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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London England
To: War Department
Br: OA 250

27 June 1944
WAR pass copy to Navy. OA 250 ref COSI/TINTREP 48.
Signed Eisenhower.

Add following special information Lieut General Von Schlieben Comd tabs in Cherbourg and Konteradmiral Hennecke sea defence Comd for Normandy captured at Cherbourg 261500B

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CCS
CGAAF
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Adm. King
Col. Park
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England

Allied Force Headquarters
Algeria, Algeria

Commanding General
USAF European Theater of Operations
London, England

Number: WARX 54700

To Wilson for action, to SHAPE for information, FTUSA pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, PAE 369 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Without reference to the question of Italy's rights as a co-belligerent or its jurisdiction in the territory concerned, you are authorized as a matter of military expediency to release the paroled Italian Prisoners of War in Italy referred to in NAF 712 coincident with the closing of the island base section.

When informing the Italian Government of the intended release of these paroled Italian Prisoners of War you should not go into the question of Italy's rights as a co-belligerent or its jurisdiction in the territory concerned. You should merely state that this action is being taken as an earnest indication of the desire of the United States and the British Commonwealth Governments to do everything compatible with their responsibilities for the successful conclusion of the war against the common enemy to alleviate the situation of Italian military personnel.

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ORIGINATOR: CC/Е
INFORMATION: Gen Arnold, O'D, Gen Blissell, Adm. King, Log
CM-OUT-54700 (22 Jun 44) 22592 vn

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Supreme Commander,
Allied Expeditionary Forces,

Allied Force Headquarters,
Algiers, Algeria.

Number: WARX 51495

For Eisenhower London and Wilson Freedom Algiers. This message is FACS 40 to Eisenhower and FAN 366 to Wilson from the Combined Chief's of Staff.

Slovakian troops in their own national uniform are now fighting for the Germans in Italy and may be met elsewhere. These troops if captured by the Allies are to be given the status and treatment of Prisoners of War under the Geneva Convention of 1929.

End.
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OSD letter, May 1, 1972

By DBS

Date MAY 22, 1972

16...ACT

COMMON...NAVAIDE...13...

BY 231717.

TURKISH AUTHORITIES SAY OFFICERS WILL BE
RELEASED AT THE FRONTIER. INFORMAL REPORT
SAYS THEY APPEARED TO BE STAGING A COMMANDO
RAID ON TURKISH COAST WHEN ARRESTED.

SECRET
(CINC PAC SEDS ACTION COMINCH.)

YOUR 231316. RICHARDSON HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH ME THE EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN PRISONERS IN HAWAII. I HAD NO OBJECTION THEIR USE AND CONSIDERED THE MATTER AN INTERNAL ONE FOR THE ARMY. THAT VIEW I STILL HOLD AND CONCUR IN THEIR BEING SENT. IF HOWEVER DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE THERE IS LIKELIHOOD OF THEIR STATUS AS PRISONERS BEING CHANGED IN NEAR FUTURE THEN THEY SHOULD NOT BE SENT.

SECRET
From: U.S. Military Attaché, Stockholm, Sweden
To: War Department
No: 356
Date: 24 May, 1944

356 repeated London.

Daily Express London story of 23 May originating with Stockholm correspondent concerning indiscriminate killing of British prisoners of war investigated by British opposite who has cabled War Office that this report cannot be confirmed.

Rayens

ACTION: G-2

DCAM-18451 (24 May 44) 2241Z

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DOD'S: 0200.9 (9/27/58)

Date: 8-24-7

Signature:

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94

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INFC JICAME BY MAIL.

YOUR 191845. TELEGRAM FROM LT REED DATED 29 MAY SAYS HE AND KALLISHIAN BEING DETAINED MILITARY HEADQUARTERS MUCLA SINCE 2 MAY. BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHE HAS INFORMED TURKISH FOREIGN OFFICE THEY WERE OPERATING UNDER BRITISH ORDERS AND REQUESTED THEY BE RELEASED OR INTERNED ANKARA. NO FURTHER DETAILS. IN MEANTIME I REPORTED FACTS TO LOCAL AGENT WHO WILL INVESTIGATE AND USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO HAVE THEM RELEASED.

16...ACT

COMINCH...NAVAID...13...

SECRET
From: Ankara
To: State Department.
Number: 935

Yesterday the Turks released 7 additional interned flyers and they last night left for Cairo. I expect that the remaining 6 of the 18 who were recently interned will be allowed to get away in another 2 or 3 days.

It is requested that this message be transmitted to General Arnold.

Steinhardt.
WAR DEPARTMENT
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Department of State
Paraphrase

Telegram No. 935
Dated: 5-23-44, 5 p.m.
From: Ankara
Rec'd: 5-23-44, 10:14 p.m.

General Arnold should be informed of the following:
I refer to my message of May 18, no. 896.

Yesterday 7 more American interned aviators were released by the Turk authorities. They left for Cairo last night. It is my expectation that the last 6 of the 16 men who were recently interned will be released and will leave within 2 or 3 days' time.

Steinhardt

ACTION: G-2
IEPO: CG AAF
OPD

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State Dept. Ltrtn, 1-11-73
By R. E. Parks Date MAY 25 1972

CN-IN-20761 (27 May 44) 17222

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44

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During air battle Slovenia April 2 above Novomesto, Howard Witzmath from Colorado and Runner Allan Donhay, New York fell in hands local Slovene guard. Received relatively good treatment. This 3129 from 4228.

Pilot Lt Smith and Lt Reichto fell in hands Partisans former shot latter escaped and reached Slovene guard Novomesto. At St Peter near Novomesto bodies three American aviators parachutes failed open robbed of everything including identity discs. Buried at St Peter by Slovene guard.
INCOMING CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: US Military Attache in Santiago, Chile
To: War Department
No. 112 22 May 1944

112 to MIS 75 to G2 CDC for information.

Ambassador requests re State Dept cable 879 of today that if possible proposed expulsion from Chile and transportation to US of German Alien Wilhelm Hellemann be done by MAA planes to Arica, by Sixth Air Force transport if possible to Panama and by ATC to States rather than use Panagra. Request instructions and if Sixth cannot meet MAA in Arica need authorization continue to Talara and orders to ATC for remainder of trip.

Ellis

ACTION: G-2 (St Dept)
INFO : CG AAF
       OPD
       Col Park
       Log
CM-IN-17041 (23 May 44) 0330Z vh

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E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/44
From: Chiefs of Staff
To: AFEQ
Rptd: Joint Staff Missions
Number: COSMED 101

Following from Chiefs of Staff.
Reference MDCOS 92.

We agree with the suggestion in your paragraph 4 and will consider terms of a draft statement in conjunction with the Foreign Office when we have further information from you. Your telegram under reference assumes shooting of prisoners was illegal. While this assumption is probably correct it would be necessary for us to know precise circumstances in which these Germans were shot, whether any attempt was made by Partisans to try them and if so on what charge.

T.O.O. 0222202

MDCOS 92 is CM-IN-9224 (13 Apr 44) CCS
ACTION: CCS
INFO: Gen Arnold
      OPD
      Adm King
      Gen Bissell
      Col Park
      Gen Surles
      Log

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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

CM-IN-1964 (3 May 44) 1631Z mcs

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COPY No. 32

To: War Department

Br: S 51100, 2 May 1944.

To Marshall for White from Barker signed Eisenhower cite SHAP S 51100.

Plan for evacuation of British and United States prisoners of war at cessation of hostilities, please refer. Upon cessation of hostilities the British War Office proposes advances of pay to British prisoners of war in Greater Germany, pending their return to United Kingdom as follows:

Initial advances of five pounds to all ranks, Navy, Army, Air Force and Merchant Navy.

Subsequent advances for officers Navy, Army, Air Force and Merchant Navy of 10 pounds per month.

For enlisted personnel Navy, Army, Air Force and Merchant Navy, advance of 4 pounds per month.

Advance is to be made weekly if possible.

Request information as to War Department policy as to such payments. Do not consider it advisable to make such drastic restriction in case of American Officers.

Methods of accounting applicable to both the British and United States will be worked out between

CM-IN-1438 (2 May 44)

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BY DBS, DATE

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Nr: 351100, 2 May 1944.

British War Office and the Chief Finance Officer, ETOUSA. Request information as to whether pay advanced to officers and men by Germany will be deductible from US pay accruing to them while in prisoner status.

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ACTION: G-1

INFO: CGAAF
ABF
OPD
Col. Park
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CM-IN-1438 (2 May 44) 2250Z e JV DECLASSIFIED JCS LETTER, 7-5-73 BY DBE, DATE MAY 22 1973 38

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From: US Military Attache in Berne, Switzerland.
To: War Department

No: 1336

26 April 1944

6000 internees, 6000 escapees now Switzerland present administrative problems which being solved gradually. Recommend employ contract surgeon and dentist for regular dental treatment. Swiss Army Services highly unsatisfactory. Excessive charges for medical dental treatment which internment service has been unable to adjust satisfactorily. This will be great saving to government and facilitate control.

No Sig

ACTION: C-2
INFO: GPA

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E. O. 11683. Sec. 3(3d) and 5(3d) or (R)
OSD letter, May 1, 1972
By DBS Date MAY 22 1973

CM-IN-21121 (28 Apr 44) 1920Z ev

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PRIORITY

From: CU Advance Echelon GHQ Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

To: War Department

No. CA-11104, 25 April 1944

Attention WDGBI for MIS-X (CA-11104). From
GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to Chief of Staff Washington DC.

1. Escape of 2 POWS from Davao Penal Colony
resulted in confinement of 12 men for 15 days. POWS forbidden to wear shoes, long trousers, jackets or take
meals in reduced amounts for lunch and supper. 99
percent POWS have malaria; plenty quinine in camp. POWS
required work half day while having attack of malaria;
after 3rd day must report for full duty. 1951 POWS in
Penal Colony, 50 completely bedridden, 500 unable to
work. Red Cross packages distributed February 28. Lt
Col McGee and McGuire both West Pointers protested to
Maj Maida (Jap CO Davao Penal Colony) on violation of
Geneva convention. Maj Maida replied "We treat you like
we wish".

2. Recent later escape of about 10 POWS resulted
in retaliatory execution of 25 POWS.

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD OOL. PARK LOG
CM-IN-19166 (26 Apr 44) 07362 pa

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Military Intelligence Division
Collection Unit/Th/NOIBI/AVS/uu
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April 19, 1944

Military Attaché,
American Legation,
Stockholm, Sweden

Number: WAR 25381
Signed Bissell

As commanding Officer United States Internes in Sweden it is your responsibility to insure that their behavior is such as not to jeopardize current arrangements for their release and to prevent abuse of privileges which may result in Swedish Government drastically restricting their freedom. Impress upon all Internes that their personal behavior directly affects their future status while in Sweden and their chances for release. Make them realize that Swedish Government can legally confine them to internes camps and limit amount of their expenditures. Repr 263 War Depart menent hesitates at this time to place any limitations on internes activities or their pay and allowances due to adverse effect on morale. Make every possible effort arrange for their recreational activities coordinating with Swedish officials. Submit recommendations for special services equipment and funds for this purpose. Reiterate that responsibility primarily yours and War Department does not desire to take drastic action unless forced to do so by conduct of internes themselves.

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ORIGINATOR: G-2
INFORMATION: GG AAF OPD
Col. Park

CM-OUT-25381 (19 Apr 44) 2312Z

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/84
From: CG Allied Force Headquarters Algiers Algeria
To: War Department
Mr: F33992 16 April 1944

P32992 cite FHGF, FHCAO, NACOS, FGHAR, FHGBI and FHCAV, MAR 671, to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff repeated UNITY for information signed Wilson. AGWAR cable W20798 of 9 April is reference.

In view of the current manpower shortage in this theater it is proposed that this headquarters make representation to the French Committee of National Liberation for the exchange of Italian POW held by the French, who were previously in British or American custody and placed in French custody at the close of the Tunisian campaign to assist the French in meeting the needs for labor at that period, on a head for head basis for German POW at present held in this theater or who may be captured at a subsequent date. The need for additional Italian POW by Great Britain and the USA in the Mediterranean theater and in the British Isles is acute and the proposed exchange appears to be the most feasible method of providing adequate manpower for French requirements in North Africa and at the same time provide a source of manpower which may be used by the British and the USA Forces, both in this theater and in the British Isles.

