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C.C.
JAN 28 1947

Ref. : 572/106/EG

27 January 1947

SUBJECT: Land in Italy belonging to French subjects.

TO : The French Representative
Allied Commission.

With reference to your note No. 665 of 2nd January 1947 and your further Note 698 of 17 January 47 on the subject of Land belonging to a French subject, M. Edouard de La Rochefoucauld, full consideration has been given to the matters raised.

It has been decided that this question is one which should be undertaken directly between the French and Italian Governments, and that with the imminent abolition of the Allied Commission it is no longer practicable for the military authorities on the eve of the conclusion of the Peace Treaty to deal with matters of this nature.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

/s/ M. CARR

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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JAN 27 1947 *EE*

25 January 1947

Ref. : 6931/283/30

SUBJECT: German Property in Italy.
TO : U.S. Charge d'Affaires
U.S. Embassy
Rome.

The Economic Adviser
British Embassy
Rome.

Reference is made to this Commission's letter no. 6931/28 *NR*
dated 24 January 47 on this subject.

I enclose four copies of the proposed agenda for the meeting
to be held at 1030 hrs Monday, 27 January 47 for use by your representatives.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

B. W. Kipsey
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Legal Div. Attn: Lt. Col. HAWKSFORD
AFA

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ENEMY PROPERTY IN ITALY AND ITALIAN
TERRITORIES

Note of questions requiring consideration at discussion with the Allied
Commission on Jan. 27th, 1947.

German Private Property. The Chief Commissioner states in his letter of 21st January 1947 (5531/279/ED) to the British Ambassador that "since receipt of FAN 583 in July 1945 it has always been assumed by this Commission that the handling of German (or other enemy) property in Italy was part of the Economic Warfare programme envisaged in para. 2B of FAN 583 and as such fell within the sphere of the two Embassies".

There however appears to be nothing in FAN 583 which specifically deals with the control of German or other enemy private property in Italy or instructs the Allied Commission to transfer title to or trusteeship of such property to anyone else. Nor is any mention made of enemy property as such in the letter of 18th July to Signor Parri. All that FAN 583 2B and the letter to Signor Parri require (in this respect) is that the Italian Government should "adopt measures in support of the economic warfare objectives of the Allied Government". Reference is also made to the details of an economic warfare programme which were to be communicated to the Italian Government in the near future by the British and American Embassies in Rome, and it was stated that the representatives of the Italian Government should work with the two Embassies in the development and implementation of this programme.

2. If these documents do not (and it appears they do not) deal specifically with the questions of control over German and other enemy private property in Italy, the following questions remain:-

- (a) Who is the present holder of German and other enemy property in Italy and Italian possessions?
- (b) Under what title is this property held?
- (c) What steps were taken by the Allied Authorities under Art. 28D of the Armistice Terms of 23rd September 1945 which binds the Italian Government to comply with instructions regarding enemy property?

3. If, as is understood, German and other enemy private property was vested in the Italian Government as Trustees, the following questions arise:-

- (a) Was this done under Art. 28D of the Armistice Terms, and if so by what document?
- (b) What is the value of this property and are there any lists of its nature and situation?
- (c) When the Allied Commission is dissolved, what steps should be taken and by whom to assert or resume control over such property? Alternatively, if subordinate control is left with the Italian Government (as now) who should communicate to the Italian Government the fact that over-riding and control will continue?

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(d) To whom is control of these properties to be transferred when the Allied Commission is dissolved - by whom and to whom?

(e) Considering that sooner or later the Italian Government will have to render account of their administration of German and other enemy property to whom and when should such account be rendered? (Allied Commission, G5, Embassies).

(f) German state and parastatal properties. In accordance with standing instructions AFA should turn over to the Italian Government in custody all liquid and other German statal assets. Should this transfer take place now or should it be postponed? If it is postponed what will the position of AFA be when the Allied Commission is dissolved?

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(g) As soon as the Peace Treaty is signed, the Italians will realise that they may not receive any of the German assets in this country. It is therefore probable that they will decline to continue with the custody and administration of German property which they had agreed to undertake under Art. 27 and 28 of the Armistice terms. It is therefore important that some Allied agency be constituted to take over the functions assumed to date by the Italian Government. (Under Art. 67 of the Peace Treaty Italy will only agree to facilitate the transfer of German assets in Italy).

(h) It will be also important to know very soon what part if any in the liquidation of German assets in Italy the Allied reparation agency in Brussels is going to play and how they propose to play it. I think it will be advisable for both British and American Embassies to seek guidance from their governments in this respect.

(i) On the other hand, the disposal and eventual liquidation of German assets in Italy may be directed by the Allied Control Commission in Berlin. Through what channels?

(j) What will be the position of GFM after the Peace Treaty is signed? Will it be treated as an ordinary German asset or have a status of its own?

(k) I have the impression that the activities of certain Italian sequestrators may have to be seriously investigated when the time comes. Who will be responsible for such investigation? How can we force the Italian Government to play?

(l). Italian colonial territories. Who will be responsible for advising the Administration in these territories on economic and financial matters? Under what authority will this responsibility be transferred?

JAN 23 1947

Ref. : 657/55/33

22 January 1947

SUBJECT: French Frontier.

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

Reference is made to this Commission's letter No. 657/30 dated 23 December 1946 and your signal No. F 74153 of 7th January 1947 on this subject.

Enclosed is a copy of the French Representative's comments on this matter. It is considered that no further action is called for by this Commission in view of the final paragraph of the French Representative's memorandum.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

N. W. WOOD-SMITH
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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED COMMISSION IN ITALY

Rome, 15 January 1947

THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE

No. 691

N O T E

for Brigadier GARR
Executive Commissioner

SUBJECT: Pilferage at Briga and Tenda.

Dear General,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter No. 657/48/EC of 13 January 1947, I have the honour to state hereunder the remarks which I think I called for in view of the explanations given by the Italian Government.

1. If the removal of timber - in the case of trees which had already been felled - appears to me as legitimate, there remains however the fact that the felling of trees has been continued in 1945 and 1946 at such rate that the French service of Waters and Forests of the region of Nice has become worried and has informed thereof the French Government.
2. High-tension line Saint Dalmaze - frontier. According to our information, the allegations of the Italian Government are not exact. That line has been removed in September 1946 and not in October 1945.
3. The dismantling along the rails does not explain the removal of all the material existing in the stations and the pilfering committed in the buildings themselves: removal of the doors, windows and even of the roofing.

I beg to point out that the above mentioned facts have been verified by the British Liaison Officer, Major Tannock, who has found himself in complete agreement with his French colleague, Lieutenant Kalok.

The explanations given by the Italian Government therefore do not seem to me at all satisfactory. I take note of the pledge to put an end to the removal of the remaining material and I thank the Allied Authorities whose intervention has permitted to obtain this result.

yours very sincerely

/s/ Capt. HERON de VILLEFOSSE French Rep.
with the Allied Commission in Italy.

