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15	Cbl FX 74432 SAC	20 Jan 47	GHQ CMF	Re permits It. Govtl personnel Pola office; discourage use of Zone A as transit zone.
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17	Cbl <u>NAF 1269</u>	22 Jan 47	CCS	
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✓ 9	Ltr 2628/3/EC CC	8 Jan 47	De Gasperi	
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TRANSLATION

Rome 17 January 1947

My dear Admiral,

Following my letter dated January 15<sup>th</sup> 1947 I beg to inform you that the interministerial Committee for Venezia Giulia established at the Presidency of the Council has decided that Consigliere di Prefettura Dr. Teofilo Uni should leave for Pola and reside there permanently until the evacuation process will be over.

Dr. Uni will take orders from Vice Prefetto Meneghini, already mentioned in my previous letter.

At the same time, in order to avail himself of the large experience and the organization already set up at the Ministry of War for the repatriation of the P.O.W., Vice Prefetto Meneghini will work in close understanding with General Mannerini, Head of the competent Department of the Ministry of War. The latter will be assisted by Colonel Fornara and Colonel Mazzocchi.

The three a/m Officers intend to leave within the next days for Trieste and Pola in order to contact Vice Prefetto Meneghini and the Allied Authorities. Col. Mazzocchi should reside in Pola together with Consigliere Uni until the evacuation is completed.

I will be very grateful, my dear Admiral, if in replying to my letter of January 15<sup>th</sup>, you will consider also the further information which I have intended to bring to your knowledge by the present letter, and if you will kindly issue instructions to the effect that all a/m agents of the Italian Government be granted by Allied Military Authorities every possible facility.

Agree please, my dear Admiral, my sincere thanks and my most cordial greetings.

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(On. Avv. Paolo Cappa)  
Undersecretary of State  
to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

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CC 2205-1

28 January 1947.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Further to my letter of 20 January in reply to your letters of 15 and 17 January from Undersecretary of State Cappa, I am directed to inform you as follows:

The Supreme Allied Commander notes with satisfaction the plans for the evacuation of Italian nationals from FOA outlined in your letter of 15 January. The Supreme Allied Commander, however, wishes it to be made clear that the Italian Government must be solely responsible for the organization and conduct of the evacuation. The responsibility of the Allied Military Authorities must be confined to ensuring that law and order is maintained and that no violation of the Luino Agreement occurs.

The replies to the specific requests for necessary assistance set forth in paragraph (e) of your letter of 15 January are as follows:

Requests 1 and 2. In view of the limited scope of Allied Military responsibilities as defined above, the Supreme Allied Commander regrets that neither a landing ship nor Allied motor transport can be made available for the purposes for which they are required.

Request 3. It is understood that your Government has already been informed that the Allies are not prepared to provide special rail services through Zone "A" of Venezia Giulia or to guarantee the safe passage by rail of evacuees or their property.

Request 4. The Allied Military Authorities will take such steps as they may consider necessary to guard against illegal interference with shipping during the evacuation period.

Request 5. It is the practice of the Allied Forces to relinquish requisitioned property as soon as it can be dispensed with. Moreover, the accommodation now occupied is the minimum required. Special de-requisitioning of barracks for the housing of refugees will not therefore be practicable. As the rundown of Allied Forces permits, de-requisitioning will however continue as a matter of course. In this connection, I am directed to remind you of the obvious undesirability both from the viewpoint of the Allied Military Administration and from that of the persons concerned of moving evacuees from FOA into other parts of Zone "A" of Venezia Giulia. The Allied Military Authorities are not prepared in any way to facilitate

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such movements unless the persons concerned have genuine family or other claims to permanent or temporary residence in the area.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide DeGasperi,  
President of the Council of Ministers,  
Rome.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERNI

ROUGH TRANSLATION

15 January 1947

Dear Admiral Stone,

with reference to your letter n.2628/3/AC dated January 8th, 1947 (addressed to the Prime Minister) I have the honour to inform you of the following:

- a) The Italian Government agrees, to assume, within the limitations imposed by present circumstances, the responsibility for the transfer of Italians who intend to quit the city of Pola or the territories which under the Peace Treaty are to be ceded to Yugoslavia.
- b) The Italian Government, while taking pleasure in acknowledging receipt of the communication, thanks the Allied Authorities for their intention to consent Italian Officials to enter the territory under the administration of the Allied Military Government in order to undertake the operations relating to the transfer of persons and removal of their belongings. The Italian Government informs that Vice-Prefect Dr. Giuseppe MENECHINI has been appointed to carry out such a work. He has expressed the wish to be authorized to contact the Trieste Allied Military Command with a view to avoiding delay which might cause repercussions and complications hindering the operations of transfer.
- He reserves to communicate to the Trieste Allied Military Command the names of some of his assistants who will need to enter the zone in connection with the above stated operations.
- c) As far as concerns the evacuation of the Allied troops from territories to be ceded to Yugoslavia, the Italian Government, while taking note of the communication, considers necessary to refer to the clause of Art. 77-bis of the Paris draft of the Peace Treaty which provides that "the provisions of the present Treaty shall confer no right or benefit on behalf of any State which is mentioned in the preamble of the Treaty under the denomination of Allied or Associated Power or to its citizens, unless such a State becomes a contracting party of the same Treaty, through the deposit of its instrument of ratification."
- d) The Italian Government agrees that if and when the Trieste Free State is created all questions arising within the boundary of the Free Territory concerning Italy and Italians, are to be dealt with the Officials of the Free State and not with the Allied Military Commands.
- e) The Italian Government, though realizing that the Allied Military Authorities will find it difficult to give a positive technical assistance owing to the scanty means at their disposal; it is yet confident that the following requests will favourably be taken into consideration by the Allied Military Authorities:

- 1) To grant a steamship of the "Landing Craft" type which by a few toy-

ages could effect the transportation of a considerable number of persons and speed up the transportation of their belongings;

2) To grant in Pola a certain number of motor-cars in order to effect the transportation of furniture and household-implements from houses to port;

3) To provide as soon as possible the service of a daily train, between Pola and Trieste, composed of a minimum of 20 freight-cars for the transportation of belongings, provided that said train be duly protected. This would greatly help operations inasmuch as the railway-carriages in question could be made to proceed directly for the appointed destinations;

4) to furnish with an adequate protection the Italian ships due to enter or leave Pola harbour. This in order to avoid the repetition of inconveniences such as those which took place a few days ago when the fishing motor-boats "Dionisio" and "Maria", registered at the Naval District of Chioggia, while approaching Pola because of the weather, were compelled to change their course towards Fasana and subsequently to Rovigno d'Istria, where they were detained by the Yugoslav Police together with their crews;

5) To derequisition and put at the disposal of the Italian Authorities those barracks in Gorizia which are not indispensable to the Allied Forces. In such barracks the refugees could find appropriate accomodation, at least for a certain period of time.

f) The Italian Government, following the suggestion contained in your letter dated January 8th, has drafted a project which should be carried out in two stages: First the transportation of belongings; secondly, the transportation of persons.

The transportation of belongings is scheduled for January 27th, 1947. About 60.000 tons of material have to be loaded at Pola and unloaded at the ports of Trieste, Venezia, Ravenna, Ancona and Brindisi where appropriate warehouses have been provided for the storage of furniture and household-implements. Five or six sailing motor-boats are due daily to leave Pola harbour.

The date of the transportation of persons has not yet been fixed.

The refugees to be transported have been reckoned from 20.000 to 25.000. They are due to disembark at Venice and Ancona, where, after a brief stay in shift camps they will proceed to the various rallying centres which are administered by the Ministry of Post-War Relief.

Instructions on the matter are issued by the Venezia Giulia office, which is a dependency of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

In order to enforce the a/a instructions a local detached office for Venezia Giulia has been opened in Venice. Its address is Castello 4426 (telephone number 258883). Vice-Prefect Dr. Giuseppe BENECHINI, already mentioned above is in charge of said office.

Owing to the urgency of the matter, I should be most grateful to you,

Dear Admiral, if you would kindly let me have an early reply, especially in connection with paragraphs b) and e) of this letter,

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone, to be

very sincerely yours,

/S/ PAOLO CAPPÀ

(On. Avv. Paolo Cappa)  
Sottosegretario di Stato  
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

P.S.

Should the request of a Landing Craft not be granted, we would be faced with the necessity of using an Italian naval vessel, at least in one of the phases of the evacuation.

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PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL  
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PRESS OFFICE.

No. 45.

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The various arrangements concern the following:-

1. Means of naval transportation for the removal of household goods and of persons, with effect from 27 January 1947.
2. Organization of services for the reception of the refugees in the largest cities of Italy.
3. Actual organization of relief places in the principal centers of passage of refugees.
4. The institution in Pola of assistance, alimentary and sanitary services, in order to ensure peace of mind to the officials, employees, and professional-men and workers who are compelled to remain in the city until the last moment.

Through the local civil and ecclesiastical authorities the following towns have already answered to the appeal: Trento, Venezia, Catania, Genova, Chiavari, Cremona, Bergamo, Senigallia, Ariano Irpino, and Caltanissetta.

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I can assure you that the plan for the organization of the exodus has been previously settled and that rapid and ample provisions will be adopted in order that it may be accomplished in the shortest time possible.