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FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-11668 (16 Apr 44) CCC
ACTION: OCS
TFPO: General Arnold, General White, General Bissell, ODR
Admiral King, Colonel Park, General Somervell, OCS
CM-IN-11742 (16 Apr 44) 13352 1db

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/84
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England

No. F32036 (MAF 673), 14 April 1944

F32036 Top Sec to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff repeated UNITY London signed Wilson cite FHCOS FHAP. This is MAF 673.

With reference to ourad F29032 (MAF 666) of 7 April it is the opinion of this Headquarters, the solutions suggested by General MacFarlane the third is the best. It is recommended:

1st: That the present status of Italian POW held by British and USA remain unchanged.

2nd: That the present use by British and USA Forces of Italian POW who volunteer for duty with and are organized as USA Italian Service Units or British Pioneer Units or diluted into British Units be continued without consultation of Italian Government.

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NAP 666 is CM-IN-5971 (9 Apr 44) CCS
ACTION: CCS
INFORMATION: GEN ARNOLD OPD GEN BISSELL ADM KING
CM-IN-10023 (14 Apr 44) 1445Z cong

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44
To: War Department
No. 850330 13th April 1944

From SHAEF to MILID AGWAR, 850330, for Wackerling from Betts signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI.

Concur in prisoner war message, as stated in your unnumbered message dated 11th April, being transmitted.

No Sig

Reference is CN-OUT-21232 (10 Apr 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF, OPD, Col. Part, Log

CN-IN-9625 (14 Apr 44) 0132Z vh

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/24/94
TO: BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR JOINT STAFF MISSION
WASHINGTON FOR U.S. CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR ACTION

RPTD: FORCEN 266 HQ MAEF FOR INFORMATION

FROM: A.P.E.O.

DATED: 12TH APRIL, 1944.

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JOE memo, 1-4-74
By REP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

SIGNED: WILSON cite BFGT 1 P 31376.

Case has been reported by Commander Force 266 of recent
shooting by Yugaleve partisan forces on Belenian island of
Vla, of some 45 German prisoners of war as war criminals.

2. Since allied garrisons located on Vla reperesations
might ensue if details reached Germans with possible
reprisals on Allied PWs taken this theatre. Enemy may further
acuse us of connivance with these shootings.

2. In view of above, protest has been made to Marshal Tito
over such action and request made that in future international
law be observed in such matters. He has also been advised
that in the event the Germans protest, the Theatre Commander
will repudiate responsibility for treatment of PWs held by
them.

2. Believe no announcement should be made now as Germans
may not know of incident, however, urgent statement be
prepared for issue if Germans should learn of incident and
protest or take action.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: GEN. ARGOLD OIPD GEN. BIRSELL ADM. KING

CM-IN-323H (2) APR 44 2901Z eng

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MIS Prisoner of War Branch/
WDGBI/JRJ/631 3536
April 10, 1944

Military Attache,
American Embassy,
London, England

Number WAR 21232

From Bissell WDGBI signed Weckerling for SHAEBGBI for
Brig Gen T.J. Bates

Concurrence requested for following message in substance to be transmitted by secret means to all American POW camps Germany "On German surrender or collapse stay put enforce discipline await orders from Supreme Allied Commander" British have sent similar message by secret means to all their camps. Need for this action believed urgent because of presence and possible adverse influence of American Prisoners of War formerly in Italian camps now transferred to German camps.

ORIGINATOR: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD
Col Park
LOG

COMM-OUT-21232 (10 Apr 44) 2249Z

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94

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From: Allied Force Headquartes, Algiers, Algeria

To: War Department

Nr: P 29496 8 April, 1944

P 29496 TOPOSECRET signed Wilson cite NAGAP, FMCOA, PHGB to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff action to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff and UNITY. This is NAF 570.

Follows is correction to NAF 666 dated 7th April 44, reference number 29032. First sentence of our paragraph 3 of unnumbered paragraph 3 should be changed to read as follows:

(3) MacFarlane's third recommendation is that since there is an immediate need for use of these prisoners of war in types of work which are not permitted by the Geneva Convention their continued use would be a technical breach of the convention.

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NAF 666 is CM-IN-5971 (9 Apr 44) CC/S

ACTION: CCS

From: NAQUSA
To: AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff, UNITY, AMSSO
Rptd: USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff, UNITY, AMSSO
Number: NAF 666

This headquarters has received from General MacFarlane two cables with reference to the Prisoner of War Agreement substance as follows:

"On April 4th MacFarlane received a written communication from Badoglio which consisted of a redraft of the Prisoner of War Agreement.

This redraft was not acceptable as it did not meet our requirements as regards command and status. Reply was given to Badoglio on the morning of April 5th and MacFarlane presented this reply in person. Badoglio was informed in this letter that from his attitude it was clearly profitable to continue negotiations on an agreement on the lines desired by the Governments that he represents and that MacFarlane was so reporting to these governments. Badoglio the letter was translated stated that he was in agreement with MacFarlane's conclusions. Copies of all correspondence between Gazzere and Badoglio and MacFarlane together with copies of the drafts and redrafts submitted by both sides during negotiations in Italy are being taken by Deane and Fillimore to Algiers. They expect to leave on April 6th. When discussions were ended Badoglio asked MacFarlane to make Badoglio's position very clear to the governments that he represents. Badoglio stated that he was anxious to do everything in his power to enable Italian Prisoners of War to contribute a greater share in helping the war effort against the enemy. He welcomed any amelioration that might be possible as regards the welfare and condition of these prisoners. The question of these Prisoners of War was one of the utmost importance to the Italian people since practically every Italian family had members being held by the Allies as prisoners of war. In view of several months..."
of co-belligerency and cooperation in which Italian soldiers, sailors and airmen had fought alongside British and American troops the Italian people cannot understand why it was still possible for America and Great Britain to insist that these prisoners be retained on their present status. If he should sign any agreement acknowledging this state of affairs he would incur the odium of the whole Italian people and would have no recourse remaining but to resign. MacFarlane informed Badoglio that he would report the results of these negotiations and that he regretted that he found it impossible to negotiate an agreement on the lines which had been presented to him because the attitude he had adopted could not fail to have an adverse effect on the relations between the United States and Great Britain and the Italian Government and that MacFarlane was sure that such effect would be most unfortunate. Badoglio agreed unreservedly but again stated that Italian opinion made it impossible for him to sign and would inevitably result in his being discredited in Italian eyes and would lead to his resignation. MacMillan approved the action MacFarlane took before he saw Badoglio. Rever and Caccia agreed in this action. Berry, Deane and Fillimore were consulted in all technical questions during the discussion.

As a result of these conversations MacFarlane states that he is convinced that there is no prospect now or in the future of making any agreement with the Italian Government which does not provide for the abolition of the Prisoner of War status and makes the following recommendations:

(1) In so much as we are treating the Italians as co-belligerents one solution is to release the Italian Prisoners of War held in North Africa and the Mediterranean area from their Prisoner of War status and have them organized as labour units of the Italian Army for employment in areas principally the Mediterranean area with as many as possible being used in Italy. MacFarlane realizes that such use would involve major reallocations insofar as labour is concerned and create a very grave shipping problem.

(2) If it is impossible to move these Prisoners of War as is suggested and thus avoid the status problem it might be possible to provide the Italian Army units organized from these prisoners to be used in American and British controlled territory but such organization might require the enactment of special legislation to provide for the maintenance of discipline and pay for such Italian units.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
(3) MacFarlane's 3rd recommendation is that since there is an immediate need for use of these Prisoners of War in types of work which are not permitted by the Geneva Convention and that their continued use would be a technical breach of the Convention. However Article number 31 of the Convention was framed in order to prohibit Prisoners of War being compelled to assist directly against their own country in behalf of the enemy such condition is not now applicable. From the many assurances MacFarlane has received from Badoglio that he is anxious to do everything possible to enable the Italian Prisoners of War to take a greater share in helping our war effort against the enemy MacFarlane believes that if a decision is made to use Italians on war work Badoglio, while reserving his rights, is unlikely to appeal to the protecting power, especially if the work is done on a volunteer basis and is accompanied by better treatment in respect to pay, liberties, etcetera. There remains however the possibility that someone other than Badoglio might raise the question on political grounds but this possibility could be partially offset by inviting Italian officers to observe the operation of this plan when it is in progress. If this plan of work on a voluntary basis is adopted to meet our immediate needs there is no reason to believe that there will be any serious political repercussions. MacFarlane believes that Badoglio while unwilling to sign away Italian rights under the Geneva Convention may well be willing to adopt a negative attitude on the employment of Prisoners of War under these volunteer conditions and let us shoulder the responsibility for our own decision. MacFarlane points out finally that prolonged continuation of the Prisoner of War status of Italians held by us will adversely affect our present co-belligerent relations with Italy.

The substance of the cables as indicated above is (corrupt groups) your information. Our recommendations based on the three plans of action recommended by MacFarlane are under study and you will be advised of our recommendations within a few days.

ACTION: CCS
INFO: Gen Arnold
       OPD
       Gen Bissell
       Adm King
       Col Park
       Log

CM-IN-5971 (9 Apr 44) 02052 mcg

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TOP SECRET

From: Natousa
To: AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff,
Rptd: USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff, UNITY, AIII30
Number: NAF 666
Correction to NAF 666.
Page 3 last paragraph for "corrupt groups" read

"being forwarded for".

Correction to CM-IN-5971 (9 Apr 44) CCS

ACTION: CCS
INFO: Gen Arnold
      OPD
      Gen White
      Gen Bissell
      Adv King
      Col Park
      Log

CM-IN-6633 (10 Apr 44) 02432 mcs
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PRIORITY

To: War Department
NR: F 26861, 3rd April 1944

Signed Devers cite NAGAP F26861 to AGWAR.

With further reference ourad W 5351, March 16th, following is paraphrase of message from MacFarlane, relative Prisoner of War:

"Upon returning from Sicily, Badoglio asked me to lunch to further discuss the agreement relative Prisoner of War. To negotiate an agreement, I think and hope will now be possible. Tomorrow, he is going to send me a written list of various questions for clarification such as command and status. I believe I have him convinced that to accept them without political embarrassment to his Government or himself is possible. I hope shortly to again communicate.

5351 is CH-IN-11763 (17 Mar 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: CG AAF
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Gen Bissell
Adm King
Col Park
Genlldring
OPD
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OSD letter, May 1, 1972

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M-1719 (3 Apr 44) 15072 mmd

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4-12-94
To: War Department
No: E-21609 2 April 1944

Signed Eisenhower E21609 cite Combined Repatriation Committee for Personnel Division GI General Staff.

At the instigation of the German Government the following telegraphic communication has been received from the Swiss Government by the Foreign Office:

"In a note D809 of 29th March regarding the German British American exchange of Prisoners of War the German Legation reports:

1. The German Government agrees to a further exchange of Prisoners of War entitled to repatriation and supernumerary sanitary personnel. In order to be able to make the necessary preparation the German Government proposes as date of the exchange any day from 2nd May onwards.

2. Since the overland journey to Lisbon involves hardship for severely wounded, it is proposed to exchange in Lisbon only those German repatriates now in North America and non-European parts of the British Empire against those British and Americans who are to be repatriated to North America and non-European parts of the British Empire. The Germans returning from England and Canada should be exchanged in Gothenburg against the British who are domiciled in those countries.

3. As it is not yet possible to foresee in what way it will be most appropriate to organize future exchanges, it does not appear to the German Government to
serve any useful purpose to make agreements on the subject at the present time.

4. The German Government agrees to the use of the SS Gripsholm for the exchange. Before the German Government can grant a safe conduct it is necessary that they should be given a description of the ship and informed of the yet to be approved route at least 2 weeks before the commencement of the voyage. The carriage of gifts and Prisoners of War mail on the Gripsholm is agreed to on the part of the German Government. The German Government on their side expects the corresponding safe conduct for any ships utilized by them for the purpose of the exchange.

