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JAN 23 1947

Ref: 3636/266/HD22 January, 1947

SUBJECT: Ops Memo 85 "Internal Security".

TO : ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Attention: G-5 Section.Reference your letter G-5:941.12 of 3rd January, 1947. *NR*

This Commission has drawn the attention of the Italian Government to para. 2 of Supplement 'A' of the Italian Government's resume where it is said that "Italian Authorities..... can apply to Allied Troops for help. Such a demand will not be accepted at once but will be submitted immediately to GHQ Allied Forces" thus inferring that the assistance requested will be forthcoming.

The Prime Minister with a letter dated 15th January, 1947, has informed this Commission that the word "at once" in para. 2 of Supplement 'A' was due only to a mistake in the translation and that it has been rectified by circular No. 442/963 of 15th January 1947, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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*15/M. CARR*M. CARR, Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.*3*

JAN 14 1947

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Ref: 3609/381/EC

13 January, 1947

SUBJECT: Representation by NENWI re Motor Accidents.

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

1. Reference is made to your letter G-5: 945.31 dated 30th December, 1946, the substance of which is being transmitted to the Foreign Minister. NR

2. A further memorandum has now been received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs enclosing the Summary promised in their letter No. 1668 dated 13th December, 1946. This Summary, however, is identical with the one sent with the Note Verbale to the United States Embassy and which was forwarded to you under our reference 3609/371/EC dated 23rd December, 1946. 12/

3. It is the opinion of this Commission that no good purpose will be served by attempting to obtain a detailed and specific report from the Italian Government.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

[S] M. CARR

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 4069/22/EC

13 January, 1947

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Personnel and Vehicles

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Attention: Deputy Chief of Staff.

1. I refer to my letter No. 4069/15/EC dated 21st December, 1946, on this subject.

2. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated 27th December, 1946, from the Director of the American Joint Distribution Committee, in which it sets out the arrangements to be made by the American Joint Distribution Committee in this matter. At the meeting held by the Chief Commissioner, it was agreed that the rear of vehicles should be painted with the orange diagonal stripe as well as the radiator. Mention of this point has been omitted from the letter enclosed, but it has since been confirmed verbally, subject to the availability of paint.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

E. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Public Safety Div. A.C.

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AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
H.Q. for Italy, Via di S. Basilio 9
RGS.

REF. No. 205

December 27th, 1946.

TO: The Chief Commissioner./No. 15.
Allied Commission
APO. 794.

FROM: AJDC, HQ. ITALY.

SUBJ: IDENTIFICATION AND MARKING OF UNIFORMS
AND VEHICLES.

Your Ref. 1069/18/RC dated 21/12/46 195

We regret that we have not replied to your letter earlier. We had assumed that a letter would be forthcoming from the Ministry of the Interior which would take care of all the points of our discussion in detail.

We are listing below the steps that this organization will take prior to January 31st to concur with the Agreement made with the military authorities on December 10th.

1. UNIFORMS

(a) AJDC STAFF - All outer garments of military type (i.e. jacket, trousers, gray coat and cap) will be dyed navy blue and AJDC flashes worn on the left shoulder.

(b) DISPLACED PERSONS. IN HACHSHAROTS AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE AJDC.

In cases where displaced persons wear a military type of clothing, steps will be taken to arrange that such items of clothing be dyed brown. No displaced persons in AJDC installations will wear AJDC flashes.

(c) CLOTHING IN STOCK

All military types of clothing in our stock will be dyed dark brown as soon as arrangements can be made in each of our Regions.

(d) IMCOMING STOCK

All donors who have purchased military types of clothing within their country, for eventual distribution through the AJDC in Italy, will be informed to dye such clothing either dark navy blue or dark brown before sending such material to Italy.

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2. VEHICLES

All vehicles of military type and colour will be identified
by:-

- (a) A 3-inch orange stripe painted diagonally across the front of the radiator or radiator guard, from the upper left to the lower right corner.
- (b) The front and rear bumpers will be painted either yellow or orange, subject to the availability of paint.
- (c) Front and rear license plates shall be fixed in the center of the bumpers and will be made of aluminium or other metal rectangular in shape, 32 centimeters by 22 cm. wide. The plates will be painted orange with two lines of lettering in black. The first line will be the letters "AJDC" - each letter will be 8 cm. high by 5 cm. broad. The second line will show our vehicle registration number which will be 9 cm high by 4 cm. broad.

3. VEHICLES - CIVILIAN TYPE

- (a) Same as 2(c) mentioned above.

We will forward to the Ministry, two copies of the list of our motor vehicles indicating the type of vehicle, the engine number, the chassis number, the plate number and we will continue to advise the Ministry of any changes or variations which may occur in this list in the future.

sgd. JACOB L. TROBE
Director for Italy

c.c: Ministry of the Interior
"D"
Deputy Director
Paris Office
Administrative Bureau

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Ref: 3636/238/AC/3 January, 1947

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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I refer to para. 2 of Appendix "A" of Allied Force Headquarters Operation Memorandum No. 85 dated 8th November, 1946, forwarded to you under covering letter 3636/243/AC of 21st November, 1946, and to para. 2 of Appendix "A" of the instructions given by the Ministry of the Interior for the implementation of the said memorandum, copy of which was forwarded to me with your covering letter of 12th December, 1946.

In para. 2 of Appendix "A" of Operation Memorandum No. 85 it is stated that, although under certain circumstances Italian authorities may possibly request assistance of Allied Troops "such requests will NOT be honoured, but will be reported immediately to Allied Force Headquarters."

In para. 2 of Appendix "A" of the instructions issued by the Ministry of the Interior the following sentence is included:-
 "Una tale richiesta non sara' sens'altro accolta, ma verra' trasmessa immediatamente al quartier Generale delle Forze Alleate."

The word "sens'altro" may infer that the assistance requested may be forthcoming. This is not however in accordance with the policy of Allied Force Headquarters.

I would be very glad, my dear Prime Minister, if your instructions to the Italian authorities could make it quite clear that if requests for assistance of Allied Troops are made they will NOT be honoured. Will you please let me have a copy of your amended orders for the information of the Supreme Allied Commander.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
 President of the Council of Ministers,
 Italian Government,
 Rome.

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Ref: 4069/21/RC

11 January, 1947

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Organisations Vehicles.

TO : Ministry of the Interior,
ROMA.

I refer to my letter No. 4069/17/50 dated 21st December, 1946, on this subject.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated 27th December, 1946, from the Director of the American Joint Distribution Committee, in which it sets out the arrangements to be made by the American Joint Distribution Committee in this matter. At the meeting held by the Chief Commissioner, it was agreed that the rear of vehicles should be painted with the orange diagonal stripe as well as the radiator. Mention of this point has been omitted from the letter enclosed, but it has since been confirmed verbally, subject to the availability of paint.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

R. W. HINDS
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Public Safety Div.

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C O P Y

AMERICAN INT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.
Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees
H.Q., Via di S. Basilio 9
ROME.

TRP. No. 205

December 27th, 1946.

TO: The Chief Commissioner./No. 15.
Allied Commission
A-O 794.

FROM: AJDC, HQ, ITALY.

SUBJ: IDENTIFICATION AND MARKING OF UNIFORMS
AND VEHICLES.

Your Ref. 4069/10/EC dated 21/12/46

We regret that we have not replied to your letter earlier. We had assumed that a letter would be forthcoming from the Ministry of the Interior which would take care of all the points of our discussion in detail.

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sgd. JACOB L. TROBE.
Director for Italy.

