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LIST OF INCLOSURES

- 247 PBS 6886 (Fargo 631), 31 Jan 44, fr Fargo - Hq AMG ACMF will physically cease to exist morning Thursday, 3 February.
- 248 FA 981, 31 Jan 44, fr Hq ACMF fr AMG - Correspondence previously addressed AMG ACMF will be addressed MAIN HQ ACC APO 394. Signals to FARGO.
- 249 31 Jan 44, fr Freedom - Copies of cables, etc. concerning evacuation, repatriation of, other movements of displaced persons, to be sent to Advanced G-2 (CI) for Bennett for info.
- 250 2249, 1 Feb 44, to Fargo - Understood that Colonel Robinson will carry out orders received by him from Colonel Kirkwood.
- 251 PBS 6955 (Fargo 650), 1 Feb 44, fr Gen MacFarlane - Inform POW Sub-Commission that Generals MacFarlane and Alexander order them to take orders from and do exactly as required by Colonel Kirkwood.
- 252 PBS-7038 (Fargo 662), 1 Feb 44, fr Fargo fr Spofford - Harbor masters in Sicily.
- 253 PBS 7031 (Fargo 660), 1 Feb 44, fr Fargo - Inform Major Allworth that British Administrative and Regimental Headquarters will be absorbed in HQ ACC Naples. Holding center only will be located Brindisi.
- 254 46277, 1 Feb 44, fr Freedom - Mideast considering acceptance in Delta approx figure 450 Chetniks now in Bari. Security of operations in jeopardy.
- 255 201-Rossi, Colonel, 2 Feb 44, to Marshal Messe - Colonel Rossi's services with the Commission are no longer needed.
- 256 2 Feb 44, to Marshal Messe - Subject: "Maintenance of Discipline Among Prisoners of War."
- 257 44468, 30 Jan 44, fr Freedom - Administrative memo to be issued 31 Jan 44 making Hq ACC directly responsible for civil affairs in Sardinia and placing Allied Regional Commissioner (Sardinia) under command of HQ, ACC.
- 258 46492, 2 Feb 44, fr Freedom - Reorganizing of PW Sub-Commission and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
- 259 46353, 2 Feb 44, fr Freedom - Unwilling to accept Yugoslav or Greek Red Cross delegation. Criterion is need, and it is not desired to establish a precedent by dispensing relief to special groups.
- 260 531, 3 Feb 44, Ltr to Colonel Fitch, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission - Subject: "Repair of Damaged Rail Lines - Sicily."
- 261 46943, 3 Feb 44, fr Freedom - In reply to Italian High Command's request for amendments to turnover documents A and C.
- 262 PBS 7166 (Fargo 697), 3 Feb 44, fr Fargo - Increase of bread ration throughout liberated Italy to 200 grammes a day is authorized.
- 263 PBS 7167, (Fargo 699), 3 Feb 44, fr Fargo fr Gen MacFarlane - Inform PW and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and also Harcourt of SOE that recruiting of Yugoslavs for Partisan Army must be confined to ex-prisoners of war or internees. Soldiers of Italian Army not to be approached.
- 264 2265, 4 Feb 44, to Fargo personal for MacFarlane - On the understanding that you are discussing with Gen Alexander proposed transfer 1 Italian Coastal Division from Sardinia to Sicily, Brig. Duchesne is taking no action.

