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ALCOM LO BARI
HQ ALCOM FOR EXEC COMMR RPTD CIVIL AFFAIRS SECT ECOM SEC P SAFETY SC
52 AREA INFO 54 AREA BY HAND

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Following is gist of verbal report from Prefect of LECCE to L/O BARI.

On 24 September 5000 people formed procession in protest at high cost of living. On arrival at Prefecture permission given send up deputation interview Prefect. But mob broke through cordon and entered courtyard and Prefect's own offices. Some wanton damage done to furniture. Chief demands were first increase flour ration second increase oil ration third establishment of BARTER system with North ITALY instead of payments in cash for exports from south.

Prefect made ration concessions and crowd dispersed.

Following day (25th & 25th) crowd estimated 7 to 10 thousand formed procession. On arrival outside Prefecture succeeded in disarming one Carabinieri officer and about 5 guards whom they led away. They then tried remove light automatic from guard who lost wits and opened fired killing 3 civilians. Number of wounded and injured unknown believed small.

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CC/RR armoured vehicle then fired over heads of crowd.

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On 26th September no incidents;

Funeral takes place today incidents feared.

Reinforcements of CC/RR and 1 Battalion SAN MARCO Regt sent LECCE. Virtually all business and shops closed since 24th. Agitation in GALATINA (LECCE Province) but no incidents.

Prefect's report ends.

All quiet BRINDISI. Strike of 150 bank clerks owing high cost living TARANTO caused banks close there 25th. Prefect TARANTO fears further incidents. Trouble is entirely economic owing scarcity and great price of uncontrolled foodstuffs. Poorer classes cannot buy sufficient oil vegetables meat or wine.

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M/C Note

Lt Col TALLIOT informed of this message at 272030A.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

26 Sept.45

MEMORANDUM

AC/14602/7/PS

27 SEP 1945

TO : V.P. C.A. Section, Allied Commission.

As a result of a telephone conversation at 1130 hours from Major Luckman to the Executive Officer of this Sub-Commission the following information on the Naples German P.O.W. situation is submitted.

Major Luckman, the Public Safety Officer of Naples Comune, feels that General McNarney's decision of removing 1000 German P.O.W. per day from Naples has answered the problem on hand; and that as a result the situation has been nicely ironed out.

They are having, according to Major Luckman, minor labor troubles which are under control; for example, the employees of the Naples Banks went on strike, however at the time of this telephone conversation, they had returned to work.

Major Luckman recommended that the police which were sent down there to help at the time of the crisis be kept on for a little while longer so that calm and tranquility can be assured.

for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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C.S.O.
Please send copy to
Ex Comm Soc. for info
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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 21 September 1945

25 SET. 1945

Dear Admiral,

Today, I have witnessed a very serious situation in Naples, which could rapidly get worse, and which is caused by the fact that the Allied Authorities employ German prisoners whose presence and free circulation in the city cause strong demonstrations of resentment on the part of the workers who have been discharged and the population. It is my duty to tell you that the available carbinieri forces, which I am having reinforced, and the police forces, will probably not be sufficient in front of the excited mob. Nor will my exhortations to calm and those of the authorities prove sufficient if action isn't rapidly taken by the allied military authorities.

I beg you to inform the Allied Headquarters about this urgent and serious situation, which is one such that the Italian Government isn't sure to be able to cope with it.

Trusting on the efficaciousness of your action, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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MEMO : Re Naples situation 24 Sept., 1945
24.9.1945

TO : C.A. Section

1. At 1630 hours Maj Luckman SCAPO Naples Commune AMG reports by phone that :

a) the situation to-day is well in hand - no disturbances reported.

b) The conference held by Gen. McNarney with AMG Naples officers and Leaders of the Labor Groups was held and Gen. McNarney agreed to.-

I. Remove all Germans POW from trucks.
II. Return all German POW labours to Germany gradually and later replace them with Italian laborers as military necessities require and permit.

2. The Labor Delegates seemed to be satisfied, but it is felt by the AMG officials that they - the labor leaders - may have some difficulties placating the workers in Naples.

