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AC, CENSORSHIP REPORTS, EXTRACTS
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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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17 MAY 1945

NSC/2417
15 May 1945.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.
Subject: Port of Messina.

1. The following paraphrased translation of a censorship intercept is forwarded for information. The intercept was obtained by the Civil Censorship Group, Italy from a letter which was sent in April 1945 to the Inter-ministerial Port Committee, Rome by Franco FABIANO, Secretary of the Committee of National Liberation, Via Madonna Mercede, 6, Messina;

"The provincial C.L.N., Messina petitions making Messina a free port.

The long history of Messina as a free port, from the time of Roger the Norman 1061 until free ports were abolished in Italy in 1862, is recalled. The geographical position of Messina at the cross-roads of maritime routes East and West and its facilities as a port in every respect are set forth, for example:

1. It is a center for more than 40 navigational lines from almost every part of the world and possesses means of the first order for fuel supply and supply of naval stores; a tremendous commercial and agricultural hinterland consisting of the fertile zone of Calabria, rich in numerous products and activities and also the splendid Northern and Southern Ionian Coasts; fertile plain of Milazzo renowned for its early season products.

2. Messina has all the elements necessary and indispensable for the much wished industrialization of Sicilian agriculture.

3. In consideration of the foregoing and particularly considering the fact that the City was destroyed by earthquake December 1908 and again damaged more than any other city in Sicily by the operations of the

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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26 April 45

SUBJECT : Censorship

TO : Lend Forces S/C AC (MMIA)

Reference your INT/113 dated 23 April 45. - (130)

- 1 The conversation about Troop Movement is not a matter in which this Section can easily take action.
- 2 It is suggested that the only means of dealing with it is by approach from you to the Minister of War pointing out the breach of security.


A.D. BONHAM CARTER
Lt Colonel,
for VP CA Section

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NSC/2417
15 May 1945.

Subject: port of Messina.

present war, the National Government and all proper
authorities are requested to grant to the City of
Messina the privileges of a free port, or warehouse
zone, as an element indispensable to its port activities
and one of the essential factors amongst the forces for
the revival of the City.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
CINCNAV
Civil Affairs Section, AC. ✓
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POLAD (A)
Transportation S/C
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TRANSLATION NO. 711

C O M M E N T

ARRANGING TRIP THRU LINES

The callee: Col. Stagni?
" caller: Yes, who is speaking?
" callee: Colonel, sir, I am professor Manesti.
" caller: I wanted H.E. Palermo.
" callee: Colonel, H.E. Palermo is with the Minister and I don't know how long he will be. I'll have him called as soon as he is free.
" caller: Alright.
" callee: Colonel, I wanted to speak to you about something: you know that in a few days a "known mission" is supposed to leave. Do you know what I mean?
" caller: Not too well.
" callee: A mission, that is, those persons are to go on the other side. Now, since there is some difficulty which you can well understand and since this mission is ready, could not you do something for these persons?
" caller: What?
" callee: You can easily imagine! From here to the other side. Do you understand?
" caller: Yes.
" callee: Is the transport available?
" caller: It may be possible from the other side, but I don't know if there will be any.
" callee: It is a matter of going from here to there.
" caller: When must it leave?
" callee: In a few days, depending on the answer you give me. I am waiting for your answer; there are three civilians.
" caller: I'll speak to the "Albanese Mission".

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SUBJECT: Censorship

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24 APR 1944

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

INT/113

23 Apr 45

TO : CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH, A.C.

The attached for information and action as necessary.

W. Selby
Major-General
MMIA

cgl.

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ROME/T/13980

CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP

Serial No.

ROME

Date mailed 18/4/1945

From : LECCE
BASE GARIBALDI

To: ROMA - Telephone 43241
MINISTERO GUERRA
Gabinetto Ecc. Palermo

(Caller - Col. Stagni)

(Callee - Professor Manesti(?))

COMMENT

ARRANGING TRIP THRU LINES

Il chiamato - Colonello Stagni?
Il chiamante - Si, chi parla?
Il chiamato - Signor Colonnello sono il professor Manesti (?)
Il chiamante - Volevo l'Ecc. Palermo
Il chiamato - Signor Colonnello l'Ecc. Palermo e dal Ministro e non
so quanto tempo ci rimarra', non appena e libero lo fare'
chiamare.
Il chiamante - Va bene
Il chiamato - Senta signor Colonnello le volevo dire una cose: la sa
che a giorni dovrebbe partire una "nota missione" ha capito?
Il chiamante - Non perfettamente.
Il chiamato - Dovrebbe andare dall'altra parte una missione, cioe' quelle
persone. Ora, siccome c'e' qualche difficolta' che lei
bene immagina e dato che questa missione e' pronta, non
potrebbe lei fare qualche cosa per questi signori?
Il chiamante - Che cosa?
Il chiamato - Lei puo' immaginare facilmente! Da qui all'altre parte,
ha capito?
Il chiamante - Si
Il chiamato - C'e' il mezzo?
Il chiamante - Dall'altra parte sara' possibile, man non so se ci sara'.
Il chiamato - Si tratterebbe da qui a la'.
Il chiamante - Quando dovrebbe partire?
Il chiamato - A giorni, secondo la risposta che mi da lei. Io aspetto
la sua risposta: sono 3 divi.
Il chiamante - Parlero' con la "Missione Albanese"