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- 265 4 Feb 44, Ltr to Colonel Kirkwood, PW and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Bari - Recruiting of Yugoslavs for Partisan Army must be confined to internees and ex-prisoners of war. Italian soldiers not to be approached.
- 266 4 Feb 44, Ltr to Fotali, Taranto - Subject: "Bisconti, General Antonio." 2 Incls: 1-Ltr, Hq ACMF; 2-Ltr, FMQ Milit Intell Serv, 21 Jan 44. Reports on character of General Bisconti and his dealings as a Fascist and with the Germans.
- 267 4011 and 60/5012, 3 Feb 44, fr Disper Bari - New address for Displaced Persons Sub-Commission is DISPER BARI.
- 268 2270, 5 Feb 44, to Freedom rptd Fargo, Flambo - Archbishop of Bari states that he has replied to Holy See thru Mons Walter S. Carroll.
- 269 2273, 5 Feb 44, to Fargo - Funeral parade at Taranto without incident.
- 270 Memo to General MacFarlane, 4 Feb 44 - Reports on arrest of Questore of Taranto.
- 271 450.3, 5 Feb 44, Ltr to Colonel Sisley, 2 District, Bari - Subject: "Arrest of Colonel Acampora." (In re distribution of Fascist literature).
- 272 816 T QVR 2, 5 Feb 44, fr Hq AMG Region 2 - Situation Taranto. Saturday morning normal. Mayne and Fatima Reer have always been in complete control of situation.
- 273 47729, 5 Feb 44, fr Devers - Cannot agree to the release of Spofford.
- 274 48057, 6 Feb 44, fr Freedom - In re the use of Papal Seminaries for hospitals.

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FBs 6880

631 (Fargo)

Jan 311525A

Feb 010050A

AFHQ, HBS (70007) FOR ACTION TO HQ ACME FATIMA REAR, FATIMA FORWARD
FOR INFO

subject reference our Fargo 901 dated 25 Jan. HQ AMB ACME will physically
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FA 981

HQ ACOMF FROM APO

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FEB 010750A

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FATIMA REAR FATIMA FORWARDS

As from 0001 hrs 2 February all correspondence previously addressed APO ACOMF
will be addressed MAIN HQ ACO APO 394. All signals will be addressed FARGO.
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FATIMA REAR CITE DESPER RPTD DISTAC FOR ADV G-2 CITE
(CI) FOR BENNETT

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FEB 011700A (AG)

Request you send copies of all cables and correspondence concerning evacuation repatriation of other movements of displaced persons to Advanced G-2 (CI) for Bennett, for information. This important in order to ensure coordination and obviate delay in matters relative travel control.

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YOUR FARGO SIX FIVE ZERO RECEIVED HERE ONE NINE ZERO FIVE CMA DELIVERED
TO COLONEL ROBINSON AT ONE NINE THREE ZERO CMA PAREN TO FARGO PERSONAL FOR
MACFARLANE FROM FATIMA FROM STONE PAREN IS UNDERSTOOD CMA AND ALL FUTURE
ORDERS RECEIVED BY HIM FROM COLONEL KIRKWOOD WILL BE CARRIED OUT ~~AS~~
~~REQUIRED~~

AUTHENTICATED:

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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FATIMA REAR FOR STONE

29/01

FBS 6955

FARGO 650

Feb 01134A

Feb 011905A

Number AG/DP/101 refers. Inform POW Sub-Commission that General Alexander and myself are accustomed to having our instructions obeyed at once. POW Sub-Commission will take its orders from me and do exactly as required by Kirkwood. If POW Sub-Commission has any suggestions to make they will make them to me and not to AFHQ. They will deal with AFHQ only on technical questions regarding POW. Inform Kirkwood and let me know when this message has been passed to POW Sub-Commission.

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FEB 0120

PENBASE (FARGO) FROM STOFFORD

FEB 0204

PATIMA REAR FOR STONE (ACTION) IBS FOR POLETTI (INFORMATION)
CITE FARGO 662.

Subject is harbor masters in Sicily. Position of Capitano di Fragata Demuro, Maggiore Nicola Barbero Forleo and Maggiore Nhusbbini is causing embarrassment. These officers being under orders from Minister of Marine are doubtful regarding Serzenas authority. Reference your letter to Ftali of 29 January. Most grateful if you will clarify situation by procuring from Ftali proper orders for above.

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FEB 012044

PENBASE (FARGO) CITE FARGO 660

FEB 021645

FATIMA REAR

Cable FATIMA No. 2239 is reference. Please inform Allworth Major that British Administrative and Regimental Headquarters will be absorbed in HQ ACC Naples. Holding center only will be located Brindisi. Allworth will not repeat not send cables direct to TIZI. Cables he desires to send will be sent to FARGO with request they be forwarded.

