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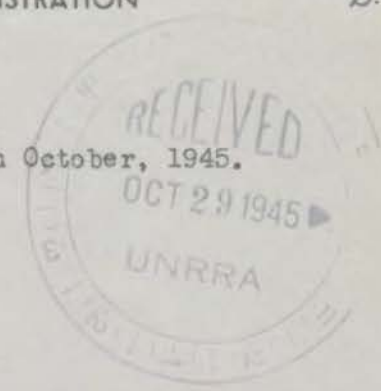
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
LIAISON OFFICE, MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE
G-5 Section, AFHQ

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DP/251-5

18th October, 1945.

To: Chief of Mission, UNRRA Albania.
From: Chief Liaison Officer, UNRRA/AFHQ.
Subject: Currency Conversion etc., on repatriation.



Ref. your letter RDP/1/D undated, received here 15th Oct. 1945.

It is assumed from your first paragraph that there are some repatriates or evacuees, who are in possession of actual Metropolitan Lire, presumably acquired during the Italian occupation of Albania; this is of no value as currency in Albania under the present regime.

Funds in excess of any amount permitted to be taken out of the country, deposited in a bank, would surely be subject to normal banking procedures supposing Albania or Foreign banks would accept them on deposit.

Regarding Albanian currency (francs) the usual procedure for repatriates is for the national representative of the country concerned to collect the currency against receipt. The receiving country honours such receipts at an agreed rate of exchange, and sells the collected currency at prevailing rates (or holds it for improving markets).

In the absence of any national representatives, UNRRA sponsoring missions could act in the same way by arrangement.

The exact procedure in Yugoslavia is not known but it is thought that the normal practice, as described above, is followed. It is the object of all countries to avoid any "black market" transactions in foreign exchange and for that reason the instructions, summarised from Combined Chiefs of Staff telegrams, were issued (see attachment).

It is hoped that this will assist in consideration of the problem. Should your letter under reference not have been correctly interpreted, further attempt will be made on receipt of fuller enquiry.

to D. R. Oakley Hill

Copy G-5/123.7 of 28 Feb. 46

Attach: ~~Letter from D.R. Oakley-Hill,~~
~~Albania Mission.~~

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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~~Secret~~

File: G-5/123.7

28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Currency conversion for Displaced Persons and Refugees.

TO :

1. There is outlined below the policies and procedures relating to the conversion of currencies held by displaced persons and refugees who must be moved across international frontiers.

2. Persons being repatriated to Italy.

a. The C.C.S. have approved arrangements whereby the Banca d'Italia will take up non-lire currencies against lire. Exchange rates have been approved for this purpose for certain currencies.

3. Persons leaving Italy for overseas points.

a. The Italian Government having refused to provide any foreign exchange, however small in amount, the following arrangements have been approved by the C.C.S.

b. The D.P. or Refugee retains all funds (including gold) except: yellow-seal and blue-seal dollars, B.M.A. notes, and lire.

c. The currencies which must be given up before leaving Italy will be exchanged with A.F.A. against a receipt good for appropriate currency on arrival at foreign destination, up to a determined amount. This amount depends on the total amount of foreign exchange available for such conversions at a given time. The only source now open is by way of ad hoc arrangements with relief organizations such as J.D.C. who need lire and will make dollars or sterling available to A.F.A. against lire. Any excess amount of these currencies which cannot be accepted by A.F.A. against foreign exchange will be deposited in Italian banks in the form of lire, to be available in that form to the refugee in future.

d. There are two shortcomings in the above procedures; neither of which can be obviated unless either (a) the Italian Government or (b) some international organization such as UNRRA will take up virtually all refugee currencies against usable foreign exchange. One of these is that the refugee must retain currencies for which he will have no use overseas and which he cannot satisfactorily dispose of when he arrives. The other is that he must accept a lire deposit in return for such dollars, B.M.A. notes, or lire as are in excess of the limit set at any given time. This limit as stated above depends solely on the amount of foreign exchange available for the purpose of conversion.

