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PRISONERS OF WAR, FILE NO. 304
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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

25 JANUARY 1944

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FREEDOM, CG PEST OR FARGO, FILPOT (PERSONAL)

NOTE

MAC FARLANE FROM FATIMA

220955A

251440A

21116

NOTE



I TOOK UP PRISONERS OF WAR AGREEMENT WITH RADOGLIO TONIGHT. RADOGLIO STATED HE HAD REFUSED THE AGREEMENT TO PRUNAS WHO IS AT THE MOMENT ABSENT FROM BRINDISI. HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO SIGN UNTIL HE HAD CONSULTED PRUNAS AND PROMISED TO GIVE ME EARLIEST POSSIBLE INFORMATION. THE AGREEMENT REGARDING FINANCIAL TREATMENT IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE ITALIAN CABINET. I STRESSED VERY STRONGLY THE GREAT URGENCY OF THE MATTER.

PER DIST

INFO - AMB HQ
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CG
Secy

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(INFO) ERIC GUTENROCK
DCCAO (2)
POLITICAL SECTION
ECOM DIV

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Info C. L. Spofford
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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

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CG PBS TO PALMA FOR OROIA FARGO FOR CACCIA

NON:

MAKING SIGNED CINC

171528A

172110A

30004

NON:

WORDS "YOU SHOULD ARRANGE THAT" RE OUR 29126. SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ "WE"
ARE ASKED TO ARRANGE THAT"

*Orig to Brig Guterbock
Info "Econ War 2"*

What is his ?

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RECEIVED AT PBS

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TO...ACTION.....FATIMA FOR CACCIA RPTD CG PBS FOR FARGO
CACCIA

INFO.....NONE

FROM.....MAKINS SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED.....151728A

DATE TIME RECEIVED.....160537A

REFERENCE NR.....29126

CITE.....NONE

TEXT OF MAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GENERAL WILSON AND MARSHAL
BADOGLIO REGARDING TREATMENT OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR WAS
FORWARDED TO GENERAL JOYCE BY POUCH ON JANUARY 11 WITH INSTRUCTIONS
THAT HE SHOULD PROCURE THE SIGNATURE OF MARSHAL BADOGLIO. ~~WE ARE~~
~~ASKED TO~~ ASKED TO ARRANGE THAT AT THE SAME TIME MARSHAL BADOGLIO SHOULD SIGN ON BEHALF
OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THE SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH
THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH TEXT OF WHICH WAS SENT
TO YOU UNDER COVER OF LETTER FROM ADDIS OF JANUARY 9. YOU SHOULD
MAKE THE FOLLOWING ALTERATION IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE TEXT OF THIS
AGREEMENT: FOR "HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
BRITISH COMMONWEALTH" READ "FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT REFERRED
TO AS THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH".

SUGGEST YOU SHOULD ARRANGE FOR THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT TO BE
INITIALLED 6 TIMES BY YOURSELF ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE

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BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AND BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF MARSHAL BADOGLIO AND PUT INTO FORCE AT ONCE. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACTUAL SIGNATURE BY MR MAC-MILLAN ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS AND BY GENERAL VANIER ON BEHALF OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CAN BE MADE LATER.

YOU SHOULD ALSO SECURE FROM MARSHAL BADOGLIO AGREEMENT TO THE ISSUE OF A MANIFESTO APPEALING TO ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR TO VOLUNTEER UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MAIN AGREEMENT, THIS MANIFESTO TO BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SIGNATURE. TERMS OF THIS MANIFESTO MUST OF COURSE BE LEFT TO MARSHAL BADOGLIO BUT BRITISH GOVERNMENT FEEL THAT FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE COVERED. (A) IS THE DUTY OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR WHO ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF DOING SO TO VOLUNTEER TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS. IT MIGHT BE AS WELL IN THIS CONNECTION TO REMIND THEM OF THE DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST GERMANY (B) THEY SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO ASSIST THE WAR EFFORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS BY OBEDIENCE TO ORDERS GIVEN THEM BY THE LATTER AUTHORITIES AND BY WORKING TO THE UTMOST OF THEIR ABILITY ON ANY TASK ALLOTTED TO THEM (C) WHATEVER THE WORK THEY ARE CALLED UPON TO DO, WHETHER IT IS AGRICULTURAL WORK OR UNLOADING SHIPS IN THE DOCKS IN THE MIDDLE EAST OR ELSEWHERE, THEY ARE DOING JUST AS MUCH TO HELP US AS IF THEY WERE FIGHTING IN THE FRONT LINE TO CLEAR THE GERMANS OUT OF ITALY. (D) THE RAPID CONCLUSION OF THE WAR WITH THE CONSEQUENT POSSIBILITY OF THEIR OWN REPATRIATION WILL DEPEND LARGELY UPON THE WAY IN WHICH THEY ASSIST THE WAR EFFORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

