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POLITICAL MATTERS DIVISION
BALCAN SECTION

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Athens 3 Nov. 1945

Ref.No.24892

IMMEDIATE

To: Under-Secretariat for Repatriation.

We have the honour to inform you that our Royal Legation in Madrid reported by cable that the Spanish Authorities have turned over to them a number of Greek nationals who had been detained in concentration camps or kept in prison for clandestinely crossing the Spanish border. The Royal Legation have applied for instructions concerning the payment of repatriation expenses of these persons as well as their maintenance expenses in Spain until such time a ship will be available for their return home.

In this connection we give you herebelow the text of a later cable from the above Legation replying to our query on the approximate amount of the above expenses and we would request you to be good enough to let us know what reply should be given to this Legation.

" Sorry unable estimate total cost even approximately as
" port of embarkation, means of transport and duration of
" stay are not known beforehand. Plain maintenance expenses
alone here 35 pesetas daily per person. Prospective repa-
" tries actually four."

By the Minister's order

I.D. STEPHANOU
Director

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Date Nov. 12.....

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2nd November 1945

His Excellency
The Minister for Foreign
Affairs,
Athens, Greece.

For the attention of the
Balkan Section

Your Excellency,

Your Excellency's
letter No. 103559/1950
of 16th October has been
passed to us by the Under-
Secretary for Repatriation.

We would inform
you that the repatriation
of Greek nationals
released by the Japanese
in the Far East will be
the responsibility of
UNRRA, and the appropriate
action has already been
taken to advise our
representatives in the
Far East to arrange the
transportation of these
men.

I have the honour to be
Your Excellency's
obedient servant,

Buell F. Maben
Chief of Mission

Π ρ ό ς
Τὴν Αὐτοῦ Ἐξοχότητα
τὸν Κον Ὑπουργὸν τῶν Ἐξωτερικῶν
Ἐ ν τ α ῤ ῥ α.

Διὰ τὸ Τμήμα Βαλκανικῶν Ὑποθέσεων.

Ἐξοχότητε,

Τὸ ἐπ' ἀριθ. πρωτ. 103559/1950
ἀπὸ 16 Ὀκτωβρίου ἔγγραφον ὑμῶν διεπι-
βάσθη ἡμῖν παρὰ τοῦ Ὑπουργείου τῆς
Παλινοστήσεως.

Ἐπιθυμοῦμεν νὰ πληροφορήσῃμεν ὑμᾶς
ὅτι ἡ εἰσὼδη διὰ τὴν παλινόσθησιν τῶν
ἐν τῇ Ἀπὸ Ἀνατολῇ ἀπολυθέντων ἀπὸ τῶν
Ἰαπωνικῶν Ἑλλήνων Ὑπηκόων θὰ ἀληθεύῃ
ἀπὸ τῆς ΟΠΗΡΑ καὶ ὅτι ἐγένοντο ἤδη
αἱ ἀναγκαῖαι ἐνέργειαι ἐπὶ τῷ σκοπῷ
ἵνα εἰδοποιηθῶσιν οἱ ἐν Ἀπὸ Ἀνατολῇ
ἐκπρόσωποι ἡμῶν νὰ διευθετήσῃσι τὰ
τῆς μεταφορᾶς τῶν ἐν λόγῳ ἀνδρῶν.

Ἔχω τὴν τιμὴν νὰ διατελῶ,
τῆς Ὑμετέρας Ἐξοχότητος
εὐπειθὲς θεράπων

Buell F. Maben

Ἀρχηγὸς τῆς Ἀποστολῆς

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Διεύθυνσις Πολ. Υποθέσεων
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Αριθ. πρωτ. 19857



τὸ Ὑπουργεῖον Παλινοστήσεως

Ἀναφερόμενοι εἰς τὸ ὑπ' ἀριθ. 23330 ἀπὸ 16.10.45
ἡμέτερον ἔγγραπτον, ἔχομεν τὴν τιμὴν νὰ πέμψωμεν ὑμῖν συνημ-
μένως ἀντίγραφα τριῶν ἐκθέσεων ἀντικροσώπων τῆς Διεθοῦς
Ἐπιτροπῆς τοῦ Ἐρυθροῦ Σταυροῦ, αἵτινες ἀφορῶσιν ἐπισκέ-
ψεις αὐτῶν γενομένας εἰς στρατόπεδα συγκεντρώσεως ἐν Ἰαπωνίᾳ,
ἐν οἷς ἐκρατοῦντο καὶ Ἕλληνες ὑπῆκοοι, ἵνα εὐαρεστού-
μενοι λάβητε γνῶσιν.-

Ἐντολῇ τοῦ Ὑπουργοῦ

Ὁ Διευθυντής

Στεφάνου

Ι. ΣΤΕΦΑΝΟΥ

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Hôtel Metropole
Geneva



14 JUN 1945

For retransmission to the INOC Delegation in London

IRCO Ref: Far East Memo No. 75

Subject: Japan, Fukushima Civilian Internment
Camp, Fukushima

Ref: Our cable No. B9965 of April 13, 1944

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The following is the substance of a report we have received from our Delegation in Tokyo on the second visit made by our Delegate, Mr. Angst, to the above-mentioned camp, on April 25th 1945.

The strength of this camp is the following:

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Totals</u>
British	44	19	6	3	72
British-Chinese	7	5	3	2	17
British-Portu- guese	2	1	1	2	6
Greeks	19	1			20
Australians	4				4
South Africans	4				4
British-Arabi- ans	4				4
Canadians	2				2
British West- Africans	2				2
British Mala- yans	2				2
British Indians	3				3
British Somalis	1				1
New Zealanders	1				1
Spaniards	1				1
Armenians	1				1
Grand Total					140

The camp building was heated by steam this winter for a period of 29 days. Airraid shelters are in the course

of construction on the camp premises. Three meals are served daily, at 7, at 12 and at 17 hours.

The rations are the following:

	<u>grams per capita daily</u>
BREAD, from town bakery.	
as for Japanese civilians	700
every fourth day	800
MEAT standard ration	110) however none
FISH " "	150) for quite
	) some time.
VEGETABLE) " "	570) however very
POTATOES) " "	") little during
	) winter, more
	) expected
	) henceforth.
FRUIT standard ration	190 none now
SUGAR " "	20 " "
CEREALS " "	40
EGGS standard ration	50) generally
	) none, if avail-
	) able for pa-
	) tients & chil-
	) dren only.
FLOUR	40
BLACK TEA	20
FAT	20
MILK	0.18) litres for
	) children
	) only.
PEPPER, SALT	some

The following was the menu on the day our delegate visited the camp:

BREAKFAST: Bread, unsweetened tea
 LUNCH: Bread, unsweetened tea, some spinach and noodles.
 DINNER: Bread, unsweetened tea, some vegetable stew.

The camp infirmary comprises two rooms, but there is no isolation ward. Two interned female nurses form the medical personnel. There is some medical equipment, and supplies, but no surgical equipment. The doctor and the dentist call when necessary. A general medical examination

is held every three months. The sick list was the following:

- 1 Menstrual disorder, ascribed to malnutrition
- 1 Diabetes
- 2 Syphilis, whereof one with tuberculosis

These patients, who are all Greeks, are in the camp infirmary. The internees were vaccinated against smallpox on February 14th, 1943, but, contrary to the statement made in our previous report, they have not been inoculated. The inmates were last weighed on October 13th, 1944, with the following results:

Maximum	86 kilos
Minimum	52 "
Average	69 "

Since our delegate's last visit on March 24th, 1944, but one death has occurred; that of:

Mrs. Lorraine Elizabeth GLEESON, British, Stewardess born on June 11th, 1901.

Mrs. Gleeson died of enterostenosis, on April 7th, 1945, at Fukushima Civilian Internment Camp, and was buried in Fukushima cemetery according to the Roman Catholic rites. Please inform her husband, M.J. Gleeson, 2/2 MG Battalion B Camp 2 AIF abroad, of orthopedic division attached to the second Australian General Hospital abroad.

Up to the time of our delegate's visit, the following clothes had been issued to the camp:

- 1 overall
- 1 suit of underwear
- Children's rompers
- Knitting material
- Soap; standard ration 1 cake per month, however none at present.

The twenty Greeks, one Armenian, one Spaniard and one South African are destitute, as they are not eligible to Protecting Power assistance, their nationality not having been established. One British Chinese is also destitute and, though probably eligible to Protecting Power assistance, he has not applied for it so far. 112 internees draw Protecting Power allowances, whereof 97 adults receive Yen 50.-- a

month each and 15 children Yen 25.--, (the Canadians received Christmas cash gifts from Canada, which were remitted to them through our Tokyo Delegation).

The daily routine from April to October is: Reveille 6, rollcall 6.05, wash time 6.15, various exercises from 9 to 12 and from 13 to 17, rollcall 20.30, lights out 21 hours. Prayers are at 16 hours.

Work is voluntary; the women knit gloves and the men make paper bags for packing pears, however, for the moment there are no pears. Remuneration is according to the local wage scale. There is no canteen. Up to January 1945, 5 cigarettes a head were provided daily by the camp. This number has now been reduced to three, however, those doing gardening and kitchen work get additional cigarettes. There is no hiking outside the camp. There is a potato plot of 2000 M² within the camp compound, which is cultivated by a Japanese gardener, assisted by volunteers from amongst the internees. The camp has no livestock, but the Commander of the camp is considering the purchase of a pig and some hens. There have been no visitors from the outside, nor have any visits to the outside been made.

The internees possess books furnished by the YMCA and get a daily English-language newspaper, which arrives somewhat irregularly. Classes are taken by school teachers among the internees. The internees may play the mouth organ and the accordeon at will, but the piano only on special occasions. There are no moving picture shows. The Japanese radio is available, but none of the internees listen in. Husbands and wives meet every day.

Outgoing foreign mail is restricted to a one hundred word letter in English per month. Outgoing domestic mail, addressed to the Protecting Power and to our Delegation in Tokyo, is unrestricted.

Incoming foreign mail is scarce. Mail from Great Britain, Australia and Ceylon take respectively four, seven and eleven months to reach destination. Only one telegram was received from South Africa, and none from Canada and Greece. Some mail has been received from the inmates of Saitama Prefectural Civilian Internment Camp Urawa. Very few private comfort parcels have been received

from abroad. 92 inmates are newsless. Our Delegation states that this list of these persons will shortly be communicated to us; we will then transmit the names to the respective authorities.

The following relief has been distributed:

- 1) From the Japanese Red Cross Society: none
- 2) From the Apostolic Delegate, on the occasion of his visit on October 19th, 1944: Yen 1000.--, some bibles and rosaries.
- 3) From the YMCA: Books, sewing thread, handkerchiefs, playing cards, socks.
- 4) From our Delegation:
 - a) ex Teia Maru shipment: 105 four-unit food cartons
5 first-aid kits
8 bales men's heavy clothing
7 cases men's shoes
1 case men's toilet articles
1 case women's and children's apparel and toilet articles
3500 cigarettes
80 packages pipe tobacco
13 pipes
 - b) ex Hakusan Maru shipment: 170 four-unit food cartons.

Our Delegation is awaiting an opportunity to ship from their Yokohama warehouse:

71 four-unit food carton
1 case IIA medical supplies
1 case IIB medical supplies
1 case III medical supplies
Surgical sponges and pads ex VB
8 bales men's heavy clothing

2 bales men's overcoats
1 case men's toilet
articles
15 tins milk food
22 tins meat products
6 cases biscuits

c) ex local purchases: 22 bottles pertussin
70 bottles gynergen
4 packages disinfectant

The Commander of the camp had no complaints to formulate and he stated that there had been no disciplinary punishments, however, he added, should camp regulations be broken, daily meetings between husbands and wives may be temporarily stopped. There have been no attempts to escape. Camp regulations are communicated in English and there are two competent Japanese female interpreters in the camp.

The foregoing information, except that which concerns relief, was supplied by the Commander of the camp. Relief information was supplied by our Delegation.

Our delegate interviewed the following internees in the presence of the Camp Command:

- 1) H.C.G. STRATFORD, Australian, Captain.
Next-of-kin: Mrs. Stratford, 17 Symonds Street
Auckland N.Z.
- 2) Daniel MURRAY, British, Banker
Next-of-kin: James Murray, 23 Kings Barn Drive
Kings Park, Glasgow
- 3) Lambros D. LAMBRINOS, Greek
Next-of-kin: Demetrios Lambrinos, c/o Eydokia
Samothraki Sporadon, 29 Kypsely,
Athens.
- 4) Mrs. A.K. THOMS, British
Next-of-kin: Mrs. A. Barks, 6 Haywood street,
Sneinton Road, Nottingham.
- 5) Mrs. F.F. GARNER, British
Next-of-kin: Mrs. A.J. Merrick, Senlac,
New Malden, Surrey.

The results of this interview were the following:

1) The majority of the internees would like to send individual telegrams at their own expense instead of by the new telegraphic message scheme, but the Camp Command has refused all such requests, on the grounds that the internees are permitted to send one telegram a year according to this scheme. The Camp Command added, moreover, that, owing to the fact that already 76 individual telegraphic messages had been sent recently, they could not authorize any further telegrams before September of this year. It would, nonetheless, be desirable that these internees be allowed to dispatch individual telegraphic messages, as the majority are still without news of their next-of-kin since their internment.

2) The internees were unable to write during January and February 1945, as the requisite letter paper was unobtainable. This paper has now been supplied for the subsequent months.

3) An inquiry was made concerning the fate of the crew, or the survivors, of the vessels "NANKIN", "WILLESSEN"? "WELLPARK" and "KIRKPOOL". Our Delegation is approaching the Japanese Red Cross Society and the Protecting Power representatives concerning this matter.

4) The internees declare that a 200 gram loaf of bread for breakfast, a loaf and a half and some vegetables for lunch, and one loaf and some vegetables for supper, accompanied by one cup of unsweetened tea with each meal, is insufficient. All the internees have lost considerable weight, and they stress the impossibility of continuing with the present rations. If no remedy is brought to this situation, serious illnesses are apprehended. Outside food purchases are said to be impossible. The internees consider that the Camp Command is doing its best, but they insist that the present food situation necessitates immediate help. Red Cross food parcels have now become essential, and one unit per capita a month is now considered the absolute minimum. This applies to adults only, as the children are said to be well looked after, those under four being given 0.18 litres of milk a day. Our Delegation state they are at a loss as to how to alleviate the food problem, there remaining but 71 four-unit food cartons from the Hakusan Maru shipment to be delivered to this camp. Moreover, the Camp Command claim that additional food purchases with funds which the Protecting Power is likely to supply, would be unfeasable.

5) The camp was last examined by a doctor on August 15th 1944. It is stated that more frequent visits are difficult to obtain as the doctor is overworked, nevertheless, the internees would appreciate his calling when needed.

6) Dental attention is inadequate. Many of the internees need immediate care and would like the work which was started to be completed. The internees would appreciate a dentist calling once a week at present, and once a month after the completion of the present reconstruction work. The inadequacy of dental attention is mainly attributable to the shortage of dentists.

7) Ocular treatment, which has so far been unobtainable, is deemed necessary for eye examinations and the readjustment of glasses is desired.

8) Miscellaneous requirements: Spoons, forks, knives, rice bowls, slippers, sewing thread, a double truss 32 inches for a Greek seaman, an athletic support, arch supports, large size for a flatfooted man.

9) The internees were compelled to "surrender" the platinum parts and the diamonds from their jewelry. Coloured stones and gold bands, which the authorities promised to restitute, have not, as yet, been returned to their owners.

10) Our Delegation is inquiring whether a Roman Catholic priest could occasionally visit the camp for the benefit of about 12 Roman Catholics.

11) The British seamen inquire whether their dependants receive allowances from the British Government, and whether their wages continue to be paid; if so, what proportion is paid to their dependants.

12) Meetings between unattached men and women are permitted occasionally.

13) The internees spent a miserable winter owing to lack of warm clothing; the temperature went down as far as -18°C .

The men in the camp also require summer clothing such as shorts and singlets. Summer and winter shoes are also necessary. The following sets of both winter outer

and under wear would be required: Two of each for boys of 6, 5 and 4 years old, and one of each for boys of 9, 12, 13 and 14; further, one of each for girls of 8, 5, 3, 2 and 6.

14) The Greeks without next-of-kin news and money, inquire whether their families receive monetary allowances from their employer, Michael Embiricos, c/o Runciman, Exchange Chamber, London.

15) The male internees would like a pingpong table and playing cards.

The internees are dissatisfied with the small number of our Delegate's visits; they feel not only neglected in this respect, but otherwise at a disadvantage, owing to the remote location of their camp.

Our Delegate adds that he is indebted to Camp Commander Sho, who submitted the required information unreservedly and gave him the opportunity of interviewing the internees at length without interference.

Hôtel Metropole

June 19, 1945

Geneva



IRCC Ref: ~~Paris~~ East Memo No. 79

Subject: Japan, Saitama Prefectural Internment
Camp, Urawa.

Re: Previous report, our cable No. B.9235 of
February 22, 1944

ABr/CdeB

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The following is the substance of a report we have received on a visit our Tokyo Delegates, Mr. Bilfinger and Mr. Pestalozzi, made to the above camp on May 4th, 1945.

The strength of this camp is the same as that indicated by our cable No. 375-B9937 of November 13th, 1944, with the exception of the following mutations: one British has been transferred to Nagasaki and one Canadian has been newly interned. The representatives of the internees are:

Charles DREMER, American
Leopold MARESCAUX, British
Father Maxim SCHILLER, Canadian

Precautions against airraids consist of 5 mud-covered shelters in the camp grounds, accomodating from 11 to 12 people each. Firefighting equipment consists of buckets and a rubber hose.

The rations are the following:

BREAD	600 grams a head daily
HALF-POLISHED RICE	0,36 litres " "
FISH	unspecified, about 10 times a month
MEAT	unspecified, " twice a month
OYSTERS	about 37,5 kilos for the whole camp were recently supplied.
VEGETABLES	unspecified
POTATOES	from June to October, approximately 700 kilos a month for the whole camp.

NOODLES	Japanese style, unspecified
FAT	3,8 litres a month for the whole camp
BUTTER	since September 1944, none
MILK	" January 1945, none
FRUIT	when in season, none at time of visit

The following was the menu on the day of our Delegates' visit.

BREAKFAST: Rice gruel, 0,06 litres; Bread, 200 grams;
Pickles; Black tea.
LUNCH: Vegetable soup; Rice, 0,15 litres; Bread 200 grams.
DINNER: Japanese style noodles; Vegetables; Rice 0,15 litres
Bread 200 grams; Tea.

A Japanese doctor from Urawa calls once a week and on special request. Our Delegates brought with them medical supplies withdrawn from cases IIA, IIB, III, IV and VA, from the Hakusan Maru shipment, and our Delegation will attempt to cover the internees' further desires from available stocks. At the time of our Delegates' visit, none of the internees were ill. Lupton, a British internee returned from Diebo hospital in April 1945, cured of a stomach ailment. The weight of the internees has not been checked; most of them are loosing weight.

Laundry soap is badly needed, as there were only three official distributions during 1944. Two cakes of both toilet and laundry soap were given at the first and second issues, and half a cake of both toilet and laundry soap at the third issue. No soap has yet been distributed this year. The internees buy their own tobacco, which is limited to a ration of five a day per head.

The internees are accorded facilities to grow their own vegetables with seeds supplied by the YMCA. There is no livestock.