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c.c. Ministry of the Interior
"D"
Deputy Director
Paris Office
Administrative Bureau

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13 January, 1947

Ref: 3609/382/EC

Dear Mr. Nenni,

I refer to your letter No. 1668 dated 13th December, 1946, and to the Memorandum No. 42794/151 dated 27th December, 1946, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the subject of traffic accidents involving Allied vehicles. The matters raised by you were taken up with Allied Force Headquarters and I have been requested to inform you as follows.

Your letter has been passed to the British and United States Theatre Commanders. The Military authorities have issued comprehensive orders concerning safety precautions in motor driving and within the means at their disposal every effort is being made to enforce these orders.

Present instructions require the submission of a complete report on every accident and where evidence shows fault on the part of Military personnel disciplinary action is taken. In this connection it is most important that drivers should not gain the impression that they are liable to be attacked if they obey orders and stop to give assistance and information to those involved in the accident, and to the police. The cooperation of the Italian civilians and police in this respect will be appreciated. All known means to prevent unsafe driving and accidents are being, and will continue to be taken, including instructions that the traffic laws and regulations of all communities shall be observed.

Theatre wide statistics are being compiled to keep the Military Commanders informed of the actual situation. A large number of agencies, including Italian agencies, which are driving vehicles which previously were Allied Military vehicles and whose drivers, including Italian agency drivers, are wearing items of Allied Military issue, has, in several cases, resulted in mistaken identity and in false accusations against the Military authorities.

While the Military authorities regret that any accidents should occur and will continue to take every practical means to reduce such accidents to a minimum, they have every right to expect that when accidents do occur the Italian Government will use all means at its disposal to assure that accidents shall not be magnified beyond their importance and that where the uninformed and irresponsible Press distorts the facts so as to inflame Public opinion, the Italian Government will disclaim such action and cause the true facts to be known.

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It is hoped that the Italian Government recognizes the fact that it is the policy of the Military authorities to be of the greatest assistance to that Government compatible with the many essential needs of the Allied Forces, and that the good will of the Italian people is being kept constantly in mind. It would therefore be most tragic if untrue Press reports and the thoughtless action of a few undisciplined persons should undermine the policy of friendliness which is so essential to all of our countries.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

On Pietro Nenni
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
ROME.

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AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE ERGEG
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1. PLEASE FORWARD 5 COPIES IMMEDIATELY NOMINAL ROLE OF ALLEGED USTACHI PRESENTLY IN YOUR CUSTODY.
2. FOREIGN OFFICE CONTEMPLATES WITHOUT AWAITING RESULTS MILITARY INTERROGATION POSSIBILITY HAND OVER OF CERTAIN A-M INDIVIDUALS.
3. NAMES IN FUTURE OF ALL JUGOSLAVS CONFINED ON SUSPICION QUINLING ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THIS HQ FOR BRIT POLAD.

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ACTION ALCOM ROME HQ ACPSP
INFO AFHQ FOR G-2

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Reference Your signal 5948 of 4 Jan.

Melamed may have abused his position by illicit activity in Milan.
Cannot be released until fully investigation.

A.C. DISTRIBUTION

ACTION - P.SAFETY

INFO - C.COMMISSIONER

EX.COMMISSIONER

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JAN 8 1950

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

8 JANUARY 1948

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SUBJECT IS ARREST OF SIVOTA DELANED PD

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PARA ONE PD REUR GEORGE IRSE BAKER SLAPT TWO ONE ONE OF
THREE JANUARY PD

PARA TWO PD DR SMOULAKA CMA JUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE
ITALY CMA MAKING URGENT ENQUIRY FOR REASONS OF ARREST
OF DELANED AND ASKING FOR HIS IMMEDIATE RELEASE PD

PARA THREE PD MAY FULL DETAILS BE FORWARDED THIS
COMMISSION REQUEST TO ENABLE REPLY TO BE SENT TO
DR SMOULAKA PD

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ROUTINE

Public Safety Division

JOHN R. HAYES
Maj AGD
Adjutant

B. J. BYR, Colonel.

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GHQ CMF
ACTION ALCOM HQ ACPSP.

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Your 5897 of 27 Dec. 46 Refers.

- 1°) Zivota Melomed? or Melomed Zivojin arrested Milan for interrogation as suspect OZNA courier.
- 2°) No further details available.

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 ACTION - P.SAFETY (2)
 INFO - C.COMMISSIONER
 EX.COMMISSIONER
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JAN 3 - 1947

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ALCON HQ ACPSF

27 DECEMBER 1946

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PARA ONE PD INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT JUGOSLAV
 CITIZEN ZIVOTA BELANED BEARER OF REGULAR PASSPORT
 WITH VISA FOR ITALY ARRESTED BY US MILITARY POLICE
 TWO FOUR DECEMBER CMA HANDED TO PSE IN MIAN AND
 TRANSFERRED TO SAN VINCENZO PRISON PD
 PARA TWO PD PLEASE ADVISE REASONS FOR ARREST AND
 PROBABLE ACTION REGARDING BELANED PD

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ROUTINE

Public Safety Division

JOHN R. HAYES
Maj. AGD
Adjutant

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F. G. GREEN, Lt. Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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AG 250.1/104 A-0

31 December 1946

SUBJECT: Statistics of Accidents and Crimes Committed by Allied Troops

THRU : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794

TO : Italian Ministry of War

1. Attention is invited to your letter 226398/II, 18 October 1946, subject, "Statistics of Accidents and Crimes Committed by Allied Troops".

a. A thorough study has been made of your statistical analysis of offenses committed by Allied Troops to the extent practicable in view of the fact that inclosures indicating nationality have never been received by this headquarters.

b. It is impossible to determine from the report, as received, the percentage of offenses committed by troops of this command. It is, however, believed that this percentage has decreased materially.

c. Investigation reveals that Italian Police Agencies are not making immediate reports to the nearest Provost Marshal when offenses are committed by our troops. Such reports are sometimes received many weeks after an incident, which fact seriously lessens the chance of successful police action.

d. A program of safety and accident prevention has been initiated among all U.S. troops. It is believed that this will continue to decrease such offenses.

2. To enable this headquarters to apply prompt corrective action against offenses, it is requested that hereafter information be furnished by Italian authorities to include:

a. Separate listings to indicate offenses committed by "United States Military Personnel".

b. Prompt report of all offenses committed by U.S. Military Personnel

Information copy to CC, ALCOM, APO 794

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Action: Land forces S/C
Info: C.C.

C.C. has seen on 3 Jan

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Ltr, Hq MTOUSA, AG 250.1/104, dtd 31 Dec 46. (Cont'd)

by Italian Police Agencies to the nearest U.S. Military Police Station.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

U. G. FETTERMAN
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Ref. : 3609/370/EC

27 December 1946

Dear Mr. Jones,

I acknowledge with thanks your letter dated 20 December 1946 with which you enclosed a Note Verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (ENCL)

I have forwarded this Note Verbale for the attention of Allied Force Headquarters.

Yours sincerely,

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

3609/EC

J. Wesley Jones Esq.,
First Secretary
American Embassy
ROME.

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COPY

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, Italy,
December 20, 1946.

Dear Admiral Stone:

I refer to my letter of December 14, enclosing a copy of a note from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning automobile accidents in Italy in which Allied military vehicles are involved and enclose copy of a second communication from the Ministry on the same subject; likewise copy of my reply.

The Embassy has informed the Department of State of the substance of the Ministry's latest communication.

Sincerely yours,
For the Charge d'Affaires:

sgd. J. Wesley Jones,
First Secretary of Embassy.

Enclosures: 2

Rear Admiral
Elery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
Rome.

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Ref. : 3636/250/EO

23 December 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I acknowledge your letter dated 12 December 1946 enclosing the Orders given by the Ministry of the Interior for the maintenance of Public Order.

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I have forwarded copies of these Orders to Allied Force Headquarters.