5. The German Government will inform the Portuguese Government of the projected exchange in Lisbon. The Swedish Government will be informed as soon as the agreement of the British and North American Governments to the proposed exchange in Gothenburg is received.

6. British and North American Prisoners of War of category II B will be included in the exchange.

7. Nominal rolls of the repatriates will be communicated 10 days before the date of the exchange in expectation that the British and North American Governments will do likewise."

A copy of this cable is being relayed through Mil Attache London to Mil Attache Lisbon.

ACTION: G 1

INFO: CCS, COAF, ASF, OPD, G-2, Adm King, Col Park, Log

To: War Department

No: F24966

30th March 1944.

What follows is a paraphrase of a message from MacFarlane regarding the Prisoner of War agreement reference ourad W 5351, 16th March.

"After many discussions and certain modifications to the original draft, General Gazzera refused yesterday to accept the basic principles that Italian Prisoners of War must remain in Prisoner of War Status and that Prisoner of War Units as visualized in the agreement must be commanded for disciplinary purposes by Allied Officers. Have argued at great length these points and terminated our meetings yesterday which were attended by Prunas and Gazzera by telling Gazzera that further discussion of the matter between us was clearly fruitless. Reber and Caccia had attended all meetings with Gazzera and I have had the help and advice of General Gepp, his mission and Colonel Berry, United States Army. I had discussed with Badoglio the Prisoner of War question on Monday and had the very definite impression that he considered there was no reason why an acceptable agreement should not be reached by all concerned embodying the basic principles and the command which he realizes I must insist upon.

I have written to Badoglio informing him of the termination of discussion with Gazzera and asking if I am to regard Gazzera's attitude as that of Badoglio and..."

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
his government. I believe that it is still quite possible that Badoglio will decide to reopen the discussion especially in view of meeting on Monday and of Mister MacMillens talk with Badoglio which preceded it. I do not think that Prunas was entirely in accord with Gazzeza at yesterday's meeting.

Gepp has departed, Deane and Filmore will remain as long as any hope of reaching a solution exists.

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No: F-22462 24 March 1944

P22462 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff repeated USFOR information British Chiefs of Staff signed Wilson site F1663. This is NAT 166.

Following for your information. Subject is measures for care and evacuation Italian refugees, particularly those from Vesuvius eruption. Arrangements for feeding, accommodation, and medical attention in areas threatened by eruption Vesuvius which began evening 18th March made by Allied Control Commission. Because reception areas southern Italy becoming crowded owing large influx Italian refugees from battle areas, including Anzio Beachhead, arrangements have been made for evacuation by sea and rail to Sicily of those refugees for whom no accommodation on mainland. Army is cooperating by providing food, tentage, medical requirements, and housekeeping equipment as may be necessary. Rate influx Italian refugees from battle areas has fallen off during past weeks and present arrangements satisfactorily meeting all demands.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
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NAVY DEPARTMENT

NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMINCH
RELEASED BY: RADM EDWARDS
DATE: 10 MARCH 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 2143/9 MARCH 1944
DECODED BY: HARRINGTON
PARAPHRASED BY: HANSEN

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By DBS

DATE: 4/18/94

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
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(CTF 31 ORIGINATOR ACTION COWDESRON 23 INFO COMGEN AND COW FORWARD AREA BY LANDLINE, CTF 39 COMSOPAC.)

TRANSFER PRISONERS AT LUNGA PRIOR PROCEEDING PURVIS. COMGEN FORWARD AREA HEREBY REQUESTED ARRANGE FOR BOATS AND GUARDS TO MEET SHIPS. ADVISE ETA LUNGA.

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OSD letter, May 1, 1973

By DBS Date MAY 27 1973

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. W-2741/51863, NAF 619, 15 February, 1944.

To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff action, to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff information c/o NAGAP, NAF 619 signed Wilson.

The British Resident Minister here was just informed this headquarters that a cable was sent from the Foreign Office to Washington reference number 2138, 12 February, in substance as follows:

"1. We feel that Marshal Badoglio's refusal to sign Prisoners of War Agreement is largely due to misunderstandings which might well be cleared up by personal explanations. We are therefore considering a suggestion that General Gepp should be sent to Italy at once to explain the situation to General MacFarlane and if necessary to Marshal Badoglio.

2. Would the United States Government agree to this and if so would they nominate officer either from ETOUSA or from General Wilson's headquarters to accompany General Gepp? He would propose to leave about February 20.

3. Please make sure that Combined Chiefs of Staff are informed of and approve of this proposal".

The note verbale signed by Marshal Badoglio was transmitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff by cable from this Headquarters on 13 February, pouch number AL 1486, invoice F 2523, with the following conclusions and recommendations:

CM-IN-10589 (15 Feb 44)
INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: Algiers
TO: WAR
No. W-2741/5185/MAF 619, 15 February, 1944.

A. That insofar as the Mediterranean Theater was concerned no agreement was necessary. The matter as to types of work to be performed by prisoners volunteers being covered by Marshal Badoglio's statement which was communicated to Washington by cable W 2902, 19 October.

B. That if a formal agreement was considered necessary, it be limited to a modification of Article 31 of the convention as to types of labor which would be performed by prisoners of war.

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FOOTNOTE: 2902 is CM-IN-11820 (20 Oct 43) OPD

ACTION: CC/3

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Bissell
Gen Hildring
White House
Gen White
Adm King
Gen Arnold
Log

CM-IN-29589 (15 Feb 44) 19272 Jb

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

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OHD letter, May 1, 1972

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: War
No. W 1532/45400, 31 January 1944

Signed Devers cite NAGAF AGWAR rptd Troopers from
NATOSA W 1532/45400 31st 1300.

Concerning Prisoner of War agreement in addition to
information relayed to you W-1362/4503 January 29 MacFarlane
advised this Headquarters by cable under date of 31 January
substantially the following:

"A note verbale from the Italian Government and
signed by Badoglio has just been received by me which states
in length and detail the reasons for which the Italian Govern-
ment refuses to accept the agreement. Vice President Stone
who received the note verbale personally from Badoglio is
in full agreement with me that there appears to be no prospect
of getting Badoglio to sign a compact on the lines of the
one which has been presented to him. Italian government in
the note verbale makes reference to their Ministry of Foreign
Affairs memorandum number 42 of 5 January which concerns a
plan for the disposal of Italian Prisoner of War alleged to
have topic of discussion between General Gazzara the PMG
and Generals White and McNarney in the USA. Italian Govern-
ment again proposes that the entire question of Italian Pris-
oners of War should be presented to a small amalgamated com-
mission of Italian American and British.

Badoglio has been informed by me that his note verb-
ale is being forwarded to you immediately therefore I am
sending you the original note verbale along with my comments
and the translation by hand of the British Minister.

Upon receipt of original note verbale comments and
translation at this Headquarters will forward to you immediately.

CM-IN-20925 (31 Jan 44)

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SECURITY CONTROL

From: Algiers
To: War
No: W 1532/45400, 31 January 1944

Footnote: 1362 is CM-IN-19438 (29 Jan 44) CC/3

ACTION: CC/3 (Captain Royal USN)

INFORMATION:
OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
Mr. McCoy
General Hilldring
Admiral King
White House
Log
SGS
CM-IN-20925 (31 Jan 44) 19312 mod

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
From: Algiers  
To: War  
No. W-1362/44503, 29 January 1944  

To AGWAR action, CG USFOR information cite NAGAP signed Devers.

This message received from MacFarlane 28 January 1944 concerning conference with Badoglio regarding prisoner of war agreement. "Meeting with Badoglio yesterday who stated agreement considered by himself and colleagues and that he could not possibly sign it. To do so would cause complete loss of face with Italians and he preferred resignation rather than signing. The one half million prisoners concerned affected probably 4,000,000 or more intimately. Badoglio proposed a committee formed of Signor Frumis, General Gazzara and British and American representatives to delve into entire matter. My discussion was forcible and at length and I attempted to produce every possible argument as to the urgent necessity for immediate execution of this compact. Badoglio was informed that refusal and counter proposal would certainly be mal vue by both Governments. It was impossible to change his position. I met him again this morning and stated that it was necessary that his objections be urgently and specifically stated and that these specific reasons be given at once. I did not take a non-acceptance in general language. Badoglio requested time for a detailed statement and promised to give it to me tonight. Conversation ended with statement impressing upon him the great urgency attached by the Allied countries to agreement."

Above is paraphrase.

Refer to CM-IN-8811 (14 Jan 44) CC/S No Sig

ACTION: CC/S (Captain Royal USN)


CM-IN-19438 (29 Jan 44) 1356Z

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NLR 101  
By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
From: Algiers
To: WAR
No: W933/42518 24 January 1944

From NATUSAM to action AGWAR info Troopers No W933/42518 24 Jan 1730A. Signed Devers cite NAGAP to AGWAR for action, to Troopers for information.

We are in receipt of a message from General MacFarlane, paraphrased as follows, regarding Prisoner of War agreement outlined in urad 6384 of 5th January, FAN 314:

"Prisoner of War agreement has been submitted to the Badoglio Government. Badoglio had referred the agreement to Prunas who was temporarily absent. General MacFarlane was promised early information though Badoglio will not sign until after consultation with Prunas. Italian Cabinet still examining financial aspects of agreement. The urgency of the matter was emphasised." End of paraphrase.

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6384 is CM-OUT-1272 (5 Jan 44) GCS

ACTION: GCS (CAPT ROYAL, USN)

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Strong
Gen Arnold
Gen Hilldring
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Adm King
White House

CM-IN-16178 (25 Jan 44) 0453Z mos

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
January 24, 1944

CG, FREEDOM, ALGIERS
Number 8007
USFOR, LONDON, FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
Number R-8525
FOR WILSON FREEDOM ALGIERS, PAN 328, FROM THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF.

Early action in getting agreement signed is desired
reference PAN 314. Request information as to when it
is likely to be signed.

OREIGINATOR: CC/S Capt. Royal, USN
INFORMATION: OPD
Gen. Strong
C of S
Gen Arnold
Adm. King
White House
Gen Hilldring
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
From: GHQ SWPA Rear EH
To: War
No.: C 643 18th January 1944

From MacArthur to AGWAR C 643.

American POW Sg t Robert L Pease Air Corps escaped from Barao Penal Colony 25th October reports all medical attention withdrawn, food further reduced and continued beatings and other forms of brutality inflicted; reports 73 deaths since April with physical condition of surviving prisoners as "permanently down with poor chance to live, practically down but with fair chance to live, remaining still able to work but in poor condition", reports continued prevalence of malaria, dysentery, beriberi, and other forms of disease.

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INFORMATION: CPD COMAD AMP LG

CM-IN-11544 (18 Jan 44) 13522 JCD
NAVAL MESSAGE

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(17182) NCR 7218

COMNAVEU SENDS TO CNO

REF 3° ALUSNA MADRID TO CNO AND COMNAVEU. ALUSNA MADRID REAFLY INFORMED THAT CREWS OF ITALIAN CHERCA AND GERMAN LIPARI WILL BE DECLASSIFIED AND GUARDS WILL BE POSTED ABOARD.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
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PRIORITY
SECURITY CONTROL

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

Number W/260   15 January 1944

Signed Devers cite MAGAP to AGWAR.

Message from War Department 6384 of 5 January, PAN 314, outlining proposed military agreement between Commander in Chief of Allied forces and by the Italian government concerning organization and employment of members of Italian forces now held as prisoners of war is reference. Following is information received from the British resident minister at AFHQ relating to this proposed agreement; "The Minister has been instructed by H M government to inform the Soviet representative here and the French authorities of the terms of the proposed agreement with the Italian government regarding the treatment of Italian prisoners of war, in advance of signature, making it clear that the agreement represents a confirmation of existing practice and not something entirely new.

This notification is being made today to M Vyshinsky and M Massigli in their capacity as members of the advisory council for Italy."