TEXT OF THIS MANIFESTO WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONGST ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR CAMPS IN THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH. PLEASE TELEGRAPH TEXT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION BRITISH AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO ADOPT A DIFFERENT PROCEDURE IN APPEALING TO ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR TO VOLUNTEER UNDER THE AGREEMENT. BRITISH GOVERNMENT

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WISH TO USE MANIFESTO FROM BADOGLIO AND DO NOT INTEND TO COMMUNICATE THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN CAMPS IN THEIR HANDS. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DO NOT REQUIRE MANIFESTO BUT WILL PROBABLY DISPLAY THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT IN THEIR CAMPS FOR ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INTEND TO NEGOTIATE A SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL AGREEMENT ON THEIR OWN BEHALF AT A LATER DATE. THE WHOLE OF THE ABOVE PROCEDURE HAS BEEN AGREED IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS

*Only to C of S.
Info Con Dir*

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Signal Corps, United States Army
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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

13 JANUARY 1944

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TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO ATTENTION CLAIBORNE

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SEARS FOR POLETTI

DATE TIME SIGNED: 131108A

DATE TIME REC'D : 131346A

REFERENCE NR. : S-5761

CITE : RYD-10



THE WORD NO SHOULD PRECEED THE WORD PRISONER IN MY MESSAGE RFD-10
IT SHOULD HAVE READ AS THERE IS NO PRISONER OF WAR-SUB COMMISSION IN
SICILY WE PROPOSE.

Ingo- Aug Hg
C. S.
Seey

DC of S (2)
(051)

Trace this for
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PRISONER OF WAR CENSORSHIP UNIT
HEADQUARTERS, A.B.S.
APO 759

RLM/as

8 December 1943

SUBJECT: Comment Sheets.

TO : AMGOT, Headquarters Sicily.

Transmitted herewith for your information, Comment Sheets
No. IPW 1877 and 1878 on Italian Prisoner of War Mail.

2 Incl.: Comment Sheets
No. IPW 1877 and 1878

Romie L. Melton
ROMIE L. MELTON,
Major, Infantry
Commanding

1st Ind. WDW/r1
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, APO 394, 15 December 1943

TO: R.C.A.O., Region I

1. Transmitted for your information. Please return with any
comments.

Charles M. Spofford
for *Charles M. Spofford*
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, GSC
Actg. Chief of Staff

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FILE: REO 000.73

2nd Ind.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS APO 394
3/1/44.

TO: Colonel Charles Spofford, GSC., Actg., Chief of Staff.

No comments to be made. Thanks.

Charles Poletti.

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer.

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o Pm. N.Y., N.Y.

Serial No. IPW 1877

FROM: PUCCIO, Antonietta
Via Brigata Aosta, 2
Presso Fabbrica di Marmi
Falcone (Palermo) Sicily.

TO: PUCCIO, Di Paolo
Ten., P.W.I.B.
% PMG, Washington, D. C.

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16 November 1943		Incoming	
Serial Number(s) of Previous Record(s)			
LANGUAGE: Italian			
Examiner	D.A.C.	Date of Submission	
Spiotta	J.W.H.	4 December 1943	

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✓ AMGOT, SICILY

C.O. _____

G-1, British

Copies to:

✓ MID, WASH, D.C.

✓ G-2, NLTUSA

✓ MI-12, London

COMMENT

ALLIED LIBERATION A SNARE AND A DELUSION

Sicilian writes to father, Italian POW:

"This morning, I came with mother from Portanna to get the allotment, which is supposed to take the place of your pay; amounting to (pay close attention before reading the amount!) 225 lire every fifteen days. Can we live happily, with bread costing 60 lire a kilo² which is never a kilo - of which we must take advantage, since that obtained on ration is given us only once in a while; that is, when our liberators extend their generosity to bring us a shipment of flour...white, you know...just like they eat! If you could see, dear dad, how my life today has lowered my morale! Whether it be the Italians, the Americans, the English, the King, Badoglio, or Carlo Sforza who emerge, all men are wolves; and our country will remain forever the same, and our families will be forever ruined. How I should like to pursue this subject, if I were permitted to do so, but I must break off and keep in my heart the pain of the other ideals of my broken country, of the depravity of the people, of the ruin and disorder of everything. Shall it rise again? Everyone hopes so."