I note that about 750 Italian citizens of Pola will be employed by AMG in the Police of Venezia-Giulia. With regard to the transfer of the other refugees the Italian Government will take steps according to its agreed plan. Allow me to mention however that the operations for evacuation take place under the care of Allied Military Forces for the purpose of maintaining order and avoiding unpleasant incidents that could be provoked by disturbing elements.

Following exhortations made, I observe that:-

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c) The cargo-ships for the evacuation of Pola are now ready; the transport of their things by sea has been entrusted to a firm which will begin its operations on 27 January.

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I thank you for warmly recommending my request to AFM for a naval hospital for transportation of the sick.

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As U. E. Carignani will be back on Tuesday or Wednesday next it is expected that the said declaration can be published in a short lapse of time. I will not fail to hurry it up.

I thank you for your assurance that the Allied Military Authorities will accord to the Italian Officials sent to Pola to direct operations on the spot all possible cooperation that will facilitate the carrying out of their mission; it is to be hoped that this sad exodus takes place with order and discipline.

I trust that you will confirm the most favourable instructions to the local Commands of Pola and Trieste.

Yours truly,

(s) De Gasperi.

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
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Rome.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Il Segretario Generale

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Rome, January 28, 1947

Dear Admiral Stone,

Vice-<sup>r</sup>efect Giuseppe Meneghini in charge of the Venezia Giulia Office, a dependency of the Presidency of the Council, and also Signor Carignani, Under-Secretary to the Ministry of the Post-War Relief, who lately went to Pola, informed this Ministry that the Pola Allied Authorities oppose the transfer to Italy and to the zones to be included in the Trieste free territory, of the machinery of industries belonging to Italian citizens of Pola who have decided to quit the city because of its projected delivery to the Yugoslav Authorities.

In a conversation which took place on January 15, 1947, you were so kind as to assure Consul Colonna that such a prohibition of transfer was to be considered a mere temporary measure.

It appears, however, that such a measure has not yet been revoked and this, of course, is causing a great alarm and considerable obstacles to the operations of transfer insofar as the Italian citizens who prefer to abandon their city rather than accepting foreign sovereignty, logically fear that, if they are not allowed to take along with them their machinery and working instruments, they would be deprived of the means which are indispensable for their work and living.

On the matter I am bound to call to your kind attention that, until the Peace Treaty with Italy is signed, the territories which according to said Treaty should be handed over to Yugoslavia, are still Italian territories on which the Allied Powers exercise the Powers of an occupying State.

Now, the general practice which refers to occupied territories in time of war does not provide that among the Powers of the occupying State should be included that of prohibiting (exception for war motives) the inhabitants of the occupied territories to take with them their movables if they decide to ~~leave~~ <sup>depart</sup> their houses and go elsewhere.

The above practice did not undergo any exception either in consequence of the Armistice between Italy and the United Nations, or as a result of the Tito-Morgan agreement.

The contention that among such movables should not be included machinery and tools because they are firmly incorporated in the building or are destined to the factory cannot be maintained. Such movables once detached from the factory and destined by the proprietor to a different use, can only be considered as portable chattels.

I should therefore be most grateful to you if you would re-examine this question at your earliest convenience, and give instructions accordingly to the appropriate organs so that the above mentioned prohibition of transfer be revoked.

On the other hand you are aware, dear Admiral, of what has been happening for long months in the "B" zone of Venezia Giulia, without the innumerable notes and protest of the Italian Government ever achieving positive results.

As an instance of this I beg to remind you that, on October 1946 the Yugoslav Authorities ordered the removal of machinery and equipment belonging to the Arrigoni Company Canneries, situated in Isola d'Istria and Ymago.

Still on October of last year the Capo d'Istria Yugoslav Authorities removed from Istria Shipyard wood - sheds for a total amount of 4,000,000 Lire; they also seized the cuture "Italia" belonging to Signor de Manzini of Trieste and made to proceed to a Yugoslav port.

On November 1946, the people living in the a/m localities and other localities of Western Istria suffered the seizure of cattle, commodities, ships, currency, linen, furniture, gold and silver valuables.

The above seizures took place without the making of inventories or the release of receipts to the proprietors to whom only vague justifications were given.

On December 1946, tools and agricultural machinery were sequestrated for a total amount of 5,000,000 Lire to peasants residing at Daila (Cittanova d'Istria).

It is indeed very sad, both for the aforesaid populations and for the Italian Government whose duty it is to protect their rights and interest, to see that, while in the zone occupied by Yugoslav Forces only as trustees, Italian citizens are practically stripped of their belongings according to the whims of the Yugoslav Authorities, the Italian citizens of Pola should face the danger which is looming on the horizon, of losing, further to the land of their ancestors (which keeps their dead in to custody) also those equipments which constitute their sole future source of living.

I am sure, dear Admiral, that, being, as you are, well aware of the anxiety of the refugees and of the Italian Government, you will take this problem into your special consideration, so as to impart urgent instructions to the appropriate officials.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone, to be

very sincerely yours,

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CC 2205-1

31 January 1947

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your letter dated 22 January 1947 requesting the use of an Allied hospital ship for the evacuation of hospital patients from Pola, I am directed by the Supreme Allied Commander to inform you that there is no Allied hospital ship at present in this area and that none is expected in the near future. Should your Government nevertheless wish to obtain the use of a British or American hospital ship, there appears to be no alternative but for your Government to approach the governments concerned through diplomatic channels with a view to chartering such a vessel.

In view of the expense and time which would be involved in obtaining a ship by the above means, however, your Government may wish to consider the practicability of using the "VULCANIA" on her return from her present mission for the evacuation of hospital patients from Pola.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Dr. Alcide de Gasperi  
The President of the Council of Ministers  
Italian Government  
Rome

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

C. Morgan

28 January 1947

G-5: 902.40 R

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Hospital Patients from POLA.

TO : Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
APO 794.

Reference your letter CC 2205 of 23 January 1947.

1. You should inform the Italian Government that there is no Allied hospital ship at present in this area and that none is expected in the near future. Should the Italian Government, nevertheless, wish to obtain the use of a British or American hospital ship, there appears to be no alternative but for them to approach the governments concerned, through Diplomatic Channels, with a view to chartering such a vessel.

2. In view of the expense and time which would be involved in obtaining a ship by the above means, the Italian Government will, no doubt, consider the practicability of using the VULCANIA on her return from her present mission for the evacuation of hospital patients from POLA.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:



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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 794

CONFIDENTIAL

30 January 1947.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, A. C.

The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, has requested the Senior Naval Officer, Adriatic (Captain Fullenwider, USN, in USS PORTSMOUTH) to have a ship inside the port of Pola and another on patrol in the vicinity to prevent interference with Italian ships while evacuating civilians from Pola. The Senior Naval Officer, Adriatic, has further been asked to inform the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, of arrangements for sailing of Italian ships when known. The Ministry of Marine has passed the responsibility for arranging these sailings to the Office of the Representative of the Presidency of the Council set up in Venice to organize the evacuations from Pola. This office appears to be in satisfactory contact with the local Allied Authority (presumably A.M.G.).



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

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PRIORITY  
DEPUTIVE COMMISSIONER

JOHN H. HAYES  
MAJOR ACD  
ALY



CG 2205

24 January 1947.

Dear Dr. Cappa:

Confirming oral advices to Consul Colonna yesterday, the Supreme Allied Commander has directed General Headquarters at Padua and AMG Venezia Giulia to grant permits for all of the officials assigned to the Pola evacuation project which are mentioned in your letters of 15 January and 17 January respectively, including members of their staffs. They are to be afforded all possible cooperation including facilities for setting up the registry office at Pola.

I trust that I may receive the draft prospectus or manifesto of the Italian Government to the Italian residents of Pola at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Paolo Cappa,  
Undersecretary of State to the  
Presidency of the Council of Ministers,  
Rome.

Copy to:  
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CC 2205

24 January 1947.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In reply to your letter of 22 January requesting the placing of a hospital ship at the disposal of the Italian Government and the Italian Red Cross, I have transmitted your request to Allied Force Headquarters yesterday with a strong recommendation that your request be granted.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide DeGasperi,  
President of the Council of Ministers,  
Rome.

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CC 2205-1

28 January 1947.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of POLA - Italian request for assistance.

TO : Chief of Staff, A.F.H.Q., APO 512, U.S. Army.

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1. I enclose herewith letter received today from the President of the Council of Ministers on the above subject. In the meantime, I have communicated to him the contents of your letter of 24 January 1947. 21

2. There is also enclosed a translation of the communique issued by the Italian Government on 24 January. I requested the Italian Government to telegraph its Venice office to make certain that the communique was published in both Trieste and Pola. 23

3. As stated in paragraph (d) of the enclosed letter, a prospectus or manifesto will be drafted for publication in Pola within the next few days.

4. With reference to paragraph (c) of the enclosed letter, the "TOSCANI" is ready to depart from Venice for Pola upon receiving clearance from CINCPAC. I have requested POLI to endeavor to expedite this clearance.

5. The attached communications and the contents of this letter have been communicated to SACMED in Rome today who has expressed his satisfaction with the progress being made.

WILLIAM W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Incl. 1-Translation  
DeGasperi ltr 27 Jan  
2-Translation Press  
Release #45.