4. Persons moving from point to point within the MTO, or leaving or entering the MTO, without Italy being one of the points.

a. The C.C.S. has given no guidance on currency-conversions in such cases.

b. In so far as "usable" currencies are involved, it should be easy for the two governments concerned (e.g., Egypt and Greece in a movement from the former to the latter) to arrange the currency conversion.

c. Where the currencies are undesirable or "Unusable", such as Reichsmarks or kunas, the refugee will under present conditions stand a personal loss and it is unlikely that any organization other than UNRRA will be found to relieve him of that loss by taking over the currencies. When the great movement of displaced persons and refugees from Germany and Austria begins, the problem of handling Reichsmarks will become acute.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Frank L. Southard, Jr.
FRANK L. SOUTHARD, JR.
Commander, U.S.N.R.
Financial Adviser

13-9-45 D
Our Ref: RDP/1/D.

To: Principal Representative
for Liaison,
UNHRA/AFHQ, C.M.F.
Attention: Major Drifffield White

From: D.R. Oakley-Hill
Chief of Mission

Per: F. J. Gerson

Several emigrants leaving this country are exercised in their minds as to what will happen to the funds which they deposit here before leaving (being restricted in amount they take out to 15,000 lire Italian).

Before I take this up with the Government can you give me any guidance as to what is being done by other countries such as Yugoslavia in this matter?

cc. D.P., C.M.
✓

13 September 1945

To: P. Floud

From: F.J. Gerson.

Re: Finance discussions with the Commission.

Several people who are leaving the country are exercised in their minds as to what will happen to the funds which they deposit here before leaving (being restricted to 15,000 Lire hard cash when going out). This might be a fruitful subject for discussion with the Commission.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'FJG' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

8, SHARIA DAR EL-SHIFA - GARDEN CITY - CAIRO

Albania MissionTELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
UNRRA-CAIROTELEPHONES:
47816-41317

3 September, 1945

To: Director General,
UNRRA HQ,
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Displaced Persons Division.

Bureau of Relief Services,
UNRRA, E.R.O.,
London.

From: D. R. Oakley-Hill,
Chief of Mission.

By: F. Gerson, i/c D.P. Affairs.

I have today received from the Prime Ministry of this country a letter as per attached copy. It would therefrom appear that negotiations are taking place between the Albanian State Bank and the American Express Company with a view to making it possible for people living outside Albania to deposit money in London or New York, the countervalue of which, at a rate not yet fixed, will be paid out in Albania to the nominee of the depositor. If this system can be satisfactorily elaborated it will satisfy a number of applicants for whom hitherto UNRRA has not been able to do anything.

THE ALBANIAN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT

PRIME-MINISTRY

Nr. 645/12

Tirana, 28/8/1945

U.N.R.R.A. Mission

T i r a n a

In reply to your letter of Nr. CM/10 dated 24.8.945 we have the honour to inform You that, with the view of facilitating the ~~the~~ sending of money to ~~the~~ the families of Albanians who live outside of their Country, concerning specially those living in United States and in England, the Albanian State Bank is carrying through the necessary negotiations with the American Bank, "EXPRESS COMPANY OF NEW-YORK", for the regulation of a standard rate of exchange of the American Dollar and the English pound (£) with the Albanian currency.

Therefore, we beg you to inform all those interested that they should address to the "Express Company of New-York", through which our State Bank can receive the money they wish to send to their own people and the State Bank guarantees that ~~it~~ will reach their families.

We will notify You the rates of exchanges fixed, as soon as the negotiation have been carried through.

General Secretary

Signed M. Prifti

cc: Chief of Mission
Finance



Tiranë, më 28-8-1945

Nr. 645/12

Misionit t'U.N.R.R.A.-s

LANDA:

T i r a n ë

Në përgjigje të shkresës s'uej Nr.CM/10 datë 24.8.1945, kemi nderin t'ju njoftojmë se për të lehtësuar dërgimin e të hollave familjeve të Shqiptarëve që ndodhen jasht atdheut e sidomos n'Amerikë e n'Angli, Banka e Shtetit Shqiptar, ndodhet duke përfunduar marrveshtjen e caktimit të kursit në monedhë shqiptare të dollarit amerikan dhe të £ engleze me Bankën Amerikane "EXPRESS COMPANY OF NEW-YORK".

