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 NICHOLAS TIGHE
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 Asst. Adjutant

Ministry of the Interior
Direction General P.S.

Div. A.G.R. Sez. 3
443/47051

14338 PA 3 April 46.

SUBJECT : Sojourn of undesirable aliens in Italy.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Allied Commission.

This Ministry, as is known, has already called the particular attention of your Sub-Commission on the problem of the presence of an exceedingly large number of undesirable aliens in Italy; a problem, the seriousness of which increases continuously day by day, in the impossibility of finding a satisfactory solution.

Really it concerns individuals who have entered or re-entered the country abusively, or who have happened to be here owing to the war, or, who have remained, even after the expiration of the permit granted them.

Furthermore, their number increases continuously due to the incessant flux of those who, coming from northern or oriental Europe, succeed in reaching Italy illegally, either through the frontiers, especially the Yugoslav one - or through the ports of the Adriatic Sea, not adequately guarded.

Their presence constitutes, not only an enormous burden for the country's economy, but also, and above all, a constant danger to public order.

The crimes committed by them increase in number and danger, reaching forms of delinquency, really preoccupying for the human society.

On the other hand, the police organs find themselves in the impossibility to control this enormous mass of aliens.

Many infact, live in Allied concentration camps, others in Hebrew institutions which are said to be under the protection of the Allies, others live separately, but protected by dubious institutions; nevertheless - in either manner, for this or that reason, they succeed in escaping the control of the Italian Police.

Moreover, referring also to our letter 443/35254 dated 2 Dec.45 we kindly ask your Commission to re-examine, above all, the possibility of proceeding with the repatriation of those who are found to be living in Italy abusively, or, at least, of those elements who, owing to the actual delicate political moment, are

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considered more dangerous for the public order; we then beg you to allow the authorities of the Italian Police to account for all persons having a foreign nationality (and even Italians) who are found in the a/m camps and institutions and who, up till now, just for this particular situation of theirs, they have not been controlled, besides giving to said authorities the necessary assistance to overcome any difficulty or resistance.

We hope that these requests, which, in truth, are of a particularly urgent nature at the moment, will receive due and prompt consideration.

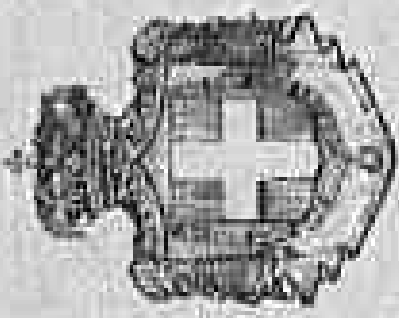
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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Divisione A.G.R. Sez. 3

Prot. N. 443/47051 Allegati

Roma, 3 aprile

1946

Al LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA.

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

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*Risposta al Foglio del
Dir.*

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D'altra parte, gli organi di polizia si trovano nella pratica impossibilità di controllare questa enorme, fluttuante massa di stranieri.

Molti di essi vivono infatti nei campi di raccolta Alleati; altri si raccolgono in istituzioni ebraiche che si dicono sotto la protezione Alleata; altri ancora vivono isolatamente, però salvaguardati da isti-

tuzioni di dubbia finalità: nell'uno e nell'altro modo, per questo o per quel motivo, comunque, essi riescono a sfuggire al controllo della polizia italiana.

Con richiamo anche alla nota 2 dicembre s.a. n.443/35254, si rivolge, pertanto, viva preghiera a codesta On. Commissione di volere, innanzi tutto, riprendere in esame la possibilità di procedere al rimpatrio di coloro che si trovano abusivamente in Italia, o, per lo meno, di quegli elementi che, in relazione anche all'attuale delicato momento politico, si ravvisano più pericolosi per l'ordine pubblico; si prega, poi, di voler consentire alle autorità di polizia italiane di rendersi conto di tutte le persone di nazionalità straniera (e anche italiana) che si trovano riunite negli anzidetti campi ed istituti, e che sinora, appunto per questa loro particolare situazione, non si sono potute controllare, fornendo anzi alle autorità stesse la necessaria assistenza per vincere difficoltà e resistenze.