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U.S. Ambassador  
British Ambassador  
Navy S/C  
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28 January 1947.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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10 Further to my letter of 20 January in reply to your letters of 15 and 17 January from Undersecretary of State Cappa, I am directed to inform you as follows:

11 The Supreme Allied Commander notes with satisfaction the plans for the evacuation of Italian nationals from POLA outlined in your letter of 15 January. The Supreme Allied Commander, however, wishes it to be made clear that the Italian Government must be solely responsible for the organization and conduct of the evacuation. The responsibility of the Allied Military Authorities must be confined to ensuring that law and order is maintained and that no violation of the Duino Agreement occurs.

The replies to the specific requests for necessary assistance set forth in paragraph (e) of your letter of 15 January are as follows:

Requests 1 and 2. In view of the limited scope of Allied Military responsibilities as defined above, the Supreme Allied Commander regrets that neither a Landing Ship nor Allied motor transport can be made available for the purposes for which they are required.

Request 3. It is understood that your Government has already been informed that the Allies are not prepared to provide special rail services through Zone "B" of Venezia Giulia or to guarantee the safe passage by rail of evacuees or their property.

Request 4. The Allied Military Authorities will take such steps as they may consider necessary to guard against illegal interference with shipping during the evacuation period.

Request 5. It is the practice of the Allied Forces to relinquish requisitioned property as soon as it can be dispensed with. Moreover, the accommodation now occupied is the minimum required. Special derequisitioning of barracks for the housing of refugees will not therefore be practicable. As the rundown of Allied Forces permits, derequisitioning will however continue as a matter of course. In this connection, I am directed to remind you of the obvious undesirability both from the viewpoint of the Allied Military Administration and from that of the persons concerned of moving evacuees from POLA into other parts of Zone "A" of Venezia Giulia. The Allied Military Authorities are not prepared in any way to facilitate

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such movements unless the persons concerned have genuine family or other claims to permanent or temporary residence in the area.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide DeGasperi,  
President of the Council of Ministers,  
Rome.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

Rome, 27 January 1947.

Dear Admiral,

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Thank you for your letter of January 20 and the keen interest taken in the work of evacuating Italian citizens intending to leave the territory of Pola.

I can assure you that the plan for the organization of the exodus has been previously settled and that rapid and ample provisions will be adopted in order that it may be accomplished in the shortest time possible.

I note that about 750 Italian citizens of Pola will be employed by AMG in the Police of Venezia-Giulia. With regard to the transfer of the other refugees the Italian Government will take steps according to its agreed plan. Allow me to mention however that the operations for evacuation take place under the care of Allied Military Forces for the purpose of maintaining order and avoiding unpleasant incidents that could be provoked by disturbing elements.

Following exhortations made, I observe that:-

a) At the Presidency of the Council of Ministers an interministerial committee for Venezia-Giulia has been set up, of which the following are members:- the Undersecretary of State of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, the Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and the Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Post-War Assistance. The above mentioned Committee has established directives for the evacuation of Italian citizens who intend to leave Pola, and for their absorption into the national life. The same committee will have the responsibility for all the relative operations.

A special office for Venezia-Giulia at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers provides for the carrying out of the decisions taken by the above named Interministerial Committee.

b) At Pola the operations for the exodus will be directed by a special office entrusted to an official of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

In the meantime a local committee of assistance for the evacuation derived from the Committee of National Liberation, already set-up some time ago, has provided for a census of the citizens who intend to leave the city and is in contact with the authorities

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and with the Italian Economic Organizations for the purpose of securing to said citizens their re-employment in Italy. To this Committee citizens can apply and by its means receive instructions and advice.

c) The cargo-ships for the evacuation of Pola are now ready; the transport of their things by sea has been entrusted to a firm which will begin its operations on 27 January.

The ships "Toscana", "Messina" and "Monte Cucco" have been directed to the Port of Venice awaiting the moment in which they will be given orders to reach Pola to embark to people.

I thank you for warmly recommending my request to AFHQ for a naval hospital for transportation of the sick.

d) I observe that the declaration of a political character to which you call my attention will be published shortly upon the return of the Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Post-War Assistance, H.E. Carignani, who recently has made a tour of inspection at Venice and Pola to settle the particulars of the plan for evacuation.

As H.E. Carignani will be back on Tuesday or Wednesday next it is expected that the said declaration can be published in a short lapse of time. I will not fail to hurry it up.

I thank you for your assurance that the Allied Military Authorities will accord to the Italian Officials sent to Pola to direct operations on the spot all possible cooperation that will facilitate the carrying out of their mission; it is to be hoped that this sad exodus takes place with order and discipline.

I trust that you will confirm the most favourable instructions to the local Commands of Pola and Trieste.

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Yours truly,

(s) De Gasperi.

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
Rome.

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Il Presidente  
del Consiglio dei Ministri

Roma, 27 gennaio 1947

Care Ammiraglio,

La ringrazio della Sua lettera del 20 gennaio e del vivo interessamento preso alle operazioni di evacuazione dei cittadini italiani che intendono abbandonare il territorio di Pola.

Posso assicurarla che il piano per l'organizzazione dell'esodo è stato predisposto e che saranno adottati rapidi e vasti provvedimenti perché esso sia attuato nel più breve tempo possibile.

Prendo atto della comunicazione che circa 750 cittadini italiani di Pola saranno impiegati dal Governo Militare Alleato nella Polizia delle Venezia Giulia. Quanto al trasferimento degli altri profughi provvederà il Governo italiano secondo il piano predisposto. Mi permetto prospettare, tuttavia, la opportunità che le operazioni di evacuazione si svolgano sotto la vigilanza delle Forze Militari Alleate al fine di mantenere l'ordine e di evitare incresciosi incidenti, che potrebbero essere provocati da elementi perturbatori.

In ordine alle esortazioni comunicatemi, faccio presente che:

a) presso la Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri è stato istituito un Comitato Interministeriale per la Venezia Giulia, di



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In ordine alle esortazioni comunicatemi, faccio presente che:

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All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone  
Capo della Commissione Militare Alleata

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*Al Presidente  
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

ne dei cittadini italiani che intendono lasciare Pola e per il loro riassetto nella città nazionale. Sotto la responsabilità del Comitato stesso si svolgeranno tutte le operazioni relative.

Un apposito Ufficio per la Venezia Giulia presso la Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri provvede alla esecuzione delle deliberazioni prese dal cenrato Comitato Interministeriale;

b) a Pola, le operazioni di esodo saranno dirette da un apposito Ufficio, affidato a un funzionario del Ministero dell'Interno.

Intanto, un locale Comitato di assistenza per l'esodo, emanazione del Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale, già da tempo costituito, ha provveduto al censimento dei cittadini che intendono lasciare la città ed è in contatto con le autorità e con gli Enti economici italiani al fine di procurare a detti cittadini il loro reimpiego in Italia. A detto Comitato, quindi, i cittadini possono rivolgersi e per mezzo di esso possono ricevere istruzioni e consigli;

c) le navi mercantili per l'evacuazione da Pola sono già pronte; il trasporto delle cose via mare è stato appaltato ad una ditta, che inizierà il suo servizio il 27 gennaio.

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I piroscafi "Toscana", "Messina", e "Morte Cuoco" sono stati avviati al Porto di Venezia, in attesa del momento nel quale sarà dato l'ordine di raggiungere Pola per il carico delle persone.

Con l'occasione La ringrazio di avere trasmesso al Quartiere Generale delle Forze Alleate la mia richiesta di una Nave ospedale per il trasporto degli ammalati, raccomandandone vivamente l'accoglimento;

d) La dichiarazione di carattere politico e programmatico, di cui

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*M. P. President  
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

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mi fu cenno, sarà pubblicata quanto prima, al ritorno del sottosegretario di Stato all'Assistenza Post-bellica, Ecc. Carignani, che in questi giorni ha fatto un giro di ispezione a Venezia ed a Pola per definire nei particolari il piano per l'esodo.

Poichè l'Ecc. Carignani sarà di ritorno martedì o mercoledì prossimo, si prevede che detta dichiarazione possa essere pubblicata entro un breve lasso di tempo. Io non mancherò a sollecitarla.

La ringrazio dell'assicurazione che le Autorità Militari Alleate accorderanno ai funzionari italiani inviati a Pola per diregere sul posto le operazioni, quella possibile cooperazione che faciliterà il compito della loro missione; ciò è di auspicio a che il mesto esodo si svolga con ordine e disciplina.

Confido che Ella vorrà far confermare le istruzioni più favorevoli ai comandi locali di Pola e di Trieste.

Veglia credermi, caro Ammiraglio

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revolti ai comandi locali di Pola e di Trieste.

Voglia credermi, caro Ammiraglio

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TRANSLATIONPRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL  
OF MINISTERS.PRESS OFFICE.

No. 45.

The Press Office of the Presidency of the Council  
informs:

With regard to the news published by some daily newspapers on the emigration of citizens of Pola, it is stated that the problem has already been met by the competent authorities and that an opposite interministerial Committee has been set up with the participation of the Undersecretaries On. Cappa, Carignani and Corsi of the Minister On. Rocchinetti, and the Undersecretary of the Treasury On. Petrilli. The Committee, completed by technicians and representatives of various institutions, has already taken the necessary steps in accordance and with the efficient cooperation of the Pontificia Commissione di Assistenza.