Examiner's Note: It is difficult to convey in translation the heavy sarcasm and pointed skepticism contained in the original of this letter.

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U. S. MILITARY CENSORSHIP
Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
APO 759, c/o Pm. H.Y., N.Y.

RLM/rfj
Serial No. 1878

FROM: DEVIO, Mary AMGOT Interpreter Palazzo Del Governo Reggio, Calabria		TO: CARILLI, Victor, Mr. 3243 Fenton Ave. Bronx, New York.	
DATE / POSTMARK of Letter 28 Oct. 43	TYPE OF MAIL Transit	ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION	
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LANGUAGE: Italian		Or forwarded with Comment to:	
Examiner Giacelli	D.A.C. J.W.H.	Date of Submission 6 Dec. 43	

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AMGOT, Sicily

C.O.

G-1, British

Copies to:

✓ MID, WASH, D.C.
✓ G-2, NLTUSA
MI-12, London

COMMENT

AMERICANS RESTORE LIBERTY, JUSTICE AND WHITE BREAD TO ITALIANS

Civilian in Calabria, employed in AMGOT as interpreter writes:

"We are now living under American occupation, but they have entered our country not as enemies but as liberators. Now after almost four years, Italy once more has bread made with the finest flour from the highest grade wheat. They have brought with them the justice and liberty which for the past 20 years have been non-existent."

ITALIAN:

"Adesso noi ci troviamo occupati dagli Americani, ma non sono entrati nella nostra terra come nemici ma come liberatori e dopo circa 4 anni si è potuto vedere in Italia il pane fatto con farina di puro grano e di fiore di grano. Hanno portato con loro la Giustizia e la libertà che da circa 20 anni in Italia si era perduta."

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FILE: REO 383.6

1st Ind.

CMS/rg

HQ. ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, APO 394, 25 December 1943.

TO / MAJ. GENERAL KENYON JOYCE, Deputy President A.C.C.

For favor transmittal to proper sources.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
D.C.C.A.O.

ed.

FILE: RHO 383.6

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

16/12/43.

SUBJECT: Message from Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Interior Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Headquarters.

Enclosed radiogram forwarded for transmittal to the proper sources.

CHARLES TOLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

1 Incl- Message from Italian Prisoners of War.

C O P Y of message

DL16X NBI 63 190CT

NLT AMGOT PALERMO CARE CHIEF POW CENSOR CAIRO
BY REQUEST BRITISH AUTHORITIES KINDLY TRANSMIT TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF CIVILIAN EVACUATES OF CAMP 1 KENYA QUOTE UNITED ROUND THE ITALIAN FLAG DISCIPLINED AND FULL OF LOVE FOR THEIR OWN COUNTRY THEY HAVE THE HONOR TO EXPRESS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY THEIR DEEPEST DEVOTION

INTERCROIXROUGE NAIROBI

AmericanP.O.W. Camp 301 - Palermo

Stockades #1 and #2
Hospitals #1 and #2
Various Work details

Officers

105
109
83

EIA

10,376
1,769
2,694

Total - - - - - 297

14,839 = 15,136

British (see Note 1.)P.O.W. Camp 222

Syracuse

266

7,104

Priolo

383

P.O.W. Camp 369

Catania

447

In Hospital

1,047

Total - - - - - 266

8,981 = 9,247

Island Total- - - 56323,820 24,383

Note: (1) Includes 1500 out on working parties.

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To Capt Talbot.

In re the attached card address-
ed to a POW in Camp #124 I have
explored the situation thru the PW Sect.
P.B.S. and procedure for disposition is
as follows.

Enclose this, both card and envelope
addressed to.

Prisoner of War Censorship Unit
c/o Chief Base Censor

A.P.O. 759, U.S. Army
Mail forward in regular manner.

Other items of similar nature to
be handled in same way.

Suggest this be made standard
procedure -

Bolles
Col.

Sgt Day

For necessary action

EF 4112

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C. J. S.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

8 December 1943

WPA
P.O.W.
MGS-383.6

SUBJECT: PW Inquiries
TO : HQ AMG, CMF.