Yours very truly,

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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DEC 27 1946

Ref. : 3636/251/33

23 December 1946

SUBJECT: Public Order.

TO : AFHQ,
G-3 Section.

Referring to this HQ signal ^{NR} 5039 dated 18 Dec. 46, I forward herewith copy of a letter from the Prime Minister enclosing instructions given by the Ministry of the Interior for the maintenance of public order.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copies to: AFHQ G-3 Section
Public Safety Div
Land Forces S/C
Air Forces S/C
Navy S/C

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Translation

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Dear Admiral,

Referring to your letter No. 3636/243/EC dated 21 Nov. 1946, I enclose copy of the instructions given for the implementation of the Order issued by Allied Force Hq.

(s) De Gasperi

Rome, 12 December 1946.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
R o m e.

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
No. 442/24287

Rome 12 December, 1946.

SUBJECT:- Public Order.

The Allied Commission, in order to determine the competence and tasks of the Allied and Italian Authorities, respectively, for the maintenance of public order in the national territory, has sent a communication, the fundamental points of which are summed up in the two enclosures.

The regulation regarding the use of tear-gas bombs and smoke-bombs, (an allotment of which will be made soon), does not exclude that they may be used by the police and Italian troops even when the latter are not operating under the control of the Allied Authorities.

The present provisions repeal those contained in the circular no. 442/8734 of 4 July 1945 sent to the Prefettura, then administered by the Italian Government.

FOR THE MINISTER.

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TRANSLATIONGENERAL ORDERS

1. This Operative Memorandum substitutes the Operative Memorandum 6, 78 (Territorial Defence) dated 22 July 1945 that is therefore cancelled.
2. For the maintenance of the internal security (that is the maintenance of law and order and the defence against sabotage) within the zone of competence of SACMS,
 - a) The Commander in Chief G.H.Q. Allied Forces of the Allied Forces Mediterranean Theater, will be responsible for the provinces of Udine and Venezia Giulia;
 - b) The Italian Government will be responsible for all the remainder of the Italian territory.
3. The material security of installations and locations of Allied Forces in Italy, wherever located, is due to the Allied Troops that occupy these installations and locations. The respective concerned commandants will ascertain that plans for protection of their own installations will be prepared.

MILITARY ZONES

4. The Supreme Command Allied Forces Mediterranean Theatre is reserving the right of declaring Military Zone particular zones subjected to the Italian jurisdiction. After promulgation of such a declaration the exercising of the powers of a Military Government in the zone in question will be assumed by the Supreme Command Allied Forces Mediterranean Theatre. It is however intended that this right will only be used in case of gravest threat to Allied interests.

USE OF TROOPS IN SUPPORT OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES

5. For special orders, integral for the maintenance of law and order and for the prevention of sabotage in Italy see supplement "A".

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TRANSLATION

SUPPLEMENT "A"

A. ITALIAN TERRITORY EXCEPT PROVINCES OF UDINE AND VENEZIA GIULIA

1. Within the Italian Territory, excepted the provinces of Udine and Venezia Giulia, the Italian Government is competent for the maintenance of law and order, and has therefore at his disposal the forces of the Police, the Carabinieri, and the Army.

2. Should the situation become worse, so that the Italian Authorities could not maintain law and order with their own resources, they can apply to Allied Troops for help. Such a demand will not be accepted at once, but will be submitted immediately to G.H.Q. Allied Forces. Should the disorder however menace directly Allied military property and installations and impend to interfere with operations of Allied Forces, the local commandant will take all measures that seem to him opportune for protecting Allied interests. With approval of G.H.Q. Allied Forces and on behalf of SACMED, he can as a last resource declare the threatened zone as Military Zone. In this case he will assume the command of all troops and of the whole Italian Police in this zone.

3. In case the local commandant should consider the state of emergency so serious and immediate that he has not sufficient time for asking the permission of G.H.Q. Allied Forces, he can act on his initiative. He has to refer all facts successively to G.H.Q. Allied Forces in the shortest possible time.

B. PROVINCES OF UDINE AND VENEZIA GIULIAOMISSISC. LACRIMATORS AND SMOKE GROWING BOMBS

7. In any case Italian and Allied troops, Police or Carabinieri should be used under Allied command for smoothing civil disorder, they can make use of lacrimator or smoke growing bombs, but not of white phosphoric bombs, with the following limits:

a) All precautions have to be taken that the depots of these bombs are not available for unauthorized persons.

b) All superior commands will issue orders to their dependent parties about the use of these bombs setting up the limitation that no bomb will be issued to the troops nor be used by them unless by order of an officer. In exceptional cases the responsibility for issuing such orders can be delegated to a non-commissioned officer. The use of these bombs will be permitted only if the use of force is necessary and the purpose can be reached with less damage for the persons by using lacrimators or smoke-growing bombs than by opening fire.

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Ref. : 3609/371/20

23 December 1946

SUBJECT: Control of Traffic.

TO : G-5 Section,
AMTC.

1. With further reference to this HQ. letter 3609/357/20 ¹⁷⁴ dated 19 Dec. 46, I now enclose copy of a translation of a Note Verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under their reference 41862/228 of 17 Dec. 46.

2. This Note Verbale was forwarded to this HQ by the United States Embassy to whom it was addressed.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

S/L Capt.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Encls. as above.

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Copy to: P. Safety Div
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Translation

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

41862/223

A.P. 1.

Rome, 17 December, 1946.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, therefore, deems it necessary to bring this to the attention of the United States Embassy hoping that action will be taken.

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Ref. : 2214/331/EO

23 December 1946

My dear Mr. Ambassador,

I refer to the letter Seg. Pol. No. 1474 of 21 October from your predecessor Dr. Prunas regarding the employment of Chetniks as auxiliary police.

I am directed to inform you that Chetniks, classified as surrendered enemy personnel are employed on labour duties. Those guarding military property against theft carry sticks. Lethal weapons are never carried. Chetniks form no part of the organized British Police or Army Service.

Yours very truly,

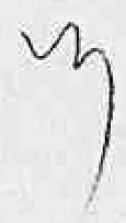
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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ambassador Giuseppe Franzoni,
Secretary General
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rome.

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Note Verbale

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of its note verbale No. 41862/22E of December 17, with further reference to the number of automobile accidents in Italy in which Allied military vehicles are involved. The Embassy of the United States of America has not failed to inform its Government of the Ministry's views and has referred the Ministry's communication to the Allied Commission for consideration and appropriate action, since this regrettable problem involves Allied military responsibility.

Rome, December 20, 1946.

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DEC 27 1946

Ref. : 4069/15/30

21 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Personnel and Vehicles.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
Attention: Deputy Chief of Staff.

1. Reference is made to your unnumbered letter dated 3 December 1946.
2. As directed in your letter a meeting of all concerned in this matter was presided over by me on 10 December 1946. A copy of the minutes of this meeting is enclosed.

3. The following recommendations were agreed:

(i) Personnel

- (a) Any uniforms worn (except for serving service personnel) will be dyed a dark blue colour.
- (b) Uniforms will have an UNRRA or AFIC shoulder patch on each shoulder.
- (c) All personnel will carry identity cards with photograph. Specimens of these cards to be furnished to us.

(ii) Vehicles

- (a) A yellow diagonal stripe to be painted diagonally across the radiator and the rear of the vehicle.
- (b) Special number plates to be fitted at front and rear. These to be of yellow background with black letters and figure. Size required to be specified by Italian Government.
- (c) Front and rear bumpers to be painted yellow.
- (d) UNRRA silver "Globe" sign to be painted on front doors of UNRRA vehicles.
- (e) UNRRA and AFIC to furnish Italian Government with list of all their vehicles and numbers to be assigned.

The above scheme was to be subject to the availability of paint.

