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V.P. CA

Letter forwarded for signature please if approved

A/Ellis Capt
Sec Div.

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Security

Letter signed & file returned.

B. Thomson
CPR

30/4.

CAS.

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V.P. CA.

Please see 39A

Sec'y V.P. D/C 13/May

A/Ellis Capt.

10/5.

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Ex Comm

Please see HOA once signature.

Draft letter submitted for approval

A/Ellis Capt
Security Div.

18 May.

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V.P. C.A.S.

attached letter for signature
Doc if appd.

22. 5. 46.

E.J. Rye Col.

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I.P. 6a Section

For your information herewith letter received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Please inform this Division as to the present position of this case.

C Hayes
Capt.
Security Svo.

14 Dec 1945

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Security Div

Please see 17A & 18A.

26 Dec 45

H.E. Jessop
Mgr
C & Cec

Sec. OK. 6pl. 21/12.

3.

Ex. Comm.

Letter enclosed for signature by C.C. if approved. Reminder has been sent to DPP&Sp. & S. at 17A

21/XII

M Aubrey
V.P.C.O.S.

4.

Ex. Comm.

Please see min. 3 — letter attached.

1-min 22/12.

GS. 22/12.

WW 27/12

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Capt.
Security Sec.

14 Dec 1945

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Please see 17A + 18A.

HES Jessop
for
C A Sec

26 Dec 45

Sen Offr. 6th. 21/12.

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Ex. Comm.

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21/XII

M Paul Berry
S.P.C.A.S.

4.

Foulsham.

Please see min. 3 — letter altered.

T-Hill
23/12.

HS. 22/12.

JJS 27/12

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CAS. Letter signed as requested. Copies withdrawn for CC and R.C. files.

JJ. 27/12

Sec Div Forwarded for despatch.
28/12

By CAS.

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Security Division 6.

Could you please take action on the attached letter. Copy to Ex. Co Office.

HS 14/2.

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Ex Comm -

Report of Security Division for information. I concur in recommendation in para 9.

TX C4L
20 Mar. 44

Chapman
Lt. Col. A.G.D.

C&D Ex-Com. 8.

37a for info- support Security Div. continue & handle matter as outlined in para 9.

Pres 21/3

HS 20/3

8. 9.

P.S. S/C

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M Carr Bay

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Tx C9L
20 Mar. 46

Cab Ex-Com. 7.

37a for info- suggest Security Div. continue to handle matter as outlined in para 9.

[illegible] 21/3

DS 20/3

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21/3/46

M Carr Brij
for E. Crean

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C.A. Sec.

Attached draft is forwarded for approval.
Copy of Min of Y. A. letter can be attached after approval.

A Wells Capt
Sec. Div.

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P.S.S/C. See attached letter forwarded to AFHQ

P Healey Maj
CA Section A/HQ.

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RE ACSP ALCON

15 11,30 December 1945

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(2) GROUP FIVE ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Copy to : Public Safety Division.

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JOHN R. HAYES
Major AGD.
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.M.G. 794
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
ROUTY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.08

16 October 1946

SUBJECT : BRUCIA Mark

TO : Ministry of Interior,
General Direction of Public Safety.

1. The attached petition has been received at this HQ and concerns the above named subject who was apparently arrested in MILAN on 25 September 1946 by Italian police authorities.

2. Forwarded for information and any action you may deem necessary.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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E.J. BYE,
Colonel,
A/Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

JHG/mb

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF. : SD/34.0.08 3 July 1946

SUBJECT : PAPAPETRO Lazare

TO : C.L.O. Lombardia Liaison
(Att'n of P.S.L.O.)

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1. Reference your PS/MILSO dated 3 June and 1 July 1946.

2. Copy of a letter from the Ministry of the Interior giving reasons for subject's arrest is forwarded herewith.

E.J. BYE,
Colonel,
A/ Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

AHE/lm.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Director of Public Safety
Div. A.C.R. Sect. 3
N. 443/49642

16 May 1946

TO: Allied Commission
Displaced Persons and
Repatriation SubComm.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

SUBJECT : Albanian - PAPAPETRO Lazaro fu Teodoro, born Corcid 26.3.1908.

The Milan Prefettura reports having arrested on 20.5.46 the above named alien subject for illegal sale of medicines (insullin)

PAPAPETRO's activities are not quite clear but he is known to be concerned in shady transactions and particularly in the drug trafficking.

When arrested, was in the process of selling 250gr of insullin for Lire 8,000,000.

Being an alien found in Italy without justifiable reasons and being of a dangerous and undesirable element, and associating with other persons belonging to a large gang of international smugglers, this Ministry has decided to send him to the collecting centre of FOSSILI di CARPI whilst awaiting disposal instructions from the Allied Commission for his repatriation.

FOR THE MINISTER
Sgd. Illegible

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Public Safety Liaison Office
Montecatini Building
Via Albania 20, Milan
'phone 12641 ext. 2058

PS/Misc.

1st July 1946.

SUBJECT : Pappetro Lazare,
Via Mazzini 20, Milan.

TO : Hq. Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub Commission, Security Division.

1. Reference our PS/Misc. of 3 June 1946 a further copy of which is attached.

2. This man is still in the concentration camp, can you please answer para 4 of our first letter.

For the Chief Liaison Officer,

J.B. Forster

J.B. FORSTER, Capt.
Public Safety
Liaison Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

PS/Misc.

Public Safety Liaison Office
Montecatini Building
20, Via Albania - Milan
('phone 12641 ext. 2058)

3rd June 1946

SUBJECT : PAPAPETRO Lazare
20, Via Mazzini, Milan.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Public Safety Sub - Commission
Security Division.

1. The a/m Subject who is an Albanian business man resident in Milan, has recently been arrested by Questura Agents and taken to a Concentration Camp at Fossili, near Modena.

2. The Questore states that PAPAPETRO has been arrested on instructions from the Ministry of the Interior who is awaiting further orders from Allied Commission.

3. This case has been passed to us by U.N.R.R.A. Welfare because Albania has no Consul in Milan, to look after the interests of Albanians.

4. Can you please let this Office know if Subject was in fact arrested and put into Fossili Camp on instructions from you?

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For the Chief Liaison Officer,

J.R. FORSTER, Capt. G.L.
Public Safety
Liaison Officer

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

REF : SD/540.08

23 May 1946

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Dear Sig. PRUNAS,

With reference to your letter 71/2826/2090 dated 20 April 1946 to Brigadier Lush and previous correspondence, the Albanian Military Mission at Bari has now returned to its country.

Very sincerely yours,

MP

Brigadier,
Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

Nobile Cav. Don Renato PRUNAS
Ministro Plenipotenziario,
Segretario Generale,
Ministero degli Affari Esteri,
R O M A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 911.610

16 May 1946

SUBJECT: Albanian Military Mission at Bari.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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AC/14345/PS

10 May 1946.

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission.

TO : Ministry of Interior
Director General of P.S.

1. With reference to the phone message from Dott. Ferrari to Col. Bye at 16.55 hrs 9th May 1946, with regard to the search of the baggage of the Albanian Military Mission.

2. At 17.00 hrs 9th May a telephone message was received at this Hqs. from A.F.H.Q. stating that the Albanian Military Mission was sailing from Brindisi at 6 pm 9th May 1946, and a telegram had been received by the local Italian Authorities from the Ministry of Interior giving instructions that the baggage of the Mission should be subject to rigid search before departure.

3. The Mission is accredited to A.F.H.Q. and in view of this and as the British Military Mission when leaving Albania was not subjected to special search, A.F.H.Q. have instructed the local Allied Military Commander and A.C. Liaison to arrange with the local Italian Authorities that no search of the baggage of the Mission is carried out.

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K.J. BYE Colonel
Acting Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

REF : CD/540.08 27 April 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission at Bari

TO : APHQ for G-5

1. Reference to this Headquarters' letter CD/540.09 dated 28 Mar 46 and previous correspondence referred to therein.

2. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs have addressed a further letter, dated 20 April 1946, to this Headquarters regarding the activities of the above Mission. Copy translation attached.

3. It is requested that this Headquarters be advised of developments.

M. CARR, Brig.,
VP CA Section

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
POLAD "A"
POLAD "B"

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Translation

Security Dir

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
Il Segretario Generale

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71/2826/2090

Rome, 20 April 1946.

Dear General,

After my letter No. 71/2338/1787 dated 7 February last please allow me to draw the kind attention of the Allied Commission, to the "Missione Militare Albanese" of Bari in connection with new developments which have modified the situation.

1) - It appears that the British Military Mission has recently been withdrawn from Albania. We do not see, therefore, the reason for further permanence in Bari of the "Missione Militare Albanese", especially as with the cessation of military operations, their work is finished.

2) - On the other hand the well known behaviour of the actual Albanian authorities as regards the Italians in that country, should prohibit the Missione being allowed to still remain in Italy.

3) - As already stated in the letter referred to, the said Mission besides doing and helping in a series of illegal actions: clandestine traffic of persons, goods and money etc. etc, it is found that they are engaged in political activity in favour of the Albanian colony in Italy, thus overdoing the military duties allotted to them and in contrast to the sovereignty of the Italian State.

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I beg you, therefore, dear General, to consider the reasons above mentioned, so that the "Missione Militare Albanese" of Bari be withdrawn, in order to prevent the possible happening of grave incidents.

Believe me, dear General, very cordially

/s/ R. Prunas

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To : Brig. Gen. M. S. LUSH
Allied Commission
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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

71/2826/2090

Roma, 20 APR 1946

Caro Generale,

a seguito della mia lettera n° 71/2336/1787 del 7 febbraio u.s. mi permetto attirare nuovamente la cortese attenzione della Commissione Alleata sulla Missione Militare Albanese di Bari in relazione ai nuovi sviluppi che hanno notevolmente modificato la situazione di allora.-

1.- Risulta infatti che la Missione Militare Britannica è stata recentemente ritirata dall'Albania. Non vediamo pertanto quale giustificazione possa avere la ulteriore permanenza a Bari della Missione Militare Albanese, tanto più che già con la cessazione delle operazioni militari i compiti ad essa affidati erano da tempo venuti meno.-

2.- D'altra parte il ben noto comportamento delle attuali autorità albanesi nei confronti degli italiani in quel paese non sembra consentire la possibilità di continuare ad ospitare in Italia tale Missione.-

3.- Come già accennato nella lettera cui faccio riferimento, la predetta Missione oltre a compiere,

Brigadiere Generale
H.S. LUSH
Commissione Alleata
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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

o quanto meno ad appoggiare, una serie di atti illeciti: traffico clandestino di persone, di merci, e di valuta, ecc., risulta svolgere altresì una attività politica soprattutto nei riguardi della colonia albanese in Italia, superando le attribuzioni - di carattere militare - ad essa conferite ed in contrasto con la sovranità dello Stato Italiano.-

La prego con ciò, Caro Generale, di voler considerare le ragioni sopra esposte affinchè la Missione Militare Albanese di Bari sia ritirata anche per evitare possibili gravi incidenti che la sua permanenza potrebbe determinare.-

Voglia credermi, Caro Generale, molto cordialmente

P. Russo

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

23 Mar 46

Ref : SD/540.09

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission at Bari

TO : AMG for G-5

1 Reference is made to this Headquarter's letter SD/540.9 of 16th November 1945 and to your letter G-5: 334-118 of 14th January 1946.

2 It seems clear that there is a Mission operating in Bari under the name of the Albanian Military Mission, vide attached copy of a report received by the A.C. Liaison Officer, Bari from Rear H.Q. Albanian G.H.P. (5A Area), dated 28th February 1945. This report gives only the names of the personnel in the Mission and it is suggested that Headquarters 5A Area might be contacted if fuller information is required.

3 The Mission referred to in the enclosed report of 5A Area appears to be purely military in character, and so far as this Headquarters is aware, has no connection with Albanian individuals who may have entered Italy for the purpose of trade.

4 The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in their letter dated 7th February 1946 (copy translation enclosed), asked in view of the fact that military operations have ceased, that this Albanian Military Mission be recalled. In an earlier letter dated 5th December 1945 (copy translation attached), the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs state that their information is that the Albanian Military Mission Bari is accredited to the Allied Command in Italy.

5 Political advisers at this Headquarters have been consulted and while they are unable to state the object of this Mission, they have no objections to its termination subject to the views of any Allied Military Authority with which such a Mission might be working.

6 It is requested that consideration be given to the early termination of this so-called Albanian Military Mission at Bari.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

M. CARR, Brig.
VP CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O.394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

37A

REF. : SD/540.08 15 March 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission in Italy.

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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1. Reference letter 71/2338/1787, dated 7 February 1946, from Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting the withdrawal of the above Mission.

2. The personnel of this Mission as reported by GIS, HQ No.3 District is as follows:

Lt.Col. Kadri HOXHA	Commander
Capt. Nuri RESNJA	Member
Sgt. Nayif QERIM	Squad Commander
Capl. Sravri BIBA	A/Squad Commander
" Kol BERISHA	-do-
" Hito SADIKU	Interpreter
Pte. Selim ISLAMI	Secretary
" Sander DHIMITRI	Typist
" Gafur COMO	Quartermaster
" Asllam LAMAJ	Signals
" Dod PERGUINI	Guard duties
" Mustafa ASIM	" "
" Harilla CILINGIRI	" "
" Shyqyir FARIKU	" "
" Lufti TOSUNI	Driver
" Meti BELULI	"
" Vesel CERRECI	"

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3. There are four other partisans attached to the Mission who are now undergoing medical treatment in Italy.

4. The Mission shares a building in Via Dante Alighieri with the local Italian Communist Party. It has two motor cars, a Chrysler Airflow marked with a red star on white background and No.5 UK SHY and one Fiat 1500.

5. The above information has been obtained from HQ 3 District and the liaison officer of Rear HQ, B.M.M. Albania at Bari. Liaison Officer, Bari Liaison Group was requested to supply information bn the Mission's activities but apart from the nominal roll no information has been received.