The internees are permitted to write monthly one letter in English, not exceeding 100 words, and two letters in Japanese not exceeding 500 Japanese characters. The American, British and Dutch internees were given the opportunity of each sending a cable according to the new telegraphic message scheme, at Christmas 1944. As regards incoming mail, some letters and Red Cross messages have been received. The following are some examples of the transit time of incoming mail. Red Cross messages dispatched from Belgium on August 3rd 1943, arrived on

January 16th 1945, from Canada in May 1944 arrived on March 2nd 1945, from Greece on December 27th 1943 arrived April 1945, from Holland on May 17th 1944 arrived on December 23rd 1944, from New York on April 27th 1944 arrived on October 2nd 1944. A list of the newsless internees has been received in Geneva, and the names transmitted to the respective authorities.

Since our Delegate's last visit, the following Red Cross relief has been received in this camp and distributed:

From Teia Maru shipment:

February 1944	1 carton first-aid kit VI
March 1944	31 pairs shoes XII
June 1944	56 food parcel units
September 1944	112 food parcel units
	1 carton first-aid kit VI
	4 bales heavy clothing VIII
	5 overcoats XI
	Tobacco XV: 1500 cigarettes
	50 packages pipe tobacco
	10 pipes
November 1944	1 bale heavy clothing VIII

From Hakusan Maru shipment

November 1944	300 food parcel units
April 1945	112 food parcel units
	2 cases biscuits

From local purchases:	2 packages insecticide
	8 bottles cough syrup

Our Delegation will send the following articles from the Hakusan Maru shipment, at the earliest opportunity:

1 bale of woollen clothing VIII
15 overcoats XI
1 case men's toilet articles XIV

The following is the outcome of the interview our Delegates had with the internees' representatives:

The food situation is the biggest problem, and the internees hope that the supply of Red Cross food parcels will be regular. Our Delegation has fully discussed this problem with the Protecting Power. The internees desire

the following articles, which our Delegation will attempt to supply from recently acquired local purchases:

Buttons	Shoe laces	Pencils
Needles	Stationary	Ink
Thread	Letter paper	Fruit essences
Salt	Soap	Seasoning

The internees would also like more insecticide, to cope with the bed bugs which multiply during the warm season. The internees would further like more reading material, for which our Delegation is approaching the YMCA. In spite of the severe winter and the complete absence of heating, the health of the inmates has, in general, been good. There was no special celebration on the occasion of Christmas 1944.

Our Delegates have the impression that the internees are split up in groups, which lack cohesion.



Hôtel Metropole
Geneva



June 15, 1945

INOC Ref: Far East Memo No. 76

(For retransmission to our London Delegation)

Subject: Japan, Kanagawa Prefectural Civilian
Internment Camp No. 1.

Re: Previous report, our cable 218-E9075 dated
20.9.1944

ABr/GdeB
S.3/3b-L

The following is the substance of a report on a
visit our Delegates, Mr. Bilfinger and Mr. Pestalozzi
made to the above camp on May 7th 1945.

The following is the camp strength:

British	19
Canadian	13
New Zealanders	1
Americans	7
Greeks	3
Stateless	3
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Total	46 all men

The Camp Representative is H.C. Lepper, British.
Airraid precautions consist of three open dugouts and the
fire-fighting equipment consists of buckets and ladders.
The points not covered will be found in our previous
report.

The Camp Commander stated that the food had not
changed much since Mr. Pestalozzi's visit of August 24th
1944, except that meat, fish and fat issues had decreased.
The food rations are now the following:

BREAD	300 grams per head daily
RICE	400 " " " "
FLOUR	36 kilos a month for the whole camp

MEAT	issues consist mostly of intes
FAT	3 to 5 litres a month for the c
VEGETABLES	daily quantity not indicated
POTATOES	none
FRUIT	none

The menu on the day of the visit was the following:

BREAKFAST: Rice, Leek and greens soup, tea

LUNCH: Rice, boiled greens with some meat, one slice of bread, tea

DINNER: Vegetable stew, minced meat, rice, one slice of bread, tea.

Our delegates brought with them to the camp medical supplies out of cases ILa, IIb, IIv and Va from the Hakusan Maru shipment. The camp authorities promised to send our Delegation the list of the internees' additional requirements, half of which our Delegation will try to supply from the stocks they have on hand.

None of the internees were seriously ill, several however, had colds, digestive disorders, and dental trouble. The dentist calls when necessary. The weight of the internees had not been checked, but it is decreasing.

There have been two deaths since Mr. Pestalozzi's last visit. These were:

- 1) EMERY, stateless, who died on October 8th 1944 of a heart attack.
- 2) CARDEW, English, who died on January 9th 1945 of bronchial asthma.

The internees desire the following clothing:

Working suits
Trousers
Overcoats
Blankets
Sweaters
Underwear
Pyjamas
Towels
Slippers

Gloves
Socks
Handkerchiefs
Shorts
Boots, or repair material
Tools
Shoelaces

There has been only one soap issue since the internees are in the present camp. The internees are urgently in need of toilet and laundry soap.

Fetching fire-wood from the hills for camp consumption is considered as voluntary work, and not remunerated, whereas carrying stones, which is the work of some 20 internees, is remunerated by 0,18 litres of rice a day.

The internees buy their own tobacco, their official ration being 5 cigarettes a day, or the equivalent of such in pipe tobacco. The internees would like more pipes.

There is a vegetable garden in which the internees can plant potatoes, radishes, salad and onions. The camp possesses two pigs. The internees would like a ~~radio~~ wireless set as only one Japanese newspaper is delivered to the camp.

There has been little incoming mail, however, the authorities have promised to give further information on this subject for this camp. The British, Dutch and American internees were allowed, at Christmas, to send one telegraphic message according to the new scheme. The list of the newsless internees has already been communicated to the respective authorities.

The following relief has been delivered to this camp since Mr. Pestalozzi's last visit:

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| 1) From Teia Maru shipment: | 48 food parcel units |
| September 1944 | 1 First-aid kit VI |
| | 3 bales heavy clothing VIII |
| | 15 overcoats XI |
| | (1000 cigarettes |
| Tobacco XV | (40 packages pipe tobacco |
| | 7 pipes |

- 2) From Hakusan Maru shipment: 240 food parcel units
November 1944
- 3) From local purchases: 7 bottles cough syrup
March 1945 some shoe laces
- 4) Our Delegation dispatched from
Yokohama warehouse on May 8th
1945:
 - a) From Hakusan Maru shipment:
96 food parcel units
1 bale heavy clothing VIII
15 overcoats XI
1 case men's toilet articles XIV
2 cases biscuits
 - b) From local purchases:

2 packages insecticide

The Japanese Red Cross Society assists one stateless internee with a sum of Yen 100.-- a month, and two Americans with Yen 80.-- each a month.

Our delegates interviewed the camp leader, Lepper, and met the assembled internees in the mess hall. Lepper stressed that Red Cross food parcels were invaluable, as all the internees were hungry, and he stated that those working were even worse off than the others. He said he would be very grateful for seasonings and flavourings such as fruit essences, cotton thread, buttons, razor blades matches, in fact, anything our Delegation could supply. Our Delegation state they will attempt to supply whatever possible from their stock of local purchases. The camp also requires clothing and boots, but our Delegation state they cannot furnish these articles unless new supplies arrive from abroad.

Fathers Prevost and Houde, both Canadian, and E.S. Bell, a New Zealander, complain about the food, which is sometimes unpalatable, and they deplore the absence of milk for the sick and the weak. F.S. Booth deplores the scarcity of incoming mail. Burke, who is neither recognized as an Irish citizen, nor a British subject, is now without nationality. Considering his age, sixtyseven, and the fact that he has a Japanese family, our Delegation have recommended him to the Authorities for release.

Our delegates feel that the relations amongst the internees themselves, and also the relations between the internees and the camp authorities, are somewhat strained. This situation, which causes considerable nervous tension, is due mainly to food difficulties, prolonged internment, and the close contact between internees of different social upbringing and background.



ROUTE SLIP FOR DOCUMENTS

Date *Dec. 1*.....

NAME	PURPOSE	ACKNOWLEDGE OR ACTION TAKEN
<i>Op. Dept.</i>	<i>action</i>	<i>Well</i> <i>All coming by</i>
<i>Lumley</i>	<i>info</i>	<i>1/12 air</i>
<i>Rae</i>	<i>File</i>	<i>3/17/45 end</i>

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
GREECE MISSION

HEADQUARTERS

30/10/45.6/441 ✓

Athens, 30th October 1945

To : Mr. Barger
From : Liaison Office *EE*
Subject: Ministry of Repatriation Budget

*File
CB 5/71*

I attach two copies of the Ministry of Repatriation budget which Capt. Levidis has passed to us, following on our discussion with him of the Ministry's finances. You will see that he has appended a revised version based on an assumption of a 20% reduction in the numbers with whom we may have to deal.

You may be glad to transmit the second copy to Col. Lubbock.

EE

KINGDOM OF GREECE
UNDER SECRETARIAT OF REPATRIATION

File CR
S/XI

B U D G E T

	Expenses not returned to the State	expenses returned to the state.
Food for Reception Centres Ration 780.000 - c200		156.000.000
Movement of 19.000 hostages		38.000.000
(a) Food		
(b) Allowances	57.000.000	
(c) Transport exp.	150.000.000	40.000.000
Movement of 20.000 refugees		
(a) Food		40.000.000
(b) Allowances	20.000.000	
(c) Transport exp.	140.000.000	40.000.000
Movement of 3.000 foreign nationals		
(a) Food		3.000.000
(b) Transport exp.	20.000.000	7.000.000
Allowances to foreign nationals	80.000.000	
Repairs of and supply to premises		200.000.000
Maintenances of Reception Centres.	60.000.000	
Remunerations and general expenses of services	40.000.000	
Port dues	10.000.000	
Transport charges for 19000 hostages from ports or air ports to Centre		6.000.000
	577.000.000	530.000.000
Necessary expenses for the next five months the above two columns Grand Total		1.107.000.000
Availability in non- disposed of funds		350.000.000
Budget should be increased by		757.000.000
Amount provided by Budget		650.000.000
Total 1945-46 Budget		1.407.000.000
Of which should be returned to Treasury		530.000.000
		877.000.000
The actual increase of the Budget amounts to only		227.000.000

I would concur to a 20% cut in all the above items in which case there would be a minimum actual increase in the Budget. The attached budget corresponds to the above cuts. The reason why I concur in this reduction is that I believe that the number of persons to be displaced in the course of the financial year will be correspondingly by 20% minor to the number originally estimated.

KINGDOM OF GREECE
UNDER SECRETARIAT OF REPATRIATION:

B U D G E T
REDUCED BY 20%

	Expenses not returned to the State	Expenses returned to the State.
Food for Reception Centres Ration 780.000 x 200		124.800.000
Movement of 19000 hostages		
(a) Food		30.000.000
(b) Allowances	45.000.000	
(c) Transports exp.	113.000.000	37.000.000
Movement of 16.000 refugees		
(a) Food		32.000.000
(b) Allowances	16.000.000	
(c) transport exp.	108.000.000	36.000.000
Movement of 2400 foreign nationals		
(a) Food		2400.000
(b) transport	16.200.000	5.400.000
Allowances to foreign nationals	64.000.000	
Repairs to and supply of premises		160.000.000
Maintenance of reception centres	48.000.000	
Remuneration and general expenses of services	40.000.000	
Port dues	6. 000.000	
Transport charges from ports and airports to centres		4.500.000
	=====	=====
	456200.000	432.100.000
It will be therefore necessary to spend in the course of the five months' period November to March	888.300.000	
Availability in non disposed of funds	350.000.000	
	=====	=====
Consequently Budget should be increased by	538.000.000	
	=====	=====
Existing Budget	650.000.000	
	=====	=====
Total Budget 1945-46	1.188.000.000	
	=====	=====

Of which shall be returned to the Treasury	432.000.000
Total actual expenditure for the year	756.000.000
Existing estimate	650.000.000
Consequently the actual increase requested amounts to only	106.000.000

In spite of the increases in transport prices, salaries and wages, it should be noted that the Budget for 650 million had been compiled on the basis of the assumption that the Under-Secretariat would not be charged with food expenses food stuffs being issued free of charge by UNRRA, neither with transportation charges for State transport means, receipts of which revert to the Treasury as public incomes.

When the budget for the present financial year was compiled by the Under-Secretariat for Repatriation this was done on the assumption that this Under-Secretariat would not be charged with expenses for food, inasmuch as the value of foodstuffs supplied free of charge by UNRRA, reverts to the Treasury as a public income. The same presupposition held good as regards the charges payable on State transport means, which are similarly returnable to the Treasury.

These two categories of expenditure which were imposed by Mr. Varvaressos, the ex Vice President of the Council, then amounted to 432.000.000, and when, for reasons of order of the accounts, Mr. Varvaressos was led to that decision, he explicitly stated to us that this Under-Secretariat's Budget would be increased by the amount necessary for meeting the above sum.

According to the above the budget should have been increased to $650 + 432 = 1.082.000.000$.

Considering that in the course of the second half of the current financial year, all the prices have gone up by 50% the Budget already approved should have been increased in total by 25% viz. by 270 million, so that it may reach the level of 1.352.000.000 as against the 1.188.000.000 now asked for.

Consequently this is not an increase of the budget but actually a reduction by 164.000.000

File

29th October 1945

30/DP/455-6/359 ✓

To: Commander Caldis

From: Mr. Curtis

Subject: Various

(1) Repatriation to Dodecanese

The figures which you asked for this morning are as follows:

A total of 1220 persons has asked to be repatriated to the Dodecanese of whom 360 have gone and 860 have registered to go but are not yet cleared.

It would be of considerable help to us all if Mr. Zerbos and his committee would instruct all the people under their charge to register with Mrs. Aprill, and also if they would supply is with nominal rolls, containing as much information as possible, of all those who wish to go. I note that Mr. Zerbos estimated that the total figure was 60,000, but imagine this is far too high. Have you any indication of the real figure?

(2) You may remember that about three weeks ago Captain L evidis heard from the Greek diplomatic representative in Moscow that there had been approximately 9,000 Greeks in the Russian occupied zone, of whom only about 1300 were still to return. Would it be possible for you to let me have a copy of this message, together with any information you may have as to its reliability or otherwise.

(3) As signals to Salonika are so slow, Montgomery is asking for information of refugee movements to his area earlier in advance than at present.

Both you and ourselves send signals north, I know, as soon as the total numbers and time of sailing are definitely known. In future Montgomery would like advance information of the expected time of departure of the ship together with

the best provisional estimate we can supply of numbers who would be travelling. Could you please let us have for Montgomery's information such advance notice of any moves, particularly of I.D.P.'s, which Mr. Dedithakis' office may be arranging.

HAC

Distribution:
Mr. Linney 1
D.P.D. file 1

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
GREECE MISSION

HEADQUARTERS

30/00/455.6/342 ✓

Athens, 27th October 1945

To : Mr. Barger
From : Mr. Curtis
Subject : Discussion with Minister of Repatriation

The following points arise from discussions with the Minister this morning:

(1) Captain Levidis agrees that with the present empty state of the camps in the north the time is ripe for the issue of the proclamation and for gathering in homeless I.D.P.'s who should have temporary shelter. He would like copies of the ~~suggested~~ draft sent up as suggested to Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Psaras.

(2) With reference to Salonika telegram 1007 of 25th October, it appears that the group of I.D.P.'s referred to were part of a mixed shipment of I.D.P.'s and hostages for various destinations. Those whose homes were in Thrace or East Macedonia were given the choice of remaining in Athens or being shipped to Salonika on the strict understanding that official onward movement from Salonika eastward was not at the moment possible. They signed a paper saying that would accept official movement as far as Salonika but that if they moved to their homes from there it would be on their own responsibility and the arrangements would be in their own hands. Captain Levidis is aware that they should and will continue to be fed, and if they do not disperse of their own accord he recognizes that they should eventually be moved to their destinations at the convenience of our representatives up north. He would like a signal sent to Montgomery on these lines. No evidence is available of signatures being given under duress, and far more specific and detailed complaints would be necessary before action could be taken.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
GREECE MISSION
HEADQUARTERS

Athens, _____

To :

From :

Subject :

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(3) With regard to the matter of window covering in the camps, according to Major Murphy's letter of 20th October, the Minister presumes that we should now send up north the appropriate window material for Florina only (the present camp). He wishes that we should not wait for "Windowlite" to arrive but should send up glass as specified. The Ministry will take financial responsibility in the first place, and will later settle with the Ministry of War whether they should bear the whole or part cost for the more permanent repair of their buildings.

(4) With regard to Montgomery's statement in the signal received this morning that alternative accommodation to that at Kozani had been agreed in Florina, the Minister is concerned to hear of something that sounds like a mistake in policy. Florina has had very little traffic for nearly two months now and is extremely remote for purposes of United Nations nationals or I.D.P.'s. The understanding was that if alternative accommodation ~~were~~ to be found necessary, it should be near Salonika or on the route between Salonika and Athens. He suggests that an interim reply might be sent to Montgomery restraining him from taking more accommodation in Florina and saying that a further search nearer to Salonika would be more appropriate.

The Minister agrees that a conference with the Minister of War would be desirable on Monday morning, and will let us know a time later.

Good.

MR. BARGER

Action copies of this memo
have gone to Mr. LINNEY
and Mr. RAYNER.

A further copy will be
supplied to you after further
typing.

File
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REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
MISSION
HURCHILL STREET, ATHENS

Your Ref.:

Our Ref.:

Date

~~Apr. 2. Prot. 103533/1844.~~

Apr. 2. Prot. 103554/1950.

455.6

To: U.N.R.R.A. D.P.D.

From: Ministry of Repatriation

I attach herewith copy of a letter of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to us, concerning the repatriation of fifty Greek D.P. found in Japanese camps.

We should be grateful to know what action you propose to take.

The Minister for Repatriation

Info: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

VI DIS.

KINGDOM OF GREECE
MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
POLITICAL MATTERS DIVISION
BALCAN SECTION

Athens, 16th October, 1945

Ref. No 23330/A

Subject: "Repatriation of Greeks from
the Far East".

To: UNDER-SECRETARIAT
FOR REPATRIATION

Referring to our letter No 22352 dated 26 September 1945 on the repatriation of Greeks now in Teheran, we beg to inform you that in accordance with a telegraphic communication from our Washington Embassy, there have further been assembled up to now in the Far East about fifty (50) Greek Nationals, eight (8) of whom are seamen, while further nominal rolls of refugees are awaited.

Considering that the repatriation of the above 50 Greek Nationals by the United States Authorities would be ^{rendered} difficult on account of the great expenditure involved, we would request you to be so good as to immediately approach ~~in this~~ ^{the} competent UNRRA Authorities in this respect with a view to this Administration undertaking the soonest possible repatriation of the above Greek refugees from Iran and the Far East.

BY THE MINISTER'S ORDER

L. V. MELAS
Minister Plenipotentiary
DIRECTOR GENERAL

ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ
ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟΝ ΕΞΩΤΕΡΙΚΩΝ
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΙΣ ΠΟΛΙΤΙΚΩΝ ΥΠΟΘΕΣΕΩΝ
ΤΜΗΜΑ ΒΑΛΚΑΝΙΚΗΣ

Αθήναις τῇ 16 Ὀκτωβρίου 1945

Αριθ. 103559/1950

Αριθ. Πρωτ. 23330/Α.