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4. As a result of the undertakings given by the Italian Government and UNRRA representatives at this meeting, I have now received communications from both parties setting out the arrangements to be made in order to achieve the purpose desired and I enclose copies of these letters. As regards the letter from UNRRA which makes no reference to painting of rear and bumpers, verbal agreement has since been reached on this point. The Italian Government are being informed of the details given by UNRRA, and AJDC are being requested to conform as was agreed at the meeting. I am also forwarding to UNRRA and AJDC the requirements of the Italian Government.

5. I feel that with the ready co-operation of the Italian Government and the Welfare Agencies concerned to carry out the suggested forms of identification, the likelihood of confusion regarding the proper identification of personnel and vehicles will be eliminated as far as is possible.

6. The arrangements made are considered most satisfactory by the American and British Embassies.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copies to: UNRRA
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AFHQ, G-5 Section.

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Translation

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
General Direction
of Public Safety

Rome, 14 Dec 46.

Div. PP. e TT. Sec. I
No. 300/64518/14600

TO : The Allied Commission,
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Identification of vehicles belonging to welfare organizations.

For further clarification of the suspended question in yesterday's meeting, we suggest that the plates to be fixed at the rear of motor vehicles belonging to UNRRA and AJDC should be made of aluminium or other metal, rectangular in shape and 32 centimetres long by 22 wide.

The plates should be painted yellow with two lines of lettering in black. The first line should bear the sign of the organisation to which the vehicle belongs (UNRRA - AJDC) and the second line show the registration number.

The lettering should be 8 cm high by 5 cm broad.

The registration numbers should be 9 cm high by 4 cm broad.

UNRRA and AJDC should send to this Ministry two copies of the list of motor vehicles used by them and bearing for each vehicle the following particulars: type of vehicle, engine No., chassis No., plate No.

Any variation of the above should be forwarded in due course.

FOR THE MINISTER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMIS' N
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

DEC 27 1946

Ref. : 4609/16/BC

21 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification and marking of Uniforms and Vehicles.

TO : Chief of Mission,
UNRRA
Rome.

1. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter reference DACPA/787 dated 17 Dec.46 and am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Italian Ministry of Interior so that they may be fully aware of the position.
2. It is understood as a result of telephone conversation (Maj. Wyatt - Lt. Col. Hind-Smith speaking) that, subject to the availability of paint, you are also prepared to mark the rear of your vehicles with the diagonal orange stripe and paint the front and rear bumpers orange.
3. I enclose a copy of a letter from the Ministry of the Interior dated 11 Dec.46 reference 300/64518/14600 in which they give the required specifications for the number plates to be used on your vehicles. It is requested that you will forward to the Ministry the list of your vehicles for which they ask.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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

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Ref: 1009/17/10

21 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Organizations Vehicles.

TO : Ministry of the Interior,
ROME.

1. I acknowledge your letter No. 300/64513/11600 dated 14 December 1946 and I am forwarding copies to UNRA and ASOC. I have asked them to forward to you the necessary details regarding their motor vehicles.

2. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated 17 December 46 from the UNRA Chief of Mission in which is set out the arrangements to be made by UNRA in this matter. At the meeting held by the Chief Commissioner it was agreed that the rear of vehicles should be painted with the orange diagonal stripe as well as the radiator, and also the front and rear bumpers should be painted yellow. Mention of these two points has been omitted from the UNRA letter enclosed, but it has since been confirmed verbally, subject to the availability of paint.

1/s/ H. Carr.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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

Ref. : 4609/18/EO

21 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Organization Vehicles.

TO : American Joint Distribution Committee
(Attention: Mr. Trobe).

1. With reference to the recent meeting on the subject of Identification of Welfare Agency personnel and vehicles, I enclose a copy of a letter dated 17 Dec. 46 from the UNRRA Chief of Mission in which is set out the arrangements to be made by UNRRA regarding this matter. At the meeting held by the Chief Commissioner it was agreed that the rear of vehicles should be painted with the orange diagonal stripe as well as the radiator, and also that the front and rear bumpers should be painted yellow. Mention of these two points was omitted from the UNRRA letter but it has since been confirmed verbally, subject to the availability of paint.

2. I should be glad to have your confirmation that the AJDC will be able to make similar arrangements in so far as they affect your organization and to know when you expect that such arrangements may be completed.

3. I enclose a copy of a letter from the Ministry of Interior dated 11 Dec. 46, ref. 300/64518/14600 in which they set out the specifications required for the number plates to be used. It is requested that you will forward to the Ministry the necessary list of your vehicles for which they ask ~~for~~.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

J. M. Carr
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 3602/357/ES

19 December 1946.

SUBJECT: Control of Traffic

TO : ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS,
Attention: G-5 Section.

1. I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the subject of accidents caused by Allied vehicles and the repercussions which ensue between Allied personnel and Italian civilians.

Signor Nardi addressed a letter in similar terms to both the American and British Embassies, which embassies have transmitted the communications received to this Commission for appropriate action.

2. From the information available with this Commission, the position is as follows:

In a letter dated 29 July 1946, the Ministry of Public Works drew the attention of this Commission to measures which were being taken to bring civilian road traffic control back to normality. Directions in this matter were being sent to all Prefects and Communes. The Ministry drew the attention of this Commission to the desirability of military personnel conforming to existing traffic regulations in town centres.

This matter was referred to your Headquarters in the Commission's letter AC/14359/ES of the 19 August 1946 and was also discussed with H.Q. E.A.A.C.

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Coincident with this development MTOUSA Circular no. 136 of 14 August 1946 and G-5 letter 4380/A.3 of 28 August 1946 on the subject of road discipline were issued. MTOUSA Circular made no reference to the safety of Italian property and citizens, except those civilians employed by the U.S. Army. However, this Commission was informed by your letter G-5: 945.34 of 19 September 1946 that the Commanding General, U.S. Army had issued a letter in August 1946 to all major Commanders drawing attention to the necessity for safe and courteous driving in regard to the civilian population in ITALY.

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On 5 October 1946 this Commission notified the Ministry of Public Works that the Allied authorities have issued instructions to all Allied units drawing attention to the necessity of careful driving and strict observation of traffic regulations.

3. Despite the action taken by the Allied authorities there is no question that reckless driving by Allied personnel still occurs.

I myself, while being driven recently in Rome at a normal rate of speed, except for quiet motion on the part of my driver might have been involved in a serious accident on account of a U.S. jeep which was being driven by an American soldier at from 45-50 miles an hour across one of the center intersections of the city. It was also reported by a senior officer of this Commission that a few days ago a U.S. mail van in Rome was being driven at such a high speed that it failed or was unable because of its high speed to observe the signals of an Italian escort, almost causing injury to General, etc.

It will be noted that Sigor had proposed to send a summary of all accidents in which Allied vehicles have been involved during the last few months, but I doubt whether such useful information will be obtained from this summary as it is unlikely that it will show whether the vehicles were being driven by Italian civilian drivers, by Polish drivers etc. or who was to blame.

4. With regard to any action which may be deemed necessary in this matter, I suggest that the necessity for all Allied personnel to observe strictly all automatic traffic signal lights, manual directions given by the Civil Police and traffic control notices should be stressed. There is still a tendency for Allied drivers to disregard the traffic signals of the Italian police.

No action has been taken so far by this Commission with the Italian Government in regard to the necessity for more care being exercised by pedestrians and for their control by the Italian police. I see, however, from reports published in the press that this aspect was referred to in a statement made by GHI in regard to the recent incidents in Rome. In formulating a reply to be given to the Italian Government I suggest consideration should be given to informing them as to the nature of punishments which are meted out to offenders who fail to observe the military and civilian regulations or who are responsible for causing accidents. I suggest that the Italian authorities may not be aware as to the nature of the disciplinary action taken in these cases, and may have a feeling that offenders go practically unpunished.