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FEB 021631A

ACTION PLANNED INFO NO TWO DIST. FATIMA BEAR FOR DISPER. PARCO

Mideast considering acceptance in the Delta approx figure 450 Chetniks now in Bari area considered in discussions by District 2 as jeopardizing security of operations.

Available shipping and reply to the following question asked by Mideast will determine outcome of arrangements; considering bodies in category par 1 above:

- a. Including split between officers and other ranks how many are military personnel.
- b. How many are civilians in the breakdown of (1) men of military age (2) older men (3) women (4) children.

Mideast considers:

- a. If practicable those in par 2 a and 2 b should be embarked separate ships to facilitate disposal on arrival.
- b. Chetniks and partisan refugees should be kept separate during any contemplated move.

If impossible to keep partisans and Chetniks separate during move except by shut out of one or the other consider you should determine which should move.

Will you furnish AFHQ earliest estimated figures para 2 a and b and comment on par 3 and 4.

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In reply refer to:
201 - Rossi, Colonel

2 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

Confirming information given orally to General Rossi yesterday, I am directed to inform you that while the Deputy President of the Allied Control Commission is very grateful to the Italian military authorities for having placed Colonel Rossi at his disposal as liaison officer, and equally grateful to Colonel Rossi for the excellent assistance which he has always given to the Commission, he no longer has need of Colonel Rossi's services and accordingly Colonel Rossi is at your disposal for posting elsewhere.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief of Staff

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2 February 1946

SUBJECT: Maintenance of Discipline among Prisoners of War.

His Excellency Marshal of Italy Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

Your Excellency:

1. The Commission desires to bring to your attention that in the event of a charge brought against a Prisoner of War for trial by a military court, notification has to be made by the Detaining Power to the Protecting Power that a court has been convened.

2. It would appear that as Italy is now a co-belligerent, there is no Protecting Power to whom notification can be made in regard to the trial of Italian nationals. The Commission regrets that you obtain from the Italian Government their wishes as to which body shall take the place of the Protecting Power as referred to in Articles 60, 62, 65 and 66 of the International Convention of 1929.

3. It has been suggested that these functions could be conveniently performed by the Italian Military Mission now in Algiers.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

WILLIAM H. SPURGE
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Memorandum administrative, AFHQ, will be issued on 31 January making
HQ ACC directly responsible for civil affairs in Sardinia and accordingly
placing Allied Regional Commissioner (Sardinia) under command of HQ, ACC.
In your message PIS 424 of 26 January cite FARGO 530 with your request we
are in compliance.

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ACTION TROOPERS INFO PLAMBO FATIMA PW SUB COMMISSION c/o DISTRO

Reference Troopers 62918 of 28 Jan to Freedom only. Agreed PW sub-Commission on present scale is far too big and displaced persons Sub-Commission urgently need personnel for whom at present there is no establishment. Am therefore reorganizing as under.

1. As a temporary measure PW sub-Commission is authorized to attach surplus officers and men to Displaced Persons Sub-Commission pending revision of both AG's on following lines which we are now considering.
2. Administration and Repatriation of escaped PW will be responsibility of ACMF using normal military channels, augmented as follows:
3. To ensure speedy evacuation proper welfare and documentation a small unit will be formed out of present PW Sub-Commission designated "ex-PW Administrative unit." This will consist of Hq and Reception camps near port Ceprano with small advance detachment for forward duty with armies and a small embarkation camp for personnel going Middle-East. Total strength approximately 18 officers and 30 OR's. This unit capable expansion to meet larger commitments should they eventuate.
4. Indian dominion commonwealth, etc. personnel will be attached to units in third above or disposed of after consultation with representatives concerned.

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INCOMING MESSAGE 2/3 Ref no 46492 2 Feb FROM FREEDOM CITE THQAB

5. For Fatima. New W.E. of Displaced Persons sub-Commission should be considered with a view to absorb such surplus PW sub-Commission personnel as may be suitable.