Prandaj lutemi që t'adresuarve tek ju t'ju thoni t'i drejtohen Bankës në fjalë, me anë të së cilës mund t'i vinë Bankës së Shtetit Shqiptar të hollat që ata dëshirojnë t'ju dërgojnë njerëzve të tyre, dhe me radhë kjo (Banka e Shtetit Shqiptar) garanton shpërndarjen e të hollave familjeve të tyre.

Rezervohemi që t'ju njoftojmë kursin e dollarit dhe të £ në fr.shq., porsa të ketë përfunduar marrëveshtja.-

SEKRETARI I PËRGJITHSHËM

M. Risti

Tirana, Albania

28 August 1945

CM 10

TO: Prime Minister

FROM: D. R. Oakley-Hill
Chief of Mission

SUBJECT: Finance

We have received several applications from relatives and friends of Albanians in other countries, who wish to assist individuals from their private resources. These people are prepared to put up the currency of their own countries to meet these payments but in view of the present world conditions such transfers of currency are almost impossible. We would like you to consider this situation and advise us of your views on the matter. There would appear to be two methods of arranging such a transaction:

- (1) The person in London who wishes to help an Albanian could agree to pay a sterling amount to the account of the Albanian Government in London at a fixed rate of exchange and you could supply the finance here.
- (2) The Albanian Government could authorize UNRRA within certain limits to make these payments here from funds received from you and UNRRA could collect the foreign currencies and use the money to provide further supplies.

Any such arrangements, of course, would take a considerable time as the exchange restrictions in the world at present are so great that Governmental permission is always required before any such transactions can be affected.

We are taking no action until the matter has been fully discussed with you.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
European Regional Office
London, W.1

COPY

TO: J. H. Halsall Esq., Acting Deputy Chief, UNRRA Albania Mission

FROM: A. Morhange, Finance Director, E.R.O.

In reply to your minute of June 6th, there are various difficulties in the way of the Administration undertaking to arrange such transfers of funds.

Washington has adopted a general policy of not accepting private contribution for restricted purposes, and in this case, it is felt the difficulties would be too great, in view of your paragraph 3.

Therefore I suggest you write declining the offer made, on the lines given above.

/s/ A. MORHANGE

25 June 1945

PRB/IMF

Special Purpose Donations

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Albania Mission.

6 June 1945.

C.C.

WASHINGTON: UNRRA
Chief of Mission ✓
Registry

To: UNRRA LONDON
(For attention of Director Finance & Administration, EEO)

From: John H. Hallsall
Act. Deputy Chief, Finance & Administration,
UNRRA (Albania)

Will you please advise us whether it is possible to effect transfer of funds between countries with a view to the assistance of particular individuals.

We quote, for example, a case of a man in the United States who is prepared to donate a sum of \$20 per month, which is to be given to the dependents of a political prisoner in Albania, who are destitute.

The conditions in Albania which particularly affect this man may have a special bearing on the solution of this problem as due to the non-recognition of the Government and other cause international exchange movement is impossible. Further, in this case, the payment to UNRRA of a sum in Dollars will be disbursed by a payment in Albanian currency which has been secured from the proceeds of sale of relief supplies, and to the latter course the present Government may raise objections.

We shall take no action on matters of this sort through UNRRA until we have some definite instructions from you.

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UNRRA (Albania)	
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ROME.

22nd July 1945.

To: Principal Representative for
Liaison, UNRRA/AFHQ.

From: S.M. Keeny.

Subject: Assistance to Displaced Persons

I am forwarding herewith a memorandum from Mr. Sorieri on the subject of assistance to Displaced Persons. Sorieri's memorandum was written after discussion with me and has my concurrence.

