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FIELD D.P. OFFICER ROME

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cc. Deputy Chief D.P. Operations
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Director, Div. Repatriation & Resettlement
Director, Div. Administrative Services
Director, Div. Health Services
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1. Quality, quantity, sufficient calories, vitamins, animal and vegetable proteins, mineral salts? Is there a reasonable variety of savoury food preparation? What are the complaints of the VTC members?
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3. Organization of kitchen work: who is in charge? Who establishes menus, quantities, buying on the market? How is the work distribution (special cooks or turnus)?
4. List additional food items issued by AJDC.

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N.B. Give x monthly a budgetary breakdown of each VTC. Report your advisory activities.

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GUIDE FOR WEEKLY V.T.C. WELFARE REPORTS

V.T.C.:.....No.....
(place) A.J.D.C.No.....

Name of VTC:
Ideological group:

Name of AJDC Welfare Worker

Name of Merkas delegate:

Capacity:

Date last control ~~was~~ No. of men
No. of women
No. of youth (up to 18)
No. of children (up to 10)
No. of babies
Total
No. of married couples
No. of children with parents
No. of children without parents

I. BUILDING, TERRAIN, INSTALLATIONS

1. Position, size, extension, general state of buildings, damages and necessary repairs. Agricultural space? Garden? Installations for animals? Gymnastics space? Water supply washing facilities, laundry facilities, Electric installations, Space for workshops, Social rooms (mess, cultural room).

N.B. Did you discuss with A.J.D.C. Welfare Worker the necessary repairs, improvements, etc.? What progress have been made?

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N.B. The beds should not be used as cupboards for personal belonging. Carpenter workshop/s might be able to provide appropriate shelves.

3. Kitchen: stove, water, washing facilities, airing, other installations. Is the inventory of pottery sufficient. Towels, plates, knives, spoons, forks.

4. Social rooms: dining room (meals in the bedrooms should be banned.) with appropriate commodities; room for cultural purposes; library, stage?

5. Complaints of VTC members, wishes and suggestions.

N.B. Discuss with AJDC Welfare Worker the necessary repairs, improvements, changes. Report progress.

II. HYGIENE, ORDER

1. Tidiness, air conditions (airing), order in sleeping rooms, beds, corridors and stairs kitchen, lavatory, WCs, social rooms, stables, workshops.

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DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL
Field D.P. Office Rans
Compensatory leave

1. Enclosed please find copy of my memo DP.PWO19 of June 13th, 1947 requesting payment for C-leave of some of the employees in this Field who could not take that leave by no fault of their own.
2. I received to-day 1-3 forms for the termination of all my staff and no mention is made of the requested payment.
3. Will you kindly examine my request and provide correction.

KDP:LAN/HR

cc. D.C.M. and Chief D.P. Operations
Deputy Chief D.P. Operations
Director, Division Administration
Director Welfare Services ✓
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Karl D. Feller
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Overtime compensation

ATTENTION
Director, Division Finance &
Administration

1. Reference is made to Mr. Huthings' verbal request of a memorandum re the compensation of overtime for employees who, in the interest of UNRRA, could not take compensatory leave for authorized overtime.
2. According to an adm. order compensatory leave should be taken within 3 months.
3. However, there are several employees in this Field who made authorized overtime before the effective date of the a/m order.
4. Furthermore, since that time I did not grant to my staff any compensatory leave according to Mr. Varrichione's instruction cancelling all leaves.
5. Thus, these employees could not take the compensatory leave to which they are entitled and I should, therefore, suggest that their right be compensated in pay form.
6. I give here a nominal roll of the a/m employees:

Miss Juliya Katz	17 hrs.
Mrs. Mina de Resnais	41½ "
Miss Jana Makotnik	17½ "
Mr. Karl Feller	97½ " (see letter Ref. 7680/PA, Naples 6 Nov. 46 by Chief of Branch F.S.A. to Hq. Personnel Records Officer)
Mr. Heinrich Ohlenschlaeger	25 hrs. (plus 8 days marriage leave - see my memo Ref. DP.FWO.19 of 12 March 47 to Director of Personnel)
Mr. Jacobbe Romano	7 "
Mr. George Seagb.	82 "
Mr. Jan Truckler	37½ "
Mr. Walter Pick	34 "
Mr. Jose Zwiaback	64,5 "

signed:

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21st May, 1947.