6. Request agreement.

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FREEDOM SIGNED CINC. CITE FHEAS.

MIDWEST. INFORMATION PLAMBO, PATINA REAR, PATINA FORWARD CITE
DISPER.

Unwilling to accept Yugo Slav or Greek Red Cross delegation. Reference your AI/59670 of 15th January and AI/65746 of 1st February. Red Cross relief for civilians is dispensed in Italy by AMEROS with assistance BRICHOS without discriminations as to nationality of recipients. The criterion is need, and to permit dispensation relief to special groups would be contrary to our policy and would create precedents for entry by delegation other nationalities this apart from obvious political difficulty in respect of Yugo Slav evacuees you may assure Greek and Yugo Slav authorities that necessities being distributed to their nationals on same basis all others.

Request Plambo inform AMEROS for Jefferies through D.D.M.S.

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In reply refer to:
531

3 February 1944

SUBJECT: Repair of Damaged Rail Lines - Sicily.

TO : Colonel S. E. Fitch, Internal Transportation Subcommittee.

1. Reference your letter ACC Tn/16/55 of 1st February.
2. We have here no previous correspondence on this question, and as the Under Secretary of State for Railways and Highways is at present in Naples and in process of transferring his offices to that city, will you please deal with him direct, as to confirmation of the Italian Government's intention to repair these railways and also if the expenditure has been foreseen in the budget prepared by the Minister of Finance.
3. As you know, the question of distribution of food and other supplies is critical, and in some localities lack of workmen's trains is materially affecting the Allied war effort. Repair should be reviewed with these factors in mind.
4. While in general agreement with the policy laid down in paragraph 3 of your letter under reference, Mr. Grady should be consulted for an expression of his views.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice President
Communications Section

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FEB 040055A

Herewith reply to your message OIF Fargo 635 of 1 February and to memorandum HP/G/33 of same date with its inclosures.

1. Document A, Article 1 must stand as written. Under article 13 of long terms the Italian Government must make certain things available in occupied territory. Although the territory restored becomes "non-occupied", we reserve, nevertheless, the rights stipulated in Article 1 of Document A.

2. Document A, Article 9. Redraft cannot be accepted. However, you are authorized to add at end of Article 9 these words "except as may from time to time be agreed by the Allied Powers."

3. Document A, Article 11. Redraft cannot be accepted. But you may alter old sentence to begin "any official or other representative of, in respect of any activities for official account, any agency of the United Nations, civilian or military" etc.

4. Document A, Article 13. Desired amendment cannot be accepted. Document A speaks of the restored territory as being "non-occupied." Italian amendment would limit costs recoverable to those arising from troops connected with "occupation".

5. Document C. Separation into three parts as described is acceptable.

6. Document C, Article 3. Your comment is approved. You may omit

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Incoming message re freedom, #46943, dtd 3 Feb 44, cont'd:

"except that any person" etc. at close of 1 article, and insert the above undertaking at some appropriate place in Document A. Advise this Headquarters of any textual change you may make.

7. Proclamation by Marshal Badoglio. 3rd paragraph thanks Allies in name of King and people. Our Governments have directed that it is important in connection with all proposed documents that royalty, Crown and King be not emphasized. It would appear therefore desirable that this mention of the King be omitted from the text.

8. It is to be remembered that transfer on basis of documents A, B and C as presented to Italian Government represented more favorable views than that previously taken by the two Governments, and was accepted by them only after strong recommendations of Allied C-in-C. Accordingly this Headquarters not prepared to ask JCS approval of modifications desired by Italian Government.