I take it that the memorandum to which this is a reply was submitted as suggestions for improving our services. Such suggestions are always welcome and some of those made are good. I assume that it is clear that the administrative responsibility in this matter rests with the Italian Mission, which, in turn, is responsible to E.R.O. My authority for this assumption is paragraph III (a) of the General Directive from the Director General for administration of the Italian Mission on 19th October 1944. This does not mean, of course, that we shall not be glad for suggestions and criticisms as to our operations.

Since the memorandum of 14th July has gone to the Albania, Greece and Yugoslav Missions, I am sending a copy of Sorieri's reply and my comment to you to forward to them.

SMKEENY/ss

cc Keeny
Registry
Sorieri
Albania Mission
Greece Mission
Yugoslavia Mission

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Albanian
Mission

ITALIAN MISSION

19 July 1945

To: Gov. H.L. Cochran
Office of Prin. Rep. for Liaison, UNRRA/AFHQ

From: A.A. Sorieri, Director,
Displaced Persons Division

Subject: Assistance to Displaced Persons - your
Memo 14 July, 1945

Some of the points made in your memorandum require clarification and I am making comments as follows:

1. Powers in granting relief in kind or in cash have not, strictly speaking, been conferred on the Chief of Mission. The Resolutions of UNRRA do make us responsible for giving care to displaced persons pending their return. This care may, of course, be given in camps, or out of camps, depending on the situation. The powers are exercised through the Displaced Persons Division, and not through the Finance Office. The plan of assistance is administered by the Displaced Persons Division, but naturally cleared and worked out with the Finance & Administration.
 2. This statement is correct.
 3. Applicants for assistance fall into two groups:
 - a) those not living in camps at all, and who consider themselves in need;
 - b) those in AC camps who are applying for supplementary allowance for miscellaneous items.
- Supplementary allowances are not granted to displaced persons in UNRRA operated camps.
4. All applicants for assistance apply, not at the main office of the UNRRA Italian Mission, but at the District or local Assistance Offices, operated by the Displaced Persons Division. The vast majority of cases are persons not living in camps.
 5. It is possible that your comment in this paragraph is somewhat true although it should not be over-emphasized.
 6. This is undoubtedly true and we are anxious to have the help of camp commandants.

To: Gov. R.L. Cochran

19 July 1948

From: A.A. Sericri

7. I do not agree with this proposal. I do feel that in cases of persons in AC camps, our staff members should consult and will consult with camp commandants concerning the individuals who apply for assistance. I do not agree that the applicants should be interviewed in the presence of the commandant, and most emphatically do not agree that they shall be interviewed in the presence of a Consular official or in a Consulate office. The nationality of an applicant is cleared with his country representative and all information possible obtained from that source. The representatives are kept informed of the policies of the Assistance Plan and no radical changes are made without consulting them. It would, of course, be impossible and inadvisable to follow such a pattern in the case of dissidents of a country towards whom the Consular representative would not have a particularly favorable attitude. We reserve the right, however, to determine the need of the individual applying, and to grant assistance in accordance with our established regulations, and on the basis of our carefully gathered information. The Assistance Program is a direct responsibility of this Mission, and while we are anxious to utilize all information obtainable, and to consult with proper authorities, we must reserve the right to administer the program for which we are responsible.

8. Reference is made to "attached letters" which are being addressed to the agencies concerned. We have not received any attachments. I trust that letters have not been sent to agencies other than the four UNRRA Missions, since we are not in agreement with the proposal and of course, shall not put these proposals into effect.

You are aware, of course, that responsibility for operation rests with the Mission and that instructions on operations are worked out directly between the Mission and ERO. We are always desirous of receiving information and suggestions on the program but we must maintain a direct line with ERO on all matters of operations and policies.