The various arrangements concern the following:-

1. Means of naval transportation for the removal of household goods and of persons, with effect from 27 January 1947.
2. Organization of services for the reception of the refugees in the largest cities of Italy.
3. Actual organization of relief places in the principal ~~1058~~ of passage of refugees.
4. The institution in Pola of assistance, alimentary and sanitary services, in order to ensure peace of mind to the officials, employees, and professional-men and workers who are compelled to remain in the city until the last moment.

Through the local civil and ecclesiastical authorities the following towns have already answered to the appeal: Trento, Venezia, Catania, Genova, Chiavari, Cremona, Bergamo, Senigallia, Ariano Irpino, and Caltanissetta.

The news published in some papers regarding about 6000 refugees presumably camped in Rome at the Stazione Termini, has no foundation.

Rome, 24 January 1947-1850 O'clock

Transmitted to RAI at 1835 hrs, who have broadcasted it in the "Giornale Radio" at 2000 and 2400 hrs.

Transmitted to ANSA at 1850 hrs.

Pola

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI  
- Ufficio Stampa -

N. 45

L'Ufficio Stampa della Presidenza del Consiglio comunica:

In merito alle notizie apparse sulla stampa quotidiana riguardanti l'esodo dei cittadini di Pola, si precisa che il problema è stato da tempo affrontato dai competenti organi governativi, creandosi all'uopo un apposito Comitato interministeriale di cui fanno parte i Sottosegretari On. Li Cappe, Carlini e Corsi e alla cui organizzazione hanno partecipato il Ministro della Guerra On. Facchinetti e il Sottosegretario al Tesoro On. Le Pettrilli.

Il Comitato stesso, integrato da tecnici e da rappresentanti miliani e di varie istituzioni, ha già predisposto una larga serie di provvidenze d'accordo e con la cooperazione efficace della Pontificia Commissione di assistenza.

I singoli provvedimenti adottati riguardano i seguenti punti:

- 1°) mezzi di trasporto: voli per lo scoppio delle nasserarie e quindi dalle persone, con decorrenza dal 27 gennaio p.v.;
- 2°) organizzazione dei servizi di accollimento dei profughi in tutti i maggiori centri d'Italia;
- 3°) organizzazione in corso di posti di ristoro nelle principali stazioni di transito dei profughi;
- 4°) istituzione, nella stessa città di Pola, di servizi assistenziali, alimentari e sanitari, onde assicurare tranquillità ai funzionari, impiegati, professionisti ed operai che devono rimanere in città fino all'altimo.

Per il tramite delle autorità civili ed ecclesiastiche locali hanno già risposto all'appello: Trento, Verosio, Catania, Genova, Chiavari, Cremona, Bergamo, Sulfalio, Ariano Irpino, Caltanissetta.

La notizia pubblica da qualche giorno circa sei mila profughi accampati a Roma alle Stazioni Termini è destituita di fondamento.

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Roma, 24 gennaio 1947 - ore 18,50

Trasmesso alle R.A.I. alle ore 18,35 che lo ha dato nel giornale radio delle ore 20 e ore 24.

Trasmesso all'Ansa alle ore 18,50 che lo ha ~~diffuso~~ <sup>diffusato</sup> alle ore 20 nel servizio italiano, foglio n. 18, notizia n. 83; e per teletestivo alle ore 19,30.

Trasmesso all'Agencia "France-Presse" alle ore 19,30.



GIORNALI DI ROMA CHE HANNO PUBBLICATO IL COMUNICATO SULL'ESODO DA POLA

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- BUCSENSO
- CORRIERE DELLA NAZIONE
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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 74554

Message Centre No: H/9362

Date/Time of Origin: JAN 24.1817A

Date Time Rec'd: JAN 250930

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG

TO: GHQ CMF ,INFO: ALCOM ROME AMG VENEZIA GIULIA

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## SECRET

Our FX 74432 refers.

Dr MENECHINI will be working in consultation with expert on PW repatriation General MANNERINI of Italian Ministry of War. General Mannerini's assistant is Colonel FORNARA.

Provisions of para 5 of our signal should be applied to these Italian Officers.

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ACTION - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Office of the Chief of Staff

24 January 1947

SUBJECT: Evacuation of POLA - Italian request  
for assistance.

TO : Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
APO 794.

Reference your Memorandum CC 2205 of 18 January  
1947, and this Headquarters' Signals F 74448 of 20 Janu-  
ary 1947, and NAF 1270 of 24 January 1947 (copy to you).

20 1. You are directed to inform the Italian Govern-  
ment that the Supreme Allied Commander notes with satis-  
faction the plans for the evacuation of Italian nationals  
from POLA outlined in its letter of 15 January 1947.

2. The Supreme Allied Commander, however, wishes it  
to be made clear to the Italian Government that it must be  
solely responsible for the organization and conduct of the  
evacuation. The responsibility of the Allied Military  
Authorities must be confined to ensuring that law and order  
is maintained and that no violation of the Duino Agreement  
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3. The replies to the specific requests for neces-  
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rail of evacuees or their property.

Request 4. The Allied Military Authorities will take such steps as they may consider necessary to guard against illegal interference with shipping during the evacuation period.

Request 5. It is the practice of the Allied Forces to relinquish requisitioned property as soon as it can be dispensed with. Moreover, the accommodation now occupied is the minimum required. Special derequisitioning of Barracks for the housing of refugees will not therefore be practicable. As the rundown of Allied Forces permits, derequisitioning will however continue as a matter of course. In this connection, the Italian Government should be reminded of the obvious undesirability both from the viewpoint of the Allied Military Administration and from that of the persons concerned of moving evacuees from POLA into other parts of Zone 'A' of Venezia Giulia. The Allied Military Authorities are not prepared in any way to facilitate such movements unless the persons concerned have genuine family or other claims to permanent or temporary residence in the area.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:



L. C. JAYNES  
Major General, U.S. Army  
Acting Chief of Staff

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URGENT

23 January 1947.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In reply to your question of 20 January as to whether the Anglo-American forces in Zone A will withdraw from the Morgan Line, including specifically Pola, in the event that the peace treaty goes into effect without Yugoslavia's signature or ratification, I am directed by the Supreme Allied Commander to inform you that such a decision is beyond his competence and that he has referred the question to the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington with a request for early instructions.

Sincerely yours,

ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Chief Commissioner

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Dr. Alcide DeGasperi,  
President of the Council of Ministers,  
Rome.

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23 January 1947.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Hospital Patients from POLA.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

1. There is forwarded herewith a translation of a letter dated 22 January from the President of the Council of Ministers requesting the use of a hospital ship for the evacuation of hospital patients from POLA. 18

2. I have been advised orally that the Italian Red Cross or the Italian Government would be prepared to charter the hospital ship requested if this were necessary to avoid political repercussions for the Allies. They will further be prepared to fly the Red Cross flag, if necessary, and are prepared to supply doctors and nurses (sanitary crew) for the hospital ship if the use of one can be obtained.

3. It is believed that the provision of a hospital ship would be an act of mercy and that therefore every effort should be made to grant this request if at all practicable.

4. May I be advised as to the nature of the reply I should make to the President of the Council of Ministers.

*McFar* Brigadier *0:5*  
 ELLERY W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner *1049*

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: T 74489

Message Centre No: H/9304

Date/Time of Origin: JAN. 22 1551

Date Time Rec'd: JAN. 24 1990

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CIRE PECEG

TO : ALCOM ROME FOR ADMIRAL STONE

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Reference WAF 1269 of today. 17

You are directed to inform Italian Prime Minister of Sacmeds reply as set forth in Para 2.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 22 January 1947.

Dear Admiral,

Among the Italians who wish to leave the city of Pola are also the patients interned in the civilian hospital and several other patients who are being taken care of in their own homes, the approximate total number amounting to around 500 people.

Since, for well-known security reasons, it is impossible for them to cross the B zone and travel by land, it is necessary that provisions be taken to enable them to travel by sea.

Our Navy has no hospital ship at its disposal at present. The only ship which might be made use of, is the Vulcania, but she is due to depart for Mombasa on the 25 January to take on board our civilian internees.

Turning once more to the generosity of the Allies, the Italian Government expresses the hope that the Allied Authorities will examine in the most favourable light the possibility of putting a hospital ship at their disposal.

Should this request be favourably accepted we will specify exactly the port of disembarkation. We can however say right away that in all probability it would be Venice, since the hospitals of that zone have a greater possibility of receiving the people of Pola.

The Italian Red Cross, in agreement with the Italian Government, would take charge of the transportation of these patients from the harbour of disembarkation to the hospitals, and of all the other operations connected with their transfer from Pola.

I would be grateful if you would let me have an early reply as the matter is urgent.

Very truly yours,

(s) De Gasperi.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
Rome.

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Ital Red Cross  
Sanitary Commission  
of Italy

*M. Pizzardi*  
*del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, 22 gennaio 1947-

Caro Ammiraglio,

fra gli italiani che intendono lasciare la città di Pola vi sono anche gli ammalati ricoverati in quell'ospedale Civile e taluni infermi in cura nelle proprie abitazioni, il cui numero approssimativo ammonta a circa 500.