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JAN 14 1947

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Ref: 657/48/EG

13 January, 1947

My dear Captain de Villefoasse,

With further reference to the Chief Commissioner's letter No. 657/22/EC dated 13th November, 1946, regarding the acts of depredation being committed in BRIGA and TENDA, I have now received the following explanation from the Italian Government,

The timber which had been carried away from the area had been bought under regular contracts made before 1943. Much of the timber was already cut, but, owing to the difficulties caused by the war, transportation was possible only during the last few months when the roads were re-opened to traffic.

The consistency of the hydro-electric plants of San Dalmazio di Tenda is unchanged. The Celi Society has removed only the materials exceeding normal necessity. The high tension line from the electric station of S. Dalmazio di Tenda to the border was dismantled before October 1945, that is at a time when the rectification of the border had not been considered.

The railway-line Cuneo-S. Dalmazio Tenda-Ventimiglia is blocked between Venante and Limone because of the destruction of the viaduct Rivoira. Another break exists between Limone and Viova, and a further one, owing to the fall of the third bridge, between Viova and Tenda; the railway department of Turin has been very busy making the necessary repairs, using materials exposed to the weather and which were consequently liable to complete deterioration.

The Italian Government point out that in this zone in question, and particularly the area of the stations and railway was subject to unceasing bombing and consequently the local population cannot be blamed for all the damage that is to be found in the area at present.

The Italian Government state that they have given orders both to the Prefect of CUNEO and the Railway Department of TURIN to take necessary steps so that the carrying away of materials and plant shall be avoided.

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This Commission considers the explanation of the Italian Government satisfactory.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ H. CARR

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Capitaine de Vaisseau Heron de Villefosse
French Representative
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Subject, removal of materials from French frontier.

Rear letter 657/EC of 23 December/394

Italian explanations appears satisfactory. You should inform French representative of contents of prime Ministers letter and report his reactions to this Headquarters.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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DEC 27 1946

23rd December 1946

Ref: 657/10.

SUBJECT: French Frontier.

TO: ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Attention G-5 Section.

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1. Reference is made to your G-5:910.11-4 of 30th October 1946.

2. There is enclosed a copy of the reply dated 12th December 1946 which has just been received from the President of the Council of Ministers.

The reply will be discussed with the French Representative at an early date.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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S/H. *cmca*
M. GARR, Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

Rome, 12 December 1946.

Dear Admiral,

With reference to your aide memoire dated 16 November 1946, concerning presumed acts of pillage committed in the communes of Briga and Tenda, I have disposed for an accurate investigation by an inspector general of the Ministry of Interior.

From investigations the following was found:

1. The lots of timber which had been carried away, had been bought in the zone with regular contracts in the past years (1943 and the years preceding). Much of the timber was already cut, but, owing to the difficulties caused by the war, transportation was possible only during the last few months when the roads were re-opened to traffic.
2. The consistency of the hydro-electric plants of San Dalmazio di Tenda is unchanged. The Celi Society has carried away only the materials exceeding normal necessity. The high tension line from the electric station of S. Dalmazio di Tenda to the border was dismantled since October 1945, that is at a time when the rectification of the border was not yet spoken of.
3. The railway line Cuneo S. Dalmazio Tenda-Ventimiglia - as is known is blocked between Venante and Limone because of the destruction of the viaduct Rivoira. Another interruption exists between Limone and Vievola, and a further one, owing to the fall of the third bridge, between Vievola and Tenda; the railway department of Turin has been very busy making the indispensable reparations, using materials exposed to the inclemencies of the ether and which would have ended up in complete deterioration.

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You very properly call my attention to Art 13. of the Armistice, but I must point out to you that the zone in question was subject to unceasing bombings to the stations and railroads. Therefore the recent insignificant damages cannot possibly be confused with the serious ones caused by the war right up to summer 1945, and cannot be totaled up and the entire responsibility given to the local authorities.

I have given dispositions both to the prefect of Cuneo and the Railroad Department of Turin, to strictly survey the zone in order that carrying away of materials and plants be avoided.

With best regards.

(s) De GASPERI.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,

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20 December 46

My dear Dr. de Gasperi:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 12 December 46 which contained the results of the investigations carried out by an inspector general of the Ministry of the Interior in the Communes of Briga and Tenda.

Very sincerely yours,

Ellery W. Stone

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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Ref. : 713/89/30

17 December 1946

SUBJECT: Polish Troops in Italy.

TO : G-5 Section,
ANTIC.

I enclose for your information and any action you consider necessary a copy of a memorandum no. 11/166 dated 5 Dec. 46 from the Italian Government to this Commission concerning Polish Troops in Ancona.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Knisely

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Why the delay.

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UFFICIO DEL FUNZIONARIO
DISTACCATO PRESSO LA C.A.

MEMORANDUM

for the

Chief Commissioner

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A.C.H.Q.

The writer has been requested by the President of the Council of Ministers to draw the Chief Commissioner's kind attention on the situation which has developed in Ancona in connection with the local housing problem and the continued occupation by Allied Military Authorities of public institutions and private houses.

The President has received yesterday a Delegation from Ancona who have stressed the fact that no less than 25,000 citizens are compelled to live out of town on account of lack of available homes, the average density per room in Ancona being already of three persons.

It was hoped that the departure of the second Polish Corps would bring about the total derequisition of occupied premises in Ancona. The population has noticed instead with dismay that no derequisition has taken place so far, and that occupied premises are being made available for the families of the demobilised Polish Troops who, having married Italian wives, are to remain in Italy.

The President wonders whether it would be possible for the Authorities concerned to take steps in order that avail be taken for the accommodation of the former, as long as it will still be necessary, of other localities less damaged by the war.

It will be remembered that, in giving their consent to the continued sojourn in Italy of demobilised Polish troops married to Italian wives, the Italian Government understood that same would be disbanded without delay, and absorbed in the civilian population, their most appropriate initial domicile appearing to be the one of their Italian relatives.

Rome, 5 December 1946

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Ref: 657/35/NC

3 December 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I refer to the Aide-Memoire on the subject of the alleged acts of depredation being committed in TENDA and BRIGA which I handed to you on the morning of 16 November 1946.

I should be glad if you would let me know as soon as possible when you expect to be in a position to inform me of the results of the investigation to be carried out regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLEMY 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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2 December 1946

My dear Mr. Minister:

I would like to acknowledge your letter of 26 November notifying me officially of the replacement of Cavaliere Ufficiale Giorgio Bombassei Frasconi de Vettor by Cavaliere Ufficiale Don Guido Colonna of the Princes of Paliano. Don Guido Colonna, in the few days since he has taken up his post, has demonstrated that he will be a most acceptable replacement for Dr. Bombassei.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation of the most valuable collaboration which Dr. Bombassei has given to the Allied Commission from the date of his appointment. I have recommended him for an American decoration in recognition of his splendid services and trust that it may be awarded him before long.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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On. Pietro Nenni
The Minister for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

61/17868/139

Rome, November 26, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

I beg to inform you that Cav. Uff. GIORGIO BOMBASSEI FRASCANI de VETTOR has been appointed First Secretary to the Embassy in Rio de Janeiro and is soon to leave Rome to reach his destination.

