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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS G-5 Section

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SUBJECT: Abolition of Frontier Safety Zone.

28 August 1945

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: Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to letter AC/14080/23/PS of 20 Aug. Letter AC/14018/8/4/PS of 15 Aug and Signal ALCOM 3724 of 15 Aug also refer.

- 2. Frontier control can only be effected by setting up a control belt in which movement is restricted. This safety zone cannot be abolished until Allied military control of transfrontier movement is withdrawn.
- 3. Allied military control is necessary in order to implement the directives of the Combined Chiefs of Staff and the most important obstacle to relaxation is the continued non-acceptance by the Italian Government of the US Proclaimed and UK Statutory lists. You will now have seen NAF 1065 which urges an early solution to this pressing problem.

4. As soon as the question of these black lists is cleared up the relaxation of frontier controls will be reconsidered.

2 9 AUG 1945

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. CONTIDERTIAL PRADOMARGED AND THE COMMISSION Civil Affairs Fection . APO 394 Tel : 478800 20 Aurust 45 A0/14080/23/26 SUBJECT : Prohibited Frontier Zone. : APR2, 0-5 Section. Authority is requested to concel the . contrictions on travel relating to the Prohibited Emertier Kons. Regional Complectoners have ununleously on reason the view that the control serves no use al purpose, and that owing to the paucity or officers the regulations are not being enforced. The 10 hos rule in many cases is rendered impossible as givilians are obliged to travel more than 10 and in arder to optain passen. Civilians no longer require military travel authorizations for travel from Italy to places stroad, and discussions are at orescat taking place with the Italian leverament with a view to handing over to the Covernment at an early date the responsibility for controlling travel into and out of Itely. The Italian Government Officials concur with the views expressed by the Regional Commissioners. For the Chief Commissioner : WCB/G

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION APO 394 BJH/GB

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Ref. : LIG/SAF/586

2 August 1945

Subject: Prohibited Frontier Zone

To

 Public Safety Sub-Commission Hqs Allied Commission, APO 394

Reference AC/14080/23/PS dated 9 July 45.

1. Owing to the French occupation of the frontier zone of this Region no control of movement into the zone has been effected and the posters have not been publicized.

2. No advantage is seen in imposing the restriction now so four as this Region is concerned:

For the Regional Commissioner

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B.J. HEFFORD, Major Regional Publci Safety Officer

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## HEADQUARTERS VENEZIE REGION Allied Military Government APO 394

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TO

: Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394. (attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission).

SUBJECT : Prohibited Frontier Zone.

FILE NO. : RXII/PS/11.16

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- Reference your AC/14080/23/PS of 9 July 45.
- 2. I am of opinion that the Frontier Zone Restrictions should be abolished for the following reasons:-
  - (a) Insufficiency of man-power to enforce the restrictions rigidly.
  - (b) Movement into the Zone is controlled by notices and not by police block posts, which is practically useless.
  - (c) The Prohibited Zone is established on an imaginary line which does not coincide with any natural features such as a wide river. Such a line is impossible to control without numerous patrols which are unavailable.
  - (d) It is futile to impose a 10 km. rule in territory where by reason of sparsity of CAO's civilians must travel more than 10 kms; to obtain such passes.
  - (e) The Zone in question is quiet and untroubled.
  - (f) It is much wiser to staff the actual frontier more strongly if necessary, and to control movement 1172 definitely there, than to attempt to maintain two lines of control.

F.G. GREEN, Major, Regional Public Safety Officer. 1409 /23

Reference letter dated 9/7/45, your ref. NºAC/14080/28/PS regarding the above.

- It is the opinion of the three P.P.S.O.s whose Provinces adjoin the Swiss Border, that the present Prohibited Frontier zone should be cancelled.
- It serves no really useful purpose and is extremely difficult to enforce. Its enforcement uses up Italian Police at a time when their services could readily be used elsewhere in this Region. It causes extra work to the P.P.S.O., especially in connection with the issuing of Fermits.
- In Sondrio Frovince one of the reasons put forward is that it will assist farmers, for some of the best cattle grazing pastures are within this zone.

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I recommend the removal of the Prohibition of travel into the Trontier zone on the following grounds.

1. The French have now left the region.

11. It is not possible to cross the border without wili= tery Travel Authorisation.

III. Many people are anxious to visit the property in the French-zone formerly occupied by the French.

Iv. During the summer months there is always a large efflux to the mountain regions.

V. Removal of the ban will give a sense of freedom of movement throughout the whole of the North-West Region.

ror the Regional Commissioner.

C.R.BRIGGS //

Lt.Col.

Regional Public Safety Officer

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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT FIFTH ARMY APO 464

EJB/TJM/ewp

14th July 1945.

: 203/26. REF

SUBJECT: Frontier Prohibited Zone.

TO H.Q., Allied Commission. (Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission)

With reference to your letter, C/14080/23/PS dated 9th July, 1945.

- It has never been possible to adequately police the Prohibited Frontier line due to lack of police personnel and the obeyance of the order has of necessity been left to some extent to the goodwill of the people.
- CC.RR. and Finance Guards are now stationed along the Frontiers which are being effectively policed, therefore; the need for the Prohibited lone has largely disappeared.
- It is therefore suggested that the line and zone might without danger to Allied Security be abolished.
- Lt.Col. Blom, Chief of C.I.C. 5th army, has been consulted and concurs.

DATE INIT TO DIRECTOR DEPUTY DUCK FEB. 211 1.

For the Commanding General:

THOMAS J. M.ICHIE,

Lt. Colonel, A.C.,

Executive Officer, A.M.G. Fifth Army 110

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AC/14080/23/19

9 July, 1945

TUBJECT : Prohibited Fronties Zone.

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- 1. A suggestion has been made that the restrictions in force relating to the Prohibited Lontier Zone should be cancelled or relaxed.
- are requested as early as possible. If you agree with the suggestion, please state your copen reasons for soing so.

f JOHN 7. CHAPILE Colonel J.A.B.D. Director.

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