Περὶ τῆς Καλιννοστήσεως Ἑλλήνων Ἀπὸ Ἀνατολῆς. -

Π Ρ Ο Σ

ΤΟ ΥΦΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟΝ ΠΑΛΙΝΝΟΣΤΗΣΕΩΣ

Ἀναφερόμενοι εἰς τὸ ὑπ' ἀρ. 22352 ἀπὸ 26ης Σεβρίου ἑ.ἑ. ἡμέτερον ἔγγραφον περὶ τῆς καλιννοστήσεως Ἑλλήνων εὐρισκομένων ἐν Τεχεράνῃ, ἔχομεν τὴν τιμὴν ν' ἀνακοινώσωμεν ὅτι, καθ' ἃ μᾶς ἐγνώρισε τηλεγραφικῶς ἡ ἐν Οὐασίγκτονι Πρεσβεία, ἔχουν ἐπίσης συγκεντρωθῆ μέχρι τοῦδε εἰς Ἀπὸ Ἀνατολῆν 50 (πεντήκοντα) περίπου Ἑλληνας ὑπήκοοι, ἐκ τῶν ὧν οἱ 8 (ὀκτώ) εἶναι ναῦται, ἀναμένονται δὲ καὶ νέοι κατὰλογοι προσφύγων. -

Ἐπειδὴ ἡ καλιννόστησις τῶν ἐν λόγῳ 50 Ἑλλήνων μερίμνη τῶν Ἀμερικανικῶν Ἀρχῶν καθίσταται δυσχερὴς συνεκρίθ τῶν συνεκαγομένων μεγάλων δαπανῶν, παρακαλοῦμεν ὑμᾶς ὅπως, εὐαρεστούμενοι, προβῇτε ἐκτείνοντες εἰς τὰς δεούσας ἐνέργειας κατὰ τῇ ἐνταῦθα ἀρμοδίᾳ ὑπηρεσίᾳ τῆς ΟΥΝΡΡΑ, ἐκί τῇ τέλει ὅπως ἡ ὀργάνωσις αὐτῇ μεριμνήσῃ διὰ τὴν ταχεῖαν καλιννόστησιν τῶν ἐς ἡμᾶς Ἑλλήνων προσφύγων ἐν Περσίᾳ καὶ Ἀπὸ Ἀνατολῆς. -

ΕΝΤΟΛΗ ΥΠΟΥΡΓΟΥ

Ο ΓΕΝΙΚΟΣ ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΤΗΣ

Α. Β. ΜΠΑΛΕΣ

Πληρεξούσιος Ὑπουργός

Ἀκριβὲς Ἀντίγραφον



ROUTE SLIP FOR DOCUMENTS.

Date Nov. 1

NAME	PURPOSE	ACKNOWLEDGE OR ACTION TAKEN
Curtis	action	Reply sent to M. of F. Affairs Signal sent to EKO by Wright - H. 11/1
Limer	info	Cub 1/11
Banger	info	EB 2/1
Ralli	File	

Miss Ralli's files.

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23rd October 1945

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the decision made at the last session of the UNRRA Council by which Italians resident in Greece after 1st January 1938, as a result of the war, are classified no longer as intruders but as displaced persons.

It is officially confirmed by a signal from our European Regional Office in London that this change has in fact been made and is effective from the passing of Resolution No. 73 of 24th August 1945.

I also wish to confirm that the Greek Government is now responsible for meeting all expenditure in local currency on the care and maintenance of Italian subjects. It is pointed out that the cost of maintenance of these Italians can be considered as a relief service under Article 2 of the agreement between this Mission and the Royal Hellenic Government of 1st March 1945, or alternatively as a project for the approved use of local currency proceeds under Article 4 (c) (3) of the same agreement.

I should be grateful if you could confirm to me the concurrence of the Royal Hellenic Government in these new arrangements as from 24th August last.

I have the honour to be
Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

His Excellency,
Captain A. Levidis,
Ministry of Repatriation, *b* Evert Barger,
Athens. Director,
Displaced Persons Division.

HAC.
cc Mr. Linney
D.P. File

Leaving for info.

See file.

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for some nine hundred people. I think, therefore, it would be wise for us to commit him again to his needs before we despatch any of these tents to Samos. I am sending him a telegram today, and I hope, therefore, that we may leave this matter to him until we have his reply and until the question of accommodation in Athens has been clarified.

I will also be necessary before sending tents to Samos to make up our minds whether we have received would be the more suitable for the purpose.

I fear there may have been some little misunderstanding about the allocation of the tents which we have brought in from the Middle East. I am not quite clear whether, if we send some to Samos, they are to be used as roofing material for destroyed houses or whether they will serve as a temporary camp for homeless refugees whom we have repatriated or may in the future repatriate. This question again depends, in some measure, upon the decision with regard to the 25,000,000 drachmas credit for repairs to houses, which you told me yesterday you would find out whether the Ministry of Public Works had released.

I feel that we should carefully consider the best use to which this tentage, which has unfortunately arrived so late in the season, could be put. It seems to me that the paramount need is to increase assembly centre accommodation in Athens to enable us to meet our responsibilities towards United Nations nationals and certain categories of stateless persons. I am not yet clear whether the Greek Army or the British Army can be persuaded to undertake the engineering work necessary (provision of concrete floors etc.,) to enable us to use this tentage for this purpose in Athens, or whether, on the other hand, it will be necessary to secure buildings for the winter. Until the question of the type of accommodation we are going to have in Athens is settled, I think it might be unwise to disperse this tentage to other places.

Looking through my files I find that Mr. Saunders reported to me in a telegram from Samos on the 24th July last that he had secured locally from the military authorities 90 R.P.I.F. tents, i.e. accommodation

His Excellency,
Captain A. Levidis,
Ministry of Repatriation,
Athens.

I feel there may have been some

director,

cc. Col.

File EB 121x

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DISPLACED PERSONS

TELEGRAM SENT by _____ DATE, October 13th 1945.
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TO : UNRRA LONDON No. _____ INFO _____

FROM : UNRRA ATHENS

SUBJECT IS GREEK NATIONALS IN TERRITORY
FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY JAPANESE (.)

PLEASE SIGNAL WHAT INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE
REGARDING ESTIMATED NUMBERS GREEK PRISONERS
OF WAR AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES RELEASED FROM
JAPANESE AND POSSIBLE DATES OF REPATRIATION

CHIEF OF MISSION
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..Evert. Barger../HAC/EW
Div. Director D.P.

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Bureau of Service
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TELEGRAM

File CB

12-11-45
To File (Ralli)
USS. 6 ✓

4th October, 1945

your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the matter of the 45 Bulgarians transported from the prison at Kavalla and now held in the Ministry of Repatriation/UNRRA camp at Salonika.

I have consulted my chief of mission on this matter, and he is of the opinion that these people should cease as soon as possible to occupy places in any Ministry of Repatriation/UNRRA camps whether at Salonika or Patras. He is of the opinion that these people, as enemy nationals, should be interned by the Royal Hellenic Government in accommodation other than that designed for refugees and displaced persons. Their continued presence in the camp at Pavlo Melas, Salonika, is in any case a contravention of paragraph 3 of the memorandum of agreement between the former Minister of the Interior, Mr. Tsatsos, and myself, dated 21st July, 1945, a copy of which was sent to your Excellency's office.

With regard to the future destination of these people, UNRRA would wish to disinterest themselves. It would seem, however, in view of the fact that deportation was stopped by the intervention of the 7th Indian Brigade, according to Mr. Grevenitis' signal, that H.Q. Land Forces Greece and the British Embassy might well be consulted on the future disposal of these people.

I have the honour to be
your Excellency's most obedient servant,

Evert Barger,
Director, Displaced Persons
Division.

His Excellency,
Capt. A. Levidis,
Ministry of Repatriation,
Athens.

ccO : Director, D.P.Div. 2
Mr. Linney 1
Mr. Curtis 1 ✓
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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE
UNDERSECRETARIAT FOR REPATRIATION

✓455.6
Athens 4 October, 1945

TO: MINISTRY FOR THE INTERIOR
ALIENS DIRECTORATE
ATHENS

Referring to your letter No 95/9.5.24, we have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from UNRRA/D.P.D., which makes it clear that the latter are in no way interested in assisting Bulgars, who have entered GREECE after the signature of the armistice and they recommend that you may approach in this respect the HQ, L.F. (GREECE) as well as H.B.M. Embassy, Athens.

AL. LEVIDES
Undersecretary

COPY TO:

- 1) GENERAL STAFF
- 2) UNRRA/D.P.D.
- 3) Directorate for Repatriation
- 4) MR CALDIS, Building



ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ

Εν Αθήναις τῇ 4^ῃ Οκτωβρίου 1945

Αριθ. πρωτ. 100187/1429

Η Ρ Ο Σ

ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟΝ ΠΟΙΝ. ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΕΩΣ

ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΗ ΥΠΟΥΡΓΟΥ: Υλ. αρ. Παλινν.

ΤΟ ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟΝ ΠΕΡΙΣΤΕΡΙΟΝ
Διεύθυνσιν Ἀλλοδαπῶν

Διευθύνει

Τμήμα

Γραφεῖον

Περὶ τῆς ἀποδοχῆς

ΕΝΤΑΥΘΑ

Ἐκ τῆς ἐμετέρου 95/9.5.24 ἔχουσιν τὴν τιμὴν νὰ σὰς διαβιβάζωμεν συντημένως ἔγγραφον τῆς ΟΥΝΡΡΑ/Δ.Ρ.Δ τοῦ ὁποίου ἐμφαίνεται ὅτι αὕτη οὐδόπως ἐνδιαφέρεται διὰ τὴν περίθαλψιν τῶν Βουλγάρων τῶν ἐκπελθόντων εἰς τὴν Ἀλβανίαν μετὰ τὴν ἀπογραφὴν τῆς ἀναγκῆς καὶ συνιστᾷ ὅπως ἡ ἀρμοδιὰ ἀπερρεσία προβῇ εἰς σχετικὰς συνεννοήσεις μετὰ τοῦ ἀρχηγοῦ τοῦ τῶν Ἀγγλικῶν Δυνάμεων καθὼς καὶ μετὰ τὴν Ἀγγλικὴν Πρεσβείαν.

Συντημένως

Ο ΥΠΟΥΡΓΟΣ

Κοινοποιήσας

- 1) Γ. Γ. Στρατοῦ
- 2) ΟΥΝΡΡΑ/Δ.Ρ.Δ.
- 3) Δ/σιν Παλινν.
- 4) ν. ναυλῶν κατ' ἐμὴν



Η.

ROUTE SLIP FOR DOCUMENTS

15 OCT 1945

Date Oct 11, 1945

NAME	PURPOSE	ACKNOWLEDGE OR ACTION TAKEN
Curtis	info	How about attaching a copy of your letter before this goes to EB?
Barger	info	File EB. WIX JRM 11/10
File W B Rach	File	SO/DP/491.54/195
		JRM

File.

455.6 ✓

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4th October 1945

To: Evert Barger, Esq.,

I have asked Mr. Hadjigeorgio to make it his business in future to see that figures at the disposal of the Ministry of Repatriation are passed on as quickly as possible to Miss Anderson so that our two organisations can report in a similar manner.

1. Mr. Linney has referred to me your comments on my letter, together with the results of an investigation of the discrepancies referred to made by Miss Anderson. One or two of the figures were substantiated and in one case it was found that the figures were well substantiated.

2. You will find that in almost all cases the discrepancies can be largely explained by the fact that the records of the Ministry and D.P.D. Headquarters are taken between different end dates. e.g. Captain Levidis gives, for Middle East repatriation, figures of 4215 for April and May and 6882 for June and July, whereas the D.P.D. figures give 9281 as the figure covering 10th April to 19th July. Such figures are not discrepancies - they are regrettable differences of presentation.

3. Two big differences there were which caused me some anxiety and these are as follows:-

- (a) Internally displaced persons for June and July - D.P.D. Division gives a figure of 18,789 whereas the Ministry of Repatriation gives a total slightly under 13,000. The explanation of this is that an extended and continuing move of some 5,000 agricultural workers from Salonika to Thrace was counted in Capt. Levidis' report as belonging more properly to the May figures.
- (b) Totals of persons received in Macedonia from the Russian zone during the month of August. Capt. Levidis gives 5105, whereas our estimate of 6338 was later changed to an actual figure of 7961. I can only suggest that Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Psaras used different methods of presenting the same sets of facts in their monthly returns. I would point out, however, that in this case, as in others, Capt. Levidis' estimates err on the conservative side.

To: Everett Barber, Ned.

The statistical records of the Ministry are not as perfect but they appear to me to be better so far than those achieved by the Displaced Persons Division. I therefore repeat my request that Capt. Levi's report should be circulated among the senior officials of the Ministry. The figures are not discrepancies - they are regrettable differences of presentation.

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Cc: Mr. Curtis 1/1
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DP/455.6/122 ✓

4th October, 1945

To: Commander Caldis, Ministry of Repatriation.

From: H. A. Curtis.

1. Letters from Captain Levidis to UNRRA D. P. D. Headquarters sometimes take several days to go through the Ministry of Welfare machinery. Do you think it would be quicker if such letters were delivered to us by hand in the mornings at the Ministry?

2. Could you tell me if the expenditure of an additional two million drachmas at Patras has been approved for the preparation of the building owned by the National Bank there as winter quarters in place of the camp?

3. H. Q. D. P. D. has not yet received any official requests from the Greek Government to deport any intruded enemy nationals. Could you see that some formal letter is written to this Mission concerning any groups which you want us to assist in moving?

4. Will it be possible for you fairly soon to persuade the Ministry of Marine to remove the naval internees, approximately 20 in number, from Hadjikyriakion?

5. Col. Lubbock very much wished to visit Athens Assembly Centres with Capt. Levidis, and the Minister said he would be glad to take him round. Col. Lubbock sends his apologies that he will probably not be back in Athens and ~~is~~ able to make this tour until the end of next week.

HAC.
H. A. Curtis.
Liaison Officer.

Cc: Director, D. P. Division. 2
Mr. Curtus 1 ✓
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455.6 ✓/EM

3rd October 1945

Dear Captain Levidis,

I am most grateful to you for sending me the views of the representative of the Governor General of the Aegean Islands on the problems of repatriating refugees.

I trust that it will be possible to resume repatriation at an early date, and I am particularly anxious to hear the results of the meeting with the other Ministries concerned which I understand was called for today.

Yours sincerely,

Evert Darger,
Director,
Displaced Persons Division.

His Excellency,
Captain A. Levidis,
Minister of Repatriation,
Athens.

2.10.45

- To: 1) UNRRA GREECE MISSION
D.P.D.
- 2) General Directorate for Repatriation N.Greece.

The following decisions have been taken regarding the premises which are being used as repatriation Centres.

- 1) The Florina Centre will remain at the disposal of the Repatriation Service as heretofore.
- 2) The Kozani Centre will be evacuated as soon as other suitable premises be made available, either outside the town of Kozani or in the neighbouring villages, such as Elasson or Kailaria, in any case at a point situated halfway between Thessaloniki and Larissa.
- 3) Regarding the Sidirokastion Centre the arrangement already decided upon has been approved, i.e. the transfer of this centre to the new camp now under construction as soon as it will be completed. Official Russian information quotes the number of persons yet pending repatriation over that route to just 1300.
- 4) Block 197 of the Pavlou Melas camp cannot be maintained in operation by the Repatriation Service. The Military Authorities should effect the necessary repairs to block 204 which is being made available in replacement of block 197. Block 204 will remain at the disposal of the Repatriation Service up to March.
- 5) With regard to the premises of the Military Hospital at the Pedion Areos it is necessary, following our understanding with the Military Authorities, to provide other premises which would meet the requirements of internal repatriation- the necessary repairs being charged to the Military Authorities.
- 6) The Repatriation Service is requested to consider the above question in a spirit of understanding for the urgent military requirements without however endangering the task of repatriation, which now appears less extensive than originally estimated.
- 7) The Military Authorities will undertake to effect the necessary repairs to the premises in Kozani, which will be chosen in replacement of the ones actually in use.

Al. LEVIDES
Undersecretary

Copy to:

- 1) War Ministry
Minister's Office
- 2) A.D.E. Undersecretariat for Repatriation
- 3) Repatriation Service

GENERAL STAFF

HQ. No. 623495

Ref.No.623495

ORDER

I.- In due consideration of the fact that suitable premises are not available in Florina for housing the local service for the Repatriation of Refugees and Hostages and ~~and~~ thus rendering possible the evacuation of the barracks and further to our order No.623312/2.10.45, we hereby rule that the Repatriation Service shall remain housed in the Florina barracks until their mission comes to an end.

II.- In the event of non-availability of appropriate premises in Kozani for housing the Repatriation Service with a view to evacuating the barracks at the earliest possible date, such premises should also be sought, by preference in Ellassona and secondly in Ptolemais. The Undersecretariat for Repatriation concur in this and are transmitting instructions accordingly to their Kozani representative.

Athens, 4th October, 1945

A. MEREDITIS
Lieut.General
MINISTER

To:
Military Governor, Kozani
Direction of Mil. Engineers, Larissa
S.M. Governor, Central Macedonia
UNRRA Representative) N. Greece
Underscre. or Repatr. (Thessaloniki
Repr.)

Copy to:
Undersecretariat for Repatriation
UNRRA Greece Mission, Athens

Copy for Ministry

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED 2 OCTOBER 45

FROM: GREEKMIL
TO: 4 IND DIV
INFO: 202 SUB AREA

1 October 45

Q 550.

Secret. As result conference held 1 Oct with UNRRA and BMM(G) following decided re SIDHIROKASTRON refugees camp and connected moves. Refugees camp will be moved as soon as possible from barracks to railway station.

4 Ind Div will arrange hand over to UNRRA of 20 nissens, tentage equivalent to 16 nissens at transit scale will be loaned by 4 Ind Div to UNRRA. instructions for accounting for huts will be issued through RE channels.

4 Ind Div will arrange transport of nissens and tentage to site. erection of hutting and connected works services will be carried out by Greek Military Works Services. BMM (G) will arrange for winter accommodation required by Levate at SERRES to be made available by 15 Oct at latest even if this involves temporary use of tentage for displaced ~~xxxxxx~~ Greek troops. this will set free accommodation at SALONIKA for Greek Army. BMM (G) requested impress urgency of works services on G G S in their own interests.

Have suggested to UNRRA that they press ^{GREEK} Govt to remove squatters at present occupying accommodation at station forthwith.

4 Ind Div requested inform SINGLETON and others concerned.

IMMEDIATE.

Internal Distrib. GO CI A RE ORD BMM(G) COL. LUBOCK UNRRA.

DISTRIBUTION: COL. LUBOCK DISPLACED PERSONS
CHIEF OF MISSION FIN. & ADMIN.
SUB & DISTN.
COL. WHITE.

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MINISTRY OF REPATRIATION

[Handwritten signature]

List in Numbers
showing the approximate number of refugees from
Eastern Macedonia & Western Thrace to be repatriated.
These refugees have established themselves in Athens
since October 1940 and henceforth.

Serrae	400 persons	
Drama	500	
Cavalla	1000	
Alex/polis	500	
Comotini	600	
Xanthi	500	3.500.-

Estimated number of refugees from ^{the} above
districts established in ^{the rest of} Greece
~~excluding Athens and~~ ~~except the region of~~ Macedonia

Serrae	200	
Drama	300	
Cavalla	500	
Alex/polis	250	
Comotini	300	
Xanthi	150	1.700
		5.200

ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ
ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟΝ ΠΟΙΝ. ΠΡΟΝΟΙΑΣ
Υπηρεσία Κατανοσθέντων
Δ/σιν Καλινν.
Τμήμα Αν. Μακεδ. Δυτ. Θράκης

ΑΠΑΣΤΑΣΙΣ ΑΡΙΘΜΗΤΙΚΗ

Τμήματα που κέρχουν τους πρόσφυγες Αν. Μακεδ. Δυτ. Θράκης, οι οποίοι
θέλουν να καλιννοσθώσιν διδ τας έστίας των.

Πρόσφυγες Αν. Μακεδονίας-Δυτ. Θράκης διδ 8/βρίου 1940 & έντεθεν έγνωσθημέ-
νοι εις Αθήνας.