This Ministry has therefore appointed Cav. Uff. Don GUIDO COLONNA of the Princes of FALIANO to the post formerly held by Cav. Uff. Bombassei at the Allied Commission.

With best regards,

(s) P. Nenni.

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Il Ministro degli Affari Esteri

Roma, li

26 NOV 1946

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Signor Ammiraglio,

ho l'onore di informarla che il Cav.Uff. Giorgio BOMBASSEI FRASCANI de VETTOR è stato nominato Primo Segretario dell'Ambasciata a Rio de Janeiro e dovrà tra breve lasciare Roma per raggiungere la sua destinazione.

Questo Ministero ha pertanto designato, a sostituirlo nelle funzioni che esercitava presso codesta On. Commissione, il Cav. Uff. don Guido COLONNA dei principi di Paliano, Console di 2° cl.

Voglia gradire, signor Ammiraglio, gli atti della mia alta considerazione.

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M. M.
Adm. M. M.

Signor Ammiraglio ELLERY W. STONE
Presidente della Commissione Alleata in Italia

R O M A

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Aut. M. M.

Signor Ammiraglio ELLERY W. STONE
Presidente della Commissione Alleata in Italia

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REAR PARTY HQ 2 POLCORPS

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INFO: AFHQ ALCOM ROME MISSEPOL ATT POLCORPS
AD JAG POLCORPS

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1. THE DELAY IN THE SUBJECT OF CLEARING 209 PW CAMP IS NOT CAUSED BY POLCORPS AS NO REPEAT NO SIGNAL RECEIVED NEITHER BY MAIN POLCORPS OR 26 BLU.
2. AFTER 15 DEC ONLY FEW TROOPS EX 2 POLCORPS WILL REMAIN AS DET NO 12 POL COURT MARTIAL IS CLOSING EARLY DECEMBER AND MOVING TO UK ON THE 12. AFTER THAT DATE A COURT MARTIAL STAFFED MOSTLY BY MARRIED TO ITALIAN WIVES IS HOPED TO BE ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH POLISH FAMILIES CENTRE IN ITALY ONLY. THEREFORE LITTLE OR NO TIME IS LEFT FOR COURT MARTIAL TO DEAL WITH MEN FROM 209 PW CAMP WHO ARE MEMBERS OF POLCORPS. BESIDES NO NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AS UNITS RECORDS AND CORPS RECORDS OFFICE LEFT FOR UK.
3. FROM THE LOCAL POINT OF VIEW IT IS CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE TO COURT MARTIAL MEN WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF POLCORPS. SUCH MEN FROM 209 PW CAMP WILL BE ACCEPTED TO CESENAPRISON BUT ONLY AS HOLDING CENTRE FOR BRITISH AUTHORITIES AS NO LEGAL STEPS CAN BE TAKEN AGAINST THESE WHO ARE NO LONGER MEMBERS OF 2 POLCORPS

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Ref: our 00068 of 14 NOV. 46 to all.

All male Polish personnel referred to in above quoted signal will be asked by despatching unit before they are transferred to Polish military prison Cesena whether they have wives and children in DP camps and nominals rolls of such wives and children giving name nationality and whereabouts will be distributed in accordance with above signal and to Alcon Rome for DPRSC in order that Alcon Rome can arrange their transfer to Polish dependants camp Porto San Giorgio.

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If some of the male Poles have already been despatched to Cesena without declaring the whereabouts of their wives and children action as above will be taken by Rear Polcorps. For Alcon. Your 5526 of 16th Nov. Refers.

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TRANSLATION

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 794

No. 3075/1a

Rome, 16 November 1946.

Dear Admiral,

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I thank you for your letter No. 657/22/EC of 13
November.

I rest assured that your intervention with the
Italian Government with regard to the looting in Brigue and
Tende will not fail to produce the effect expected by the
French Government.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Felix Gros
Lt Colonel, Air Corps
French Representative
with the Allied Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

No. 3075/1a

Rome, le 16 Novembre 1946

Amiral,

Je vous remercie de votre lettre No. 657/22/EC
du 13 Novembre.

Je demeure assuré que votre intervention auprès
du Gouvernement Italien au sujet des déprédations commises
à Brigue et Tende ne saura manquer de produire les effets
escomptés par le Gouvernement Français.

Respectueusement vôtre

F. Cros

F. CROS
Lt. Colonel Armée de l'Air
Représentant Français P.I.
à la Commission Alliée

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Allegations - 1 PM

16 November 1946

AIDE MEMOIRE

ALLEGED ACTS DEGRADATION - TENDA AND BRIGA

Frequent allegations are presently being made that material is being removed by the Italian authorities from the region of Briga and Tenda. These allegations include the following:

- (a) 1. Forest industries. Intensive felling of trees with the risk of seriously compromising the exploitation of the woods in the coming years.
- 2. Hydro-electric factories. The whole stock of copper wire (about 3,200 kgs) part of the line San Dalmazzo-Menton, spare pieces as well as material have been taken away to Cuneo.
- 3. Stations. The stations have been emptied of all material (stocks of rails, wire, cranes etc.) and the electric traction wires are being taken down. The buildings have been deprived of their doors, windows, framework, pipes - always for the benefit of Cuneo.

While there would appear to be no objection to the removal of private property in the normal transaction of business, the abnormal reduction of natural resources or the removal of permanent plants or equipment would appear to be a violation of Article 12 of the Armistice terms.

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Article 12 of the Armistice terms lays down that there will be no destruction of, nor damage to, nor, except as authorized or directed by the United Nations, any removal of war material, wireless or radio locations or meteorological stations, railroad, port or other installations or, in general, public or private utilities or property of any kind wherever situated and the necessary maintenance and repair will be the responsibility of the Italian authorities.

An immediate investigation into the above allegations and a report on the result of such investigations is required.

If it transpires that any irregularities have been committed, the Italian Government should arrange for the reinstatement or repair of plants or equipment which have been damaged or wrongfully removed, and assurances should be given by the Italian Government that their responsibilities under Article 12 of the Armistice Terms will be fulfilled and that no further irregularities will be committed in this region.

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Ref: 657/22/32

13 November 1946.

My dear Captain de Villefosse,

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Further to my letter of 22 October regarding the news of depredation being committed in BRIGA and TERDA, I have now received instructions from APRQ and I am taking up the matter with the Italian Government.

Sincerely yours,

ELDERY W. STONE
ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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Capitaine de Vaisseau de Villefosse
French Representative,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO ~~794~~ 794

1 November 1946.

Dear Colonel Bowman,

I am forwarding to you for transmission to Mr. di Demetrio my reply to his letter of 12 October.

