON RECEIPT YOUR REPLY
 NECESSARY SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE PD POSTSCRIPT PD NOMINAL ROLL WITH FULL
 DESCRIPTION WAS POSTED TO YOU ON NINE JULY

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L.F. MONTANT, JR,
1st LT, AGD
Adjutant.

TRANSLATION

Rome, July 8th 1944

Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission

R O M E

29 JUL 1944

The writer of this letter mother of young Mario VICARIO, son of the late Camillo, born in Rome, in 1925, who has never belonged to the Fascist Party, trusting your well known feelings of impartial justice expounds what follows:

During the summer of 1939, from July 15th to August 9th to be precise, under strong compulsion and irreparable conditions, my son Mario, then forced to be an avanguardista, (to-day he is a traitor because he refused to enlist with the Germans), went to the camp of Moena (Trento).

Trusting in the perfect assistance of the fascist personnel headed by Major Panetta and by the teachers of the Gymnasium, and in my son's robust health, I gave my consent and waited calmly for the return of Mario, who came home feverish and looking ill in spite of his usual good health.

Briefly, I can say that a real calvary began then for us: in spite of strong treatments of all kind, injections, X-rays, analysis, etc made by Dr. Adolfo Paolini, Dr. Barbera and Prof. Signorelli, my son got worse during the winter, with severe pains in the left lung and symptoms of broncho alveolitea of tuberculous nature, of which he is still suffering now.

I addressed a protestation to the Comando of the fascist group, via Meta-ponto n. 24 tel. 74035, who ordered a control sanitary visit to be made by Dr. Giuseppe Malato, living in via Virgo n. 27 tel. 71973.

Dr. Malato after a careful visit and an attentive examination of the prescriptions of the doctors, i.e. Dr. Paolini, Adolfo, living in the Corso d'Italia, no 92 tel. 82666 - Dr. Euno Barbera, living in via Roma n. 22, tel 70064 and Prof. Signorelli Angelo, living in via Venti Settembre n. 68, tel. 81128, certified that young Vicario Mario, usually of a strong constitution, had really become ill in the camp, because of his being underfed and over-tired, and that the diagnosis of the doctors was correct.

On my protesting legally, and asking to have my expenses and also an indemnity paid back, the Comando Federale (Via Fornero) Sanitation office, to whom my request had been sent, answered that because of their limited means, they regretted not to be able to give satisfaction to my just demands, and they gave only four boxes of Viskiol phials. (I still keep the said boxes), in spite of the general principle benefits printed on his card of the Cloventu Italiana del Littorio.

This concession may well be called a provocation, when I think of the millions accumulated by some Fascists (7) who later on tried to escape while my son's health is now for ever ruined because of a crazy camping organization where he suffered from hunger and want in spite of fine promises.

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during the summer of 1939, from July 15th to August 24th to be precise, under strong compulsion and in suitable conditions, my son Mario, then formed to be an avanguardista, (to-day he is a patriot because he refused to enlist with the German), went to the camp of Moena (Trento).

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This concession may well be called a provocation, when I think of the millions accumulated by some Fascists (?) who later on tried to escape while my son's health is now for ever ruined because of a crazy camping organization where he suffered from hunger and want in spite of fine promises.

I could not go on pressing the matter on the General Direction of the Foro Mussolini because of the delay of some so-called hierarchs, and because of the well known crisis which took place.

Trusting your fair judgement, I appeal to you as a victim of the Fascio to obtain a suitable reimbursement of my expenses which amounted to L. 16.000 in 1939, and an indemnity in proportion with the chronic illness of my only son, who was exempted from pre-military service, and compulsory work, because of bronco alveolites of the left side of a tuberculous nature.

I enclose an eloquent certificate of Dr. Paolini bearing witness to this unfortunate controversy, a certificate of the Hygiene and Sanitation Office

Federico (FHTB) [Signature]

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which declares that my son suffers from Franco sympathies of the left side,
and a card of the fascio bearing the general principle benefits.

Trusting in your loyalty and justice, I beg you to listen favourably to
my protestation; I remain,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Paschina Ester, widow Vicario

Via Gallia - 95 - ROMA

CAPTAIN ELERY H. STONE
acting Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Control Commission

Trans./E.C.

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DOFT. PROF. ADOLFO PAOLINI
Corso d'Italia 92,
Tel. 82-666

Roma 4 - 7 - 44

I certify that young vicario Mario, son of the late Camillo, aged 19 went to the Moena camp (Province of Trento), in 1939, (from July 13th to August 3th), made ascensions and exerted himself in other ways. He came back from the camp ill and under-fed, suffering from a bronchial catarrh which grew worse during the months of October-December. In January - February 1940, he caught bronco-pneumonia (left lung), and then pleuritis; after these illnesses, he was never well again and has now got salveolites of the apex of the left lung, of a tubercular nature.

Before he went to the camp, vicario Mario that I know since he was a child, was always well and never coughed.

His present illness is therefore the consequence of the treatment he had to put up with in the camp.

Roma 4 - 7 - 44

/s/ Dr. Paolini Adolfo

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GOVERNATORATO

DI ROMA

IGIENE E SANITAZIONE

After medical examination and after establishing his personal identity, we certify that:

Mr. Vicario Mario

son of the late Camillo

born on 20 - I - 1925 in Rome

suffers from specific "bronco alveolite" of the left side

for which reason we judge him permanently unfit for compulsory work.

Delivered in conformity with the S. D. 31/10/1942 n.1611

THE DIRECTOR SANITATION OFFICER

/s/ illegible

Rome, 28 - 2 - 1944

After medical examination and after establishing his personal identity, we certify that:

MR. VICENTIO MARIO

son of the late Camillo

born on 20 - I - 1925 in Rome

suffers from specific broncho alveolites of the left side

for which reason we judge him permanently unfit for compulsory work.

Delivered in conformity with the L. D. 31/10/1942 n.1611

THE DIRECTOR SANITATION OFFICER

/s/ illegible

Rome, 28 - 2 - 1944

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CMA AMG EIGHT ARMY

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INT GOVT COMM ON REFUGEES

THE FOLLOWING FROM HEATHCOTE SMITH INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES
PAREN TO TROOPERS FOR INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE LONDON RPTD AFHQ CMA BRITISH
EMBASSY ROME CMA PAREN BY DR PAREN CMA AMG FIVE ARMY CMA AMG EIGHT ARMY PAREN
BEGINS NUMBER FIVE SUBJECT PD PROOF OF REMOVAL OF FOREIGN CIVILIAN INTERNEES TO
NORTH ITALY PD FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM THAT I HOLD CMA OF WHICH I FOUND
ORIGINAL IN ARCHIVES OF MACERATA PROVINCE IN THE MARCHES REGION PD BEGINS TWENTY
SECOND APRIL NINETEEN FORTY FOUR AT VALDONO CMA PROVINCE OF VICENZA FROM TAMBURINI
CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY PD NUMBER THIRTEEN SLANT FORTY FOUR THREE PD TEXT PD THIS
IS ADDRESSED TO CHIEFS OF POLICE THROUGHOUT REPUBLICAN ITALY PD THIS PRESENT CIRCULAR
IS TO BE REPEATED EVERYWHERE FOR APPLICATION OF ITS TERMS PD ON THE INITIATIVE OF
THE ORGAM OF THE GERMAN POLICE THERE MUST BE INTERNEED IN GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS
THE ENEMY SUBJECTS RESIDENT IN ITALY WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS BELGIAN DUTCH
FRENCH EX POLISH NORWEGIAN GREEK AND EX YUGOSLAV PD PLEASE NOTIFY NOMINAL ROLLS
WHICH WILL BE USED WHEN REMOVING INTERNEES TO THESE GERMAN CAMPS ITALIAN TELEGRAM
ENDE PD PARA TWO PD FURTHER CORROBORATION OF ABOVE PD IN MACERATA PROVINCE IN
COMMUNE OF CAMERINO I OBTAINED OFFICIAL NOMINAL ROLL OF FORTY THREE BRITISH SUBJECTS
REMOVED NORTHWARDS FROM THAT TOWN UNDER THIS ORDER PD THEY ARE JEWS FROM TRIPOLI PD
THEY CONSISTED OF SEVERAL FAMILIES WITH AGES FROM UNDER ONE YEAR TO OVER SEVENTY PD IN
ACCORDANCE WITH PENDING INSTRUCTIONS THERE ARRIVED SUDDENLY AT NOON ON EIGHTEEN APRIL
A GERMAN OFFICER WITH FASCIST SUBORDINATE CMA AND IN A FEW MINUTES ALL THE JEWS HAD BEEN
PLACED IN LORRIES AND WERE TAKEN TO FOSSOLI NEAR CARPI IN MODENA PROVINCE PD PARA
THREE PD AN OFFICIAL COPY OF A COMMUNICATION OF FOURTH MAY FROM MACERATA TO VALDAGNO
WHICH I HOLD STATES THAT ALL INTERNEES OF THE SPECIFIED ENEMY STATES AS WELL AS JEWS
OF WHATEVER REPEAT WHATEVER NATIONALITY IN THE PROVINCE HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND SENT