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6384 is CM-OUT-1272 (5 Jan 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S (Captain Royal USN)

INFORMATION: GFP, General Strong, General Arnold, C of S, Admiral King, White House

CM-IN-10163 (16 Jan 44) 0418Z med

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/2/44
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NLR 101

By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
ACTION: DIRECTOR NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

NO SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TO UNITED STATES AVAILABLE NEAR FUTURE FOR TRANSFER 134 GERMAN PILOTS CAPTURED FROM NORTHBOUND BLOCKADE RUNNER. RECOMMEND 2 INTERROGATORS PROCEED RECIFE VIA AIR TO ASSIST LT HULLEN. OCE. 2nd SECOND RUNNER SUNK ARE IN 4 LIFE BOATS EXPECT THEY WILL ARRIVE OFF COAST IN 14 DAYS.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/23/44
INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: War

No: W9109, 2 January 1944.

Signed Eisenhower cite NAGAP to AGWAR.

Instructions contained your FAN 291 January 1st relative to hold Germans concerned as prisoners of war and no publicity are named. For your information the only segregation practiced is for purposes interrogation and investigation and for convenience in handling initially. No difference in treatment is accorded these prisoners by reason of the fact they may be considered as principals or witnesses in a war crimes matter.

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FAN 291 is CM-OUT-33 (1 Jan 44) CC/S
ACTION: CC/S
INFORMATION:
QP
General Strong
General Arnold
Admiral King
General Hildring Log
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/74
Combined Chiefs of Staff
71469
December 31, 1943

CG FREEDOM
AEGIES

CG USFOR
LONDON ENGLAND

For Eisenhower FREEDOM Algiers FAN 291, from the Combined
Chiefs of Staff.

It is considered reference HAF 522 that immediate trial by
civil or military court would result in reprisals by the
enemy against arbitrarily selected allied prisoners of war.
You should therefore continue to hold the Germans concerned
as prisoners of war for the duration of hostilities against
Germany. Meanwhile the necessary evidence should be compiled
confidentially for the use of whatever body will try them
after the war.

You should not segregate as war criminals the Germans con-
cerned from other prisoners of war since the reasons for
such segregation cannot be kept secret indefinitely. As soon
as any differences in treatment of persons accused of war
crimes become known to the enemy, retaliation could be
anticipated.

Your decision against publicity in connection with the capture
and trial of war criminals is approved. It is believed that
any temporary propaganda advantage that might be gained from
such publicity would be completely overbalanced by the danger
of reprisals against allied prisoners of war in enemy hands.

ORIGINATOR: CCS (CAPT ROYAL USN)

INFORMATION: OPD

GEN ARNOLD

ADM KING

GEN STRONG

GEN HILLDRING

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
From: Algiers

To: WAR

No. W-8673 27 December 1943

Signed Eisenhower cite NAGAP and PHGAB to AGWAR for Marshall.

Incidents your 5683 of 25th December are similar to others recited by escaped prisoners with respect to the Italians. Both British and United States in this area have agreed that no useful purpose served at this time by presenting such matters to present Italian Government. Full records are being kept on such matters in case action is desired later on. In contrast with such complaints are the facts that many Italian civilians have assisted escaping prisoners and have jeopardized their own security by so doing.

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Cruelties suffered by American Prisoners of War are reported by cable to Secretary of State from the Minister at Bern, Switzerland, reading substantially as follows:

"Report prepared by Captain Trippi of Swiss Legation, Rome, covers interview with Lieutenants Locke and Charlton at Italian POW Camp Number 5 on 8 September. Trippi was able to speak freely with these officers although a camp commander and other officers were present. The latter did not interfere with the interview. The following is the substance of Locke's statement:

"We were hit by anti-aircraft fire and compelled to abandon our plane while bombing an aerodrome near Grosseto on 25 April 1943. My personal valuables and part of my clothes were stolen from me when it was learned that I was an American. I was kicked by 1 of the civilians. Later we were taken to Grosseto and placed in a civilian hospital. I asked for morphine because of terrible pains and was told by an Italian that he would give me the morphine if I signed a confession stating I had machine-gunned civilians.

"Charlton saw Lieutenant Calkins captured and stated regarding it: "1 Italian was beating Calkins about the head while another held a pistol at his back. Calkins was later dragged away. He was an officer of great physical stamina and when captured, appeared to be in excellent physical condition and unwounded. 1 Italian Major spat in Charlton's face and he was beaten and kicked by civilians."
"Calkins was taken to the hospital at Lucca on 30 April 1943. He was unrecognizable because of the beating received and suffered terrible injuries including bad cuts about the head. On 24 May 43 he died in the hospital. Charlton and Burkins were taken to the Lucca hospital on 1 May. Burkins is still at Hospital Number 202, suffering shock and mental derangement.

"Locke and Charlton, while en route from Camp Number 202 to Camp Number 5 were approached and called criminal and other names by civilians. No steps were taken to prevent this. Carabiniers took their personal belongings from them without giving any receipt. These officers have no complaints regarding camp number (omission). On 2 September Locke sent a report to the Swiss Legation which had not been received when Trippi left Rome.

"Red Cross parcels have been requested by Locke and Charlton. James of American Red Cross, Geneva, has been informed.

Officers mentioned have been identified as 1st Lieutenant Sumner E. Locke, AC, ASN 0-724267; 2nd Lieutenant Robert H. Calkins, AC, ASN 0-729603; 2nd Lieutenant Richard B Charlton, AC, ASN 0-728827; and Lieutenant Burkins (further identification unavailable). The above is furnished for your information.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE COMMITTEE LONDON HAS PROPOSED THAT ITS VICE DIRECTOR COMMA PATRICK MALIN PAREN AMERICAN PAREN COMMA VISIT ITALY FOR PURPOSE OF OFFERING COOPERATION OF THE COMMITTEE IN SOLVING NOE HYPHEN MATERIAL PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH REFUGEES SUCH AS STATUS COMMA ULTIMATE DESTINATION AND RESETTLEMENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH RELATIVES COMMA ET CETERA RPT ET CETERA STOP FOR EISENHOWER FREEDOM ALGIERS COMMA FAN NUMBER THREE HUNDRED COMMA FROM COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF STOP IN SUPPORTING THIS PROPOSAL COMMA THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THERE WOULD BE GREAT ADVANTAGE IN HAVING A COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE SERVE WITH THE CIVILIAN INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUBCOMMISSION OF POLITICAL SECTION OF CONTROL COMMISSION STOP OUR POSITION IS THAT PROPOSED VISIT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING LIAISON AND PROVIDING IGC RPT IGC WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION CONCERNING SCOPE AND NATURE OF REFUGEE PROBLEM IN ITALY COMMA LEAVING OPEN FOR TIME BEING QUESTION OF RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF COMMITTEE IN ITALY STOP PLEASE TRANSMIT YOUR VIEWS

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Civil Affairs Division
November 20, 1943

To Eisenhower from Hilldring signed Marshall

Yugoslav refugees. Following approach to State Department by Yugoslav government, former has inquired of JCS as to what practical steps can be taken to render assistance to 4,000 refugees released from internment camps by Yugoslav Partisans and now reported to be on island of Rab off Dalmatian coast. Matter was previously referred to Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees in London and 2 possibilities were suggested (1) direct evacuation by transport for concentration at Bari and (2) failing direct assistance, provision of funds so that refugees could make own arrangements to hire boats to bring them to Italian mainland. Please include in your comment, which is requested, most recent intelligence concerning whereabouts and welfare of these refugees.

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By DBS Date May 22, 1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
Joint Chiefs of Staff

November 24, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
NAVALUSA FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 3355

For Eisenhower from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reference your W 4409, November 5, 1943, our number 8355, September 21, 1943, and our number 770, October 22, 1943, cite NAPMO and NAGAP.

Policy with respect to furnishing lists of prisoners of war to Vatican Information Service has been reconsidered in light of your reply. Since the nominal rolls do not contain the necessary information for notification of next of kin, the definition of delayed basis upon which you were heretofore authorized to deliver lists to the Vatican Information Service need no longer be applied. It is desired as a matter of policy, however, that a distinction be maintained between this agency and the agencies recognized by international agreement as the ones to receive prisoner of war information. Therefore, policy established in our number 8355, September 21, 1943, is modified to authorize you to deliver nominal rolls to the Vatican Information Service at such time after delivery to the protecting power and International Red Cross as you may deem reasonable. It is suggested that you consider the advisability of basing the delayed delivery on the Geneva Courier departure schedule, namely 2 weeks, which would be in accordance with State Department recommendations and will preserve distinction between the International Agencies and the Vatican Agency. Request that War Department be advised as to period of delay finally fixed by you.

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By RAP, RbR, Date MAY 23 1974

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(FROM NIMITZ)

CONGRATULATIONS TO FRAZIER ON DISPOSING OF ENEMY SUBMARINE. SEND PRISONERS TO PEARL AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

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OSD letter, May 4, 1973

By DBS Date May 26, 1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
From: Algiers
To: War
No. W-2817, 18 October 1943

To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff for the personal attention of Major General Walter B. Smith and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FHMG (NAF 476)

We are prepared to try at once in Allied Military Court prison officials of internment camp on island of Ustica for killing civilian internees including Jugo Slavs by torture and starvation. Assume there is no objection to this procedure under para 7 of policy directive of June 1. Please advise promptly as we desire to commence trail before turning over the territory to Italian government.

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INFORMATION: OPD

General Strong
General Arnold
General Wildt
Admiral King
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From: Algiers
To: War
Nr: W2123/5365 9th October 1943

From Freedom to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff rptd USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff Troopers W2123/5365 9th 1435A signed Eisenhower cite FHMGs NAF 447 following.

Decisions made under para 3 of FAN 210.

1. All displaced persons will be originally retained in the camps in which they are found. American, British and French Prisoners of War are the only persons originally to be excluded from the category of "displaced persons".

2. Advanced Hq of a proposed eventual displaced persons sub commission has been organized temporarily under AMG Hq.

3. 6 displaced persons will be cared for in the initial emergency stage by AMG assisted by such advanced Hq (including American and British Red Cross personnel) and so far as is possible by the P W subcommission and by surgeon and DMS.

4. As soon as possible displaced persons will be transferred to sole control of displaced persons subcommission which will deal with all inquiries and under which Red Cross personnel have agreed to serve.

5. It is intended that if possible all displaced persons other than enemy nationals will eventually be screened by an accredited representative of their own government under the supervision of Intelligence Officer.
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To: War
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6. After screening such persons as are P W of United Nations will be handed over to P W sub commission.

7. Food supplies will be provided through the supply of channels either of AMQ or Allied Commission.

8. Surgeon and DMS will where possible include in the allocation of medical supplies for forward troops a proportion of medical supplies for displaced persons.

9. Ministers and Red Cross have been consulted and concur.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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           GEN. ARNOLD
           ADM. KING
           GEN. HILLDRING
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PENDING RECEIPT OF REPLY TO NAF445 (TO AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF, TO USFOR FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FKG/CSC. THIS IS NAF446). IT IS NOT PROPOSED TO SHIP TO USA OR UK ANY MORE ITALIAN PRISONERS.

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ARMY REPORTS SITUATION WHERE CAPTURED ALLIED PERSONNEL PROBABLY SHOT FOR POSSESSION CALIBRE 38 UNJACKETED AMMUNITION CONSIDERED VIOLATION HAGUE CONVENTION RECOMMEND NO ISSUES COMBAT ZONE PENDING AVAILABILITY JACKETED BALL. ADVISE.
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
From: Algiers
To: War
No: W-7278/1014, 13 August 1943

Subject raised in your FAN 189, August 11 has been under consideration for some time. (signed Eisenhower cite NAGAP, FEGAB, FEGMS and FHAIR, NAF 321 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff action, to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff information). Plans have been made by British for delivery of food by air followed by delivery through normal means. As rapidly as possible allied prisoners of war will be concentrated in transit camps for onward passage. Any United States prisoners of war which are being held in Italy will be returned through British channels to North Africa for USA disposition. If you desire full details of plan can be sent air mail.