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Reviewed by E.C. Austin
Capt I.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. Ext. 469

24 Feb 45.

Ref. 4/14.1/CA

SUBJECT: Censorship Reports - Extracts.

To: Communications Sub-Commission
(Attn. Lt. Col. McKeen - Civil Censorship)

Reference telephone conversation of 23 Feb 45 (Lt. Col. McKeen - Lt. Col. White speaking).

The following table gives a list of items in which Sub-Commissions of this Section are particularly interested. May arrangements please be made for extracts from civilian letters in connection with these items to be passed to the appropriate Sub-Commission.

SUB-COMMISSION

Devastated Areas.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

- (A) Conditions in devastated areas or particular communes badly damaged including
- 1) living conditions, housing and repairs and the effect of the Italian Govt. decrees providing for repayment of expenses of repairs.
 - 2) food - adequacy of amount, distribution and stock piling. Also the special ration.
 - 3) clothing - method of distribution and adequacy of amounts.
 - 4) blankets - method of distribution and adequacy of amounts.
 - 5) further needs in devastated communes.
- (B) Comments on the recent campaign in Rome which collected blankets, clothing, money etc. for the benefit of devastated areas.

Displaced Persons & Refugee Sub-Commission.

Extracts of letters from or to Italian Refugees or Allied Nationals generally.

Education.

- 1) Comments on Scholastic Appointments.
- 2) Comments on Directives from the Ministry of Public Instruction.
- 3) Evidence leading to reputation, fascist record of professors and teachers.

Legal.

Comments on the working of Italian and A.M.G. Courts.

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Local Government.

- 1) Comments on Prefects personally.
- 2) Comments on Provincial Administration.
- 3) Comments on Communal Administration.

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SUB-COMMISSION

Monuments Fine Arts
& Archives.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

- 1) War damage to monuments and buildings of artistic and historical importance.
- 2) Removals of pictures, sculptures and other art treasures from galleries or deposits.
- 3) Similar removals of books and manuscripts and all archival material.
- 4) Location of deposits of art treasures, libraries or archival material.
- 5) All sales of art objects.
- 6) All news concerning official Italian Monuments and Fine Arts personnel.

Public Safety Sub-Commission

- 1) Security (Civil and Military)
- 2) Political Propaganda
- 3) Espionage
- 4) Political Parties.

Public Health Sub-Commission

- 1) Hospitals
- 2) Communicable Diseases
- 3) Medical Supplies
- 4) Diseases among animals
- 5) Clothing
- 6) Food

Patriots Branch

- 1) Patriot Welfare
- 2) Employment for Patriots.

S.H. WHITE, Lt. Col.,
for CSO CA Section.

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Subsec Dev Areas

Sub - Cas Casework Reports
To C.A. Sec.

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1. This subsection would be interested in extracts from civilian letters on the following subjects:

a) conditions in devastated areas or particular communes badly damaged, including

1) living conditions, housing and repairs, and the effect of the Italian gov't decree providing ~~repairs~~ ^{for} repayment of expenses of repairs

2. food - adequacy of amount, ~~and~~ distribution and stockpiling, and the special ration

3. clothing - method of distribution and adequacy of amounts

4. blankets - same as 3

5. comments on the recent ²⁰⁷ campaign in Rome which collected money, blankets, clothing etc. for

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5. Further needs in
devastated communes

1st Colonel
CA Section
(devastated areas)

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CIVIL AIR UNIT
(for Devastated Areas)

6) Comments on the recent campaign
in Rome which collected blankets, clothing,
money etc for the benefit of devastated
areas.

To :

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of
contributed by you to the relief fund in aid
people in the devastated areas.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/701

24 February 1945

SUBJECT : Civil Censorship Report

TO : Civil Affairs Section

JA

1. Reference your 4/14.1/CA dated 22 Feb. 1945.
2. Extracts from civilian letters dealing with the following matters would be appreciated.

Security (Civil and Military)
Political Propaganda
Epuration
Political Parties.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D., 286
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394.
Public Health Sub-Commission.