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TO CORFI PD IT IS NOT YET CLEAR IF THIS INCLUDES ITALIAN JEWS ALSO PD THERE WERE NONE
IN MACERATA PD PARA FOUR PD CLEARLY THEREFORE PAREN A PAREN GERMANY HAS ASSUMED
OVERRIDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL CIVILIAN INTERNEES IN ITALY PAREN B PAREN PERSECUTION OF
THE JEWS CONTINUES UNABATED PAREN C PAREN NO LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES CAN BE EXPECTED SOUT
OF MODENA MESSAGE ENDS

L.T. MONTANT, JR
1st Lt., AGD
Adjutant

ACC LIST:

I.ADP Sub-Comm. (For Info)
Exec Commissioner (For Info)
Chief Commissioner (For Info)

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES
HEAD-QUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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15 JUL 1944

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REFERENCE : IGCN/MAL/I

FROM : Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith,
Resident Representative in Italy,
Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees.

TO : Sir Herbert Kearton,
Director, Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, London.

SUBJECT : Maltese Interesses in Italy and Disloyalty.

1. On the 26 June 1940 or thereabouts, Anglo-Maltese inhabitants in Tripolitania began to be informed in a camp called, SHAL EL SUHA.

In January 1942, 1700 Anglo-Maltese were taken from the Concentration Camp or Camps by the Italian authorities in 3 ships which disembarked them respectively at Brindisi, Taranto and Naples.

2. They were spread between MONTECATINI, BAGNI DI LUCA, both in TOSCANA and at FIUBBI (FIOSSO), south west of Rome, and remained there until October 1942.

3. Meanwhile, and notably before May 1942, a Signor Professor Biscottini, a Maltese, was sent by the Italian Government to recruit pro-Italians among those Maltese who would opt for Italian Nationality. Some thousand of those refusing to do so were put in a Concentration Camp at ALATHI, Province of PUGLIA.

Others who were sent to persuade the Maltese to join the Italian Fascist Party were 2 Maltese, one CARLO MALLIA and Padre MEZZULLI; so far no further details have been obtained regarding these persons.

4. When the Allied forces were advancing in Italy Northwards, the 998 Maltese who had in the meanwhile been placed in the Concentration Camp at ALATHI as being recalcitrant, were collected for despatch to CARPI in EMILIA Province; 650 were sent forward; the remainder, about 340, were brought to LASAGNOLA Barracks in Rome, whence the Italians had not time to remove them before the Allied entry into Rome; (they are now awaiting repatriation to return to Tripolitania).

Of the remaining 700, 100 are believed to be at MONTENAPOLINO and are alleged (1) to be mainly disaffected. The other 600 were spread over villages in free confinement (confino libero) especially in the central around TREBISO and at ASSOLI - PUGLIA, and in the North in EMILIA.

5. Proofs of Disloyalty. All records regarding these persons, and indeed most refugees, had been kept by the Ministry of the Interior, and on my arrival in Rome on the 16 June I was informed at the Ministry office that all records had been sent Northwards, some months before, by order of the Fascist Republican Government.

However by dint of searching and the unsuspected assistance of one or two individuals traces of a few records were found. Among these the following facts were noted that Anglo-Maltese according to the following numbers had agreed to become Italian agents

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4. When the allied forces were advancing in Italy Northwards, the 996 Maltese who had in the meanwhile been placed in the Concentration Camp at ALATI as being recalcitrant, were collected for despatch to CEPA in BOVINO Province; 650 were sent forward; the remainder, about 340, were brought to LAMARCA barracks in Rome, whence the Italians had not time to remove them before the allied entry into Rome; (they are now awaiting permission to return to Tripolitania).

Of the remaining 700, 100 are believed to be at MONTICATTI and are alleged (1) to be mainly disaffected. The other 600 were spread over villages in free confinement (confino libero) especially in the central around FIGGIA and at ASOLI - PIZZO (BAVIA) and in the north in ALATI.

5. Proofs of Disloyalty. All records regarding these persons, and indeed most refugees, had been kept by the Ministry of the Interior, and on my arrival in Rome on the 16 June I was informed at the Ministry officially that all records had been sent Northwards, some months before, by order of the Fascist Republican Government.

However by dint of searching and the unexpected assistance of one or two individuals traces of a few records were found. Among these the following facts were noted that Anglo Maltese according to the following numbers had agreed to become Italian fascists

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(I)	From the group at FIBOLI	74
(II)	" " " MORIGATING	99
(III)	" " " BACHAI DI LUBA	80
(IV)	" " " ASSOCIATI FIBOLIO	31
	Total	274

These figures were on a loose sheet among records still remaining in the Ministry of the Interior, and should not, I think, be taken as necessarily correct numerically.

Herewith however a copy of a document found in that same Ministry, bearing the title of "List of Anglo Maltese of Libya with Italian sentiments who should remain at FIBOLI (family groups)" dated November 1942. Total names comprise 74 individuals and constitutes appendix "A" to this Memorandum.

I have some hopes of being furnished in the near future with names of others who declared themselves in favour of obtaining Italian Nationality.

I would prefer to work quietly at obtaining this information without disclosing my sources, until either I have failed to procure any further information, or until in possession of the desired names.

C. A. Beckett Smith
 S. M. S. M. S. M. S. SMITH,
 S. M. S. S. O. G. S. M.

Copies to: Sir Percy Osborne, British Minister to the Holy See. ✓
 Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, Advanced.
 A. F. M. S.
 His Excellency the Governor of Malta.

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ATTENZIONE 14 TO ROSS/MAY/DAVID 7 JUL 44

ELenco degli agenti maltesi sottintesi Italiani che dovranno rimanere a PUGGIO.
(Nobili Puniglieri)

10.	MEZZO	Maria	Ved. Buttice di Zammare
20.	BUTTICIG	Antonio	fu Alfredo
30.	BUTTICIG	Caterina	fu Alfredo
40.	BUTTICIG	Giovanna	fu Alfredo
50.	BUTTICIG	Maria	fu Alfredo
60.	SPINELLI	Gregorio	fu Carlo
70.	GIULI	Antonietta	di Salvatore
80.	PALSON	Maria	fu Spiridione
90.	MARBARA	Genovita	fu Michele
100.	GLAUCONCHE	Silvana	di Antonio
110.	GLAUCONCHE	Lucia	di Antonio
120.	GATEI	Giovanni	fu Luigi
130.	PIRANI	Giovanni	fu Salvatore
140.	DE BUONO	Vincenzo	fu Giuseppe
150.	MIZZI	Francesca	fu Fortunato
160.	DRAGO	Giuglia	di Isidoro
170.	DRAGO	Caterina	di Francesco
180.	DRAGO	Angelina	di Francesco
190.	DRAGO	Mariano	di Francesco
200.	CASSAR	Francesco	fu Francesco
210.	BENOLINI	Andriana	di Andrea
220.	CASSAR	Aladino	di Francesco
230.	CASSAR	Milvia	di Francesco
240.	CASSAR	Ottorino	di Francesco
250.	MAURINI	Santuzia	di Francesco
270.	SAGNA	Margherita	fu Vincenzo
280.	SAGNA	Oronzo	di Paolo
290.	SAGNA	Silvana	di Paolo
300.	SAGNA	Vincenzo	di Paolo
310.	PRESILORNO	Nicola	di Paolo
320.	ARTOLA	Antonietta	fu Giacomo
330.	FRIZZORNO	Giuseppe	fu Mario
340.	FRIZZORNO	Andrea	di Nicola
350.	ASCAPAZZI	Paolina	di Nicola
360.	LORENZINI	Ado	di Basilio
370.	VASSALLO	Paolino	di Mario
380.	MALIA	Rosario	fu Paolo
390.	PIRANI	Carmela	fu Giovanni
400.	MALIA	Pina	fu Carmelo
410.	MALIA	Maria	di Rosario
420.	MALIA	Luise	di Rosario
430.	MALIA	Isabella	di Rosario
440.	MALIA	Genovita	di Rosario
450.	ZALLANA	Zaffarina	di Giuseppe
460.	BORGIA	Galoppia	fu Paolo
470.	ZAMMIT	Ofelia	fu Carmelo
480.	GHILIANO	Mario	di Eduardo
490.	GHILIANO	Liliana	di Eduardo
500.	GHILIANO	Carlo	di Eduardo
510.	DE BUONO	Aurelio	fu Vincenzo
520.	MARINO	Elisa	di Ugo
530.	DE BUONO	Adriana	di Aurelio
540.	DE BUONO	Vincenzo	di Aurelio

