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27 JAN Recd *609/1*

SUBJECT: Security Danger of Wide Distribution Lists

Headquarters
Allied Central Mediterranean Force

BR RESTRICTED - US RESTRICTED

ACMF/1409/G(16)

List "B" - (less Serial 21)
Plus S.M.C.

27 January 1944

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Herewith, for your information and any necessary action, one copy of an AFHQ memorandum drawing attention to the security danger involved in the use of wide distribution lists.

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S.C.S.(I),
A.C.M.F.

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(Equals British Restricted)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 461-5 GBI-ACM

21 January 1944

SUBJECT: Security Danger of Wide Distribution Lists.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Information has been received that the enemy has obtained valuable information regarding our Order of Battle from distribution lists placed on captured documents.

2. Originators of documents will avoid, as far as possible, showing a wide distribution by one of the following methods:

a. Showing only the designations of higher echelons, to which sufficient copies should be sent for further distribution to lower echelons. In this case the scale to be adopted should be shown; that is, one copy per battalion. This method is particularly suitable for distribution within a theater or force.

b. Adopting a standard distribution list which may be given an initial circulation and which subsequently should be referred to as "Distribution List A (plus or minus---)". This method is particularly suitable for the distribution of a series of documents to substantially the same addressees.

3. When it is essential to show a wide distribution, the classification of a document will be that warranted by its entire contents.

4. The above does not apply to distributions within a headquarters.

By command of General WILSON;

J. L. Tarr
J. L. TARR,
Colonel, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:
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22 JAN 1944

W.F. 22/11
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SUBJECT: - Security of Headquarters.

Headquarters
Allied Central Mediterranean Force

ER SECRET - U.S. SECRET

ACMF/1406/1/GI(6)

21 Jan 44.

LIST 'A'

1. CASERTA Palace cannot be regarded as secure against entry by unauthorized persons.

2. There are a large number of Italian civilians working in the building during the daytime: these have been vetted as far as possible, but they are not effectively supervised.

They are only allowed in the building between 0600 and 1900 hrs, and they should all be in possession of a Green pass issued by C.I.C. Fifth Army.

3. It cannot be ensured that all dangerous elements are excluded from the building. Consequently security precautions must be taken within the building in respect of this HQ.

4. On the Fifth Floor, entrances to this HQ Office area will be guarded by sentries between 0600 and 1900 hrs. It will be their duty to prevent any civilian from entering the office area, unless escorted by Allied military personnel, and to challenge and check any person who appears to them unauthorized or suspicious.

Between 1900 hrs and 0600 hrs there will be a patrol with similar duties.

This will enable Fifth Floor offices to be regarded as reasonably secure, and to be left unattended for short periods during the day. The security provided cannot, however, be regarded as sufficiently effective to allow vital MOSI SECRET documents to be left unlocked in unattended offices.

5. It is not possible to control access to the sixth floor. Offices on this floor must therefore always be occupied or locked, or the secret documents which they contain be secured against unauthorized inspection or removal.

6. Any cases of suspicious persons found wandering in the building, or any civilian found not to be in possession of a Green Pass, should be referred immediately to C.I.C. (b), Sixth Floor, Tel Act 79.

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W.D. Gibson Lt-Col
for Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).
C.I.C.

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Subject: Return of 1 Passes.

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H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.

Supervising Officer,
Headquarters,
15 Army Group.

AMG/639/7.
5. Dec. 43.

In accordance with your 15AG/1412/2/G(Ib) of 23. Nov. 43, the undermentioned 141 passes are returned herewith:

Pass No. 0179 - Major W.H. Pearey.
" No. 0291 - Major-General Lord Rennell of Rodd. 2664
" No. 0743 - Major D.G. Pirie.
" No. 0345 - Colonel R.J.P. Thorne Thorne.


T. FARLEY SMITH,
Lieut. Col., for
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Subject: Return of 141 Passes.

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H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C. M. P.

Camp Commandant,
Headquarters,
15 Army Group.

AMG/639/8.
5. Dec. 43.

In accordance with 15AG/1412/2/G(Ib) dated 23. Nov. 43, the
undermentioned 141 pass is returned herewith:

Pass No. 1427 - Sgt. Thompson S.

/JG.