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Albanian Mission ✓
Greek Mission
Yugoslav Mission

Your Letter DP/254- 4. of 14 July 1945

19 July 1945

TO: Office of Principal Liaison Representative
UNRRA/AFHQ

FROM: A. E. Lovely, Office of Chief
UNRRA Albania Mission

In your above-referenced letter on the subject of financial assistance to Displaced Persons you refer in paragraph 8 to certain attached letters addressed to the agencies concerned. There were no enclosures with the copy of your letter to this Mission, and we would appreciate it if these letters could be forwarded so that your letter may be passed on to the Displaced Persons Division for consideration.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
LIAISON OFFICE, MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE
G-5 Section, AFHQ

14 July 1945

DP/254- 4.

To : Chief, Albania Mission
Greece Mission
Italian Mission
Jugoslav Mission.

UNRRA (Albania)	
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From : Office of Principal Representative for Liaison, UNRRA/AFHQ

Subject : Displaced Persons- Welfare- Financial Assistance.

1. Powers to grant relief either in kind or in monetary grants have been conferred on Chiefs of Missions and are exercised through finance officers and after proper investigation.
2. The measure and manner of the relief is decided on the merits of the individual case and is according to need as represented by the applicant.
3. Applicants have fallen generally into two classes:
 - (a) those in DP installations receiving care from DP organizations - e.g. UNRRA or AC, sometimes receiving remuneration for services.
 - (b) Those not in DP installations but receiving assistance from voluntary and/or governmental agencies to augment other sources of income.

The object for both classes of applicant is to secure a greater measure of independence than their own efforts enable them to achieve.

4. It has been the practice for both classes to represent their own cases to the main office of the UNRRA mission. This has resulted in some of the cases being incompletely and falsely represented.
5. Successful applicants of the class mentioned in 3(a) above have, by their reports, given rise to discontent and envy among other inmates of the installations. Many ruses to obtain access to the main office of UNRRA Italy have been reported as resulting.
6. The commandants of installations have, by reason of their experience and contact, first hand knowledge of their charges, and could obviously be assistance to investigators and grant-issuing officers.
7. It is therefore proposed that Chiefs of Missions shall not grant any personal interviews on the subject of grants to displaced persons at the main office of the missions. Instead it is suggested that applicants falling under 3(a) above shall be interviewed at the installation of which they are inmates and in the presence of the installation commandant; and that applicants falling under 3(b) above shall be interviewed only in the presence of a consular officer of their country and preferably in a consular office.

8. To effect this, the attached letters are being addressed to the agencies concerned, subject to your approval to the procedure outlined.

DW/sv

CC: G-5.

Enc. as stated above.

No enc. attached.

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To file - **FARRICI**

26. Mar. 1946

TO: The American Joint Distribution Committee,
HQAC, Rome.

FROM: P.C. FLOUD
Acting Chief of Mission.

Subject: Mrs. Carla Farici.

(3000 Lire)

We regret that we have not been able to see our way to deliver the attached message or the enclosure. Will you please be good enough to return them to the sender, Sylvia Gjakja.

(sd) R. Keir
for P.C. Floud.

Sent 26 March 1946
from BARI

MEMORANDUM

From R. KeirD.P. Assistant.To Mr. P.C. FloudActing Chief of MissionDate 22nd March 19 46

See copy attached

In view of the memo I have sent you concerning the passing of welfare messages, I have drafted the ~~message~~ ^{attached} much against my better judgment and still feel very strongly that it is our duty at least to pass the welfare message. Fear of suspicion should not hinder us from carrying out our UNRRA DUTIES.

If you do not object I would like to write again to Major Driffield White to ascertain whether the present suspension of diplomatic relations between Albania and Italy, and Albania and Greece, should cause us to cease the passing of messages with these two countries.

never Actually when the Albanian postal service was resumed with these two countries and cannot be said to be suspended.

R. Keir

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Internal Memorandum

Subject

MRS. FARRICI.

File No.

Distribution :

20th March 1946.

To: Miss R. Keir.

From: P. C. Floud,
Acting Chief of Mission.

I believe that there is no solution in this case,
except to return to Doctor Festa the money which
he wishes to send to his sister.

Would you please take the necessary action.

P. C. Floud

P. C. Floud,
Acting Chief of Mission.

After Action

Return to :-

PCF/JKL.