6. Attached is a translated copy of a resume' of reports received [illegible] Director. I suggest that copies of this report together

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"	Sander DHIMITRI	Typist
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"	Asllam LAMAJ	Signals
"	Dod PERGUINI	Guard duties
"	Mustafa ASIM	" "
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7. It will be noted that in November 1945 the question was raised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in their letter of 12 October 1945 (see 9A in file) On 16 November 1945 Civil Affairs Section addressed G-5 on the activities of Albanians in Bari, alleged to be supported by the Albanian

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Military Mission and requested information as to whether the continuance of this Mission was desirable (14 A refers).

8. A.F.H.Q. replied on 14 January 1946 (see 27A) and raised the question of confusion over the "Mission" referred to. The letter from the [illegible] Ministry and on which this report is submitted refers solely to the Albanian Military Mission, any Economic Mission appears to be unofficial and may have been a means of describing certain individuals visiting Italy.

9. In view of present circumstances it is suggested that AFHQ be asked, as requested in their letter of 14 January 1946 para (see 27A) to arrange for the re-call of the Albanian Military Mission from Italy.

A.H. ELLIS,
Captain,
Security Division.

AHE/lm.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Security

Originator's Reference: GI 686

Date/Time of Origin: 13MAR0207

Message Centre No: H/1174

Date Time Rec'd: 251535

Precedence: IMMEDIATED

FROM: DISTHREE

TO : ACTION HQ ALCOM. FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

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REF YOUR SD 540 08 OF 7 MARCH. NOMINAL ROLL ALBANIAN MILITARY MISSION BARI. COMMANDER LT COL HOXHA KADRI. MEMBER CAPT RESNJA NURI. FOLLOWING OR'S SGT QERIM NAZIF CPLS BIBA STAVRI BERSHA KOL. PTE ISLAMI SELIM SECRETARY. PTE DHIMITRI SANDER TYPIST. PTE COMO GAFUR QUARTERMASTER. PTES PERGJINI DOD ASIM MUSTAFA GILINGIRI FERIKU SHYQYIR TOSUNI LUFTI EMPLOYED ON GUARD DUTIES. PTE LAMAJ ASLIAM SIGNALMAN. PTES BELULI METI CERENECI VESEL DRIVERS. INTERPRETER SADIKU HITO. MISSION HAS TX 2 CARS 1 CHRYSLER AIRFLOW MARKED WITH RED STAR ON WHITE BACKGROUND AND NUMBER 5 UK SHY AND 1 FIAT 1500 PARTICULARS UNKNOWN. MISSION SHARES BUILDING IN VIA DANTE ALIGHIERI WITH ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. 4 PARTISANS ATTACHED MISSION WHILST UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT IN ITALY.

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HEADQUARTERS
BARI LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

Air-mail copy from 3 Det

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REF : LB/3 1 March 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian activities at BARI

TO : HQ Allied Commission
Public Safety Sub Commission
Security Division
(attn : Col. J.W.CHAPMAN)

Reference your letter SD/540.08 dated 14 February 1946.

The attached copy of a letter MIS/1 dated 28 February 46 from Rear B.M.M.Albania,BARI, is forwarded to you for information.

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R.F. LEWIS, Lieut.
Executive Officer
AC BARI

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Subject : Albanian Nominal Roll

Rear B.M.M. Albania
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Tele.14330
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28 Feb 46

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To. Lieut LEWIS
Executive Officer
A.C.Bari

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Translation

From Brindisi
to Zurich

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ALBANIAN MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY

The Albanian Military Mission in Italy has its Headquarters at Bari at No.149 Via Dante Alighieri and exactly in the same building where the Hq of the Yugoslav Military Mission and the Provincial Seat of the Communist Party are situated.

Said Mission has a lot to do with the illegal traffic of goods and workers which is being carried on for some time between Italy and Albania, for which purpose they use airplanes placed at their disposal by the UNRRA for Albanian relief.

Said Mission is composed of self appointed officers of the Albanian Army, who have a bad reputation with the Albanian colony in Bari and in Albania itself.

Infact, the Head of this Mission, one HOXHA KADRI, presently at Tirana, seems to have partecipated together with his brother SHAIA and other country-men in the murder of 100 carabinieri, among whom a Lt. Colonel in an ambush after the Armistice on the road that leads to Berat.

At Bari, a renegade Italian officer, Sub Lt. Rodrigo BONA, is said to have contacts with the above mentioned Albanian Military Mission, who, in Albania, distinguished himself by his fierce persecution of Italians and who is largely responsible also for the execution of Eng. TARASCONI.

From well informed sources it is made known that BONA is a dependant of the Albanian Government with special espionage duties.

The principal members of the Albanian Military Mission are : KOLI BELICIA - HOXHA KADRI - QAZIM HOXHA - and RIZA LEKA; all of them are dedicated to Commerce and Espionage.

They are said to be responsiblefof the killing of hundreds of Italians in Albania.

It is supposed that RIZA and QAZIM have special Allied permits for they were empolyed as interpreters by the Allied Police; they did not return said permits when they left their positions.

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They also have guns.

The Albanian Military Mission is supposedly accredited with the Supreme Allied Command for the Mediterranean, and should have exclusive military duties.

The factotum and diplomatic courier of said Mission is a certain SELIM ISLAMI, who, being asked by a Police Officer (Italian) and a Corporal of the British Police (Section Security Control) on duty at the airport of Palese (Bari) to open a big bag which, together with the others he was loading on an airplane directed to Albania, refused to do so and renounced to carry said bag stating that it belonged to the Albanian Military Mission in Italy. This happened in January 1946.

The British Corporal - having received orders from his superiors - renounced to verify the contents of said bag which was handed over, at Selim's request, to an Albanian attached to the Mission in question.

It is known that both Selim Islami and one KOL PRIFTI, in that occasion, did not lack in profferings threats against the Italian police official and stated that they would have made it known to the Albanian Military Mission and their Government in order to obtain "ample justifications."

It is evident that said bag must have contained very compromising materiel for said Mission.

It also results that the Questura of Bari in December last arrested an Albanian DOGA LIL by name son of Evangelio and of Zappo Eugenia, born at Valona on 2.2.1901, Albanian commercial agent, member of a so-called ALBANIAN ECONOMIC MISSION, and about whom there were serious suspicions of carrying on non too clear business and political activities and it was retained that he had in him many and large baggages

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a lot of goods acquired in Italy in violation of the directives emanated for the Commerce Abroad by the Allied Commission.

But, at the moment of DOGA's arrest, an Albanian lieutenant intervened and who made a vicious protest to the Questore of Bari for his arrest stating that DOGA was a protege of the Albanian Military Mission which was fully responsible for his person and activities.

He further stated that DOGA was a " personality in charge of an important and delicate diplomatic mission."

All this was in contrast with what DOGA, some time before, had asserted during his questioning for he stated that he came to Italy in order to deal in business matters and to hire Italian workers.

DOGA was released and his baggage could not be controlled, notwhithstanding the fact that the Italian Police had word that he carried on political and military espionage activities for a foreign country.

Having thus exposed the above it is to be deduced that the activities of the aforesaid Albanian Military Mission in Italy are beyond suspicion dangerous because it is clear that it carries on illegal traffic of goods and persons in violation of the directives emanated by the Allied Authorities with regard to the exports from Italy and also because it is considered as the cantre of communist political activities even if they are carried on in agreement with and in the interests of a foreign ~~Power~~ Nation.

19 February 1946

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MISSIONE MILITARE ALBANESE IN ITALIA

La Missione Militare Albanese in Italia, ha sede in Bari - Via Dante Alighieri n.149 -, e precisamente nello stesso stabile dove sono allogati il Comando della Missione Militare Jugoslava in Italia e la Direzione Provinciale del partito comunista.

La suddetta Missione ha parte rilevante nel traffico illecito di merci e di operai che si svolge da tempo fra l'Italia e l'Albania, per il quale fanno uso anche dei mezzi aerei messi a disposizione dell'U.N.R.R.A. per i soccorsi all'Albania.

Detta Missione é composta di elementi autonominatisi Ufficiali dell'Esercito Albanese, i quali riscuotono cattiva stima e nella Colonia Albanese di Bari e in Albania stessa.

Infatti il capo di detta Missione, a nome HOXHA KADRI, attualmente a Tirana, pare che abbia partecipato insieme al fratello SHALA ed altri connazionali, all'uccisione di 100 Carabinieri, tra cui un Tenente Colonnello, in una imboscata effettuata, dopo l'armistizio, sulla Via che mena a Berat.

A Bari, avrebbe stretto contatto con la surripetuta Missione Militare Albanese, anche un Ufficiale italiano rinnegato, il Sottotenente Rodrigo BONA, il quale in Albania si é distinto per la feroce persecuzione di italiani e che, in notevole parte, sarebbe responsabile anche della fucilazione dell'ingegnere TARASCONI.

Da fonte fiduciaria, viene riferito che il BONA é alle dipendenze del Governo Albanese con speciali mansioni di spionaggio.

I principali esponenti della Missione Militare Albanese, sono tali: KOLI BELICIA - HOXHA KADRI - QAZIM HOXHA - e RIZA LEKA; tutti dediti al commercio e allo spionaggio.

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varie e capienti valigie, in suo possesso, materiale acquistato in Italia in contravvenzione alle disposizioni impartite in materia di commercio con l'Estero dalla Commissione Alleata.

Senonché, all'atto del fermo del DOGA, intervenne un sottotenente Albanese, il quale fece vive rimostranze al Questore di Bari per detto fermo, asserendo di essere il DOGA un protetto della Missione Militare Albanese, la quale rispondeva pienamente della rispettabilità e dell'operato di costui.

Asseriva inoltre che il DOGA era "personalità incaricata di una delicata ed importante missione diplomatica„.

Tutto ciò però in contrasto con quanto aveva affermato, poco prima, nel suo interrogatorio lo stesso DOGA, il quale aveva dichiarato di essere venuto in Italia per trattare affari commerciali e per ingaggiare mano d'opera italiana.

Pertanto il DOGA venne rilasciato in libertà, senza che fosse stato possibile verificare il contenuto delle sue valigie.

E ciò, nonostante che la Polizia Italiana avesse notizie che il DOGA svolgesse attività spionistica politica e militare, per conto di una Nazione straniera.

Dato quanto sopra é stato riferito si deduce che l'attività della surripetuta Missione Militare Albanese in Italia é oltremodo sospetta e dannosa, sia perché é chiaro che svolga un illecito traffico di merci e di persone, in contravvenzione alle disposizioni emanate dalle Autorità Alleate in materia di esportazione dall'Italia e sia perché é considerato un centro di attività politica filocomunista, vuolsi svolta d'accordo e per conto di una Nazione estera.-

li 19 febbraio 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O.394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF. : SD/540.08

7 March 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission, BARI

TO : G.S.I. HQ No.3 District. C.M.F.

1. Reference our letter of even number dated 15 February 1946.

2. It will be appreciated if you will expedite a reply.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN, 00044
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF. : 540.08

15 Feb. 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission, Bari.

TO : C.S.I., HQ. No. 3 District, C.M.F.

1. The Italian Government has addressed a communication to this Headquarters requesting the recall of the above Mission.

2. It is stated that the Mission at Bari consists of some 12 persons and it is alleged their general and political activities are infringing the security of the Italian State.

3. Any information which your HQ. may have regarding this Mission will be appreciated to enable a suitable report being forwarded to higher authorities.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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SECURITY DIVISION

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REF. :SD/540.08 I4 Feb. I946

SUBJECT :Albanian activities at Bari

TO :Liaison Officer, Allied Commission, Bari.

I. With reference to your report LB/3 dated 25 October I945.

2. A letter has now been received from A.F.H.Q. and there appears to be some confusion as to what "Mission" is referred to.

3. With a view to clarifying this doubt it will be appreciated if this Division can be given more detailed information of the personalities, status, location etc. of the Albanian Mission referred to in para 5 (a) of your report.

4. Please treat this as URGENT.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission.

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Copy to Executive Commissioner

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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Rome, February 7th, 1946

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2) It is known that the British Military Mission is also about to leave Albania within the next few days, due to the imminent appointment of a British diplomatic representative to Tirana, and that the U.S. Military Mission have ceased their activities in Albania several months ago.

3) With the withdrawal of the two aforesaid Military Missions a further permanence of the Albanian Military Mission in Bari appears to be totally unjustified inasmuch as the Tirana Government will appoint, as a matter of course, diplomatic Representatives in London and Washington to entertain normal diplomatic relations with Britain and the U.S.A.

4) Moreover it is to be assumed that-military operations having now ceased for some considerable time - the tasks which caused the establishment of the Albanian Military Mission of Bari do no longer exist.

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Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
ROME

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Very cordially yours,

(sgd) R. PRUNAS

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Roma, 1 FEBBRAIO

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Caro Ammiraglio,

La ringrazio della Sua cortese comunicazione del 27 dicembre u.s. n° SD/540.08 e mi consenta di ritornare sull'argomento della Missione Militare albanese di Bari.-

1.- Come è noto alla Commissione Alleata, la Missione Italiana in Albania, diretta dal Console Generale Turcato, che si era recata a Tirana previo regolare accordo con il Governo albanese, è stata costretta ad interrompere il suo lavoro ed a rientrare il 21 gennaio u.s. in Italia su richiesta di quel Governo.-

2.- In pari tempo risulta che anche la Missione Militare Britannica dovrebbe lasciare nei prossimi giorni l'Albania a seguito dell'imminente invio di un rappresentante diplomatico britannico in quella Capitale; mentre è noto che la Missione Militare degli S.U.A. ha cessato la sua attività in Albania già da alcuni mesi.-

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Admiral Ellery W.STONE U.N.S.R.
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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La ringrazio della Sua cortese comunicazione del 27 dicembre u.s. n° SD/540.08 e mi consenta di ritornare sull'argomento della Missione Militare albanese di Bari.-

1.- Come è noto alla Commissione Alleata, la Missione Italiana in Albania, diretta dal Console Generale Turcato, che si era recata a Tirana previo regolare accordo con il Governo albanese, è stata costretta ad interrompere il suo lavoro ed a rientrare il 21 gennaio u.s. in Italia su richiesta di quel Governo.-

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

4.- Inoltre è da ritenere che - essendo cessate da tempo le operazioni militari - i compiti per cui la Missione Militare albanese di Bari era stata istituita siano venuti meno.-

5.- Al riguardo desidero sottolineare che, secondo le informazioni raccolte dalle Autorità Italiane, la Missione Militare albanese di Bari, composta - compreso il personale subalterno - di 12 persone, continua a svolgere tutta una serie di atti illeciti che vanno dal traffico clandestino di valute e di merci a forme di attività politica incompatibili con la sovranità dello Stato italiano.-

Confido pertanto che Ella, caro Ammiraglio, vorrà considerare con la migliore benevolenza le ragioni esposte affinchè la Missione Militare albanese di Bari sia ritirata.-

Le prego di credermi, caro Ammiraglio, molto

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ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

17 January 1946.

G-5: 334-118

SUBJECT: Albanian Mission in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Your letter SD/540.08 of 10 January 1946.