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
August 10, 1943
CG FREEDOM ALGIERS
USFOR LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

One immediate problem that will result from any cessation of hostilities in Italy will be that of providing for the many Allied Prisoners of War in the different camps in Italy. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAM 183, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. It may be expected that any existing machinery for the feeding and maintenance of these camps will break down completely in the early stages. Plans will be needed to deliver to the camps, by sea and by air, as soon as they can be reached, sufficient rations to feed the prisoners pending the establishment of permanent arrangements. The Combined Chiefs of Staff therefore wish you to study this problem in relation to the others that will result from the cessation of hostilities and make such preparations as may be possible to put the plan into effect quickly should the need arise.

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Office Chief of Staff
Civil Affairs Division
By: Operations Division
WDGS, North African Section, WDOPD
OPD 311.23 CAD (7 Aug 43)

August 7, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 4580

Subject first to the dictates of military necessity and security and then to the interests of the individuals concerned (from Marshall to Eisenhower), the following views in regard to the treatment of displaced persons in Sicily and later in Italy if and when occupied are furnished for your information and guidance:

Paragraph 1. Allied Prisoners of War. After identification and examination, medical and otherwise, prisoners found suitable for military service may be returned to the appropriate agencies of the United States-British or French Armies for disposition when practicable. The services of these prisoners and the prisoners of the armed forces of other countries of the United Nations may be utilized in your discretion pending arrangements with their respective governments for disposition.

Paragraph 2. Allied and neutral civilian internees. The majority of these persons will have homes in Italy to which they should be permitted to return as quickly as their homes are uncovered by Allied Forces. Those not so returned should be placed in restricted residence with provision being made for their care until they can show that they can provide for themselves. Work should be provided when practicable. They should be identified as to nationality in order that their presence in the territory may be communicated to their respective governments.

CM-OUT-3191 (9 Aug 43)

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Paragraph 3. Allied Nationals having the status of forced laborers. After identification and examination, those whose loyalties to the Allies have been determined and who qualify physically and otherwise should be given opportunity to join the Armed Forces of their country if represented by units in the theater or to serve in labor battalions organized by the military or in other approved civilian work. They should not be dispersed until plans are made for their employment or other disposition. Official records should be preserved as part of preparation for repatriation as soon as their governments can receive them. Former Prisoners of War released by the Axis may be found among the forced laborers. They should be identified and requests addressed to their respective military commands for instructions as to their disposition.

Paragraph 4. Political Prisoners. Allied and Neutrals who are released after examination will be treated as in two above. Italian Nationals who are released should be permitted to return to their homes.

Paragraph 5. Italian Nationals consisting of evacuees, refugees and persons displaced on racial grounds. Temporary shelter and relief may be necessary. Organized transportation to their homes should be arranged if and when practicable.

Paragraph 6. Axis Nationals other than Italians. Will be identified and registered and those whose freedom of movement would endanger the security of the Armed Forces or be otherwise undesirable will be interned or their activities curtailed as may be necessary under the circumstances.

Subject guides for administration.

In order to carry out the above policies, and with a view to establishing procedures which may be uniformly followed by the military authorities while they are in

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control of the territory and subsequently by designated civilian representatives, subject always to the dictates of military necessity and security, it will be necessary:

Paragraph 1. To develop plans and arrange for the care and disposition of Allied Prisoners of War not immediately returned to their respective Armed Forces.

Paragraph 2. With respect to civilian internes, laborers and political prisoners, to develop plans and arrange for: Registration and identification; relief in the forms of food, shelter, medical care, employment, and other assistance; political and security examinations; notifications to foreign governments of the presence of their Nationals in the territory; release of Allied Nationals to the local communities with the assistance of nationality groups and civilian aids and interpreters in registration and identification and in securing employment; and repatriation.

Paragraph 3. With respect to displaced Italian Nationals, to develop plans and arrange for surveys of areas from which Italians have been displaced to determine the feasibility and the time of return of displaced groups; temporary shelter and feeding, including feeding on the road; direction and supervision of homeward movements; provision of transport facilities.

Paragraph 4. To develop plans and arrange for the registration and internment of Axis Nationals other than Italians.

If you should desire United States or United Kingdom civilian personnel at any time to assist in this work such personnel should be requested.

Hildring

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Asst. S/W Mr. McCoy
CCS Gen. Deane (for Comdr. Birley)
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Operation Division, WDGS
North African Section, WDOPD
OPD 383.7 (28 Jul 43) HCS

July 29, 1943

COMMANDEER GENERAL
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
FREEDOM, ALGIERS

Number 3719

The President, in cooperation with British Government, has arranged for transfer from Spain of group of an estimated 5,000 or 6,000 refugees of enemy nationality or who are stateless and who have escaped thereto from Axis and Axis controlled countries (Marshall for Eisenhower) Secretary of State, through Mr. Murphy, is communicating with you and French authorities regarding places of temporary residence in Africa for these refugees until such time as arrangements can be made for the provision of a more permanent settlement for duration of war.

It is the President's desire that you cooperate to fullest extent with Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations (the agency responsible for reception and care of these refugees) furnishing to said agency such bedding, shelter and other equipment as may be required for the immediate care of these refugees and requisitioning or Constructing such buildings as may be necessary for their more adequate housing.

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(FOR RHEILDAFFER)

GERMAN NAVAL PRISONERS ARRIVED HERE 29 JULY VIA PLANE FROM RIO DE JANEIRO. WILL DEPART ABOAD ATLANTIC COAST LINE CHAMPION AT 291235Z JULY IN CUSTODY OF UNITED STATES PROVOST MARSHAL DESTINATION FORT MEADE. SERIAL NUMBERS ASSIGNED HERE. LIEUTENANT L. D. CAMPBELL ACCOMPANYING THEM TO DESTINATION.

SECRET

E. O. 11652, Sec. 1(F) and 5(D) or (E)

OIB letter, May 4 1973

By DBS

DATE MAY 22 1973

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NLR 101

By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
Priority

From: Algiers
To: War

No. W 5850, NAF 301, 27 July 1943

Alexander is being authorized to release Italian prisoners of war at his discretion within the intent of your PAM 174 dated 25 July. (Signed Eisenhower cite NAGAP NAF 301 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff action, to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff information). Authority to be decentralized to Army Commanders with due regard to the security of operational areas. Alexander will determine the timing in order that propaganda may be released simultaneously from here.

NOSIG

Footnote: NAF 174 is CM-OUT 9919 (24 Jul 43) CCS

Action: CCS

Information: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
SGS
Admiral King
General Hilldring
LOG

CM-IN-19580 (27 July 43) 1906 Z
WAR DEPARTMENT
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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR
NR: W 5801 26 July 43

Under immediate consideration is your 3332 of 25 July FAN 174 acknowledged here. (Signed Eisenhower cite HUGAP NAF 299 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff action, to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff information). Program decided upon will be forwarded for your information promptly.

Nomsig.

FOOTNOTE: FAN 174 is CM-OUT-9819 (24 Jul 43) CC/S
ACTION: CCS
INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Hilldring
Admiral King
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CM-IN-18940 (26 _________________ 2140Z ejv COPY No.5

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44
COM 7TH FLT SENDS TO VICE CNO.

LT COMDR MELVIN H. MCCOY HAS ESCAPED FROM ENEMY PRISON CAMP DAVAO REPORTED DUTY THIS COMMAND BRISBANE THIS DATE IN EXCELLENT HEALTH AND PHYSICAL CONDITION. REQUEST HIS WIFE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 762 ORIZABA AVENUE LONG BEACH CALIF OR CAN BE REACHED THROUGH HER BROTHER-IN-LAW DR. PAUL CASEBEER CLINTON INDIANA BE INFORMED OF ABOVE AND SEND HER PRESENT ADDRESS BY DESPATCH TO MCCOY THRU NAVAL CHANNELS. MCCOY HAS MUCH INFORMATION REGARDING NAVAL PRISONERS IN PHILIPPINES. INTEND TO RETURN HIM TO DEPARTMENT FOR DUTY VIA MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS AT EARLY DATE.
The Combined Chiefs of Staff consider it might be advisable to release a number of Italian Prisoners of War captured in Sicily provided you are satisfied they are bona fide local farmers or laborers and not actively Pro-Fascist. For Eisenhower Freedom, Algiers, FAN 174, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. They feel this would benefit local agriculture and reconstruction. Similar action successful with enemy colonial troops after East African campaign. This action would also have considerable propaganda value and a strong psychological effect on Italian troops on Italian mainland and in the Balkans.

Nothing should be done to prejudice the idea of unconditional surrender and there must be no bargaining nor any suggestion of Sicilians already in Prisoner of War camps overseas being returned to their homes. Calls on Prisoner of War labor for work outside Italy must be fully met.

The Chiefs of Staff realize only a small proportion of Italian troops anywhere are fighting near their homes and of these all will not satisfy security provisions. However more initiation of scheme might have far-reaching results. It would serve to reduce drain on your resources by decreasing number of Prisoners of War you are required to maintain. The Combined Chiefs of Staff authorize you to initiate scheme if you consider it desirable to do so.

No Sig.

ORIGINATOR: CCS
INFORMATION: OPD
General Strong
General Arnold
Adm. King
General Hilldring

CM-OUT-9919  (24) ejv
CM-OUT-9920

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NAVAL MESSAGE VIA NAVY

FROM CINC MED (A)

RELEASED BY

DATE 24 JULY 1943

TOR CODEROOM J039

DECODED BY BRADLEY

PARAPHRASED BY MACFARLANE (2) (X)

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H F ALEXANDER NOW AT CASABLANCA PROPOSE LOADING WITH PRISONERS OF WAR AND SAILING INDEPENDENTLY TO U.S.A.

NO DISTRIBUTION BY MCR MCR PASSED TO NOR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION

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OSD letter, May 1, 1972

By DBS Date MAY 29 1972

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E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 11/1/94
Subject to military necessity and security and the interests of the individuals concerned, (This is a book message for Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, FAN 171, from the Combined Chiefs of Staff) the following principles will be applied to Allied and neutral civilian internees, a large number of whom may be on Lipari Islands:

As soon as military situation permits, they should be given medical and mental examinations, identified, and their personal and financial situations determined. Existing camps may be continued or moved to new locations within your discretion, living and sanitary conditions being made adequate. Work should be provided where practicable. Those for whom other provision is not available, such as release to relatives or friends who will provide for them, should be held in restricted residence until other arrangements for their care or repatriation can be made. Internees should not be released until their reliability has been determined with particular reference to those who may later become political agitators and it is established that they can be cared for. To the extent feasible a census of the names and nationalities should be taken for transmission to the Combined Chiefs of Staff in order that interested governments may be informed. If it is your opinion this census cannot be undertaken with your existing staff, statement to that effect is desired.

ORIGINATOR: CC/S
INFORMATION: OPD
Admiral King
General Arnold
General Strong
General Hilldring
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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: NOB ICELAND

RELEASED BY: 21 JULY 1943

FOR CODEROOM: 1447/1425

DECODED BY: SCHMONEES/SCHMONEES

PARAPHRASED BY:

ROUTED BY:

211351

NCR 9979

ORGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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YOUR 261457 MAY, NOT ALL DNEES, MISSION SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 262148. PRISONER TURNED OVER TO U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES ICELAND.