Σέρραι	Άπομα	400
Δράμα	"	500
Καβάλα	"	1000
Άλεξανδροπούλις	"	500
Κομοτινή	"	600
Εόνθη	"	500
		3500

Πρόσφυγες έγνωσθημένοι εις λοιπήν Ελλάδα κλήν περιοχής
Γ.Δ. Μακεδονίας.

Σέρραι	200
Δράμα	300
Καβάλα	500
Κομοτινή	250
Κομοτινή	300
Εόνθη	150
1700	

Αθήναι - 3/10/45

Ο ΔΙΥΟΥΝΤΗΣ

J. [Signature]

ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΗ

DP/455.6/37 ✓

1st October, 1945

To: Director, Displaced Persons Division
Director, Region "A"

From: H.A. Curtis, Liaison Officer to Ministry
of Repatriation

Subject: Approaches to H.E. Capt. Levidis.

The Minister has asked me to request that all appointments of UNRRA officers to see him be made through Commander Caldis, his liaison officer to UNRRA, or myself. Our joint telephone number is 34782.

He adds that he would like all letters and messages for himself which are delivered by hand to be lodged in the first place with the Liaison Office for his attention.

HAC
H.A. Curtis
UNRRA Liaison Officer

MINISTRY OF REPATRIATION
Ref. No. 100401/1484

455.6 ✓
Athens 29th September 1945

To: UNRRA/D.P.D.

In reply to your letter of 28th September 1945, I put forward the following working arrangements for the Ministry store at Palamidion 5 Warehouse No 8 Piraeus, as agreed upon by Mr. Delithakis and Mr. Rayner in their meeting of the 28th September 1945 and approved by us.

1. The store should be open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.
2. The warehouseman employed by the Ministry should work with the warehouseman employed by UNRRA upon equal status of seniority and responsibility.
3. Both the warehousemen will be on duty all the time the store is open.
4. The UNRRA warehouseman will be responsible to the Ministry and UNRRA for the safety of the goods in the store and for the satisfactory keeping of records.
5. Pending the commencement of duty of a qualified Quartermaster Sergeant Storekeeper employed by UNRRA, the store, the bookkeeping and the work done in the store will be supervised on the Minister's behalf by Mr. Rayner.
6. Goods may only be released from the store on the signature of Mr. Delithakis or Mr. Rayner.
7. A duplicate statement is to be submitted by the storekeeper showing the daily state of the store, all goods entered or released etc. One copy of this Statement is to go to Mr. Delithakis and one to Mr. Rayner so that both may be fully informed on the position.
8. To facilitate the smooth working of the store under all circumstances a standard release form should be provided for all withdrawals from the store. These forms will be held by Mr. Delithakis and Mr. Rayner and will only become valid when signed by one of these two persons. The warehousemen are therefore to be provided with a specimen of both these person's signatures.
9. A permanent labourer should be engaged by the Ministry to work in the store.
10. A telephone should be installed in the store. Both the Ministry and UNRRA should use their maximum influence to expedite this matter.
11. Mr. Rayner will endeavour to provide a suitable weighing machine for the store.

12. A standard indent form be issued to all regions upon which all requests for supplies are to be submitted. This form to be made out in duplicate one copy to the Ministry, one copy to Displaced Persons Division. Release orders for the items requested will be issued by Mr. Dedithakis or in his absence by Mr. Rayner.

The Minister

A Levides
Captain A. Levides.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
GREECE MISSION
HEADQUARTERS — 4, CHURCHILL STREET, ATHENS

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS

UNRRA - ATHENS

TELEPHONE:

CONFIDENTIAL.

Your Ref.:

Our Ref.: So DP 455.6/196 ✓Date: 29th September 1945

To: Evert Barger, Esq., Director, D.P. Division
From: H.A. Curtis, Liaison Officer to Ministry of
Repatriation
Subject: Greek Residents in Foreign Countries

1. I have discussed with Captain Levidis the points raised in Mr. Montgomery's letter of 19th September, and have left him a copy.

2. Captain Levidis has written to the Minister of Foreign Affairs stating the problem and asking what chance there is of stopping such movements. His opinion is that the moves, whether voluntary or enforced, will continue, and that the families concerned will have to be settled in Greece.

3. He will be discussing with his colleagues the responsibility for settlement, and is clear that it ought not to rest with his own department. He expects the Ministry of Welfare to be charged, as in 1922-23 in similar circumstances.

4. Until further decisions are made, these people are to be treated as hostages (D.P.'s) and held in Salonika until the locale of settlement is agreed upon. Captain Levidis is sending these instructions to Mr. Psaras and would be glad if you would send parallel instructions to Mr. Montgomery.

H. Curtis

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Miss Halli *AKC*

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28th September, 1945

Your Excellency,

Further to Mr. Rayner's conversation with Lt/Cdr. Caldis re.working arrangements for the Ministry store at Palamidion 5 Warehouse No 8 Piraeus. It was agreed to submit the following suggestions to you for approval:

1. That the store should be open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.
2. That the warehouseman employed by the Ministry should work with the warehouseman employed by U.N.R.R.A. upon an equal status of seniority and responsibility.
3. That these two warehousemen work in shifts so that the store may be open during the hours stated and that there will always be one or other of these employees present in the store.
4. That each of the warehousemen be responsible to the Ministry and UNRRA jointly for the safety of the goods in the store and for the satisfactory keeping of records during his period of duty in the store.
5. Pending the commencement of duty of a qualified Quartermaster Sergeant Storekeeper employed by UNRRA, the Store, the bookkeeping, and the work done in the store will be supervised on the Minister's behalf by Mr. Rayner.
6. That goods may only be released from the store by the signature of Mr. Dedethakis or Mr. Rayner.

28.9.45

Minister of Repatriation
Attention: Mr. Dedethakis

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9. It was suggested that at least one permanent labourer should be engaged by the Ministry to work in the store.
10. Mr. Rayner has already requested that a telephone be installed in the store and it is suggested that both the Ministry and UNRRA should use their maximum influence to expedite this matter.
11. Mr. Rayner will endeavour to provide a suitable weighing machine for the store.
12. That a standard Indent Form be issued to all regions upon which all requests for supplies are to be submitted. This form to be made out in duplicate, one copy to the Ministry, one copy to Displaced Persons Division. Release orders for the items requested will be issued by Mr. Dedethakis or in his absence, Mr. Rayner.

28.9.45

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It is hoped that these suggestions will meet with Your Excellency's approval and will contribute to the satisfactory working of the store.

I have the honour to remain Your Excellency's most obedient servant

A. Curtis
A. Curtis
for E. Barger, Director

His Excellency
The Minister of Repatriation
Attention: Mr. Dedethakis

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Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

27-9-45

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✓

subject: Greek internees in Far East.

To the Ministry of Repatriation

We have the honour to ~~send~~ ^{send herewith} ~~enclose~~ ^{herewith} copies of following documents: 1) letter H: 600 dated 26.7.45 from the R. Embassy in Stockholm 2) letter H: 6581 dated 24.8.45 from the R. Embassy in London concerning greeks detained in ^{the} Far East. ~~and to~~ We inform you that ~~after~~ ^{according to} a cable ~~from~~ ^{has been} the Embassy in Stockholm the Embassy in Washington ~~is~~ ^{has been} already ordered by cable to ~~make~~ ^{make} the necessary arrangements with the Government of ^{United} States for the repatriation of the ~~mentioned~~ greek nationals mentioned.

The Director

Sgd. Stefanov

10.10.45

Εν Αθήναις τῇ 27ῃ Σεπτεμβρίου 1945

Διευθύνεις ΠΟΛΙΤΙΚΩΝ ΥΠΟΘΕΣΕΩΝ

ΤΜΗΜΑ ΒΑΛΚΑΝΙΚΗΣ

Αριθ. πρωτ. 21039

ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟΝ
ΕΘΝΙΚΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ

Διευθ. Πρωτ.

Εξέδωκε τῇ

Απὸ Ανατολῇ

"Περὶ Ἑλλήνων κρατουμένων

Π Ρ Ο Σ

τὸ Ὑπουργεῖον Παλιννοστήσεως.-

Ἔχομεν τὴν τιμὴν νὰ διαβιβάσωμεν ὑμῖν συνημμένως ἀντίγραφα: 1) τοῦ ὑπ'ἀρ. 600 ἀπὸ 26/7/45 ἐγγράφου τῆς ἐν Στοκχόλμῃ Β. Πρεσβείας καὶ 2) τοῦ ὑπ'ἀρ. 6581 ἀπὸ 24/8/45 ἐγγράφου τῆς ἐν Λονδίνῃ Β. Πρεσβείας περὶ τῶν ἐν Ἀπὸ Ἀνατολῇ κρατουμένων ἐλλήνων ὑπηκόων καὶ νὰ πληροφορήσωμεν ὑμᾶς ὅτι κατόπιν σχετικοῦ τηλεγραφήματος τῆς ἐν Στοκχόλμῃ Πρεσβείας, ἡ ἐν Οὐάσιγκτῶν Β. Πρεσβεΐα ἐνετάλη ἤδη τηλεγραφικῶς ὅπως προβῇ εἰς τὰς δεούσας συνεννοήσεις μετὰ τῆς Κυβερνήσεως τῶν Ἑνωμένων Πολιτειῶν διὰ τὸν ἐπαναπατρισμόν τῶν ἐν λόγῳ ἐλλήνων ὑπηκόων.-

ΕΝΤΟΛΗ ΤΟΥ ΥΠΟΥΡΓΟΥ

Ο ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΤΗΣ

Ι.Δ. ΣΤΕΦΑΝΟΥ

Διευθυντῆς Α'

Κοινοποιήσις

Ἑλλ. Ἐρυθ. Σταυρόν
Γραφεῖον Αἰχμαλώτων.-

Translation

TELEGRAM

Sent. 21.8.1945

Received 22.8.1945

INTERCROSS LONDON

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED JUNOD TOKYO CONCERNING MEASURES TAKEN IN AGREEMENT
WITH REPRESENTATIVES PROTECTING POWER & JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE REPATRIATION
POW CI FAR EAST

PRIMO ORGANISATIONS SEVEN TEAMS INTERCROSS DELEGATES AND PROTECTING POWER IN ORDER
TO GO TO SEVEN JAPANESE MAINCAMPs

HAKODATE
SENDAI
TOKIO
NAGOYA
OSAKA
HIROSHIMA
FUKUOKA

IN ORDER SUPERVISE CONDITIONS EVACUATION POW CI FROM CENTRES INTERNMENT TO
EMBARKATION CENTRES

SECUNDO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE FOR

MANCHURIA
KOREA
OCCUPIED CHINA
MALAYA
INDO CHINA
THAILAND
DUTCH INDIES

TERTIO THE FOLLOWING DELEGATES WILL OPERATE

SCHWEIZER	SINGAPORE
HURLIMANN	SAIGON
SALZMANN	BANGKOK
WEIDMANN	BATAVIA
SURBEK	SUMATRA
VISCHER	BORNEO

WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY PROTECTING POWER DELEGATES

QUARTO JAPANESE DELEGATION GONE MANIA COMMUNICATING THESE PROPOSALS ALLIED GENERAL
HEADQUARTERS AND THE ACCEPTANCE THESE MEASURES BY JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

Αρ.Πρωτ. 6581/ΣΤ/3/45

"Περί ἀπελευθερώσεως κρατου-
μένων ἐν Ἀπὼ Ἀνατολῇ".

Ἐν Λονδίνῳ τῇ 24 Αὐγούστου 1945

Π Ρ Ο Σ

τό Β. ἐπὶ τῶν Ἑξωτερικῶν Ὑπουργείον

Ἡμέτερον 1958 τῆς 23ης Μαρτίου ἔ.ἔ.

Ἐχὼ τὴν τιμὴν νὰ ὑποβάλω ὑμῖν συνημμένως ἀντίγρα-
φον τηλεγραφήματος τῆς ἐν Γενεύῃ Διεθνoῦς Ἐπιτροπῆς τοῦ Ἐρυθροῦ
Σταυροῦ πρὸς τὸν ἐν Λονδίνῳ ἀντικρὸσωπόν της, παρ' οὗ τοῦτο διεβιβάσθη
ἡμῖν, περὶ τῶν λαμβανομένων μέτρων πρὸς διευκόλυνσιν τοῦ ἐπαναπατρισμοῦ
τῶν ἐν Ἀπὼ Ἀνατολῇ αἰχμαλώτων πολέμου καὶ πολιτῶν. Δεδομένου ὅτι
ὑπάρχουν ἐκεῖ Ἕλληνες κρατούμενοι, θὰ ἦτο δυνατόν ἡ Ἑλληνικὴ Κυ-
βέρνησις νὰ ὑποβάλῃ τὰς ἀπόψεις της εἰς τὸν ἐν Τόκιῳ ἀντικρὸσωπον τοῦ
Ἐρυθροῦ Σταυροῦ κύριον Junod, μέσῳ Γενεύης.

Ἐπιθεστατος

Ο ΠΡΕΣΒΕΥΤΗΣ κ.ἄ.α

Ο ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΟΣ

(Ι.Α.ΡΩΜΑΝΟΣ)

Κοινοποιήσις

- Μόνιμον Ἑλληνικὴν
ἀντιπροσωπεῖαν Γενεύης.-
- Ἐνταῦθα Ἑλλ. Ἐρυθρὸν
Σταυρόν ἐν τῇ ἀλλοδαπῇ.-

QUINTO JUNOD CONTACTED ALL DELEGATES AND OTHERS CONCERNED BY CABLE GIVING ALL NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS

SEXTO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS IMMEDIATELY LIBERATED ALL CIVILIAN INTERNEES OCCUPIED CHINA ESPECIALLY SHANGAI EXCEPTING THOSE WITHOUT HOMES REMAINING AT LIBERTY IN CAMPS STOP DIRECTION SHANGAI CAMPS TAKEN OVER BY PROTECTING POWER

SEPTIMO DELEGATES ARE AUTHORISED FINANCIAL TRANSACTION AND PURCHASE FOOD NECESSARY FEEDING INTERNEES REMAINING IN CAMPS

OCTAVO JUNOD HAS REQUESTED JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE IMMEDIATELY FOOD RATIONS ALL PRISONERS ESPECIALLY CI STOP ORDERS THIS EFFECT ALREADY GIVEN PARAGRAPH

FIRSTLY JUNOD NOW ARRANGING PLAN WITH AUTHORITIES EVACUATION POW CI WHICH WILL BE READY 24 AUGUST STOP HE CONSIDERS VIEW CIRCUMSTANCES ASSEMBLING LARGE NUMBERS PRISONERS EMBARKATION PORTS IMPOSSIBLE BUT INTENDS FIRST EVACUATING CAMPS NEAREST PORTS AND TRANSPORTING BY STAGES MORE DISTANT CAMPS TO THE NEARER ONES PREVIOUSLY EVACUATED STOP THIS SYSTEM WILL ASSURE MAXIMUM SAFETY AND POSSIBILITY FEEDING PRISONERS WILL AVOID BOTTLENECK STOP

TRANSPORTING TO CAMPS AND PORTS BY TRAIN EIGHTY PER CENT THIRD CLASS TWENTY PER CENT SECOND CLASS RESERVED SICK AND OFFICERS STOP
VIEW LARGE NUMBERS SICK JUNOD ADVOCATES CONSEQUENTLY HOSPITAL SHIPS

SECONDLY EVACUATION CIVILIANS INTERNEES COMPLICATED BY LARGE NUMBERS RESIDING JAPAN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES STOP WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SEND JUNOD VIEWS GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED

THIRDLY URGENT PRITIKH AND AMERICAN AUTHORITIES SHOULD CONTACT AUTHORITIES HAVING NATIONALS POWS CI FAR EAST SO THAT WE MAY INFORM JUNOD WHETHER THESE ALSO SHOULD BE INCLUDED REPATRIATION ESPECIALLY DUTCH

FOURTHLY APPROXIMATE CAMP STRENGTHS PRISONERS 30 JUNE 1945 TRANSMITTED ALLIED GENERAL HEADQUARTERS BY JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

HAKODATE	1579	
SENDAI	3844	
TOKYO	5848	
NAGOYA	3357	
OSAKA	4541	
HIROSHIMA	3155	
FUKUOKA	10457	
CHOSEN	680	
TAIWAN	1048	TOTAL JAPAN PROPOR 34509
HOTEN	1709	
SHANGAI	30	
HONGKONG	1689	
THAILAND	34492	
MALAYA	22323	
JAVA	6117	
BORNEO	2986	TOTAL OCCUPIES TERRITORIES
		69346

GRAND TOTAL POWS 103855 OF WHOM 11572 SICK

FIFTHLY APPROXIMATE STRENGTHS CIVILIAN INTERNEES END APRIL

TOKYO	36	
KANAGAWA	66	
HYOGO	163	
NAGASAKI	41	
SAITAMA	56	
FUKUSHIMA	140	
HOKKAIDO	24	
MIYAGI	35	
HIROSHIMA	44	
AICHI	35	TOTAL JAPAN 640

SHANGAI	5911
YANGCHOW	1526
WEIHSIEN	650
CANTON	44

STOP THIS LIST DOES NOT MENTION CIVILIAN
INTERNEES UNDER CONTROL MILITARY AUTHORITIES STOP DETAILED AND MORE RECENT LIST WILL
FOLLOW

PARAGRAPH WOULD LIKE TO HAVE VIEWS ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS SO THAT WE MAY INFORM
JUNOD TOKYO WHO WILL TRANSMIT ALL DELEGATES FAR EAST STOP

COORDINATED ACTION INTERESTED POWERS APPEARS INDISPENSABLE SO THAT ABOVE MENTIONED
PLAN MAY WORK SMOOTHLY STOP

WE REQUEST THAT ALL ALLIED COMMANDS FAR EAST BE INFORMED THIS PLAN AND CONTACT OUR
DELEGATES ON THE SPOT TO ASSURE SPEEDY APPLICATION ALL MEASURES NECESSARY STOP

WE PLACE ALL OUR DELEGATES AT THE DISPOSAL ALLIED AUTHORITIES STOP

IF ANOTHER PLAN HAS ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED AND IS APPLIED WOULD BE GRATEFUL BE
INFORMED SO THAT WE MAY ADVISE JUNOD STOP

WOULD ~~REXKXET~~ APPRECIATE LONDON GOVERNMENT KEEP COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS INFORMED STOP

WILL BE MOST GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE UTLIMATE LISTS REPATRIATES WHICH ALLIED AUTHORITIES
WILL COMPILE STOP

SAME TEXT WASHINGTON

INTERCROIXROUGE M 9451

Copies of cable 891, M 9451 of 21.8.1945 sent to

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Foreign Office
Colonial Office,
Directorate, Prisoners of War,

Norwegian Embassy
Belgian Embassy,
Czechoslovak Embassy,
French Embassy,
Greek Embassy,
Italian Embassy,
Netherlands Indies Red Cross Representatives in Great Britain
High Commissioners for Canada
Australia
New Zealand
South Africa,
British Red Cross, Sir Earnest Burdon,
Foreign Relations,
PW Department,
American Red Cross.

✓ 455.6

3 August 1945

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to confirm conversation between Cdr. Keltis, Mr. Sanford and myself yesterday morning in which it was agreed that the Ministry of Repatriation would take steps to procure 10 days' rations for the 239 Palestinians returning to Palestine on the 3rd and 4th of August.

I am, therefore, making arrangements for one of our staff to come around with a vehicle this morning to collect the rations in question and deliver them to the ship.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

C. K. Limney
Deputy Director
Displaced Persons Division

His Excellency, Capt. Levidis
Minister of Repatriation
Athens

Norwegian Embassy
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Czechoslovak Embassy,
French Embassy,
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Copy to Mr. Leving.

