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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-3 SECTION

28 February 1947

FILE : G-3 AFHQ/140/8

SUBJECT : Detention of Italian Naval personnel by Yugoslav authorities

TO : Chief IMAS

Reference your IMAS/8003/CS 

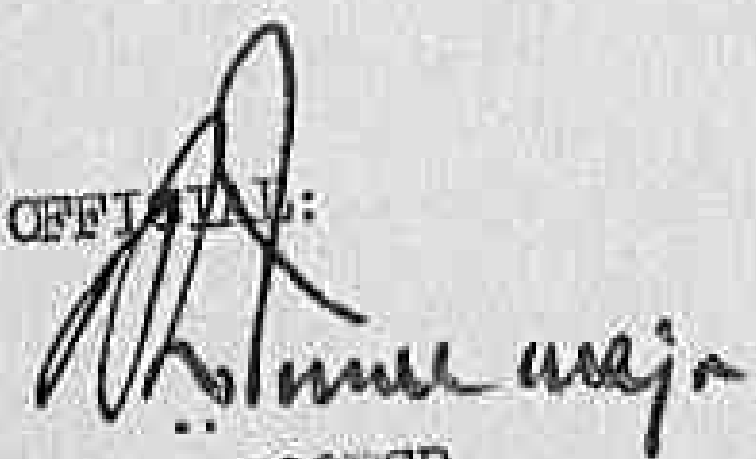
1. This matter was receiving the attention of this Headquarters prior to the receipt of your letter having been brought to our attention by Naval Forces Sub Section.

2. You are requested to reply to the memorandum  received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the effect that the matter is being dealt with by this Headquarters and that further information will be forwarded when available.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

OFFICIAL:


K. C. COOPER,
Brigadier, G.S.,
AC of S, G-3.

Copy to:- G-5



24 February 1947

IMAS/8003/CS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Replying to your memorandum of 14 February, 7 D.G.A.P.
Uff. IV^o, No. 15/04518/33, on the question of the arrest of Com-
mander Luigi PODESTA' and M.C.O. Arturo BERGERA of the Italian
Navy, your memorandum has been forwarded to Allied Force Head-
quarters for appropriate action.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

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DIAS/8003/CS

24 February 1947.

SUBJECT: Detention of Italian Naval personnel by Yugoslav authorities.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. There is forwarded a memorandum dated 14 February from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs relating to the arrest by Yugoslav partisans of Commander Luigi POBETTA and M.C.O. Arturo MELCHER of the Italian Navy who had been sent to Trieste in 1944 in accordance with plans of British authorities.

2. Action by AFHQ is requested in the second paragraph of the memorandum.

3. It is the view of the Deputy U.S. Political Adviser to AFHQ that since inquiries through diplomatic channels on such cases have proved "most ineffective because of the complete absence of any cooperation on the part of the Yugoslav Government", a query might usefully be instituted by the Allied Military Authorities in Venezia Giulia with the Yugoslav Military Mission. The British Embassy has no objection.

4. The memorandum of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been acknowledged with the statement that it has been forwarded to AFHQ for appropriate action.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

Incl.

Copy to: G-3 AFHQ

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BT Embassy (Mr. Malcolm)
Naval S/S
Chief DIAS ✓

UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

February 20, 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Admiral Stone, Chief, IMAS

Would it be possible to have a query instituted by the military authorities in Venezia Giulia with their Yugoslav opposite number, as to the whereabouts of the persons concerned. We have found our own inquiries through diplomatic channels most ineffective because of the complete absence of any cooperation on the part of the Yugoslav Government.



Homer M. Byington, Jr.
Deputy U. S. Political Adviser

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20 Feb

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFO 512

18 February 947

G-5: 994.10

SUBJECT: Handback of Shipping.

TO : CHQ, GMP
(Attn. "Q" Movements).

Reference your letter Mov 5/9 dated 11 February.

1. The Italian Shipping Board will cease to exist upon ratification of the Peace Treaty.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

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Copy to: LACAB Rome.

Action: Navy S/S
Info IMAS
Chief of Branch LACAB
File.

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18 February 1947

IMAS/IRM-11 (4)/H/

Subject: Disposal of the Yugoslav Hulk "CATTARO"
in the Harbor of Leghorn.

To: Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.

1. Regarding the disposal of the hulk of the SS CATTARO (ex JUGOSLAVIJA) in the harbor of Leghorn, this matter has been referred to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, for a decision.

2. As a result, I am now directed by the Supreme Allied Commander to advise you that he confirms his disagreement with the contention that this ship is within the provisions of Article 15 of the Armistice Terms, and that he is not prepared to take any action, either to destroy or to prevent the destruction of this hulk.

3. He further states that Italy is entitled to remove obstructions to navigation in her waters and the decision whether she will do so in this case is one entirely for the Italian Government to take.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEMY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief

Italian Military Affairs Section.