Poichè non è possibile utilizzare - per le note ragioni di sicurezza - le vie terrestri che attraversano la zona P, occorre provvedere al loro trasporto via mare.

La nostra Marina, in questo momento, non ha disponibile alcuna nave ospedale. L'unica nave che potrebbe servire allo scopo, il Vulcaia, deve partire per Mombasa il giorno 25 p.v. per imbarcare i nostri internati civili.

Per questo motivo il Governo italiano, ricorrendo ancora una volta alla generosità degli Alleati, esprime la fiducia che le Autorità Alleate vorranno prendere in esame, con ogni migliore benevolenza, la possibilità di mettere a disposizione del Governo italiano, per tale servizio, una nave ospedale.

**AGS**

Qualora la presente richiesta trovasse, come si spera, favorevole accogliimento, non si mancherebbe di precisare definitivamente quale potrebbe essere il porto di sbarco, che, tuttavia, si crede fin d'ora di potere indicare in quello di Venezia, dato che gli ospedali

possibilità di accoglimento.

anche gli ammalati ricoverati in questi ospedali fermi in cura nelle proprie abitazioni, il cui numero approssimativo ammonta a circa 500.

Poichè non è possibile utilizzare - per le note ragioni di sicurezza - le vie terrestri che attraversano la zona B, occorre provvedere al loro trasporto via mare.

La nostra Marina, in questo momento, non ha disponibile alcuna nave ospedale. L'unica nave che potrebbe servire allo scopo, il Vulcaia, deve partire per Mombasa il giorno 25 p.v. per imbarcare i nostri internati civili.

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La Croce Rossa Italiana, con il consenso del Governo italiano, si incaricherebbe, oltre che del trasporto degli ammalati dal porto di sbarco agli ospedali di destinazione, anche di tutte quelle altre

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All'Ammiraglio  
Ellery STONE  
Capo della Commissione Militare Alleata

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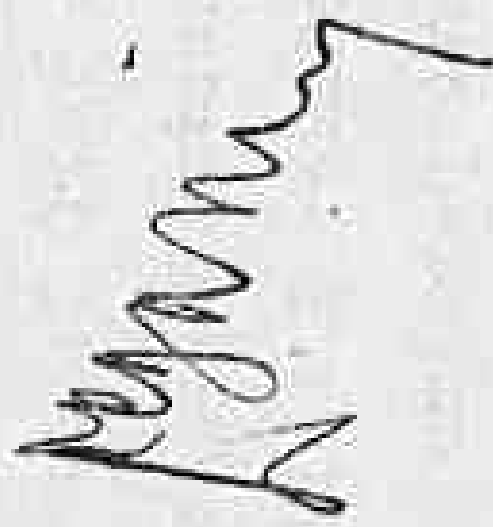
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operazioni inerenti al trasferimento di essi da Pola.

Le sarò grato, caro Ammiraglio, se - in vista dell'urgenza della questione - vorrè cortesemente farmi avere una risposta non appena possibile.

Voglia credermi, caro Ammiraglio

(On. ALCIDE DE GASPERI)  
PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI



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# INCOMING MESSAGE

## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

*C. Comm*

Originator's Reference: NAF 1269

Message Centre No: H/9276

Date/Time of Origin: JAN.221445A

Date Time Rec'd: JAN.231000A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHCOS  
TO : ACTION - AGVAR WASHINGTON FOR COMBINED CHIEF OF STAFF  
INFO - MINISTRY OF DEFENCE LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF Cinc  
MED GHQ CEF - ALCON ROME.

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This is NAF 1269. Reference Para 4(Point D) of FAN 709. N.R.

- 1°) De Gasperi has asked me formally, through Admiral Stone, whether the Anglo-American Forces in Zone "A" will withdraw from Morgan line including specifically Pola in the event that the treaty goes into effect on "E" day without Jugoslavia's ('s?) signature or ratification;
- 2°) I am answering that such a decision is outside my competence and that the question is being referred to You.
- 3°) Request Your early instructions.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION GENERAL MORGAN DASH ADMIRAL STONE REFERS PD

PARA ONE PD I WAS RECEIVED BY DEGASPERI LAST EVENING IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE TENDERED RESIGNATION OF ENTIRE CABINET PD HE INFORMED ME THAT ALL HIS INFORMATION IS THAT YUGOSLAVS WILL NOT SIGN TREATY PD HE FURTHER INDICATED CMA ELABORATING ON A STATEMENT IN HIS CLEVELAND SPEECH CMA THAT ITALY ALSO WILL PROBABLY NOT SIGN VOLUNTARILY ALTHOUGH HE APPRECIATES THAT CMA UNLIKE YUGOSLAVIAS POSITION AS AN ALLY CMA ITALY AS A DEFEATED POWER CAN BE COMPELLED TO SIGN BY THE VICTORS PD

PARA TWO PD HE HAS ASKED ME FORMALLY TO INQUIRE OF YOU WHETHER THE ANGLO AMERICAN FORCES IN ZONE ALEB WILL WITHDRAW FROM THE MORGAN LINE INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY POLA IN THE EVENT THAT THE TREATY GOES INTO EFFECT ON ROGER DAY AS IT CAN WITHOUT YUGOSLAVIAS SIGNATURE OR RATIFICATION PD

PARA THREE PD I SUGGEST THAT HIS QUESTION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON THE BASIS THAT ITALY HAS SIGNED PRIOR TO ROGER DAY BECAUSE IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT TREATY WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO U.S. SENATE WITHOUT ITALYS SIGNATURE

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Chief Commissioner

ELLENY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

EDWARD D. S. SULLIVAN  
MAJOR, AIR CORPS  
STAFF OFFICER TO CC

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 74448.  
Date/Time of Origin: 201833

Message Centre No: H/9230  
Date Time Rec'd: JAN. 210930  
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG  
TO : ACTION: ALCOM ROME. TO ALCOM ROME FOR ADMIRAL STONE.

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SUBJECT IS EVACUATION OF POLA.

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REF YOUR MEMORANDUM CC POINT 2205 OF 18 JAN AND ATTACHED LETTER FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. 12

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN OUR FX 74432 OF 20 JAN ADDRESSED TO GHQ CMT. YOU MAY INFORM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OF CONTENTS OF PARA FIVE OF THAT SIGNAL.
2. CONTENTS ARE BEING EXAMINED OF PARAGRAPH (E) OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENTS LETTER OF 15 JAN. 15

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Originator's Reference: FX 74432  
Date/Time of Origin: JAN. 201606

Message Centre No: H/9229  
Date Time Rec'd: JAN. 210930  
Precedence: IMMEDIATE.

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE PHCES  
TO: ACT: GHC CWP.

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INFO: ALCOM ROME ANG VENEZIA GIULIA.

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1. REF BRIEF ON SITUATION IN POLA DATED 14 JAN HANDED TO SACMED DURING RECENT VISIT. CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALCOM HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REPRESENT REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 8 OF APPRECIATION TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.
2. CHIEF COMMISSIONER HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO DRAFT A PROPOSITION SETTING OUT CONDITIONS AND PLANS FOR EVACUATION OF THEIR NATIONALS WHO WISH TO LEAVE AND ALSO TO OPEN A REGISTRY OFFICE AT POLA.
3. DR GIUSEPPE MENECHINI HAS BEEN PLACED IN CHARGE OF ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVACUATION FROM TERRITORY DESTINED TO GO TO JUGOSLAVIA. UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS ALREADY CONTACTED ANG VENEZIA GIULIA.
4. DR TEOFILO UNI HAS BEEN APPOINTED ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT POLA WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF DR MENECHINI. COLONEL MAZZOCCHI IS TO ASSIST HIM.
5. PERMITS SHOULD BE GRANTED FOR ENTRY INTO ANG TERRITORY FOR THE ABOVE OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFFS, AND AFFORDED ALL POSSIBLE CO - OPERATION INCLUDING FACILITIES FOR SETTING UP REGISTRY AT POLA.
6. PENDING REPLY TO THIS HQ SIGNAL MAT 1256 TO CCS, ANY REQUESTS FROM ITALIAN OFFICIALS REPRESENTATIVES FOR ALLIED ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATION OPERATIONS WILL BE REFERRED THIS HQ.
7. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVES PROPOSALS TO USE A TRANSIT AREA FOR REFUGEES ANY PART OF ZONE A, AND PARTICULARLY THE SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED; SEE PARA ONE OF OUR LETTER G5 CLN 902. 40 OF 3 JAN TO ALCOM; COPY TO YOU.
8. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED THAT PERMISSION TO RUN DAILY TRAIN FROM POLA REFERRED TO IN YOUR COS:/94 RECEIVED 31 DEC CANNOT BE GRANTED AND APPRECIATE REASONS. CHIEF COMMISSIONER HAS ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE CLEAR TO THEM THAT SAFE CONDUCT CANNOT BE GUARANTEED FOR RAIL OR ROAD MOVEMENTS THROUGH ZONE B.