Your Headquarters will doubtless be giving consideration to the letter HQ/WD/32/3 of 12 December 1946 addressed to you by Co. 2 Claims Commission and Directorate of Hiring and Disposals on the subject of the necessity for control by Italian police of crowds which collect on the

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scene of an accident, and will determine whether the attention of the Italian Government should be drawn to this matter.

5. I shall be glad to be informed as early as possible as to the nature of the reply which I should address to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Encls: as above.

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TRANSLATION

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

No. 1668.

Rome, 13 December, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

I wish to draw your attention to the growing number of accidents caused by Allied vehicles in numerous Italian cities, often resulting in serious consequences, and on the deplorable repercussions which ensue between Allied troops and the civilian population.

The accidents which occurred lately in Naples and in Padua have given rise to strong emotion in the Italian public opinion; an emotion which cannot but preoccupy the responsible party.

I trust to you certain that you will take action with the competent Allied Military authorities in order that facts of this kind may be avoided as much as possible. I have sent an analogous communication to the British Charge d'Affaires, and one to the American Charge d'Affaires.

I will send you a summary of the Allied vehicle collisions verified during the last few months.

With best regards,

Yours truly,

(s) Henri.

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

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DEC 18 1946

Ref.: 3609/ /EC

18 December 1946

Dear Mr. Key,

I wish to thank you for your letter dated 14 December 46 with which you enclosed a letter from the Italian Foreign Minister on the subject of traffic accidents involving Allied vehicles.

I am taking up this matter again with higher authority and I will inform you of any reply received.

Yours sincerely,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

David Mok. Key, Esq.,
U.S. Charge' d'Affaires,
American Embassy,
ROME.

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Ref.: 3609/ /RC

18 December 1946

Dear Dr. Nenni,

I acknowledge your letter No. 1668 dated 13 December 46 on the subject of traffic accidents involving Allied vehicles, and I note that you will be sending me further details.

I am at present giving consideration to this question and I will write you again as soon as certain enquiries which I am making are complete.

Yours very truly,

[Signature] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dott. Pietro Nenni
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

41862/228

A.P. 1.

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ONE: IN VIEW OF THE IMPENDING REFERENDUM ON 2 JUNE THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN ROYAL FAMILY AT ANY TIME FROM NOW UNTIL THE RESULT OF THE REFERENDUM HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

TWO: THE SAFETY OF THE ITALIAN ROYAL FAMILY IS CLEARLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BUT TO ENSURE THAT THE LATTER ARE FULLY AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES I RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE IMPRESSED ON THEM THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND THAT THEY BE ASKED FOR AN ASSURANCE THAT THEY ARE TAKING ALL, NECESSARY ACTION IN THIS RESPECT.

THREE: THERE ARE HOWEVER THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES.

(A) THAT I MAY BE CALLED UPON BY THE ITALIAN ROYAL FAMILY TO AFFORD THEM PROTECTION.

(B) THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MAY ASK ME FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE PROTECTION OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.

1663 (C) THAT IT MAY BECOME APPARENT THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS FAILING TO FULFIL ITS OBLIGATIONS.

FOUR: I REQUEST THEREFORE THAT MY RECOMMENDATION IN PARA TWO ABOVE BE PUT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND THAT I MAY BE GIVEN URGENT DIRECTION AS TO MY RESPONSIBILITIES IN EACH OF THE CONTINGENCIES LISTED IN PARA THREE.

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JOHN R. HAYES
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT VENEZIA GIULIA
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

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Reference your 5826 dated 17 December, executive committee of action party being unable to indicate who are presidents and secretary arrested when arms and explosive found during search of party Headquarters. Trial held all acquitted.

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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ACTION PARTY PROTESTING AGAINST ARREST IN TRIESTE BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES OF DIRECTORS OF THE PARTY PD REQUEST THAT YOU INVESTIGATE AND SIGNAL REPORT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS EARLIEST

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

JOHN R. HAYES
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

13 December 1946.

MINUTES of a meeting held at 1600 hours. 10 December 1946, in the Chief Commissioners Conference Room, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Rome, to discuss the subject of Identification of Welfare Agency Personnel and Vehicles.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brig Carr, Lieut Col Hind-Smith, Col Purdy, Maj Martin, Lieut Col Hamilton, Capt Ellis, all from the Allied Commission; Maj Oswald and Major Wyatt from UNRRA; Mr. Trobe from AFDG; Dr Varino, Dr Pignattaro and Prince Colonna from the Italian Government; Mr Harkey from the British Embassy; and Mr. Greene from the U.S. Embassy.

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IDENTIFICATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS.

In reply to the Chief Commissioner's question, Maj Wyatt stated that there had been discussions between the Italian Government and UNRRA regarding the action to be taken to control the movement of DP's. UNRRA movement of DP's would always be between one camp and another and notification was always made to the quarters two days in advance. Mr. Trobe stated that AJDC did not undertake any mass movement but that UNRRA handled such movements.

With respect to illegal movements of DP's in UNRRA. Maj Wyatt stated that there were no known unauthorised movements of DP's in UNRRA. He back that statement, UNRRA had asked the Italian Government, if at any time they have any doubt with respect to any UNRRA movement, to stop the truck, hold the occupants, and arrest the driver until verification of the move could be made by telegram to UNRRA. If UNRRA denied knowledge of the move then the matter was one for the Italian authorities.

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The Chief Commissioner asked Mr. Trobe if AJDC would have any objection if the Italian Government took the same action as above with regard to the illegal movement of AJDC DP's. Mr. Trobe replied that he would be glad to accept such action on the part of the Italian authorities.

The Chief Commissioner asked who was responsible for the movement of DP's outside the camps. Major Wyatt replied that UNRRA DP's were allowed to leave the camps but they should have leave passes in their possession. All UNRRA DP's have DP identity cards. In reply to the Chief Commissioner's question, Major Wyatt said that generally speaking UNRRA DP's were not furnished with clothing which could resemble military uniforms.

Mr. Trobe stated that all Jewish DP's in Italy received UNRRA services. They were either located in UNRRA camps, where they receive AJDC supplementary assistance, or in collective groups where they received the individual assistance, or they lived separately in towns. The two groups outside the camps were allowed a good deal of liberty.

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Major Wyatt stated that UNRRA would be prepared to dye these uniforms a distinctive colour, and Mr. Trobe stated that AJDC could likewise dye the uniforms. Dr. Pignattaro suggested that the uniforms be dyed a dark blue, in order to make ready identification, and also recommended the use of a shoulder patch. Major Wyatt agreed to notify the AC within two days as to the time necessary to complete the dyeing, but he stated, however, that UNRRA could not give orders to the attached voluntary organizations with regard to a change of uniform. At the Chief Commissioner's suggestion, Major Wyatt agreed to see if it would be possible for such personnel to wear UNRRA patches on their sleeves as well as the organization patches. The Chief Commissioner also suggested that photographs of the uniforms worn by these attached organizations be furnished to the Questura for circulation.

Dr. Pignattaro also recommended that all welfare agency staff personnel carry identity cards, with the photograph of the bearer appearing thereon. He further requested that UNRRA and AJDC furnish the Questura with specimens of the identity cards used.

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IDENTIFICATION OF WELFARE AGENCY VEHICLES.

At the suggestion of Dr. Pignattaro, it was agreed that all welfare agency vehicles would be identified by a yellow diagonal stripe across the grill and across the back of each vehicle, and that both front and rear bumpers would be painted solid yellow, the yellow to be deep orange-yellow. The Chief Commissioner asked the UNRRA representative if there was any objection to stenciling the UNRRA silver globe emblem on UNRRA vehicles, to which Major Wyatt replied that there was no objection. The whole scheme would depend on the availability of paint.