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September 27th 1945.

To: Mr. Evert Barger, Director, D.P. Division.
From: Mr. H. A. Curtis, Liaison Officer.
Subject: Ministry of Repatriation - Report for August.

1. I have great pleasure in sending you herewith Captain Levidis's report giving the statistics of August repatriation, and his summary of the position as at 1st September 1945. As you will see from the body of the report the operations of the Ministry since its establishment gave good cause for congratulation. Even if the standards of care have been lower than the Ministry and ourselves could wish, the fact remains that 65,000 persons have been moved and maintained during the three months June, July and August.

2. I am enclosing four copies of this report, and would ask you to consider informing Colonel Lubbock and the Chief of Mission's office on this matter.

HAC

H. A. Curtis.
Liaison Officer.

KINGDOM OF GREECE
MINISTRY OF WELFARE
MINISTRY OF REPATRIATION

STATISTICS OF AUGUST REPATRIATION

A. - From abroad

1) The number of those coming back from abroad to Greece was estimated on 1st March as:

a) from Middle East	26.000	
b) from Angloamerican zone	16.000	
c) from Italy	3.500	
d) from Russian zone	35.000	
e) Jews, 48.000 of whom it is hoped are alive	4.500	
Total		85.000 =====

2) Of those during the three months before the establishment of the Ministry of Repatriation, there came back:

a) from M. East	1.215	
b) during June-July from M. East	6.982	
c) from Angloamerican zone	55	
d) " Russian zone	3.957	
e) " Italy	2.412	
f) " America	147	
Total		17.768 =====

Therefore there remained for repatriation on 1.8.45 67.232
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During the month of August there came back:

a) from M. East	3.160	
b) " Angloamerican zone	3.324	
c) " Russian zone	5.105	
d) " Italy	2.102	
Total		13.691 =====

For the 1.9.45 there remain for repatriation 63.441
=====
divided as following

a) from M. East	12.000
b) " Angloamerican zone	12.000
c) " Russian zone	26.000
d) Jews	4.000

Those living in Belgian Congo cannot be repatriated before next December. It is hoped that the rest will have come back in the next two months. The number of those coming back from the Russian zone is far less than was estimated.

3) The rate of those coming back from abroad is continuously increasing. So:

During March - May the average of repatriated persons was 1405 monthly.

During June came back	4.102
" July " "	9.451
" August " "	13.691

B.. From the interior

1) On the 1st of March the number of internally displaced was estimated as follows:

a) from Salonica for E. Macedonia and Thrace	115,000	
b) from Athens for E. Macedonia and Thrace	7,000	
c) from the rest of Greece for E. Macedonia and Thrace	15,000	
d) from Athens for Crete	3,000	
" " " Epirus	3,000	
f) " " " other	100,000	
Total		243,000

To that number must be added 48,000 that will come from abroad and will need internal transport returning to their home-towns.

So the total of persons needing transport inside Greece is estimated to be: 291,000
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2) Of them have been already moved:

a) from Salonica to E. Macedonia and Thrace before June	33,453	
June July August	4,857	38,310
b) from Athens to E. Macedonia and Thrace		
June July	2,108	
August	2,242	4,350
c) from Athens to Crete		
June July	2,007	
August	1,017	3,024
d) from Salonica to the remaining provinces (hostages)		4,500
e) from Athens " " " "		
June July	1,884	
August	6,062	2,946
		=====

Grand Total of persons moved within Greece: 53,130
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The number of internally displaced who have moved from the other prefectures is not yet known.

Therefore there are still to be transported: 237,870

C.- Foreign subjects to be repatriated to their countries

1)	Italians	7,000	
	other nationalities	6,000	
	Total		13,000
of which	in Athens approximately	4,000	
	" Salonica "	2,000	
	" S. Aegean "	3,000	
	" Crete "	1,000	
	" Peloponissos "	1,000	
of which	have been repatriated during		
	June - July	635	
	August	1,138	1,791
			=====
	There are still for repatriation approximately		11,000

D.- Statistics of Athens movement

Arrivals in Athens during August	6,990	
Departure from Athens - " -	5,881	
Therefore the population during August has been increased by	1,109 persons	
But it was diminished during June July by	1,698	"
Total diminution		589

Consequently, during the three months June-July-August the population of Athens was diminished by 589 persons despite the influx of 31,500 hostages and refugees from abroad.

E.- The total of persons moved from abroad to Greece, from Greece abroad, and transported within Greece during March-August amounts to 98,000 of which approximately 65,000 were moved during June-August.

If the rate of last month continues (25,000) the whole repatriation must be finished by the 1st August 1946.

As, however, it is not possible to force all the refugees to go back to their home towns- as most of them are ruined- the whole repatriation cannot be effected until the reconstruction is finished. Thus it will probably be accomplished by the 1st April 1946, given the necessary credit and means of transport.

The Minister

SHORT LIST
OF ARRIVALS FROM ABROAD

a) From M. East

March-May	4.215	
June-July	6.982	
August	3.160	
	14.357	out of a total of 26.000

b) From Italy-Switzerland

June-July	2.412	
August	2.102	
	4.512	out of a total of 4.700

c) From Brussels

	1.466	" " " " " 2.300
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d) " Munich

	1.888	" " " " " 6.000
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e) " Russian zone

June-July	3.957	
August	5.105	
	9.062	" " " " " 30.000

f) " England

55

g) " America

147

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27th September, 1945

To: Director, Region "A"
Attention: Erwin Watts, Esq.,
Displaced Persons Officer

From: Buell F. Maben
Chief of Mission

Subject: Ministry of Repatriation Warehouse at
No.8, Karageorghis Servias Street.

In that the UNRRA interest in the disposal of particular buildings for displaced persons purposes within the capital area now falls within the responsibility of the Region, the attached copy letter from the Ministry of Welfare to the Ministry of Repatriation on the subject of the above-mentioned store is transferred to you for your information and your files.

Buell F. Maben
Chief of Mission

Originated:
Displaced Persons Division

cc; Chief of Mission 4 ✓
Director of D.P.Div. 2
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Athens 22-8-1945

KINGDOM OF GREECE

Ministry of Assistance

General Direction

Section of Indigents

Prot.No.90568

To: UNRRA

A t h e n s

In reply to your letter of 17 July 1945 stating that the agreement, dated 14-2-1945, between the Ministry of Public Assistance and your Section, Region A, regarding the relief of refugees, hostages and war prisoners housed in building No. 8, Karageorghi of Serbia Street, is considered by you as having expired and the jurisdiction of same is transferred to the Section of Displaced Persons, we have the honour to inform you of the following:

The above mentioned "Foyer" as well as the remaining Centres of Reception have come, since the establishment of the Repatriation Service, under the jurisdiction of this Service, which as from the date mentioned in your letter is in touch with the Section of Displaced Persons, for the Settlement of these questions.

The General Director

D. FRANGOPOULOS

C.C.

- 1) Under-Secretary for Repatriation
- 2) Bureau of Under - Secretary of Assistance
- 3) Direction of Relief

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September 24th 1945.

To: Regional Director, Region "A".
From: Chief of Mission.
Subject: UNRRA Liaison with the Ministry of Repatriation

1. As you know, there is a branch of the Displaced Persons Division's Headquarters functioning at the Ministry of Repatriation to co-ordinate the work of this Ministry and UNRRA. You may find it helpful to have some record of the services rendered by this office so that you may be in a position to make the fullest possible use of them.
2. The Displaced Persons Division Liaison Office brings to the attention of the Minister of Repatriation all communications received or prepared by the Displaced Persons Division which affect the Ministry's operations.
3. The D.P. Liaison Office brings to the notice of Displaced Persons Division the Minister's actions, decisions and views on displaced persons problems, transmitting documents as necessary. On matters of policy this office arranges appropriate meetings wherever possible before decisions are made between the Minister or his representative and the Displaced Persons Division Director or the member of the UNRRA staff concerned.
4. The D.P. Liaison Office channels bids for the sea, land or air transport of refugees through Displaced Persons Division Headquarters Movements Office to the appropriate authority.
5. The D. P. Liaison Office advises the Minister on the responsibilities laid on his department by the UNRRA Council Resolutions, and agrees with him on the forms of assistance to be requested from UNRRA.
6. The D.P. Liaison Office arranges through the Ministry of Repatriation meetings when required with representatives of other departments of the Greek Government concerned with repatriation.

September 24th 1945.

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7. The D.P. Liaison Office is staffed by Mr. Curtis, who is responsible directly to the Director, Displaced Persons Division, and Miss Eccles and Miss M. V. Brown who are responsible to Mr. Curtis. From 09.00 hours to 13.00 hours they work on the second floor of the National Bank Building in Plateia Metropoleos (telephone 34.782). Outside those hours, urgent matters affecting the Ministry should be referred to the Minister's duty officer (Telephone 34.124).

8. Mr. Curtis will at all times be ready to handle any matters which you wish him to raise at the Ministry and to make appointments with the Minister whenever you feel it necessary to see him.

Originated by Liaison Office
Displaced Persons Division

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TRANSLATION LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF REPATRIATION

22nd September 1945.

Ref: 97461/1393

To The Director General of Public Welfare,
Athens.

We have the honour to inform you that we have reception centres in Athens, Salonica and Patras for the care and temporary shelter of the hostages P.O.W.s. etc., who are returning from abroad. These refugees remain in the centre until they depart for their home towns, i.e. two or three days. If they stay longer they upset the working of the centre and longer stays are avoided as far as possible. There are, however, several refugees in the centres in Athens who remain in the centre because they have no homes, their houses being either destroyed or occupied by others. We have, up to now, let them stay, but it is clear that they cannot remain there indefinitely. That is outside our province and not the purpose of the centres. Because of the temporary nature of the repatriation job, these centres will in time close. We think, therefore, that your service should take the necessary steps to solve this question.

We would inform you that there are about 300 refugees of this type now living in the centres in Athens.

(Signed) A. Levidis.
Minister of Repatriation



ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ

ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟΝ ΚΟΙΝ. ΠΡΟΝΟΙΑΣ
ΥΠΗΡ. ΠΑΛΙΝΝΟΣΤΗΣΕΩΣ

Εν Αθήναις τῇ 22/9 191

Διεύθυνσις

Τμήμα

Γραφεῖον

Π Ρ Θ Σ
τὴν Γενικὴν Διεύθυνσιν
Δημοσίας Ἀντιλήψεως
Ἐνταῦθα

Ἐχομεν τὴν τιμὴν νὰ γνωρίσωμεν
ὕμῖν ὅτι.

Αριθ. πρωτ. 97461/1993

Διὰ τὴν ὑποδοχὴν καὶ τὴν προσα-
ρίσιν περὶ θαλψιν τῶν ἐκ τοῦ ἑξωτερικοῦ ἀφικνου-
μένων ὁμηρῶν, προσφύγων κλπ. ἔχομεν ἐν λειτουργί-
ᾳ κέντρα ὑποδοχῆς ὁμηρῶν τόσο ἐνταῦθα ὅσον
καὶ εἰς Θεσσαλονικὴν καὶ Πάτρας.
Εἰς ταῦτα παραμένοντες μέχρι τῆς ἡμέρας ἀναχωρήσε-
ως διὰ τὰς ἐστίας, ἡτοιμοῦσθε ἢ τρεῖς τὸ πο-
λὺ ἡμέρας ἢ δὲ περαιτέρω παραμονὴ τῶν ἐπιφέρει
ἀνθρωπιάν εἰς τὴν λειτουργίαν τῶν κέντρων. Ἀπο-
φεύγεται ὅσον τὸ δυνατόν.

Πλὴν ὅπως ὑπάρχει ἕκανός ἀριθμός ἀφικθέντων εἰς
τὸ ἐνταῦθα κέντρον προσφύγων καὶ ὁμηρῶν οἱ
ὅποιοι παρουσιάζονται στεροῦμενοι στέγης εἴτε
λόγω καταστροφῆς τῆς οἰκίας τῶν εἴτε καταλήψεω-
ς τῶν πρώην κατοικιῶν τῶν εἴτε καὶ δι' ἄλλους
λόγους παραμένουσι εἰσέτι εἰς τὸ κέντρον καὶ
λόγω τῆς ιδιότητος τῶν μέχρι σήμερον συγκατετέθη-
θέντων διὰ τὴν παραμονὴν τῶν. Ἐπεὶ ὅπως εἶναι
φανερὸν ὅτι ἡ παραμονὴ τῶν προσάπων τούτων εἰς
τὰ κέντρα δὲν εἶναι δυνατόν ἐπ' ἀόριστον νὰ παρα-
ταθῇ διότι τοῦτο εὐρίσκεται ἐξω τῆς ἀρμοδιότητος
ἡμῶν καὶ τῆς ἀποστολῆς τῶν κέντρων τὰ ὅποια λόγω
τοῦ προσωρινοῦ χαρακτῆρος τῆς παλιννοστήσεως
θὰ διαλυθῶσι μετὰ καιρὸν, φρονοῦμεν ὅτι δεόν νὰ
ληφθῇ ἡ δέουσα πρόνοια ἐκ μέρους τῆς ὑμετέρας ὑ-
πηρεσίας διὰ τὴν τακτοποίησιν τοῦ ζητήματος τού-
του. Εἰς τούτοις ἔχομεν τὴν τιμὴν νὰ γνωρίσωμεν
ὅτι οἱ εἰς τὰ κέντρα τῶν ὁμηρῶν παραμένοντες ἔ

ξακολουθητικῶς, μέχρι σήμερον Πρόσφυγες καὶ
"Ομηροὶ ἀνέρχονται εἰς Τριακοσίας περίπου

ὁ Ἰφθυουργὶς
ΑΛ. ΛΕΒΙΔΗΣ

ΚΟΙΝΟΠΟΙΗΣΙΣ

A. LEVIDIS

ΔΕ΄σιν Παλιννοστήσεως

Α.Σ.



ΑΚΡΙΒΕΣ ΑΝΤΙΓΡΑΦΟΝ
ΕΠΙΧΕΙΡΗΣΙΑ ΕΣΤΕΡΝΗ
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΙΣ ΕΙΔΙΚΗΣ ΔΙΑΧΕΙΡΙΣΕΩΣ

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discussed with Calomiris
Montgomery in C.H.
11 Oct.

File 10/10

18th September 1945.

To: Commander Caldis,
 Ministry of Repatriation.

From: H.A. Curtis.

A letter has been received from Mr. Montgomery in Salonica stating that the local distributing authorities in Thrace would be glad of some directives from the Ministry of Repatriation and the Ministry of Supply on the Standards of food and clothing which they are obliged to supply to refugees and displaced persons by present Government policy.

Perhaps you would be good enough to ask Captain Levidis if he would consider an approach to the Ministry of Supply asking them to inform the Central Distribution Committee of the Kavalla Region concerning the 2000-calorie ration scale internationally approved for refugees and displaced persons, stressing that the UNRRA imported ration foods are supposed to be supplementary to foods provided from local sources.

No doubt Kavalla Region would also be grateful for official intimation that displaced persons are entitled to clothing according to need up to three garments per person; such clothing issues ~~was~~ controlled for Northern Greece by Mr. Psaras' organisation in Salonika.

Thank you for confirming that all refugees sent to Northern Greece by sea in parties officially sponsored by the Ministry of Repatriation carry certain rations, - in the case of parties to Thrace 15 days' rations if travel by caique and 8 days' if travel by motor vessel - also that your Department sends off warning signals in each case. If you would be good enough to let me know of all such moves in advance, I will have immediately warning signals sent out to Salonika or Kavalla as the case may be, through UNRRA channels.

Copies: Mr. Linney.

H.A. Curtis.

~~Mr. R. Singleton~~, Regional Director, Region "E"
 for Mr. W.P. Montgomery, D.P. Salonica.

~~Mr. R. Singleton~~, Regional Director, Region "E"
 for Mr. H. Edward, D.P. Kavalla.

W.F.H. Carter Esq., Region "G"

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17th September 1945

Your Excellency;

I have the honour to refer to the meeting held in your office on 7th September, 1945, on the subject of ex-enemy and other nationals in Greece.

In view of the decision of that meeting to recommend that the northern frontier of Greece be closed to Yugoslav, Albanian and Bulgarian nationals, I confirm that UNRRA regards control of movement of population from neighbouring countries after the armistice as a matter for the Greek Government: UNRRA does, however, agree to the care and maintenance of all Yugoslav refugees, irrespective of the date they entered Greece, provided that numbers are small.

I confirm also that UNRRA will support the decision of that meeting to recommend that Yugoslav and Albanian refugees in Greece be kept south of Lamia and outside the capital area, and will give you all possible assistance in the transfer to Patras of those Albanians and Yugoslavs now held in Piraeus:

I enclose a copy of a letter to His Excellency the Minister of the Interior, in which I point out how the proposed new decisions will affect the policy previously agreed with His Excellency's predecessor.

I have the honour to be your Excellency's most obedient Servant,

His Excellency Captain Leridis;
Undersecretary for Repatriation

Evert Burger
Director
Displaced Persons Division

Copies: Colonel Zaimis - General Staff, 2nd Bureau.

Lt. Col. Caratzenis - " " " "

" " Dimotakis - " " " "

Mr. Capsambelis - Ministry of Foreign Affairs

" Stefanou - " " " "

" Vlastaris - Aliens Bureau

" Curtis) - Liaison Officers, UNRRA -

Lt. Cmdr. Caldis) Ministry of Repatriation

File 63)

Ἐξοχότατε,

Λαμβάνω τὴν τιμὴν νὰ ἀναφερθῶ εἰς τὴν σύσκεψιν ἣτις ἐλαβε χώραν εἰς τὸ Γραφεῖον σας τὴν 7ην Σεπτεμβρίου 45 ἐπὶ τοῦ θέματος τῶν τέσε ἐνθρῶν καὶ ὁμηκῶν ἄλλων κρατῶν ἐν Ἑλλάδι.

Ἀναφορικῶς πρὸς τὴν ἀπόφασιν τῆς συσκέψεως ταύτης συνιστᾶται ὅπως τὰ βόρεια σύνορα τῆς Ἑλλάδος κλείσουν εἰς τοὺς ὁμηκούς τῆς Γιουγκοσλαβίας, Ἀλβανίας καὶ Βουλγαρίας. Βεβαιῶ δὲ ὅτι ἡ ΟΥΝΡΡΑ θεωρεῖ τὸν ἔλεγχο τῆς κινήσεως τοῦ πληθυσμοῦ ἐκ γειτονικῶν χωρῶν μετὰ τὴν ἀνακτὴν, ὡς ὑπόθεσιν τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Κυβερνήσεως.

Ἡ ΟΥΝΡΡΑ ἀπεσδῆκατε συμφωνεῖν διὰ τὴν συντήρησιν καὶ προνομίαν τῶν Γιουγκοσλαβίων πρὸς τὴν ἀνεκταρτήτως τῆς ἡμερομηνίας καὶ αὐτοὶ εἰσηλθόντες εἰς Ἑλλάδα ἀρκεῖ ὁ ἀριθμὸς νὰ εἶναι μικρὸς.

Ἐπιβεβαιῶ ἐκίσως δὲ ὅτι ἡ ΟΥΝΡΡΑ οὐδ' ἐπιστηρίζῃ τὴν ἀπόφασιν αὐτῆς τῆς συσκέψεως ὅπως συσταθῇ οἱ Γιουγκοσλαβοὶ καὶ Ἀλβανοὶ πρόσφυγες ἐν Ἑλλάδι κρατηθεὶς νοτίως τῆς Ἀφίας καὶ ἔξω τῆς περιότης τῶν Ἀθηνῶν καὶ ὅς σας δοθῇ πᾶσα δυνατὴ βοήθεια διὰ τὴν μεταφοράν εἰς Πατρὰς τῶν Ἀλβανῶν καὶ Γιουγκοσλαβίων τῶν ἀδικοκρένων εἰς Πειραιᾶ.