DEPUTY CHIEF, D.P. OPERATIONS

DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1. I wish to inform you that I have discussed this matter of the office space at Via Toscana with Mr. Pedinelli, who states that the Lutheran Church is asking for the return of the office.

2. At the present time, nine rooms are being used and there will be no slackening of the need for this office space. The rooms are situated, for example, in such a way that if the office was transferred to UNRRA H.Q. ten rooms would be required. However, such a transfer would be most unwise, both from the standpoint of inconvenience due to large numbers of people entering and leaving the building, but also because of the probability that D.P.s, finding themselves in the same building as that in which UNRRA H.Q. is situated, would not be satisfied with the decisions taken in the NIDP Office but would apply directly to my office, your office, Mr. Sorieri's and Mr. Keeny's office. I would suggest, therefore, that either arrangements be made to renew the contract with the Lutheran Church, or other office space be found in Rome. I repeat that office space will be required between now and the 30th June and also after the 30th June, unless IRO decides that it cannot continue the hachsharoth program.

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1947, May 1st

3. Incidentally, I would consider their decision to discontinue the hachsharoth program as most unwise.

DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES

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I wish to inform you that I have discussed this matter with Mr. Pedersen, who is the pastor of the Lutheran Church in the city of the office.

VERNON P. SHOOK, DIRECTOR,
DIVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES

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2. At the present time, nine rooms are being used and there will be no slackening of the need for this office space. The rooms are situated, for example, in such a way that if the office was transferred to UNWA H.Q. ten rooms would be required. However, such a transfer would be most unwise, both from the standpoint of inconvenience due to large numbers of people entering and leaving the building, but also because of the probability that D.P.s, finding themselves in the same building as that in which UNWA H.Q. is situated, would not be satisfied with the decisions taken in the UNWA office but would apply directly to my office, your office, Mr. Soder's and Mr. Keamy's office. I would suggest, therefore, that either arrangements be made to renew the contract with the Lutheran Church, or other office space be found in Rome. I repeat that office space will be required between now and the 30th June and also after the 30th June, unless I decide that it cannot continue the hachsharoth program.

cc: File
Reader

UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION

MEMORANDUM

Date 8th May, 1947.

TO: MR. VARRICHIONE
FROM: MR. PEDINELLI
SUBJECT: LUTHERAN CHURCH

1. I wish to call to your attention the fact that the contract between the Delegation and the Lutheran Church for the premises at Via Toscana No. 7 calls for 30 days notice.

2. I would therefore appreciate it if you could inform me if you are prepared to release these premises by the end of June, so that the Lutheran Church can be given the amount of notice required by the contract.

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A. Pedinelli
A. Pedinelli,
for SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
THE CHIEF OF MISSION

cc: Mr. Carmine
Spec. Asst. (2)

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Ref: DP. FWQ. 7
May 19th, 1947

Mr. Joseph Zwieback

Field D.P. Officer, Rome

Field Trip Instructions

1. Please be informed that on Friday, May 23rd you will proceed on a field trip to Acquasanta and Fano.
2. Purpose: Monthly administrative control of VTCs.
3. You will give special attention to the "soggiornos" and ascertain whether they are in accordance with our nominal roll.
4. Duration: 7 days.

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cc. DCM & Chief DP Operations
Deputy Chief DP Operations
Director Welfare Services ✓
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Karl D. Feller
Field D.P. Officer

Approved:

Louis Varrichione
Dep. Chief DP Operations

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Ref: DP. FWO. 5
March 24th, 1947

Mr. Ernst Vogel

Field D.P. Officer, Rome

Field Trip Instructions

1. In connection with the planned movement of LEO. Aquila to Rome and your transfer to this Office, HQ have been requested to provide appropriate vehicle and Travel Authorisation.
2. The vehicle is scheduled to reach Aquila at noon on Saturday, March 29th, for loading of the whole Office material, files, records and all UNHRA property as well as your personal belongings.
3. Travel Authorisation will be issued with Starting day Monday, March 30th and a validity of 5 days, thus giving you the necessary time for your settlement in Rome.
4. You will take an inventory of everything non-UNHRA property in your Office and bring to Rome 2 copies signed by the Prefettura's Representative in authority to take over.