Peter,

I am still not happy about Mrs. Farrici and writing to the Government about the money sent for her by her brother. Do you think my new idea of sending her one of our enquiry forms as attached might throw more light on the situation. It would at least be a means of contact.

Ruby

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
ALBANIA MISSION (A.P.O. S.574, C.M.F.)

FROM: Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, HQAC, Rome.

FORM FOR TRACING DISPLACED PERSONS

DATE OF ENQUIRY: 14 March 1946

A. PERSON SOUGHT

1. SURNAME: FARRICI OTHER NAMES: CARLA
2. DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: _____
3. USUAL ADDRESS: Pazar Lisi, Vinjolle, Mati, Albania
4. DATE DISPLACED: _____ OCCUPATION: _____ FATHER'S NAME: _____
5. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Above DATE: August 1945
6. NAME & ADDRESS OF RELATIVE OR FRIEND WHO MAY HELP TRACE MISSING PERSON: _____

7. SPECIAL MESSAGE OR REQUEST: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR IDENTITY MARKS:

I am anxious to know if you and your child are well and whether
I can help you in any way. Ask UNRRA, Tirana to assist you.

They may be able to help you to return home.

B. PERSON MAKING THE ENQUIRY

1. SURNAME: Dr. FESTA OTHER NAMES: Tina Giovanni AGE: _____
2. ADDRESS: Corso Palermo N.46, Torino RELATIONSHIP TO "A": Brother.

C. PARTICULARS RESULTING FROM ENQUIRIES:

Please be good enough to complete item "C" and return the original of this form to us at the above address, retaining the duplicate for your records.

CARLO FARRICI

Albania Mission

3 September, 1945

TO: THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON REFUGEES,
c/o: A.C.H.Q., ROME.

FROM: F. J. Gerson,
i/c: Displaced Persons Affairs.

Subject: Signora Carla Farrier.

I attach a copy of a letter received today from the Albanian Prime Ministry. The arrangement therein mentioned should, when perfected, enable you to make the remittance suggested in Miss Gerson's letter of the 11th August in connection with Signora Carla Farrier (or Farrici) and any other similar requests.

Incidentally, I note that you call this woman FARRIER, whereas the UNHRA Italy Mission has her name as FARRICI.

COPY

FROM: The Albanian Democratic Government
Prime-Ministry

Tirana, 26.8.1945

Nr. 645/12.

U.N.R.H.A. Mission, T i r a n a

In reply to your letter Nr. CM/16 dated 24.8.1945 we have the honour to inform you that, with the view of facilitating the sending of money to the families of Albanians who live outside of their country, concerning specially those living in United States and in England, the Albanian State Bank is carrying through the necessary negotiations with the American Bank, "EXPRESS COMPANY OF NEW-YORK", for the regulation of a standard rate of exchange of the American Dollar and the English pound with the Albanian currency.

Therefore, we beg you to inform all those interested that they should address to the "Express Company of New York", through which our State Bank can receive the money they wish to send to their own people, and the State Bank guarantees that it will reach their families.

We will notify you the rates of exchanges fixed as soon as the negotiations have been carried through.

General Secretary.
(signed) M. Prifti.

UNRRA Albania Mission

23 August 1945.

To: J. Halsall

From: F. J. Gerson.



Attached find copies of certain private correspondence of mine. The matter has been discussed with the Chief who suggests that you might explore with the Ministry of Finance the possibility mentioned in my answer to my sister.

COPY

INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES
Headquarters Allied Commission,
Rome

11 August 1945.

To: Mr. Frank J. Gerson,
UNRRA Albania Mission, APO.512.

From: The American Joint Distribution Committee.

Subject: Signora Carla Farrier, Pazar Lisi, Vintal, Mati, Albania.

Dear Frank,

We have been requested by Tino FESTA, the brother of the above woman, to give her 3,000 Lire (three thousand)

Would you let me know whether you would be able to do this, in which case I could collect the 3,000 Lire from Mr. Festa and hold it for you, or ask Marjorie topay in a cheque at home.