Si spera in un sollecito accoglimento di tali richieste, che, in verità, rivestono carattere di particolare urgenza nel momento attuale.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-2
APO SIS U.S. Army

MEMO FOR: Colonel C.R. KUFF

SUBJECT: Cessation of Travel Control Section. 14338 PA

1. Arrangements have now been completed for the cessation of the majority of the activities formerly carried out by G.I.II Section and personnel no longer required are being released during the course of the week.

2. There are a few outstanding matters which will be dealt with by remaining staff and it is desired to point out that a certain number of problems will arise as a result of the closing of this organization.

3. The position of the various facets of the work is approximately as follows.

a) Allied Forces Permit System

There are quite a large number of outstanding applications from countries in which the Italian Government is not represented. These will be completed by Capt. SAUKI and F'lt SAMER who are remaining in the Allied Commission office. It is also inevitable that, until the new procedure becomes generally known, certain permit agencies will continue to submit applications. Those cases will have to be examined and replies made explaining what action is necessary. In certain cases which are strongly supported by Allied authorities it may be considered propitious to have them passed to the British or American Embassies in Rome for submission to the Italian Government.

Certain negotiations may also be necessary between the COM office and the Italian Government regarding the installation of Italian representatives in various countries. This will be done in conjunction with the two Embassies.

b) VENEZIA GIULIA

The new procedure which transfers authority for movement control entirely to the Italian authorities has been instituted.

All interested organizations have been informed. There is but one phase of this problem which remains unresolved and that is whether the U.S. State Department will agree to their representatives abroad endorsing passports with clearance for VENEZIA GIULIA which will be obtainable from XIII Corps.

The final directive in draft form is to be published by A.G. Section as soon as U.S. Policy's concurrence is received. 3529

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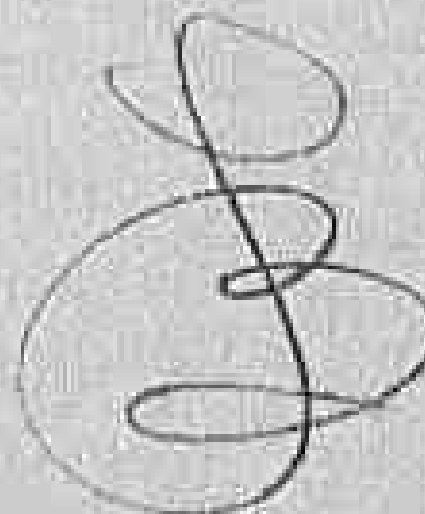
c) Travel between ITALY, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA is still controlled by the original method and it will be necessary for the HOME office to continue to obtain clearances from the Italian Government until such time as the Italian representatives have been accepted for service in these countries.

It is expected that GERMANY will agree shortly to the appointment of two Foreign Office Liaison officials to FRANKFURT who will be empowered to approve entry into ITALY on behalf of the Italian authorities.

Considerable pressure has been applied to the Allied authorities in AUSTRIA with a view to their accepting a similar arrangement and it is confidently expected that a favourable reply will be received shortly.

d) All "Port Security" instructions to Sections in the field regarding the control of movement have been rescinded.

4. It is considered that it should be possible finally to terminate the activities of this section, within four to six weeks of the present date.



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Major S.S.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Travel Control Division
APO 3944 U.S. Army

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GBI. 389-506/.....

SUBJECT : Italian Travel Control

TO : Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
Ministry of the Interior.

TO	14 February 1946.
DIRECTOR	16/2
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SECURITY	

1. A study has been made of the conditions covering Italian Travel Control with a view to the early withdrawal of Allied co-operation in this work.
2. It is felt that the Italian Authorities should now assume full responsibility for these controls and the following outline of procedure covering each aspect of the problem is submitted for consideration.

3. ENTRY INTO ITALY FROM ABROAD.

This problem divides himself into three categories procedure for the control of which are given below:

- (a) Entry from countries in which the Italian Government has Diplomatic representation. This class of travel is already controlled by the Italian Authorities under normal peace-time conditions, visas being granted or refused without prior reference to the Allied Military Authorities.

Particulars of visas granted are supplied by the Italian Authorities to this Commission for checking against records held. It is considered advisable that this practice should continue.

- (b) Entry from countries in which the Italian Government has no representation. This travel is now controlled by means of the Allied Force Permit system

operated by the Military authorities and applications to enter Italian territory are subject to the approval of the Italian Government.

