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TO: Michail Menshikov

FROM: Fred K. Hoehler

Mr. Leonard called our office to ask for information relative to the Inter-Allied Repatriation Commission. This Commission was organized in London by a group of the European governments located in Great Britain. As near as I can gather the real purpose of the commission was to enable it to work independently of the so-called Inter-Allied Committee on Repatriation which was organized under Sir Frederick Leith-Ross. Its objective was to enable the governments to cooperatively develop plans for the repatriation of their countrymen who have been displaced by Axis operations and tyranny. The Commission had met several times before a representative of UNRRA was invited to participate in their discussions. The original participation of UNRRA came about when I was asked to sit in on a meeting quite unofficially.

At that time I requested the Commission to let us in UNRRA have copies of their plans for repatriation with a hope that we could coordinate them and, if possible, interpret their plans to the Army. This they agreed to readily and I set about to act as an Intermediary between the Allied Expeditionary Force Headquarters in London and the representatives of the various government repatriation commissions. At one of the early meetings of the Military Forces and the individuals who represented the government repatriation authorities, I invited representatives from the U.S.S.R. (Counsellor C. Zinchensco), U. S. Embassy (Mr. Avery F. Peterson) and the U. K.

Attached is the list of official members of the Repatriation Commission representing the various governments. This list may have changed since I left London but I think any change would be in only one or two instances.

Attachment

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Official Members of the Repatriation Commission representing the various governments:

Belgium	Mr. A. Delierneux, 95 Eaton Square, S.W.1
Czechoslovakia	Dr. A. Kunosi, 53 Cadogan Gardens, S.W.3
France	Mr. F. Forestier, 3 St. James Square, W.1
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Norway	Mr. H. Hoelstad, Kingston House, Princes Gate, S.W.7
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Greece	Mr. A. Adossides, Aldford House, Park Street, W.1
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