Ἐσπεύω νὰ ἀντίγραψον τῆς ἐπιστολῆς πρὸς τὸν Ὑπουργὸν τῶν Ἑσωτερικῶν εἰς τὴν ἀρκίαν ἀποδεικνύου πῶς, αἱ προταθεῖσαι νῦν ἀποφάσεις οὐδ' ἐκπιδέσονται τὴν πολιτικὴν τὴν συμφωνηθεῖσαν προηγουμένως μετὰ τὸν προκάτογον τῆς αὐτοῦ Ἐξοχότητος.

Handwritten signature: Kostas - 278

Ἐξοχότατον
κ. Πλοίαρχον Λεβίδην
Ἐνθυπουργεῖον Παιδείας.

ΤΕΛΕΚΟΝΤΕΣ ΤΟΝ ΕΡΓΟΝ ΤΗΣ
Κ. ΕΥΧΕΣΤΟΝ ΝΕΚΡΩΝ
ΕΠΙΘΑΛΕΣ

Mr. Ralli - File

ΕΓΓΡΑΦΟΝ ΕΠΙ ΤΗΣ ΑΡΧΗΣ, ΕΠΙΘΑΛΕΣ

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Kingdom of Greece
Ministry of Public Welfare
General. Director of Repatriating Dept
Ref. No. 95694/1107

456.6 ✓
Athens, the 8 September 1945

to: ~~the~~ ONRRA. D.P.D.
2, Amerika St

Ref. your. letter dated 8 September 1945 we have
the honour to inform you that we agree with your
proposal. mentioned in the above letter.

The Under-Secretary
A. LEVIDIS

Copy to. Repatriating Dept.



ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ

ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟΝ ΠΟΙΝ. ΠΡΟΝΟΙΑΣ

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Εν Αθήναις τῇ 8 Σεπτεμβρίου 1945

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Τ Ν Τ Α Υ Θ Α

Τίς ἀπάντησιν τοῦ ἀπὸ 8ης Σεπτεμβρίου ἐ.ε.
ἡμετέρου ἐγγράφου ἔχομεν τὴν τιμὴν νὰ πληροφορήσασθε
ὅπως ὅτι συμφωνοῦμεν πρὸς τὴν ἐν τῷ μνησθέντι
ἐγγράφῳ πρότασιν σας. -

Ο ΥΦΥΠΟΥΡΓΟΣ

ΑΛ. ΛΑΒΙΔΗΣ

ΠΟΙΝ. Υπ. Παλινν.

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ROUTE SLIP DOCUMENTS

Date *Sept. 15, 1945*

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<i>Linney</i>	<i>info</i>	<i>AKL</i>
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<i>anderson</i> (check "above letter referred to")		
<i>Rayner</i>	<i>info.</i>	<i>WLR 7/9</i>

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Am Limeray's Office

Subject : Acen

Ref : Q5/P

UNRRA
4 CHURCHILL ST
ATHENS.

31 PHILIPPOLON ST PIREAUS
25 A SACTOURIS ST PIREAUS
191 COUNDOURIOTOU ST PIREAUS

Ref your CKL/EM dated 4 Sep 45.

It is hereby confirmed that the a/m premises are being held for the Ministry of Repatriation.

In the Field.
7 Sep 45.

Copy to : DAD Hirings HQ 212 Area.

MB/AP.

99628
[Signature]
Major,
60 Town Major.

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ROUTE SLIP FOR DOCUMENTS.

DATE. Sept. 11, 1945

NAME.	PURPOSE.	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR ACTION TAKEN.
<i>Linnay</i>	<i>info</i>	<i>CKL</i>
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FORM 11/3/3

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
GREECE MISSION
HEADQUARTERS — 4, CHURCHILL STREET, ATHENS

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
UNRRA - ATHENS
TELEPHONE 1

455. 6 ✓

Your Ref.: _____

Our Ref.: _____

Date **7 September 1945**

MEMO TO ALL STAFF MEMBERS

Effective forthwith no appointments will be made
with the Ministry of Repatriation by any member of the Staff
except through Mr. Curtis or Miss Eccles.

Please initial

ER

CF.

*C.H.S. by [initials]
ER
EB*

E. Barger
EVERT BARGER
Director

Displaced Persons Division

[Signature]

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James [unclear]

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Nancy de Long.

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Resumes for W.F. RAYNER

Katie Felli

RBK

May V. Brown

Margaret R. Parkin

EE.

[Signature]

Miss Anderson

Kingdom of Greece
Ministry of Public Welfare
Repatriating Dept
Ref. No 95605/877

Att. Mr. Barjer
Mr. Limon
Thun File

Athens 29-8-1945

Curtis

HAC

3/9

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To: The Ministry of Finance
General Director for taxes

We have the honour to transmit to you the att. hereby letter of D.P.D. UNRRA dated 23 August 1945 with a translation of it and to request, in case of cases of repatriation of hostages and refugees from abroad by transport means ^{for} which ~~they~~ ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ a tax must be payed, to issue the necessary orders for the dischargement for payment of such tax.

Especially for the mentioned case in the above UNRRA letter of movement 513 Greek Displaced Persons from Naples to Piraeus by the S/S «GRIPSHOLM» we request to to order the dischargement even ^{from} ~~now~~ ~~for~~ this tax, this being a tax for approaching Greece with which UNRRA has debited, as all ^{its} work in Greece is exempted of Greek taxation.

Your acts in the above matter would you please let us know.

Copy to: 1/ UNRRA
2/ Repatriating Dept

The Under-Secretary
A. Leri-Di's



ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ

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ΚΟΙΝ. ΠΡΟΝΟΙΑΣ

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ Δ/Σ

Υπ.πρ.καλιννοστής.

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Εν Αθήναις τῇ 194

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ΤΟ ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟΝ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΩΝ

Γεν.Δ/σιν Φορολογίας

ΕΝΤΑΥΘΑ

Αριθ. πρωτ.

95605/877

Ἐχομεν τὴν τιμὴν νὰ διαβιβάσωμεν ὑμῖν συν-
μένως τὸ ἀπὸ 23 Αὐγούστου ἐ.ἔ. ἔγγραφον τοῦ Τμή-
ματος ἐκτοπισθέντων προσώπων τῆς ΟΥΝΡΡΑ μετὰ
μεταφράσεως τούτου καὶ νὰ παρακαλέσωμεν ὅπως εἰς
περιπτώσεις παλιννοστήσεων ὁμηρῶν καὶ προσφύγων
ἐκ τοῦ ἐξωτερικοῦ διὰ μέσων διὰ τὰ ὅποια ἀπαι-
τεῖται καταβολὴ φόρου τοῦ Δημοσίου, ἐκδώσῃτε τὰς
δεούσας ὁδηγίας διὰ τὴν ἀπαλλαγὴν τῆς καταβολῆς
τοῦ φόρου τούτου.

Εἰδικῶς δὲ διὰ τὴν ἀναφερομένην ἐν τῷ ἔγγράφῳ
τῆς ΟΥΝΡΡΑ περιπτώσιν μεταφράς 513 παλιννοστών-
των Ἑλλήνων ἐκ Νεαπολεως εἰς Πειραῖ διὰ τοῦ ἀ/π
«**GAIRSHOLM**» παρακλοῦμεν ὅπως διατάξῃτε τὴν ἐκ τῶν
ὕστερων ἀπαλλαγὴν ἐκ τοῦ φόρου τοῦ δημοσίου, ἀνα-
φερομένου ὡς φόρου προσεγγίσεως εἰς Ἑλλάδα διὰ
τοῦ ὁποίου ἐχρεώθη ἡ ΟΥΝΡΡΑ, καθόσον ἅπασαι αἱ ἐ-
νεργεῖαι ἐν Ἑλλάδι ἐξαιροῦνται ἑλληνικῆς φορολο-
γίας.

Τὰς ὑπετέρας ἐπὶ τῶν ἀνωτέρω ἐνεργείας παρα-
καλοῦμεν ὅπως γνωρίσῃτε ἡμῖν τὸ ταχύτερον.

ΚΟΙΝΟΠΟΙΗΣΙΣ

1) ΟΥΝΡΡΑ

2) Υπ.πρ.καλιννοστής.

ΟΜ

ΑΛ. ΛΕΒΙΔΗΣ

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(Postman D.V.P.P.H.)



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Date Sept 12, 1945

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Ralli	file	✓

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Copy Mr Barger.

455.6 ✓

Wm Ralli - file

ATHENS. 25th Augus , 1945.

To: Arthur Curtis, Liaison Officer.
From: M. Geldard-Brown, D.P. Specialist. *h/m*
Subject: Stamping of D.P.D. 1. by Ministry of Repatriation.

1. It has several times been brought to the notice of this section during the past week that DPD No. 1. cards in the possession of repatriated persons have been stamped by the Ministry of Repatriation.
2. Would you kindly take up with the person or persons concerned the question as to how these cards should be stamped. On more than one occasion the stamp has been put on top of the SHAEF No., obliterating it entirely.
3. I would suggest that in future any stamp put on DPD 1. cards should be on the reverse side where it does not matter if the printed statement is illegible.

Originated by:
(Miss) M. Geldard-Brown.

M. Geldard-Brown

Mr. Lunsby: 11th July
C/L 27/9. 455.6 ✓

13rd August, 1946.

His Excellency,
Captain Levidis,
Ministry of Repatriation.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to bring to your notice a financial matter which has arisen in connection with the first voyage of s.s. "Gripsholm", which brought 513 Greek Displaced Persons from Naples to Piraeus on approximately 14th June, 1945.

UNRRA accepts responsibility for the payments involved in the use of this ship for transporting Displaced Persons by other than military means, and has authorised the payment of the bill submitted to the UNRRA Mission in Italy by American Export Lines, who incurred the expenditure on our behalf.

One item in the bill, however, has been disallowed. This is the item which reads as "Greek landing tax \$1769.85". The Finance and Administration Bureau of our Mission have disallowed the payment of this sum since it is understood that the operations of UNRRA Greek Mission are exempt from Greek taxes. No doubt, if the American Export Lines have already paid this sum, they will request repayment by the Government. I think that it would, in future, be an advantage if, when Displaced Persons are carried on transport for which payment is required, the payment of the various taxes could be waived in advance.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's
most obedient servant,

HAC
H.A. Curtis.

455.6 ✓

Ministry of Repatriation

21 August 1945

TO:- EKAM (? Grekk Min. of War)
4th Floor. Tamion Build.

We have the honour to inform you that according to present indications almost the whole of the refugees, hostages and prisoners to return from abroad, to the number of about 50,000 will return between 1st September and 15th October.

It appears therefore absolutely necessary that we should be allotted more means of transport, particularly to Macedonia, the Aegean Islands and Thrace, during this period and that we should be guaranteed a larger number of places on ships on these services.

We therefore suggest in view of the above circumstances there should be instituted a twice-weekly service with Samos, Chios, Mytilene, Lemnos, Alexandroupolis and Cavalla.

A Levidas,
Minister of Repat.

Distributor-
UNRRA

Ministry of Repatriation.

455.6 ✓

14 August 1945

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to pass to you a letter received in this office from the Professional Union of Boatmen at Piraeus. They appear to want fixed rates for the use of their boats in disembarkation of refugees and displaced persons in Piraeus Harbor.

Inasmuch as operational responsibility for this matter rests, as I understand it, with your department rather than with UNRRA, according to the terms of the agreement between the Government and ourselves, perhaps you will agree that it would be more appropriate if the reply to this letter came from your office.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's most obedient servant

H. A. Curtis
Displaced Persons Division

His Excellency, Capt. Levidis
Minister of Repatriation
Athens

Pireaus August 7/1945.

PROFESSIONAL UNION OF BOATMEN, PIREAUS

" ARCHEA TRIIRIS "

6, Palaia Trapezi St.

(Pireaus Harbour Agios Nikolaos Square)

Arrived

Get by to tell
these B's to chase
themselves.

Ref No 48.

TO: His Excellency Mr Lekman
President of ONRRA

Greece

His Excellency,

Considering the philanthropic work which you are doing to the much suffered people of our mother country, we have the honour and we take the courage to kindly request not to oversee the recompence of the work of the boatmen in Pireaus, given that they also help for the effectual realization of your sacred work up to now ~~by~~ ^{with} all their strength and without any complaint.

We kindly, therefore, request ~~that~~ ^{the} for philanthropic reasons, to order ~~for~~ ^{the} recompensing of these men ~~for the following cases.~~ ^{in the following cases.}

From abroad

- 1/ For the disembarking 548 hostages from Italy with their luggages.
- 2/ For the disembarking 149 expelled seamen from America with their luggages.
- 3/ For the disembarking 800 from Middle East with their luggages.
- 4/ For the disembarking 364 left for U.S.A. with their luggages.

From Greece

- 5/ For the disembarking 1500 from SALONICA and other parts of Greece. with their Luggage.
and 6/ For the embarking 2000 left for Crete

Your Excellency ^{Mr. President} ~~for the~~ we come, for the sake of the philanthropical cause which we are serving, to stand away from the existing ^{our} price scale and to be recompensed. for the offered work. for each. passenger for those coming from abroad. 200 drachmae. instead of 500, for those coming from Greece 150 drachmae instead of 300.

The accuracy of these numbers can be given by your staff and can ^{be} assured ~~you~~ to you.

We send the present being sure ⁱⁿ ~~for~~ advance that you will not want ~~for~~ the workman not to be payed. for his work. which was given with pleasure

Yours sincerely

The President

J. FTINAKIS

The General Secretary

D. GEORGIOPOULOS

Mr. Barger
Mr. Curtis

455.6 ✓

7 August, 1945

His Excellency
Mr. K. Varvaressos
Deputy Prime Minister
Athens

Excellency

As indicated in my letter of 1 August, I should like to nominate Mr. H. A. Curtis as our liaison representative with the Ministry of Repatriation. His telephone number is 30761, Ext. 76. Mr. E. Barger is the UNHRA Director of the Displaced Persons Division, and he will arrange with the Ministry of Repatriation for the weekly meeting which you have suggested. I am instructing Mr. Barger and Mr. Curtis to submit written statements of any important agreements reached between themselves and the Ministry of Repatriation in order that approval may be readily obtained for such actions from your office and mine.

In the absence of word to the contrary from your office, I am assuming that this liaison relationship can begin immediately.

Yours respectfully

Buell F. Haben

Buell F. Haben
Chief of Mission

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Internal Memorandum

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Return to :-

455.6

3 August 1945

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to confirm conversation between Cdr. Kaltis, Mr. Sanford and myself yesterday morning in which it was agreed that the Ministry of Repatriation would take steps to procure 10 days' rations for the 239 Palestinians returning to Palestine on the 3rd and 4th of August.

I am, therefore, making arrangements for one of our staff to come around with a vehicle this morning to collect the rations in question and deliver them to the ship.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

C. K. Linney
Deputy Director
Displaced Persons Division

His Excellency, Capt. Levidis
Minister of Repatriation
Athens

✓ 455.6

3 August 1945

Subject: Accompanying Rations for Foreign Nationals
being repatriated from Greece

Your Excellency,

A meeting was held yesterday morning between Cdr. Kaltis, Mr. Sanford and myself in order to try to make arrangements for supplies of food to be procured to accompany displaced persons being repatriated from Greece. It was agreed that on notification from this Division the Ministry of Repatriation would put in hand the machinery for obtaining the required number of rations. This Division will in all cases endeavor to give the Ministry of Repatriation at least two days' notice of impending shipments.

In cases where people are being shipped to countries in which an UNRRA mission operates, such as Italy or the Middle East, it was felt that 10 days' accompanying rations should be sufficient. In cases of other countries or in the case of countries where it is known that communications and food supplies are very irregular, this Division will assess the quantity of rations to be carried, based on its own information, and will pass on this information to you so that you can make the necessary arrangements. Possibly in some of the more devastated countries it may be necessary to provide 21 days' accompanying rations. We shall, of course, endeavor to keep down these requirements to an absolute minimum.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

C. K. Linney
Deputy Director
Displaced Persons Division

His Excellency, Capt. Levidis
Minister of Repatriation
Athens

✓455.6

2 August 1945

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to place before you the two following telegrams exchanged in connection with the repatriation of 8 Greek mental cases:

From Cairo: ANXIOUS REPATRIATE EIGHT GREEK MENTAL CASES SEVEN MALES ONE FEMALE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE CABLE IF YOU CAN ACCEPT THEM WITH DETAILS REGARDING THEIR DESTINATION.

From Athens: CAN ACCEPT EIGHT MENTAL CASES. Ship to PIRAEUS AND ADVISE US EARLIEST E.T.A.

I discussed this matter with Commander Kaltis yesterday morning and he is in agreement with the reply we have sent back to the Middle East. As soon as we have information from Cairo as to the expected time of arrival, we shall communicate with you so that you will be able to make the necessary arrangements regarding hospitalisation.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

C. K. Linney
Deputy Director
Displaced Persons Division

His Excellency, Capt. Levidis
Minister of Repatriation
Athens

Rippinott
To DP

455.6 ✓

R O M E

30/7/45

21.00

Your cable Number I87I. Acted accordingly to the competent Service of Allied HQ. Mr. CURTIS who is returning to Athens to morrow thinks that date of starting application of plan is a little premature. Anyhow decision rest to be taken by Ministry of Repatriation.

EXINTARIS

Received the 31st July 1945

08.50

455.6 ✓

27 July 1945

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to place before you documents received from Mr. Fountos, Shipping Agent in Piraeus, in connection with expenses incurred for the off-loading of personal baggage from the SS "Orduna".

I apologize for troubling Your Excellency on matters of such detail but the enclosed bills have been presented to our department by Mr. Fountos for payment. I have checked over the quantities of baggage referred to, and, to the best of my knowledge, it represents a fair picture of the baggage brought over by the refugees on the "Orduna". I have told Mr. Fountos that he should present himself at your office in order to settle this account, as, of course, UNRRA Displaced Persons Division is not in a position to pay it.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

Philip Sanford
for Evert Barger, Director
Displaced Persons Division

His Excellency, Capt. Levidis,
Minister of Repatriation
Athens

Mr Barger

455.6, File

26th July, 1945.

To : Col. G. White

From : R.E.Lippincott

REL

Subject: Attached memo from Evert Barger

My understanding of the points raised in the attached memo is that the status of each is as follows:-

1. The Italian Repatriation Agreement has been signed.
2. The Unilateral Declaration on Displaced Persons ~~has been~~ signed in London.
Will be
3. Several weeks ago I suggested to Barger, Linney and Curtis that the problem of funds for the Ministry of Repatriation could only be approached through the Minister of Repatriation in cooperation with Mr. Linney working out a sound well thoughtout budget for the Ministry which could be presented to Mr. Varvaressos.

My understanding is that the original objection to the request for funds was that its justification and form was totally inadequate. I suggested further, that once this budget is prepared if we could secure a copy we would be in a position to take action with the Greek Government. Mr. Barger agreed with this approach.

4. I believe that the discussions with the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have already taken place. I regret that, if this is true, there is no thanks due me for making the appointment for I had nothing to do with it.
5. I have raised again to-day with the Greek Government the question of the need for a rapid easy method for exchanging Italian lire and other foreign currency into drachmas upon the arrival of refugees in Greece. I shall report further on this matter when I receive any additional information

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
GREECE MISSION
HEADQUARTERS

Athens, 20th July.

From : Office of Senior Deputy Chief of Mission

To : Mr. Hippeneott.

Subject :

Ref the attached.

Can you get these points
cleared up please?

M. White

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

July 19th, 1945.