The Allied Military Authorities do not feel justified in continuing to exercise this control and propose shortly to ~~cancel~~ abolish the system.

It is assumed that the Italian Government ~~of the~~ and the Governments of the countries concerned will include alternative arrangements to control movement between their respective countries by the installation of visa issuing agencies. In this event it is suggested that particulars of all visas granted should also be supplied to this Commission for checking against records.

- (c) Entry into Italy from countries under Allied Military occupation. Applications received in these countries are now handled through Allied Military channels and the concurrence of the Italian Authorities is obtained by the Travel Control Division of this Commission.

It is proposed to eliminate the participation of the Military Authorities in Italy by arranging for the installation of Italian Liaison Officers at Military Permit Offices in Austria and Germany who would be empowered by the Italian Government to grant or refuse permission to enter this country on their behalf.

Applications to enter Austria or Germany from Italy would be received at Questura throughout the country and would be forwarded direct to the Italian Liaison Officer concerned for submission to the Allied Military Permit Office and, in approved cases, the permit would be sent direct to the Questura from which the application originated.

4(1) This Commission is most anxious to assist the Italian Authorities in increasing its representation abroad and will co-operate fully in this matter.

5. The agreement of the Italian Authorities to the principles outlined above is solicited.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Travel Control Division
APO 394, U.S. Army

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GSI. 389-506/.....

...February 1946

SUBJECT : Italian Travel Control - Policy of Ports and Frontiers.

TO : Ministry of the Interior.

1. Reference war letter.....of.....
2. With the withdrawal of Allied Security Control personnel from Ports and Frontiers in Italy and the impending cancellation of the Allied Force Permit system, this Commission recommends that measures be taken by the Italian Authorities considerably to increase to vigilance of their Immigration, Customs and Coastguard Services.
3. With the resumption of full responsibility for these controls by the Italian Government it is recommended that the strongest measures should be taken to organise the services with a view to the prevention of unauthorised movement into and out of the country.
4. It is further recommended that clear instructions should be issued to all personnel of these services on correct documentation of travellers and on action to be taken in cases of infringement of regulations.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director,

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Travel Control Division
APO 394, U.S. Army

GHI. 389-506/.....

SUBJECT : Internal Security Measures for
the control of Aliens.

TO : Ministry of the Interior.

TO	February 1946
DIRECTOR	1/16/46
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
EXEC. INSURER	1/18/46
C. S. REG.	1/17
SECURITY	

1. This Commission has given further consideration to the question of control of aliens in the country referred to in your letter of.....dated.....and our reply reference.....dated.....

2. While apparently insuperable difficulties prevent the implementation of your original proposals, it is felt that energetic measures can be taken to bring about a situation which is at present extremely confused.

3. Your consideration is therefore invited of the suggestion that the Italian Authorities should proceed to the documentation of all aliens in the country with a view to classifying them and arranging for the disposal of undesirable elements.

4. It has been suggested that this procedure might take the following form:

- (a) Require all aliens to register their presence at Quattro. This would be done in nationality groups on specified dates.
- (b) Record particulars of all such aliens including personal data: time, date, place and authority for entering the country, present

activity, original domicile, reason for presence in country.

- (c) Provide aliens with document showing that they have registered.
- (d) Form central index by nationalities and classify cases into groups indicating the action the Italian Authorities wish to take i.e. "undesirable for deportation", "acceptable", "sojourn to be limited to 2 months", etc.
- (e) Organise camps into which undesirable and criminal elements could be placed pending their disposal.
- (f) Reintroduce all normal alien control measures, i.e. registration at hotels, requirement to report to Questure at intervals, etc.

5. The Italian Police could then proceed to the arrest of these aliens who had failed to register.

6. By these means, it is felt that a proper appreciation of the situation could be made and, when the necessary information had been collected, the Italian Authorities could approach this Commission regarding the disposal of undesirable groups.

7. Your comments on the above suggestions would be appreciated.

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JOHN V. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Travel Control Division
APO 394, U.S. Army

GBI. 389-506/.....

February 1946

SUBJECT : Travel Control between VENEZIA GIULIA
and other Italian Provinces.