Very sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Colonel Alfred C. Bowman
SCAO
AMG Venezia Giulia

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~~*Stone*~~

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO ██████ 794

1 November 1946.

My dear Mr. di Demetrio,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12 October forwarding a copy of Colonel Bowman's letter and your reply thereto.

I must inform you that Colonel Bowman's letter was based on a directive dispatched from Allied Force Headquarters on 23 August which left no alternative but to request that you suspend the exercise of your consular functions during the interregnum prior to the final disposition of the Venezia Giulia problem.

It is suggested that the Rumanian consul at Venice might wish to make occasional visits to Trieste to transact the necessary consular business as suggested in the last paragraph of Colonel Bowman's letter.

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Very sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. Antonio di Demetrio
Via San Nicolo 14
Trieste

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 910.11-4

30 October 1946

SUBJECT: Treaties - French Frontier - Exploitation.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference your GC 6501 of 12 October. 378

1. While quite agreeing with the theme of your letter, it is reasonable to assume that neither the CGS nor the British nor United States Governments would agree to a stripping of an area whose sovereignty is likely soon to change. It is further assumed that no objection would be made to the removal of private property in the normal transaction of business but above normal reduction of natural resources or the removal of permanent plants or equipment could not be condoned.

2. On the coming into force of the Peace Treaty certain territory is to be ceded to neighboring powers and that should be handed over substantially as it was when it was Italian sovereignty.

3. Will you please inform the Italian Government of these allegations and discuss with them their responsibilities under Article 12 of the Armistice terms. You will ask them to investigate the matter and inform you of what has been done at Tenda. If it transpires that any irregularities have been committed, you will invite the Italian Government to arrange for the re-instatement of what has been wrongly damaged or removed and obtain assurances as to the future.

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4. You may inform the French representative of your actions hereunder.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

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22 October 1946.

My dear Captain de Villefosse,

Thank you for your memorandum of 21st October advising me of the continued acts of depredation being committed in Briga and Tenda. I have forwarded a translation of your note to AFHQ and am now awaiting their instructions which will be communicated to you as soon as they are received.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Capitaine de Vaisseau de Villefosse
French Representative
Allied Commission
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Subject is families of Polish troops.

Para 1. Request NMIA press for Italian War Ministry agreement to reoccupy-
tion by British of Macerata barracks for personnel and families of 2 Pol-
corps not now proceeding U K and report result earliest. Reference tele-
conv Brig Carr -Iarons and Pidsley - Arans and G-5 letter 326 .02 of 18
October to Alcom.

Para 2. Circumstances under which this requirements has arisen should be
discussed.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Seg. Pol. No. 1474.

Rome, 21 October, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

It has been brought to our attention, from a confidential source, that four thousand Chetniks from the camp of Eboli, assigned to the "Dinara" Division of the Voivoda Djucic and to the "Drina" Regiment, have left the camp and are dispersed in the zones of Milan, Bologna, Forli and Rimini. These Chetniks would be substituting auxiliary Polish units already employed in these zones for traffic surveillance, guard duty etc., and it seems that on their departure from Eboli they would have been equipped by the Allied Authorities.

I must confess that I sincerely hope the news is incorrect, and I feel sure that you, above all others, are aware of the repercussions that such a measure would provoke in the already critical relationship existing between our Government and the Government of Yugoslavia.

I would therefore be grateful if you would keep me informed on the matter.

Cordially yours,
(s) R. Franas.

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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TRANSLATION

Office of the French Representative,
No. 3044.

October 21st, 1946.

SUBJECT:-- Acts of looting committed in Tende.

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Further to my note of 5 October, no. 462, and to the Memorandum I remitted to you on the 11 October, I have the honour to inform you that the deteriorations to the State buildings and railways in the Counties of Tende and Brigue are still continuing.

(s) Villefosse.

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
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No. 3044

le 21 Octobre 1946

NOTE pour Monsieur l'Amiral STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

O b j e t : dép^rédations commises à TENDE

Comme suite a ma note no. 462 du 5 Octobre
et au Mémorandum que je vous ai remis le 11 Octobre
j'ai l'honneur de porter a votre connaissance que
les détériorations des bâtiments de l'Etat et des
Chemins de Fer se poursuivent dans les Communes
de TENDE et de BRIGUE.

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16 October, 1946.

SUBJECT:- Alleged looting at Tenda and Briga.

TO:- G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. Further to my letter, File CC 6501, subject as above dated 12 October 1946, I am forwarding another translation of a memorandum which has been received from the French Representative to the Allied Commission.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Inc. 1- Translation of
French Memorandum.

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12 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Alleged Looting at Tenda and Briga.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. Following conversation between Admiral Stone and Colonel Nabbian, the attached letter dated 8 October was forwarded to the French Representative on the Allied Commission, informing him that the Allied Commission is not empowered to deal with matters concerned with the proposed peace treaty. Copy of the correspondence in question is attached. *Attch*

2. A further memorandum has now been received from the French Representative, a translation of which is forwarded herewith. In a meeting with the French Representative on 10 October I informed him that it had not been the practice for the Allied Commission to act on protests of an individual member of the United Nations. I stated that the directives of the Allied Commission, when not originating with the Supreme Allied Commander, came to us from the Combined Chiefs of Staff through AFHQ.

3. May I be instructed as to what further reply should be given to the French Representative.

1st Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
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No. 3028

Rome, le 11 Octobre 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau
HERON de VILLEFOSSE

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Monsieur l'Amiral
ELLERY W. STONE
Chief Commissioner

O b j e t : Déprédations commises a TENDE

P. Jointe : Un memorandum

Comme suite à notre entretien d'hier et a votre suggestion, j'ai l'honneur de vous adresser le memorandum précisant les textes sur lesquels se fonde notre réclamation et qui doit faciliter un nouvel examen de la question.

Je ne reviens pas sur l'énumération des dommages causés, qui a fait l'objet de ma note No. 462 du 5 Octobre.

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L. de Villefosse

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
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No. 3027

Rome, le 11 Octobre 1946

MEMORANDUM
RELATIF AUX
DEPRÉDATIONS COMMISES A TINDE

References: Note du Représentant Français à l'Amiral STONE No.
462 du 5 Octobre 1946
Réponse de l'Amiral STONE CC6501 du 8 Octobre 1946

I

L'article 22 de l'Armistice du 29 Septembre 1943 interdit à l'Italie toute action préjudiciable aux intérêts des Nations Unies (1).

Or il est incontestable que les déprédations commises à TINDE portent atteinte aux intérêts de la France; elles privent d'un outillage essentiel un territoire virtuellement Français par suite de l'accord de la Conférence de Paris sur le texte établi par les Quatre.