1. No further action can be taken against the three Albanians concerned since you allege that one has returned to Albania and you do not know the whereabouts of the other two.

2. Meanwhile you will have received AFHQ letter G-5: 334-118 dated 14 January 1946.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN.

for M Thlem Col

A. L. HAMBLEN,
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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G-5: 334-118

14 January 1946

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SUBJECT: Activities of Albanians

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

Reference your SD/540.09-2 of 4 January 1946.

1. A copy of your SD/540.09 of 16 November 1945, as requested, was received but the attachments were missing. It is regretted that you are being inconvenienced over this matter in that your original letter and attachments thereto have been mislaid within AFHQ. Before, however, requesting you to send the missing attachments it is possible that the following paragraphs will clarify this matter as it now stands.

2. The question of an Albanian "Mission" and its activities in the Bari Area have been raised separately by you in two series of letters; one originating from the Economics Section under the reference 2.16/ES; the other originating from the Civil Affairs Section under the reference SD/540.08. It is requested that you examine the two series of correspondence conjointly in order to arrive at the points which are now outstanding.

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3. In general the following observations are made:

a. There is some confusion as to what "Mission" is refered to in the correspondence. Originally the matter arose over AFHQ letter G-5: 334-132 of 4 October 1945, subject "Albanian Missions to Italy". AFHQ signal F 49087 of 17 October 1945 and AC signal 7448 of 20 October 1945 are also relevant. No opinion has yet been expressed by Allied Commission following these signals, the next developments being complaints as to the illegal activities of certain Albanians in the Bari area.

b. The six Albanians allegedly forming a Mission in the memorandum LB/3 dated 14 November 1945 from the Allied Commission Liaison Officer, Bari appear to have entered Italy separately and not as a Mission. Approval of the entry of a Mission as such was never given by AFHQ. Individual Albanians, have, however obtained Allied Force permits and have entered legitimately in a private capacity. This

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Section endeavored to trace the legitimacy of the entry of the six referred to above and, as a consequence, dispatched AFHQ letter, G-5: 334-132 of 22 December 1945 to you listing three names of Albanians whose entry may have been illegal.

c. The pre-requisites for entry into Italy of private individuals who are not Allied sponsored are two; firstly they require security clearance by the Allied authorities; secondly they require the approval of the Italian Government. If the latter has not been given, or is withdrawn, the persons concerned may be returned to their country of origin. Persons of the category of the subject Albanians are not sheltered by the provisions of AFHQ letter 091.1 (Italy) dated 11 January 1946, subject "Aliens in Italy" and Allied assistance in removing such persons will be given.

4. After examining the problem again in the light of the foregoing please advise AFHQ of the course of action which you desire.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

for M Thlenn Col

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF : SD/540.08 (4) 10 January 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Mission in Italy

TO : A.C. of S., G-5 AFHQ

1. Reference your letter G-5: 334-132, dated 22 Dec. 45, the following information has been obtained regarding the three persons named:

a. DOGGA Lil. Born at VALONA on 2 Feb. 1901, merchant in possession of passport No. 148 issued in Tirana on 21 September 1945. Arrived in Rome from Albania on 4 October 1945 and stayed at Lugano Hotel until 9 Oct. when he left for Milan. He returned to Rome on 21 Nov. at the same Hotel and left on 1 Dec. for Bari and eventually Albania. Whilst in Italy he is known to have contacted some of his fellow nationals. DOGGA has been the subject of a report by the Italian Mission in Albania to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding his alleged illegal traffic of men and stores between Italy and Albania. As a result of this report DOGGA will be detained should he return to Italy, on the orders of the Ministry of the Interior.

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b. RUKA Sahin, appears identical with RUSKA Halcin, born at VALONA on 4 Jan. 1918, an employee who accompanied the above named on passport No. 417 issued at Tirana on 21 Sept. 1945. It seems RUKA accompanied DOGGA throughout his travels in Italy.

c. CAVASOLA Domenico. No trace can be found of this man, he did not stay at the Lugano Hotel with the two mentioned above.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

Copy to: Economic Section - your 2.16/ES dated 27 Dec. 45 refers.
Liaison Officer AC, Bari your LB/3 dated 14 Nov. 45 refers.

AHE/nb Copy of above passed to Commerce S/C as their request

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SUBJECT: Albanian Missions to Italy

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1	7 Jan	Com (FT) s/c	Ref. para 1 of enclosed AFHQ ltr. Action copy was sent to Public Safety s/c on 27 Dec, copy to Commerce. End ltr forwarded for appropriate action ref para 2.	Joseph W. Barber JOSEPH W. BARBER 1st Lt, Inf Pers O, Econ Sect
2.	7 Jan	Public Safety s/c	Please may this s/c be supplied with the above mentioned information as soon as possible in order that we can comply with the request for action recorded in 1. above.	Commerce (F.T) s/c. Falcofer Lt.

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APO 512

G-5: 334-132

JAN - 7 1946

3 January 1946

SUBJECT: Albanian Missions to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Reference your AC/5127/AL/Commerce of 29 December 1945, subject as above.

1. Our G-5: 334-132 of 22 December 1945 to you requested that you forward if possible the address of 3 named Albanians, in order that security investigations may be made as it is believed that they may have entered the country without an AF permit.

2. It is requested that you forward a reply to our letter of 22 December as soon as possible.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN

for A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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The Albanian citizen DOGGA LIL, son of Evangelo and Zappo Eugenia, born in Valona on the 2/2/1901, merchant, has a pass N° 418, given to him in Tirana on the 21/9/45. He came to Rome from Albania on the 4/10/45, and took lodgings at the "LUGANO" Hotel.
He left it on the 9th and went - it seems - to Milan.
He was accompagnied by his countryman SAHIN RUKA, son of Fazllint and Hans Filx, born in Valona on the 4/1/1918, employee, who has pass N° 417 given to his in Tirana on the 21/9/45.
DOGGA returned to Rome on the 21/11/45 and took lodgings in the "LUGANO" Hotel which he left on the 1/12/1945 in order to go to Bari and Albania.
During his stay in Rome, DOGGA saw a countryman, but it does not result that he had business with local firms in order to buy furniture o something else for the adornment of the seat of the Presidency of the Council of Tirana.

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We have nothing to report regarding the name of CAVASOLA Domenico
His name does not result in the register of the "LUGANO" Hotel.
DOGGA was reported to the Ministry of Interior by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs following a report of the Italian mission in Albania for illicit trafic of men and stores between Italy and Albania.
The Ministry of Interior has decided to hold DOGGA in the eventuality of his return to Italy.

ROME, the 6/1/1946.!

Il suddito albanese Dogga Lil di Evangelo e di Zappo Eugenia, nato a Valona il 2/2/1901, commerciante, munito di passaporto n°418 rilasciato a Tirana il 21/9/1945, è giunto a Roma, proveniente dall'Albania, il 4 ottobre decorso anno, prendendo alloggio all'albergo Lugano. Ripartì il giorno 9 successivo diretto, a quanto risultò, a Milano. Egli era in compagnia del suo connazionale Shahin Ruka di Fazlint e di Hams Filx, nato a Valona il 4/1/1918, impiegato, munito di passaporto n°417 rilasciato a Tirana il 21/9/1945.

Il Dogga fece qui ritorno il 21 novembre 1945 riprendendo alloggio all'albergo Lugano, ripartendo il 1° dicembre 1945 per Bari, diretto in Albania.

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Durante la sua permanenza a Roma il Dogga he avuto contatti con qualche suo connazionale, ma non risulta abbia trattato affari con di te locali per l'acquisto di mobili od altro, occorrenti per l'arredamento della sede della Presidenza del Consiglio di Tirana.

Al nome di Cavasola Domenica non si rinvengono precedenti, nè risulta notificato in questo schedario alloggiati o che abbia soggiornato all'albergo Lugano.

Il Dogga venne segnalato al Ministero dell'Interno da quello degli Esteri in seguito a comunicazione a quest'ultimo Dicastero da parte della Missione Italiana in Albenia per un illecito traffico di uomini e di materiali tra l'Albania e l'Italia.

Il Ministero dell'Interno ha disposto il fermo del Dogga Lil nella eventualità che egli faccia qui ritorno.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

27 December 1945

Ref: 2.16/ES

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SUBJECT: Albanian Missions to Italy

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. The enclosed letter from AFHQ (Incl. #1) is forwarded for your action, if possible.

2. The presence of the Albanians in Italy was confirmed by Incl. #2, which is forwarded for your information. Our 2.16/ES of 30 November 1945, as referred to in Incl. #1 was a covering letter to AFHQ for Incl. #2, and offers no additional information.

FOR THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT:

Joseph W. Durber
JOSEPH W. DURBER
1st Lt., Infantry
Personnel Officer

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2 Incls.
1 - G-5: 334-132, 22 December 45
2 - LB/3, 14 November 1945

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G-5: 334-132

22 December 1945

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SUBJECT: Albanian Missions to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Reference is made to your 2.16/RS of 30 November 1945.

1. We should be grateful if you could, if possible, supply the present addresses and whereabouts in ROME of the following individuals:

Signor DOGA, Lil
Signor HUSKA, Halain
Signor CASASOLA, Domenico.

2. This information is required in connection with certain security investigations that may have to be undertaken.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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A. L. FAHRNEY
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE
28 DEC 1945

Copy to: G-2 - Your GBI-389.610/2 of 18 December refers.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

14 November 1945

Ref: LB/3

SUBJECT: Alledged illegal purhcases by Albanians on Italian market

TO : HQ Allied Commission for Commerce Sub-Commission

Reference AC/5131/3 Commerce dated 23 October 1945.

1. The activities of the Albanian Mission are being closely followed by the Guardia di Finanza, who are fully in the picture.

2. At the present time the members of the Mission are in ROME.

3. 54 Area state that if any Albanians apply to leave Italy from BARI, either by sea or air, their baggage will be searched prior to departure. 52 Area are being approached with a view to a similar arrangement in regard to TARANTO and BRINDISI.

4. The Guardia di Finanza of BARI confirm the names of the personnel of the Mission as below:

Signor	FINO	Economic Mission
Signor	KOL KUQALI	
Signor	KELLESI	
Signor	LIL DOGA	Purchasing Mission
Signor	Hakin RUSKA	
Signor	Domenico CASASOLA	

HSH/cb

/s/ H. S. Hartley, Col.

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H. S. Hartley, Col.
Liaison Officer AC BARI

Copy to : Civil Affairs Section
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HQ 52 Area (with copy of AC/5131/3 Commerce of 23 Oct. and attachment)
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REF. : SD/540.09-2

4 January 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Activities.

TO : A.F.H.Q. (for G-5)

1. With reference to your G.5:334-118 of 24 December 1945.

2. Herewith copy of our SD/540.09 dated 16 November 1945 as requested.

3. It will be appreciated of you would forward your reply thereto at your earliest convenience.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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24 December 1945

G-5: 334-118

SUBJECT: Albanian activities

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

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1. Reference your SD/540.08 dated 20 ~~November~~ December 1945.

2. Please forward a copy of subject letter reference SD/540.09 of 16 November 1945 as no trace can be found.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

for M Tillem Col

A. L. HAMBLEN,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Ref: SD/540.08

27 December 1945

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Dear Sig. Primas,

With reference to your letter No 71/1830/1470 of 5 Dec 1945 and further to my letter No SD/540.08 of 21 Nov 1945, no decisions have yet been received from the military authorities with regard to the question.

I have asked for the matter to be expedited.

Very sincerely yours,

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
for KILLERY E. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Nobile Cav. Don Renato Primas
Ministro Plenipotenziario
Segretario Generale
Ministero degli Affari Esteri
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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

17A

Ref : SD/540.09

20 Dec 45

SUBJECT : Albanian activities

TO : AFHQ for G-5

1 With reference to this HQ letter SD/540.09 of 16 Nov 45, can this HQ please be informed how the matter stands.

2 A further communication dated 5 Dec 45 has been received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs on this subject, a copy of which is enclosed.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

M. CARR
Brigadier,
VP CA Sec.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Rome, December 5th, 1945

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DEC 14 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

I am grateful to you for your kind letter nº S.P./54008 dated November 21st ult.

With the occasion I wish to inform you that, during a conversation with the Consul General Turcato (Chief of the Italian Mission in Tirana), Colonel General Enver Hoxha gave to understand that inasmuch as the Albanian Military Mission in Bari is accredited to the Allied Command in Italy, it is the intention of the Albanian Government to maintain it until such time as said Command will exist.

The Chief of the Mission, Lieutenant Colonel Kadrì Hoxha has - on his side - declared to Consul General Turcato to be of the opinion that, the heavy expenditure notwithstanding, the Albanian Government have an interest to maintain said Mission, not only because of reasons of prestige, but because it is useful for political and commercial aims.