TO : The Ministry of the Interior
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. In order to bring about a more efficient control of movement between VENEZIA GIULIA and other Italian Provinces a revision of present procedure is proposed.
2. It is suggested that the Italian Government should appoint a liaison officer and small staff to be attached to a Military formation at UDINE who would be authorised to approve or refuse applications to enter other parts of Italy on behalf of the Italian Government.
3. This officer would pay frequent visits to the permit office in TRIESTE for the purpose of examining applications and to submit applications to enter the Anglo-American occupied zone from other Italian Provinces.
- He would also pay liaison visits to the Displaced Persons Camps in UDINE and TRIESTE to advise on moves of Italian nationals and represent the Italian Government views.
4. Applications to enter the Anglo-American occupied zone from other parts of Italy would be received at Questura and be forwarded direct

to this officer for transmission to the Military Permit Office in TRIESTE. Permits approved would be handed to him for despatch to the Questura originating the application.

5. It will be appreciated that the right to move persons between the Provinces of UDINE and VENEZIA GIULIA would be reserved by HQ. XIII Corps but the recommendations of the liaison officer would be followed in cases involving movement into other parts of Italy.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Travel Control Division
APO 394, U.S. Army

9 February 1946

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Measures taken to bring about cessation
of Travel Control Section.

1. The following steps have been taken to deal with each facet of the controls presently exercised by GI III Section.

COUNTRIES WITH ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATION

(a) Italian Government has been advised through Allied Commission that Military Authorities no longer require to give prior approval to applications received by them for visas.

They have been asked to supply particulars of such visas, which will be sent to G-2 where they can be checked against records.

The next move in this category will be to decide when it is no longer necessary to retain this measure of control and to inform the Italian Government that particulars of visas are no longer required.

(b) COUNTRIES WITHOUT ITALIAN REPRESENTATION

A staff study has been prepared which proposes to withdraw the Allied Force Permit system as from 1st March 1946 (copy attached). G-5 and "A" Branch have already concurred in this recommendation, USFOLAD has indicated personal agreement but has referred one or two points to WASHINGTON. BRITPOLAD has the matter under study but an approval is confidently expected. Foreign Office direction has also been sought.

If approval is obtained this will mean that movement from the following countries will cease: Yugoslavia, Albania, Greece, Egypt, Palestine, French North Africa, Hungary, Syria, Lebanon and certain distant countries which will not be effected to any great extent.

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Action necessary will be

(1) Inform the Italian Government and make strong representations regarding the policing of the Adriatic coast, the briefing of Public Safety personnel at ports and the measures to be taken to dispose of illegal entrants. Arrangements will also be necessary for G-2 (CI) Balkans Section to be advised of all such cases.

(2) Inform Military formations concerned and rescind those instructions which apply.

(3) Request USPOLAD and BRITPOLAD to advise affected Embassies, Consulates, etc. and arrange for them to inform the Governments of the countries to which they are appointed that they can no longer act in the capacity of permit issuing agencies.

(4) Inform British Military Missions as in (3) above.

(c) VENEZIA GIULIA TRAVEL CONTROL

Following the recent meeting in TRIESTE decisions have been made to modify present procedure so that the entire responsibility for travel security in the province will rest with XIII Corps. The following action has been instituted:

ENTRY INTO THE PROVINCE

Italian Government to be requested to instruct all Questure to receive applications and to forward acceptable categories to Permit Office Venezia Giulia Police Force. Permits for approved applicants will be returned direct to the Questura concerned.

Advice on the categories of applicant acceptable to XIII Corps is awaited before the instructions to Questure can be formulated.

ENTRY INTO OTHER PARTS OF ITALY FROM THE PROVINCE

A memorandum has been composed for circulation to G-5, BRITPOLAD and USPOLAD suggesting the appointment of an Italian Liaison officer to UDINE who would work with the Trieste Permit Office and the DF Camps to represent the views of the Italian Government on the entry of persons into the rest of the country. Agreement to this proposal would eliminate the work now being carried out by our staff in Rome. This is being followed up by CI III.

(d) TRAVEL CONTROL BETWEEN ITALY, AUSTRIA AND GERMANY

It is felt that AFHQ must continue to act as permit issuing agency in this case. Proposed action is that applications for movement from Italy will be received by Questura and passed to G-2 A.F.H.Q. whence they will be referred to the Command concerned. Permits approved will be passed to Questura for transmission to the applicant.