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Karl D. Feller
Field D.P. Officer

cc. D.C.M. & Chief D.P. Operations
Deputy Chief D.P. Operations
Director Welfare Services ✓
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Ref: DP. FWO. 3

March 21st, 1947

All Rome Field Staff

Field D.P. Officer, Rome

Responsibilities

1. In connection with the changes in our OOO program and the reduction and changes of personnel, a reorganization of the work, linked with a redistribution of responsibilities, is necessary.
2. As I have frequently pointed out, the definition of major responsibilities does not limit the employee's duties: in emergency situations every employee will have the ambition to assist his companion wherever needed and to establish the best possible collegial cooperation.
3. With the discontinuance of the Local Offices in Ancona and Aquila there are no longer specific "local" Office functions even in Rome. In all relations with HQ, Italian Authorities, U.N. Representatives and other Agencies DP. Operations in this Field will be carried out under direct Field D.P. Officer's responsibility.
4. All Administrative operations will functionally depend from F.DP. Office. The in and outgoing mail will be filed in F.DP. Office's central files. Such specific correspondence as may be decided to remain in other sections will be kept in "underfiles" according to F.DP.O's filing system.
5. All outgoing mail will originate with FIELD D.P. OFFICE ROME and signed by or for FIELD D.P. OFFICER. 2 copies will be prepared for F.DP.O's files.

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6. A general delegation is given to Mr. G. Seegs to sign all outgoing mail for F.D.P.O.
7. F.D.P.O. may delegate the authority to sign specific correspondence related to major responsibilities of determined employees to those Staff members.
8. The former Local Welfare Officer's new functions are enlarged to those of a Deputy Field Officer and, in his absence, of Acting Field Officer.
9. Mrs. de Besmini acts as F.D.P.O.'s secretary and assistant in administrative matters in connection with Office space and equipment and personnel problems. In carrying out her duties she is assisted by Miss V. Barcellona.
10. Mr. Truskier, assisted by Mrs. Magli is responsible for the pooling of transportation, contacts with HQ and Cine-Citta' in connection with vehicle problems; issue of railway tickets; registration and reception of of DPs and channeling them for welfare care to the right DP Worker.
11. Mr. Vogel will be responsible for the office administration of the OOC program as a whole. He will also deal with the assistance problems of the former Aquila and Ancona caseload.
12. He will be assisted by Mr. Zwieback, responsible for the statistical part of the program, and by Mr. Furst, responsible for the files.
13. Mr. Pick, assisted by Mrs. Pick and Mr. Rosselli, will be responsible for the office-administrative work of our VTC program.
14. Mr. Ohlenmacher with Mrs. Ringwald, Mrs. Botcharnikof and Mr. Gutman will be responsible for the welfare work in our OOC program and for the contact with DPs as implied by our camp-intake and repatriation policy. They will also investigate and report the economic, social and legal position of the DPs and advise DPs within the general UNHRA Welfare Program.
15. Mr. Semmel with Mrs. Tennenbaum, Mrs. Jun and Mrs. Ehrlich will be responsible for the Welfare Hygiene and administrative control work in the VTCs. As far as medical problems are implied in her work, Mrs. Tennenbaum will report to Field Medical Officer for instructions.
16. A reading file will be established for all material which may interest the Staff. Mr. Truskier will see that all Staff members be acquainted with that material.

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cc. D.C.M. & Chief D.P. Operations
 Deputy Chief D.P. Operations
 Director Welfare Services ✓
 Director Repatriation and Resettlement
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 Karl D. Feller
 Field D.P. Officer

1. Mr. Szego
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Ref.: DP. FWO. 4

January 9th, 1947

DIRECTOR D.P. DIVISION

DP. FWO. ROME

A T T E N T I O N

WELFARE BRANCH

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

1.