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Mr. Byington—
Should I
request the
Ital. Govt to
handle these
diplomatic
claims?
AFHQ has

no contact with
Ll juliana

EWJ
CS

19/11/47

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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*D.G.A.P. Uff. IV^a

n° 15/04518/33

Rough Translation

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED FORCES
(I.M.A.S.)

1) The Ministry of the Navy has apprised this Ministry of the following:

"On September 4, 1944, while war operations were still in progress, Commander Luigi PODESTA' of the Italian Navy together with H.C.O. Arturo BERGERA, were, in accordance with the British authorities, despatched to Trieste in order to counter-act German sabotage activities in that harbour.

Between May 3rd and 5th, 1945, they were arrested by Yugoslav partisans on charge of being British agents and of having fomented anti-slov propaganda. They were later on transferred to the Central Political Prison of the OZNA at Ljubljana together with other Italian military and civilian prisoners.

From reliable information it appears that the two a/w prisoners were questioned only twice during the two years' imprisonment. Their conditions are very bad.

The Allied Commission's attention was called upon the matter in December 1945, but, up to this moment, no result was obtained by them".

2) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be obliged to the H.C.A.F. if they could kindly take into consideration the possibility of a further examination of the a/w case with the competent Yugoslav authorities, in order to secure the release and repatriation of the two prisoners in concern.

Rome, February 14th 1947

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13 February 47

My dear Dr. Smolaka:

The Supreme Allied Commander has directed me to advise you that the decision given in the case of the SS "Karnen", communicated to you by letter G-5: 912.20, dated 30 August, (copy enclosed), is applicable in the case of the SS "Neti".

Very sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

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Dr. Steven J. Smolaka,
The Yugoslav Representative to the
Advisory Council for Italy,
Rome.

Copy to Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government, Rome

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 912.20

30 August 1946

SUBJECT: S/S "SERPENT" & S/S "KARMENT"

TO : Dr. SLOVEN J. SPODIKA,
Yugoslav Delegate to the Advisory Council

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter Br. 1117/46 of
the 8 Aug.

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

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

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER.

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

Copy to: AISCOR refer 5601/174/EG of 12 Aug.

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AMBASSADOR DUNE and SINFUSNO ITALY.

SECRET

From ALUSNO PARIS

U.S. Member of Four Power Naval Commission sends Naval Protocol in connection Art 5 of Treaty with Italy signed Monday and Four Power Naval Commission commenced 7 Feb. Secretariat being supplied by Secy Gen Council Foreign Ministers assisted by French Govt. Constituency of Commission as follows:-

Captain BEVERLEY for UNITED KINGDOM.

Rear ADM. KARPUNIN for U.S.S.R.

Rear ADM. REBUFFEL for FRANCE will soon be relieved by Captain MAUPEOU.

Captain PRICE for UNITED STATES.

Commission will rotate chairmanship weekly and meet daily(?) until move made to Rome upon coming into force of Treaty. Agreed to submit letter to SACMED soliciting his cooperation in making detailed information state of Italian Fleet plus overall programme available to the Commission in Paris through representatives and delegated authority will be C in C MED who will enlist the cooperative services of appropriate Italian Naval Officers.

Admiral CONOLLY and General MORGAN who witnessed Peace Treaty signing in Paris gave verbal concurrence to this procedure and SACMED has already directed C in C MED to implement request. Commission also agreed that copies of protocol less Annex should be dispatched to the Governments directly concerned. Greece, Yugoslavia and Albania and to Italy. After delivery of Protocol to above Governments, Protocol less Annex should be released to press as agreed in New York and NO interviews or release would be given to inquisitive Press by individual Commission representatives.

French Government issued brief communique today stating that Four Power Commission established by CPM in connection with Treaty of Peace with Italy is meeting in Paris.

DTG 131700 February.

Dist: 0 - 3, U.S. Embassy(2)

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authorities

COPY FOR ADMIRAL STONE.

F.O.L.I. (R) SACRED, ADMIRALTY.

FROM: C in C MED.

CONFIDENTIAL

PARAPHRASING UNNECESSARY

Request you will take action on SACRED's 141500 and keep me informed. In this connection it would appear necessary for one of your Staff Officers to go to Paris now to discuss details of requirements. I would like Captain Blackburn to accompany appropriate Italian Naval Officers later to represent me as well as you.

2. I am taking action to create a straight channel of communication between yourwar Naval Commission and you and me.

Ref: Not yet held. Has been requested from Caserta. DTG 161150 February.

Dist: O - 6, 14, Log.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (E) F.O.L.I.

From: C in C MED.