With regard to the registration of welfare agency vehicles, the Chief Commissioner suggested that each vehicle be assigned a registration number by the agency concerned and that the number assigned appear on a plate. He also suggested that the Questura be furnished with a list of all registration numbers used, together with a description of the cars in which the numbers were assigned. Major Wyatt said that this would be done. Dr. Pignattaro requested that the registration plates used on these vehicles be painted white with the numbers painted black. This black-on-white scheme would contrast with the Italian civilian white-on-black plates and with the Italian military red-on-white plates. The Chief Commissioner felt that a yellow background with black numbers would be more easily recognizable and Dr. Pignattaro agreed to this. The Chief Commissioner suggested that the Questura submit within the next two days precise specifications of the size of the plate to be used and also a list of the identification particulars required for the vehicles to be registered. Dr. Pignattaro said that this would be done. In reply to the Chief Commissioner's question, Dr. Pignattaro stated that ADAC could use the same colours but that they would of course use different numbers.

Concluding the meeting the Chief Commissioner thanked all those present for their co-operation and for coming to an agreement so readily on the various points raised.

J. A. Hunt Smith

Lt. Colonel, RA.
Chief Staff Officer to Executive Commissioner.

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Your CG 206 of 25 November refers. You are authorized to use the Port of Venice for dumping referred to in your above quoted signal. Such dumping will be carried out in position latitude 44,degrees 55 minutes North , longitute 17 degrees 5 minutes East.

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Subject is theft of section of Italian state cable.

Para 1. At 2215 hours 6 December at Ponte Annivale on R Volturmo 44 kilos N of Naples 320 meters of Italian state cable was stolen.

Para 2. Request you immediately ask Italian Government to institute search in area ~~persons~~ for traces of this cable and to take drastic action against persons if found in possession of cable or component parts.

Para 3. Believed in view of quantity of heavy cable involved by prompt action Italians could locate guilty parties.

Para 4. For your information at 1750 hours 5 December in some area on cable was sawn through and another haked but not cut. Consider this probably interrupted attempt at theft which was accomplished as in para 1 above.

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Subject is theft of sections of Italian state cable further to AFHQ C 67330, 7 December 1946.

1. At 2045 hours 16 December at Pontecalvi, 55 kilos north of Naples 80 meters of Italian state cable was stolen.

2. Searching area may result in location of cable and persons responsible.

3. As thefts of cable are largely occurring at night at bridges where cable is exposed, desirable that these should be specially watched.

Request you press Italian government for more effective action.

Your letter T 35.356 CD of 4 December does not show much appreciation by the Italian government that these thefts occur at night.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff

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3 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Vehicles.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 794.

1. Confusion and embarrassment has resulted because representatives and vehicles of agencies engaged in the movement of displaced persons and refugees in Italy have been mistaken for military representatives and vehicles. The situation has reached a stage where the United States Department of State and the British Foreign Office have expressed their concern that because of this mistaken identity the Italians are unable to control their borders and movement within their territory. It is thought probable that the illicit movement of contraband and immigrants, as well as the infringement of Italian traffic regulations, has been facilitated because of the tendency of Italian officials to mistake the uniforms worn by welfare organizations, and vehicles used by these organizations as being those of the military authorities. This situation needs prompt correction.

2. The two principal welfare organizations engaged in the movement of displaced persons and refugees in Italy are UNRRA and the American Joint Distribution Committee (AJDC). It is understood that members of both organizations often wear uniforms which are easily mistaken for military uniforms and that they use vehicles easily mistaken for military vehicles. It is believed that if the present condition of confusion and embarrassment were brought to the attention of responsible officials of these organizations, prompt steps would be taken to correct it.

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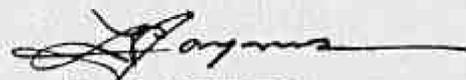
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4. While it may not be necessary or desirable to do so, it is considered entirely proper for the Italian Government to forbid any agency not a part of, or sponsored by, the authorized military authorities to wear uniforms or use vehicles which may easily be mistaken as those of the military authorities.

5. In due course you will report the results of your discussions.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE.



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

cc: UNRRA Italy
AJDC
British Embassy, Rome
United States Embassy, Rome

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AC/14339/PS

3rd October 1946.

SUBJECT : Control of Traffic.

TO : Ministry of Public Works.

1. With reference to your letter I.V.A. 855/M/104-D of 29th July in which it was asked that the Allied Authorities give instructions for increased care to be exercised by Allied drivers, particularly in inhabited localities:-

2. Instructions have been issued to all Allied Units for the utmost care and strict observance of traffic regulations to be exercised by all Allied drivers also by civilians driving Allied vehicles.

The urgent necessity of careful and considerate driving is being impressed upon all concerned and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

M. CARR, Brigadier
a/Executive Commissioner

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DEC 9 1946

Ref. : 535/90/EC

7 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Vehicles.

TO : The Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.Ministry of Interior,
Rome.

Reference is made to the attached copy of a letter dated 3 Dec. 46 from AFHQ on the subject of Identification of Welfare Agency Vehicles.

It is requested that you send a representative to attend a meeting to be held at 1600 hrs on Tuesday 10 Dec. 46 in the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, 3rd Floor, AC Building, at which this matter will be discussed.

The Chief Commissioner will preside.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

W. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Deputy Chief of Staff

cc: UNRRA-Italy
AJDC
British Embassy, Rome,
American Embassy, Rome.

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Ref. : 535/89/23

7 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Vehicles.

TO : UNKRA - Italy
 American Joint Distribution Committee
 U.S. Political Adviser A.G.
 British Political Adviser A.G.
 Director Public Safety Division
 Director Legal Division
 Director Disper Division

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The Chief Commissioner will preside and representatives of the Italian Government have also been invited to attend.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

J. H. S.
 Brigadier,
 Executive Commissioner.

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British Embassy, Rome
United States Embassy, Rome.

/s/ L.C. JAMES
Major General, US Army
Deputy Chief of Staff

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The Foreign Office have welcomed the action taken by the Chief Commissioner in his letter of 7th October (AG/146341/PS) to Signor de Gasperi regarding the Italian Police Force.

At the same time the Foreign Office have expressed the view that it would be politically a mistake if the Allied Commission, or any agent of the Supreme Allied Commander, were to raise with the Italian Government the question of a Police Mission. The Foreign Office believe that this would imply that the mission was intended to be a kind of carry over from the Allied Commission and would very likely render the Italian Government strongly opposed to the whole idea of Allied assistance in this field.

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The Foreign Office think that the report on the present state of the Police which they understand the Chief Commissioner is preparing may come in very useful at the appropriate moment. They agree with the Chief Commissioner's view that the report should be based solely on Allied sources. They feel that the question when and how it is communicated to the Italian Government is a delicate one, which will require careful consideration. Mr. Ward understands that the Chief Commissioner does not intend to communicate the report to the Italian Government without the Supreme Allied Commander's authority, and he assumes that at that stage the United States and United Kingdom Embassies would be consulted.

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27th November, 1946.

Told Mr W. I have authority - but will
be glad to consult embassies before forwarding
report

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Ref: 3635/2,3/4

21 November 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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I enclose two copies of Allied Force Headquarters Operation Memorandum No. 85 dated 8 November 1946. This Memorandum supersedes Allied Force Headquarters Memorandum No. 73 dated 22 July 1945.

You will observe that this Memorandum reiterates the right of the Supreme Allied Commander to reimpose Allied Military Government in areas of Italian Government controlled territory.

