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Subject: Loss of Money

To: G.I.

1 December 43

From: Headquarters Commandant

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Reference attached correspondence.

It would seem by the statement made by the infant VICARNA, that the money was stolen by some children. I consider that the Driver is blameless, and by his statement, took every precaution to protect the money. The children were apparently trained thieves, and their methods might surprise any ordinary individual.

While it cannot be said that Lt. Hutchins is entirely blameless, the circumstances are such that I strongly recommend that he be charged to the Public. This Officer is most conscientious, reliable and trustworthy, and it would indeed be a great hardship if he had to bear the loss.

Reference Para 4 attached letter Camp Commandant. I have given instructions that the money, found in possession of the Driver be returned.

The matter is now in the hands of the Civil Police who are making investigations.

In the Field,
EMV/AR.

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S.R. MOSE YENNON,
Lt. Colonel;
Headquarters Commandant.

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SUBJECT: 60,000 Lire Case

TO: Lt. Col. Moss-Vernon, Hq. Cndt.

1. This date Maj. SEARLE, Palermo Prefettura, reported that 20,000 Lire had been recovered.
2. Investigation is continuing.

J. W. Evans
Capt., M.I.

Security Officer

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ARMY AIR FORCE DISTRICT
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2 December 1943

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SUBJECT: Security Report, Month November 1943.

TO : Chief of Staff, AAG.

1. Installations.

a. Reference par. 1 a of Security Report 31 October 1943. No further manifestation of practical "decoding" has developed; case is, therefore, closed.

b. Banca d'Italia, Palazzo Randazzo, and 6 Via Bari are now under twenty-four hour armed guard.

c. Operations plan in case of emergency (paratroop attack, amphibian landing, or civil disturbances) has been submitted separately.

2. Classified Documents.

a. Security guards continue to find classified (protected) documents unattended. There were six (6) such violations reported during first half of month, and fifteen (15) during second half. Twenty of these violations were committed by officers of field grade. Six such breaches of Security occurred in Banca d'Italia, 3rd floor, Public Safety Sub-Commission. Security Officer personally investigated and talked with officers concerned; in the majority of cases adequate safeguarding facilities were present but had not been used. (In one case an unparaphrased copy of a Secret cable was left overnight in unlocked desk drawer, when a lock box was nearby in same room; in another case a similar situation appeared, but this time the drawer locked -- with key left protruding.)

b. AOB Directive No. 1, although SECRET, was delivered open and without proper receipt in two reported cases (see letter this office dated 14 November 1943). Message Center Officer was advised, and took proper corrective action.

c. A CONFIDENTIAL paper was found on the Bulletin Board of the Officers' Mess. Mess Officer was cautioned to prevent any repetition in the future. Since paper was originally overclassified, and was subsequently compromised, it was reclassified.

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d. Comment: On 4 November 1943 "AMG Security Manual (Provisional)" was distributed within this command. At this writing, AMG-ACC Security Manual is being printed. Twenty-five additional lock-boxes have been ordered. Ignorance of regulations and lack of facilities for safeguarding documents should no longer be a valid excuse.

3. Censorship.

Violations of military censorship regulations by officers of U. S. Contingent have occasioned disciplinary action under 104th A.R.

4. Security of Personnel.

a. Loose Talk. AMG-ACC personnel continue to be indiscreet in conversation. (Security posters recently arrived and posted may show effect next month.)

b. Rumors:

- (1) Hq. moving shortly to NAPLES. (Restricted Memo of 28 November 1943 made this common knowledge.)
- (2) SICILY to be turned over to the Italians with ensuing bloodshed.
- (3) In case of civil disturbances Seventh Army will immediately shoot to kill.
- (4) CAIRO Conference renews talk of early peace.

c. Civilian Comment: Allies came here to "liberate" SICILY, but we aren't free now, and the same people in power under the Fascists are still in power now. "At least under the Fascists we had bread and pasta." (Public opinion on this point has noticeably deteriorated within past month, as shown by several riots in nearby towns, e.g. TRABIA. It is alleged that riot is being organized for PALERMO within fortnight - in this connection see Operations Plan mentioned par. 1 g.)

G.A.O.s in the field are isolated and defenceless. It is again recommended that a small garrison, say one platoon, be furnished each Province.

cc to: Security Intelligence.

J. M. EVANS,
Capt., S.I.,
Security Officer.

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