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20 January 1947.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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1. Your letters of 15 and 17 January from Undersecretary of State Cappa have been forwarded to the Supreme Allied Commander with appropriate recommendations. Before its receipt by the Supreme Allied Commander, I received his letter on the same subject dated 18 January and am directed by him to inform you that:-

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- (a) It is most important in the interests of all concerned that immediate plans should be made by the Italian Government for the orderly evacuation of those Italian citizens who desire to leave the POLA enclave in anticipation of its transfer to Yugoslavia. It is understood that the number involved ranges from 20,000 to 25,000.
- (b) Some 750 of these will be employees of the Allied Military Government, including Venezia Giulia Police. The Allied Military Authorities accept responsibility for the evacuation of these employees, their families and personal effects. They are not, however, in a position to accept responsibility for the movement of the remainder, nor can they place shipping for this purpose at the disposal of the Italian Government or guarantee the safe passage of evacuees or their property by rail or road through territory under Yugoslav control.
- (c) It is feared that a most dangerous and confused situation may arise if the move of these persons is left to the last moment and it is considered essential that the Italian Government should make very early and comprehensive arrangements for their removal from POLA and their resettlement in Italy.

2. I am further directed to urge the Italian Government most strongly to take immediate action:-

- (a) to set up a special Italian authority to be responsible for all aspects of the evacuation of Italian citizens desirous of leaving POLA and for their reception and resettlement in Italy.
- (b) to establish without delay a bureau in POLA to which citizens may address themselves and through which they may receive instructions and advice.

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- (c) to make available sufficient Italian merchant shipping for this move in readiness to begin the evacuation as soon as the necessary administrative machinery has been provided both in POLA and Italy. For political reasons Italian warships will not be acceptable in POLA.
- (d) to publish at the earliest possible moment a statement of their policy and programme for the evacuation of citizens desiring to leave POLA, including information as to the administrative machinery to be set up at POLA and the arrangements to care for and resettle the persons concerned on their arrival at Italian ports.

3. It is appreciated that some of the foregoing requirements have already been anticipated, as evidenced by On. Cappa's letter of 15 January and as a result of discussions which I have held during the past several days with Consul Colonna of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attached to my office.

4. The Supreme Allied Commander considers it of the greatest importance to make available as quickly as possible to the Italian population of POLA the fullest possible information as to the plans of the Italian Government for their evacuation and ultimate resettlement in order to alleviate so far as possible fear and despondency in the minds of the Italian residents of POLA. While Vice-prefect Meneghini's visit to POLA last week will no doubt have been of material benefit in this regard, the publication of an official statement of the Italian Government as to its plans and intentions in this matter is viewed of the greatest and most urgent importance.

5. I desire to assure you that while the Allied Military Authorities are unable physically to assist the evacuation, they will accord the Italian officials sent to POLA for this purpose all reasonable facilities and cooperation to enable them to carry out their mission.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Dr. Alcide DeGasperi,  
President of the Council of Ministers,  
Rome.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Office of the Chief of Staff

G-5: 902.40 P

18 January 1947

SUBJECT: Evacuation of POLA.

TO : Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
APO 794.

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1. Since this Headquarters' letter G-5: 902.40 of 3 January was despatched to you, the situation at POLA has worsened and disorders necessitating the intervention of Allied Troops have occurred.

2. Uncertainty as to the future has lowered the morale of the Italian population to a level, which, unless some official reassurance is given to them, may possibly turn to panic.

This state of affairs is considered to be due to:-

- a. the conviction held by a large part of the population that, notwithstanding the safeguards of the Peace Treaty they are doomed to ruin if they or their property fall into the hands of the Yugoslavs.
  - b. the fact that they have no knowledge of the extent and nature of any plans for their evacuation and resettlement which the Italian Government may have.
3. The Supreme Allied Commander has recently been in consultation on the subject with the British and U.S. Embassies and directs that you will forthwith inform the Italian Government to the following effect:-
- a. It is most important in the interests of all concerned that immediate plans should be made by the Italian Government for the orderly evacuation of those Italian citizens who desire to leave the POLA enclave in anticipation of its transfer to Jugoslavia. It is under-

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stood from HBM Ambassador that the Italian Government estimates the number involved as at least 25,000.

- b. Some 750 of these will be employees of the Allied Military Government, including Venezia Giulia Police. The Allied Military Authorities accept responsibility for the evacuation of these employees, their families and personal effects. They are not, however, in a position to accept responsibility for the movement of the remainder, nor can they place shipping for this purpose at the disposal of the Italian Government or guarantee the safe passage of evacuees or their property by rail or road through territory under Yugoslav control.
  - c. It is feared that a most dangerous and confused situation may arise if the move of these persons is left to the last moment and it is considered essential that the Italian Government should make very early and comprehensive arrangements for their removal from POLA and their resettlement in Italy.
4. You will urge the Italian Government most strongly to take immediate action:-
- a. to set up a special Italian authority to be responsible for all aspects of the evacuation of Italian citizens desirous of leaving POLA and for their reception and resettlement in Italy.
  - b. to establish without delay a bureau in POLA to which citizens may address themselves and through which they may receive instructions and advice. 1008
  - c. to make available sufficient Italian merchant shipping for this move in readiness to begin the evacuation as soon as the necessary administrative machinery has been provided both in POLA and Italy. For political reasons Italian warships will not be acceptable in POLA.
  - d. to publish at the earliest possible moment a statement of their policy and programme for the evacuation of citizens desiring to leave POLA, including information as to the administrative

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machinery to be set up at POIA and the arrangements to care for and resettle the persons concerned on their arrival at Italian ports.


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5. The greatest importance is attached to full information of the resettlement plans being made quickly available as uncertainty as to their future is a cause of fear and despondency in the minds of the Italian population of POIA.

6. You can assure the Italian Government that, while the Allied Military Authorities are unable physically to assist the evacuation, they will accord the Italian officials sent to POIA for this purpose all reasonable facilities and cooperation to enable them to carry out their mission.

7. When representing the foregoing matters to the Italian Government, you are authorized to omit reference to any points which you have already raised as a result of the verbal instructions recently given to you by the Supreme Allied Commander and to which you have received satisfactory replies.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:

  
L. C. JAYNES  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Acting Chief of Staff, AFHQ

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CG 2205

18 January 1947.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Pola.

TO : G-5 AFHQ

1. There is forwarded herewith translation of letter dated 15 January from the Undersecretary of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers with the following comments:

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Paragraph (b) - It is understood that Vice President Meneghini has already been authorized by AMG Venezia Giulia to enter Pola and has in fact arrived at Pola.

Paragraph (e)(3) - Pursuant to my conversation with SACMED in Rome on 15 January, the Italian Government understands that permission for the requested daily train cannot be granted and appreciates SACMED's reasons therefor.

Paragraph (e)(4) - This refers to Allied naval protection. While it is not expected that a guarded convoy operation is required, the Italian Government believes that the presence of Allied naval vessels in the waters between Pola and the Italian ports mentioned in paragraph (f) will be adequate.

General - The Italian Government expects that the total figure will not exceed 20,000.

2. Pursuant to SACMED's personal instructions to me, the Italian Government is prepared to draft a prospectus or manifesto to the population of Pola stating the terms and conditions of the acceptance and transport by the Italian Government of inhabitants of Pola, together with their personal goods, to the Italian mainland. The prospectus will give full details as to the ports to which Pola residents may be transported. The Government proposes to define with some exactness the qualifications of those inhabitants whom it will transport. For this purpose it is prepared to open a Registry Office in Pola, as suggested by SACMED. The prospectus will be submitted to this Commission for approval.

3. Since present directives do not permit the Italian Government to maintain offices in Zone A, may the necessary authorizations be given, including entry permits for Italian officials. In this latter connection, there is also forwarded translation of letter dated 17 January from the Undersecretary of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

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4. Because of the urgency of this problem, I should be grateful if, where practicable, necessary instructions may be sent me and AMG authorities by signal.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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

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*Translation*

Rome 1<sup>st</sup> January 1947

My dear Admiral,

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following my letter dated January 15th 1947 I beg to inform you that the interministerial Committee for Venezia Giulia established at the Presidency of the Council has decided that Consigliere di Prefettura Dr. Teofilo Uni should leave for Pola and reside there permanently until the evacuation process will be over.

Dr. Uni will take orders from Vice Prefetto Meneghini, already mentioned in my previous letter.

At the same time, in order to avail himself of the large experience and the organisation already set up at the Ministry of War for the repatriation of the P.O.W., Vice Prefetto Meneghini will work in close understanding with General Mannerini, Head of the competent Department of the Ministry of War. The latter will be assisted by Colonel Fornara and Colonel Mazzocchi.

The three a/m Officers intend to leave within the next days for Trieste and Pola in order to contact Vice Prefetto Meneghini and the Allied Authorities. Col. Mazzocchi should reside in Pola together with Consigliere Uni until the evacuation is completed.

I will be very grateful, my dear Admiral, if, in reply to my letter of January 15th, you will consider also the further information which I have intended to bring to your knowledge by the present letter, and you will kindly issue instructions to the effect that all a/m agents of the Italian Government be granted by Allied Military Authorities every possible facility.

Agree please, my dear Admiral, my sincere thanks and my most cordial greetings.