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110	GIAMBERINI	di ANTONIO
120	GASTI	di Antonio
130	FISANI	fu Luigi
140	DE BUONO	fu Salvatore
150	MEZI	fu Giuseppe
160	DRAGO	fu Fortunato
170	DRAGO	di Andrea
180	DRAGO	di Francesco
190	DRAGO	di Francesco
200	CASSAR	di Francesco
210	BENOLINI	di Andrea
220	CASSAR	di Francesco
230	CASSAR	di Francesco
240	CASSAR	di Francesco
250	MARINI	di Francesco
270	BAKINA	fu Vincenzo
280	SAGONA	di Paolo
290	SAGONA	di Paolo
300	SAGONA	di Paolo
310	FRIGLIARINO	di Paolo
320	ARFOLA	fu Giacomo
330	FRIGLIARINO	fu Mario
340	FRIGLIARINO	di Nicola
350	AZZOPARDI	di Nicola
360	LORIENTE	di Emanuele
370	VASSALLO	di Mario
380	MALLA	fu Paolo
390	FISANI	fu Giovanni
400	MALLA	fu Carmelo
410	MALLA	di Rosario
420	MALLA	di Rosario
430	MALLA	di Rosario
440	MALLA	di Rosario
450	TALIANA	di Giuseppe
460	BONELA	fu Paolo
470	ZAMBITI	fu Carmelo
480	GHILARDO	di Biacario
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510	DE BUONO	di Biacario
520	MORGANO	fu Vincenzo
530	DE BUONO	di Ego
540	DE BUONO	di Aurelio
550	DE BUONO	di Aurelio
560	MARINONI	fu Giuseppe
570	REKIBIAN	fu Emanuele
580	MARINONI	fu Salvatore
590	MARINONI	di Lucraccio
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620	MARINONI	di Lucraccio
630	HERALINA	di Lucraccio
640	COPALAN	fu Francesco
650	HERALINA	fu Giuseppe
660	HERALINA	di Giovanni
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(26) APP A

FURTHER TO OUR F58387 OF 12TH JUNE AND OUR F42273 OF 5TH MAY REGARDING REPATRIATION OF SELECTED ITALIAN SPECIALISTS FROM GREECE AND ALBANIA. MIDEAST SUGGEST VISIT OF DE SALLIS UNNECESSARY AND STATE THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO SPARE HIM FROM HIS ~~THE~~ PRESENT TASKS. IN VIEW OF THIS AND OF THE FACT THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR SOB TO EVACUATE SMALL NUMBER OF SPECIALISTS FROM TIME TO TIME REQUEST YOU INFORM SOMTO AND MIDEAST COPY TO FREEDOM TYPES OF SPECIALISTS REQUIRED NUMBER THAT YOU ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE URGENCY THEIR EVACUATION AND TO WHOM THEY SHOULD BE HANDED OVER ON ARRIVAL IN ITALY

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 ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394

13 June 1944

DSH 1386
 28 JUN 1944

REPORT for period 1st - 31st May 1944.

1. Staff.

Our strength of military personnel was :-

	1st.	31st. May	1st.	31st. May
Allied Offrs.	27	31	Allied O.Fs.	25
Italian Offrs.	85	111	Italian O.Fs.	381
				26
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2. Movement of Refugees.

a. From battle zones.

Evacuated from	Number	Method
AF&IO	Nil	
6 Army	8,020	By M.T. or rail Tpt. to main Camps or dispersal areas.
5 Army	4,589	By M.T. to main Camps.
Total	12,609	

b. To dispersal areas.

Region	Provinces	Number	Remarks
Region I.	unknown	3971	
" II.	Bari	1388	
" III.	Napoli		
" "	Salerno	503	
" "	Avellino	500	
" "	Reggio Cal.	437	
" VII.	Catanzaro	805	
" "	Local Home	846	
" "	Italian Military	1651	
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		878	
Total		10743	

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" "	Salerno	500	
" "	Avellino	437	
" VII.	Reggio Cal.	805	
" "	Catanzaro	846	
	Local Homes		
	Italian Military	878	
Total		10743	

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3. Dispersal.

Region II and VII once more received refugees. During April no refugees were sent to Region VII and only a few to Region II. (Bari).

4. Main Camps.

Main camps are operating at

Western Italy ;
 Eastern Italy ;
 Camps, Aversa, Naples, Caserta
 Foggia

5. Transportation.

Increased difficulty in acquiring road transport, especially for the short

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12 June 44

Journeys from camp to railhead, and railhead to camp.

At the end of the month refugees began to arrive by rail from 8 army areas.

The arrival of refugees by rail from forward areas has made it necessary that each camp should possess sufficient transport to shuttle the refugees between the camp and the station. We have asked for 10 x 3 ton trucks.

6. Dispersal Areas.

As the Armales move forward the unrest amongst the refugees in the South increases. Refugees find it hard to live in the dispersal areas and are eager to return to their homes and property, whether it is intact or not.

7. Major J.C. Stuart reported to the Rome Sub-Commission as our representative.

8. Mr. Zaniboni has been appointed as Minister for Refugees. As shown in para one, the numbers of Italian Army personnel employed by us has increased considerably. We continue to pass the responsibility and the work involved onto the Italians as far as is possible. However, supply and transportation arrangements during evacuation are ours, and the O.Cs. of all the camps are allied.

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Copy to A.G.O.
Force 266.

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1. Reference your unnumbered signal dated 6 May, repeated to A.G.O. It was ruled that no large scale evacuation of Italians from ALBANIA was practicable or desirable on grounds of security.
2. The German drive against the partisan bridge-head in southern Albania has again brought this problem into prominence.
3. The Naval Authorities have expressed the view that a limited number of Italians evacuated by Italian vessels engaged on operations to Albania would have a valuable effect on the morale of Italian crews.
4. At a meeting of SOC today, SILD stated that from a security angle it should be possible to handle up to 500 Italians evacuees per month.
5. My confirmation be given that the evacuation of 500 per month would not be regarded as a large scale evacuation which was prohibited in your signal under reference.
6. would emphasize that the continued presence of a large number of Italians in guerrilla areas without any prospect of reducing their numbers, presents a serious problem and may adversely affect current operations.

signed for

(W.A.M. Stawell,
Maj. Gen.
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PARA 1. QUESTION OF ITALIANS IN GREECE AND ALBANIA IMMEDIATELY AFTER MAY/11 OF 17TH MARCH WITH SECRETARY MEMO CONCERNING APPROPRIATION BY FORCE 133, HAS BEEN EXAMINED FULLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARMS FORCE, ALLIED COMBAT CORPS AND RESERVE HEADQUARTERS. CONCLUSIONS AS FOLLOWS:- A. NO EFFORT TO LARGE SCALE EVACUATION PRACTICABLE OR DESIRABLE ON GROUNDS OF SECURITY. B. SMALL NUMBER SPECIALISTS COULD HOWEVER BE USEFULLY EMPLOYED FOR WORK WITH ITALIAN ARMY UNITS. C. AS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPARULATE LARGE BROTHERS, ITALIANS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED IF POSSIBLE TO FORM THEMSELVES INTO GUERRILLA BATTALIONS. FAILING THIS DESERTION AND EMPLOYMENT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. D. ITALIANS IN GREECE SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED FROM DRIFTING INTO ALBANIA AS TO DO SO WITHOUT HOPE OF REPARULATION WOULD BE MATERIALLY TO DEPRECIATE THEM. E. ALLIED MISSIONS IN THE FIELD SHOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE FINANCIAL AID WHERE POSSIBLE. PARA 2. CONSIDERED HERE THAT APPROACH TO GERMAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH NEUTRAL POWER WOULD BE TOO LONG AND TOO UNCERTAIN AND WOULD IN ANY CASE BE UNLIKELY TO LEAD TO ANY PRACTICAL RESULT. PARA 3. ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND HAS AGREED TO MAINTAIN VISIT OF MAJOR DE CALIO. HE SHOULD REPORT TO AGO HEADQUARTERS ON ARRIVAL.