Under the terms of this Memorandum this right is intended to be invoked only as a last resort and then in a limited area for the duration of an emergency only. In effect, it does not actually envisage the reimposition of Allied Military Government as normally exercised but rather the institution of martial law for a limited area and period.

You will also observe that in paragraph 7 of the Appendix to the Memorandum, certain conditions are laid down for Italian troops, police and Carabinieri, when they are employed under Allied Command. This paragraph is in no way intended to place any limitation in regard to the use of tear gas and/or smoke grenades when Italian troops, police or Carabinieri are employed under the control of your authorities.

I am directed by the Supreme Allied Commander, dear Mr. Prime Minister, to request that you will publish the necessary orders to support this Operational Memorandum without delay and that a copy of such orders be submitted to this Commission for the information of the Supreme Allied Commander.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government.

ROMA.

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~~This morning at about 0030~~

To: Colonel Omorati
Discipline Artigliaia
Information: Questura bantiale

Reference your N 6005,
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CABLE Ref.N;6005

FROM DIREZIONE ARTILIERIA
TO QUESTURA CENTRALE
Allied COMMISSION

IT IS NOTIFIED THAT THE 2 BOTTLES FOUND AT THE
A.C. BUILDING (PALAZZO DELLE CORPORAZIONI) WERE FULL OF
BEER (AMERICAN) AND NOT WITH EXPLOSIVE.

Col. Onorati:

COL.ONCRATI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

AG/44613/3/PS

9/October 1946

SUBJECT : Police Agencies - Arms.
TO : Allied Forces Headquarters
Attn. 3-5 Section.

1. ^{Call} Reference is made to this Commission's letters ^{PS} 6/14.1/CA of 6th and 20th August and your reply - D-5: 24.25P of the 5th Sept. 46.
 2. In a letter to the Prime Minister dated 7th October, I invited him to furnish this Commission with the details of the scheme for the re-organization and re-equipment of the Corps of Public Safety Agents. His reply was received in a letter dated 15th October. Copies of these letters are enclosed. 106
 3. The Ministry of Interior furnished Public Safety Sub-Commission with preliminary Directives on the re-organization of the Corps of Public Safety Agents and copies of these were enclosed with this Commission's letter 6/14.1/CA of 6th August. 109
 4. The Decree No. 587 under which the Corps is considered a part of the Armed Forces is dated 31.7.45 not 3.7.45. A copy is enclosed for your information.
- It is to be noted that the request of the Italian Government for authority to manufacture Armoured Cars has been withdrawn. With regard to the last paragraph of the Prime Minister's letter, the project for the re-organization and armament of the Corps will be forwarded to you immediately it is received by this Commission.

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/s/ Ellen W. Stone

ELLEN W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

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UFFICIO UFFICIALE DEL REANO D'ITA

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Royal Decree n. 687 - 31 July 1943

Apparatenance of Corps of P.S. Agents to the Armed Forces of the State and application of the penal military law to members of said Corps.

Vittorio Emanuele III
By Grace of God and WILL of the Nation
King of Italy and Albania
Emperor of Ethiopia.

According to Royal Decree n. 385 dated 2 April 1925, on the constitution of the Corps of P.S. Agents;
According to Royal Decree dated 26 September 1930, concerning the concession of the National Flag to the Corps of P.S. Agents;
According to law n. 39 dated 26 January 1942 concerning the Provision for enrollment of officers into the Corps of P.S. Agents;
According to art. 18 - Law n. 129 dated 19 January 1939;
Considering it necessary and urgent to provide;
Having the Council of Ministers;
On the proposal of the Ministry of Interior, in agreement with the Ministries of Finance and War;
We have decreed and are decreeing :

Art. 1

The Corps of P.S. Agents depends on the Ministry of Interior, it is part of the Armed Forces of the State and of those on P.S. Duties together with the O.M.N.
Their uniforms will bear a five-pointed star.

Art. 2

The members of the Corps of P.S. Agents are subject, for all crimes foreseen by the penal military law of peace and war, to the sentences and military jurisdiction constituted by it.
The actual Royal Decree, which goes into effect the day after its publication in the Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno, will be presented to the legislative Assembly for its transformation into law.
We order that this decree, bearing the seal of the State, be inserted in the official Collection of the Laws and decrees of the Kingdom of Italy, sending it around for observation and seeing that it be observed.

Rome - 31 July 1943.



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ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG
SCAO VENEZIA GIULIA INFO ALCOM ROME

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject is proposed ex-gratia payment to victims on Pola explosion ref VG/AG/FIN/D/7/NTB dated 11 Oct 46.

Para 1. Before giving ruling recommendation of Scao is required.

Para 2. Do you consider that need for such payment is sufficient to out weigh possibility of ex-gratia payment being constued as an admission of a weak legal position on the question of ultimate liaibility.

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INFO ACTION: LEGAL 2

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 15 October 1946.

Dear Admiral,

With reference to your letter of the 7th instant AC/14634 P.S. 106
I have the pleasure to inform you of the following:

It is true that the Corps of P.S. Guards has been organized and armed on military bases. The Chief of the Police has assured me that he has always informed of the steps taken to this purpose the Command of the Allied P.S. Sub-Commission.

The organization and the armament of a military type have appeared to be indispensable because of the well-known conditions of public order and especially because the disarmament of the population could not be carried out.

The Corps of P.S. Guards will soon have its new regulations and it will be without delay submitted to the Council of Ministers with a scheme of provisions of law determining its characteristics with regard to the constitution and armament in obedience to the clauses of the Peace Treaty draft.

Presently said Corps is considered part of the Armed Forces only according to the exceptional ruling of the decree 3.7.1943 No. 627, which for obvious disciplinary purposes imposed on it the treatment of the Military Corps.

The subdivision in Commands and Detachments in the national territory, though giving the impression of a military set up, is due only to the requirements of the distribution of forces.

In fact, the principle remains that in the territory of the provinces each Detachment is under direct orders of the Chief of the Police who thus disposes, through the commanding officer, of an organization and a discipline which the guards could never have if they depended from civilian functionaries.

As to the institution of group and division commands who have purely inspective functions, it must be noted that this is an experiment being made also in view of the administrative subdivision of the national territory in Regions and therefore of the necessity that each region may have a commander who is responsible for the Police forces.

As to the Mobile Detachments, these have been created in order to face special public order situations (Sicily, Puglia, Emilia, Veneto) and it is foreseen that they will be later again incorporated in the forces assigned to single Police stations - as soon as the conditions of public order will have become normal - in substitution of all the old elements who will be gradually eliminated until the present forces which are overstrength will be reduced to the authorized establishment number of 40.000 men.

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As to the armored cars, it is obvious that according to the clauses contained in the Peace Treaty draft they will be handed over to the Military Authorities or anyhow destroyed unless the Allied Command would allow their use for some time considering the requirements of the struggle against bandits in Sicily and of the present and foreseeable future mass disorders. Therefore the request for the authorization to purchase armored cars as of letter of this Ministry to the Allied Commission dated 10 July 1946 is withdrawn.

As soon as the alterations requested by the clauses of the Peace Treaty draft with regard to armed forces will have been carried out, I shall send you without delay the project of law for the organization and the armament of the Corps of P.S. Guards.

Very truly yours,

/s/ De Gasperi

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. : 3645/714/EC

15 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Explosion at Pola.

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

attached

1. There is enclosed for your information and any action you may consider necessary a copy of a letter dated 2 October 1946 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the above subject. The letter has been acknowledged.

2. To clarify para 2, there is enclosed a copy of this Commission's letter 3647/72/EC dated 15 March 1946 which was based on information received from 13 Corps in reply to this Commission's enquiry regarding the previous explosion at POLA.

attached.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. CARR
Beigadier,
Executive Commissioner

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
The Secretary General.

Rome, 2 October 1946.