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(Cn. Avv. Paolo Cappa)  
Undersecretary of State  
to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

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*Il Sottosegretario di Stato  
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, 17 gennaio 1947

Caro Ammiraglio,

di seguito alla mia lettera del 15 corr. La informo che il Comitato interministeriale per la Venezia Giulia presso la Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri ha deciso di inviare stabilmente a Pola fino ad espletamento delle operazioni di trasferimento il Consigliere di Prefettura Uni dott. Teofilo che sarà alle dipendenze del Vice Prefetto Giuseppe Meneghini già segnalatoLe nella lettera soprannominata.

In pari tempo, desiderando giovare della larga esperienza e dell'attrezzatura esistente presso il Ministero della Guerra per il rimpatrio dei prigionieri, il Vice Prefetto Meneghini lavorerà in stretta intesa con il Generale Mannarini, Capo del competente Servizio del Ministero della Guerra, il quale sarà a sua volta assistito dal Colonnello Fornara e dal Colonnello Mazzocchi.

I detti tre ufficiali intenderebbero recarsi a Trieste ed a Pola nei prossimi giorni per i necessari contatti col Vice Prefetto Meneghini e con le autorità alleate. Il Colonnello Mazzocchi dovrebbe poi fermarsi a Pola insieme al Consigliere Uni fino a completamento del trasferimento.

Le sarò assai grato caro Ammiraglio se, nel rispondere alla



inviare stabilmente a Fola fino ad espletamento delle operazioni di trasferimento il Consigliere di Prefettura Uni dott. Teofilo che sarà alle dipendenze del Vice Prefetto Giuseppe Meneghini già segnalato nella lettera sopramencionata.

In pari tempo, desiderando giovarsi della larga esperienza e dell'attrezzatura esistente presso il Ministero della Guerra per il rimpatrio dei prigionieri, il Vice Prefetto Meneghini lavorerà in stretta intesa con il Generale Lanerini, Capo del competente Servizio del Ministero della Guerra, il quale sarà a sua volta assistito dal Colonnello Fornara e dal Colonnello Mazzocchi.

I detti tre ufficiali intenderebbero recarsi a Trieste ed a Pola nei prossimi giorni per i necessari contatti col Vice Prefetto Meneghini e con le Autorità Alleate. Il Colonnello Mazzocchi dovrebbe poi fermarsi a Fola insieme al Consigliere Uni fino a completamento del trasferimento.

Le sarò assai grato caro Ammiraglio se, nel rispondere alla mia lettera del 15 gennaio, vorrà tenere presenti anche le ulteriori notizie che ho voluto dare con questa mia lettera e se vorrà cortesemente emanare disposizioni perché a tutti i sopra

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All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE  
 Capo della Commissione Militare Alleata  
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nominati incaricati dal Governo Italiano benigno delle Autorità  
Militari Alleate date tutte le possibili facilitazioni.

. Voglia, caro Ammiraglio, gradire i miei vivi ringraziamenti ed  
i miei più cordiali saluti

*Giuseppe Paolo Capua*  
(On. Adv. Paolo Capua)  
Sottosegretario di Stato  
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

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Dear Admiral Stone,

with reference to your letter n. 2628/3/EC dated January 8th, 1947 (addressed to the Prime Minister) I have the honour to inform you of the following:

a) The Italian Government agrees, to assume, within the limitations imposed by present circumstances, the responsibility for the transfer of Italians who intend to quit the city of Fola or the territories which under the Peace Treaty are to be ceded to Yugoslavia.

b) The Italian Government, while taking pleasure in acknowledging receipt of the communication, thanks the Allied Authorities for their intention to consent Italian Officials to enter the territory under the administration of the Allied Military Government in order to undertake the operations relating to the transfer of persons and removal of their belongings. The Italian Government informs that Vice-Prefect Dr. Giuseppe MAMMIGHINI has been appointed to carry out such a work. He has expressed the wish to be authorized to contact the Trieste Allied Military Command with a view to avoiding delay which might cause repercussions and complications hindering the operations of transfer.

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He reserves to communicate to the Trieste Allied Military Command the names of some of his assistants who will need to enter the zone in connection with the above stated operations.

c) As far as concerns the evacuation of the Al-

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lied troops from territories to be ceded to Yugoslavia, the Italian Government, while taking note of the communication, considers necessary to refer to the clause of Art. 77-bis of the Peace Treaty which provides that "the provisions of the present Treaty shall confer no right or benefit on behalf of any State which is mentioned in the preamble of the Treaty under the denomination of Allied or Associated Power or to its citizens, unless such a State becomes a contracting party of the same Treaty, through the deposit of its instrument of ratification."

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d) The Italian Government agrees that the Trieste Free State is created all questions arising within the boundary of the Free Territory concerning Italy and Italians, are to be dealt with the Officials of the Free State and not with the Allied Military Commands.

e) The Italian Government, though realizing that the Allied Military Authorities will find it difficult to give a positive technical assistance owing to the scanty means at their disposal; it is yet confident that following requests will favourably be taken into consideration by the Allied Military Authorities:

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2) To grant in Pola a certain number of motor-cars in order to effect the transportation of furniture and household-implements from houses to port;

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3) to provide as soon as possible the service of a daily train, between Pola and Trieste, composed of a minimum of 20 freight-cars for the transportation of belongings, provided that said train be duly protected. This would greatly help operations inasmuch as the railway-carriages in question could be made to proceed directly for the appointed destinations;

4) to furnish with an adequate protection the Italian ships due to enter or leave Pola harbour. This in order to avoid the repetition of inconveniences such as those which took place a few days ago when the fishing motor-boats "Dionisio" and "Maria", registered at the Naval District of Chioggia, while approaching Pola because of the weather, were compelled to change their course towards Fasana and subsequently to Rovigno d'Istria, where they were detained by the Yugoslav Police together with their crews;

5) To derequisition and put at the disposal of the Italian Authorities those barracks in Gorizia <sup>400</sup> which are not indispensable to the Allied Forces. In such barracks the refugees could find appropriate accommodation, at least for a certain period of time.

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f) The Italian Government, following the suggestion contained in your letter dated January 8th, has drafted a project which should be carried out in two stages: First the transportation of belongings; secondly, the transportation of persons.

The transportation of belongings is scheduled for January 27th, 1947. About 50.000 tons of material have to

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be loaded at Pola and unloaded at the ports of Trieste, Venezia, Ravenna, Ancona and Erindisi where appropriate warehouses have been provided for the storage of furniture and household-implements. Five or six sailing motor-boats are due daily to leave Pola harbour.

The date of the transportation of persons has not yet been fixed.

The refugees to be transported have been reckoned from 20.000 to 25.000. They are due to disembark at Venice and Ancona, where, after a brief stay in shift camps they will proceed to the various rallying centres which are administered by the Ministry of Post-War Relief.

Instructions on the matter are issued by the Venezia Giulia office, which is a dependency of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

In order to enforce the a/m instructions a local detached office for Venezia Giulia has been opened in Venice. Its address is Castello 4426 (telephone number 2308). Vice-Prefect Dr. Giuseppe MENECHINI, already mentioned above is in charge of said office.

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Owing to the urgency of the matter, I should be most grateful to you, Dear Admiral, if you would kindly let me have an early reply, especially in connection with paragraphs b) and e) of this letter.

Believe me, Dear Admiral Stone, to be

very sincerely yours,

Roma, 15 gennaio 1947

*Il Segretario di Stato  
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Caro Ammiraglio,

In risposta alla Sua lettera n. 2628/3/EC dell'8  
corr. diretta al Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, ho l'onore  
di informarla di quanto segue:

a) Il Governo italiano è d'accordo nel senso che, nei limiti  
imposti dalle attuali circostanze, la responsabilità del tra-  
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b) Il Governo italiano prende atto con compiacimento e ringra-  
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sentire l'ingresso nel territorio amministrato dal Governo mili-  
tare Alleato a funzionari italiani incaricati delle operazioni re-  
lative al trasferimento delle persone e delle loro cose. Si può fin  
da ora indicare quale preposto a tale lavoro il Vice Prefetto dr.  
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c) Per quanto riguarda lo sgombero delle truppe alleate dai

All'Ammiraglio  
BILLY H. STONE  
Capo della Commissione Militare Alleata

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*naval vessel,*

Should the request of a Landing Craft not be granted, we would be faced with the necessity of using an Italian ~~warship~~, at least in one of the phases of the evacuation.