Yours

(sgd) Phyllis.

UNRRA Albania Mission,
C.M.F.

23 August, 1945.

To: Miss P. Gerson,
The American Joint Distribution Committee,
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees,
HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

From: F. J. Gerson,
i/c Displaced Persons Affairs.

Dear Phyllis,

Your letter 11 August requesting me to give 3000 Lire on behalf of Tino FESTA to Mrs. Carla Parrier, Pazar Lisi, Vintal, Mati, Albania. This letter raises a most difficult question.

1. The money that UNRRA obtains in Albanian francs is paid to us by the Albanian Government and its use is strictly limited by agreement to the expenses of the Mission and its personnel.
2. The amount that we as individuals are able to draw monthly is limited to an amount which considerably restricts our spending power and here again we are under an obligation to the Albanian Government only to use it for actual personal purchases.
3. We are investigating the possibility of \$, pounds or what not, being deposited in foreign countries to the credit of the Albanian State Bank on the understanding that the countervalue shall then be paid out in Albania to relatives or nominees of the depositor, but my own personal opinion is that the conclusion of such an arrangement will not be at all easy, principally because the Albanian Government is not recognised and because in such circumstances no rate of exchange is available. The Government however have fixed a unilateral sterling rate of 100 Frs for deposits in London, the note rate being around 80 Frs. in Albania. The importation of gold is one method which might be arranged at some later date when restrictions are lifted.

Should the negotiations produce any result I will inform you.

Yours,

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UNRRA Albania Mission

14 August 1945

To: Guido Nadzo,
Displaced Persons Division
UNRRA Italian Mission
Rome.

From: F. J. Gerson
Acting Director Displaced Persons Division.

Subject: MRS. HASSAN FARRICI

I have studied the correspondence sent with your letter of the 1 August. I hope within a short while to have an interview with the competent Ministry as regards the general matter of Displaced Persons and trust thereafter to be able to write to you favourably.

Quite strictly speaking, I do not think Mrs. Farrici, as an Albanian subject, actually comes within the purview of UNRRA Displaced Persons operations but I am hoping the E.R.O. will allow me a little elasticity in the matter.

J.P.

INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Rome.

11 August 1945.

TO: Mr. Frank J. GERSON, Unrra Albanian Mission, APO 512.

FROM: The American Joint Distribution Committee.

SUBJECT: Signora Carla FARRIER,
Pazar Lisi,
Vintal. Mati. /Albania.



Dear Frank,

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Would you let me know whether you would be able to do this, in which case I could collect the 3 000.- Lire from Mr. Festa and hold it for you, or ask Marjorie to pay in a cheque at home.

Yours

Phyllis

UNRRA has no power to assist in transferring currency -
I have taken up the matter in another case. I do not think it
good policy to do it privately as the Albanian Government would
I think disapprove of this use of their money. I suggest you consult
the Chief before taking action.

[Signature]
20th August 1945.

Ex - Albania
to - Italy.

UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION

Ref. No. 1 August 45

TO : Chief Albanian Mission-U.N.R.R.A.
FROM : A.A. Sorieri
Thru Guido Nadzo
SUBJECT : Transmittal of File on Mrs. HASSAN FARRICI,
Albanian Subject

We have received the enclosed letter from a Dr. G. FESTA, who has asked our assistance in facilitating the return to Italy of his sister, Sig.ra HASSAN FARRICI, who as the wife of an Albanian subject finds herself in poor health and difficult conditions in Albania.

Inasmuch as Mrs. FARRICI has become thru marriage an Albanian subject, the matter of repatriation no longer comes under the purview of our Mission. We are writing her brother, Dr. FESTA, that the problem has been referred to your Mission and we would appreciate any assistance you feel your Mission may render these people.
The address of Mrs. FARRICI, : c/o PAZAR LISI, VENJAL MATI, Albania.