Please be informed that during my Field Trip starting on January 10th, 47 Mr. George Szego, LWO. Rome, will act as Field Welfare Officer for all administrative matters concerning the Rome LWO.

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Karl D. Feller
FIELD WELFARE OFFICER

cc: FWO.
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UNRRA ITALIAN MISSION
BUREAU OF RELIEF SERVICES
DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION
RMR.

Welfare 117
Mr. Hauser

Ref. DPOT/4A.

30th November, 1946.

TO : MR. IVOR BROWN,
ROME POOL TRANSPORT OFFICER,
CINE CITTA.

FROM : DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION.

SUBJECT : TRANSPORTATION FOR F.W.O. - VIA TOSCANA.

1. As the result of conversations with the Direction of Vehicle Control and Maintenance Division and the Field Welfare Office, and keeping in mind the phasing down of the vehicle establishment of Vehicle Control and Maintenance Division a number of decisions have been made which should help the FWO to better carry out its operations in the Field, despite the limited amount of personnel transport available.
2. V.C. & M. Division have arranged to have one Jeep on call against written requests made by the FWO the day before and approved by this office.
3. The D.P. Division Jeep which to-date has been used solely by the Palestinian Team engaged on Nachsharoth work is to be operated on a pool basis by the FWO as from 1 Dec. The second Jeep assigned to the Palestinian Team for Nachsharoth Service will also be operated in this manner as soon as you are able to put it on the road.
4. In accordance with the arrangements it is necessary that the Nachsharoth service Jeep be despatched from Cine Citta in time to pick up the Chief FWO at 0845 hrs. each day at 21 Viale XII Aprile.
5. This is necessary in order that the despatching from Via Toscana at 0900 hrs. of this vehicle and the one provided by V.C. & M. Division can be supervised and personnel allocated a vehicle for the day according to priority etc. and which will be established by the Chief FWO.
6. For your information it is pointed out that the Nachsharoth service Jeep will be returned to Cine Citta as early as possible in the evening but owing to the nature of some of the work carried out in VTC's (conferences etc.) there will be occasions which will result in the vehicle returning late.

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7. However, once the second Jeep is assigned for Nachsharoth service, working arrangements should become considerably easier and late work will be divided between the two vehicles.

8. Maintenance, servicing arrangements are left to your discretion and it will be necessary only for you to advise us the morning of the day before you intend garaging the vehicle for inspection and servicing.

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A.V. Omsond,
TRANSPORT OFFICER,
DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION.

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cc: V.C. & M. Division
P.W.O. (Attn.: Mr. Feller)
Welfare (Attn.: Mr. Hauser) ✓
Mr. Varrichione
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Ref.: DP.FWO.7
November 9, 1946

DP. LWO. ROME

DP. FWO. ROME

Field Trip Instructions

1. Please be advised that your Welfare Workers Mr. Leo Furst and Miss Magda Ringwald, on Monday Nov. 18th, 1946, will proceed on a field trip to Ostia.
2. Purpose: administrative control in VTCs at Ostia (7 VTCs)
3. Duration: 1 day.
4. DP. Div. Mission HQ. has been requested to provide Travel Authorization and vehicle.

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Karl D. Feller
FIELD WELFARE OFFICER

CC. Director Bureau of RS
Director DP Division
3 Welfare Branch ✓
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Ref.: D P. Fwd. 7

November 9, 1946

DP. LWO. ROME

DP. FWO. ROME

Field Trip Instructions

1. Please be advised that your Welfare Worker Mr. Leo Furst on Friday Nov. 15th, 1946 will proceed on a field trip to Ladispoli.
2. Purpose: administrative control in 3 VTCs.
3. Duration : 1 day.
4. DP. Div. Mission HQ. has been requested to provide Travel Authorization and vehicle.