ENTRY ITALY FROM AUSTRIA OR GERMANY

A memorandum is in circulation suggesting the appointment of Italian Liaison Officers to VIENNA, INNSBRUCK etc. who would be empowered to approve entry on behalf of the Italian Government. This is being followed up and, in the event of approval, a strong recommendation to G-5 to bring pressure on Austria to accept there men is indicated.

CAPT. HALFRYDE,

An officer of this section, who still has four months to serve will be available to carry out the CI III work which will still be necessary.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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6 February 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chief of Staff

SUBJECT : Cessation of Travel Control Machinery by G-2 Branch.

I. DISCUSSION

1. Control of travel into Italy is at present divided into two main categories:-

- (a) From countries in which the Italian Government has established Diplomatic or Consular representation by means of a check against AFHQ records of persons to whom visas have been granted by the Italian Authorities.
- (b) From countries in which the Italian Government is not represented by means of the Allied Force Permit system.

Under this system, applications are received by Permit Officers at American or British Military Missions or Embassies etc., are transmitted to this headquarters and through Allied Commission to the Italian Authorities. A co-ordinated decision is then returned to the permit issuing office.

2. From the Military Security point of view this rather elaborate machinery is no longer considered necessary in view of the following factors:-

- (a) The great increase in the influx of travellers of various categories as conditions return to normal renders the existing security records progressively less valuable and, in fact, an extremely small percentage of traces is being found.
- (b) The considerable reduction of Military Forces and installations in this country, for the protection of which this procedure was instituted, no longer justifies the retention of officers and other ranks on work which should properly be an Italian Civil Service function.
- (c) Present policy is to return the maximum degree of authority to the Italian Government and it is felt that the retention of the Allied Force Permit system will delay the resumption of relations between Italy and the Balkan countries.
- (d) Permit officers will, of course, also be released and Military Missions will in some cases be withdrawn. In Albania for example, it is understood that the British Military Mission which acts as permit issuing agency at present will cease to operate in the very near future.

(e) All officers experienced in this work and at present employed in it are due for release from the Service before 15 April 1946.

3. Conclusions to be drawn from the foregoing are:-

(a) That security considerations do not justify the retention of the Allied Force Permit system or the continued employment of the officers engaged in this work.

(b) That the possibility of some resumption of contact between the Italian Authorities and those of the countries in which they have no representation will be increased by the abolition of the Allied Force Permit system.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Allied Force Permit system for entry into Italy be withdrawn as from 1st March 1946.

2. That Permit issuing offices be advised by the appropriate departments that they will cease to operate this system with effect from 1st March 1946 and that they should advise the local Authorities to that effect.

3. That AFHQ directive on Travel Control be rescinded. (TAB A).

4. That the Italian Government be advised through Allied Commission of this decision.

III. CONCURRENCES.

BRIT POLAD _____ "A" BRANCH _____

US POLAD. _____ G-5 _____

GEORGE S. SMITH
Brigadier General, USA.
A.C. of S., G-2

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:
APO 512, U.S. Army.

GBI-389.506/18-J.

4 February, 1946.

SUBJECT : Movement Control - Venezia Giulia and AUSTRIA/ITALIAN
Frontiers.

MEMORANDUM FOR : Colonel TUFF.

1. Given below are a series of comments on a meeting held at H.Q. XIII Corps on Monday, 28 January, 1946, followed by remarks on the actual situation on the frontiers made after a survey of the area in question together with recommendations for the improvement of the controls.

2. The maintenance of the 25 Km. prohibited zone on the Italian side of the frontier was discussed and it was pointed out that this control had never, in fact been implemented owing to the lack of staff. A representative of B.T.A. suggested that frontier controls would be assisted by this control and it was agreed that arrangements would be made for an Italian control post to be established at the junction on route 13 of the TARVISIO and TOLMEZZO roads.

