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130. Accounting for Funds & Money

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INFO

23 JAN 64

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ROUTINE

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RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE FOR THE KING TWO DATES
ONE AND TWO TO RELEASE FROM PHOTO PAGES TO BEAD FOR POLICE TO CITY PHOTO
FOR THE SEVEN TO AUTHORITY GRANTED TO UNLOCK AND TRANSFER TO NATIONAL MATTER

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L. F. ZIGMUND,
Lt. Col., AGO,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
21 DEC 1943
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INCOMING MESSAGE

NR: IBS 3673

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ADDRESSED FOR ACTION TO: IBS FOR STAFF FOR * IBS NUMBER: 6006
FOR INFORMATION TO : TIME SENT: 211710A
FROM : PERIOD (PANG) TIME REC'D: 110030A
IN REPLY REFER TO : JGR 192 PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

*NOTES FOR HARRIS

- EDITED LITERAL TEXT -

Blocked DISCLAYED and funds of FETROVIABLE repeat FERROVBARIX.
SSES and other large continuing organization. Should funds be unblocked
for transfer to organizations. Transfer to Prefect is required by Regional
Order but no directions given to Prefect. Foregoing is paraphrase cable
S 4962 December 28th from POLETTI.

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ADMIN DIRECTOR	
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CHIEF CLERK	
DATE 11/1 - 1058	

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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

28 JANUARY 1944

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CG PHS (FARGO FOR HAMLYN)

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STAMP: AMB REGION TWO

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HEADQUARTERS
28 JAN 44
Adm.

PRELIMINARY REPORTS LIQUIDATOR FASCIST UNIONS AND SYNDICATES INDICATE IN CERTAIN CASES INSUFFICIENT ASSETS AVAILABLE TO MEET FULL AMOUNTS DUE UNDER ITALIAN LAW TO THE EMPLOYEES NOW DISMISSED. SHOULD LIQUIDATOR MAKE FULL PAYMENTS DUE, WHERE NECESSARY COMMITTING AREA FUNDS OR IS ARBITRARY DISTRIBUTION AVAILABLE ASSETS TO BE MADE IN RESPECTIVE LEGAL ENTITLEMENTS. *2814* WOULD APPRECIATE VERY URGENT DIRECTIVE.

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ACTION: ECON SEC(2)
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CG PRS TO FARGO

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PHMGS REFERENCE YOUR FA 858

21 JANUARY 44

INFO. ADM. DIR.

AS TO BRITISH NATIONALS ADVANCE UP TO 4000 LIRE PER MONTH
PER PERSON. AS TO AMERICANS CONSULT AMFA HEADQUARTERS WHO ARE
IN TOUCH WITH AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL. AS TO SCALE ASSISTANCE
PAYMENTS OTHER ALLIED NATIONALS NO ~~XXX~~ NECESSITY IT BE IDENTICAL
TO EXISTING ITALIAN SCALE. BUT CONSIDER YOU SHOULD WORK OUT
UNIFORM POLICY WITH ACC-AMF.

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
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Property Controller

8 JANUARY 1944

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ROUTINE

CG PDS (TO PENCE FOR BARGO ATTENTION MILLER AND CLAIBORNE)

NOTE

SEARS FOR POLETTI

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THROUGH TESTA TO VALUE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BONDS AT PAR WITH 30% MARGIN.
HAVE ALREADY INSTRUCTED BANCO D ITALIA. HAVE JUNG GIVE INSTRUCTION FOR RECORD
NAZIONALE DEL LAVORO SHOULD NOT BE CALLED. LOAN NOT IMPROPERLY DRAWN HAS MADE
IN GOOD FAITH. ANTI-FASCIST CIRCULAR REFUSED TO PARAGRAPH 3 NORWOOD LETTER 30
DECEMBER NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY PUBLIC.

Ought to be done

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

File: HFD/119.1

1 December 1943

Subject: Dissolved Organizations: Blocked Accounts

To : All Finance Officers
Through SCAO's

HEADQUARTERS
13 DEC 1943
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1. Enclosed herein are advance copies of certain communications being sent to the S.C.A.O. concerning the handling of assets of Fascist Organizations, and Memoranda Nos. 35 and 37 for Provincial Finance Officers. This letter is intended to explain and supplement the information contained in the enclosures.

2. I. Dissolved Fascist Organizations

Plans for liquidation of dissolved organizations are set forth in the enclosures. In brief, this liquidation is to be handled by the Controller of Property by means of various Italian civilian agencies. However, certain in the possession or under the control of any bank or banking institution are to remain under the control and supervision of the Financial Division.

3. Applications for licenses for specific transactions in enclosures of the above organizations may be made in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Memorandum No. 36 enclosed.

