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014.2 Civil Matters - Censorship
Jan. 15, 1944 - Feb. 12, 1944

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STATION
RECORD No. 124

CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

ALLIED FORCE HQ. (I.N.C.)

From: Carabinieri Gennetto
Mediamonte Street
Via Torino, 25, Catania (Italy)
To: (Art.)
813 Mail, 511 Street U.S.A.
P.O. 127

Give place of Postmark where there is no address

Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated <u>25 December 1943</u>	Type mail <u>Ordinary</u>	Reg. No. <u>-</u>	Language <u>Italian</u>	Previously censored by <u>-</u>	Enclosures <u>-</u>
Previous relevant records <u>-</u>	Station allocation <u>-</u>	Disposal of original communication Held ☒ Passed Excised ☒ Condensed Photographed ☒ Return to sender Sent with comment to <u>-</u>			
Origin <u>Italian censorship</u>					
Re-examination unit <u>-</u>					

COMMENT

1. Carabinieri Gennetto in control of censorship in Catania
2. Violence and "blackmail" mentioned in local paper

"I would like to tell you much that I can't. The fascists still rule here. My father doesn't receive the weekly because we're not liked. I also as doing my duty (seemingly writer is a soldier although he gives a civilian address) so nearly lack of down upon because the others are all at home; about the only ones in service are those few in the peninsula."

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CENTRAL COMMISSION
100-100

Administrative Section

100/100.3/10.

12 Feb 44

SUBJECT: Censorship document sheets.

To: HQ, A.C.C., 100-100 (attention Deputy Chief Counsel)

1. Reference your letter dated 29 Jan 44 as reference, signed Donald E. Hoover, Lt. Col. Insp. Chief Censorship Branch, and addressed to Mr. HENRY F. GALT, which has been passed to me as Vice President, Admin. Section for information.

2. It would be appreciated if document sheets covering the following categories could be supplied to this Section.

Categories are:

- (a) Food situation & rationing system.
- (b) Wages and Prices.
- (c) Health.
- (d) Public Order whether from its political or police aspect.
- (e) Movement of party opinion (political).
- (f) Fascist activity and effectiveness of fascist purge.

3. It will of course be realized that the more exact the information the greater the value to this office.

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STANLEY,
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Central Commission.

Encl: Letter of Chief Counsel.

Copy to: HQ, and AD. Section,
V.P. Economic Section.

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Administrative Section

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12 Feb 46

SUBJECT: Civil Matters, Censorship.

TO: Legal Sub-Commission.
Education Sub-Commission.
Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives Sub-Commission.
Public Health Sub-Commission.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Interior Sub-Commission.
Property Control Sub-Commission.

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[Signature]
R. H. CRIPPE,
Lt. Colonel,
for the Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Censorship Branch
Civil Censorship Section
APO 550, U. S. Army.

29 January 1944

Mr. Henry F. Grady,
Vice President,
Allied Control Commission,
Salerno, Italy.

The Civil Censorship Section, INC, AFHQ, is enclosing for your attention a group of representative censorship comment sheets based on information obtained from Italian Censorship.

Owing to the circumstances surrounding the institution of Allied Civil Censorship in Italy under Combined Chief of Staff directive, notably the unavoidable delay experienced in examination of internal mail, the volume of economic intelligence hitherto uncovered has been limited and largely of local interest.

Current economic and political intelligence of considerable interest to your organization however, should be forthcoming from this Civil Censorship in the very near future. In anticipation of the occupation of Rome, the Civil Censorship Section has established an examination center at Naples, with experienced Allied censorship personnel. This center is prepared to carry out an expeditious examination of captured enemy and Italian mail, dispatched from the forward areas by the fastest means available.

The Civil Censorship Section is particularly anxious to expedite the dissemination of items of current intelligence requiring quick action on the part of Allied agencies in this theater. For this reason, a statement of the categories of information of immediate interest to your organization would be appreciated. Directives to the examiners at Naples will be issued, and priority given to the dissemination of the type of intelligence requested by your organization.

As the Allied Civil Censorship in Italy becomes operative on a more normal basis, an increasing volume of information from both internal and external mail, of value to your organization will be obtained. A list of the categories (specific) in which the Allied Control Commission has a continuing interest would facilitate the gathering of this information for your organization. All statements of user agency interest are incorporated into the Censorship Subject-Matter Guide for Allied and Italian censorship examiners. In addition, Allied Censor Control Officers will be informed of your specified interests and instructed to indoctrinate their examiner personnel in the importance of these interests.

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DONALD D. HOOVER,
Lt. Col., General Staff Corps,
Civil Censorship Officer,
(Deputy Chief, Censorship Branch).

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