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(D) and 5(D) or (E)
OSS letter, May 1, 1972
By DBS

211351

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Polish liaison officer to Combined Chiefs of Staff indicates that British War Office (for Devers from Marshall) desires United States approval before releasing to Polish Armed Forces those Polish prisoners of war who have been found to be loyal. It is desired that you inform the war office that the United States War Department offers no objection to any action they propose taking regarding this matter. The War Department considers that the release of loyal Polish prisoners of war for service in the Polish Army is a matter for settlement between British and Polish authorities. These prisoners are shipped to England as prisoners of war of the British and are never in American custody. It is considered that their disposal is therefore a matter for decision by the British.
OUTGOING MESSAGE

June 23, 1943

CG ETO
USFOR LONDON ENGLAND

Number R-30

At least 4 vessels (in TA 54 A) will be available to you for shipping P/W to US during latter part July. Cite SFTOM 149 Somervell to Devers for Ross pass to Troopers. Capacity these vessels for POW as follows: Hawaiian shipper 1000, Santa Elena 1000, E B Alexander 4000 and James Parker 1250. Request answer to following questions: 1st, number POW you expect to have on hand July 30th 2nd, if vessel capacities used in full or in part can you furnish necessary guard personnel by using returning US or British troops 3rd, if you cannot furnish entire guard how many should be embarked here.
Revised sailing UNO as given in our SPTOM 130 will return directly to US your NATPM 728. Cite SPTOM 148 Somervell to Eisenhower. Embark maximum number POW agreeable to master of each vessel but request you not exceed 2500 each vessel as this is figure agreed to by British Army Staff here.
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER
INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: WAR
No: W 3425 24 June 1943

Axis repatriation proposals message 910 June 23
(for Marshall cite NAGAP signed Eisenhower) acknowledged here.

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FOOTNOTE: 910 is CM-OUT-9682 (23 June 43) JCS

ACTION: GEN. DEANE (JCS)
INFORMATION: OPD G-2 G-1

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ORD letter, May 1, 1975
By DBS Date 6/23/73

CM-IN-15489 (25 Jun 43) 0331Z cen

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Axis proposals repatriation of wounded prisoners is for a total exchange regardless of numbers (reference your 7-2216 dated 8 June 1943 HAGAP, for Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, from the Joint Chiefs of Staff) and follows the terms of the Geneva Convention. Therefore the question of priorities of British and American prisoners is not involved.
Debarkation of prisoners of war on this side causes delay of vessel due to prisoners having to be fingerprinted. Marshall to Devers for Ross pass to troopers cite Sptom 136 to avoid this delay it is desired that prisoners embarked UK for United States be fingerprinted prior to embarking your ports. To accomplish this, 25,000 cards PMG form number 2 and 25 fingerprinting kits will be placed on present trip Queen Mary to be turned over to port commander at Port of Debarkation and marked for your attention.

British Army Staff Washington sending cable asking that British who control prisoners awaiting shipment give Ross full cooperation and that if possible that British do fingerprinting at place where prisoners held. Upon embarkation fingerprinting cards and prisoners will be organized into groups of 50.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER
INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY
From: Algiers
To: WAR
No. W 3151, 20 June 1943

Formal text of agreement on the division of responsibility for prisoners of war taken in North Africa has not been formulated by USA and British authorities here. (for Marshall cite NAGAP signed Eisenhower) All actions taken have been based upon decisions agreed between proper USA and British military authorities. Military necessity has determined agreements reached. These have been discussed in prior cables culminating in W-1478 of 27 May. Initial basis for such agreements was your approval in N-815 Sept 16, 1942 of our 2106 of Sept 12, 1942. Troopers cable 60605 is not regarded as substantially changing original agreement. Intent of 60605 observed by procedure adopted and indicated in W-1478. This represents the agreed British-American approach on handling of prisoner of war problem. Effect of program has been to add to end of appropriate sentences of part three of 60605 the following words "For purposes of shipment to USA either direct or through UK". Net effect is same under this as under original wording in that USA responsibility actually arises at same point in time. Does not have disadvantage or raising question of legal responsibility of USA for complete supply, escorts and administration which is now being handled satisfactorily on informal "share-and-share-alike" basis. 60605 was assumed strengthened because interpretation gives fullest freedom and latitude from both a practical and
legal viewpoint to our respective countries in the handling of prisoners of war. It does away with the responsibility for any but original notification by Britain to belligerents of transfers of prisoner personnel to British for dispatch to UK for labor. Policy permits the segregation of all Poles, Yugoslavs, Czechs, Alsatians, Belgians, etc in forward areas by British and prevents their becoming USA responsibility by determination what "non-Axis" Europeans and hence not subject to shipment to USA. Further creates firm responsibility as to prisoners of war both on the part of Britain and on the part of USA and fits into practical problems involved in handling administration and notification in this theater. Permits final determination as to custody to be made by us in a manner consistent with our best interests. Stress that agreement reached here on informal basis between British and USA does implement 60605 in its most practical sense and in keeping with our view as to its fundamental intent.

No agreements made between French and USA relative to division of responsibility as to prisoners of war taken by French forces. They retain full responsibility for these prisoners who never pass into evacuation channels set up by British-American effort. Formal agreement has been entered into between French and US relative to the transfer of responsibility of 20,000 captures under USA control to French custody. Copies being forwarded air mail.

No Sig

W-1478 is CM-IN-17600 (27 May 43) OPD
815 is CM-OUT-5368 (16 Sept 42) OPD
2106 is CM-IN-5065 (12 Sept. 42) OPD

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2 ASF G-1

CM-IN-12937 (21 Jun 43) 0446Z cen

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JCS LETTER, 7-5-72
BY DEP, DATE
MAY 22 1973

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
OSMOND INGRAM REPORTS ONE SOURCE OF VALUABLE INFORMATION NOW FLOATING FREELY EMBODYED IN INJURED POLE WHO OFFERED TO TALK PROVIDED HE LIVED AND COULD BE PROTECTED AND KEPT SEPARATED FROM OTHER PRISONERS. THIS HAS BEEN DONE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE SPECIALTY AND SEPARATELY HANDLED AFTER ARRIVAL.

(acted in CTG 21.12)

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[Signature]
REDIS 011432 FROM CONSOLANTFOR TO COM 7. PLEASE TRANSMIT REQUEST TO PROVOST MARSHALL GENERAL UNITED STATES ARMY TO ACCEPT CUSTODY OF GERMAN NAVAL PRISONERS MENTIONED IN REFERENCE AT MIAMI ON JUNE 3. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH ARMY PROVOST MARSHALL FOR CITY OF MIAMI BUT HE DESIRES AUTHORITY FROM PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL.

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E. O. 12333, Sec. 3(D) and 5(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 1, 1972
By DBS Date MAY 22, 1973
ALL TIMES LOCAL FOR PARTICULAR ZONE. US ARMY PLANE WITH 13 GERMAN NAVAL PRISONERS 5 GUARDS DEPARTING NATAL 0243 VIA BORIQUEN FIELD PUERTO RICO FOR REFUELING AND ARRIVE MIAMI 36TH STREET AIRPORT APPROXIMATELY 0315. REQUEST D.I.O. BE PREPARED TAKE CUSTODY PRISONERS FOR SUBSEQUENT TURNOVER TO US ARMY PROVOST MARSHALL FOR FURTHER DELIVERY TO WASHINGTON. PRISONERS HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED BY WASHINGTON INTERROGATORS HERE.

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Supplementing our 9111 of May 29 reference repatriation wounded and seriously sick prisoners of war. Since dispatch of above message WD informed that British have received similar representations. (From Marshall to Eisenhower) Foreign office have asked that Combined Chiefs of Staff obtain following information: (1) Estimate of number of seriously ill and seriously wounded Germans and Italians in North Africa likely to be assessed as repatriable. (2) On the assumption that access to any North African port by Axis ships is unacceptable, suitability or otherwise of Barcelona as delivery port for German and Italian repatriables. (3) How soon can examination of prisoners be completed. British could assist if necessary, by providing British Doctors with the experience of the convention.

British foreign office considers that Barcelona is unsuitable for US or British seriously ill or wounded and suggest Gothenburg or, failing that, Lisbon as transfer port, though it might be used as delivery port for Axis prisoners.

In you reply to our 9111, please include your views on additional questions raised in this message.

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ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: GEN DEANE (CC/S)

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CM-OUT-12642

(29 May 43)

2300Z sib

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
Operations Division WDGS
European Section WDOPD OPD 383.6 (5-21-43)

May 28, 1943

CG NATO FREEDOM

Number 9111

Representations have been made to State Department by the Swiss legation representing Italian and German Governments, asking that Allies consider plans for immediate repatriation of wounded and seriously sick Prisoners of War in North Africa in conformity with Art. 98 of Geneva Convention. (Eisenhower from Marshall) German and Italian Governments are willing to accept the findings of Allied Medical Authorities as to which prisoners fall within the category to be repatriated.

Italian Government proposes to send 1 or more hospital ships to North African port to be designated by you, or if preferable transfer could take place by means of British or American ships to neutral port such as Barcelona.

Germany proposal is to dispatch hospital ships to neutral exchange port, Barcelona acceptable.

Plan to repatriate German and Italian sick and seriously wounded for Allied sick and wounded has also brought from Swiss offer to all parties concerned for immediate dispatch of Swiss physicians if desired to check on injured prisoners to determine who may be repatriated under Geneva convention. In order to save time and if agreeable to all parties concerned those Swiss physicians assigned to check prisoners in Allied hands can be brought to North Africa in Swiss Airplanes.

Desire your recommendations.

ORIGINATOR: CPD

INFORMATION: ASF-PNG
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General Deane (CC/8)

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E.O. 11662, Sec. 3(8) and 8(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 1, 1972
By DBS Date May 22, 1973

CM-OUT-12491

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/29/92

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PRIORITY

From: London USFOR
To: WAR W 200
Algiers Unnumbered

May 28, 1943

Most desirable from viewpoint of this theater to have United States guards stay with prisoners to the United States and return to North Africa by Southern Route. Reir R 8645 and R 8679 to the effect that guards shall remain with prisoners through United Kingdom to United States. Cables being received from Algiers through British channels indicate necessity of early return of guards to North Africa from United Kingdom and also point to difficulties of getting escorts in sufficient numbers. Cite EAGAP signed Devers. So as to avoid possibility of using as guards United States combat troops in this theater clarification of the 2 cables referred to above is requested early.

No Sig

FOOTNOTE: R-8645 is CM-OUT-8339 (19 May 43) OPD
R-8679 is CM-OUT-8785 (31 May 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
GEN DEANE (CC/B)
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CM-IN-18103
(28 May 43)

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
YOUR 2618392 ALL ITALIAN EXCEPT 1 GERMAN OFFICER. ALL DELoused.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: VCNO
RELEASED BY: H. H. Smith
DATE: 26 May 1943
TOR CODE ROOM: 1946/26
DECODED BY: Grall
PARAPHRASED BY: H. L. US

FOR ACTION
COM MOROCCAN SEAFRON
PRIORITY: ROUTINE
DEFERRED

COM FIVE CONSERV.
GO WEST POINT
PRIORITY: ROUTINE
DEFERRED

INFORMATION

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

2618392      NCR 566

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OSD letter, May 1, 1973
By DBS Date MAY 22 1973

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/74
WEST POINT HAS 87 PASSENGERS PLUS 2944 PRISONERS OF WAR WITH 214 GUARDS. 8 SACKS NAVY MAIL, NO CARGO.

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COMMUNCH...F37...16...F3...13...2CH

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: NORPAC
RELEASED: MAY 22, 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 8839/923

TO: CONTASK GROUP 16.11 (CASCO)

ACTION: PRPPPP
ROUTINE
DEFERRED

ADDRESSEES: NORPAC FOR
SOPA JACKBOOT

PARAPHRASED BY: STAMBAUGH/STAMBAUGH

ROUTED BY:

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

220743
NCB 1649

CONORPAC SENDS TO CASCO WHO RELAYS TO CONTASK GROUP 16.11 FOR ACTION. SOPA JACKBOOT INFO ADEE.

DESIRE PRISONERS TAKEN BE SENT TO ADAK PROMPTLY.
ARRANGE THROUGH SOPA JACKBOOT FOR TRANSPORTATION.

----- INTERCEPT ------

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By DBS
Date: MAY 22, 1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
May 22, 1943

FROM: WAR OFFICE Q(M)2
TO: BAS WASHINGTON
    (pass to Agwar)
    rptd. Freedom
    Ottawa (for N.D.H.Q. and NSHQ)

NO: 82488 of 22nd May

Your QO/523 20th May to War Office only.

First. NO trace Freedom 8179 nor programme for evacuation POW ex North Africa.

Second. Consider essential all telegrams this subject be repeated all interested parties as above.

Third. D of St has authorized use of SCYTHIA for POW to USA (210139B to PSTO MED rptd Commorose from and STO Gib).