1. Reference is made to your letter AMG/3033/PH of 19 Nov. 1943.
2. Attached is the copy of a letter HQ, NA. PMG, dated 6 Dec. 1943, in reply to our request for information in the subject matter.
3. We would like to add that the establishment of an International Red Cross branch in Sicily and Italy, as well as the reorganization of the Italian Red Cross in Italy is now under consideration.

D. S. JACKLING,
Lt. Colonel.

Copy to:

G-1 (B)
Public Health Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
APO 534, U. S. Army

6 December 1943

SUBJECT: Prisoner of War Inquiries.

TO : Chief, Military Government Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

1. With reference to attached correspondence. A complete list of PW and their locations is not available and it is not practicable to prepare it.
2. It is not the policy to reveal specific locations of PW in this theater. In answer to inquiries of the International Red Cross the mail address of PW is furnished.
3. It is suggested that the Italian Red Cross organization in Sicily submit inquiries to the Provost Marshal, Island Base Section, APO 550, U. S. Army, who will furnish information as to well being and the address (Camp Number) of PW held in U. S. custody in Sicily. If, according to IBS records, the inquiry is for a PW who is not held in Sicily the Provost Marshal will forward the inquiry to the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, NATOUSA, APO 534 where every effort will be made to obtain and furnish the information desired by Italian Red Cross.
4. Inasmuch as direct service to Sicily will be available soon letters from PW should be reaching persons making inquiry of the Italian Red Cross and the number of their requests will undoubtedly decrease.

J. V. DILLON,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Provost Marshal General

Incls: n/c

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SUBJECT: Release of Prisoners of War in US Army Custody.

HQ, ACC & AMG, Palermo ✓

1D/5/1/A

22 Nov 43.

Reference your letter, unnumbered, of 12 Nov 43 and further to this HQ letter of even number dated 3 Nov 43.

2. It is not considered that the provisions of No 1 District Administrative Instruction No 5 can be applied to US Army PW without the prior consent of Commanding General, IES.

3. It is therefore requested that you will contact HQ, IES, and inform this HQ in due course what machinery exists to release Italian prisoners of war captured by the US Army and held in custody in the Western part of Sicily.

4. The policy being followed in the Eastern part of Sicily is that Italian prisoners of war shall be released on parole form 'A' or 'B' if specific employment is waiting for them, either in a civil capacity or in a military unit such as an Italian Pioneer Company. In addition a prisoner is released at the request of the Italian Military authorities.

5. A specimen copy of Parole Form 'A' and 'B' is forwarded herewith.

C.M.F.
RAC/RL

Copy to :- HQ, IES, Palermo - No reply has yet been received to this HQ letter of even reference dated 4 Nov 43 in which it was requested that your wishes regarding the disposal of Italian prisoners held in US Army custody should be expressed.

Information is also required as to the number and location of such prisoners at present in Sicily. As regards the public announcement referred to in this HQ letter of 4 Nov 43 AFK have instructed that such announcements shall not be made until the text is issued from their Headquarters.

[Signature]
Major General,
Commanding,
No 1 District.

4. The policy being followed in the Italian part of Sicily is that Italian prisoners of war shall be released on parole from "A" or "B" in specific employment as making for them, during in a civil capacity or in a military one such as an Italian Pioneer Company. In addition a prisoner is released at the request of the Italian military authorities.

5. A specimen copy of Parole Form "A" and "B" is furnished herewith.

C.A.B.
SAC/AM

*Major General,
Commanding
US 4 District*

Copy to: SAC, BSA, Palermo - No reply has yet been received to this HQ letter of even reference dated 4 Nov 43 in which it was requested that your wishes regarding the disposal of Italian prisoners held in US Army custody should be expressed.

Information is also required as to the number and location of such prisoners at present in Sicily. As regards the public announcement referred to in this HQ letter of 4 Nov 43, you have instructed that such announcements shall not be made until the text is issued from their Headquarters.

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IBS 3922

FROM: CG HATOUZA

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TO : CG FIVE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS
21 NOV 1943
AMG.

Concerning Italian Prisoners of War with units in circumstances your 466E of 19 November, report to FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP numbers and pertinent personal information. Fifteenth Army Group still has authority to release, parole or detain in Italy all Italian Prisoners of War at their discretion as per ourad 3489 of 5 October. Prisoners of War of Sicilian residence not desired will be returned to Sicily and placed in custody of proper authorities there who may take such action in the premises deemed advisable and under the authority previously granted in our 3489 cable. Direct communication between FIFTH ARMY, IBS and Number 1 District to accomplish latter action is authorized.