3. A close watch is being kept on pubblic reaction to the labor leaders' reports to the workers.

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for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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AFHQ CITE SACMED

5888 24 September 45 IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT IS OPERATIONS IN ANDRIA MINERVINO AREA PD

PAREN TO AFHQ CITE SACMED FROM ALCOM CITE ACPSF PAREN

REPORTING ON ACTIVITIES IN BARI AREA RESULTING FROM OUR RECENT REPRESENTATIONS TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTING ACTION BY THEM CMA LO BARI SIGNALS QUOTE FOLLOWING IS RESULT TO DATE OF LARGE SCALE CARABINIERI OPERATIONS IN ANDRIA AND MINERVINO PAREN BARI PROVINCE PAREN WHICH BEGAN TWO ZERO SEPTEMBER AND ARE STILL CONTINUING PD INTENTION ARREST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN JUNE AND MAKE WIDESPREAD SEARCH FOR ARMS PD FOUR SEVEN ARRESTS PD EIGHT SEVEN WEAPONS MOSTLY SPORTING GUNS AND PISTOLS PD MANY PERSONS FLED TO COUNTRY AND FORMING ARMED GANGS PD FIVE ZERO ZERO CARABINIER INVOLVED PD SAMMARCO REGT IN RESERVE PD NO CASUALTIES AMONG CHARLIE CHARLIE ROGER ROGER DESPITE SHOTS FIRED AT CARABINIERI BARRACKS MINERVINO PD NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS PD ACCIDENT TO TRUCK CARRYING CARABINIERI RESERVES RESULTED ONE DEAD ONE SIX INJURED PD UNQUOTE PD

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ACTION AFHQ. INFO DISTHREE, PBS, PBS SOUTH

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YOUR FOX XRAY FOUR FOUR SIX EIGHT NINE OF TWENTY SEPTEMBER PD ASSURE DEMONSTRATIONS MAY CENTER AROUND EMPLOYMENT OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR AS MENTIONED BY HAMBLEN IN CONVERSATION WITH STONE PD

PAREN ACTION TO AFHQ INFO TO DISTHREE CMA PBS CMA PBS SOUTH FROM HQ ALCOM SITE ACSCC PAREN

PARA TWO PD MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER IN NAPLES WOULD BE GREATLY FACILITATED IF PAREN ABLE PAREN NUMBER OF GERMAN PRISONERS EMPLOYED IN NAPLES WERE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED CMA PAREN BAKER PAREN NO GERMAN PRISONERS WERE PERMITTED TO CIRCULATE IN CITY EXCEPT UNDER GUARD CMA PAREN CHARLIE PAREN NO GERMAN PRISONERS WERE PUT IN POSITION OF SUPERVISING OR GIVING ORDERS TO ITALIAN WORKERS PD

PARA THREE PD IF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS COULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT PROMPTLY IN NAPLES A GREAT DEAL OF HEAT WOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE SITUATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER FACILITATED

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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TO: NAPLES COMMUNE CITE ACPSF

24 SEP 1945

5868 22 Sep 45 PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS SITUATION IN NAPLES PD

PARA TWO PD REFERENCE YOUR NAN CHARLIE SLANT ONE THREE NINE FIVE CITE ACPSF DATED TWO ONE SEPTEMBER FOUR FIVE PD

PARA THREE PD THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE SITUATION HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE NOTICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY CMA MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR WHO HAS PERSONALLY GIVEN ORDERS THAT CARABINIERI AND PUBLIC SAFETY AGENTS BE REINFORCED TO THE MAXIMUM PD

PARA FOUR PD THE PARTICULAR MOVEMENTS RECOMMENDED IN YOUR PARA TWO HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE MINISTER CMA BUT ADDITIONAL AGENTS TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FIVE THREE ZERO REQUESTED WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE PD