To : Colonel G. White

From : Evert Barger

Subject : Outstanding Matters for Negotiation with Grk. Government.

During the last ten days there has been a state of paralysis in all high level discussions with the Greek Government on matters concerning this Division and the Ministry of Repatriation. This has a very adverse effect on our operations and prevents us doing any planning for the future.

The following are among the urgent matters which need to be dealt with through Mr. Lippencott's office :-

(1) Arrangements for the signing of (a) the Italian Repatriation Agreement, (b) the Unilateral Declaration on Displaced Persons. Until this is done we cannot go over to ATHQ to discuss an agreement or schedule for the repatriation of the Greeks through Italy. The attached telegram and draft reply show how urgent this matter is.

(2) The Ministry of Repatriation is precluded by law from engaging new staff; the Minister states he has no funds or budget, and that he cannot buy necessary equipment of Assembly Centres available on the local market; he cannot obtain any more buildings, even schools, to increase the Athens Assembly Centre accommodation from the present 1200 to 5000 as is necessary if there is to be any hope of meeting existing reception commitments. It is clear that a very low degree of priority is attached in Greek Government counsels to the Repatriation Ministry. It appears necessary to discuss this with Mr. Varvaressos, especially with a view to the Ministry having funds to spend.

(3) It is necessary to discuss with the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Foreign Affairs the status, treatment and police control of foreign nationals in Greece. Moreover customs and passport regulations, including recognition of the SHAEF card, need to be established with regard to refugees and existing measures and methods modified. At present there is no established Greek Government policy with regard to the admission of foreigners into Greece; some United Nations refugees are being turned away. The BGS is waiting for us to get decisions taken which he may then communicate to British troops.

(4) Some hundreds of refugees who have arrived from Italy cannot be sent to their homes in other parts of Greece because they have brought funds in Italian lire and other currencies which they require to change into drachmae. Representations by the Ministry of Repatriation to the Bank of Greece and letters to Mr. Varvaressos have produced no result. The matter is still under consideration. It appears necessary to see Mr. Varvaressos.

cc. Mr. Lippencott.

EB

TELEGRAM RECEIVED 18 July 45

FROM : CASSETA 16/7/45

TO : UNRRA GREEKAID (194)

PLANS TO MOVE SIXTEEN THOUSAND GREEK POW AND DISPLACED
PERSONS TO ATHENS BEING CONSIDERED. RATE WOULD PROBABLY
BE SIX HUNDRED EACH LIFT. CONTINENTAL STARTING POINT AND
FREQUENCY NOT YET KNOWN. THIS IS WARNING. REQUEST YOU
APPROACH GREEK AUTHORITIES THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS
REGARDING ABILITY RECEIVE AND HANDLE INFORMING
RESULTS HERE.

DRAFT TELEGRAM

TO : UNRRA CASERTA

FROM : UNRRA ATHENS

Ref. Your 194 .

Representative of this Mission will arrive Caserta very shortly bringing Greek Governments proposals and plans worked out in consultation with us.

Evert Barger, RB

Director, Displaced Persons
Division.

19/7/45

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Headquarters,
Land Forces Greece,
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23 July 1945.
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Dear Capt Levidis,

Major MATTHEWS has reported to me his conversation with you on 9 July, in which you were good enough to give him details of the Govt's present plans for the internal repatriation of displaced persons.

2. He said that your feeling was that no substantial increase in present figures could be achieved without a specific allotment of transport to your Dept for moving refugees. We have, of course, been using every endeavour to ease the road transport shortage in Greece, but the difficulties are many and no large scale progress in this direction, in addition to that scheduled, can be envisaged for some time to come.

3. UNRRA is, of course, the body in Greece, - apart from the Royal Greek Govt, responsible for dealing with persons displaced both within and outside the country. The Headquarters is in close touch with UNRRA, and on receipt of any request from the latter for aid in specific local cases, where definite moves of parties of refugees are required to be carried out on a given date, the Headquarters has informed me that they will receive most careful consideration.

4. As this matter has, in the interim, been raised by His Excellency the Prime Minister with General SCOBIE, I am sending a copy of this letter to Capt LAMBRINOPOULOS.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

P.L. Smith Dorrien

H.E. Capt. P. LEVIDIS,
Under-Secretary for Displaced Persons,
Royal Hellenic Government,
ATHENS.

Kingdom of Greece

Ministry

General Direction of Public Welfare

Director

Section Repatriating

Office

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Athens 21/7/1945

To: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ref N. 488/22 Confidential

We have the honour to inform you that the whole work of the gathering and welfare and repatriating of the liberated Greeks in Germany and elsewhere in the enemy soil (POWs, labourers, hostages, politicians exile etc) is going sufficiently good in the regions which are occupied by British, American and French troops.

Due to the many local difficulties, especially transport (owing to bad condition of the roads, lack of telegraph communication etc), the suffered damages of the war and the severe difficulties of feeding condition, which exist in the region of the enemy soil and which are under Prussian control, it is unknown to us in what point ~~it is carrying~~ ^{of the Greek citizens} the works of gathering and welfare ^{all} in these regions ^{of the} ~~Greek citizens~~ ^{to situation} ~~all~~ We have not the slightest idea as ^{of the welfare centre} ^{under what life} ^{and which living} ^{people} ~~they~~ ^{are} leaving.

Therefore it is requested to ~~arrange~~ take the necessary steps by the Russian Government in order to have the necessary

information, i.e. nominal rolls of the liberated greeks, POW's, greek Offrs and ORs as well of the greek hostages and labourers, the Centre in which they are, condition of maintenance, clothing and leaving etc. in order to proceed on the basis of these informations to the necessary arrangements for the facilitation of the whole work of the gathering and repatriation of these. Moreover to be requested by the same government that of the Greek POW's and hostages, who are in the hands of the Russians, are nearly the Anglo-Americans zones of occupying, ^{so that} (to be delivered in these zones in order to repatriate them, given that the communications in the ~~Western~~ ^{Western} Europe are in a much better condition of the same in the North South eastern Europe and the repatriation, therefore, ^{can} be executed much easier and without much trouble for the displaced persons.

The Under-Secretary

A. LEVIDIS.

Copy to:

- 1/ Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2/ greek general staff
- 3/ UNRRA.
- 4/ Repatriating Service.

For the accuracy
the chief of the Dept.

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Τό Υπουργείον Εξωτερικών
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488 Επισημοποιητικόν.

Εχομεν τήν τιμήν νά κληροφορήσωμεν υμάς, ότι τό όλον έργον της περιουλλογής, περιθαλψώς και επανηπατισμού των έν Γερμανία και άλλαχού του έχθρικού έδαφους απδλευθερωμένων Έλληνων υπηκόων (είχηλαστών, έργατών, όμηρων πολιτικών εξοριστών κ.λ.π.) βαινει αρκετά ίκανοποιητικώς εις τας περιοχάς αίτινες κατέχονται υπό Βρετανικών, Αμερικανικών και Γαλλικών Στρατευμάτων.

Λόγω όμως πολλών τοπικών δυσχερειών συγκοινωνιακής ιδία φύσεως (έν κακής κατάστασεως των οδών, έλλειψώς τηλεγραφικών συγκοινωνιών κ.λ.π.), λόγω των προενηθειών καταστροφών έν τοῦ πολέμου κ.λ. λόγω των πολυπλόκων αιτιαστικών δυσχερειών, αίτινες επικρατοῦσιν εις τας περιοχάς του έχθρικού έδαφους, αίτινες εύρίσκονται υπό τον Ενωσικόν έλεγχο, είναι άγνοστον εις ημάς εις ποῖον σημείον εύρισσεται τό έργον της περιουλλογής και περιθαλψώς των απδλευθερωθέντων εις τας περιοχάς ταύτας Ελλήνων υπηκόων. Ουδέν γνωρίζομεν περί των στρατοπέδων περιθαλψώς, εις ά τυχόν οὔτοι εύρίσκονται, ~~εί~~ και ποίαι είναι αι συνθήκαι της διαβίσεως των.

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Δι' ὃ παρακαλοῦμεν ὑμᾶς ὅπως εὐαρεστού-
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 παναπατρισμοῦ αὐτῶν. Ῥαυτὸς νὰ παρακληθῇ ἡ
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 ται εἰς πολὺ καλυτέραν κατὰστασιν τῶν εἰς
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Ὁ Ὑπουργός

ΑΛ. ΛΕΒΙΑΝΣ

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5th July, 1945.

His Excellency
K. Varvarassos
Vice-President to the Council
C/o Bank for Greece, ATHENS.

Excellency,

I have the honour to present to you a problem concerning the operational control of the United Nations nationals, displaced as a result of the war, and Greek nationals displaced in Greece or returning to Greece from foreign countries.

1. The Vice-Minister for Repatriation requested our Displaced Persons Division to attach a member of their staff to his office to assist in the many-sided aspects of his work. This officer has had an office in the Ministry and has been in constant daily touch on all matters concerning refugees.
2. As movements of refugees are continuing daily and operational problems involving UNRWA's international obligation for the care and maintenance of refugees are arising frequently, I am raising the question of this particular contact with the Government for your instructions.
3. Although I appreciate that all relationships between ourselves and the Greek Government are now being handled through you it has been found that there are daily, even hourly, problems of movement, feeding and shelter, which require immediate attention and joint action by the Ministry of Repatriation and ourselves.
4. It is our desire to be of every assistance to the Greek Government and I therefore wish to be able to instruct our Displaced Persons Division as to your wishes in this matter so that the work of moving, maintaining and caring for, United Nations nationals who have to be repatriated, and Greek nationals returning to Greece may continue smoothly and without hindrance.

Respectfully yours,

E.E. Lippincott
Chief Liaison Officer

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19 July 1945

TO His Excellency, Captain Levidis,
Minister of Repatriation
Royal Hellenic Government

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to pass on a report given to me by Mr. Sanford concerning the transfer of food, blankets, and other stores belonging to the Ministry of Repatriation from the corridors of the New Angleterre Hotel to the storeroom at 8 Karagiorgi tis Serbias.

Three naval ratings were sent from the Larissa Assembly Centre to assist in the removal, but unfortunately they worked very little and with great reluctance on the ground that they could not afford to make their clothes dirty. Accordingly, UNRRA Region A in collaboration with Mr. Sanford, hired laborers in order to carry out this work, and will, in due time, present an account for the necessary wages which I will pass on to your department.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

H. A. Curtis
Displaced Persons Division

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17 July 1945

TO His Excellency, Mr. Varvaressos
Deputy Prime Minister
Royal Hellenic Government

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to bring to your attention a matter incidental to refugee movements which is already a serious problem and may reach considerable proportions.

A group of approximately 100 Greek nationals repatriated from Italy and from Central Europe and now housed in the Larissa Assembly Centre hold varying sums of money in foreign currency and especially allied military lire. A further group of 7 men, ex-prisoners from the Albanian war, were repatriated on SS "Marigot" last Sunday and also hold sums of lire which they are anxious to exchange. This matter has been raised by UNRRA Displaced Persons Division with the Allied Military currency authorities, who state that they are unable to help and that they see it as a Greek civil problem. The matter has been reported to His Excellency, Captain Levidis, by our Liaison Officer with the Ministry of Repatriation, but Captain Levidis has not yet received a positive answer from the Bank of Greece.

I would respectfully suggest that machinery should be set up as soon as possible for the exchange of foreign currency held by refugees and displaced persons. An upper limit might well be set of currency equal in value to, possibly, 20,000 drachmae.

If such machinery as is set up could include a bureau of exchange and could be established sufficiently soon, it would be possible for the lire now held by returning Greeks to be issued in return for drachmae to Italian nationals who are being repatriated to a total of some 400 beginning next weekend by the Repatriation Ministry and our Displaced Persons Division.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

R. E. Lippincott
UNRRA Liaison Officer to
Greek Government

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H. A. Curtis
Displaced Persons Division

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16th July 1945.

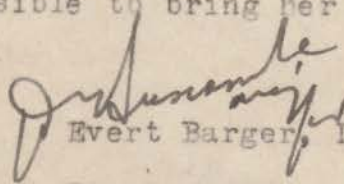
TO : MINISTRY OF REPATRIATION
FROM : EVERT BARGER, Director, Displaced Persons Division.
SUBJECT : Repatriation of Cypriots.

Mrs. Koutoumbas Athina, wife of Koutoumbas Kyriakes, who is now at Stournara 19, Athens, is living at Messria, Santorin together with her 3 children.

The family is due to be repatriated to Cyprus at the end of July.

Could you please arrange for this woman and her 3 children to be moved to Athens to rejoin her husband prior to repatriation.

We understand that regular journeys are made to Santorin by small vessels bringing earth to Piraeus and suggest it might be possible to bring her on one of these vessels.


Evert Barger, Director,
Displaced Persons Division

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From: E. Zannis

N O T E

on the new procedure of contact
between UNRRA and Greek Authorities
as affecting my work.

1. This new regulations by which all contacts with the Greek Authorities should be made through Mr. Varvaressos and Mr. Lippincott, will make difficult and will delay my answer to you regarding the position of the German women.
2. Without direct contact with the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I feel that all legal matters needing personnel contact will suffer from this new regulation.

E. Zannis

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SERVICE SIGNAL

From: Ministry of Supply

To: All Authorities and competent Services

Communicated to: UNRRA

The Greek Government, following proposal of the Minister of Welfare, has given its approval to set up the following;

- (a) Assembly Centre for displaced foreign nationals.
- (b) Stations and reception centres for Greek nationals returning from Austria and Germany.
- (c) Children's summer camps in all parts of Greece.

In application of the above, which are of great importance, I request that on receipt of order, top priority be given to the consignment or delivery of the required supplies.

Minister Paraskevopoulos

Υπόδειγμα Υ.Σ. 1

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
GREECE MISSION
HEADQUARTERS

Athens, 10th July, 1945.

To : E. Barger

For attention Mr. H.A.Curtis.

From : Office of Chief of Mission.

Subject: Attached letter

We attach hereto copy of a letter received
from the office of the Vice-President of the Council
in reply to your letter dated the 5th instant.

E.R.Lippincott

C O P Y

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
Ref. No 85/OIK

Athens, 9th July, 1945.

Mr. R.E.Lippincott,
Chief Liaison Officer
UNRRA Mission, Greece.

Dear Mr.Lippincott

Ref: Your letter of the 5.7.45.

I have been asked by Mr.Varvaressos to-day that, as the questions of repatriation are many folded and require immediate attention and joint action by yourselves and the Ministry of repatriation, they should be dealt with directly between yourselves and the Ministry of Repatriation informing us of any major decisions taken.

Yours sincerely,

R. Zafirliou

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
GREECE MISSION
HEADQUARTERS

Athens, 3 July 1945

To : Mr. Linney, DP Division

From : Office of Chief of Mission

Subject :

The attached is for your information and it suggests that we may wish to explain the AFHQ action rather thoroughly to the Prime Minister as it affects our Cairo Agreement in order that he may have more faith in our proposed Italian Agreement.

R E L
R. E. LIPPINCOTT

Attachment (Telegram from Pappas, Cairo dated 19/6/45)

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TELEGRAM

21 June 1945

19.6.45

C A I R O

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Mr. BENARDIS has just informed me that UNRRA has notified him that contrary to the agreement of June 5th British H.Q. has stated that owing to the great shortage of ships it is not possible to repatriate more than 1000 of refugees directly to the islands they come from, or 6000 to a transit camp in Athens, where UNRRA will undertake there victualling. Serious objections raised by Mr. BENARDIS have not been taken into consideration. Please cable ^{you consider it} urgently, if/adviseable, that I may discuss this question with Sir DESMONDE, in accordance with your cable No. 16853.

P A P P A S

Mr. Rippincott

30 June, 1945

TO: Mr. Zafirou
Undersecretary to the Ministry of Supply

FROM: R.E. Lippincott
UNRRA Liaison Officer to the Economic Advisory Service,
Greek Government

Your Excellency:

I have the honor to present to you a problem concerning the operational control of the United Nations nationals, displaced as a result of the war, and Greek nationals displaced in Greece or returning to Greece from foreign countries.

- 1) The Vice-Minister for Repatriation requested our Displaced Persons Division to attach a member of their staff to his office to assist in the many-sided aspects of his work. This officer has had an office in the Ministry and has been in constant daily touch on all matters concerning refugees.
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- 3) Although I appreciate that all relationships between ourselves and the Greek Government are now being handled through His Excellency, Mr. Varvaressos, and ~~you~~, it has been found that there are daily, even hourly, problems of movement, feeding and shelter which require immediate attention and joint action by the Ministry of Repatriation and ourselves.
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ing to Greece may continue smoothly and without hindrance.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours sincerely,

R.E. LIPPINCOTT

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
GREECE MISSION
HEADQUARTERS

Athens, 28th June, 1945.

To : E. Barger
From : Office of Chief of Mission.
Subject : MONEY FOR LEVIDIS

I am advised that a grant of one hundred thousand drachmae (100,000 drs) has been made immediately available to the under-secretary for repatriation to enable him to carry on necessary work.

R.E. LIPPINCOTT

c.c. Col. White

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
GREECE MISSION
HEADQUARTERS

Athens, 26 June 1945

To : Mr. Evert Barger

From : Office of Chief of Mission

Subject:

Mr. Varvaressos' office today assured me that funds will be made available to Levidis pending final decision on his total appropriation.

It was further suggested that the whole problem of dealing with Displaced Persons would be brought before the Economic Advisory Committee for discussion.

I suggested that, prior to the Greek Government's final formulation of its opinion, it might wish to consult with you and your associates. I will keep you advised.

R.E.Lippincott

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11 June 1945

Your Excellency,

I thought it might possibly be helpful to you if we drew up, in the light of the experience we have gained during the last two months, a memorandum on the problems now facing us and the various courses of action we suggest to deal with the present refugee and displaced persons emergency.

I hope to leave for Salonika on Wednesday for a few days' tour in Macedonia and Thrace, and I should be grateful if I might have an opportunity of discussing this memorandum with you before I leave in order that we may coordinate all that we are doing along lines of which you approve.

Yours sincerely,

Evert Barger, Director
Displaced Persons Division

His Excellency,
Capt. Alexandros Levidis,
Undersecretary of State for Repatriation
Athens

Memorandum on Measures Necessary for

Displaced Persons in Greece

1. FOOD

A meeting was held last Friday in the UNRRA offices when the question of increased food for returning refugees was discussed. It was agreed that instructions would be issued by UNRRA increasing the stocks held in the main centres of population and especially in Athens, Patras, Salonica, Florina, Kozani, Trikkala and Livadhia. There is a strong desire to avoid a flat 2,000 calorie issue to all refugees and the suggestion is that the normal ration obtaining in the area should be made available to refugees which will be supplemented by local purchase out of funds provided by your Ministry. Wherever this is not possible, the principle of the 2,000 calorie diet will obtain. We suggest that Your Excellency should discuss this question with the Agricultural Bank and request them to issue parallel instructions to their regions. These instructions will indicate that increased supplies are being made available to the area concerned for the use of your Ministry on the normal ration scale; but where it is impossible for the normal scale to be supplemented, food will be made available from central stocks on the 2,000 calorie basis.