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FURTHER TO OUR F12273 OF 6TH MAY SUBJECT IS REPATRIATION OF SELECTED ITALIAN SPECIALIS FROM GREECE AND ALBANIA. PLEASE ARRANGE MAJOR DE SALIS ON ARRIVALITY TO CONTACT LT COL. QUINSMITH ARMY SUB COMMISSION ADV HQ ACC WHO WILL ARRANGE LIAISON WITH ITALIAN SUPREME COMMAND

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23rd. May. 1944.

Just a line to thank you very much indeed for your Personal & Top Secret Situation Report letters.

1. These are of the greatest value to me and I do appreciate very much your finding the time to send them while you must be swamped with work.

2. Up to date, on my side of the house in the forward areas things are, I think, going quite satisfactorily. There has naturally been more doing on the 5th. Army side than on the 8th. and on Sunday I covered most of the 5th. Army forward area including Itri and Fondi. There are a surprising number of civilians still in the area and many of them have been taking refuge in the hills and have been drifting back. But they are being well looked after and adequately fed and the number of refugees is being kept down to the minimum with the double object of getting the people back to their fields and their work as early as possible and to avoid cluttering up the refugee axes which may later on have a higher strain to compete with.

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Lieut-General J. Harding, CB, DSO,
Chief of General Staff,
Headquarters, A. A. I...

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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YOUR THREE THREE FOUR THREE FIVE ONE OF ONE ONE MAY REPORTS PD PARIS TO
AFHQ FOR GENERAL FIVE FROM AOM HEAD QUARTERS PD NO OBJECTION APPOINTMENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REFUGEE BOARD TO BE LOCATED AT BASE PD HIS
POSITIONS WILL BE INTERNAL AND HE WILL NOT CONCERN HIMSELF WITH REFUGEES
ONCE THEY ARE IN ITALY WHEN THEY WILL COME UNDER CONTROL DISPLACED PERSONS
SUBCOMMISSION PD REPORT GENERAL SPAIN LIEUT COLONEL LAYNE WHO IS VALUABLE
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CHARLES ROGER IS ATTACHED HEADQUARTERS AREA CHARLES CHARLES BUT WITH
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L. T. MONTAGU, JR.,
1st Lieut. USA,
ADJUTANT.

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TO: Executive Commissioner.
-----Reference 2 & 3

1. AFHQ write to say that War Department, Washington, have transmitted to them a request that a special representative of the War Refugee Board should be appointed, subject to your approval, to this HQ.
2. His duties would be to investigate for the Board the possibilities of rescue and relief for minority groups in enemy occupied territories in areas near Italy who are in imminent danger of death.
3. The representative proposed is Lt. Comdr. John Lawler, now with the Finance sub-commission. AFHQ, if permission is granted them, would like to make his HQ at BARI.
4. It appears that the reason for choosing BARI as HQ is because they think that the resident representative of IROK is also stationed at BARI. AFHQ point out this inaccuracy and ask whether you would prefer Mr. Lawler to be at HQ ACC.
5. An early reply by cable is requested. I presume that you would prefer the representative to be stationed at HQ ACC and attach a draft reply.

15 May 1944.

G.W.I. SHIFF,
Lieut. Col.Chief Commissioner.

The above minute explains AFHQ's proposals regarding the War Refugee Board about which I spoke to you. A draft telegram, agreeing in general but refusing to release Lt. Comdr. Lawler, is submitted beneath.

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CAMP - DISPLACED PERSONS.

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NAME	NATURE	OBJECT	REMARKS
1. BARI	Ex P.O.W.	(a) Closed Transit Reception Disinfection SCREENING - (b) Open, a small portion to be wired off for workers in BARI.	Necessary to keep and 1/h "DIRTY"
2. TUTARANO (near ISINDESI)	Ex P.O.W.	(a) TRANSIT - Received by train from BARI. I hope to persuade Movements to run some trains direct to "Camps." (b) Permanent.	(a) Adequate for (b) Not suitable accommodation and malarial
3. SANTA CESAREA.	Seaside Bungalows Requisitioned.	Holding.	Good.
4. BAGNI	Seaside Bungalows Requisitioned.	Holding.	Good but very
5. LEUCA	Seaside Bungalows Requisitioned.	(a) Holding. (b) Hospital, 135 beds including Maternity. (c) Orphans Home 100 (d) Nurses Training 30	Good
6. ARNESANO	Factory.	Royalist Yugoslav.	Good.
7. MAGLIE	School.	Hospital - 200 Beds.	Excellent
8. TARANTO	Old brickfield	Evacuation Transit.	Adequate for Wired but

NOTES.

- Total capacity 3, 4, 5, and 6 - 11,000 - This must be reduced by say 2,000 - for (a) JEWS (b) ORPHANS (c) Very old (d) Royalist Yugoslavs Arnesano.
- In addition CASTRO "CAMP" for fighting Partisans "administered" by 2 of my officers - Capacity 1, expected shortly.
- In addition Ferramonti - Jewish Internees COSENZA PROVINCE.

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CAMPS - DISPLACED PERSONS.

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NAME	NATURE	OBJECT	REMARKS
1. BARI	Ex P.O.W.	(a) Closed Transit Reception Disinfestation SCREENING - (b) Open, a small portion to be wired off for workers in BARI.	Necessary to keep 3/4 and 1/4 "DIRTY".
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CAMPS - DISPLACED PERSONS.

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DESCRIPTION	OBJECT	REMARKS	CAPACITY
P.O.W.	(a) Closed Transit Reception Disinfection SCREENING - (b) Open, a small portion to be wired off for workers in BARI.	Necessary to keep 3/4 "CLEAN" and 1/4 "DIRTY".	2,000
P.O.W.	(a) TRANSIT - Received by train from BARI. I hope to persuade Movements to run some trains direct to "Camps." (b) Permanent.	(a) Adequate for transit. (b) Not suitable for permanent accomodation no large huts and malarial district.	2,000
Bungalows positioned.	Holding.	Good.	2,000
Bungalows positioned.	Holding.	Good but very scattered.	5,000
Bungalows positioned.	(a) Holding. (b) Hospital, 135 beds including Maternity. (c) Orphans Home 100 (d) Nurses Training 30	Good	3,500
Maternity.	Royalist Yugoslav.	Good.	500
Pool.	Hospital - 200 Beds.	Excellent	200
brickfield	Evacuation Transit.	Adequate for 2 - 4 nights. Wired but escape possible.	3,500

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PAREN AS FOR ORDINARY PRISONER OF WAR PD NO SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE
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AUTHENTICATED:

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REVER SON 48593 OF 7 FEBRUARY AND 57641 OF 23 FEBRUARY. SUBJECT IS CIVILIAN INTERNEES FROM SICILY AND DETAINERS HELD BY PWI IN NORTH AFRICA. NOW READY TRANSFER THESE FROM NORTH AFRICA. PLEASE ADVISE (A) WHERE NOMINAL ROLLS AND AVAILABLE DETAILS SHOULD BE FORWARDED, (B) TO WHICH PORT INTERNEES SHOULD BE TRANSPORTED, (C) REQUIREMENTS REARDS AND ANY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS YOU MAY WISH SPECIFY

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE BERGS

FEB 081955

TO: FATIMA FORWARD RPTD IBS FOR AMG FOR ROGERS

FEB 082015

Arrested in Sicily, Ustica, Pantellaria, and Lampedusa. In most cases reason given for arrest does not constitute justification for continued detention. Following procedure therefore proposed.