CONFIDENTIAL

Request a direct line of communication may be arranged between the
Four Power Naval Commission and me as Allied C in C and F.O.L.I. as
Director Naval Sub-section I.M.A.S., SACMED's 141500 and my 161150 refer.
2. who is chairman of this commission please.

DTG 161152.

Ref: () Not held.

Dis: () C in C taking action to create direct channel of communication.
COM 6-1-10 17,21.
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~~12~~ February 1947

My dear Count Sforza:

Further to my letter CG 1020 dated 31 January 47 which forwarded a copy of the letter from the Yugoslav Representative to the Advisory Council for Italy in connection with the Yugoslav ships "Kamen" and "Meti", I am enclosing a copy of my reply to Dr. Smolaka together with a letter from Allied Force Headquarters dated 30 August 46 which states that the Yugoslav request appears to be entirely a matter for diplomatic representations to the Italian Government. 6 - 1030/62

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

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Count Carlo Sforza
The Minister for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

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Chief IMAS ✓
CHIEF KAGAB

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N.O.I.C. TRIESTE (R) Cln C MED., G.A.O.A.M.F. POLA,
F.O.L.I.

FROM: NSS OF I.M.A.S. ROME.

SECRET

As informed by Ministry of Marine that all Italian Navy personnel are
now being withdrawn from POLA with the exception of following two officers
and 3 ratings who it is proposed shall stay to the end.

Lt. Jdr. PASQUENELLI and TRISOLINI,
Petty Officers DI MUCCIO, PRISCO and CASPERINI.

DTG 101447 February.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Chief IMAS

7 February 1947

G-5: 912.20

SUBJECT: Yugoslav ships SS KARMEN and SS NETI.

TO : Chief, IMAS,
APO 794.

Reference your letter CG 1020 of 31 January 1947.

1. The case of the SS KARMEN was previously reported and has been dealt with by this Headquarters letter, G-5: 912.20 of 30 August 1946, a copy of which is enclosed for your easy reference. The same decision is applicable in the case of the SS NETI.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

[Signature]

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

Encl: as above.

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IMAS/8003/CS

6 February 1947

My dear Captain:

I am forwarding for your information a copy of Dr. de Gasperi's reply to my letter of 31 January concerning the articles on the naval clauses of the peace treaty which appeared on the 29 January issue of some Roman newspapers.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

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Capitaine de Villefossez
The French Representative to the
Allied Authorities in Italy,
Rome.

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*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

94312/13559.12/19.17

Roma, 3 febbraio 1947

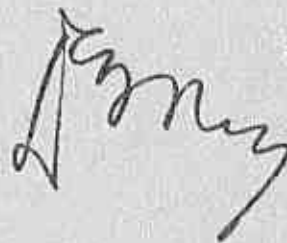
Caro Ammiraglio,

in relazione alla Sua comunicazione in data 31 corrente (n. CC8003), Le confermo che il comunicato apparso su alcuni giornali del 29 gennaio u.s. in merito alle clausole navali del trattato di pace è dovuto ad una svista degli organi della Marina Militare.

Desidero anche assicurarLa che sono state impartite a tutte le amministrazioni centrali militari le opportune istruzioni perchè fatti del genere non abbiano a ripetersi.

Mi creda, con viva cordialità

Suo



All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Capo Sezione Italiana Affari Militari
del Quartiere Generale Alleato

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

94318/13759.18/19.17

Rome, 3 February 1947

Dear Admiral,

Following your letter dated 31 January 1947, (No. CC8003), I wish to assure you that the communication concerning the naval clauses of the Peace Treaty which appeared in the 29 January issues of some newspapers was due to an oversight on the part of the Military Naval Authorities.

I also wish to assure you that appropriate orders have been issued to all military administrations to avoid the re-occurrence of such incidents.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

(s) De Gasperi

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone

Chief of INAS

Rome.

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TRANSMISSION

Rome, 3 February 1947

THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE

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From: Capitaine de Vaisseau Heron de Villefosse
The French Representative to the Allied Authorities in Italy

To : Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Italian Military Affairs Section

Admiral:

I have the honor of acknowledging receipt of your letter

185 GC 8003 of 21 January and of thanking you for the attention you gave
the question which I asked at the meeting of 29 January.

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/s/ G. de Villefosse

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~~COMMISSION ALIÉE~~
~~EN ITALIE~~

LE REPRÉSENTANT FRANÇAIS

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Rome 3 Février

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Le Capitaine de Vaisseau
HERON de VILLEFOSSE
Représentant Français auprès
des Autorités Alliées en Italie

à

Monsieur le Rear Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief of the Italian Military
Affairs Section

Amiral,

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de la copie
de votre lettre CC 8003 du 31 Janvier et de vous remer-
cier de la suite que vous avez bien voulu donner à mon
intervention au meeting du 29 Janvier.

L. de Villefosse

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