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In this connection, I also wish to inform you that I have been advised that an Albanian motor-trawler is shuttling, roughly once a fortnight, between Italy and Albania, carrying merchandise and persons, who are evading the control of the Allied and Italian Authorities.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

(signed) R. PRUNAS

Admiral Ellery W.STONE, U.N.S.R.
Chief Commissioner
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Dear Admiral Stone,

I am grateful to you for your kind letter nº S.P./54006 dated November 21st ult.

With the occasion I wish to inform you that, during a conversation with the Consul General Turcato (Chief of the Italian Mission in Tirana), Colonel General Enver Hoxha gave to understand that inasmuch as the Albanian Military Mission in Bari is accredited to the Allied Command in Italy, it is the intention of the Albanian Government to maintain it until such time as said Command will exist.

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Admiral Ellery W.STONE, U.N.S.R.
Chief Commissioner
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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

71/1830/1470

Roma, 5 dicembre 1945.-

15 DIC. 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

La ringrazio della Sua cortese lettera numero S.P./54009 del 21 novembre u.s.-

Con l'occasione desidero informarLe che nel corso di una conversazione avuta con il Console Generale Turcato, Capo della nostra Missione Italiana a Tirana, il Colonnello Generale Enver Hoxha ha fatto capire che essendo la Missione Militare albanese a Bari accreditata presso il Comando Alleato in Italia, è intenzione del Governo albanese di mantenerla fino a quando esisterà il Comando stesso.-

Del canto suo, il Capo della Missione, Tenente Colonnello Kadrì Hoxha, ha dichiarato al Console Generale Turcato di ritenere che malgrado le forti spese, il Governo albanese è interessato al mantenimento della Missione stessa, oltre che per ragioni di prestigio "anche perchè serve per fini politici e commerciali".-

A tale riguardo La informo pure che mi è stato

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Ammiraglio
Ellery W.STONE U.S.N.R.
Capo della Commissione Alleata
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segnalato che un motopeschereccio albanese farebbe la spola ogni 15 giorni circa tra l'Italia e l'Albania, sottraendo al controllo delle Autorità Alleate e Italiane carichi di merci e di persone.-

Le prego di voler gradire, caro Ammiraglio, gli atti della mia più distinta considerazione.-

R. Ferreri

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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Ref: SD/540.08

21 November 1945

Dear Sig. Prunas,

The questions raised in your letter No. 71/1481/1169 dated 12 October 1945 have been under discussion with the Military Authorities with a view to seeing whether the Albanian Military Mission can be dispensed with.

It is hoped to write you further on this subject at an early date.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Nobile Cav. Don Renato Prunas
Ministro Plenipotenziario
Segretario Generale
Ministero degli Affari Esteri
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

16 Nov 45.

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Ref: SD/540.09

SUBJECT: Albanian Activities.

TO: AFHQ. G-5 Section.

1 The Italian Government has been complaining of the illegal activities carried on by Albanians at Bari and S. Maria di Leuce which are alleged to be supported by an Albanian Military Mission.

2 The Italian Government asks that the position of this Mission may be examined with a view to deciding whether its continued presence in Italy is justified in view of the fact that an exchange of Missions is taking place between Tirana and Rome pursuant to the provisions of the Hoxha-Palermo agreement of March 14th. This Headquarters has no knowledge of the work of this Albanian Military Mission but so far as the functions of Allied Commission are concerned, this Commission has no objection to the Mission being ended.

3 A copy of the report from the Liaison Officer Bari and the letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are attached.

4 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs also asks, in view of the serious nature of the occurrences, whether it would be possible to have the assistance of Allied Police. He is quite aware that his Government has full authority but desires to avoid any chance of international trouble.

5 Will you please say whether you consider the retention of this Mission desirable.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

S.H. WHITE, Lt. Col.
A/VP CA Section.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

30 OCT. 1945

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

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25 October 1945

REF : LB/3

SUBJECT : Albanian activities at BARI

TO : HQ Allied Commission
for Public Sefety Sub Commission.

Security Division
1730
540.08

Reference SD/54008 dated 13 October 1945.

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6. The representative in BARI of the British Military Mission to Albania personally witnessed the departure of GËRGE LIPPI by sea and of HAKI KAPIDANIT by air. Both appeared to be leaving of their own will. Certificates as in .5. (b) above were not at that time in force.

HSH/cb

H.S.HARTLEY , Col.
Liaison Officer
AC BARI

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- Allied Commission ✓ Civil Affairs Section
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- HQ 52 Area
- HQ 54 Area
- Representative in BARI of British Military Mission to Albania c/o HQ. 54 Area.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF : SD/540.08

13 October 1945

SUBJECT : Albanian Activities at Bari

TO : AC Liaison Officer Bari, for attention

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S/ S.J. HARVEY, Maj.,
T/ JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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Copy to: G-2 (CI) AFHQ

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Direction of P.S.

21 Sept. 1945

Division A.G.R. Section

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION OF P.S.
R O M A

No. 443/33837

SUBJECT : Albanian partisan activities

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See security division monthly report for Sep. 1945. Para 26.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Rough Translation 9A

nº 71/1481/1169

18 OTT. 1945

Rome, October 12th, 1945 -

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(Translation C.C.)

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
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Division A.G.R. Section 3

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21 Sept. 1945

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DIREZIONE GENERALE
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Roma, 2I Settembre 19 45

Divisione A.G.R. Sez. 3ª
Prot. N.° 443/33837 Allegati

Al l'On. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
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ALL'On. MINISTERO AFFARI ESTERI - ROMA
ALL'On. GABINETTO DEL SIG. MINISTRO
DELL'INTERNO - ROMA

Risposta al Foglio del
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Viene altresì segnalato che a Bari circolano con motociclette due partigiani albanesi in divisa ed in abito borghese, armati, che svolgono attività politica ed esercitano la vigilanza sui connazionali non partigiani, e che la Missione Albanese rilascia agli aderenti e simpatizzanti permessi

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di porto d'arme validi nel Regno.

Il 31 agosto u.s. un agente di P.S. addetto all'Ufficio stranieri della Questura ha ricevuto l'impressione di essere stato seguito da uno di detti motociclisti per circa 45 minuti. Detto agente si era fermato in due vie di questo capoluogo per poco tempo e per ragioni di servizio con elementi albanesi non partigiani.

Di tali fatti è stato informato il 4 corrente il Comando della 54ª Area.

Per ovvie ragioni non è possibile approfondire le indagini sui fatti surriferiti ed anche perchè gli albanesi non partigiani che sono a conoscenza di tali episodi non intendono fare alcuna confidenza o dichiarazione per timore di rappresaglie.-

Comunque l'attività dei partigiani albanesi viene seguita attentamente e non si mancherà di comunicare tempestivamente le eventuali notizie raccolte.

La Prefettura di Lecce è interessata di accertare possibilmente e riferire al Ministero e a questo ufficio circa l'episodio di S.Maria di Leuca."""

Tanto si comunica per notizia e per gli eventuali provvedimenti, che si riterrebbero opportuni da adottare in merito.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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7 Aug 45

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government

(Through Liaison Officer to the
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission)

I refer you to your Memorandum of 27 Jul 45 regarding the entry of Albanian into Italy.

It would appear that this matter is one in which the Italian Government has full competence and there are no grounds on which the Allied Commission can usefully interfere.

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G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section

Copy to Security Division
(Attn. Capt. HAYES)

MINUTE SHEET 617

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TO: Executive Commissioner.

Reference Minute 8.

1 The letter referred to was not, and was not intended to be, referred to your Section.

2 5A is submitted for signature by the Chief Commissioner if approved.

S.H. WHITE, Lt Col,
A/VP CA Section.

Tel. Ext. 525.
16 Nov 45.

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C.S.O.

Pse see min 9 and letter submitted for signature: also file 4A which is the action taken with A.F.H.Q.

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CSO — for the Castle
Off. Ex. Comm.

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Chief Commissioner.

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Office of EC.

Security Div. Letter for despatch.

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For the CSO

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Ex. Com. Sec.

Ref. min. 8. The letter referred to was never submitted to you, and there was never any intention of so submitting it.

A.V.P. CAS.

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C.A. Section, attn Lt. Col. White.

This Mission works entirely with the Branch of the Military Mission for Albania at BARI and we have little contact with it. From a D.P.R. point of view doubt whether it is necessary.

O.F. FOTHERGILL,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

8 November 1945
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CA Section:

I do not know the object of the Mission but I do not have any objection to its being terminated subject to the conditions mentioned your minute 4.

J. Wilkes Jones
Pol. Ad (Am) Nov. 8/45

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I agree, subject to any views the British military mission to Albania may have in regard to its usefulness. This point might be put to A.F.H.Q when making our recommendation for the mission's abolition.

A.J. Hopkinson
Pol. adv. (B) Nov. 13.

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CA See

It is felt that submitted letter does not really seem to answer 1A particularly in view of mins 6 & 7 which concur with the idea of the possibility of the abolition of the Mission.

R.B. Lapthe
Off. Ex Comm.

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Min. No. 3

TO: V.P. C.A. Section

Draft reply to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is attached for signature. It is however pointed out that this Sub Commission is not competent to deal with the final paragraph of the Ministry's letter, which paragraph contains the crux of the whole matter.

TX 686
3 Nov. 45

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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} in succession

Reference the last para of 1 A. The Italian Govt is asking the allies to examine the justification for the albanian military mission (which it is suggested is a source of trouble) remaining in Italy in view of the agreement for the reducing to semi official missions.

Can you say the object of the Mission to which objection has been taken. Subject to the views of any allied authority with which such mission may be working Holle 7/11 any objection to this mission being terminated.

H.H. Wilson Lt Col.

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J.N.W.L.L.
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Ref 40/540.08

Min. No. 1

To : V.P. C.A. Section

A translation of Ministry of Interior's letter 443/33837 of 21 Sep. 1945 is attached. AC Liaison Officer, Bari, was asked to obtain confirmation of the matter contained in this letter, but no reply has yet been received. The maintenance of law and order in Italian Government territory is entirely the responsibility of the Italian Authorities and the request for the use of Allied Police rather savours of an attempt to shelve the responsibility for any action taken and is considered both undesirable and unnecessary. If the Albanian Mission has no official status, its members should be treated as ordinary foreigners resident in Italy and obliged to register with the Italian Authorities and conform to Italian law. There is no reason why the Italian Authorities should be unable to amass sufficient police strength to deal with the matter without outside assistance.

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission

31 October 1945

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PS

As the reply for ACLO Bari has not been received to-day I will resubmit with suggested draft reply

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31 OCT. 1945
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CA. Section

W.W. Wright Lt Col

540-09 Folder in Albanian cases

From "D'Indipendente" 15 September 1945

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GANG OF ALBANIAN CRIMINALS IN ROME

Albanian internees, coming back from contentration camps through Italy, are reporting shameful epysodes of Albanian criminals, who, escaped to the people's justice, are now still perpetrating their crimes in Italy, supported by the Italian reactionaries, who hope to obtain new concessions in Albania.

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TRAME DELITTUOSE ALL'OMBRA DELL'OSPITALITÀ

Una banda di criminali albanesi ha piantato le tende in Italia

Sfuggiti alla giustizia del loro paese avrebbero fatto di un palazzo di via Collina a Roma il centro della losca attività

TIRANA, 14.

(SIDI). Gli internati albanesi che ritornano dai campi di concentramento, passando dall'Italia, riferiscono episodi vergognosi di criminali albanesi i quali, dopo essere riusciti a sfuggire alla giustizia del popolo, si trovano oggi in Italia ove continuano ad esercitare la loro attività delittuosa, sostenuti dalla reazione italiana che spera ottenere nuovamente delle concessioni in Albania.

Una parte di questi criminali vive grazie all'oro rubato al popolo albanese. Basta notare che più di 30.000 luigi d'oro sono stati trovati in possesso di tre criminali di guerra albanesi provenienti dall'Austria. Quelli che sono sprovvisti di mezzi ricorrono al vecchio sistema tanto usato nei tempi passati, cioè si fanno prestare danaro dagli italiani e poi scompaiono dalla circolazione. Molti di essi si sono sposati con fanciulle italiane ricche. Un esempio di tal genere è quello di Mehmet Alemi, ex comandante di operazioni del Balli Kombetar, il quale, benchè ammogliato con figli in Albania, ha sposato la figlia del proprio padrone di casa.

Il centro dei traditori albanesi è stato stabilito in un palazzo sito a Roma in via Collina, ove si svolgono continue baruffe perchè ognuno vuol divenire presidente. Tutti soffrono di mania di persecuzione e tremano all'idea che un giorno saranno chiamati alla resa dei conti.

Questi traditori ricevono in Italia aiuto materiale da parte di un gruppo italiano che fu già detentore di concessioni in Albania. Questi traditori, pur di far quattrini, promettono future concessioni a lunga scadenza ed assai più importanti di quelle precedenti.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

3/7.1/CA 7 Aug 45

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government

(Through Liaison Officer to the
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission)

I refer you to your Memorandum of 27 Jul 45 regarding the entry of Albanians into Italy.

It would appear that this matter is one in which the Italian Government has full competence and there are no grounds on which the Allied Commission can usefully interfere.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

Copy to Security Division
(Attn. Capt. HAYES)

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ACC 10000|143|2713 540.8 ALBANIAN AFFAIRS

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V.P. CA

Letter forwarded for signature please if approved

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A.K. Ellis Capt
Sec. Div.

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Security

Letter signed & file returned.

B. Thomson
CPL

30/4.

C.A.S.

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V.P. CA.

Please see 39A

10/5.

A.K. Ellis Capt.

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Ex Comm

Please see HOA once signature.

18 May.

Draft letter submitted for approval

A.K. Ellis Capt
Security Div.

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V.P. C.A.S.

attached letter for signature Doc if appd.

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E.J. Rye Col.

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I. P. & A. Section.

For your information herewith letter received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Please inform this Division as to the present position of this case.