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FEB 031504A

PENBASE (FARGO) FOR LUSH CITE FARGO 697

FEB 040128A

INFO FOR AMG REGION I, DISTWO FOR AMG REGION II
AND V, AMG 5 ARMY, AMG 8 ARMY, FATIMA REAR ALL
FOR ACTION

The following cable is passed OK to AMG Region III and AMG Region IV.
Grain and flour position now justify increase of bread ration through-
out liberated Italy to 200 grammes a day as from February 7. You should
take action accordingly and give quiet publicity. External publicity
being handled from here. You should henceforth take every precaution
to ensure that distribution of this ration is made effectively and
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PENBASE (FARGO) FROM MACFARLANE CITE FARGO 699

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FATIMA REAR FOR CAPTAIN STONE

With reference your number 251.2 of 30 January. Inform PW and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and also Barcourt of SOE that recruiting of Yugo-slavs for partisan Army must be confined to ex-prisoners of war or internees. Under no circumstances are soldiers of the Italian Army to be approached. Without reference to Main Headquarters ACC no exceptions to this ruling will be tolerated.

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FATIMA BEAR FROM BACHMONE SIGNED MACFARLANE

THRU Personal to Macfarlane

ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU ARE DISCUSSING WITH GENERAL ALEXANDER

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF 100,000 GALLON DIVISION FROM SARGENTIA TO

RIPLY PD TO BARGO/ FROM FATHER REAR FROM INCHES STONED MACFARLANE PD

I AM TAKING NO ACTION PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.B.
Secretary of the Commission

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SUBJECT: Recruiting of Yugoslavs for Partisan Army

To : Colonel R. G. Kirkwood, PW and Displaced Persons Subcommittee
Bari

1. Confirming oral instructions, will you please advise all concerned that General MacFarlane has ruled that recruiting of Yugoslavs for Partisan Army must be confined to internees and ex-prisoners of war, and that Italian soldiers, sailors, or members of the Italian Air Force are under no circumstances to be approached.

2. No exceptions to this ruling will be tolerated without referring to Main Headquarters ACC.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief of Staff

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In reply refer to:
201 - Bisconti, General Antonio

4 February 1944

SUBJECT: BISCONTI, General Antonio

TO : PUTALI, Taranto

1. The attached reports on the subject officer are forwarded.
2. It would appear from the record inclosed that representations should be made to Admiral Barone through the Minister of Marine to consider the removal of this officer.
3. It will be noted that the complaints against this officer emanate from the Intelligence Service of the Italian Army.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

- 2 Incl:
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ACMF/LA55/1/G(Ib), 1 Feb 44
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Subject:- BISCONTI
General Antonio

Headquarters,
Allied Central Mediterranean Force
C.M.F.

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ACMF/1455/1/G(Ib).

A.C.C.

1 Feb 44.

1. Attached is a translation of a report on Subject received from the Italian Counter Intelligence Officer of General BASSO's Headquarters and passed to this Headquarters by Peninsular Base Section.

2. P.B.S. point out that as a result of an investigation of General BISCONTI's background and activities, his removal as President of the Independent Authority of NAPLES Harbour was secured through Italian Army Headquarters. Subject's record of close cooperation and personal association with the Germans, his record as an active Fascist, his professional incapacity, and the suspicion and distrust felt by both Allied and Italian personnel because of his reputed dishonest dealings made it seem impossible that he or his associate, Col. TOMASELLI, have any connection with the Port of NAPLES.

It is believed by P.B.S. that his appointment to any office, actual or honorary, would be unwise.

3. The above is passed to you for your information and such action as you deem necessary.

Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).

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Military Intelligence Service
Naples

Naples, 21 January 1944

To: Hqs., Armed Forces
of Campania.

SUBJECT: General (Royal Navy) Antonio Bisconti di Marrone.

General Antonio Bisconti di Marrone of the Royal Navy, former president of the Ente Autonomo del Porto di Napoli (Separate Port Organization of Naples) was a member of the disbanded Fascist Party since its very beginning. The fact that he took part on the march on Rome, that he was a legionary of Fiume, and had received the Sciarpa Littorio (Littorio Scarf) were made use of by him in order to gain political concessions and to achieve other ends.

Formerly in command of the port of Palermo, he managed, through the intervention of Host-Venturi with whom he was very friendly, to obtain a transfer to Naples.

In this city he was about to be promoted to the rank of General, but since this would have resulted in his being transferred, he again used the influence of the Minister Host-Venturi and other noted politicians in order to delay the promotion so that it would coincide with the formation of the Ente Autonomo del Porto di Napoli of which he managed to become president, obviously gaining a great deal.