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Karl D. Feller
FIELD WELFARE OFFICER

cc. Director Bureau of RS ✓
Director DP Division
3 Welfare Branch
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Ref.: DP.FWO.7
November 9, 1946

DP. LWO. ROME

DP. FWO. ROME

Field Trip Instructions

1. Please be advised that your Welfare Worker Mr. Leo Fürst on Thursday, 14th Nov. 1946 will proceed on a field trip to Anzio and Nemi.
2. Purpose: administrative control in VTC Anzio and VTC Nemi.
3. Duration: 1 day.
4. DP.Div. Mission HQ. has been requested to provide Travel Authorization and vehicle.

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Karl D. Feller
FIELD WELFARE OFFICER

cc. Director Bureau of RS ✓
Director DP Division
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November 2, 1946.

Director, DP.Division

Acting Chief Welfare Officer

Request for Ambulance.

1. We refer to the letter of 11.October 1946 from Field Welfare Officer, Rome. We wish once more to call your attention to the need for an ambulance permanently assigned to the Field Medical Office, Via Toscana 7. There has been an ambulance available to this office in the past but the arrangement was informal and the office was often deprived of the use of this vehicle.
2. The Medical Office in Via Toscana 7 has under its jurisdiction approximately 6000 DP's living out of camps as well as in Vocational Training Centers. The latter are scattered around Rome in the areas of the Castelli Romani, Ostia, Anzio and sometimes as far as Ladispoli, Soriano, Bagnaiia and Galliciano. There are altogether 40 such Vocational Training Centers. Medical emergencies are constantly occurring in these camps. In fact, during a recent month the ambulance temporarily available made 102 calls at Vocational Training Centers alone.
3. Our out-of-camps program provides care for approximately 2500 DP's living in and around Rome. Of this group many sick DP's have to be taken to the hospital and, in emergency cases, our medical staff must visit the DP's.
4. The responsibility is a heavy one, sometimes a question of life and death. Lack of immediately available ambulance-transportation might have serious consequences.
5. One of our DP's, Mrs. Eva Kluger, living at the Vocational Training Center Castelgandolfo I, gave birth to twins after a 7 months' pregnancy. The director of the hospital emphasized that the children should immediately be taken to the Pediatric Clinic in Rome to be put into the incubator. This information was received at the Medical Office in Via Toscana 7 on Saturday at 0200 P.M. In this case Cinecitta Camp was contacted for an Ambulance. After several hours of negotiations, the ambulance reached the hospital at 4.45 P.M. In the meantime condition of the new-born twins became so serious that they could not be removed and they died the next morning.
6. An other striking case was that of Sofi Segal, inhabitant

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of Vocational Training Center at Grottaferrata. Notice was received at 10.00 A.M. that the patient, with emotisis in action, had to be taken to a hospital. It was exactly 12.10 P.M. when the Ambulance arrived at via Toscana to pick up the nurse and proceed to Grottaferrata. The patients condition became very serious due to the delay in transport to the hospital.

7. These are facts which scarcely require comment. The permanent assignment of an ambulance to the Medical Office in Rome, Via Toscana 7, is urgently required if we are to meet our responsibilities.

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Maurice Rosen
ACTING CHIEF WELFARE OFFICER

cc. Chief Welfare Officer ✓
Mr. Osmond
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RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION

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MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref.: DP. FWO. 21

Date October 18th, 1946.

TO: Director DP. Division
Att.: Chief Welfare Officer

FROM: DP. FWO. Rome

SUBJECT: ROME CASE 1333, Frantisek KOBLITZ

1. Reference is made to my report DP.FWO. 21 of October 16th, 1946 and to the instructions you gave me yesterday by telephone.
2. Following your instructions the a/m person will continue to get food assistance (only) pending Military clearance.
3. Should the Military Authorities establish Koblitz to be a collaborator, his case will be definitely closed.
4. Alternatively, if cleared from the suspicion, out-of-camp assistance will be discontinued and Koblitz offered camp-assistance.
5. Koblitz came this morning to the LWO. stating in the Reception that "Mr. Feller got already instructions by Mr. Germandof." He was informed that his application for cash assistance has been rejected, but that food assistance will still be granted to him temporarily.
6. I am still awaiting the written instructions you promised me.