C Hayes
Capt.
Security Div.

14 Dec 1945

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Security Div
Please see 17A + 18A.

H.E.S. Jerson
for
C.A. Lec

24 Dec 46

Sec'y. 24/12.

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Ex. Comm.

Letter enclosed for signature by C.C. if approved
A reminder has been sent to D.P.W. & S. at 17A

21/XII

M. Murray
U.P.C.A.S.

Ex. Com.

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Please see min. 3 — letter attached.

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Division as to the present position of [illegible]

C/Hayes
Capt.
Security Div.

14 Dec 1945

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Please see 17A + 18A.

Alfred Jason
Sgt
C & Cec

24 Dec 45

Sent O.K. 6pt. 24/12.

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M Marsbury
V.P.C.A.S.

Enclosure.

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Please see min. 3 — letter attached.

T-Hayes
23/12.

H.S. 22/12.

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CAS.
Letter signed as requested. Copies withdrawn for CC and R.C. files.

J.J. 27/12

Sec Div Forwarded for despatch.
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Security Division 6.

Could you please take action on the attached letter. Copy to Ex. Cl Office.

HS 14/2.

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Ex Comm.

Report of Security Division for information. I concur in recommendation in para 9.

Chapman
Lt-Col.

TX C&L
20 Mar. HL

CD Ex-Com. 8.

37a for info- support Security Div. continuing handle matter as outlined in para 9.

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HS 20/3

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P.S. S/C

I agree in general that AFHQ. should be asked to arrange for recall of Mr Mission. But in putting up the matter we must clear up any misunderstanding referred to at 27A. We should also point out that Italian P.M. has requested withdrawal.

C. A Section should co-ordinate the matter and when a draft letter has been agreed it should be seen by P.O.Ads.

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M Carr Berg
for E. Crum

CA Sec. 10.

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Report of Security Division for information. ✓
Concur in recommendation in para 9.
TX C4L
20 Mar. 46

Chapman
Lt-Col. D.S.D.

C&D Ex-Com. 7.

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M Carr Bij
for E. C. Green

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C.A. Sec.

Attached draft is forwarded for approval.
Copy of Min of Y. A. letter can be attached after approval.

Capt
Sec. Div.

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P.S. S/C. The attached letter forwarded to AFHQ

P Keating Maj
CA Section A/Sec.

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HQ ACDP ALCOM 15 11.30 December 1946

(1) GENERAL HEADQUARTERS CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE

(2) GEORGE FIVE ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Copy to : Public Safety Division.

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JOHN R. HAYES
Major AGD.
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ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.08

16 October 1946

SUBJECT : BRITISH Mark

TO : Ministry of Interior,
General Direction of Public Safety.

1. The attached petition has been received at this HQ and concerns the above named subject who was apparently arrested in MILAN on 25 September 1946 by Italian police authorities.

2. Forwarded for information and any action you may deem necessary.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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E.J. BYE,
Colonel,
A/Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF. : SD/540.08 3 July 1946

SUBJECT : PAPAPETRO Lazaro

TO : C.L.O. Lombardia Liaison
(Att'n of P.S.L.O.)

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1. Reference your PS/MISC dated 3 June and 1 July 1946.

2. Copy of a letter from the Ministry of the Interior giving reasons for subject's arrest is forwarded herewith.

E.J. BYE,
Colonel,
A/ Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Director of Public Safety
Div. A.G.R. Sect. 3
N. 443/49642

16 May 1946

TO: Allied Commission
Displaced Persons and
Repatriation SubComm.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

SUBJECT : Albanian - PAPAPETRO Lazare fu Teodoro, born Coreid 26.3.1908.

The Milan Prefettura reports having arrested on 20.5.46 the above named alien subject for illegal sale of medicines (insullin)

PAPAPETRO's activities are not quite clear but he is known to be concerned in shady transactions and particularly in the drug trafficking.

When arrested, was in the process of selling 250gr of insullin for Lire 8,800,000.

Being an alien found in Italy without justifiable reasons and being of a dangerous and undesirable element, and associating with other persons belonging to a large gang of international smugglers, this Ministry has decided to send him to the collecting centre of FOSSILI di CARPI whilst awaiting disposal instructions from the Allied Commission for his repatriation.

FOR THE MINISTER
Sgd. Illegible

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Public Safety Liaison Office
Montecatini Building
Via Albania 20, Milan
'phone 12641 ext. 2058

PS/Misc.

1st July 1946.

SUBJECT : Pappetro Lazare,
Via Mazzini 20, Milan.

TO : Hq. Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub Commission, Security Division.

1. Reference our PS/Misc. of 5 June 1946 a further copy of which is attached.

2. This man is still in the concentration camp, can you please answer para 4 of our first letter.

For the Chief Liaison Officer,

J.B. Forbes

J.B. FORBES, Capt.
Public Safety
Liaison Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

PS/Misc.

Public Safety Liaison Office
Montecatini Building
20, Via Albania - Milan
('phone 12641 ext. 2058)

3rd June 1946

SUBJECT : PAPAPETRO Lazare
20, Via Mazzini, Milan.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Public Safety Sub - Commission
Security Division.

1. The a/m Subject who is an Albanian business man resident in Milan, has recently been arrested by Questura Agents and taken to a Concentration Camp at Fossili, near Modena.

2. The Questore states that PAPAPETRO has been arrested on instructions from the Ministry of the Interior who is awaiting further orders from Allied Commission.

3. This case has been passed to us by U.N.R.R.A. Welfare because Albania has no Consul in Milan, to look after the interests of Albanians.

4. Can you please let this Office know if Subject was in fact arrested and put into Fossili Camp on instructions from you?

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For the Chief Liaison Officer.

J.B.FORSTER, Capt. G.L.
Public Safety
Liaison Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

REF : ED/540.08

23 May 1946

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Dear Sig. PRUNAS,

With reference to your letter 71/2826/2090 dated 20 April 1946 to Brigadier Lush and previous correspondence, the Albanian Military Mission at Bari has now returned to its country.

Very sincerely yours,

Brigadier,
Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

Nobile Cav. Don Renato PRUNAS
Ministro Plenipotenziario,
Segretario Generale,
Ministero degli Affari Esteri,
R O M A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 911.610

16 May 1946

SUBJECT: Albanian Military Mission at Bari.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Reference the letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reference 71/2826/2090 of 20 April 46, forwarded under cover of your letter reference SD/540.08 of 27 April 46.

2. You may inform the Italian Government that the Albanian Military Mission at Bari has now been returned to its country.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 911.610

6 May 1946

SUBJECT: Albanian Military Mission at Bari.

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Brigadier General, C.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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AC/14345/PS

10 May 1946.

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission.

TO : Ministry of Interior
Director General of P.S.

1. With reference to the phone message from Dott. Ferrari to Col. Bye at 16.55 hrs 9th May 1946, with regard to the search of the baggage of the Albanian Military Mission.

2. At 17.00 hrs 9th May a telephone message was received at this Hqs. from A.F.H.Q. stating that the Albanian Military Mission was sailing from Brindisi at 6 pm 9th May 1946, and a telegram had been received by the local Italian Authorities from the Ministry of Interior giving instructions that the baggage of the Mission should be subject to rigid search before departure.

3. The Mission is accredited to A.F.H.Q. and in view of this and as the British Military Mission when leaving Albania was not subjected to special search, A.F.H.Q. have instructed the local Allied Military Commander and A.C. Liaison to arrange with the local Italian Authorities that no search of the baggage of the Mission is carried out.

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K.J. BYE Colonel
Acting Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

REF : SD/540.08 27 April 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission at Bari

TO : AFHQ for G-5

1. Reference to this Headquarters' letter SD/540.03 dated 28 Mar 46 and previous correspondence referred to therein.

2. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs have addressed a further letter, dated 20 April 1946, to this Headquarters regarding the activities of the above Mission. Copy translation attached.

3. It is requested that this Headquarters be advised of developments.

M. CARR, Brig.,
VP CA Section

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
POLAD "A"
POLAD "B"

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Translation

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
Il Segretario Generale

71/2826/2090

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Rome, 20 April 1946.

Dear General,

After my letter No. 71/2338/1787 dated 7 February last please allow me to draw the kind attention of the Allied Commission, to the "Missione Militare Albanese" of Bari in connection with new developments which have modified the situation.

1) - It appears that the British Military Mission has recently been withdrawn from Albania. We do not see, therefore, the reason for further permanence in Bari of the "Missione Militare Albanese", especially as with the cessation of military operations, their work is finished.

2) - On the other hand the well known behaviour of the actual Albanian authorities as regards the Italians in that country, should prohibit the Missione being allowed to still remain in Italy.

3) - As already stated in the letter referred to, the said Mission besides doing and helping in a series of illegal actions: clandestine traffic of persons, goods and money etc. etc, it is found that they are engaged in political activity in favour of the Albanian colony in Italy, thus overdoing the military duties allotted to them and in contrast to the sovereignty of the Italian State.

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I beg you, therefore, dear General, to consider the reasons above mentioned, so that the "Missione Militare Albanese" of Bari be withdrawn, in order to prevent the possible happening of grave incidents.

Believe me, dear General, very cordially

/s/ R. Prunas

To : Brig. Gen. M. S. LUSH
Allied Commission

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To : Brig. Gen. M. S. LUSH
Allied Commission
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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

71/2826/2090

Roma, 20 APR 1943

Caro Generale,

a seguito della mia lettera n° 71/2338/1787 del 7 febbraio u.s. mi permetto attirare nuovamente la cortese attenzione della Commissione Alleata sulla Missione Militare Albanese di Bari in relazione ai nuovi sviluppi che hanno notevolmente modificato la situazione di allora.-

1.- Risulta infatti che la Missione Militare Britannica è stata recentemente ritirata dall'Albania. Non vediamo pertanto quale giustificazione possa avere la ulteriore permanenza a Bari della Missione Militare Albanese, tanto più che già con la cessazione delle operazioni militari i compiti ad essa affidati erano da tempo venuti meno.-

2.- D'altra parte il ben noto comportamento delle attuali autorità albanesi nei confronti degli italiani in quel paese non sembra consentire la possibilità di continuare ad ospitare in Italia tale Missione.-

3.- Come già accennato nella lettera cui faccio riferimento, la predetta Missione oltre a compiere,

Brigadiere Generale
U.S. LUSK
Commissione Alleata
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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

o quanto meno ad appoggiare, una serie di atti illeciti: traffico clandestino di persone, di merci, e di valuta, ecc., risulta svolgere altresì una attività politica soprattutto nei riguardi della colonia albanese in Italia, superando le attribuzioni - di carattere militare - ad essa conferite ed in contrasto con la sovranità dello Stato Italiano.-

La prego con ciò, Caro Generale, di voler considerare le ragioni sopra esposte affinchè la Missione Militare Albanese di Bari sia ritirata anche per evitare possibili gravi incidenti che la sua permanenza potrebbe determinare.-

Voglia credermi, Caro Generale, molto cordialmente

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Ref : SD/540.03

28 Mar 46

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission at Bari

To : AFHQ for G-5

1 Reference is made to this Headquarter's letter SD/540.9 of 16th November 1945 and to your letter G-5: 334-118 of 14th January 1946.

2 It seems clear that there is a Mission operating in Bari under the name of the Albanian Military Mission, vide attached copy of a report received by the A.C. Liaison Officer, Bari from Rear H.Q.M. Albanian C.M.P. (5 Area), dated 28th February 1945. This report gives only the names of the personnel in the Mission and it is suggested that Headquarters 5 Area might be contacted if fuller information is required.

3 The Mission referred to in the enclosed report of 5 Area appears to be purely military in character, and so far as this Headquarters is aware, has no connection with Albanian individuals who may have entered Italy for the purpose of trade.

4 The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in their letter dated 7th February 1946 (copy translation enclosed), asked in view of the fact that military operations have ceased, that this Albanian Military Mission be recalled. In an earlier letter dated 5th December 1945 (copy translation attached), the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs state that their information is that the Albanian Military Mission Bari is accredited to the Allied Command in Italy.

5 Political advisers at this Headquarters have been consulted and while they are unable to state the object of this Mission, they have no objections to its termination subject to the views of any Allied Military Authority with which such a Mission might be working.

6 It is requested that consideration be given to the early termination of this so-called Albanian Military Mission at Bari.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

M. CARR, Brig.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O.394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF. : SD/540.08

15 March 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission in Italy.

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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4. The Mission shares a building in Via Dante Alighieri with the local Italian Communist Party. It has two motor cars, a Chrysler Airflow marked with a red star on white background and No.5 UK SHY and one Fiat 1500.

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Military Mission and requested information as to whether the continuance of this Mission was desirable (14 A refers).

8. A.F.H.Q. replied on 14 January 1946 (see 27A) and raised the question of confusion over the "Mission" referred to. The letter from the Ministry and on which this report is submitted refers solely to the Albanian Military Mission, any Economic Mission appears to be unofficial and may have been a means of describing certain individuals visiting Italy.

9. In view of present circumstances it is suggested that AFHQ be asked, as requested in their letter of 14 January 1946 para (see 27A) to arrange for the re-call of the Albanian Military Mission from Italy.

A.H. ELLIS,
Captain,
Security Division.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO : ACTION HQ ALCOM. FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

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REF YOUR SD 540 08 OF 7 MARCH. NOMINAL ROLL ALBANIAN MILITARY MISSION BARI. COMMANDER LT COL HOXHA KADRI. MEMBER CAPT RESNJA NURI. FOLLOWING OR'S SGT QERIM NAZIF CPLS BIBA STAVRI BERSHA KOL. PTE ISLAMI SELIM SECRETARY. PTE DHIMITRI SANDER TYPIST. PTE COMO GAFUR QUARTERMASTER. PTES PERGJINI DOD ASIM MUSTAFA GILINGIRI FERIKU SHYQYIR TOSUNI LUFTI EMPLOYED ON GUARD DUTIES. PTE LAMAJ ASLIAM SIGNALMAN. PTES BELULI METI CERENECI VESEL DRIVERS. INTERPRETER SADIKU HITO. MISSION HAS TX 2 CARS 1 CHRYSLER AIRFLOW MARKED WITH RED STAR ON WHITE BACKGROUND AND NUMBER 5 UK SHY AND 1 FIAT 1500 PARTICULARS UNKNOWN. MISSION SHARES BUILDING IN VIA DANTE ALIGHIERI WITH ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. 4 PARTISANS ATTACHED MISSION WHILST UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT IN ITALY.