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territori ai cui è prevista la cessione alla Jugoslavia, il Governo italiano, nel prendere atto di quanto comunicato, crede necessario richiamarsi alla clausola dell'art. 77-bis dell' <sup>Protocollo di Parigi del</sup> Trattato di Pace in cui viene stabilito che "Le disposizioni del Trattato non conferiranno alcun diritto né beneficio a favore di alcuno Stato designato nel preambolo del Trattato stesso con la denominazione di potenza alleata ed associata ed ai suoi cittadini, a meno che tale Stato non presenti parte contraente del Trattato stesso attraverso il deposito del suo strumento di ratifica".

d) Il Governo italiano concorda sul fatto che, una volta che fosse stato creato lo Stato Libero di Trieste, è con i funzionari di tale Stato e non con i Comandanti Militari Alleati che dovranno essere regolate le questioni che, nell'ambito del Territorio Libero, interesseranno l'Italia e gli Italiani.

e) Pur rendendosi conto che la scarsa disponibilità di mezzi renderà assai difficile alle Autorità Militari Alleate di prestare un'assistenza tecnica positiva, il Governo italiano esprime la fiducia che le Autorità Militari Alleate vorranno prendere in esame con ogni possibile benevolenza le seguenti richieste:

1°)- concedere un piroscafo tipo "Landing Craft", il quale con pochi viaggi potrebbe effettuare il trasporto di buona parte delle

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2°)- concedere un certo numero di automezzi a Pola per il tra-  
sporto delle masserizie e del mobilio dalle case al porto;

3°)- organizzare non appena possibile un treno giornaliero tra  
Pola e Trieste di almeno 20 vagoni per il trasporto delle cose, sal-  
vo che tale treno possa essere convenientemente protetto. Ciò co-  
stituirebbe un evidente grande vantaggio in quanto che tali vagoni  
potrebbero poi proseguire direttamente verso le destinazioni loro

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assegnate;

4°) - provvedere ad una adeguata protezione delle navi italiane che dovranno entrare ed uscire dal porto di Pola e ciò ad evitare il ripetersi degli incoincidenti verificatisi anche pochi giorni fa quando i motopescherecci "Dionisio" e "Maria" iscritti al Dipartimento di Chioggia, avendo dovuto avvicinarsi a Pola a causa del maltempo, venivano fatti strappare per Fasana e successivamente per Rovigno di Istria dove, con i rispettivi equipaggi, erano trattieneuti dalla Gen-  
darmia Jugoslava;

5°) - provvedere a derequisire e mettere a disposizione delle Autorità italiane quelle fra le caserme di Gorizia che non siano strettamente indispensabili alle Forze Alleate. In tali caserme i profughi potrebbero convenientemente essere sistemati almeno per un certo tempo.

f) Tenute presenti le circostanze ricordate nella Sua lettera dell'8 gennaio, il Governo italiano ha predisposto un proprio progetto che dovrebbe svolgersi in due tempi: in un primo tempo avrà luogo il trasporto delle cose; in un secondo tempo quello delle persone.

Il trasporto delle cose avrà inizio il 27 gennaio 1947. Dovranno essere trasportate da Pola circa 60.000 tonnellate di materiale e lo scarico avverrà nei porti di Trieste, Venezia, Ravenna, Ancona, e Brindisi, ove sono stati predisposti apposti magazzini per il de-



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La data d'inizio del trasporto delle persone non è ancora fissata. Si prevede che i profughi da trasportare saranno circa 20-25.000. Essi saranno fatti sbarcare a Venezia e ad Ancona, ove, dopo un breve soggiorno in campi di sostentamento, saranno avviati ai centri di riu-

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colta amministrati dal Ministero dell'Assistenza Post-bellica.

Le ditte in proposito vengono date dall'Ufficio della Venezia Giulia alle dipendenze della Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, mentre per sovrintendere alla loro esecuzione è stato creato a Venezia un Ufficio staccato per la Venezia Giulia, il cui indirizzo è Castello 4426, telefono 25888, alle dipendenze del Vice Prefetto dott. Giuseppe Meneghini, già sopra menzionato.

Le sarò grato, caro Ammiraglio, se - in vista dell'urgenza della questione - vorrà cortesemente farmi avere una risposta non appena possibile con particolare riguardo alle richieste di cui ai punti b) ed e) della presente lettera.

Voglia credermi, caro Ammiraglio

*Il Sottosegretario* Paolo Cappa

(On. Adv. Paolo Cappa)

Sottosegretario di Stato

alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

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*In affetto Paolo Capra*

(On. avv. Paolo Capra)

Sottosegretario di Stato

alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

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*P.S.: Ove il mezzo navale richiesto non  
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stretti ad adoperare una nave da  
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Ref: 2628/3/33

8 January 1947

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

In connection with the repatriation of Italians from territory to be ceded to Yugoslavia under the terms of the Peace Treaty, I am directed to inform you of the following.

a. that no instructions on the matter have been received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff but that subject to such instructions for planning purposes it is the view of the Supreme Allied Commander that the movement and all other matters connected with such repatriation is responsibility of the Italian Government.

b. that it is planned to permit entry of Italian officials into AMG territory with the full knowledge and consent of the Yugoslav Government to make plans for and execute all functions in connection with such repatriation of persons, property and chattels.

c. that it is proposed that all Allied troops will leave territory to be ceded to Yugoslavia on the day of Ratification of the Peace Treaty.

d. that, while Allied occupational troops will remain in Trieste Free State after the day of Ratification that all arrangements for Italian activities in that State after the day of Ratification must be made with State officials and not with Allied military commanders.

e. that it is extremely doubtful due to lack of supplies, equipment and personnel if any active assistance can be given to the Italians in their repatriation. Full cooperation will, of course, be extended in matters not in controversy between the Italians and Yugoslavs.

f. that it should be borne in mind that between date of signing and ratification of the Peace Treaty there will be a very heavy Allied military commitment on railway facilities. The Italians should, therefore, make adequate provision for the movement of refugees and their goods. Furthermore, Trieste will be a bottleneck from every point of view, and so should be avoided as a transit station for refugees. Those from Pola particularly should not transit Trieste.

I should be grateful, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if you would let us have as a matter of urgency the plan of the Italian Government

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in general outline, bearing in mind the factors mentioned above.

Yours very truly,

10/ ELLERY W. STONE.  
HARRY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,  
President of the Council of Ministers,  
Italian Government,  
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Ref. Para 6D of Your planning notes forwarded with VG/AMG/240 of 2 Jan 47. Undesirable that you prepare list indicated or in any way indicate responsibility for evacuation until so authorized. Present thinking is that it is matter for Italian Government except for Police and other Officials who have identified themselves prominently with AMG and who must remain on job as long as possible. Plans should be made by You for the evacuation of these latter under AMG arrangements. Pending agreement to proposed Policy by CCS no assurances will be given to those concerned, and number involved must be kept to minimum.

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Rome 7 January 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

The writer has been instructed under even date by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to inform the Allied Commission that the following telegram has been sent to the a/m Ministry by Dr. Cappa, Undersecretary of State at the Presidency of the Council :

" 200/49 Gab. Please ask Allied Military Government Venezia Giulia kindly grant technical assistance evacuation from Pola according to scheme which will be submitted by competent offices".

The writer has been requested to suggest that the Allied Commission kindly recommend the a/m action to A.M.G. Venezia Giulia.

The writer would be very grateful if he would be informed in due time of the decision which will be made, and of the steps which will be taken on this account.

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HQ AMG VENEZIA GIULIA  
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Ref your 5954 Dated Jan 4, '47 telegram despatched Pola to day as requested.

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 ADEQUATE HELP AND FRATERNAL ASSISTENCE PD FOR PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF  
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G-5 Section  
APO 512

3 Jan 47

~~December 1946~~

G-5: 902.40

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Italians from  
Territory to be ceded to Yugoslavia

TO : Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
APO 794.

1. In connection with telephone conversation Admiral Stone/Col. Hamblen on the repatriation of Italians from territory to be ceded to the Yugoslavs, it is desired that you inform the Italian Government in substance:

a. that no instructions on the matter have been received from the CCS but that subject to such instructions for planning purposes it is the view of SACMED that the movement and all other matters connected with such repatriation is responsibility of the Italian Government.

b. that it is planned to permit entry of Italian Officials into AMG territory with the full knowledge and consent of the Yugoslav Government to make plans for and execute all functions in connection with such repatriation of persons, property and chattel.

c. that it is proposed that all Allied troops will leave territory to be ceded Yugoslavia on R day.

d. that, while Allied occupational troops will remain in Trieste Free State after R day that all arrangements for Italian activities in that State after R day must be made with State officials and not with Allied military commanders.

e. that it is extremely doubtful due to lack of supplies, equipment and personnel if any active assistance can be given the Italians in their repatriation. Full cooperation will, of course, be extended in matters not in controversy between the Italians and Yugoslavs.

f. that it should be borne in mind that between date of signature and ratification there will be a very heavy Allied military commitment on railway facilities. The Italians should, therefore, make adequate provision for the movement of refugees and their goods. Furthermore, Trieste will be a bottleneck from every point of view, and so should be avoided as a transit station for refugees. Those from Pola particularly should not transit Trieste.

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g. that a general outline of the Italian plan would be helpful, so as to avoid conflicts with plans for military evacuation.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:

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

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- 1°) Question of extent of assistance to be given to Italian Government in evacuating persons and property from Pola is being referred to CCS.
- 2°) Should be told that any proposal for immigration of Italians from Pola to Italy should be presented initially to Italian Government. Until officially presented by Italian Government no request for special for such a migration can be considered.

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*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*  
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## MEMORANDUM

for the Chief Commissioner

According to a report received on December 26th by President De Gasperi the following statement has been made by Col. Robertson of A.M.G. Trieste to Mr. Meneghini, of the Ministry of the Interior :

" Allied Authorities are of the opinion that Pola should be, already at the date of the ratification of the Treaty, cleared of all people who intend to transfer themselves in the old Italian provinces : the above in consideration of the fact that the city may have to be relinquished by Allied Troops, in order to leave room for the Yugoslav Troops".

The President wonders if it would be possible for the Allied Authorities concerned to inform him about their in-

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