3. ^{Western} Control of the Northern boundary of Venezia Giulia was covered by the conference and it was opined that measures now in force were adequate. The need for alternative machinery for granting of permits to enter and leave the territory was discussed and it was decided :

a. Requests to enter Venezia Giulia should be forwarded direct to the H.Q. Venezia Giulia Police by all Questure in ITALY, permits or refusals being returned direct to them. XIII Corps would also provide a list of categories of admissible applicants so that all others could be refused automatically by the Questure.

b. Venezia Giulia Police would be provided with Allied Force Permits for entering into Austria and Germany and would deal direct with the Military Commands concerned without requiring the intervention of A.F.H.Q. 2510

4. The question of the proposal to institute the control on the Morgan Line, in spite of the fact that the Yugoslavs have not yet

carried out the agreed documentation of residents of their Zone of the Province, was also discussed. It was decided that the Military Guards should be instructed to apply the rule that holders of Venezia Giulia identity cards should be allowed free passage across the line but that, in order not to violate the terms of the Duino agreement, persons holding original identity cards issued in Communes of Zone B will be allowed to move across the line and this order will come into force on 15 February, 1946.

5. It was agreed that particulars of motor vehicles, used by persons are authorised to visit Venezia Giulia, would be endorsed on their permits.

6. The desirability of instituting a permit issuing office at LJUBLJANA was also discussed and it was agreed that personnel for this task should be found by XIII Corps.

Duties of this office would include :

a. Issue of permits for Zone A in liaison with Venezia Giulia Police.

b. Issue of permits for Austria and Germany in liaison with Military Commands concerned.

c. Issue of permits for Italy proper through XIII Corps.

7. It was decided that, in order to facilitate the movement in transit through ITALY proper of persons in Venezia Giulia, the Italian representative who would be appointed to UDINE would be able to authorise such movement for Venezia Giulia police and that permits for such journeys would be suitably endorsed by the Venezia Giulia Police.

8. A Survey was made of the Austro/Italian frontier and various problems were discussed with Colonel Eyres-Monsell of 2 District, G.S.I(b) XIII Corps, Capt. STENTON of A.C. Austria and with Lieut. ARNOLD of 62 F.S. Section who is responsible for frontier control in the British Zone in Austria.

From the survey it was obvious that the Security Control of the normal crossing points was reasonably efficient. F.S. Personnel are stationed permanently at TARVISIO and SILLIAN and are efficient detachments of one officer and eight men are posted at the BRENNER pass. In addition, one F.S., N.C.O. has also been placed at the BRENNER in an advisory capacity.

It is felt, therefore, that the proposed posting of additional F.S.P. and C.M.P. on the Italian side of the border would be unobjectional.

as this would cause a considerable strain on the present resources. (The only available Section in the TARVISIO area would be reduced to F.S.O. and C.S.M.).

The Italian Services cannot, however, be said to be operating efficiently. Carabinieri are stationed at each crossing point and Public Safety personnel are also in attendance, but with the exception of the railhead at TARVISIO no proper control posts are in operation.

It is felt that the most efficient way of bringing about the desired controls is to place the Italian posts under the operational direction of 62 Field Security Section, VILLACH, which is responsible for the frontier in the British Zone. It is proposed to suggest this to the Italian Ministry of the Interior if you approve.

A detachment of two Polish C.M.P. is also on service at TARVISIO. In line with the policy followed with regard to the Polish detachment at the BRENNER, it may be considered advisable to request 2 Polish Corps to withdraw these men.

9. From the above remarks and from other evidence which has reached this section, it may be deduced that unauthorised entrants are coming into the country through Displaced Persons channels or by means of passeurs on isolated parts of the frontier.

By far the greater proportion enter via D.P. channels and it is hoped that the various proposals made to G-2 Branch will bring about an improvement in this situation.

Steps have already been taken to check the movement of unauthorised travellers on isolated parts of the frontier. Arrangements have been made by 62 F.S.S. for an Infantry Ski School which is situated near the MAUTHEN crossing point, to operate patrols along this frontier and to bring any persons found in suspicious circumstances to Field Security. Austrian civil guards and Carabinieri are also being briefed in this connection.

10. A liaison visit to the Headquarters of the French Zone of AUSTRIA has been made by Capt. STENTON of Travel Control Section A.C.A. and the views expressed by your representative when in VIENNA were put to them very strongly. Capt. STENTON reports a co-operative attitude on the part of the French and is of the opinion that an immediate improvement will be apparent.