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HEADQUARTERS
BARI LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

Carbon copy from 3 Det.

REF : LB/3

1 March 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian activities at BARI

TO : HQ Allied Commission
Public Safety Sub Commission
Security Division
(attn : Col. J.W.CHAPMAN)

Reference your letter SD/540.08 dated 14 February 1946.

The attached copy of a letter MIS/1 dated 28 February 46 from Rear B.M.M.Albania,BARI, is forwarded to you for information.

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R.F. LEWIS, Lieut.
Executive Officer
AC BARI

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Subject : Albanian Nominal Roll

Rear B.M.M. Albania
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MIS/1
28 Feb 46

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To. Lieut LEWIS
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A.C.Bari

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Captain, GS
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Translation

ALBANIAN MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY

The Albanian Military Mission in Italy has its Headquarters at Bari at No.149 Via Dante Alighieri and exactly in the same building where the Hq of the Yugoslav Military Mission and the Provincial Seat of the Communist Party are situated.

Said Mission has a lot to do with the illegal traffic of goods and workers which is being carried on for some time between Italy and Albania, for which purpose they use airplanes placed at their disposal by the UNRRA for Albanian relief.

Said Mission is composed of self appointed officers of the Albanian Army, who have a bad reputation with the Albanian colony in Bari and in Albania itself.

Infact, the Head of this Mission, one HOXHA KADRI, presently at Tirana, seems to have partecipated together with his brother SEJFA and other country-men in the murder of 100 carabinieri, among whom a Lt. Colonel in an ambush after the Armistice on the road that leads to Berat.

At Bari, a renegade Italian officer, Sub Lt. Rodrigo BONA, is said to have contacts with the above mentioned Albanian Military Mission, who, in Albania, distinguished himself by his fierce persecution of Italians and who is largely responsible also for the execution of Eng. TARASCONI.

From well informed sources it is made known that BONA is a dependant of the Albanian Government with special espionage duties.

The principal members of the Albanian Military Mission are : KOLI BELICIA - HOXHA KADRI - QAZIM HOXHA - and RIZA LEKA; all of them are dedicated to Commerce and Espionage.

They are said to be responsiblefof the killing of hundreds of Italians in Albania.

It is supposed that RIZA and QAZIM have special Allied permits for they were employed as interpreters by the Allied Police; they did not return said permits when they left their positions.

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They also have guns.

The Albanian Military Mission is supposedly accredited with the Supreme Allied Command for the Mediterranemn, and should have exclusive military duties.

The factotum and diplomatic courier of said Mission is a certain SELIM ISLAMI, who, being asked by a Police Officer (Italian) and a Corporal of the British Police (Section Security Control) on duty at the airport of Palese (Bari) to open a big bag which, together with the others he was loading on an airplane directed to Albania, refused to do so and renounced to carry said bag stating that it belonged to the Albanian Military Mission in Italy. This happened in January 1946.

The British Corporal - having received orders from his superiors - renounced to verify the contents of said bag which was handed over, at Selim's request, to an Albanian attached to the Mission in question.

It is known that both Selim Islami and one KOL PRIFTI, in that occasion, did not lack in profferings threats against the Italian police official and stated that they would have made it known to the Albanian Military Mission and their Government in order to obtain "ample justifications."

It is evident that said bag must have contained very compromising materiel for said Mission.

It also results that the Questura of Bari in December last arrested an Albanian DOCA ILL by name son of Evangelio and of Zappo Eugenia, born at Valona on 2.2.1901, Albanian commercial agent, member of a so-called ALBANIAN ECONOMIC MISSION, and about whom there were serious suspicions of carrying on non too clear business and political activities and it was retained that he had in him many and large baggages

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a lot of goods acquired in Italy in violation of the directives emanated for the Commerce Abroad by the Allied Commission.

But, at the moment of DOGA's arrest, an Albanian lieutenant intervened and who made a vicious protest to the Questore of Bari for his arrest stating that DOGA was a protege of the Albanian Military Mission which was fully responsible for his person and activities.

He further stated that DOGA was a " personality in charge of an important and delicate diplomatic mission."

All this was in contrast with what DOGA, some time before, had asserted during his questioning for he stated that he came to Italy in order to deal in business matters and to hire Italian workers.

DOGA was released and his baggage could not be controlled, notwithstanding the fact that the Italian Police had word that he carried on political and military espionage activities for a foreign country.

Having thus exposed the above it is to be deduced that the activities of the aforesaid Albanian Military Mission in Italy are beyond suspicion dangerous because it is clear that it carries on illegal traffic of goods and persons in violation of the directives emanated by the Allied Authorities with regard to the exports from Italy and also because it is considered as the centre of communist political activities even if they are carried on in agreement with and in the interests of a foreign Power.Nation.

19 Febraary 1946

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MISSIONE MILITARE ALBANESE IN ITALIA

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La suddetta Missione ha parte rilevante nel traffico illecito di merci e di operai che si svolge da tempo fra l'Italia e l'Albania, per il quale fanno uso anche dei mezzi aerei messi a disposizione dell'U.N.R.R.A. per i soccorsi all'Albania.

Detta Missione é composta di elementi autonominatisi Ufficiali dell'Esercito Albanese, i quali riscuotono cattiva stima e nella Colonia Albanese di Bari e in Albania stessa.

Infatti il capo di detta Missione, a nome HOXHA KADRI, attualmente a Tirana, pare che abbia partecipato insieme al fratello SHALA ed altri connazionali, all'uccisione di 100 Carabinieri, tra cui un Tenente Colonnello, in una imboscata effettuata, dopo l'armistizio, sulla Via che mena a Berat.

A Bari, avrebbe stretto contatto con la surripetuta Missione Militare Albanese, anche un Ufficiale italiano rinnegato, il Sottotenente Rodrigo BONA, il quale in Albania si é distinto per la feroce persecuzione di italiani e che, in notevole parte, sarebbe responsabile anche della fucilazione dell'ingegnere TARASCONI.

Da fonte fiduciaria, viene riferito che il BONA é alle dipendenze del Governo Albanese con speciali mansioni di spionaggio.

I principali esponenti della Missione Militare Albanese, sono tali: KOLI BELICIA - HOXHA KADRI - QAZIM HOXHA - e RIZA LEKA; tutti dediti al commercio e allo spionaggio.

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Essi sarebbero anche responsabili dell'uccisione, in Albania, di centinaia di italiani.

Si vuole che il RIZA e il QAZIM siano in possesso di speciali lasciapassare Alleati, per essere stati occupati per qualche tempo

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stituirono all'atto del loro licenziamento.

Costoro sarebbero in possesso anche di armi da fuoco.

La Missione Militare Albanese sarebbe accreditata presso il Co=
mando Supremo Alleato del Mediterraneo, e dovrebbe esercitare esclu=
sivamente mansioni d'indole militare.

Factotum e corriere diplomatico della suddetta Missione é tale
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ne Militare Albanese in Italia.

Il Caporale Inglese - presi ordini, per telefono, dai suoi Supe=
riori - rinunziava alla verifica del contenuto di detta valigia, che
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Consta che in quella occasione sia il SELIM ISLAMI che tal KOL
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varie e capienti valigie, in suo possesso, materiale acquistato in Italia in contravvenzione alle disposizioni impartite in materia di commercio con l'Estero della Commissione Alleata.

Senonché, all'atto del fermo del DOGA, intervenne un sottotenente Albanese, il quale fece vive rimostranze al Questore di Bari per detto fermo, asserendo di essere il DOGA un protetto della Missione Militare Albanese, la quale rispondeva pienamente della rispettabilità e dell'operato di costui.

Asseriva inoltre che il DOGA era "personalità incaricata di una delicata ed importante missione diplomatica„.

Tutto ciò però in contrasto con quanto aveva affermato, poco prima, nel suo interrogatorio lo stesso DOGA, il quale aveva dichiarato di essere venuto in Italia per trattare affari commerciali e per ingaggiare mano d'opera italiana.

Pertanto il DOGA venne rilasciato in libertà, senza che fosse stato possibile verificare il contenuto delle sue valigie.

E ciò, nonostante che la Polizia Italiana avesse notizie che il DOGA svolgesse attività spionistica politica e militare, per conto di una Nazione straniera.

Dato quanto sopra é stato riferito si deduce che l'attività della surripetuta Missione Militare Albanese in Italia é oltremodo sospetta e dannosa, sia perché é chiaro che svolga un illecito traffico di merci e di persone, in contravvenzione alle disposizioni emanate dalle Autorità Alleate in materia di esportazione dall'Italia e sia perché é considerato un centro di attività politica filocomunista, vuolsi svolta d'accordo e per conto di una Nazione estera.-

li 19 febbraio 1946

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PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF. : SD/540.08 7 March 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission, BARI

TO : G.S.I. HQ No.3 District. C.M.F.

1. Reference our letter of even number dated 15 February 1946.

2. It will be appreciated if you will expedite a reply.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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REF : SD/540.03 7 March 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission,BARI

TO : C.L.O., Bari Liaison Group, A.C.

1. Reference our letter of even number dated 14 February 46, your LB/3,refers.

2. It will be appreciated if you will expedite a reply.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN, 00044
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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REF. : 540.08

15 Feb. 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Military Mission, Bari.

TO : C.S.I., HQ. No. 3 District, C.M.F.

1. The Italian Government has addressed a communication to this Headquarters requesting the recall of the above Mission.

2. It is stated that the Mission at Bari consists of some 12 persons and it is alleged their general and political activities are infringing the security of the Italian State.

3. Any information which your HQ. may have regarding this Mission will be appreciated to enable a suitable report being forwarded to higher authorities.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission.

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REF. :SD/540.08

14 Feb. 1946

SUBJECT :Albanian activities at Bari

TO :Liaison Officer, Allied Commission, Bari.

1. With reference to your report LB/3 dated 25 October 1945.

2. A letter has now been received from A.F.H.Q. and there appears to be some confusion as to what "Mission" is referred to.

3. With a view to clarifying this doubt it will be appreciated if this Division can be given more detailed information of the personalities, status, location etc. of the Albanian Mission referred to in para 5 (a) of your report.

4. Please treat this as URGENT.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission.

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Copy to Executive Commissioner

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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~~Rough~~ translation

Rome, February 7th, 1946

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I trust therefore that you will take into favourable consideration, dear Admiral Stone, the reasons outlined above and cause the recall of the Albanian Military Mission of Bari.

Please believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

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Chief Co[illegible]

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Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Very cordially yours,

(sgd) R. PRUNAS

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Roma,

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Caro Ammiraglio,

La ringrazio della Sua cortese comunicazione del 27 dicembre u.s. nº SD/540.08 e mi consenta di ritornare sull'argomento della Missione Militare albanese di Bari.-

1.- Come è noto alla Commissione Alleata, la Missione Italiana in Albania, diretta dal Console Generale Turcato, che si era recata a Tirana previo regolare accordo con il Governo albanese, è stata costretta ad interrompere il suo lavoro ed a rientrare il 21 gennaio u.s. in Italia su richiesta di quel Governo.-

2.- In pari tempo risulta che anche la Missione Militare Britannica dovrebbe lasciare nei prossimi giorni l'Albania a seguito dell'imminente invio di un rappresentante diplomatico britannico in quella Capitale; mentre è noto che la Missione Militare degli S.U.A. ha cessato la sua attività in Albania già da alcuni mesi.-

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3.- Con il ritiro delle due Missioni Militari predette, l'ulteriore permanenza della Missione Militare albanese a Bari sembrerebbe essere del tutto ingiustificata, dato che è ovvio che il governo di Tirana per il mantenimento delle normali relazioni diplomatiche con la Gran Bretagna e gli S.U.A. provvederà ad istituire delle Rappresentanze diplomatiche a Londra e Washington.-

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Admiral Ellery W.STONE U.N.S.R.
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

ROME

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

4.- Inoltre è da ritenere che - essendo cessate da tempo le operazioni militari - i compiti per cui la Missione Militare albanese di Bari era stata istituita sieno venuti meno.-

5.- Al riguardo desidero sottolineare che, secondo le informazioni raccolte dalle Autorità Italiane, la Missione Militare albanese di Bari, composta - compreso il personale subalterno - di 12 persone, continua a svolgere tutta una serie di atti illeciti che vanno dal traffico clandestino di valute e di merci a forme di attività politica incompatibili con la sovranità dello Stato italiano.-

Confido pertanto che Ella, caro Ammiraglio, vorrà considerare con la migliore benevolenza le ragioni esposte affinchè la Missione Militare albanese di Bari sia ritirata.-

La prego di credermi, caro Ammiraglio, molto

cordialmente

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AFHQ
G-5 Section
APO 512

17 January 1946.

G-5: 334-118

SUBJECT: Albanian Mission in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Your letter SD/540.08 of 10 January 1946.

1. No further action can be taken against the three Albanians concerned since you allege that one has returned to Albania and you do not know the whereabouts of the other two.

2. Meanwhile you will have received AFHQ letter G-5: 334-118 dated 14 January 1946.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN.

for M Hamblen Col

A. L. HAMBLEN,
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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G-5: 334-118

14 January 1946

SUBJECT: Activities of Albanians

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
AFO 394

Reference your SD/540.09-2 of 4 January 1946.

1. A copy of your SD/540.09 of 16 November 1945, as requested, was received but the attachments were missing. It is regretted that you are being inconvenienced over this matter in that your original letter and attachments thereto have been mislaid within AFHQ. Before, however, requesting you to send the missing attachments it is possible that the following paragraphs will clarify this matter as it now stands.