4. II. Other Fascist Organizations.

Proclamation No. 6 (Angebot Nummer 1, pp. 50, 56), promulgated in Africa and issued upon arrival in Sicily, empowers the Controller of Property to take into his control any Enemy State property not for the time being required by any other branch of the Allied Forces. "Enemy State Property" is defined as including all property of companies, institutions, or bodies in which such State has any substantial interest or over

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5. Applications for unblocking or for specific transactions in the accounts of organizations not dissolved may be made in accordance with the procedure set forth in Memorandum No. 36.

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Continued:5. III. Payment of Salaries, etc. of Dissolved Organizations

See Memorandum 37 enclosed. You will note that only certain salary and wage payments are being preferred at this time. It has been decided to proceed with the liquidation of dissolved organizations and payment of creditors thereof in two or more stages, and that we are now prepared to issue directives covering the first stage alone. Directives for payment of dismissal indemnities, rent, current bills other than wages, etc. will be issued in due course, after the payment of salaries and wages has been substantially completed, and when more is known of the nature and amount of other claims.

7. Any claim not preferred under the terms of Memorandum No. 27 but which you think should have special attention at this time, should be submitted for our consideration through applications for licenses in accordance with the procedure set forth in Memorandum No. 35. No payments of such unpreferred claims by you are authorized and no payments of any such claims will be authorized by us unless there is (1) a bank balance from which the payment can be made and (2) a positive showing that allowance of such payment will not result in giving preference to the person on whose behalf the application is made. A preference is "undue" when according to Italian Law and ordinary principles of justice it gives the other creditors preferential rights which can not be satisfied out of existing bank balances. It is not expected that any such applications for special attention will be submitted prior to the time more detailed instructions can be given the sub-commissioners referred to in Official Order No. 39, advance copy of which is enclosed.

8. IV. Plans for Future Activities of the Blocked Accounts Section.

The files of reports of banks required under the letter to Bank Italy dated 23 September 1943 are still not substantially completed. These files will be completed as soon as possible.

Negative reports are required.

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- (3) That some banks are reporting transactions in accounts unblocked by General License No. 1, although the license itself specifically relieves them of such duty, and
- (4) that some banks are violating blocking restrictions.

10. It is planned to send the banks a reminder on the above matters, and to warn them that they may be required to void unlicensed transactions unless they can show that the violation was not a substantial one. For your information, no AMS action to require restoration of funds is presently contemplated, unless requested by the Controller of Property, and his request will be supported firmly and promptly by the Financial Division.

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11. A general license is in preparation unblocking the accounts of the Ente Colonizzazioni del Latifondo Siciliano and organizations to be affiliated with it, if any. The question of affiliation is pending. Applications of the Ente will be approved automatically until the General license is issued.

12. No extension of the blocking program to other categories of accounts is being actively considered at the present time.

13. For your information, a copy of a letter recently sent to the Palermo Banks is enclosed. We have not yet had any experience upon which to estimate the worth of these proposals, but the banks resisted in drafting them, and they give promise of working with no more than a tolerable number of objections and complaints.

By Order of Lt. Colonel Charles SOLERET:

R.E. MENAPACE
Lt. Colonel,
R.C.T.O.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

File: HPH/159.1

27 November 1943

Subject: Blocked Accounts

To : All Banks in Palermo

1. Enclosed herewith is a form of application for license in connection with an account blocked by the Letter of Instructions to Banks dated 4 September 1943. In the future, all such applications should be filed by the banks, and licenses when issued will be delivered only to banks or their employees.

2. Concerning the application, no further instructions are necessary regarding headings 2, 3 and 6. Under heading 4, the nature of the transaction to be licensed should be stated briefly, as, for example, payment of salaries, payment of preoccupation-related check, unblocking, etc. Under heading 5, facts should be given indicating whether the organization in question has been dissolved, or is a parastatal one, and giving a more elaborate statement of the transactions to be licensed, if such is desirable. If the organization has been dissolved, the application must have the approval of Ser. Nicolò Crisimelli, Commissario Straordinario, whose address for the present is the same as that of the Blocked Accounts Section. In any event, as full a statement of facts as the organization may care to furnish will be welcomed. Oral interviews will be requested when desired.

3. Applications for unblocking of accounts of individuals should show the name and address of the individual; the name and address of his father and mother; the ground on which the account is blocked; when and by what Army Unit he was interned, if he was interned; when he was released from internment; and any other facts he may wish to present to the Blocked Accounts Section. Applications for withdrawal of sums not exceeding Lit. 5,000 per month need show only the name and address of the individual and the names and addresses of his father and mother, and of course the name of the bank account and the name and address of the bank.

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Regional Chief Banking Officer

H.B.--Applications for payment of salaries must have list of employees and amounts to each attached.

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