Soon after he became president, Lt. Col. Tomaselli, who was also connected with the command of the Port of Naples, asked and was made by him director-general of the Ente Autonomo, drawing the salary of one hundred thousand liras a year.

Lt. Col. Tomaselli was considered General Bisconti's right hand man and it is said that they took part in certain dishonest dealings in which the ex-minister Host-Venturi was also connected.

General Bisconti, for example, was accused of negotiating shady deals with certain port enterprises concerning building concessions and he is also known to have handed over to Fiat a large warehouse at a price which was below the real value.

It is also said that in the modification of the building where the Ente had its headquarters, which entailed the expenditure of 4 million liras, he realized a profit. Also known is the fact that the Ente Autonomo at the time when its constitution was formed had a capital of 9 million liras which for the most part had disappeared at the time of its liquidation.

He is also known to have maintained the most friendly relations with officers of the German Navy during this war.

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Generally speaking he is known as an unscrupulous speculator, and he does not enjoy a good reputation although it is admitted that he is efficient as far as handling his affairs are concerned.

Despite the fact that recently he has been away from Naples, he has succeeded in being appointed commanding general of the Port Command personnel (Naples) in the service of the Merchant Marine.

Major of the CC.RR Capo Centro
Camillo Pecorella

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71 SUB AREA. 4 BEACH GROUP, 6 SUB AREA, FILPOT FOR ANG. (M/C No. 7/5)

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This cancels PATINA REAR CITE DISPER, cable number 2187 of 27 Jan.

NO. 60/5012 FOLLOWS;

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GLADLY AVAIL HIMSELF OF ALLIED CHANNELS TO SEND A FURTHER MESSAGE THROUGH
US IN A FEW DAYS

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CONFIRMING TELEPHONE REPORTS OF YESTERDAY TO GUETHERDOCK AND YOUR PA CIL.
THE FUNERAL PARADE AT TARANTO YESTERDAY FOUR FEBRUARY PASSED OFF WITHOUT
INCIDENT PD PAREN TO FARGO PERSONAL FOR MACFARLANE FROM FATIMA REAR FROM
STONE SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN FUNERAL WAS FOR ONE REPEAT ONE WORKER
WHO DIED AS RESULT OF $\frac{1}{2}$ FALL INTO DITCH PD SEE PARAGRAPH TWO CAPTAIN
HAWKINS REPORT SENT YOU BY COURIER FEBRUARY THREE

AUTHENTICATED:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
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4 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: General MacFarlane

Further to my memorandum of yesterday concerning the arrest of the Questore of Toronto.

I have received today the attached letter from District 2.

The "continuous bad reports", so far as I am able to make out, relate to the question of failing to secure convictions in the case of most of the police arrests, referred to in the third paragraph of my letter of yesterday.

The CC, 52 Area states that he did not ask for the arrest of the Questore and the attached letter from District 2 states only that his removal was requested.

It seems to me that the question is thus limited to the application of the "overriding power" as applied in the case of high officials.

Meanwhile the Government awaits our reply as to the reason for the Questore's arrest. If the attached letter is disclosed as representing the cause for his arrest, we may certainly expect the Government's demand for his release.

I recommend that District 2 be requested to release the Questore from arrest on the understanding that he will not be reinstated.

MILERY W. STONE
Captain USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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SUBJECT : Arrest of Questore of Taranto

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Copy to 52 Area

1. Continuous bad reports have been received by this Hq concerning the Questore of TARANTO. General DOWLER gave instructions for his arrest and internment. The arrest was to be postponed pending the arrival of 410 FSS in the area.
2. Normally civilian arrests are made in co-operation with the BADGLIO Government or its representatives but overriding powers remain in Allied hands if the military situation requires.
3. A request was received on 31 Jan by this Hq from CC 52 Area for the immediate removal of the Questore. In consequence the overriding power was exercised and FSS instructed to proceed with a representative of OCHR to the immediate execution of the arrest as ordered by GCC No 2 District.
4. This Hq had no information that it was proposed to supersede the Questore.