Karl D. Feller
Karl D. Feller
FIELD WELFARE OFFICER

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cc.: Germandof
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October 16th, 1946.

DP. DIVISION . F.W.O. ROME

NILP MEDICAL OFFICER, ROME

AUTO-AMBULANCE SERVICE - MRS KLUGER EVA.

1. May I draw your attention to the following fact:
2. On October 12th at 0200 P.M. I was informed by the Hospital in Marino that Mrs KLUGER Eva, Castelgandolfo I, case no. 14299, a DP assisted by the L.W.O. Rome, was urgently in need of special medical treatment for her two children born on that day after a 7 month s pregnancy.
3. The director of the Hospital has emphasized that the children should immediately be transported to Rome to the Pediatric Clinic to be put into the incubator.
4. The Cinecitta' Transportation Office refused to send the Auto-Ambulance stating that the Transportation Officer was out of the office and that without his authorization, without the authorization of Mr. Osmond, the request for the Auto-Ambulance could not be granted.
5. I could not get in touch with Mr. Osmond since the HQ Offices are closed on Saturday afternoon.
6. At 0300 P.M. the Transportation Office in Cinecitta' could finally be reached and the Auto-Ambulance was sent to the L.W.O. in via Toscana to fetch a nurse.
7. At 04/45 P.M. the Auto-Ambulance arrived at the Hospital in Marino.
8. In the meantime the health condition of the new-born twins had become so bad that, according to the opinion of the doctor en duty, they could not be removed.
9. In the morning of the next day the children died.

10. I do not affirm that a 2-hour delay caused the death of the twins. It may be that the life of the twins in this case could not be saved anyway. However, there is no doubt that with a prompt service of the Auto-Ambulance the poor mother could be spared from two hours of anxious waiting and despair.
11. A regular service of the Auto-Ambulance could make my conscious of doctor calm and assure me that my duties are fulfilled not only formally, but really.
12. This is for your information and whatever action you may deem necessary.

Dr. Zisia Conik
NIDP MEDICAL OFFICER ROME

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cc: 2 Hunter
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UNRRA - ITALIAN MISSION
BUREAU OF RELIEF SERVICES
DIVISION OF DISPLACED PERSONS
ROME

Ref: DP/ADM/13/5.

12th October, 1946;

TO: CHIEF, DISPLACED PERSONS WELFARE BRANCH.

FROM: DIRECTOR, DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION.

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY WORK PERFORMED IN THE ROME LOCAL WELFARE OFFICE.

1. I am advised by Mr. Hutchings that Mr. Hennebiog had written to Mr. Blaboni asking that certain of his personnel be paid a special rate for the period of time in which they were engaged on work which was considered to be of a higher grade.

2. It is unthinkable that employees should expect to be paid a higher rate over time they are called upon to assist with a job of work for a limited period of time, any more than I should expect to be paid a higher rate if I was called upon to do some work for Mr. Sorieri, or that Mr. Sorieri, as Deputy Chief of Mission, should receive the pay of the Chief of Mission should he be called upon to act for the Chief of Mission in his absence.

Frankly, the thinking behind all this is fantastic to say the least.

3. If employees are asked to "pitch in" to assist with a piece of work, then such occupation is charged to good will. Because that is how good will is built, not by demanding extra pay every time a finger is lifted.

4. Will you please make this known to such of the staff as exhibit this kind of mentality.

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Louis Varrichione,
DIRECTOR,
DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION.