5397 Au surplus l'Annexe III paragraphe 1 du projet de Traité (annexe relatif aux territoires cédés) précise ce qui suit: "L'Etat successeur recevra sans paiement les biens italiens d'Etat ou parastataux situés sur le territoire cédé en vertu du présent Traité..... Au sens du présent article sont considérés comme biens d'Etat ou parastataux; les biens et propriétés de l'Etat italien, des collectivités publiques locales, des établissements publics, etc..."

(1) Cette disposition a d'ailleurs été maintenue dans l'article VII du projet d'Armistice révisé, mais je ne m'y réfère qu'à titre d'indication puisqu'il n'est pas en vigueur.

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II

Je relève en outre que le Gouvernement italien a commis une infraction à l'article 12 de l'armistice du 29 Septembre 1943 en enlevant de TENDE du matériel ou des installations, sans autorisation des Nations Unies (et au préjudice, ainsi qu'il a été dit plus haut, de l'une des Nations Unies).

Cet article me paraît catégorique en ce qu'il interdit "la destruction, l'endommagement ou l'enlèvement", ce qui, revêtant à dire que les installations doivent être laissées sur place et laissées intactes, il ne fait aucune allusion à une faculté qui serait laissée à l'Italie de déplacer du matériel à l'intérieur des frontières italiennes. Enfin, il couvre les biens de toute nature, publics ou privés, en quelque lieu qu'ils se trouvent et rend à l'avance les Autorités italiennes responsables de l'entretien et des réparations nécessaires.

III

Tout en se réservant de faire connaître par la voie diplomatique son sentiment au Gouvernement italien, ainsi que les droits ainsi acquis à des compensations, le Gouvernement français estime que dans la période actuelle, c'est encore aux Autorités Alliées qu'il incombe de garantir l'exécution d'un Armistice signé au nom des Nations Unies et ne doute pas qu'il puisse, comme pour le passé, compter sur elles pour faire respecter le cas échéant ses intérêts en Italie.

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TRANSLATION

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative

n. 3028

Rome, 11 October 1946

Captaine de Vaisseau
HERON DE VILLEFOSSE

to

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Acts of looting committed in TENDE.

Encl. : A memorandum

Furhter to our conversation of yesterday and to your suggestion, I have the Honor to remit to you the memorandum indicating the texts on which our claim is based and which should facilitate a new examination of the question.

I do not return upon the enumeration of the damages which have been caused and which forms the subject of my note no. 462 of 5 October.

/s/ C. De Villefosse

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TRANSLATION

No. 3027

Rome, 11 October 1946.

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING
THE ACTS OF LOOTING COMMITTED AT TENDE

References: Note of the French Representative to Admiral STONE No. 452
of 5 October 1946.
Admiral STONE's reply CC6501 of 8 October 1946.

I

Article 22 of the Armistice of 29 September 1945 prohibits Italy any action which might cause prejudice to the interests of Allied Nations (1).

Now it is incontestable that the acts of looting committed at TENDE cause prejudice to the interests of France; they deprive of an essential equipment a territory which is virtually French according to the agreement of the Paris Conference upon the text established by the Big Four.

Besides the Enclosure III paragraph 1 of the Treaty draft (enclosure concerning the territories to be given up) says as follows: "The succeeding State will receive without payment the Italian property belonging either directly or indirectly to the State and situated on the territory given up in force of the present Treaty... In the sense of this article, as property belonging directly or indirectly to the State are to be considered: the properties of the Italian State, of local public collectivities, of public establishments etc..."

II

I point out besides that the Italian Government has committed an infraction of article 12 of the armistice of 29 September 1945 by taking away from TENDE some material or some installations, without the authorization of the United Nations (and causing prejudice, as has been said above, to one of the United Nations).

(1) This ruling has besides been maintained in article VIII of the draft of revised Armistice, but I do not refer to it as it is not in force.

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This article seems to me categorical inasmuch as it prohibits the "destruction, damage or removal", which means that the installations must be left in their place and left intact. It does not mention a faculty that would be left Italy to remove material within the Italian borders. Finally, it covers property of any kind, public or private, wherever it may be located and it makes the Italian Authorities responsible for the maintenance and the necessary repairs.

III

While reserving himself to inform the Italian Government through diplomatic channels of his feelings as well as of the rights thus acquired to compensations, the French Government considers that during the present period it still pertains to Allied Authorities to guarantee the execution of an Armistice signed in the name of the United Nations, and has no doubt that it can - as in the past - rely upon them in order to obtain when necessary the respect of its interests in Italy.

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TO: G.S.O. Office of the Executive Commissioner.

N.V.P, Economic Section.

Civil Affairs Section.

The following extract from AFHQ, G-5, letter G-5: 945.01 of 2 October 1946 is circulated for information and guidance:-

"This Headquarters has no desire to say anything which might lead to less close cooperation between the Allied Commission and the Embassies or fetter your freedom to consult them whenever you wish to do so. It is however, pointed out that it is a principle of Staff procedure at this Headquarters that no letter that has political implications should be despatched from it without prior consultation with the Supreme Allied Commander's political advisers; who, if they consider the matter so requires, consult the Embassies before giving their advice or concurrence. The letter under discussion was concurred with by both Political Advisers."

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The letter under discussion referred to in the last sentence of the extract dealt with the question of registration and repatriation of aliens.

Z. B. Hunt Smith
Lt. Col.
for M. GARR,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
Polad (A)
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CG 6501

8 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Removal of material from Briga and Tenda.
TO : The French Representative, Allied Commission.

I have received your letter No. 462 of 5 October 1946 with regard to the alleged looting by the Italian authorities of material in the regions of Briga and Tenda in which you ask the Allied Commission to intervene with the Italian Government.

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In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the view of the Supreme Allied Commander is that the Allied Commission is not empowered to deal with matters concerned with the proposed peace treaty and that any representations which your Government desires to make to the Italian Government in this respect should be handled through diplomatic channels.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative

No. 462.

Rome, 5 October 1946.

NOTE

To Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission.

SUBJECT: Removal of material from Brigue and Tende.

I have the honor to inform you of the following facts concerning the systematical looting being carried out presently by the Italian Authorities in the Region of Brigue and Tende.

1.- Forest industries.- Intensive felling of trees with the risk of seriously compromising the exploitation of the woods in the coming years.

2.- Hydro-electric factories.- The whole stock of copper wire (about 3,200 kgs), part of the line San Dalmazzo-Monten, spare pieces as well as material have been taken away to Cuneo.

3.- Stations.- The stations have been emptied of all material (stocks of rails, wire, cranes etc.), the electric traction wires are being taken down. The buildings have been deprived of their doors, windows, framework, pipes, ...always for the benefit of Cuneo.

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I raise a formal protest against similar proceedings and ask you to intervene energetically with the Italian Government drawing particularly its attention to the fact that such actions are contrary to the stipulations of the Peace Treaty and are liable to have repercussions on the negotiations which are being carried on in Paris with regard to reparations and on the attitude of the French Government in this respect.