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Major-General
Commanding 2 District

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In reply refer to:
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5 February 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest of Colonel Acampora

TO : Colonel Sisley, Two District, Bari

1. The subject Italian officer who commands the Guardia di Finanza at Bari was arrested recently on the grounds, I am informed, of distributing Fascist literature. A protest was received from Col. Guido Jung, Under-Secretary for Finance, stating that if this officer were guilty of treasonable acts, the Italian Government would have either brought about his removal or caused his arrest.

2. In this connection, this Commission has just received an aide memoire, which is enclosed herewith. Because of the possibility that distribution of such material might unwittingly occur, as in this case, because all stocks have not been destroyed, new instructions are to be issued in this regard as set forth in the last paragraph on page two of the attached.

3. If no other charges have been brought against this officer, it would appear that the arrest was unnecessary and that he should be released. The Italian Government is prepared to reprimand him for failing to supervise the material included in the Christmas packages in question.

4. I should be grateful if you would advise me what action is taken.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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On or about December 20th, Col. Acampora gave instructions for the preparation of 320 Christmas packages, to be distributed as a gift amongst the components of the newly formed unit of the "Guardie di Finanza" in Rutigliano.

Also in view of the difficulty of finding on the market a sufficient number of small gifts to make up the necessary packages, it was decided to make use of the available small stock of stationery existing at the canteen; namely writing paper, Regimental P.C.s., and postage-free military P.C.s. For the same reason it was decided to throw in a small pamphlet of patriotic Hymns which had been printed last May for distribution on the occasion of the Anniversary of the Foundation of the Corps, falling July 5th.

The Packages were brought to Rutigliano for distribution, on the morning of December 25th.

On the same day, Colonel Acampora who happened to be at Rutigliano, having asked one of the soldiers to show him the contents of the package distributed to him, immediately noticed that the pamphlet, which he had not examined previously, contained also a number of fascist Hymns. He accordingly gave immediately instructions to the Commander of the Unit, Lt. Col. Murgia, that the pamphlet be withdrawn and the incriminated hymns cancelled.

This is confirmed in the enclosed statement by Col. Murgia, himself who has also pointed out, however, that in carrying out these orders, a number of packages may have been overlooked. (Enclosure N. 1)

It is beyond all doubt that there was no intention on the part of Col. Acampora or his officers of distributing fascist propaganda. The inclusion of the pamphlet was purely due to an oversight, or rather to the fact of not having taken the precautionary measure of causing its previous careful examination.

The same applies to the free-postage P.C., bearing an inscription signed "Mussolini". The fact also being that such inscriptions had become so common, that they were more often than not passed unnoticed.

It is believed that denunciation against Col. Acampora may have been made by revenue officer Michele Lattanzio. The latter is at present under arrest on the charge of continued theft. (Enclosure N. 2)

Instructions are under way in order to call the attention of all Italian authorities on the immediate necessity of a thorough examination of all printed matter still existing in depots or in circulation, in order to eliminate all that contains references which might have a propaganda value in favour of the fascist regime.

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Enclosure No. 1

AFFLUENCE (?) CENTER ROYAL REVENUE GUARDS
OF RUTIGLIANO

DECLARATION

By request, I declare as follows:

Last Christmas there were distributed by order of HQ of the 11th Legion of the Royal Revenue Guards "SALENTINA" (Bari) a certain number of gift packages, to the Royal Revenue Guards Battalion of Rutigliano, under my command; these packages were delivered in a small Legion truck and given to the adjutant major, in the presence of Battalion officers and Col. Acampora, who had come to greet the battalion, composed mostly of men from other units and from units still in enemy territory.

These gift packages, as well as I can remember, contained: stationery, patriotic post cards of the Corps, dried figs, marmalade and a small pamphlet, a collection of patriotic and military songs (I do not know whether all packages had this last item).

I was able to find this out by examining some packages of the men who had already received them; Col. Acampora was present, and gave orders that, in regards to the songs, all fascist anthems should be deleted. This was done on the following days, even for those in the hands of the men who were in the hospital, or absent for other reasons.