Those arrested in Sicily and Island of Ustica. Move to Sicily to camps under control Distone for early review of cases by local review board.

Those arrested in Pantellaria and Lampedusa. Procedure as in para 2 considered impracticable. Therefore propose nominal roll and available details be sent SCAG Pantellaria for investigation and comment. Review Board to be set up in North Africa who would decide for release or continued detention on available evidence and fresh details provided by SCAG. Those released to be sent to islands. Those detained to remain North Africa.

Please state concurrence or comments proposal as in para 3, and indicate whether SCAG or other AMG officer could be made available from Pantellaria to attend review board in North Africa if required.

Held in North Africa under control AMG are one hundred sixty-five civilians.

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TO FATIMA RPT ACMF, ONE DISTRICT, IBS, FOR SEARS FOR HANCOCK
 FROM FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FRMGs
 REF NO 57641

28 FEB 44

REFERENCE MY 54970 OF 22ND FEBRUARY AND ACMF 194 OF 26 FEB. PARA 1.

SUBJECT IS 73 INTERNEES HELD SICILY WHO MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN CONTROL. INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE ISSUED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ACMF WHETHER THESE PERSONS ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ITALIANS OR SHOWN TO 371 P.O.W. CAMP.

OUR 54970 OF 22 FEB REFERS. SIMILARLY INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE ISSUED REGARDING FUTURE DISPOSAL INTERNEES HELD MAINLAND ITALY AND SICILY WHEN NO ACTION SECURITY OR POLITICAL OBJECTIONS TRANSFER TO ITALIANS.

Not on file here in Naples.

SEE MY 48598 OF 7 FEBRUARY YOUR 2306 OF 14 FEB AND CABLE IBS FROM HANCOCK S-7227 OF 16 FEB. PROPOSED FOR MOVE SICILY INTERNEES HELD NORTH AFRICA WHOSE CASES GET TO BE REVIEWED TO SICILY AT EARLY DATE FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW. NOMINAL ROLLS AND DETAILS WILL PRECEDE. CONSIDER (?) THIS BEST (?) COURSE AS EXPECTED LARGE MAJORITY WILL BE RELEASED FOR REASONS GIVEN PARA 1 OUR 48598.

CONCERNS INTERNEES FROM PANTELLERIA AND LAMPEDUSA HELD NORTH AFRICA. NORTH AFRICA DISTRICT ALREADY INSTRUCTED INVESTIGATE AND REPORT WHETHER ANY SECURITY OBJECTIONS RELEASE. ON COMPLETION THESE INVESTIGATIONS FULL NOMINAL ROLLS AND DETAILS THOSE PERSONS AGAINST WHOM NO SECURITY OBJECTIONS WILL BE FORWARDED SCAO PANTELLERIA WHO SHOULD INDICATE WHICH OF THESE MAY BE REPATRIATED TO THE ISLANDS. THOSE NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE BY SCAO OR AGAINST WHOM THERE ARE SECURITY OBJECTIONS WILL BE MOVED TO ITALY TO 371 PW CAMP. TOTAL HELD NORTH AFRICA APPROXIMATELY 30. THIS PROCEDURE ABVIATES NECES-SITY SCAO PROCEEDING NORTH AFRICA.

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1 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees from POW Camp No. 371, Padula
TO : Executive Commissioner, Main Bq ACC

1. I refer to your letter, Ref. 75/152/CA, dated 30 March and concur that the matter should be dropped unless there is a repetition of it.
2. Thank you for the prompt action taken by your office on my oral report.

MILERY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Ref: 75/152/CA.

30th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees from POW Camp No. 371, Padula.

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner. ✓

I refer to your letter DCC 383.7 dated 28 March 44.

1. I understand from the S.C.A.O., Salerno Province, that Headquarters, No. 3 District and the Sub Area concerned have already presented their deep apologies for the untoward arrival of these refugees and have ensured that steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence.
2. HQ. No. 3 District and the Area Commander have been so helpful and generous with transport and men in connection with the Vesuvius eruption that I hesitate to take up at a high level a matter which has already been settled between the parties concerned and which I hope will not recur.
3. If you approve, therefore, I think we should let the matter drop.

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M. S. Lush.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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In reply refer to:
DOC 383.7

28 March 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees from POW Camp #371, Padula
TO : Executive Commissioner, Main Hq AGO, Naples

1. On the afternoon of March 27th, 100 Italian civilian refugees were brought to Salerno by truck from the POW Camp at Padula, Camp #371. No advance notice, so far as can be determined, was given to the Italian Government and only a few hours notice was given to the A.C.C.

2. Most of these people had made their way through the lines. According to Dr. Montanari, in the office of Marshal Badoglio, many of these people had been held at the camp for as long as three months presumably for screening. It is stated, however, that although many of these had not been screened, they were suddenly notified yesterday that they would be released.

3. In the group which arrived in Salerno, some bore cards permitting them to return to their homes in liberated Italy. Others, whose homes are north of the line of military operations, bore cards reading, "For disposal by A.C.C.", although not sufficient advance notice had been given to A.C.C. that these people were arriving in Salerno. There appears to be no reason why persons not living in Salerno should be sent here.

4. It is requested that the strongest representations should be made to the Commanding Officer of the POW Camp at Padula against a repetition of such procedure.

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HILARY N. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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You will remember that some time ago you and I spoke to your Minister of Interior about the very pressing and important question of refugees. This problem, which as you know is very much on my mind, is aggravated by the eruption of Vesuvius, and I am sure you will agree with me that the proper reception of Italian refugees forced to vacate their homes is one which no Italian Government would wish or could afford to neglect.

2. In conversation with Signor Reale and his staff, Colonel Spicer gained the impression that the Minister of Interior, far from realising the grave importance of this problem, adopted a non-positive attitude. He made few constructive suggestions and was concerned only with excuses such as lack of communications, transport, clothes, etc..

3. I am sure that you and the other members of your Government will realise the importance of a rapid and adequate organisation for the reception of refugees in Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. Humanity demands that nothing should be neglected. Not only the Allied nations but many other countries will be watching Italy and her treatment of these unfortunate people.

4. I would impress upon you the necessity, therefore, of ensuring that the Minister of Interior takes every possible step to ensure that reception areas are properly organised, that the maximum number of people are absorbed, that feeding and boarding arrangements are properly planned, and that above all, a spirit of help and sympathy is shown by the Italian officials and engendered amongst the rest of the population towards these unfortunate people. Without that spirit no material organisation will avail. It has not yet been shown either by your Minister of the Interior or by many of the officials responsible for the reception

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of these refugees.

5. With regard to food, sufficient bulk food will be made available in every Region, and it is for the local authorities to plan for proper distribution, including adequate food for refugees. It is important that the refugees should be divided equally amongst all classes of householders and not lodged only with the poorer classes.

6. It is admitted that internal transportation is short but I hope that this difficulty will be overcome shortly.

7. I would ask you again to bring this most important matter to the attention of the Minister for the Interior and his Provincial officials.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo.

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In reply refer to:
DCC 383.7

23 March 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

This is in further connection with your letter N//A39/AP of 27 February 1944, with reference to the employment of Italian personnel by Allied Commanders.

With respect to this matter, the following reply dated 19 March 1944 has been received from Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy:

"The advisability of employing Italian soldiers from liberated territory or found locally before these men have been properly examined from the security point of view is fully realized at this Headquarters. Arrangements have already been made to apprehend all personnel, military and civilian, as they pass back through the frontlines. All personnel are examined and segregated into the various categories before being passed to the rear.

"Arrangements are also in hand to obtain a nominal roll of all specialist Italian personnel employed by the Army, and these rolls, when prepared, will be passed to Comando Supremo through Col. Negroni at this Headquarters.

"It is hoped by this arrangement that the position of certain absentees from the Italian Army will thereby be regularized."