Segr. Pol. 1592

Dear Admiral,

The Italian General Confederation of Labor, announcing the misfortune that has visited the city of Pola on 8 August 1946 owing to the explosion of 32 mines which were not duly guarded, has requested that the families be indemnified and has brought to attention that the repetition of incidents of the kind could cause in the localities where depots of war material are kept, serious consequences for the public order.

While informing you of the above and asking you kindly to take the necessary steps with the competent Allied authorities, I remind you in any case that the Allied Commission with letter No. 3642/72/33 of 15 March 1946 had given full assurance about the measures taken in Pola in order to avoid explosions of war material.

Very truly yours,

s/ R. Prinas

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Ref. 3642/72/EO

15 March 1946

SUBJECT: Explosives at POLA.

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

With further reference to your letter no. 15/05418/13 of 20 February 46 on the above subject, I have to inform you that measures have been taken at the Ammunition Depot in POLA so that all dangerous material and sound ammunition will be sorted and stacked in such a condition as to expose no Allied Military or civil interest to danger.

Three German Ammunition Companies have reported to POLA to carry out the work under the supervision of a British Ammunition Expert.

No Italian labour is employed in the ammunition dumps containing captured enemy ammunition except such suitable workers as are considered essential for the safeguarding of Allied interests.

Will you please pass this information to the C.J.N. of POLA so that their fears may be allayed.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

/s/ A. W. KRISLY, Capt.
for
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref: AG/14602/5/4611 October 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

It appears from published reports in the press that a statement has been made that an Allied order prevented the Italian police from using tear gas.

I must refer to my letter G/92 of 30 September 1946 to Professor Parri of which I enclose a copy. In that letter the Prime Minister was notified that tear gas or smoke bombs could be used by Italian troops - which includes the GCRN - to quell civil disturbances. I understand that the GCRN had received an issue of tear gas bombs some time previous to the most regrettable incidents on October 9th, 1946.

As regards other police agencies, I cannot trace that any ban has been placed by the Allies on the use of tear gas. In fact the records of this Commission show that the public safety sub-commission has been strongly in favour of tear gas or smoke bombs being made available to the agents of public security. The grounds for such an opinion are that a non-lethal weapon of this type should be in the hands of unarmed or lightly armed police who normally deal with the early stages of public disorder rather than in the hands of more heavily armed police or of troops who may be called in as a last resort.

It appears to me, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, that the question of the issue of non-lethal equipment to police agencies has been a matter for decision by your Government especially since the beginning of the year when the handover of territory (except for Udine and Vittorio Veneto) to the Italian Government was completed.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Henry W. StoneHENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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30 September 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

On 13 May, I wrote your predecessor to clarify the position and responsibilities of the Italian Government in regard to local defense plans.

It is now agreed that the paragraph of my letter which reads as follows:-

"In any case where Allied or Italian troops are employed to quell civil disturbances, NO smoke, tear gas, or chemicals of any kind will be employed. It will be noted from the foregoing that this is the only restriction as to arms and armament of Italian troops employed to quell civil disturbances."

is cancelled and the following is substituted therefor:-

"Where Italian Troops are used to quell civil disturbances, tear gas and/or smoke grenades may be employed. However, every security precaution must be taken to ensure that stocks of these grenades do not fall into unauthorized hands. All echelons must be instructed that these grenades will not be issued to troops or used by troops except on the command of an officer, that they will be employed only when the use of force is considered necessary and that the object will be achieved with fewer casualties by the use of tear gas and/or smoke than by opening fire."

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME

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AC/14634/P.S.

7 October 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Recently it has come to the notice of the Allied Authorities that the Agents of Public Safety are being organised and armed on Military lines, parallel with the G.C.R.R.

It is understood that this Police Body is to be a thoroughly Military Corps comprising Mobile Battalions, Groups and Companies and that it is to be subject to Military Code and Discipline.

As regards the arming of the Force, a report submitted by the Ministry of Interior to the Allied Commission on 14th May last, revealed that an applications for automatic arms by the Ministry of War had not been met, the Ministry of Interior had procured, apparently without Allied authority, 4,000 mitra, which, after repair had been issued to the Civil Police.

The report also disclosed that the Force possessed 5 Tanks, 21 Armoured Cars and 14 Armoured tractors. Furthermore, in a letter from the Ministry of Interior to the Allied Commission dated 10th July 1946, it was stated that the Ansaldo Society of Genova, had, on request of the Ministry, forwarded to Rome, two new armoured cars of the under-mentioned types:-

- a. "Finci" type (3 tons).
- b. "Spa AB/43" type (7 tons).

The firm Ansaldo were prepared within a short time, to supply 50 of each type fully equipped to the Ministry and authority of the Allied Commission to proceed with the purchase was requested.

It is appreciated that the responsibility for law and order in Italian territory rests with the Italian Government and that the proposals to change the character of the Corps of Public Safety Agents were initiated before the elections and the institutional changes when outbreaks of disorder may have been considered by some as a possibility.

Further it is realised that many sections of the population are still in unlawful possession of Arms.

Should the changes mentioned continue to be implemented, it will be necessary to give serious consideration to the question as to whether this re-organisation and armament brings the Corps of Public Safety Agents within the category of the Armed (Defence) Forces, on a par with the G.C.R.R. for whom ceilings have been set under the Armistice

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(Long or Revised) and by the Draft Peace Treaty, as it stands at present.

In view of all the circumstances, I would appreciate, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if full details of the scheme for the re-organisation and re-equipping of the Corps of Public Safety Agents could be furnished to this Commission as early as possible. Meanwhile, pending the examination of the scheme, the Supreme Allied Commander is unable to give authority for the proposed manufacture of armoured cars for the Police.

Yours very truly

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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Ref. : 212/360/EC

16 September 1946

SUBJECT: Letters of protest relating to VENEZIA GIULIA.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

1. I refer to XIII Corps letter 5805/G dated 27 August 46, copy attached for easy reference.
2. Reports are received by this Commission from numerous sources and many of these have to be forwarded to your Headquarters in order that SACMCO may reply.
3. It has been this Commission's policy to forward such communications with the maximum possible information and, if possible, with a recommendation as to the course of action to be taken.
4. It has further been the policy to obtain such information from the most reliable source, namely the responsible people on the spot, either Allied Commission Liaison Officers or AMG Udine or Venezia Giulia.
5. The three cases mentioned in the above quoted letter concerned the governing of Venezia Giulia, for which, under the directive for A.M.G. XIII Corps issued by your Headquarters, this Commission is technically responsible.
6. In accordance with this I consider that this Commission is justified in asking the SACMCO XIII Corps for information on incidents that have occurred in his area.
7. In this connection I enclose correspondence with XIII Corps relative to the Pola explosion.

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

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Your 4932 dated 12 September refers.

Copies of the court of inquiry will be fwd to AFHQ shortly. Most important that no action be taken to prejudice Police investigations now being carried out.

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1st Lt Air Corps
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 3542/161/EG

11 September 1946

Subject: Explosion in FGH

To: A.F.H.Q.
G-5 Section

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1. I refer to my 3542/147/EG dated 29th August 1946 and enclose copy of telegram from XIII Corps in reply to my request to ANZ XIII Corps for a report. I think it is important that a prompt hand out be made to the CGIL and other Italian authorities who are making enquiries.

2. Will you take such action as you think fit?

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M. S. WISH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.



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REF YOUR 3642/148/EG DATED 29 AUG.

1. PLEASE REFER TO THIS HQ LETTER 5805/C DATED 27 AUGUST 46.
2. FULL AND DETAILED MILITARY AND CIVIL ENQUIRIES ARE IN PROGRESS. CONSIDER NOT DESIRABLE TO PREJUDGE THEIR INVESTIGATIONS.

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