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24 February 1945.

SUBJECT: - Extracts from Civil Censorship Reports.

TO : - VP CA Sec,
HQ AC.

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1. Reference your 4/14/1/CA dated 22 Feb '45.
2. Below are listed the main subjects with which this Sub-Commission is interested and upon which civil censorship extracts might be of value.
 - a) Hospitals,
 - b) Communicable Diseases,
 - c) Medical Supplies,
 - d) Diseases among animals,
 - e) Clothing,
 - f) Food.

For Brigadier G.S. Parkinson,

Paul S. Savage
PAUL S. SAVAGE,
Major, Spec. Res.,
Executive Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/12/A/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Civil Censorship Reports.

24 February 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. With reference to your letter 4/14.1/CA of 22 February on the above subject, this Sub Commission would like to see extracts from civilian letters commenting on the following subjects:--

- (a) Prefects personally
- (b) Provincial Administration
- (c) Communal Administration .

2. This Sub Commission is not interested in comments of a purely political nature and only wishes to see comments which have a bearing on Local Government administration.

for

R. G. B. Spicer

R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

23 FEB 1945 ED/JVV/vv

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Tel. 489081-269

SUBJECT : Civil Censorship Reports.

February 23, 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

Reference your 4/14.1/CA, dated 22 February 1945.

1. This Subcommittee is particularly interested in the following information insofar as censorship extracts can supply :

Comments on scholastic appointments.

Comments on directives from the Ministry of Public Instruction.

Evidence leading to reputation, fascist record, of professors and teachers.

For the Director of Education

J.V. Vella
J.V. VELLA
Captain.
Executive Officer.

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HEAD MATTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFG 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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23 Feb 45.

SUBJECT : Civil Censorship Reports.

28 FEB 1945

TO : C A Sec.

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1. Reference your 4/14.1/CA dated 22 Feb 45.
 2. The only extracts from civilian letters in which this Sub-Commission is interested are those containing comments on the working of Italian and AMG Courts.

W. E. BARNES,

Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 47/PAT.

23 February 1945.

Subject: Civil Censorship reports.

To : Civil Affairs Section
(for the attention of Lt.Col.S.H.White).

1. Reference your 4/14.1/CA dated 22 Feb, 45.
2. Patriots Branch would like to see extracts dealing with
 - (a) Patriot welfare;
 - (b) Employment for Patriots.

FP *W. Craig*
F. CRAIG,
Lt.Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

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DPR/90/Adm

Tel. 489081 Ext 576

23 February 1945

SUBJECT: Civil Censorship Reports

TO : C.A. Section

1. Ref your 4/14.1/CA of 22 February 1945.
2. Extracts of letters from or to Italian Refugees or Allied Nationals would be of interest to this Sub-Commission.

For the Director:

C.F. Fothergill
C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 489081, ext. 442 & 664; 470480)

20381/MFAA

23 February 1945

Subject: Civil Censorship reports.

To : CA Section, attn. Lt.Col. White.

Ref. your 4/14.1/CA of 22 Feb 45, hereunder listed are subjects on which this Subcommission would like to see extracts from civilian letters.

Ernest T. DeWald
ERNEST T. DE WALD
Lt.Col., Spec.Res.
Director.

1. War-damage to monuments and buildings of artistic and historical importance.
2. Removals of pictures, sculptures and other art-treasures from galleries or deposits.
3. Similar removals of books and manuscripts and all archival material.
4. Location of deposits of art treasures, libraries, or archival material.
5. All sales of art objects.
6. All news concerning official Italian Monuments and Fine Arts personnel.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ext : 469

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Ref 1/4/51/CA

22 Feb 45

SUBJECT : Civil Censorship reports

TO	: Local Govt S/C	MFA & A S/C
	Legal S/C	DP & R S/C
	Education S/C	Patriots Branch
	PI S/C	Devastated Areas
	PS/GO	

- 1 If Sub-Commissions will specify the subjects on which they would like to see extracts from civilian letters the necessary arrangements will be made.
- 2 It is requested that particulars of your requirements may reach this office by 1100 hrs 24 Feb.

S. B. WHITE Lt Col
for VP QA Section

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Civil Censorship Reports

I have spoken to Lt. Col McKean O/C. He says that the official arrangements are that the Information Division is responsible for circulating the reports to those likely to be interested in them. From the many complaints he receives he thinks that this is not working satisfactorily. He says that if we will inform him of the subjects in which our SAs are interested he will arrange for extracts on those subjects to be sent directly to those sub Comm.

It is suggested that we take advantage of that offer and that I circulate SAs asking them for particulars of the subjects that interest them and then forward the list to Col McKean.

For instructions please.

Yes please.

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