If in your opinion the above does not take care of the matter, will you please inform me.

Yours very truly,

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ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

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Subject:- Employment of Italian Personnel
by Allied Commanders.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES
IN ITALY

To:- HQ Allied Control Commission,
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner.

8653/1/843

19 March 44

1. Reference your DCC 091.711 dated 11 March, above subject.
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Lt. General,
Chief of General Staff.

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In reply refer to:
DCC 091.711

11 March 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter N. 11439/GP of 27 February with reference to the employment of Italian personnel by Allied commanders.

As indicated in my letter of 24 January 1944, the matter was referred to Headquarters Allied Central Mediterranean Forces for attention. Copy of your letter of 27 February has been sent to HQ ACMF. I will inform you in connection with this matter as soon as a reply is received.

Yours very truly,

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Italian Government

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In reply refer to:
DCC 091.711

11 March 1944

SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Personnel by Allied Commanders

TO : Headquarters, Allied Central Mediterranean Forces

1. Attached is translation of communication No. 11439/OP dated 27 February 1944 received from Marshal Messe, Chief of the Supreme General Staff of the Italian Army. There is also attached translation of reference communication No. 10260/OP dated 11 January 1944.

2. Your attention to this matter is requested, and a reply indicating your decision will be greatly appreciated.

MERRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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SUPREME COMMAND

OPERATIONS OFFICE 11439/OP

P. M. 151 27 February 1944

SUBJECT: Employment of Personnel by Allied Commanders
without Security Control.

TO: Allied Control Commission

In my communication No. 10260/Op. Gave 11 January I informed you, in the interest of our common struggle against the enemy, of the necessity of preventing Allied commanders from employing Italian soldiers from the liberated territory or found locally before these men have been properly examined and the necessary investigation made by the Italian authorities.

This is necessary in order to prevent espionage and sabotage by elements unfriendly to the United Nations and to the National Government, in order to bring to an end the prevalent practice of army men arbitrarily absenting themselves from their duties, as a result of the encouragement found in the recruiting system employed by various Allied units. This constitutes a harmful example to other Italian soldiers.

In view of the recurrence of this situation with all its inherent dangers, I beg of you again to approach and try to persuade ACOM to adopt preventive measures aimed at insuring that Italian army personnel are, before being employed, examined and investigated by competent Italian authorities to ascertain their true status.

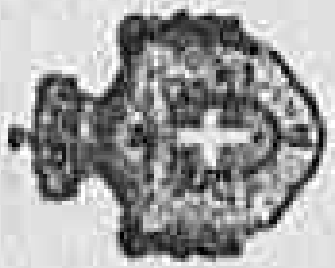
/s/ GIOVANNI BASSI
Marshal of Italy,
Chief of the General Staff.

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COMANDO SUPREMO

Ufficio Operazioni

N° 11452 / Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Personale impiegato dai Comandi Militari Alleati senza preventivo controllo.

Con mio foglio n. 10260/Op. dell'11 gennaio ho fatto presente a codesta Commissione la necessità, nell'interesse comune della lotta contro il nemico, di evitare che i Comandi Militari Alleati impieghino militari italiani provenienti dal territorio liberato o trovati sul posto e nelle retrovie, prima che nei confronti dei militari stessi le autorità italiane abbiano eseguito i necessari accertamenti.

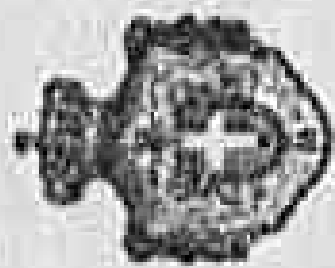
Quanto sopra al fine, sia di impedire attività di spionaggio o sabotaggio da parte di elementi avversi alle Nazioni Unite ed al Governo Nazionale, sia di troncare il persistente fenomeno di militari arbitrariamente assenti dai reparti, che nell'accoglienza e sistemazione in impieghi vari presso unità alleate trovano incoraggiamento alla loro situazione illegale e costituiscono esempio deleterio per gli altri militari alle armi.

Poichè mi risulta che la situazione sopra indicata continua a riprodursi con tutti i pericoli e danni ad essa attinenti, rinnovo viva preghiera a codesta Commissione affinché voglia interessare il Comando Forze Armate M.C. per l'adozione urgente dei provvedimenti intesi ad ottenere che i militari italiani trovantisi nelle condizioni sopra speci-

P.M. 151, 27 febbraio 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

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Ufficio Operazioni

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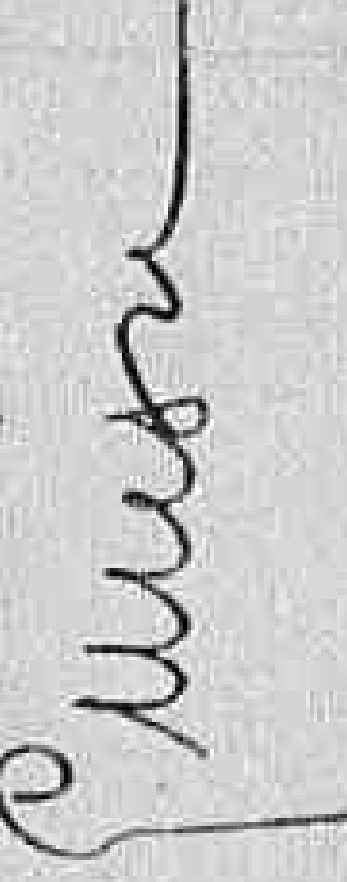
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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)



TRANSLATION

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11 MAR 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO
Operations Office

To General Chief of
Allied Control Commission

No. 10260/CF

11 January 1944

SUBJECT: Personnel from German occupied territory

Military personnel of all ranks is still continuing to pour in from German-controlled territory, and, as Allied troops advance, the number of Officers and ORs regained in liberated provinces is increasing.

It is possible that among such personnel there may be people sent or left behind by the enemy with espionage, sabotage or propaganda assignments.

It is therefore advisable that all this personnel should undergo a thorough investigation in order that the individual position and the past of each man be made clear.

Instructions to this effect have already been issued to the three Staffs.

It is in the common interest of Allied and Italian Armed Forces that these instructions should be thoroughly carried out, i.e., that every single individual should be examined.

To this purpose, all Allied Hqs ought to be informed that Officers and men coming from territories just liberated, or found in the spot, must be booked and placed at disposal of competent Italian authorities for proper investigation before they are employed in any way.

In view of the common interest of a speedy solution, I will be grateful, General, if you will take up this important matter with 15th Army Group Hqs.

THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF 1213

(Marshal Messe)

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SIG. GEN. BRASCHI
COMMISSIONE ALIBATA PI COVINOLO

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10260/Op.

Personale proveniente dal territorio occupato dai tedeschi.-

L'afflusso di militari di ogni grado provenienti dal territorio occupato dai tedeschi continua tuttora e col progredire della avanzata delle truppe alleate anche il numero dei militari che si ricomparano dalle zone liberate.-

Non è escluso che fra tali militari possano esservi elementi inviati o lasciati sul posto dal nazico con incarichi informativi e di sabotaggio o anche solo di propaganda ovunque al Governo Nazionale ed alle Nazioni Unite.-

È opportuno perciò che tutto il personale di ogni grado così recuperato venga sottoposto ad un severo esame allo scopo di ascertare la posizione dei singoli ed i loro precedenti.-

In tal senso ho già dato disposizioni al tre S.S.-

È però interesse comune della Forza Armata Italiana ad alleate che i provvedimenti disposti abbiano esecuzione integrale, che cioè tutti vengano esaminati. Occorrerebbe perciò a tale scopo che i Comandi Militari Alleati fossero informati che i militari di qualsiasi grado provenienti dal territorio liberato o trovati sul posto, prima di essere comunque impiegati, dovranno essere segnalati e posti a disposizione delle competenti autorità italiane per gli accertamenti preventivi.-

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Vi sudò,grato, Signor Generale, se vorrete interessarvi di questa importante questione presso il Comando IV Gruppo Armato, affinché essa possa essere risolta con quell'urgenza che è suggerita dal comune interesse delle Forze Armate Alleate ed Italiane.



IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

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DSN 266
8 MAR 1944

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TO FATIMA RPT ACMF ONE DISTRICT IBS FOR SEARS FOR HANCOCK
FROM FREEDOM DIVISION CITE FMDS

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REF NO. 54641

28 FEB 44

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reference my 54970 of 22 February and ACMF 194 of 26 Feb. para 1.

Subject is 73 internees held Sicily who may be transferred to Italian control. Instructions should be issued after consultation with ACMF whether these persons are to be transferred to Italians or showed to 371 P.O.W. Camp.

our 54970 of 22 Feb refers. similarly instructions should be issued regarding future disposal internees held mainland Italy and Sicily when no action security or political objections transfer to Italians.

See my 48598 of 7 Feb, your 2306 of 14 Feb and Cable IBS from Hancock S-7227 of 16 Feb. Proposed for move sicily internees held North Africa whose cases get to be reviewed to Sicily at early date for immediate review. Nominal rolls and details will precede. Consider(?) this best(?) course as expected large majority will be released for reasons given para 1 our 48598.

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Concerns internees from Pantelleria and Lampedusa held North Africa. North Africa District already instructed investigate and report whether any security objections release. On completion these investigations full nominal rolls and details those persons against whom no security objections will be forwarded SCAO Pantelleria who should indicate which of these may be repatriated to the Islands. Those not rpt not acceptable by SCAO or against whom there are security objections will be moved to Italy to 371 PW Camp. Total held North Africa approximately 300. This procedure abviates necessity SCAO proceeding North Africa.

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MAIL ROOM
ITALIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY
433 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

27 February 1944

Boyer
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Violation

In reply please refer to: DA/2

RE: Italian Army Hospital.

TO: SAC, New York, 38th Army

PSY 228
MAR 1944

1. Reference your letter bearing G-4399, Folio No. 01594, dated 23 Feb 44, which reads as follows:-

To care for Italian (German) prisoners in 3 Army forward areas recommend the mobile hospital of the Italian Army Hospital Center to that sent to 3 Army (ref letter DAJ 377/248) 400 Regtals Regiment (3) 80 7th 13th) Hospital will be maintained and operated by 400 in any area destination of Hospital in advance area if G-4394 any refs to contact Lt Col [redacted] 3 Army, Segment 804 destination.

2. I am wondering whether the hospital in question is strictly necessary for a transit camp for 400 only? We have some arrangements in our for hospitalization of refugees, and intend to arrange camps for numbers up to 5,000 without elaborate hospital arrangements of our own. In your case, we could send you an Italian doctor, and my 2 nurses, with adequate medical stores. ^{with}

3. In any case would it not be well to discuss this and other details in advance, before submitting to DA/2? I suggest you do this, and that your report to DA/2 be held in abeyance in the meantime.

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Refugees

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Public Health (New York) A.S.C.
Public Health (New York) A.S.C.

Lt. Col.
Orlando

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TO: SAC, S. C. G. S. 24th Army

1. Reiteration your Chapter 100-100, Folio No. 01599, dated 23 Feb 49, which reads as follows:-

To care for Italian civilian refugees in 5 Army forward areas recommend immediate hospitalization of one Italian Army Hospital member to that unit to 5 Army (see letter HQ/3073/49) 500 Florida Detachment (7) 20 Feb 1949 Hospital will be controlled and operated by 508 in Army area destination of Hospital is Palermo Area if 2004 low type to contact Lt Col HALL 508 5 Army. Report with continuation.

2. In considering whether the Hospital in question is strictly necessary for transport camp for 400 only? It may seem arrangements in your for hospitalization of refugees, and intend to arrange camp for members to be 5,000 without adequate hospital arrangements of our own. In your case, we would send you an Italian doctor, and say 2 nurses, with adequate medical stores. ^{availability}

3. In any case would it not be well to discuss this and whether desirable in future, before submitting to COM? I suggest you do this, and that your report to COM be held in abeyance in the meantime.

Refused

Lt. Col. HALL,
Lt. Col.
Commanding

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 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /msr

23 FEB 1944

SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO : 21

CLASS : CONFIDENTIAL

REF NO : 54970

PREC : ROUTINE

FILED : FEB 221402A

FROM : JDJD SIGNED CINC CITE FRMG

REC'D : FEB 221645A

TO : FATIMA, AND ACMF RPTD DISTONE, IBS, AND IBS FOR SEARS FOR HANCOCK

- PARA 1. All cases Sicilian internees held in Sicily have been reviewed. Of these 120 are to remain interned under Allied Control. Request ACMF accepts these 120 and any other Sicilians interned in future in 371 PW Camp not withstanding ACMF/1401/7/ G-1 (B) of 2 February.
- PARA 2. In addition to above review Board has decided that 73 internees held Sicily could be transferred to Italian Control forthwith for continued internment. Do you agree, if not will ACMF accept in 371 PW Camp.
- PARA 3. Urge ACMF accepts personnel in both Paras 1 and 2 in 371 PW Camp as only alternative to establish separate camp in Sicily which we consider uneconomical.

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D.C.C (Deputy Chief Commissioner)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION ^{FILE 174} 25 FEB 1944

25 Feb. 44
Date

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Please explain what ACTION is required detailed in distribution

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- For your information
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J.H.W.
23 1430

See note on cable

[Signature]
(initials)

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D.S.G.

- ①. Notice distribution has been changed. As this sub. com. is no longer concerned, I assume report has now been redistributed. In case this copy is required, I return it.
- ②. Refrainer as of course a matter for R.C.M.G. Sec.
- ③. Could you arrange a new type of office minute sheet (back sheet) where there is room for a succession of minutes. (understatement).
List of officers could be incorporated into the sheet?

J.P. G.S.

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VOLUNTEERS OF POLISH NATIONALITY IN ITALY ARE TO BE SENT THROUGH
BRITISH CHANNELS TO DESTINATION WHICH WILL BE INDICATED BY
HQ PEL CORPS PD THIS IS FROM LUDWIG CHIEF POLISH LIAISON OFFICER
AT FREEDOM

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 TO : FATIMA FOR KLEEBERG, 8TH ARMY FOR JAGODZINSKI
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16th. February, 1944.

1. I have received your letters, No. 384 of the 5th. February, No. 429 of 12th. February and No. 446 of 14th. February in all of which you call my attention to the question of Yugoslav refugees and difficulties experienced with Yugoslav soldiers in Apulia.
2. I wish to assure you that I have issued the strictest orders to all concerned and I sincerely hope that the effects are already apparent.
3. As regards concentrating these refugees in South-Eastern Italy and as regards the situation of the Yugoslav soldiers' training camp, I cannot hold out much hope of it being possible to depart from present arrangements.
4. I am making every endeavour to accelerate the evacuation from Italy of the Yugoslav refugees and it should not be very long before it should be possible to reduce their numbers considerably. A large number have already been evacuated.
5. I will certainly explore the possibility of moving the training camp from S. Velletri but I hardly think that the Gargano Peninsula will provide a satisfactory alternative.
6. I think you know that I realise the many difficulties presented by the problem of these many Yugoslavs in Southern Italy and I can only assure you again that I am doing my best to ensure that difficulties should be reduced to a minimum.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

7 S.E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo.

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Refugees

17 FEB 1944

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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SVC/RELAY NO.

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17 FEB 1944

M/C NO: 4/177

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: M 137

PREC: PRIORITY

FILED: 141652A FEB

PROM: 5TH ARMY CP

REC'D: 170730A FEB

TO: CG 6TH CORPS FOR ACTION, INFO TO CG 5TH ARMY ADV
CP, PBS, ACC & AGMF. FLAMBO PASS TO ACC AT BRINDISI

AUTHORITY TO EVACUATE REFUGEES GRANTED IN OUR 2074 DATED 3 FEB.
IS NOW CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE REFUGEES MAY BE EVACUATED AT AVERAGE
RATE OF 500 DAY BEGINNING AT ONCE. COORDINATE MOVEMENT WITH
5TH ARMY ADVANCE CP. NOTIFY THIS HQ PROMPTLY OF NUMBER AND TIME
SHIPPED. LT. COL. RODD, AMG, WILL ARRIVE EARLIEST TO ASSIST.

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M 137
14 Feb

TRANSLATION

C O P Y

Feb. 14, 1944.