Regarding this matter, although all the men had been prohibited from singing any fascist song, I repeatedly requested my battalion officers to personally oversee the deletions, even of the word "duce", included in the "Prayer of the Revenue Guard", I was informed of the deletions, I well remember, (while I was in bed, under doctor's orders, because of a leg lesion caused by a fall) in the first days of January, and this because I was anxious that no pamphlet should escape the order of deletions.

So much for the truth.

The Lt. Col. ex-Commander
of the Battalion

/s/ Murgia

Sgt Sorisi - Transl.
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Enclosure No. 2

HQ. AFFLUENCE (?) CENTER, ROYAL REVENUE GUARDS OF RUTIGLIANO

Resume of charges against Revenue officer LATTANZIO Michele, in regards to stolen military clothing and equipment:

This revenue Officer was caught stealing a coat, shirts, under-clothing, and personal articles of other officers and men, of leaving the post while restricted to quarters, on two different occasions, and stolen articles were found in houses of civilians, who were also put under charges, as receivers of stolen goods.

Two separate charges were made against the defendant, for thefts occurring within a few days of each other.

THE LT. COL. COMMANDING,

/s/ Francesco Murgia

Rutigliano, 31 January 1944

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RE, AMB REGION 2 FROM REPORTED FROM SMITH

FARGO RTD BATTLE REAR, DISTRO REGION 2

Situation Toronto Saturday morning normal. No need for emergency
measures. Strongly recommend Region 2 stand down. Your 608 refers.
Wayne and Patricia Rear have always been in complete control situation.
Returning Sunday. Region 2 and Distro informed.

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FARKO FOR GENERAL MASON MACFARLANE RPTD FATIMA REAR
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Look at your PBS 7246 of 4 February cite Fargo 714.

I regret that I cannot at present agree to the release of Spofford from
this theatre as I have him in mind for an important potential assignment.
Hope to give you final answer within 14 days.

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Reference DCAO 8800 of 12 Jan.

1. You will have seen our 42202 of 24 Jan regarding the use of Papal seminaries for hospitals.

2. The following general considerations are operative:

(A) In virtue of our military occupation of all south Italy we are entitled to requisition any property required for military or similar purposes. This right is independent of our rights under the Armistice and is not affected by the fact that an Italian Civil Administration may be functioning in the district concerned; It is also in no way affected by the Lateran Treaty.

(B) For political reasons it is desirable that in districts administered by the Italian Government any requisition of Papal property should be effected by the Italian authorities on our behalf.

(C) It is also desirable that the Vatican should be informed that a requisition of their property in Southern Italy is being carried out. It is not however necessary to obtain the Vatican's consent in advance.

(D) In view of the President's message of July 10, which amounts to an undertaking that the Allied authorities will treat vatican property throughout Italy as having extra territorial character, it is essential that force should not be used either by the Allied Military authorities or by the Italian authorities on their behalf, to eject the occupants from requisitioned premises which are the property of the vatican.

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3. In the case of the Molfetta seminary, premises have been duly requisitioned by Italian Government (see Fatima 1958 of Jan 13), and Vatican have been notified by British Minister. Only obstacle is difficulty in finding alternative accommodation for occupants which is possibly increased by their unco-operative attitude. Instructions from the Vatican to the Archbishop of Bari to co-operate with the Allied Military authorities in arranging for the handover of the seminary were contained in letter to Allied Control Commission 443-386. 2 of 18 Dec. If further instructions to the Archbishop are to be sent it is essential that a reply from him to the Vatican's communication should first be obtained (see Freedom cable to Fatima rear 45323 of 31 Jan)

4. As regards Benevento seminary, there is no reason why requisition should not be imposed forthwith. This Headquarters should be informed by cable of action being taken in order that arrangements may be made for British Minister to notify the Vatican. Alternative accommodation will have to be found for the inmates. If any message or instructions from the Vatican are required, this Headquarters will endeavour to obtain them through the British Minister.

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