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I: Report from Udine:

1. On 11 April 1946 the Italian Finance Guards of the Camporosso (Tarvisio) Brigade held in custody the following Jews who had arrived from Bulgaria and Hungary:

a) Zigu ROSEMBLANT, di Misu and Ettj ROSEMBLANT, born at Bucharest on 24 February 1926, living at No. 116, Calea Dudesti, Bucharest.

b) Oscar WEISMANN, di Giorgio and Etal EICKMANN, born at Budapest on 19 October 1927, student, living at No. 16, Ferrj-Oscar-Utca, Budapest.

c) Alfredo SIGNER, di Lulins and Mali, born at Bucharest on 24 September 1924, living at No. 16, Calea Vacaresti, Bucharest.

d) Lazor BAUSTEIN, di Adolf and Golda, born at Bucharest on 6 January 1926, living at No. 16, Via Laborator, Bucharest.

e) Lazar ADALBERT, di Ruth, born at Tinisvara (Rumania) on 24 October 1924, living at No. 5, Via Decebal, Tinisvara.

f) Moritz DAVIDIVICI, di Isak and Bella, born at Bucharest on 7 August 1925, living at No. 77, Via Vacaresti, Bucharest.

g) Evensdol GRUNFELD, di Mozes and Reza, born at Debretzin (Rumania) on 23 September 1921, living at No. 11, Via Simenfigasse, Debretzin.

h) Mihail SELEMAN, di Ferez and Reza, born at Debreczen on 12 July 1922, living at No. 7 - Atca, Via Eugel Kilaitertiz, Debreczen.

i) Elias GELDENLENG, di Kapel and Rebecca, born at Mainesti (Rumania) on 1 August 1919, living at No. 17, Via SF. Petin, Mainesti.

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- j) Sander BERGHER, di Alexandin and Bertha, born at Budapest on 18 November 1927, living at No. 46, Via Nactuti, Budapest.
- k) Harri STEINER, di Gustav and Sefu, born at Galatz (Rumania) on 22 December 1925, living at No. 52, Via Volturi, Galatz.
- l) Carol KLEIN, di Stefan and Juliana, born at Arad (Rumania) on 14 July 1924, living at No. 54, Via Arad - Strada Petra Reves, Arad.
- m) Moise ZALMAN, di Salomon and Sofia, born at Bucharest on 8 July 1912, living at No. 69, Via Rainer, Bucharest.
- n) Carol ALTER, di Ilie and Maria, born at Bucharest on 10 May 1925, living at 10, Via Sticlari, Bucharest.
- o) Jon ALTER, di Ilie and Maria, born at Bucharest on 10 July 1924, living at No. 10, Via Sticlari, Bucharest.
- p) Maxim HERCOVIC, di Ghidale and Malvin, born at Vulcan (Rumania) on 26 October 1929, living at No. 1, Via Regele Carol, Vulcan.

2. The arrested persons admitted having crossed the border in the neighborhood of the Varco di Coccau on the night of 10 April 1946. They planned to report to the Jewish Committee at Milan, with a view to securing transportation to Palestine. They were placed at disposition of the Varco di Coccau FSS, who have accompanied them to Austria.

II. Report from Rome:

3. It is reported that the Palestinian Government has issued permits for the admittance into Palestine of 679 Jews from among the 1100 who were arrested at La Spezia. These 679 permits are part of the 1500 permits issued monthly by the Palestinian Government to the Jewish Committee.

4. The "Delasem" (the Jewish Committee in Rome) has received from Jerusalem the authorization for the immediate departure of the 679 Jews. The "Delasem" plans to send to Palestine the remainder of the 1100 Jews arrested at La Spezia during May 1946.

5. Reuters has announced that the American and British Governments have received a report by the Anglo-American Commission for Palestine. The report, which supports the emigration of Jews to Palestine, will be published simultaneously in London and Washington.

III. Report from Correspondents:

6. In connection with the clandestine emigration of Jew to Palestine, the ANSA reports that, on 22 April 1946, Ben HOCHT, the well-known American writer who is secretary of the League for Free Palestine, telephoned from America to a correspondent of the London Daily Mail announcing that new funds were being sent to the League. HOCHT said that "every time one of our boats succeeds in running the British blockade, we can boast of having scored a success. If only half of our boats could run the blockade, we would be well satisfied."

7. An appeal for funds, signed by Ben HOCHT, Louis BROMFIELD and Will ROGERS, appeared in the New York Times, New York Post and Chicago Sun, as well as in two newspapers in Yiddish published in New York. It read:

"The cost for the transportation of each Jew from Europe to Palestine is \$250. Give us the money and we shall arrange for the emigration of Jews to Palestine."

8. The New York Times of 23 April 1946 published an article of its London correspondent in which it was stated that the Anglo-American Commission for Palestine favors the emigration of 100,000 Jews to Palestine.

IV. Report from Udine:

9. At 1630 hours on 18 April 1946, 197 Jews crossed the line dividing the "A" and "B" zones by the Trieste-Udine train. They traveled in five box-cars. Most of them came from eastern Europe, and are former internees in German concentration camps in Poland.

10. The Jews stated that they assembled at Sesana (Trieste), since they wanted to leave Yugoslavia, where they had been kept for some days. On their arrival at Trieste, they had been held in custody by the Allied Military Police, but had been released soon afterwards. After being given a meal, they had been put in a train heading towards a town in central Italy, destination unknown.

11. They plan to go to Palestine.

12. These reports were also passed by Source to the BB-landers.

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