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/s/ C. de Villefosse

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Office of the French Representative

No. 462.

Rome, 5 October 1946.

NOTE

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/s/ C. de Villefosse

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the French Representative

APO 394

N° 462.-

ROME, le 5 Octobre 1946.

-: N O T E :-

pour Monsieur l'Amiral STONE
Chief Commissioner.- A.C.

O B J E T : Enlèvement de matériel à BRIGUE et TENDE.

J'ai l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance les faits suivants qui concernent le pillage systématique effectué actuellement par les Autorités Italiennes dans la Région de BRIGUE et TENDE.

- 1.- Industries forestières.- Abattage intensif des bois qui risque de compromettre gravement l'exploitation des forêts dans les années à venir.
- 2.- Usines hydro-électriques.- Tous les stocks de fil de cuivre (3.200 kgs. environ), une partie de la ligne San-Dalmazzo-Menton, les pièces de rechange ainsi que du matériel ont été emportés vers Cunéo.
- 3.- Gares.- Les gares ont été vidées de tout le matériel (stocks de rails, fils, grues, etc...), les fils de la traction électrique sont en cours de démontage. Les bâtiments sont "deshabillés" de leurs portes, fenêtres, carrelages, tuyauteries, ... toujours au bénéfice de Cunéo.

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J'élève une protestation formelle contre de pareils agissements et vous demande d'intervenir énergiquement auprès du Gouvernement Italien en attirant en particulier son attention sur le fait que ces actes vont à l'encontre des stipulations du Traité de Paix et sont susceptibles d'entraîner des répercussions sur les négociations en cours à PARIS au sujet des réparations et sur l'attitude du Gouvernement Français à cet égard.

De Villefont

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Ref: 578/111/80

3 October 1946

SUBJECT: Consular offices, Trieste.

TO : SAC
XIII Corps.

The attached letter No. J. 52 dated 27 September 1946 from the Royal Danish Legation, Rome is forwarded to you for action.

Please reply direct with a copy to this Hq.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL, STCIN:

A. W. Knisely.
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Copy to the Royal Danish Legation, Rome.

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LEGATION DE DANEMARK
ROME

J. No. ⁵² Trieste 2.

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The Danish honorary consul at Trieste, Mr. Harry Katomeris, has reported to this Legation, that the Allied Military Government has asked him to cease to exercise his consular functions. Copy of the Allied Military Government's letter to Consul Katomeris, dated September 12th, is attached hereto. The Legation begs to state, that Mr. Katomeris was appointed Danish Consul in 1929.

With reference to the above, the Legation would appreciate to be informed, which procedure is being desired in this matter, whether the Legation, or eventually the consul himself, should make an application to the Allied Military Government in view of obtaining permission for continued exercise of Mr. Katomeris' functions as Danish honorary consul at Trieste.

Rome, September 27th 1946.

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To,

Headquarters, Allied Military Government,
13 Corps Office of the Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Through Allied Commission.

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C O P Y .

Headquarters, Allied Military Government,
13 Corps Office of the Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

13C/AMG/4a.

12 September 1946.

Sig. Harry Katomeris,
Via Machiavelli 13,
Trieste.

Dear Sir,

I draw your attention to the fact that consular functions cannot be exercised without approval of the government of the Territory within which it is proposed to perform them.

No such approval has either been applied for or given in your case, and you are therefore advised not to represent in any way that you have any consular powers or are exercising consular functions in this territory. Action will include the removal of all consular signs from buildings and discontinuance of the use of consular letterheads.

It is not intended, during the period ^{prior} to the establishment of the Free Territory, to permit the opening of any new consular offices. National property will be left in the hands of a caretaker. Arrangements can be made with this headquarters for the care of national interests.

If special circumstances arise which make it desirable, no objection will be raised to an accredited consul, having offices elsewhere, making an occasional visit to Trieste to transact necessary consular business, subject to individual application to Allied Military Government for the necessary entry permit.

s/ Alfred C. Bowman
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A.P.O. 394

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CC 6501

3 October 1946

My dear Mr. Key:

I enclose herewith duplicate copies of a memorandum setting forth my comments on report No. 23, dated 26 September 1946, of the American Consul at Florence with respect to my recent visit to the Republic of San Marino.

Not knowing to whom the original copy of Mr. Orebaugh's memorandum was forwarded, I should appreciate it if you would forward one of the attached copies to the addresses of Mr. Orebaugh's original memorandum.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. David McK. Key,
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.,
American Embassy,
Rome.

Copy to: American Consulate General, Naples.
American Consulate, Florence.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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3 October 1946.

MEMORANDUM

WAR DAMAGE CLAIMS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

I have read the above-captioned memorandum No. 23 of 26 September 1946 by Walter W. Orbaugh, American Consul, Florence, Italy.

While the motives underlying the Republic's reception to me on 12 September may be those implied by Mr. Orbaugh, the objectivity of whose conclusions I am not in a position to judge, I have the following comments to make on certain factual portions of his report:

I was notified of the award to me of the decoration "Grand Cross of the Republic of San Marino" on 4 December 1945. The same decoration had been awarded Field Marshal Alexander, Supreme Allied Commander and President of the Allied Commission, a few months before. Authority for the acceptance of this decoration was given me by the Navy Department on 28 February 1946. After receipt of the Navy Department's authorization, I agreed with the Consul General of San Marino in Rome to visit San Marino for the investiture when my duties would permit. The statement that "the Republic of San Marino through its Consul General in Rome has for fully a year labored incessantly to arrange" for my visit is exaggerated.

Referring to the third paragraph of Mr. Orbaugh's memorandum, only a handful of persons were in evidence in the two or three villages through which my car passed between the frontier and the capital -- a few clapped their hands. The reception at the city of San Marino was warm and friendly but the military honors rendered me were no more than those customarily rendered a flag officer of a foreign power.

The occasion for the playing of the national anthem of the United States was when the United States national ensign was broken out on one of the standards of the government palace, preceding the hoisting of the San Marino colors.

While the reception was friendly and marked by extreme cordiality, "clamorous applause" would appear to be an overstatement.

No reference to the Republic's pending claim against the Allied governments was made by me and my remarks were confined to an extemporaneous expression of appreciation of the honor awarded me. My remarks, which I later transcribed, are set forth in the attached.

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As to the question of the claims for war damage submitted by the Republic of San Marino, there has been no action taken by me, official or unofficial, written or oral, since my letter of 6 November 1945 to Mr. Orinbaugh (enclosing a copy of my letter of 25 October 1945 to AFHQ on this subject), copies of which are attached. No reply to my letter of 25 October to AFHQ has been received.

Notwithstanding the implications contained in and the conclusions set forth in Mr. Orinbaugh's memorandum, the most recent occasion on which I have discussed the question of San Marino war claims with any representative of the Republic of San Marino was on 12 June 1945, a memorandum of which, made on that date, is enclosed herewith.