2. The question of an Albanian "Mission" and its activities in the Bari Area have been raised separately by you in two series of letters; one originating from the Economics Section under the reference 2.16/ES; the other originating from the Civil Affairs Section under the reference SD/540.08. It is requested that you examine the two series of correspondence conjointly in order to arrive at the points which are now outstanding.

3. In general the following observations are made:

a. There is some confusion as to what "Mission" is refered to in the correspondence. Originally the matter arose over AFHQ letter G-5: 334-132 of 4 October 1945, subject "Albanian Missions to Italy". AFHQ signal F 49087 of 17 October 1945 and AC signal 7448 of 20 October 1945 are also relevant. No opinion has yet been expressed by Allied Commission following these signals, the next developments being complaints as to the illegal activities of certain Albanians in the Bari area.

b. The six Albanians allegedly forming a Mission in the memorandum LB/3 dated 14 November 1945 from the Allied Commission Liaison Officer, Bari appear to have entered Italy separately and not as a Mission. Approval of the entry of a Mission as such was never given by AFHQ. Individual Albanians, have, however obtained Allied Force permits and have entered legitimately in a private capacity. This

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Section endeavored to trace the legitimacy of the entry of the six referred to above and, as a consequence, dispatched AFHQ letter, G-5: 334-132 of 22 December 1945 to you listing three names of Albanians whose entry may have been illegal.

c. The pre-requisites for entry into Italy of private individuals who are not Allied sponsored are two; firstly they require security clearance by the Allied authorities; secondly they require the approval of the Italian Government. If the latter has not been given, or is withdrawn, the persons concerned may be returned to their country of origin. Persons of the category of the subject Albanians are not sheltered by the provisions of AFHQ letter 091.1 (Italy) dated 11 January 1946, subject "Aliens in Italy" and Allied assistance in removing such persons will be given.

4. After examining the problem again in the light of the foregoing please advise AFHQ of the course of action which you desire.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.08 (4) 10 January 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Mission in Italy

TO : A.C. of S., G-5 AFHQ

1. Reference your letter G-5: 334-132, dated 22 Dec. 45, the following information has been obtained regarding the three persons named:

a. DOGGA Lil. Born at VALONA on 2 Feb. 1901, merchant in possession of passport No. 148 issued in Tirana on 21 September 1945. Arrived in Rome from Albania on 4 October 1945 and stayed at Lugano Hotel until 9 Oct. when he left for Milan. He returned to Rome on 21 Nov. at the same Hotel and left on 1 Dec. for Bari and eventually Albania. Whilst in Italy he is known to have contacted some of his fellow nationals. DOGGA has been the subject of a report by the Italian Mission in Albania to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding his alleged illegal traffic of men and stores between Italy and Albania. As a result of this report DOGGA will be detained should he return to Italy, on the orders of the Ministry of the Interior.

b. RUKA Sahin, appears identical with RUSKA Halcin, born at VALONA on 4 Jun. 1918, an employee who accompanied the above named on passport No. 417 issued at Tirana on 21 Sept. 1945. It seems RUKA accompanied DOGGA throughout his travels in Italy.

c. CAVASOLA Domenico. No trace can be found of this man, he did not stay at the Lugano Hotel with the two mentioned above.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

Copy to: Economic Section - your 2.16/ES dated
27 Dec. 45 refers.
Liaison Officer AC, Bari your LB/3
dated 14 [illegible]

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Sub Commission.

Copy to: Economic Section - your 2.16/ES dated 27 Dec. 45 refers.
Liaison Officer AC, Bari your LB/3 dated 14 Nov. 45 refers.

AHE/nb Copy of above passed to Commerce S/C at their request
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Enclosure

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ECONOMIC SECTION

ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

Each note must be numbered and each space completely filled in. THIS WORK SHEET MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE TO WHICH ATTACHED UNTIL ACTION IS COMPLETED AND THEN FILED WITH FILE COPIES OF COMMUNICATION TO WHICH IT PERTAINS. A line will be drawn the full width of the page under each note.

SUBJECT: Albanian Missions to Italy

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1	7 Jan	Com (FT) S/C	Ref. para 1 of enclosed AFHQ ltr. Action copy was sent to Public Safety S/C on 27 Dec, copy to Commerce. Encl ltr forwarded for appropriate action ref para 2.	Joseph W. Barber JOSEPH W. BARBER 1st Lt, Inf Pers O, Econ Sect
2.	7 Jan	Public Safety S/C	Please may this S/C be supplied with the above mentioned information as soon as possible in order that we can comply with the request for action recorded in 1. above.	Commerce (F.T) S/C. F. Cooper Lt.

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G-5: 334-132

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SUBJECT: Albanian Missions to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Reference your AC/5127/AL/Commerce of 29 December 1945, subject as above.

1. Our G-5: 334-132 of 22 December 1945 to you requested that you forward if possible the address of 3 named Albanians, in order that security investigations may be made as it is believed that they may have entered the country without an AF permit.

2. It is requested that you forward a reply to our letter of 22 December as soon as possible.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN

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A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, CSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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The Albanian citizen DOGGA LIL, son of Evangelo and Zappo Eugenia, born in Valona on the 2/2/1901, merchant, has a pass N° 418, given to him in Tirana on the 21/9/45. He came to Rome from Albania on the 4/10/45, and took lodgings at the "LUGANO" Hotel.
He left it on the 8th and went - it seems - to Milan.
He was accompagnied by his countryman SAHIN RUKA, son of Fazllint and Hans Filx, born in Valona on the 4/1/1918, employee, who has pass N° 417 given to him in Tirana on the 21/9/45.
DOGGA returned to Rome on the 21/11/45 and took lodgings in the "LUGANO" Hotel which he left on the 1/12/1945 in order to go to Bari and Albania.
During his stay in Rome, DOGGA saw a countryman, but it does not result that he had business with local firms in order to buy furniture o something else for the adornment of the seat of the Presidency of the Council of Tirana.-
We have nothing to report regarding the name of CAVASOLA Domenico
His name does not result in the register of the "LUGANO" Hotel.
DOGGA was reported to the Ministry of Interior by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs following a report of the Italian mission in Albania for illicit trafic of men and stores between Italy and Albania.
The Ministry of Interior has decided to hold DOGGA in the eventuality of his return to Italy.

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ROME, the 6/1/1946.!

Il suddito albanese Dogga Lil di Evangelo e di Zampo Eugenia, nato a Valona il 2/2/1901, commerciante, munito di passaporto n°418 rilasciato a Tirana il 21/9/1945, è giunto a Roma, proveniente dall'Albania, il 4 ottobre decorso anno, prendendo alloggio all'albergo Lugano. Ripartì il giorno 9 successivo diretto, a quanto risultò, a Milano. Egli era in compagnia del suo connazionale Shahin Ruke di Fazlint e di Hams Filx, nato a Valona il 4/1/1918, impiegato, munito di passaporto n°417 rilasciato a Tirana il 21/9/1945.

Il Dogga fece qui ritorno il 21 novembre 1945 riprendendo alloggio all'albergo Lugano, ripartendo il 1° dicembre 1945 per Bari, diretto in Albania.

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Durante la sua permanenza a Roma il Dogga ha avuto contatti con qualche suo connazionale, ma non risulta abbia trattato affari con ditte locali per l'acquisto di mobili od altro, occorrenti per l'arredamento della sede della Presidenza del Consiglio di Tirana.

Al nome di Cavasola Domenico non si rinvengono precedenti, nè risulta notificato in questo schedario alloggiati o che abbia soggiornato all'albergo Lugano.

Il Dogga venne segnalato al Ministero dell'Interno da quello degli Esteri in seguito a comunicazione a quest'ultimo Dicastero da parte della Missione Italiana in Albania per un illecito traffico di uomini e di materiali tra l'Albania e l'Italia.

Il Ministero dell'Interno ha disposto il fermo del Dogga Lil nella eventualità che egli faccia qui ritorno.

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref: 2.16/ES

27 December 1945

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SUBJECT: Albanian Missions to Italy

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. The enclosed letter from AFHQ (Incl. #1) is forwarded for your action, if possible.

2. The presence of the Albanians in Italy was confirmed by Incl. #2, which is forwarded for your information. Our 2.16/ES of 30 November 1945, as referred to in Incl. #1 was a covering letter to AFHQ for Incl. #2, and offers no additional information.

FOR THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT:

Joseph W. Durber
JOSEPH W. DURBER
1st Lt., Infantry
Personnel Officer

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2 Incls.
1 - G-5: 334-132, 22 December 45
2 - LB/3, 14 November 1945

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G-5: 334-132

22 December 1945

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SUBJECT: Albanian Missions to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Reference is made to your 2.16/ES of 30 November 1945.

1. We should be grateful if you could, if possible, supply the present addresses and whereabouts in ROME of the following individuals:

Signor DOGA, Lil
Signor HUSKA, Faleio
Signor CASASOLA, Domenico.

2. This information is required in connection with certain security investigations that may have to be undertaken.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

L M Hamblen Col

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Copy to: G-2 - Your GBI-389.610/2 of 13 December refers.

Incl #1

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

Ref: LB/3 14 November 1945

SUBJECT: Alledged illegal purheases by Albanians on Italian market

TO : HQ Allied Commission for Commerce Sub-Commission

Reference AC/5131/3 Commerce dated 23 October 1945.

1. The activities of the Albanian Mission are being closely followed by the Guardia di Finanza, who are fully in the picture.

2. At the present time the members of the Mission are in ROME.

3. 54 Area state that if any Albanians apply to leave Italy from BARI, either by sea or air, their baggage will be searched prior to departure. 52 Area are being approached with a view to a similar arrangement in regard to TARANTO and BRINDISI.

4. The Guardia di Finanza of BARI confirm the names of the personnel of the Mission as below:

Signor	FINO	)
Signor	KOL KUQALI	) Economic Mission
Signor	KELLESI	)
Signor	LIL DUGA	)
Signor	Hakin RUSKA	) Purchasing
Signor	Domenico CASASOLA	) Mission

HSH/cb

/s/ H. S. Hartley, Col. 00028

H. S. Hartley, Col.
Liaison Officer AC BARI

Copy to : Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
HQ 52 Area (with copy of AC/5131/3 Commerce of 23 Oct. and attachment)
HQ 54 Area (" " " " " "
249 Wing Transport Command (" " " "

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF. : SD/540.09-2 4 January 1946

SUBJECT : Albanian Activities.

TO : A.F.H.Q. (for G-5)

1. With reference to your G.5:334-118 of 24 December 1945.

2. Herewith copy of our SD/540.09 dated 16 November 1945 as requested.

3. It will be appreciated of you would forward your reply thereto at your earliest convenience.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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G-5: 334-118

24 December 1945

SUBJECT: Albanian activities

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

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1. Reference your SD/540.08 dated 20 ~~November~~ December 1945.

2. Please forward a copy of subject letter reference SD/540.09 of 16 November 1945 as no trace can be found.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

for M Fllen Col

A. L. HAMBLEN,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

27 DEC 1945

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Book No 2550
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Ref: SD/540.08

27 December 1945

Dear Brig. Lush,

With reference to your letter No 71/1830/1470 of 5 Dec 1945 and further to my letter No SD/540.08 of 21 Nov 1945, no decisions have yet been received from the military authorities with regard to the question.

I have asked for the matter to be expedited.

Very sincerely yours,

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
for HENRY M. SIMMS
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Nobile Cav. Don Renato Prunas
Ministro Plenipotenziario
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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref : SD/540.03

20 Dec 45

SUBJECT : Albanian activities

TO : AFHQ for G-5

1 With reference to this HQ letter SD/540.09 of 16 Nov 45, can this HQ please be informed how the matter stands.

2 A further communication dated 5 Dec 45 has been received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs on this subject, a copy of which is enclosed.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

M. CARR
Brigadier,
VP CA Sec.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Rome, December 5th, 1945

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

71/1830/1470

Roma, 5 dicembre 1945.-

15 DIC 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

La ringrazio della Sua cortese lettera numero S.P./54009 del 21 novembre u.s.-

Con l'occasione desidero informarla che nel corso di una conversazione avuta con il Console Generale Turcato, Capo della nostra Missione Italiana a Tirana, il Colonnello Generale Enver Hoxha ha fatto capire che essendo la Missione Militare albanese a Bari accreditata presso il Comando Alleato in Italia, è intenzione del Governo albanese di mantenerla fino a quando esisterà il Comando stesso.-

Dal canto suo, il Capo della Missione, Tenente Colonnello Kadrì Hoxha, ha dichiarato al Console Generale Turcato di ritenere che malgrado le forti spese, il Governo albanese è interessato al mantenimento della Missione stessa, oltre che per ragioni di prestigio "anche perchè serve per fini politici e commerciali".-

A tale riguardo Le informo pure che mi è stato

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Ammiraglio
Ellery W.STONE U.S.N.R.
Capo della Commissione Alleata
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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Ref: SD/540.02

21 November 1945

Dear Sig. Prunas,

The questions raised in your letter No.71/1431/1169 dated 12 October 1945 have been under discussion with the Military Authorities with a view to seeing whether the Albanian Military Mission can be dispensed with.

It is hoped to write you further on this subject at an early date.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Nobile Cav. Don Renato Prunas
Ministro Plenipotenziario
Segretario Generale
Ministero degli Affari Esteri
Roma

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: SD/540.09

16 Nov 45.

SUBJECT: Albanian Activities.

TO: AFHQ, G-5 Section.

1 The Italian Government has been complaining of the illegal activities carried on by Albanians at Bari and S. Maria di Louse which are alleged to be supported by an Albanian Military Mission.

2 The Italian Government asks that the position of this Mission may be examined with a view to deciding whether its continued presence in Italy is justified in view of the fact that an exchange of Missions is taking place between Tirana and Rome pursuant to the provisions of the Hoxha-Palermo agreement of March 14th. This Headquarters has no knowledge of the work of this Albanian Military Mission but so far as the functions of Allied Commission are concerned, this Commission has no objection to the Mission being ended.