Fourth. Proposal to fit freighters for POW carriage on return trip being considered by D of St.

Fifth. Agreed.

FOOTNOTE: 8179 is CM-OUT-6886 (5-15-43) ASF-Trans.

ACTION: ASF
INFORMATION: OPD
              G-2
              GEN DEANE (CC/S)

CM-IN-15023 (23 May 43) 2307Z

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
Even though tactical troops are involved reference your 
811 May 16 (Marshall to Eisenhower and Devers) 
It is preferable that guards remain with prisoners 
through UK to US. They will be returned to you on 
first priority. Thorough study is being made as to 
policy in providing guards for returning prisoners 
and you will be informed as soon as details are worked 
out here. On increased capacity on merchant shipping 
for POW and French demands you will also be advised.

No Sig

ORIGINATOR: OPD
INFORMATION: GENERAL SOMERVELL
ADMIRAL KING
GENERAL DEANE
LOG

CM-OUT-8338 (19 May 43) 2338Z med
CM-OUT-8339

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E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: War W-811
USFOR London No number

May 18, 1943

Preparing to requisition tactical troops as prisoners of war escort reurad 7889 May 13. (To OPD for Marshall action-USFOR Information cite NATOP signed Eisenhower). Imperative return from USA be of lst priority as indicated your previous cables. Use of combat troops requires reconsideration of your requirement that these guards remain with the prisoners while in transit through UK. Request such troops be returned here on lst priority from UK and that USA troops in ETO furnish necessary guards for onward USA passage.

No Sig

NOTE: 7889 is CM-OUT-5168 (12 May 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: General Deane (CCS)
General Somervell
Admiral King

CM-IN-11582 (18 May 43) 1936Z ems

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: Oran - No #
WAR - #W829

May 18, 1943

Radio information this morning indicates that there will be between 225,000 and 250,000 prisoners of war in this Theater. (For Larkin action cite NADCG signed CINC) Evidence points to the conclusion that the USA Army will have to feed most if not all of these men beginning very shortly. G-1 estimates that 40,000 prisoners of war can be evacuated by June 1 and an additional 20,000 by July 1. The rate of evacuation after July 1 will be approximately 20,000 per month. Without detailed study it would appear that additional rations would have to be requisitioned for prompt shipment from the USA. Please recommend action to be taken as soon as possible.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:
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ASF
General Deane (CCS)
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CM-IN-11583 (18 May 43) 1936Z ems

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CSSLetter, May 1, 1972
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May 17
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From: Algiers
To: WAR W 734, NAF 222
USFOR No Number

May 17, 1943

A late report now shows (to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower. This is NAF 222) grand total of prisoners of war captured in Tunisia since 5th May to be 224,200 but I am having this figure checked.

No Sig.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
ADN. KING
GEN. ARNOLD
GEN. STRONG
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JCS LETTER, 7-5-73
BY DBS, DATE
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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMMORSEAFLRON
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 17 MAY 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 27/6
DECODED BY: NOVY
PARAPHRASED BY: NOVY

ADDRESS: NSHQ
FOR ACTION: NSHQ
INFORMATION: NOIC HALIFAX BAD WASHINGTON
COMINCH C & R ADMIRALTY

PRIORITY: RRRRRR
DEFERRED: RRRRRR

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROONEY 171-472
NCR 6196

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

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((NSHQ OTTAWA . PTD NOIC HALIFAX BAD WASHINGTON, COMINCH C & R ADMIRALTY FROM COMMORSEAFLRON)),

CORRECT MY 1511 /3 PARAGRAPH ONE TO READ

PASTEUR HAS 1½ US PERSONNEL 752 POWS
AND 72 POW HOSPITAL CASES 24 BEING COT
CASES ALL FOR UNITED STATES 2DBS OR CANADA.

F37...COC
16...COMINCH...CNO... 93...13...39...NAVAIDE...BADO....

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J.C.S.  
By RA
Date 4-23-73

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED 4 USA SHIPS IN W33P EX UGF7 AND 5 USS IN W331 EX UGF6 SHOULD LOAD UP TO 500 PRISONERS IN EACH SHIP FOR NORTH AMERICA AT THE CAPE AND THEN PROCEED TO CASABLANCA TO LOAD PRISONERS TO PERMISSIBLE LIMIT.

(2) IT IS CONSIDERED THESE VALUABLE SHIPS SHOULD BE ESCORTED TO CASABLANCA AND SHOULD AVOID CALLING AT FREE TOWN IF POSSIBLE.

(3) IT IS PROPOSED CINCSAS SHOULD PROVIDE ESCORT AS NECESSARY TILL CLEAR OF CAPE.

(4) AS NO BRITISH ESCORT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FREE TOWN OR GIBRALTAR AREA AT THIS TIME, REQUEST CONFIRMATION.

(A) ENDURANCE OF THESE SHIPS WILL PERMIT DIRECT PASSAGE CAPE TO CASABLANCA.
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(B) ESCORT WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM US SOURCE TO ESCORT THEM IN TO CASABLANCA.

(C) ESCORT FROM CASABLANCA TO USA WILL BE PROVIDED.

BY USA.

COMINCH PASSED TO NOR FOR F37 FOR ACTION TOR NOR #615/17
F37...ACT
16...03...13...39...NAVAIDE...CNO....
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By RH [Redacted] Date 4-23-72

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
RELIEF INFORMATION RECEIVED LIEUT COMDR. MELVIN H. MCCOY USN ESCAPED DAVAO PENAL COLONY. NOW WITH OUR FORCES MINDANAO.

16...ACT
CNO...BUPERS...COMINCH...20C...NAV...FILE
SUBJECT to operational changes the following is proposed plan to evacuate prisoners of war; code number of vessel of convoy is followed by proposed date expected to sail from North Africa then estimated number of prisoners: GUF-8 May 18th 15000 NUO-1 May 23rd 5000 NUO-2 June 16th 5000 NUO-3 June 25th 3000 NUO-4 July 11th 5000 NUO-5 August 2nd 5000 NUO-6 August 28th 5000 KMF -15 May 20th consisting of 7 British and 5 American vessels with 1850 prisoners of War KMF-17 late June all British 8000 these KMF convoys will carry the prisoners to UK for transhipment to US except that 3500 Italians on each convoy will remain in UK. 4 US vessels out of WS-30 late July will already have 2000 prisoners of War aboard from Middle East but expected to lift 7000 additional from you also 5 US vessels out of WS- 31 August 30th will have 2000 prisoners from Middle East but expect to lift additional 11000 the vessels out of both WS convoys will come direct to US. E.B.Alexander and Agvileon returning in slow convoy with 4700.

The prisoners carried to UK on KMF convoys expect to be transshipped to US as follows TA 47 from UK June 8th 2000 TA 48 June 13th 4000 TA 51 June 26th 4000 TA 49 late June 2500 Empress of Scotland late June 2850 undesignated vessels middle July 4500.

Guard personnel will be furnished from US except for NUO-1 and KMF-15 your guards will be returned if you desire. British will furnish guard for prisoners from Middle East carried on WS convoys. GUF 9 and 9A not included in this plan it is contemplated that such escort personnel as is necessary will come from your resources. Cite SPTOM 52 Marshall to Eisenhower repeated to Lee for Ross pass to Troopers also recurred SPTOM 49 information needed now as to estimated percentage of total prisoners presently on hand that will require hospitalization in general hospitals upon arrival US also when reporting breakdown of prisoners embarked indicate number of patients
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INCOMING MESSAGE

SECURITY CONTROL

Operational Priority

From: Algiers
To: War

Number W-518 May 14, 1943

Convoy GU8 will depart May 18th. Action AGWAR information COT USFOR cite FHTPN 500 signed Eisenhower. BIGOT-HUSKY. Refer your 7889 May 13th 1943. Pasteur and other vessels Casablanca will not have POW to capacity due to impossibility getting them to port embarkation by sailing dates. Vessels EX UGF 8 diverted to United Kingdom without ED Alexander will lift prisoners up to 6310. Your escort stipulations will be replied to separately. Vessels returning direct to US EX UGF 8 from Oran hopeful A place 14,000 POW aboard. Vessels in WS30 and WS31 will be useful if routed via Casablanca. Alexander will lift 3,940. Presume reference our NATPN 253 you will order her returned to US in slow convoy.

No Sig

7889 is CM-OUT-5168 (12 May 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
GEN. SOMERVELL
ADM. KING

CM-IN-8989 (14 May 43) 1729Z cen

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TEXT

(NSHQ OTTAWA REPEATED NOIC HALIFAX ADMIRALTY COMINCH C & R BAD WASHINGTON FROM COMMORSEAFRON)

PASTEUR HAS 500 PRISONERS FOR UNITED STATES
REQUIRES 3,000 TONS FUEL OIL 150 TONS WATER (?WET)
AND DRY STORES BOILER CLEANING.

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J.C.S. [Redacted]
Memo 1-17-73
By [Redacted] Date 4-23-73

*ORIGINATOR CORRECTED TO COMMORSEAFRON BY NAVY SIGNALS

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MCR PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION
FURTHER DISTRIBUTION BY NCR:
16...COMINCH..GEO...13...13....39....NAVAIDE....

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
Maximum evacuation of prisoners of war from North Africa
BIGOT HUSKY refer your W 246 May 10th FE DCS and your W 294 May 11th
(for Eisenhower from Marshall repeated to Lee for Ross pass to
troopers cite SPTOC) planned as follows: delay of GUF 8 until
May 18th is approved however this will result in very tight
schedule for return of 8100 spaces in personnel ships for your
use in operation and may result in UGF 9 arriving Y minus 7 or
Y minus 8 instead of Y minus 9 as you desire.

Following plan agreed with British Army Staff: SS
ERICCSON, E B ALEXANDER, CRISTOBAL, GOETHALS AND MCANDREW to be
loaded with not over 9500 prisoners of war and dispatched to
the United Kingdom. United States guards must accompany and stay
with all prisoners through United Kingdom until arrival in
United States. Ship to ship transfer probably necessary in
United Kingdom. PASTEUR to be loaded with prisoners of war
not to exceed 3500 and to return unescorted. Remainder of
vessels in GUF 8 to be loaded with prisoners of war and
wounded at your discretion and sail by May 18th for the United
States. If no undue delays are experienced and if vessels in
UGF 8 returning to United States sail on May 18th UGF 9 should
be able to sail as planned on June 8th. This alters my SPTOM
32 of May 9th to read 14 vessels and increases POW capacity of
Montereav and G Washington shown my SPTOM 571 of April 30th
to 2,000 and 3500. Request operational priority comment
together with your tentative plan for implementing above.
WS 30 and WS 31 will not return as convoys however we propose to reroute United States Ships returning from these convoys by way of Casablanca to United States or United Kingdom depending on what escort arrangements can be made.

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: GEN. SOMERVELL
ADM. KING
CCS (Gen Deane for Col Wansborough-Jones)
LOG

CM-OUT-5168 (12 May 43) 2239Z wc
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OSD letter, May 3, 1972
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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
Evacuation of prisoners of war this Theatre will require special measures in view of numbers coming in. (To Troopers repeated AGWAR from Freedom cite FHCAC signed Eisenhower 347 W 294 S1(11545) May TOO nil). After departure GUF 8 capacity 10,000 on May 18 no further opportunity for despatch POW to US till mid July unless 5 US ships of GUF 8 which are being turned over for a UK South Africa run can call at Casablanca en route US from Gape. SIGOT HUSKY.

After departure GUF 8 estimated number which may still require evacuation will not be less than 90,000 of which probably only 20,000 will be Italians.

Consider it essential therefore that maximum number be evacuated to States via UK if onward shipping available thus giving following additional lift. First 8100 in 5 US ships sailing UK 18 May. Second 9250 in returning WS 30. Third 8,000 in returning WS 31. Total 25,350. Any vessels intended for evacuation coming from US and UK should bring guards for return journey. Very early reply needed if May 18 opportunity to UK is to be utilized.

No Sig

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN 7150 (11 May 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: Gen Deane (CCS), G-1 (Gen White), Gen Somervell.