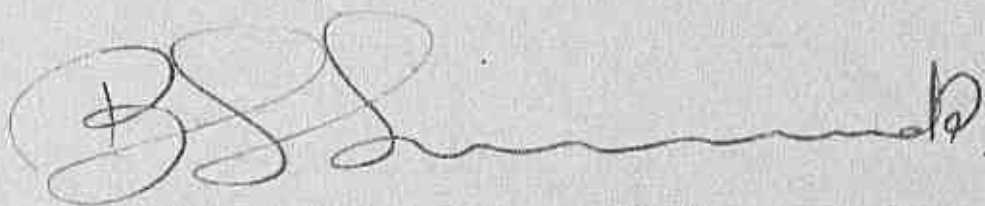
Arrangements have been made for the French to issue Allied Force Permits for entry into Italy working in co-operation with the VIENNA Travel Control Section. The French have also been approached on the question of control of Displaced Persons as well as the possibility of appointing an Italian representative to INNSBRUCK to look after the interests of the Italian Government as far as the entry of persons into this country is concerned.

11. It is felt that the following conclusions can be drawn from the foregoing remarks:

a. that the control of normal crossing points on the Austrian border is already fairly efficient and that sufficient improvement should be effected by placing the Italian personnel under F.S.P. supervision and with the institution of the patrols already referred to.

b. that an efficient control of movement from Venezia Giulia and from Yugoslavia via that province is dependent on the institution of the proper control on the Morgan line and by the operation of the proposed permit office in LJUBLJANA. An officer has been selected for this post by XIII Corps in agreement with Venezia Giulia Police and S.C.I., TRIESTE and particulars of the proposed staff will be signalled to the British Embassy BELGRADE with a request for the necessary clearances.

c. that every effort should be made to obtain agreement to the placing of Italian Government representatives at D.P. Camps and main points where permits for entry into ITALY are granted.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Travel Control Division
APO 394, U.S. Army

GBI. 389-506/40

25 January 1946

SUBJECT : Reduction of AFHQ responsibility
for Control of Travel in Italy. DDPS

MEMORANDUM for Colonel TUNT

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1. A meeting has been held by the British Embassy to discuss the proposal that they should take over the responsibility for the control of travel into and out of Italy, presently exercised by AFHQ through Public Safety Sub-Commission of Allied Commission.
2. The Embassy representatives stated that personnel difficulties made it impossible for this commitment to be accepted and pointed out that they would not be able to assume the authority, presently held by the Allied Forces, to veto applicants for visas, in view of the fact that their function is purely to represent British interests in this country.
3. In the view of the Embassy, the control machinery should be retained as long as Allied Commission is in existence and steps should be taken progressively to return the various aspects of control to the Italian Government.
It was suggested that AFHQ should request Allied Commission to supply the necessary personnel, either civilian or military, to continue to exercise these duties and that G-2 Branch should cease to operate the controls.
4. The matter of unauthorized immigration via Displaced Persons' channels was also discussed coupled with the fact that control of this traffic will shortly pass to UNRRA and it was proposed that a Major of DP Sub-Commission whose present appointment will cease at the end of this month and who has considerable experience of security measures in the control of Displaced Persons might be seconded to the Travel Control Division with the added duty of instituting control machinery covering persons moved into this country under UNRRA auspices.

5. US. Polad, in an interview, stated that the State Department was unwilling for the American Embassy to take any part in the control machinery in question but suggested that every effort should be made to return authority to the Italian Government, he opined that Allied Commission should continue to carry out this work until the Italian Government is competent to undertake it.

6. General consensus of opinion concerning each phase of the work of this Section appears to be as follows:

- (a) Control of travel between Italy/Austria and Germany: to be exercised by Allied Commission.
- (b) Control of travel into Venesia Giulia and liaison with Italian Government concerning entry into Italy proper from that region: to be carried out by Allied Commission.
- (c) Control of entry into Italy from countries in which the Italian Government has representation to be passed back to the Italian Authorities.
- (d) Control of entry from countries in which the Italian Government is not represented (Yugoslavia, Albania, Greece): to be carried out by British or American military or consular authorities, in direct liaison with Allied Commission for a further period. With the withdrawal of the British Mission in Albania, for example, the Albanian Government would be informed that the issue of permits through Allied channels could not continue and that arrangements would have to be made with the Italian Authorities. This would be followed-up by similar action in Yugoslavia and Greece.

7. The conclusion to be drawn from the above remarks appears to be that the only way in which G-2 Branch can retire completely from this commitment would be to require Allied Commission to accept it and replace the G-2 officers presently employed in this work.

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