2. SUPPLIES AND CAMP STORES

a) Those handed over to the Greek Government by UNRRA and now held in Greek Government warehouses

Very considerable difficulties have been experienced in securing the release of even the small quantities of camp stores so far imported. It is understood that the majority of the items needed are held in small quantities at the Ionian Bank Warehouse, Piraeus, from which the Ministry of Welfare has made efforts to release them but without success. Work is now in progress to list the stores which are available, and it is understood that the signature of Mr. Sarantis is required before we can take delivery. Mr. Ballance, UNRRA Director for Region A, has been negotiating this matter with Mr. Sarantis on our behalf. Mr. Ballance tells us that he hopes Mr. Sarantis will be able to release the first camp stores by the middle of this week; but it is our conviction that everything possible should be done to hasten this process since the first assembly centre at Hadjikyriakion Orphanage has now been running for three weeks almost without equipment of any kind. It is our understanding that the great majority of all such stores shipped into Greece in the future will be stored in the first place in warehouses in Region A, and will have to be released through this same machinery. It is suggested that the Ministry of Repatriation and UNRRA Displaced Persons Division might agree on all requests for stores and might then negotiate, a, the Ministry of Repatriation with the Ministry of Supply and the Displaced Persons Division with the Director of Region A, so that no obstacles are encountered to the release of stores.

b) Camp Stores from UNRRA sources in the Middle East

Negotiations have been completed with the Director of UNRRA Middle East Office for the transfer to Greece at the earliest possible moment of complete camp equipment for 20,000 persons. Supplies for 5,000 are scheduled to go to the Aegean Islands, and for 15,000 to the mainland. It must be emphasized, however, that even the first of these supplies cannot be expected for at least three weeks or a month.

c) Supplies advanced for these purposes by the British military authorities

Attempts have been made by this office to secure from the British army any camp equipment which they can spare. A small amount of camp stores has already been advanced by the Ordnance Branch of Headquarters, Land Forces Greece, and is now stored in Hadjikyriakion Orphanage.

The question of whether these stores are to be returned or bought outright remains for later settlement. Meanwhile, the British authorities are aware that our work still requires large quantities of camp stores as soon as they can afford to let us have further supplies.

d) Possibility of obtaining supplies from Greek National Guard

In view of the gravity of the present emergency and the very small amounts of equipment available from other sources, it is suggested that a firm request be made to the National Guard to lend all the camping equipment which it can spare to the Ministry of Repatriation for the care of refugees. Tentage appears to be almost essential in view of the shortage of suitable buildings, and if enough supplies are available it would be desirable to have three tented camps, each for 3,000 persons, at Florina, Salonica, and Athens. Supplies of camp cooking equipment are needed equally urgently and might be borrowed from the same source. A note below suggests that the National Guard might also be willing to lend a transport company with trucks to the Ministry of Repatriation to assist in refugee movements.

3. CLOTHING

The problem in the field of clothing is to increase stocks held in the various regions by the expected increase of refugee population, and to extend the existing distribution machinery to cope with the incomers. Stocks of gift clothing held in Macedonia have already been largely increased and attempts are being made to issue to those in need as they cross the frontier. Here in Athens Mr. Linney of this office has been negotiating through the UNHRA representative on the Central Clothing Committee to have nation-wide allocations of clothing reserved for displaced persons. It would be desirable for the Ministry of Repatriation to enter official bids with that Committee for the reservation and release of suitable stocks. It is our suggestion, and Mr. Linney has already given provisional notification of this, that stocks should be reserved as follows:

Capital area	10,000	sets of clothing
Patras	5,000	" " "
Salonica	15,000	" " "

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4. STAFF

Assembly centres are already in existence in Athens, Salonica and Patras. Others are clearly going to be necessary in those cities and also at points between Florina and the capital. All of these centres are at the moment short of Greek staff. It would be our suggestion that the Ministry of Repatriation representatives in these areas should be aware of the necessity for the appointment of suitable staff, and should be equipped with powers and financial support to take these steps.

5. FUNDS

In emergency operations of this kind, where large groups of refugees are liable to arrive on the Greek frontier or in Greek ports without previous warning, it appears necessary that the local representatives of the Ministry of Repatriation should possess adequate credits for them to be able to take all measures, including the setting up of assembly centres, without previous reference to Athens. It would appear urgently necessary that the Ministry should delegate representatives to Patras, Salonica and Volos at once, and to certain other places on the main routes of Greece as

soon as possible. In the past, experience has shown that many weeks of effort were required before the Ministry of Welfare could obtain from the Ministry of Finance the funds necessary for such purposes as the repair of buildings required for assembly centres. It must be made possible for work of this kind to proceed at once as soon as need arises.

6. TRANSPORT

a) Road transport

Very small numbers of refugees can be moved by existing military and other road services. It is urgently necessary that a transport unit should be formed specifically for the purpose of moving refugees arriving in Macedonia to their homes in the south of Greece, and also for work in connection with the distribution of stores and supplies. It must be said that all movement of stores for the existing assembly centre in Piraeus and the movement of refugees to and from that building have so far been done by UNRRA trucks.

b) Sea transport

There are still considerable difficulties in obtaining shipping for movement of civilians. Under existing arrangements, only very small numbers can be moved in coastal shipping, for example from Salonica to Piraeus. Mr. Linney has seen Admiral Matsasis on this subject and we understand that a fund is available to the local authority in Salonica from which refugees can draw the money necessary to pay their fare by sea to Piraeus. We suggest a) that this arrangement be extended to cover movement between all ports which will be concerned with transfers of refugees, and b) that as soon as possible some coastal shipping should be specifically reserved for such movements.

7. ASSEMBLY CENTRES

It is clear that the number of assembly centres throughout Greece must be increased at the quickest possible rate. It appears to us that the most urgent matters in order of priority are a) the establishment of a large and properly equipped reception camp at Florina, b) considerable expansion of assembly centre accommodation in Athens, and c) the establishment of properly equipped staging points between a and b.

With regard to a, a camp at Florina, no doubt Your Excellency's representative in Macedonia will be actively cooperating with our representative, Mr. Montgomery, in this matter as soon as possible. As for b, Athens assembly centres, it appears that we should aim at a figure of accommodation for 5,000 persons at any one time. Half of this accommodation might be properly equipped with all facilities for an extended stay, while the other half might be emergency dormitory accommodation. The present position is that Hadjikyriakion Orphanage is in operation and has a capacity of approximately 350. Two other buildings are now at our disposal; the Primary School at Amarousi, and the TTT building, Larissa Barracks. Repair work on both of these is most urgently needed. Our staff are actively investigating the possibility of further buildings and have already secured rough dormitory accommodation for possibly 250 more persons near Larissa Station. Additional accommodation and repair work to existing accommodation must be put in hand without any delay. The urgency of this matter is stressed by the fact that we have to assemble and despatch to the United States 500 refugees of American nationality within the next fortnight and three days.

With regard to c, staging points between Florina and Athens, our staff in Macedonia are sending an exploratory mission as far as Kozani to investigate suitable premises for the first such staging point there. We should be glad to plan with Your Excellency expeditions from the capital area to investigate other sites for this purpose.

8. RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS

The matter of reception arrangements in Athens for Greek citizens returning from Central Europe was discussed on Monday by Your Excellency and Mr. Linney. We believe you both agreed on the absolute urgency of replacing the existing provision of offices to deal with this matter at 8 Karagiori tis Serbias by a higher-powered organisation directly controlled by your office which would have authority to secure the issue of ration cards without delay to those returning to their homes and to secure the immediate issue of clothing to those in need, and to control the admission to assembly centres of those who need temporary accommodation pending complete repatriation. If this can be done, the main legitimate grievance of the returning refugees will be eliminated. The subsidiary problems will then remain of a) extending these services to the other main centres of population which will handle numbers of such displaced persons, and b) setting up, under your department, machinery to control the entry of foreign nationals into assembly centres and to register them pending their repatriation to their own countries. In this matter, as we have already assured Mr. Cambas under the previous régime, the resources of this office which has so far controlled this machinery will, as long as is possible for us, remain available to your own organisation.

9. PROCLAMATION FOR REGISTRATION OF DISPLACED FOREIGN NATIONALS

It was agreed in April by the competent committee under Mr. Pemmazoglou's chairmanship which the Government set up to advise the Ministry of Welfare on this matter that a public proclamation should be issued by the Government, district by district, requesting foreign nationals to register with their local office of the Ministry of the Interior or of UHRA. The exact location of registration now remains to be discussed between us in the light of the regional organisation which your Ministry may decide to set up.

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10. CHANNELING OF OVERSEAS NEGOTIATIONS ON REFUGEE MOVEMENTS

The orderly and coordinated return of refugees from abroad is of considerable importance in order that proper consultation and warning should precede the refugees' arrival and the necessary preparations be made. During the last three months the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Social Welfare, and Finance, and the Greek General Staff have all been communicating, often with different representatives abroad and often in a contradictory way. It is of the utmost importance, in order to avoid confusion in other countries which is not of assistance either to the repatriation programme or to the prestige of the Greek Government, that all relations with foreign countries on repatriation matters should be channeled through one source. In our view it would be wise for the Minister of Repatriation to ask His Excellency, the Prime Minister, to circulate an instruction to all Ministries that all communications on repatriation matters with foreign countries, and instructions sent on this subject to Greek representatives abroad, should be channeled through the Ministry of Repatriation. UHRA has been appointed by all countries as the international coordinating agency for all refugee movements and puts its international repatriation service at the disposal of the Greek Government. Communications on the movement of

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TELEGRAM

C A I R O

8.6.45

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PAPPAS

Copy for Mr. Lippincott



6 June 1945

Mr. Buell F. Maben, Chief of Mission

Letter to Prime Minister

1. I received yesterday from Dr. Kirk your memorandum of May 31st to bureau chiefs asking for some data on outstanding matters for your proposed letter to the Prime Minister.
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cc: Mr. Lippincott
Dr. KirkEvert Barger
Director

(By courtesy of
Mr. Lippincott)

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2 June 1945

His Excellency, Undersecretary to the Prime Minister

Greek Government Representation in Egypt on
Repatriation Matters

1. Your Excellency will recall that on May 15th a meeting was held in the office of the Minister of Welfare at which M. Sbarounis, M. Bernadis and Your Excellency were present, together with Mr. Lippincott, myself, and certain members of my staff. It was agreed that not more than 3,000 refugees from the Middle East could be absorbed per month in the Aegean Islands and that I should telegraph to my Deputy Director, Mr. Holcomb, who was in Cairo, instructing him to proceed in that sense in his discussions with our Cairo office and the military authorities in Egypt. On the following day I sent Your Excellency a copy of the telegram which I despatched. M. Bernadis was about to proceed to Cairo with similar instructions to meet the appropriate authorities and Mr. Holcomb.

2. I am sorry to say that when M. Bernadis appeared on the scene in Egypt, he agreed to proposals put forward by GHQ Cairo that a total of 14,000 refugees should be despatched to the islands within the next two months from Egypt and Palestine, and that he cabled Your Excellency's Government urging adoption of this plan. It was with the utmost difficulty that Mr. Holcomb and our Cairo office were able to persuade GHQ Cairo that M. Bernadis was unfamiliar with conditions in the islands and was not representing the decision taken here by the Greek Government in consultation with ourselves at the meeting referred to above. Fortunately, a telegram reached me on this matter when I was in Mitylene at the conclusion of a tour which I have made of the Aegean Islands, and I was able to telegraph to Cairo to

assure all concerned that it was the unanimous opinion of all the local authorities, the military commanders in the islands, and ourselves, that the schedule of 3,000 refugees per month was an absolute maximum in view of the political and economic conditions which I myself had been able to see at first hand.

3. I may add that Captain Triantaphilou appeared from Alexandria at one of these conferences with GHQ in Cairo and stated that he, and not M. Bernadis, was the Greek Government's accredited representative in Egypt on refugee questions.

4. I think Your Excellency will agree from the above facts that this is a case in which there has been an exceptional measure of administrative muddle, and that M. Bernadis acted in a way which was not conducive to the Greek Government's credit in the eyes of the military authorities or our office in Cairo; that he multiplied the difficulties of getting this important matter settled satisfactorily to the Greek Government and ourselves, and that he acted entirely contrary to the instructions which Your Excellency and M. Sbarounis gave him in my presence. I feel that in these circumstances Your Excellency would be well advised to consider the recall of M. Bernadis and Capt. Triantaphilou and their replacement by someone capable of representing decisions taken here by the Greek Government in consultation with ourselves. After what has happened, I think it is clear that M. Bernadis is not in a position to do this.

Evert Barger, Director
Displaced Persons Div.

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2 June 1945

Mr. Buell F. Haben, Chief of Mission

Letter to Prime Minister

1. It is with some disappointment and misgiving that I have learned that you do not feel that the moment is opportune to send the letter which I drafted for the Prime Minister on the present grave situation with regard to refugees arriving in Greece. I fully appreciate that the needs of one Division must be subordinated to the general problems of UNRRA's relations with the Greek Government and to the present critical situation. I feel, however, that I should be failing in my duty if I did not advise you of the very serious consequences that must inevitably follow in my sphere of work if we are unable to face the Greek Government with this issue in the next day or two.

2. Every day an average of a thousand refugees are arriving on the Greco-Yugoslav frontier, some of whom are not Greeks but of mixed United Nations nationalities to whom UNRRA has clearest responsibility. Others are expected in Patras and other places in Greece. We have, moreover, undertaken to the American Embassy, and we could not refuse to do so without breaking our charter, to collect and maintain throughout Greece within the next two or three weeks some 500 destitute American citizens who are to be repatriated to the United States on the Gripsholm. The refugee situation grows graver every day, and if we and the Greek Government are not able to get control of it immediately there is very little hope of the Displaced Persons Division being able to do a job in Greece.

3. For five weeks we have been attempting, with all the forces at the command of a body of advisers, to persuade the Greek Government to set up machinery for assembly centres, camps, staging posts, clearance stations, ration cards, and clothing and medical attention throughout Greece. Our efforts have, in general, failed, whether through our fault or the Greek Government's, and utter disorganisation and lack of action now confronts us on every side. Moreover, the situation on the supplies which UNRRA and MI brought in on the CCAC programme for this very purpose, can justly be described as tragic. The necessary authorisations were asked for and received from all authorities whom the UNRRA Supply Division told us were appropriate. This Division, as instructed, prepared schedules and had them agreed by all departments of UNRRA and the Greek Government concerned. The Ministry of Welfare as the operating body composed a letter to the Agricultural Bank at the suggestion of the Supply Division requesting the release of stocks according to our schedules, and the matter has since been referred to Mr. Christoforou and other advisers of the National Bank, Mr. Paraskevopoulos, the Minister of Supply, the Undersecretary to the Prime Minister through your own office, the Minister of Finance, the Region A Director and Supply Officer, the Chief Warehouse Officer and his deputy, the Deputy Chief of Mission for Supply and Distribution and his deputy, the Officer in Charge of the Ionian Bank Warehouse, and many other authorities.

4. 350 persons for whom we are responsible have already been living for a fortnight in the Orphanage without a single stick of equipment, equipment which lies in warehouses near at hand. It is only thanks to the unorthodox exertions of the Director of Region A that a small and intermittent supply of food has been obtained for these persons.

5. In these circumstances, our action in every way is paralyzed at a time when the situation grows each day more overwhelming. I feel, therefore, that this Division is not able to carry out its functions and cannot accept responsibility for the task assigned to it.

Evert Barger
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16 May 1945

Mr. R. E. Lippincott

Appointment of Greek Govt. Official on Refugee Matters

1. I should be grateful if you could persuade the Under-Secretary to the Prime Minister to act at once upon his proposal to appoint a senior official of his office to take charge of all refugee questions.

2. At present the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Social Welfare are all engaged in refugee matters with little or no coordination between their respective activities. The Ministry of Social Welfare has some machinery, through its local representatives, and some money with which to relieve Greek refugees returning from abroad. It also has a special budget granted by the Ministry of Finance for the project we placed before them for United Nations nationals in Greece. Repatriation arrangements from Egypt are made by all three Ministries through their respective representatives in Egypt.

3. The appointment of a senior official of the Prime Minister's office would not solve my problem unless a) he were armed with powers to coordinate the activities of the other Ministries and he were, in fact, a bottleneck for their communications to foreign countries in connection with refugee problems; b) the Ministry of Social Welfare set up a small special department to deal with practical measures for foreign nationals awaiting repatriation in this country and Greeks repatriated to Greece. I have urged this again and again upon Mr. Sbarounis and Mr. Combas, the Vice-Minister; they have promised to do so, but refugee affairs are still in the hands

of a comparatively junior official, with the result that they are handled in a slow and disorganised way and I myself have to take up the Minister's and the Vice-Minister's time in endless conferences on matters which it should be possible to settle on a lower level.

cc: Mr. Linney

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By a copy of the letter to the Minister of the Interior, dated 1951

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Mr. R. E. Lippincott

Appointment of Greek Official on Refugee Matters

1. Many thanks for your memorandum of May 10th. I am extremely glad to know that the Under-Secretary intends to appoint an assistant on refugee matters to work with me, and I hope that he may be armed with suitable powers to achieve real coordination. Our difficulty at present, with regard to arrangements for the reception of Greek refugees from abroad, is that the Ministry of Social Welfare, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Finance are all acting in watertight compartments and do not pool their information or coordinate their actions. I suggest that you welcome in the warmest terms the Under-Secretary's proposal.
2. I am having the Greek document translated and I will report to you about the man proposed in the course of today.
3. I have already seen the cable from the Swiss Minister in Bern with regard to Greek refugees in Switzerland. I have written to London today (see attached letter on the subject), but I have already unsuccessfully pressed the Minister of Finance to secure further details and I wonder whether the Under-Secretary could see that information is obtained from the Swiss Minister in Bern. I suggest you inform the Under-Secretary of the contents of our communication to London.
4. I am glad that the Under-Secretary has sent a telegram to the Middle East stating that Holcomb is empowered as our agent and should be consulted on all matters on the spot. I have asked Holcomb to see all the Greek representatives in the Middle East concerning this matter.

5. Holcomb has made an extremely good report from Cairo from which it is clear that he has established complete agreement with Col. Hyde and is in a position therefore to get everything settled with GHQ. The latter ask that we should make a new schedule for return of refugees during the next three or four months, and I have asked Holcomb to stay in Cairo until I am able to discuss that with the Greek Government and give him instructions in the light of which everything can be tied up in Cairo and existing difficulties and divergencies of view removed. For me to do this effectively, I really need the Under-Secretary to delegate somebody with authority over all refugee questions at once, and I should be glad if you could fix that in order that I may let Holcomb know what the position is at the beginning of next week.

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Athens, 10th May, 1945

To : Evert Barger

From : Office of Chief of Mission.
R.E. Lippincott

Subject:

The other day while talking to the Under-Secretary he told me the following:

- a. There had been some confusing requests from the Middle East for advice on Refugee movements, and he, the Under-Secretary, drafted a cable to the Middle East saying that Holcomb was your fully empowered Agent and should be consulted and matters would be settled on the spot.
- b. That he the Under-Secretary proposed to employ someone to assist him on all Refugee matters and to work very closely with you. That before he did so he would like us to have a chance to look at the man's record and give him some informal advice on his technical competence. I believe the attached document is that record. If you are interested you might get it translated and we can figure out the next move from there.
- c. The attached translation of a cable sent to the Prime Minister is for your information and does not, I think, require any action.
- d. Here is a translation of the Berne cable on Ref gees in Switzerland. Would you let me know

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
HUMANITARIAN MISSION
HEADQUARTERS

Geneva, 10 June 1948

Dear Sir:

Office of Chief of Mission
J. J. [unclear]

what I ought to tell the Under-Secretary?

The following is a list of the information
which I have received:

1. There has been some considerable progress in the
field of relief for refugees on the Italian peninsula, and
the Under-Secretary, during a visit to the
field, has seen that the work is being carried out
in a most efficient manner and that the refugees are
being well looked after.

2. The Under-Secretary has also seen that the
work of the United Nations is being carried out in a
most efficient manner and that the refugees are
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3. The attached translation of a cable sent to the
Under-Secretary is for your information and does
not, I think, require any action.

4. There is a translation of the letter sent on
10 June 1948, which you have already seen.