The position taken by me on that date was in accordance with instructions previously received from AFHQ.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Your Excellencies the Captains Regent and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Members of the Grand Council, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am deeply moved and touched by the warmth of your reception and the very high award with which you have honored me.

I am most happy to be here with you as the representative of a young republic in the seat of the world's oldest republic. But the bonds which unite our two republics were not newly forged. At a time -- some eighty years ago -- when my country was rent by civil war, I have no doubt that President Lincoln deeply appreciated and was spiritually strengthened by the message of support sent to him in those troublous days by the Captains Regent of your Republic. Indeed, Mr. Lincoln's reply to the message of your country fully reveals his feelings of gratitude.

In the late terrible war, from which we have just emerged, San Marino, too, because of the violation of its neutrality by the Germans, was not spared. That is why I am glad that my AMO officers were able to render you some assistance in the critical days through which you went.

I accept, therefore, this high decoration in recognition of the humanitarian services of the officers and men who served under my command.

Again I must thank you for having me here as your guest. I appreciate your courtesy and hospitality more than I can tell you and I shall never forget this day.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner

WFO 794

6 November 45

CG 6501

Dear Mr. Orebaugh:

Thank you for your letter file 350 of 2 November regarding the Republic of San Marino's claim for war damages.

The alleged damage has always been discussed with the Commission as a claim against the Allied Governments, not as a claim against the Government of the United States. Thus, as a question for Allied settlement, San Marino's claim, as finally presented to me in October, was at once forwarded to the Supreme Allied Commander for action.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of my explanatory letter of transmittal, which accompanied the official claim from the Republic of San Marino ("Relazione e richiesta risarcimento danni di guerra"). To date no further word has been received as to what action SACMHD has taken in respect to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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

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Mr. Walter W. Orebaugh
The American Consul
Florence, Italy

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 774

6525/70/20

25 October 1945

SUBJECT: Reparations to San Marino

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512

1. On 12 June 1945 the Foreign Minister of San Marino, Sig. Gino Giacomini, called on me in Rome for the purpose of discussing the question of claims against the Allied Governments for the bombing of San Marino in 1945, and separately for alleged damage due to Allied operations and occupation in the Republic.

2. I informed him that as Chief Commissioner of A.C. (Italy) I was prepared to receive any claims which the Government of the Republic of San Marino might desire to submit, but that I was not in a position to take any action on such claims. I would, however, forward them to SACMED for such action as he or the Allied Governments might desire to take.

3. The Foreign Minister expressed himself as satisfied with this reply, and stated that a commission had been appointed by the Government of the Republic of San Marino to assess the alleged damage, and that it would be the findings of this commission which would constitute the basis for the Government's claim.

4. The Government of San Marino has now submitted its claims in detail, and I am forwarding them herewith for the action of SACMED.

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

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1 Incl.-Official Claim from Republic of San Marino, "Relazione e richiesta risarcimento danni di guerra".

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

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12 June 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR CC FILES:

At the request of the Consul General of San Marino, Signor Marscalchi, I received him and the Foreign Minister, Signor Pino Giacomini, at 1130 today. The purpose of the Foreign Minister's call was to discuss the question of claims against the Allied Governments for the bombing of San Marino in 1944 and separately for alleged damage due to Allied operations and occupation in the Republic.

I stated that as Chief Commissioner I was prepared to receive any claims which the Government of the Republic of San Marino desired to submit but that I was not authorized to take any action on such claims. Instead, I would forward them to SACMID, who in turn, I believed, would forward them to the British and U.S. Governments. I pointed out more than once that I was unable to judge whether or not favorable consideration would be given by the Allied Governments to such claims, either in their full or any partial amount and that the only role which the Commission would therefore play would be to receive their formal claim and to forward it to SACMID, who in turn would forward it to the Allied Governments concerned.

The Foreign Minister expressed himself as satisfied with this reply, stating that a commission had been appointed by the Government of the Republic of San Marino to assess the alleged damage and that it would be the findings of this commission which would constitute the basis for the Government's claim.

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/s/ E.K.S.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner
(ref file 6525/ED)

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A. W. Knisely,

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Executive Commissioner

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JOHN R. HAYES
Major AGD
Adjt

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HQ ABG 13 CORPS
AG ROME

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Reference your signal 4995 dated 20 September 46. Action re-Danish and other Consulates was based on letter 95 91103 ABHQ 23 August 46 and consisted of written instructions to professed Consuls in substantially same language.

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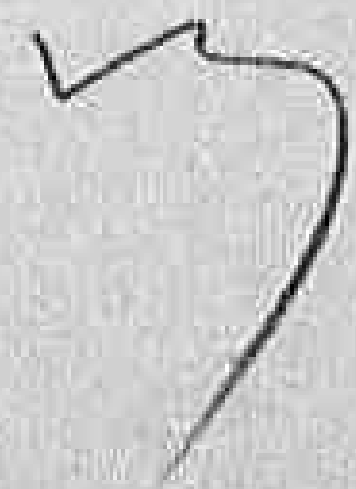
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Executive Commissioner

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PAUL GOLE
1st Lt Air Corps
Asst Adjt

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Val/To

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Chief Comm.
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6/3055/1197

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Bulgarian Officers Landed in Italy.

1. On June 25th, 1946, two "JAK 9" planes piloted by Lieutenant Wladimiro ALEXANDROV and Lieutenant Neiden STOJANOFF, flying from Sophia, landed in Brindisi.

2. The Bulgarian Legation in Rome has made formal steps with the Italian Government in order to have the aircrafts and crews delivered to the Bulgarian Authorities.

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3. The two officers had been immediately passed by the local Carabinieri on to the American Security Agent Victor L. LAWLER.

4. According to the armistice clauses the whole question involving both aircrafts and pilots is up to the Allied Commission.

5. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, therefore, would like to be informed of the decisions on the a/m case.

Rome, September 6th, 1946.

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PAUL COLE
1st Lt Air Corp
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HQ AODPR ALCON

6/1/5 September 1946

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- (2) GEORGE FIVE ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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PAUL COLE
1st Lt AIR CORP
Asst. Adj.

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Cable FX 71450 dated 4 Sept 46.
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AFHQ G(SD) CMF
TROOPERS LONDON INFO: MAIN POLCORPS = MISSPOL ATT MAIN POLCORPS
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Reference your 66095 SD-2(C).

1. Numbers of pregnant polish dependents have been colled for from 2 Polcorps.
2. It is anticipated that el nil will be able to accomodate all who are over 6 months pregnant and also women and children whos condition warrents them travelling by hospital ship.
3. Dependents less than 6 months pregnant will continue to travel by Medloc D or Troopship.
- 5370 4. 340 Polish Gen Hosp will stay until move of dependents completed but it is not anticipated that this will remain after move or remainder of 2 Polcorps completed.