T. FARLEY SMITH,
Lt. Col., for
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT: Return of 141 Passes

HQ, 15 ARMY GROUP,
C.A.F.

~~SECRET~~ - US CONFIDENTIAL

15-AG/1112/2/G(Tb)

23 Nov 43

List "A"

1. The validity of the printed card pass bearing the number 141 is indefinitely suspended. For U.S. and British military personnel the production of the normal military identification document, if and when required, is considered adequate identification at this Headquarters.

2. All persons holding such 141 passes will turn them in to the appropriate issuing agency with the least practicable delay. These issuing agencies are:

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| A.G. (U.S.) | - For U.S. Officers |
| Supervising Officer | - For British Officers |
| Camp Commandant (Br) | - For British C.O.s. |
| HQ Commandant (U.S.) | - For U.S. E.M. |
| O.C. Signals | - For Signals Personnel |
| O.C. Defense Coy. | - For Defense Company |
| Camp Commandant, TAF | - For Air Force Personnel |

3. Not later than 10 December 43, the issuing agencies will turn over to G.S.I.(b) all passes turned in and all unissued passes on hand, and will submit consolidated lists showing the serial numbers of passes then outstanding, the particulars of the persons to whom issued, and the reason (if known) why each pass was not returned.

4. The Headquarters appearing below as receiving copies of this instruction are requested to cooperate by having returned in accordance herewith all such passes held by personnel under their command.

Copies to: AFHQ

C in C, Malta
CHQ, 2nd Echelon
Adv. Admin Bn., AFHQ
MUSOUA

Chief of General Staff,
15 Army Group.

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- For British Officers
- For British O.Rs.
- For U.S. S.M.
- For Signals Personnel
- For Defense Company
- For Air Force Personnel

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John G. Young, Jr.
 JOHN G. YOUNG, JR.,
 Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
 Major General,
 Chief of General Staff,
 15 Army Group.

Copies to: AFHQ
 C in C, Malta
 GHO, 2nd Echelon
 Adv. Admin Ech., AFHQ
 KAPOUR
 Seventh Army
 Eighth Army
 No. 1 District
 No. 2 District
 AMG, HQ, 15 Army Group

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Below list 141 Passes have already been collected from
 AFHQ holders but we should circulate a note to all officers in
 the HQ asking them to hand in passes to me if they have not already
 handed them in elsewhere.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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18 November 1943

AG 371.2-20 GHI-ACM

SUBJECT: Vigilant Security.

TO : All Concerned.

1. The Commander-in-Chief notes with satisfaction that, during the planning and early stages of an operation security is generally good, but regrets that in the later stages laxity in this respect increases. In particular, it is noted that military security in connection with troop movements is far from being as good as it should be especially in telephone and other conversations. All troop movements are secret regardless of the destination of the troops.

2. Passing into the later stages of an operation does not mean there should be any relaxation of security. Even greater vigilance is called for because of the natural tendency to "let up".

3. Officers and other ranks must therefore be constantly on the alert to prevent any carelessness or thoughtlessness in the observance of security measures. Security must become a habit of mind. All concerned must make it a habit of mind, when planning or taking any action, that the security aspect is considered along with the other factors affecting that action.

4. Due to complexities of the system of classifying officers and agencies involved as to how much they should know about an operation such a system is not always practical. All Commanders and chiefs of sections are therefore enjoined to hold the number of personnel "in the know" to the absolute minimum.

By command of General EISENHOWER.

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T. A. Davis
T. A. DAVIS...
Brigadier General, USA
Adjutant General

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Subject: Security

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C. H. F.

A/Q.
Camp Commandant.

AMG/639/1.
20. Nov. 43.

It is considered that security measures at Villa Grassi are adequate.

2. There are two offices on the ground floor occupied by the C.C.A.O. and D.C.C.A.O. respectively. It is the practice for the M.A. to remove all files from the C.C.A.O.'s office before lunch and dinner. The D.C.C.A.O. personally takes his files to the Registry at these times.

3. On the first floor there are five offices besides the registry. During office hours there is an orderly on duty in the passage. In the evening the clerk on duty remains in the Registry with the door open.

4. A clerk sleeps in the Registry at night where the files are kept.

5. The entrance to the villa is guarded day and night by the Carabinieri.

PM/JC.

PM
P. FRIEND JAMES,
Major,
for Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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