Guido Nadzo
Guido Nadzo
for A.A. Sorieri
Director,
Displaced Persons Division,
U.N.R.R.A. Italian Mission

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cc. Sorieri
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File

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TORINO, 20 Luglio 1945

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Per gentil consiglio del Rappresentante della Croce Rossa Americana, di cui accolgo lettera, mi permetto rivolgermi a codesto On.Ufficio per esporre quanto segue :

Dall'American Joint Committee tramite Comunita' Israelita di Torino, mi viene comunicato che mia sorella Carla Festa in FARRICI, sposata con il Sig. Hasan Farrici (suddito Albanese), gia' ufficiale del Genio si trova in Albania in cattive condizioni di salute e finanziarie.

Mi invitano ad andare a prendere lei e il suo bambino di tre anni per riportarli in Italia.

Data l'impossibilita' di recarmi in Albania, mi rivolgo a codesto On.Ufficio affinche' voglia prendere in benevola urgente considerazione la disgraziata situazione di mia sorella che si trova priva di ogni sostegno materiale e morale, e interessasi per il trasporto di lei e bimbo fino ad un Porto Italiano e comunque di prestare assistenza.

Nella speranza che questo On.Ufficio vorra' gentilmente occuparsi in odo particolarissimo di questo pietoso caso, ringrazio di cuore e porgo l'espressione del mio deferente ossequio.

Fmt. FESTA GIOVANNI
Corso Palermo N. 46 - Torino

L'indirizzo di mia sorella e' il seguente :

Sig.ra CARLA FARRICI presso PAZAR LISI

V I N J A L MATI
(Albania)

Allegato : No 2 copie di lettere.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Turin.

18 July 1945

To UNRRA representative:

Is there anything you can do
to aid this man in having his
sister returned from Albania?

All our resources here seem to
be helpless in this case

Thank you

John F Moore
Civ. War Relief
American Red Cross

JUL 26 1945

COMUNITA' ISRAELITICA

Torino

Via Orto Botanico, 13

American Joint Distribution Committee
Northern Italy Headquarters
H.Q. A.M.G. Lombard Region A.P.O. 394

12 June 1945

We should be grateful if you would contact the above person (non Jews) and give them the following message:

Mrs. CARLA FARRICI, their sister, is in Albania in a very poor condition of health and would be most grateful if her brother would try to go to Albania to bring her and her son, Alexander, to Italy. Alexander was born in March 1942 and is now three years old. Mr. Hasan Farrici was arrested by the Partisans in November 1944 but obtained permission to take his wife and child into the mountains.

They went on foot in December 1944. Mr. Farrici was to have returned to the Partisans but up till January 1945, nothing more had been heard of them except that they had been seen crossing the river towards Mati.

Mrs. Carla Farrici's address is: Pazar Lisi, Vinjal MATI (Albania)

This information has been given by a friend of Mrs. Farrici a Mrs. Gjakja who has come over to Italy from Albania.

Remben B. Resnik for the American Joint Distribution Committee.

JUL 26 Recd

1 Agosto 1945

AL : Dott. GIOVANNI FESTA
Corso Palermo No 56

TORINO

Egregio Dottore,

accusiamo ricevuta della sua lettera in data 20 Luglio 1945, in cui e' richiesto il nostro aiuto per risolvere la grave situazione nella quale versa sua sorella, Sig.ra HASSAN FARUCCI, suddita Albanese.

Si rendiamo conto della gravita' della situazione e della sua ansietà, ma siamo spiacentissimi di comunicarle che il compito di assistenza in questo caso non puo' essere svolto dal nostro Ufficio a Roma. Abbiamo pero' spedito tutti i dettagli all'U.N.R.R.A.-Missione Albanese e abbiamo qualche speranza che questa Missione possa venire incontro alla sua richiesta.

Appena saremo in grado di fornirle qualche informazione da parte della nostra Missione Albanese, non mancheremo di avvisarla immediatamente.

GIULIO NARZI
for A.A. SCIRIHI
Director,
Displaced Persons Division
U.N.R.R.A. Italian Mission

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cc. Scricchi
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