To GENERAL MASON MAC FARLANE
HEAD OF THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Dear General MacFarlane,

In some houses of the district of S. Velletri (5 Km. East of Fesano), there are camped about 450 Yugoslav soldiers headed by officers.

These soldiers are training, while waiting for transportation by plane to a different locality.

In order to avoid eventual propaganda activities among our soldiers and among the civilian population, I advise the opportunity that such unit be transferred to another locality, that could be chosen in the Garganic peninsula.

Very cordially,

/s/ Padoglio

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14 Feb

TRANSLATION

C O P Y

File No. 429

12 February 1944

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

To General MASON MAC FARLANE
Chief of A.C.C.

Headquarters

Dear General Mac Farlane,

With communication File No. 1103 of 26 November 1943 I wrote to General Joyce asking him to bring an end to the propoganda carried on by Yugoslav soldiers within the ranks of the Italian Army.

However, this failed to materialize.

As a matter of fact for some days now the propoganda carried on by civilian and military Yugoslav emissaries residing in the Potenza area has become more lively and intense, especially on the part of Lieutenants of the second overseas Brigade Vladimir Baum and Giovanni NOVAC, assisted by Sere ZAGAR, who also serves in the Brigade with the rank of Lieutenant.

The above mentioned wear a uniform similar to the British but with rank insignia on the left side of the breast and a Red Star on the overseas cap.

On the 26th of January, Lt. Baum was stopped by officers of the 312th Division, but refused to give an explanation of his activities, if not before an Allied Authority. Accompanied, by order of the Divisional Commanding General, before the British Major Breifus, the latter, it appears, limited himself to exhort him not to carry on his propoganda among Italian soldiers.

As from several sides disorders and abuses on the part of Yugoslav elements have been brought to our attention, I ask you, my dear General, to kindly issue orders to the effect that such activity cease and to kindly clarify the position of these elements in our territory and on whom the responsibility of their acts must fall, since they have been brought here armed and equipped.

Very cordially Yours

/s/ Badoglio

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12 Feb

TRANSLATION

5 February 1944

THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

File No. 384

To General Mason MacFarlane
Chief of Allied Control Commission
Brindisi

Dear General MacFarlane,

The Ministry of the Interior advises me that it has informed Col. Kirkwood of the great inconvenience created by the stop-over of thousands of Slav refugees in the various parts of the province of Lecce, without prior understanding with the local Italian authorities.

The consequence of such action resolves itself into the fact that all measures taken by the Ministry in regard to distribution and systemization of over 35,000 Italian refugees, arriving from the battle zones of MOLISE and ABRUZZI, are upset, because the region is already filled with headquarters and offices of the Allies and of the Italian Army.

Hence, I will be grateful, dear General, if you will please intervene so that such influx be suspended.

In order to hasten the evacuation of those who have already arrived here, but whose ultimate destination is Africa, it would be a good idea to utilize ships which return without cargo.

The Ministry also states that these refugees, many of them coming from the lower classes, have not too much respect for the persons and towns which have received them, and are guilty of thefts and aggressions against the population.

Very cordially,

/s/ Badoglio

Sgt Sorisi - Transl.
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No. 324

S. E. L.

24 JAN 1944 1943

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24 January 1944

In reply refer to:
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MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

With reference to Your Excellency's letter of 11 January; No. 10260/CP, subject: Personnel from German occupied territory; this matter has been referred to Headquarters Allied Central Mediterranean Force and it is presumed that they have taken proper precautions.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY H. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief of Staff

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Capt Stone

The attached letter from Comando Supremo was apparently given to MMIA by hand, inasmuch as no transmittal letter is in the files.

If it is not a matter in which you are concerned, I think it should go to G-2.

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No records of letter of ack. to Messe or forwarding of attached to MMIA

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22 JAN 1944

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Subject: - Personnel from GERMAN occupied territory

Military Mission to
Italian Army
I/103
21 Jan 44

Allied Control Commission

Ref attached correspondence on the above subject.

1. At present, as far as the Italians are concerned, no arrangements exist for vetting the bonafides of Italian military personnel coming from German controlled territory.

There is a Carabinieri post at FOSSIA who direct such personnel back to the nearest Italian HQ but interrogation and extraction of information is not carried out.

2. Arrangements made by EIGHTH and FIFTH Armies in this respect are not known, but it is presumed that they have taken precautions.

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13 JAN 1944

FROM COMANDO SUPREMO
Operation Office

TO GENERAL CHIEF OF
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

No. 10260/Op ✓
11 January 1944

SUBJECT: Personnel from German occupied territory

Military personnel of all ranks is still continuing to pour in from German-controlled territory, and, as Allied troops advance, the number of Officers and ORs regained in liberated provinces is increasing.

It is possible that among such personnel there may be people sent or left behind by the enemy with espionage, sabotage or propaganda assignments.

It is therefore advisable that all this personnel should undergo a thorough investigation in order that the individual position and the past of each man be made clear.

Instruction to this effect have already been issued to the three Staffs.

It is in the common interest of Allied and Italian Armed Forces that these instructions should be thoroughly carried out, i.e. that every single individual should be examined.

To this purpose, all Allied HQs ought to be informed that Officers and men coming from territories just liberated, or found in the spot, must be booked and placed at disposal of competent Italian authorities for proper investigation before they are employed in any way. 7107

In view of the common interest of a speedy solution, I will be grateful, General, if you will take up this important matter with 15th Army Group HQs.

THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF
(Marshal Messe)

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SECRET

22nd. January, 1944.

To:- Deputy Chief Administrative Officer,
A.F.H.Q.,
Advanced Administrative Echelon,
A.C.H.F.,
Naples.

Your No. 3110/8/A2 of 19th. January.

I agree entirely that the organisation of the care and disposal of civilian refugees is not a military responsibility. It is the responsibility of A.C.C..

I am grateful for your offer to continue to assist to the extent possible as regards the provision of stores and the execution of engineering work.

As you are probably aware, it must take a little time for me to produce an adequate organisation. Up to date the Disposed Persons Sub-Commission has been grossly understaffed and incapable of carrying out this task without military assistance. I would like to assure you that I am getting on with the job as fast as I can and the Sub-Commission is now being reinforced by personnel who have just arrived from North Africa. I cannot work miracles but will do my best to reduce my requests for military help to the minimum until such time as the Sub-Commission is capable of tackling the whole job.

Reference your final para.. I agree that the present arrangement is not the proper solution but I am informed that my stocks of civil supplies do not at the moment permit of including the Yugo-Slav refugees in their commitments. In this case again, I will endeavour as soon as possible to get things on the proper lines.

P.H.M. MacFarlane,
Lieutenant General.
Deputy President.

Copies to)
D.L.C.A.O.
A.H.G. 15th. Army Gp.
G.O.C. No. 2. District.
"C", A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon.

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MacFarlane

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22 Jan

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ORGANIZATION OF A.C.C.

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM-	DATE	TO-	SYNOPSIS
39)				Minutes of meeting, Directors of Adm Subcoms, 2/15/44
40) FREEDOM 52308	CINC	16 Feb	Gen MacF	Titles for Political Os, ACC.
41) P16-3/00	COMNAVNAW	17 Feb(?)	COMMO. Zirolì	Outlines duties of Zirolì.
42) FARGO 105a	Gen MacF	18 Feb	FREEDOM	No objections to titles for Political Os, ACC.
43)	CAPT. STONE	14 Feb	Exec. Commission	Pl. base. Memo #2, am of opinion that sub-coms. should be permitted to contact mil. formations direct & not thru base. Comm. Officer
44)	SEE SYNOPSIS			Comments by Mr. Grady, Brig. Arch & Lord Stanzgate on Fdn's 51477 (Su 56).
45) FREEDOM 54313	CINC	20 FEB	FARGO	Sec. & Adm. Directors replied by VP of Sec & Adm Sections.
46) 16052/a-1	Lt Col Purgold	23 Feb		Legal Subcom will be at Salerno only.
47) Freedom 52878	CINC	18 Feb	Fargo	Pl clarify functions of War Mat Disposal Subcom.
48) FARGO 1208	Maj Doe	23 Feb	AFHQ	Gives functions as req in (47)

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