3 A copy of the report from the Liaison Officer Bari and the letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are attached.

4 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs also asks, in view of the serious nature of the occurrences, whether it would be possible to have the assistance of Allied Police. He is quite aware that his Government has full authority but desires to avoid any chance of international trouble.

5 Will you please say whether you consider the retention of this Mission desirable.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

S.H. WHITE, Lt. Col.,
A/V? CA Section.

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30 OTT. 1945

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

30 OTT 1945

REF : LB/3

25 October 1945

SUBJECT : Albanian activities at BARI

TO : HQ Allied Commission
for Public Sefety Sub Commission.

Reference SD/54008 dated 13 October 1945.

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HSH/cb

H.S.HARTLEY , Col.
Liaison Officer
AC BARI

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- Representative in BARI of British Military Mission to Albania c/o HQ. 54 Area.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF : SD/540.08

13 October 1945

SUBJECT : Albanian Activities at Bari

TO : AC Liaison Officer Bari, for attention

1. The attached translation of a report received from the Ministry of the Interior referring to activities of Albanian Partisans in Bari is forwarded for your attention.

2. Confirmation of the report is requested.

S/ S.J. HARVEY, Maj.,
T/ JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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Copy to: G-2 (CI) AFHQ

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Direction of P.S.

21 Sept. 1945

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TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION OF P.S.
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Division A.G.R. Section

No. 443/33837

SUBJECT : Albanian partisan activities

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S/ FERRARI

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Copy to : G-2 (CI) AFHQ

See security division monthly report for Sep. 1945. Para 26.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Rough Translation 9A

nº 71/1481/1169

18 OTT. 1945

Rome, October 12th, 1945 -

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Division A.G.R. Section 3

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DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma, 21 Settembre *19* 45

Al l'On.COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - ROMA
ALL'On.MINISTERO AFFARI ESTERI - ROMA
ALL'On.GABINETTO DEL SIG.MINISTRO DELL'INTERNO - ROMA

Divisione A.G.R. *Sez.* 3ª
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Risposta al Foglio del
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OGGETTO Attività partigiani albanesi.

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La Prefettura di Bari con nota n.06685 dell'8 corrente ha comunicato quanto segue:

"""Si comunica che da fonte riservata viene riferito che elementi partigiani albanesi in divisa ed in borghese svolgono a Bari intensa attività politica nei confronti di sudditi albanesi qui residenti non aderenti al movimento partigiano.

Tale attività si concreterebbe nell'assidua vigilanza degli albanesi ostili o indifferenti verso il detto movimento e nel rilevare alcuni di tali stranieri, che, dopo essere stati accompagnati nella sede della locale Missione Albanese, non danno più notizie perchè, pare che vengano trasportati subito per via aerea in Albania, ove verrebbero soppressi.

La stessa fonte riferisce inoltre che circa tre mesi addietro, mentre l'albanese Gjergo Lipi di Anastas e di Mandro Dora nato a Berat il I5/I2/I9IC, qui abitante Via Piccinni 5, conversava in una via di questa città insieme con altro connazionale, fu avvicinato da un ufficiale dei partigiani albanesi, che lo prese per braccio, accompagnandolo alla Missione Militare Albanese con la scusa che il Comandante della Missione doveva erogargli il sussidio.

Da quella data il Giergo non fu più visto a Bari e pare che il giorno successivo al fermo sia stato avviato per aereo in Albania, venendo soppresso.

Uguale sorte avrebbe subìto l'albanese Haki Kapidanit fu Nuredein e di Gulfie Sulciman nato a Dulcigno nel I9I2, residente a Mola di Bari, capitano di lungo corso, che la sera del 3I agosto u.s. sarebbe stato rilevato da un partigiano albanese mentre si teneva nascosto nell'abitazione di un connazionale qui residente.

Altre 3 albanesi che non è stato possibile identificare, poco tempo addietro, sarebbero stati rilevati a S.Maria di Leuca con gli stessi sistemi, e di essi non si è saputa più alcuna notizia.

Viene altresì segnalato che a Bari circolano con motociclette due partigiani albanesi in divisa ed in abito borghese, armati, che svolgono attività politica ed esercitano la vigilanza sui connazionali non partigiani, e

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DELL'INTERNO - ROMA

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La Prefettura di Bari con nota n.06685 dell'8 corrente ha comunicato quanto segue:

"""Si comunica che da fonte riservata viene riferito che elementi partigiani albanesi in divisa ed in borghese svolgono a Bari intensa attività politica nei confronti di sudditi albanesi qui residenti non aderenti al movimento partigiano.

Tale attività si concreterebbe nell'assidua vigilanza degli albanesi ostili o indifferenti verso il detto movimento e nel rilevare alcuni di tali stranieri, che, dopo essere stati accompagnati nella sede della locale Missione Albanese, non danno più notizie perchè, pare che vengano trasportati subito per via aerea in Albania, ove verrebbero soppressi.

La stessa fonte riferisce inoltre che circa tre mesi addietro, mentre l'albanese Gjergo Lipi di Anastas e di Mandro Dora nato a Berat il I5/I2/I9IO, qui abitante Via Piccinni 5, conversava in una via di questa città insieme con altro connazionale, fu avvicinato da un ufficiale dei partigiani albanesi, che lo prese per braccio, accompagnandolo alla Missione Militare Albanese con la scusa che il Comandante della Missione doveva erogargli il sussidio.

Da quella data il Giergo non fu più visto a Bari e pare che il giorno successivo al fermo sia stato avviato per aereo in Albania, venendo soppresso.

Uguale sorte avrebbe subito l'albanese Haki Kapidanit fu Nuredein e di Gulfie Sulciman nato a Dulcigno nel I9I2, residente a Mola di Bari, capitano di lungo corso, che la sera del 3I agosto u.s. sarebbe stato rilevato da un partigiano albanese mentre si teneva nascosto nell'abitazione di un connazionale qui residente.

Altre 3 albanesi che non è stato possibile identificare, poco tempo addietro, sarebbero stati rilevati a S.Maria di Leuca con gli stessi sistemi, e di essi non si è saputa più alcuna notizia.

Viene altresì segnalato che a Bari circolano con motociclette due partigiani albanesi in divisa ed in abito borghese, armati, che svolgono attività politica ed esercitano la vigilanza sui connazionali non partigiani, e che la Missione Albanese rilascia agli aderenti e simpatizzanti permessi

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di porto d'arme validi nel Regno.

Il 31 agosto u.s. un agente di P.S. addetto all'Ufficio stranieri della Questura ha ricevuto l'impressione di essere stato seguito da uno di detti motociclisti per circa 45 minuti. Detto agente si era fermato in due vie di questo capoluogo per poco tempo e per ragioni di servizio con elementi albanesi non partigiani.

Di tali fatti è stato informato il 4 corrente il Comando della 54ª Area.

Per ovvie ragioni non è possibile approfondire le indagini sui fatti surriferiti ed anche perchè gli albanesi non partigiani che sono a conoscenza di tali episodi non intendono fare alcuna confidenza o dichiarazione per timore di rappresaglie.-

Comunque l'attività dei partigiani albanesi viene seguita attentamente e non si mancherà di comunicare tempestivamente le eventuali notizie raccolte.

La Prefettura di Lecce è interessata di accertare possibilmente e riferire al Ministero e a questo ufficio circa l'episodio di S.Maria di Leuca."""

Tanto si comunica per notizia e per gli eventuali provvedimenti, che si riterrebbero opportuni da adottare in merito.

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3/7.1/CA

7 Aug 45

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VP CA Section

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TO: Executive Commissioner.

Reference Minute 8.

1 The letter referred to was not, and was not intended to be, referred to your Section.

2 5A is submitted for signature by the Chief Commissioner if approved.

S.H. WHITE, Lt Col,
A/VP CA Section.

Tel. Ext. 525.
16 Nov 45.

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C.S.O.

Pse see min 9 and letter submitted for signature: also file 49 which is the action taken with A.F.H.Q.

Off. Ex. Comm.

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Chief Commissioner.

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Attached is submitted for your signature ~~approval~~ information

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Div Cpl. C.A.S.

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16 Nov 45.

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Ex. Com. Sec.

Ref. min. 8. The letter referred to was never submitted to you, and there was never any intention of ~~so~~ submitting it.

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AVP. CAS.

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C.A. Section, attn Lt. Col. White.

This Mission works entirely with the Branch of the Military Mission for Albania at BARI and we have little contact with it.
From a D.P.R. point of view doubt whether it is necessary.

C.F. Folkingill

C.F. FOTHERGILL,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

8 November 1945
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CA Section:

I do not know the object of the Mission but I do not have any objection to its being terminated subject to the conditions mentioned in your minute 4.

7 J. Wesley Jones
Pol. Ad (Am) Nov. 8/45

I agree, subject to any views the British military mission to Albania may have in regard to its usefulness. This point might be put to A.F.H.Q when making our recommendation for the mission's abolition.

A. Hopkinson

Pol. adv. (B) Nov. 13.

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CA See

It is felt that submitted letter does not really seem to answer 1A particularly in views of mins 6 & 7 which concur with the idea of the possibility of the abolition of the Mission.

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A Bengough
Captain
Off. Ex Comm.

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Min. No. 3

TO: V.P. C.A. Section

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Draft reply to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is attached for signature. It is however pointed out that this Sub Commission is not competent to deal with the final paragraph of the Ministry's letter, which paragraph contains the crux of the whole matter.

TX 686
3 Nov. 45

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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DPR SC
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Polad B
in succession

Reference the last para of 1 A. The Italian Govt is asking the allies to examine the justification for the albanian military mission (which it is suggested is a source of trouble) remaining in Italy in view of the agreement for the exchange of certain official missions.

Can you say the object of the mission to which objection has been taken. Subject to the views of any allied authority with which such mission may be working Italia ... any objection to this mission being terminated.

H H Wilson Lt Col.

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Ref SO/540.03

Min. No. 1

To : V.P. C.A. Section

A translation of Ministry of Interior's letter 443/33837 of 21 Sep. 1945 is attached. AC Liaison Officer, Bari, was asked to obtain confirmation of the matter contained in this letter, but no reply has yet been received. The maintenance of law and order in Italian Government territory is entirely the responsibility of the Italian Authorities and the request for the use of Allied Police rather savours of an attempt to shelve the responsibility for any action taken and is considered both undesirable and unnecessary. If the Albanian Mission has no official status, its members should be treated as ordinary foreigners resident in Italy and obliged to register with the Italian Authorities and conform to Italian law. There is no reason why the Italian Authorities should be unable to amass sufficient police strength to deal with the matter without outside assistance.

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission

31 October 1945

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As the reply from ACLO Bari has now been received herewith you will recognize with suggested draft reply

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540.09 703 File in Albanian cases

From "D'Indipendente" 15 September 1945

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GANG OF ALBANIAN CRIMINALS IN ROME

Albanian internees, coming back from contentration camps through Italy, are reporting shameful epysodes of Albanian criminals, who, escaped to the people's justice, are now still perpetrating their crimes in Italy, supported by the Italian reactionaries, who hope to obtain new concessions in Albania.

Some of these criminals are living on gold stolen from Albanian people. As a matter of fact more than 20.000 gold Napoleons have been found in possession of 3 Albanian war criminals coming from Austria. Those out of means are using the old system of borrowing money from the Italians and the disappearing. Many of them have married rich Italian girls. For instance MEHMET ALEMI, Ex commander of operations of the Balli Kombetar, who, though he had left a wife and sons in Albania, has married his landlord's daughter.

The centre of the Albanian traitors is situated in a palace in Rome, at via Collina. Over there continuous quarrels have been reported, since everyone desires to be appointed as the president. They are all afftected with persecution mania and are trembling at the very idea that one day they will be obliged to render accounts.

These traitors are receiveng help in Italy by a group of Italians, formerly owners of concessions in Albania. These traitors, provided they make money, are promising for the future new long-dated concessions, much more important than the former ones.

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TRAME DELITTUOSE ALL'OMBRA DELL'OSPITALITÀ

Una banda di criminali albanesi ha piantato le tende in Italia

Sfuggiti alla giustizia del loro paese avrebbero fatto di un palazzo di via Collina a Roma il centro della losca attività

TIRANA, 14.

(SIDI). Gli internati albanesi che ritornano dai campi di concentramento, passando dall'Italia, riferiscono episodi vergognosi di criminali albanesi i quali, dopo essere riusciti a sfuggire alla giustizia del popolo, si trovano oggi in Italia ove continuano ad esercitare la loro attività delittuosa, sostenuti dalla reazione italiana che spera ottenere nuovamente delle concessioni in Albania.

Una parte di questi criminali vive grazie all'oro rubato al popolo albanese. Basta notare che più di 20.000 luigi d'oro sono stati trovati in possesso di tre criminali di guerra albanesi provenienti dall'Austria. Quelli che sono sprovvisti di mezzi ricorrono al vecchio sistema tanto usato nei tempi passati, cioè si fanno prestare danaro dagli italiani e poi scompaiono dalla circolazione. Molti di essi si sono sposati con fanciulle italiane ricche. Un esempio di tal genere è quello di Mehmet Alemi, ex comandante di operazioni del Balli Kombetar, il quale, benchè ammogliato con figli in Albania, ha sposato la figlia del proprio padrone di casa.

Il centro dei traditori albanesi è stato stabilito in un palazzo sito a Roma in via Collina, ove si svolgono continue baruffe perchè ognuno vuol divenire presidente. Tutti soffrono di mania di persecuzione e tremano all'idea che un giorno saranno chiamati alla resa dei conti.

Questi traditori ricevono in Italia aiuto materiale da parte di un gruppo italiano che fu già detentore di concessioni in Albania. Questi traditori, pur di far quattrini, promettono future concessioni a lunga scadenza ed assai più importanti di quelle precedenti.

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