(SIGNED CG HATOUZA CITE HADAP AND FEGAB TO CG FIVE ARMY FOR ACTION, TO FLANBO, FILPOT AND IBS FOR INFORMATION)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
MILITARY SECTION
P.O.W. Sub-Commission
APO 512

27 November 1943

MEMO:

TO : Deputy Chief of Staff (O & SI)

1. Under date of 16 November 1943 it is directed that each Sub-Commission prepare a draft directive in the light of certain abstracts and that such draft directives be submitted thru channels to the vice Chief of Staff for approval not later than 1800 hours 26 November 1943.
2. Inquiries have been made of all possible sources in Palermo for the purpose of ascertaining something definite with reference to the mission of the Prisoners of War Sub-Commission, Military Section, A.C.C. Nothing has been learned beyond the following;
 - (a) The P.O.W. Sub-Commission will not be concerned with Italian or other enemy P.O.W.
 - (b) No plans were drafted nor discussions held on the work of this Sub-Commission at Tizi-Ouzou.
 - (c) The American Red Cross is prepared to aid in any way desired but the subject in specific terms has not thus far received consideration.
3. During the summer AFHQ is reported to have had in contemplation the total collapse of Italy with the liberation of roughly 60,000 Allied P.O.W. held in that country. An organization under the command of Brigadier Venables came to Italy for the purpose of receiving and disposing of these prisoners.
4. This staff is now at Naples and has had to deal with roughly but 3,000 Allied POW due to the changed course of the War.
5. Brigadier Venables and his staff have been assisting the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission with such surplus resources as they have had available.
6. No information has become available as to the scope or nature of the Mission of this Sub-Commission and in conformity with the instructions of both Deputy Chiefs of Staff I am awaiting conference with Brig. Gen. Holmes.
7. At the moment it would appear desirable not to attempt to prepare the directive mentioned in para 5 memo of 16 Nov. 43.

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8. It appears necessary before going further to have:

- (a) Instructions from Brig. Gen. Holmes
- (b) Instructions from Brig. Gen. McSherry
- (c) Conference with Brigadier Venables
- (d) Conference with appropriate official of Italian Govt.
- (e) Travel orders to various places involved.

9. Upon conclusion of above a report and recommendations at least partially complete can be offered for your consideration.

Lemuel Bolles

LEMUEL BOLLES,
Colonel, Inf.
Actg. Chief, POW Sub-Commission.

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To Col. Spafford

24/11/43

Is re attached. Have
advised Maj Zalusky
of your position in this
matter.

The Cardinal will act
in the first instance.

Steps will be taken
to attempt uniformity
of action with G.O.C. #1 Dist.

Maj Zalusky will as
well make contact
with Region I Am. G.

Bolles
Col.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission.
APC. 512.

November 17, 1943.

TO : Col. Charles M. Spofford.

As directed, I have seen Major Zalinsky of the P.M.'s Office, I.B.S. and find the subject he had in mind for consideration by the Commanding General is:

He is prepared to initiate a petition from a high authority of the Catholic Church asking that Sicilian officers now held as prisoners of war be paroled upon substantially the same terms as now extended to enlisted men. He requests an expression of opinion from the Chief Civil Affairs Officer as to this procedure and whether favorable recommendation would be given to such a proposal. If favorable, it is proposed then to forward such petition to A.F.H.Q. with the favorable recommendation of I.B.S.

I see no objection to placing the matter before A.F.H.Q. as it is stated that the Sicilian officers now held are surplus and not needed for any of the program now under way either here or elsewhere. From such incomplete information as I now have available, my recommendation is that the proposal receive the General's favorable endorsement.

Lemuel L. Bolles
LEMUEL L. BOLLES
Colonel, Infantry.

CR Bolles

*I see no objection to
a petition being presented.
Should go to the Commission*

LS

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file

18 Nov. 1943.

To A.G. office.

Subject: Preparation of draft directives

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1. Please issue to Col. Bolles, President of War Sub-Commission the following documents:-

a) covering letter, subject as above, dated 16 Nov 1943

b) Abstract No 1 (Secret)

c) abstract No 6. (Secret)
under the same conditions as for other receipts on the distribution list.

2. Please report to Deputy C of S (O + S.1) that this has been done.

CM [Signature] Col.

Dep. Chief of Staff (O + S.1)

[Signature]

Delivered to Col. Bolles & receipt obtained therefor.

1428 18 Nov 43

lit. [Signature]
WANTED WPCO.

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