CM-IN-7357 (12 May 43) 04092 ems
From: Algiers
To: WAR

No W 294 May 11, 1943.

Evacuation of Prisoners of War from this Theatre will require special measures in view of numbers coming in. (To Troopers repeated AGWAR from Freedom cite FRCAC signed Eisenhower 347 W 294 81 (1545) May TOO nil). After departure GUF 8 capacity 10000 on May 18 no further opportunity for despatch POW to US till mid July unless 5 US ships of GUF 8 which are being turned over for a UK South Africa run can call at Casablanca en route US from Gape.

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* Being serviced

Action: OPD

Information: Gen Desane (CC/S), G-1, Gen Somervell, LOG

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By: R.A.H. Date: 4-23-73

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OPNAV INFO ADMIRALTY NHCS WASHINGTON FROM NSHQ OTTAWA

HMS PATHFINDER'S PRISONERS WILL BE TRANSPORTED IN NHCS CALGARY AND NHCS AMHERST SAILING ST JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, MAY 1ST, DUE BOSTON MAY 4TH. REQUEST YOU WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION AT BOSTON. SUB LT LUNZER IS ACCOMPANYING THE PRISONERS, AND IT IS PROPOSED THAT HE CONTINUE ON TO WASHINGTON.

(Prisoners from MB prison 27th)

16...ACT
COMINCH...10/11...03...13...BADO......
NHCS...NAVAIDE....FILE......

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
Recently Italian govt asked Vatican to use good offices in obtaining information of Italian prisoners in Russia and arranging exchange. The Apostolic Delegate in Turkey was assigned the job. He called on Soviet Consul General Istanbul who received him cordially and promised prompt reply. About same time representative International Red Cross made appointment with Soviet Ambassador Ankara for same purpose. Few days later Apostolic Delegate was informed Consul Atgén could have no further relations with him. The Red Cross representative was told by Embassy Secretary that Ambassador would not see him and that there would be no communication regarding prisoners. The Italian Ambassador said they would continue to treat...

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THEIR 25,000 RUSSIAN PRISONERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE SAID GERMANS HAD PREVIOUSLY DECIDED NOT TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AS RESULT OF SOVIET ATTITUDE AND THAT MORE THAN 1,000,000 RUSSIAN PRISONERS IN GERMAN HANDS HAVE DIED OF PRIVATION, RELIABILITY OF ABOVE A-2.

SECOND SECTION. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THERE WAS AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT WHEN GERMANS TRIED TO COME TO AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS REGARDING PRISONERS THEY POINTED OUT AS AN INCITEMENT THAT THEY HELD MORE PRISONERS THAN THE SOVIETS. THE LATTER REPLIED THAT THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED IN THE QUESTION BECAUSE MANPOWER WAS NOT A PROBLEM WITH THEM.
Joint Chiefs of Staff
April 27, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 6824

The Joint Chiefs of Staff approve your present procedure in fixing responsibility for prisoners of war which they understand is the same as that proposed by the British War Office in their message 60606 of March 13 to the British Staff Mission Washington, which was repeated to you. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This approval is given by the Joint Chiefs of Staff pending results of study to be made by State Department regarding legal questions involved.

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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 23 1974

ORIGINATOR: JCS

INFORMATION: OPD
OIC-WDCMC
Gen Strong
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From: Cairo
To: MILID

ANSWE 50 - April 23, 1943

Alan Stuyvesant for Strong from Moore from Brereton reference our 1133 of June 14, 1942 exchanged POW's arrived Cairo in good health. Was in same Qtr with Lt Col Max Gooler and reports that Gooler well and fit now in Camp 22 PM 3500 located near Chieti. Please inform relatives of both.

No Sig.

FOOTNOTE: 1133 in CH-IN-4561 (6-15-42) WHITE HOUSE

ACTION: G-2

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O.S.D. letter, May 1, 1972
By DBS Date MAY 22 1973

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PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: British War Office (action)
     WAR - USFOR (info)

No: 5554  April 20, 1943

Reports para five. Prisoners. Read German Italians. 8th Army 5554 19th six days ending 14th
Apr 723. 2831. 2nd Corps 11 days ending 15th
Apr 307. 1234. 1st Army including 19th Corps
five days ending 15th Apr 3098. Seven unclassified
2298.

Para six. Administrative summary. 18th Army
Group General Administrative situation considered
satisfactory.

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Continuation of CM-IN-12200 (20 Apr 43) OPD

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
            CG AAF
            Gen. Deane (CC/S)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94

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WDCC
April 20
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Priority

From: Algiers
To: War
No. 5639 April 20 1943

Cable in 4 parts following answers urad 6164 April 17. Comments herein represent agreed opinion of this headquarters. Both British and American. On the required method for handling prisoners of war in this theater. (For Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff cite NAGAP signed Eisenhower).

1. Operations in North Africa have spread over 1200 mile front with a scanty road network, mostly dirt. One railroad and some coastal shipping available for the forward movement of supplied and rearward evacuation of prisoners, because of the lack of facilities it was not possible to establish other than a single L of C. This is British east of and including Algiers American west. Limited Allied supplies and personnel prevented establishment of more than 1 set of camps forward of Algiers. These are British because of their L of C responsibility. Our camps are based on Oran and Casa as evacuation staging centers. British prisoners of war go through American camps just as our prisoners are fed through English camps. It is impossible to route American prisoners of war through channels other than British because our troops are not clearly defined areas segregated from English and distance and time involved in evacuation through other than present channels would require use of combat troops who have never been available. We have no personnel or material to construct such camps in forward areas or man them nor time to do so.
2. It is regarded as necessary to sustain our present system which was established to implement original agreement to regard USA as ultimate detaining power for all Axis European captives. It is based on an economy of effort and maximum beneficial employment of the meager facilities on hand to cope with huge volume of prisoners estimated from this campaign. Though limited means of evacuation and paucity of personnel dictated single channel of evacuation prisoners seldom remain in British camps longer than 1 week prior to transfer to American camps for overseas staging.

Expected influx requiring speedy movements will reduce this time further. Closest coordination has permitted use of British forms for processing by their personnel under our administrative instructions. All possible legal complications have been given serious consideration. Careful observance of all Geneva provisions being maintained by both sides. Not regarded as probable that any difficulties will arise to redound to embarrassment American Government.

3. Same limited shipping facilities available to both for overseas evacuation to states. Economic use of them dictates loading at ports under American control. System indicated by you would impose separate responsibility for prisoners captured by British though evacuated by Americans west of Algiers through our camps into American ships at our ports, and for American prisoners of war evacuated by coasters under British control to American port of Oran and transshipped in British vessel to United States. Further complications are added where American units are placed under tactical command and control of First Army and are required to use British channels. Submit this untenable and likely to abridge existing agreements and policies which have proven successful. Do not believe German or Italy would understand or accept such a position from their standpoint.
whereas our program is consistent with understanding that we are detaining power.

4. The above detailed date is submitted for your consideration in that a comprehensive picture of the practical difficulties created by the circumstances of this theater would be before you when the policy relative to assumption of responsibility of prisoners is decided on a combined basis. Urge that no change in present method be ordered as such action will cause disorganization at a critical time in a system already working with full efficiency and cordiality.

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6164 1s CM-OUT-7287 (17 Apr 43) GEN. DEANE JCS

ACTION: GEN. DEANE (JCS)

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. ARNOLD
ADM. KING

CM-IN-12316 (21 Apr 43) 0220Z cen

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COMMANDING GENERAL
FREEDOM, ALGIERS

Number 6164

Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered message number
6605 of March 13th from British War Office to British Army
Staff Washington which was repeated to you. This with
reference to your 4615 of April 16th, 1943. For Eisenhower
Freedom Algiers from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

U S Chiefs of Staff informed British Chiefs of Staff:
(A) The United States will not accept responsibility for
prisoners of war captured by British or French troops and shall
not regard them as American prisoners until they are
delivered to United States authorities aboard American ships
in North or West African ports. (B) The United States
will retain responsibility for all prisoners of war captured
by American troops and will not transfer such responsibility
to the British.

British Chiefs of Staff further informed that subject
to the limitations stated in preceding paragraph the plan
suggested by British War Office is satisfactory.

It is understood that representatives British Chiefs
of Staff in Washington cabled views of United States Chiefs
of Staff to London for comment and concurrence but so far no
reply has been received. The above views of U S Chiefs of
Staff furnished for your information. No agreement has been
reached on a combined basis. U S Chiefs of Staff desire your
comments

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: Algiers
To: War
London - USFOR (For Info)

In Reply Cite: 4748, April 17, 1943

Spanish Consul Algiers in a letter dated April 9th to (to AGWAR rptd USFOR from. signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy 4748 17th April 43) Murphy states that he represents German and Italian interests. AGWAR action Sec State information, combined Chiefs of Staff and USFOR British Chiefs of Staff and Mathews American Embassy. Signed Eisenhower cite FHCIV Murphy, NAF 211, and citing articles 77 and 86 of Geneva Convention of 1929 requests under instructions from Spanish Foreign Minister lists of German and Italian Prisoners of War who are in custody of American Military Authorities and to be notified regarding location of internment camps and conditions under which he may visit them. Reference is made to Murphy's telegram 578 April 7th midnight to State Department in regard to German Policy of recognizing Spanish protection of German and Italian interests. (Instruct) Please.

ACTION: GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
INFORMATION: OPD
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GEN. ARNOLD
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From: Algiers
To: War

In Reply Cite: 4615, April 16, 1943.

Staff cable 10 April. Number 12791 S states USA responsibility for prisoners of war captured by Allies begins on board American ship at African ports. (To Operations Division for Marshall action cite NAGAP signed Eisenhower). AGWAR cable 9 March, number 3508, states responsibility begins at Port of Debarkation in USA. In our cable 13 March, number 6316, we stated that present procedure was based upon USA accepting responsibility at time of capture. Please inform as to difficulties you are trying to overcome in order that we may advise accordingly.

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6316 is CM-IN-7182 (14 Mar 43) SOS
3508 is CM-OUT-2599 (9 Mar 43) SOS-Plans
12791 S is not identified in WECMC

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(RECEIVED BY HAND FROM WAR DEPT)

(FROM MCCLOY TO EMMONS)

AT PRESENTING SECRETARY OF NAVY'S POSITION REFERENCE

EVACUATION OF JAPANESE FROM HAWAII SEE MY NUMBER 3712 APRIL 2

OMISSION WAS MADE OF HIS SUGGESTION THAT 1 OF THE ISLANDS OF

THE HAWAIIAN GROUP SHOULD BE USED FOR PURPOSE OF SEGREGATION

OF JAPANESE OF DISLOYAL AND DANGEROUS CHARACTER. SHOULD YOU

FIND THIS PRACTICAL AND DESIRABLE THE WAR DEPARTMENT HAS NO

OBJECTION TO PLAN. HOWEVER THERE IS NO INTENTION HERE TO

BURDEN YOU WITH MORE INTERNEES THAN YOU HAVE FACILITIES FOR

HANDLING AND WE ARE PREPARED AFTER DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

THE WAR DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE YOUR OVERFLOW.

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OSD letter, May 1, 1972

By RT, NARA, Date MAY 22, 1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
NUMBER 5895

ALLOTMENT OF 15,000 SPACES WITH NECESSARY P/H ESCORTS CAN BE PROVIDED FOR RETURNING PRISONERS OF WAR ON UCF 8. REQUEST CONFIRMATION WHETHER THESE SPACES ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE PLAN TO SEND APPROXIMATELY 15,000 PRISONER OF WAR ESCORTS ON UCF 8 IF REQUIRED.

THIS IS ARMY CM-OUT-5532

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/64

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ALSO TT FROM DNI TO DIO 3ND SUBJECT ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR.

SUBJECT TO BE TAKEN TO HALLORAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, STATEN ISLAND FOR OBSERVATION TUBERCULOSIS TOMORROW THIRTEENTH 14TH. WILL REPRESENTATIVE ONI COME TO NEW YORK TO INTERROGATE PRISONER.