

POLITICAL
PRISONERS

Dec. 7/42

Dear Bob:

This is the perennial headache of what to do about our friends who have been left in the hands of the semi-Fascist local government stemming from the Vichy Collaborationists. We all, or at least the sensible ones amongst us, recognize the paramount political necessities which brought about this existing situation. The release of these persons depends on that; although there are further considerations if, and when, their release should be decided on. They are, transportation to a port of embarkation for those worth using in an army or their enrolment in a local anti-Italian or anti-German brigade which cannot repeat not be under French officers; food, clothing, and so on for those who are not physically fit for an armed unit or who are otherwise unsuitable.

Regardless of the injustice of keeping these folk in the camp indefinitely, it would be a catastrophe all around if they were prematurely released without adequate arrangements having been made in advance for caring for them physically. At least they have some sort of food and shelter where they are.

F.C.

Algiers, December 7, 1942.

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