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REF: DP. FWO. 18

11 October 1946

CHIEF WELFARE OFFICER

DP FIELD WELFARE OFFICER, ROME

REQUEST FOR AMBULANCE

1. I should like to request that an ambulance be permanently assigned to this Field Office.
2. In support of my request, please be advised as follows:
3. The ambulance is needed for various services of our Field Medical Office, Via Toscana 7, controlled by Dr. E. Gonik, Medical Officer, for:
 - (a) transportation of sick DPs in the Rome district to hospitals
 - (b) transportation of medical staff to DPs in emergency cases
4. This field office cares for two distinct groups of DPs, neither within the Camp-Program of our Division:
 - (a) individuals and families living in the Italian Community to whom a supplementary assistance is granted. The medical assistance might be considered as the basic and most urgent one.
 - (b) DPs living in Vocational Training Centers. There are at present 40 such VTCs in this district.
5. The Rome Local Welfare Office alone is responsible for the welfare of some 6000 DPs, 2500 in the out-of-camps program, and 3500 in VTCs.
6. Most of the VTCs are located around Rome, in the areas of the Castelli Romani, Ostia, Anzio and at Ladispoli, Soriano and Galliciano.
7. In one month's time, from the VTCs alone, 102 urgent calls have been received. There are also numerous calls from individuals of our out-of-camps program. Special mention must be made of pregnant women, who have not only to be carried to the hospital, but also brought back home after delivery.
8. In the past an ambulance was permanently lent to this field office by Camps Administration. This arrangement is no longer possible. Although my office is located in Rome, actually we are in the field.

9. The heavy medical responsibility for 6000 persons, the serious consequences which might be caused by delays (in many instances it is a matter of life or death), lead me to urge that you give this request immediate attention.

Karl D. Feller
FIELD WELFARE OFFICER ROOSE

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cc: Hunter
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ITALIAN MISSION

MEMORANDUM

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REF.: DP. FWC. 18

Date October 11th, 1946

TO:

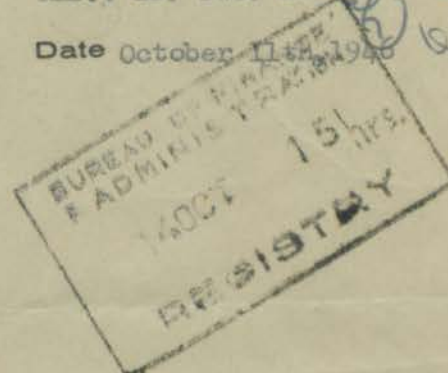
VEHICLE CONTROL MAINTENANCE DIV.
Att.: Col. BORDAS

FROM:

DP. FIELD WELFARE OFFICER ROME

SUBJECT:

REQUEST OF AMBULANCE



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2. In support of my request, please be advised as follows:

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transportation of sick DPs in the Rome district to hospitals;

transportation of Med. Staff to DPs in emergency cases.

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8. In the past an Ambulance was permanently lent to this Field Office by the Camps Administration. This arrangement is no longer possible. Although my Office is located in Rome, we are actually in the Field.

9. The heavy medical responsibility for 6000 persons, the serious consequences which might be caused by delays - and in many instances it is a matter of life or death - makes me ask you to give to this request the due attention and to treat it as a most urgent one.

Karl D. Feller

Karl D. Feller
FIELD WELFARE OFFICER ROME

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cc: Hunter
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cc : Chief of Mission
Cleveland
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Hunter ✓

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4th September 1945

To : Dudley Ward
Legal Advisor, E.R.O.

From : D.C.M. Relief Services.

Subject : Complaint regarding Mrs. Mitrovic
Class II employee, UNRRA Italian Mission.

1. Your letter with attached anonymous note regarding one of our Class II employees has been given to me for investigation.

2. The person to whom you refer is, in fact, in the employ of the Displaced Persons Division of this Bureau. She has been working for about a year as interviewer in our Rome Local Assistance Office and has at no time given us any cause for complaint.

3. It is quite possible that Mrs. Mitrovic has been obliged to reject certain applicants for UNRRA assistance, not, however, on the grounds suggested in your friend's letter, but rather because the applicant was a post-hostility refugee, a former soldier in a formation demobilized or disbanded as a unit, a person giving prima facie evidence of not being in need, etc. As you know, it is a common occurrence in the field of social work for persons not eligible for assistance to attack social workers on a personal basis rather than to recognize the reasons for their ineligibility.

4. Please forgive our delay in getting this information to you. May we suggest that you address any future inquiry of this nature directly to the Chief of Mission so that you may be assured of a more prompt reply.

MR /jdr

A.A. SORIERI
DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, CHIEF
BUREAU OF RELIEF SERVICES.