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1. It is understood that concentration areas for despatch to UK of dependents of 2 Polish Corps are becoming overcrowded due to the presence of Italian wives of Polish personnel. This is interfering with the reception of those dependents who are eligible for admittance to UK.
2. In view of no ruling arrangements should be made to find alternative accommodation of Italian wives. It is suggested that areas where their husbands are stationed or with their own families would be most suitable.
3. Signal soonest your comments and rail transport requirements you may need to accomplish this also date move can be completed.
4. For Alcom only you will be informed of date of completion this move as soon as possible.

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1st Lt Air Corp
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Cable FX 71064 dated 27 Aug 46.
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Cable F-71020 dated 26 Aug 46.
Transfer to CE 3753 folio 118.

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AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PROEG
ALCOM ROME, INFO ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

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Our FX 70575 now cancelled. Ref our FX 70575 dated
16 August 46

TAM 778 as repeated to you in our FX 7027 dated 6 August
FMUR 6 will now be implemented.

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1. At request of US Embassy pending clarification of certain points suspend action on our above quoted signal repeating TAM 778. Ref our FX 70127.

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2. Do not notify Italian Government as authorized in TAM 778 or if they have already been notified do not make any payments.

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ALCOM ROME - ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

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Subject maintenance German state property. RBRK letter 6531/202/EG dated 23 May 46.

The text of Item 778 is reproduced for appropriate action :
"Authority granted Allied Commission, pending final decision on accounting, to notify Italian Government that Italian Government future advances to maintain German State property in Italy will be reimbursed out of German state funds available in liquid form in Italy."

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Ref. GR. 357-306/12-1 B

3 August 1946.

My Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

It has been brought to the notice of the Supreme Allied Commander that Polish military and para-military personnel of 2 Polish Corps wishing to return to Italy from the Middle East and from Allied Occupied Europe are being denied entry because of the Italian Government's refusal to issue visas. I understand that representations on this subject have also been made to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs by the British Embassy.

These persons are required to enter Italy in the performance of their normal military duties. Many of them are required now to join their units in Italy in order to accompany them to the United Kingdom. Their delay in rejoining their units in Italy is likely therefore to prolong the stay of Polish personnel in this country.

The Supreme Allied Commander has therefore directed me in the absence of the Chief Commissioner to explain to you that the current move of 2 Polish Corps from Italy makes the free movement of Polish military and para-military personnel between Middle East, Allied Occupied Europe, and Italy a military necessity, on the same terms as presently apply to British and American military personnel.

In view of this military necessity the Supreme Allied Commander is issuing orders forthwith for the resumption of movement of Polish military and para-military personnel in Italy and the Allied travel control section have been informed that such personnel are authorized by the Supreme Allied Commander to enter Italy on production of military movement orders.

I am to assure you that this travel will be under the control of the Allied military authorities and that such personnel will either return to their proper stations outside Italy on completion of their missions or will leave Italy with 2 Polish Corps in the normal manner. Their stay in Italy therefore will be purely transitory as November 1st, 1946 is the target date by which the essential moves of 2 Polish Corps will be completed.

Very truly yours,



W. F. LUSH

M.G. Lush
Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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

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1. It has been decided that persons eligible to be moved as dependents of members of POLCORPS to UK will be limited to classes defined paragraph 2 below provided that in all cases they were receiving support either from a member or members of Polish Armed Forces under Brit Comd or from Interim Treasury Committee before 29 July 46.
2. (A) Following relations of members of Polish Armed Forces under Brit Comd wives fiances (if of Polish nationality) blood relations natural or adopted children step children.
(B) Widows and orphans of former members of Polish Armed Forces under Brit Comd
(C) Blood relations of wives of members of Polish Armed Forces under Brit Comd if of Polish nationality.
(D) ⁵³⁶⁾ Members of Cadet Units at present dependent on Polish Armed Forces under Brit Comd.
(E) Ex Officers and ORs of Polish Armed Forces under Brit Comd no repeat no longer on strength of these forces for medical reasons.
(F) Persons who have been concerned in Polish educational medical and welfare organisation if of Polish nationality.
3. Italian wives of Polish troops will not repeat not be included and will remain in Italy until further instrs. Polish troops married to Italian wives will also be retained in Italy pending further instrs.

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- 4. Please forward numbers (numbers) of males females and children by classes as in para 2 above to G (SD) GHQ forthwith.
- 5. Any doubtful cases will be submitted to GHQ for decision.
- 6. Para 3 above has been referred to War Office for an early decision.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 513, U.S. Army

C. Common

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GRI.389.506/60-E

30 July 1946.

SUBJECT : Movement of POLISH Military and Para- Military Personnel into ITALY from Allied Occupied Europe and Middle East.

TO : The Chief Commissioner, Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

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Reference your Signal No. 4013 undated cite ACPSF received on 6 July 1946, and your letter GRI.389-506/18-G of 11 June, 1946.

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1. It has been brought to the notice of the Supreme Allied Commander that Polish military and para-military personnel of 2 Polish Corps wishing to return to ITALY from the Middle East and from Allied occupied Europe are being denied entry because of the Italian Government's refusal to issue visas.
2. These persons are required to enter ITALY in the performance of their normal military duties. Many of them are required now to rejoin their units in ITALY, in order to accompany them to the United Kingdom. Their delay in rejoining their units in ITALY is likely therefore to prolong the stay of Polish personnel in that country.
3. The Supreme Allied Commander directs therefore that you ^{has} ~~approach the Italian Government and explain that the current move of 2 Polish Corps from ITALY makes the free movement of Polish military and para-military personnel between Middle East, Allied occupied Europe, and ITALY a military necessity, on the same terms as presently apply to British and American military personnel.~~ ¹⁵
4. ~~You are requested to inform the Italian Government that in view of this military necessity, the Supreme Allied Commander is issuing orders forthwith for the resumption of movement of Polish military and para-military personnel to ITALY.~~
5. You may assure the ^{I am directed to you} Italian Government that this travel will be under the control of Allied military authorities and that such personnel will either return to their proper stations outside ITALY on completion of their missions or will leave ITALY with the Corps in the normal manner. November 1st 1946 is the target date by which essential moves will be completed.

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6. The travel control section of your Headquarters is to be informed that military and para-military personnel of 2 Polish Corps are authorized by the Supreme Allied Commander to enter ITALY on production of military movement orders.

7. I am to request that the matter be treated urgently.

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T.S. AIREY,
Major General,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9010/159/EG.

20 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Italo-French Agreement on French Merchant Ships sunk in Italian territorial waters.

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

1. With reference to the memorandum dated 13th June 1946, enclosing the text of an agreement signed by the Italian and French Governments on the above subject, there is no objection to such an agreement.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the above-quoted memorandum, there is no objection which the Allied Commission can raise provided supplies to the Italian Navy are not prejudiced and supplies from British Royal Navy stocks elsewhere are not expected.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. Carr

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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