PARA FIVE PD MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE HAVE RELEASED TWO THOUSAND MUSKETS FOR ISSUE TO PUBLIC SAFETY AGENTS IN NAPLES TODAY TWO TWO SEPTEMBER FOUR FIVE PD PLEASE ARRANGE ISSUE WITH MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE LIAISON OFFICER NAPLES PD

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PARAN TO NAPLES COMMUNE CITE ACPSF FROM ALCOM CITE ACPSF PARAN

PARA SIX PD REFERENCE YOUR PARA THREE THE REQUEST BY THE COMMANDER NAPLES LEGION CHARLIE CHARLIE ROGER ROGER FOR FIVE HUNDRED MEN WAS CUT TO TWO HUNDRED BY THE BRIGADIER GENERAL PD THE PRIME MINISTER COULD ONLY AUTHORISE THE TRANSFER OF ONE HUNDRED MEN FROM CATANZARO PD PLEASE ARRANGE TRANSPORT PD A FURTHER FIFTY HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA PD

PARA SEVEN PD AT THE REQUEST OF THIS HEADQUARTERS REINFORCEMENTS OF ONE FIVE ZERO CHARLIE CHARLIE ROGER ROGER FROM THE CADET LEGION IN ROME WILL BE SENT TO NAPLES TODAY TWO TWO SEPT FOUR FIVE BY SPECIAL TRAIN PD THESE MEN ARE DESTINED FOR BARI

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5868 22 Sep 45 SECRET

AT A LATER DATE AND THEIR USE IN NAPLES FOR SPECIAL DUTY DOES NOT REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER PD

PARA EIGHT PD REFERENCE YOUR PARA FIVE PD IT IS NOW UNDERSTOOD THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY YOU WITH PETER BAKER SUGAR FOR THE LOAN OF NECESSARY TRANSPORT PD

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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG

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Confirming telephone conversation LUSH/HAMELEN information available at AFHQ that armed demonstrations with Communist support may be held in NAPLES before end September with 23 September as likely date.

Responsibility for maintaining law and order rests initially with NAPLES AMG using civil forces at this disposal. AMG Commissioner NAPLES has been instructed to call on ALCOM ROME for additional civil police forces if necessary and will at once confer with ALCOM on situation. ALCOM will take action with Italian Government to assure such timely civil assistance as situation demands. Except to protect their activities Allied Forces will give consideration to aiding Civil Government only at specific request of Italian Government.

C.S.O.

P.S. S/C has already taken same action I should see P.S. file on which action taken is recorded

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(Plan Call for Ex Comm Office)

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LABOUR DIV REPTIMONTS REGION ANO
ALGIER ATTN LABOUR SO.

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1. Reference is made your cable 4988. Sit down strike of cotton textile workers in TURINO Province is subject.

2. Strike continues without incidents and with no particular greater tension developing.

3. An agreement was signed on 3 September between Union Industrinli Cotonieri and the Camera was signed on 3 September between the Camera Del Lavoro whereby workers received hourly wage increases vering from 4½ to 5½ lire for men and 3½ to 4 and 3/4 lire for women. Work was subsequently resumed in the cotton mills of TURINO SUTRVAL DI SUSA workers refused to honour agreement signed by labour representatives insisting that firstly retroactivity should be from second instead of 20th August and secondly wages due for duration of strike from 29 August be met by employers

4. At meeting held on 6 August with Commissioni Interne labors leaders unsuccessfully endeavoured to obtain support in the acceptance of agreement as originally signed.

5. At meeting held today textile employers decided firstly to allow retroactivity from 13 August which is date of first contact in connection with present dispute secondly not to pay wages due for period of strike

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6. Meeting of Commissioni Interne will be discussed.

7. Important may be the fact thatany of them are part time farmers and this period coincides with increased harvesting activities.

8. Am personally intervening tomorrow in the hoope of clarifying to the Commissioni Interni firstly the unreasonableness of expecting from

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employers payment of wages for strike period and secondly the necessity of respecting and supporting decisions of own labour representatives.

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AFHQ CITE FHGCT

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REUR FOX XRAY THREE EIGHT EIGHT NINE ONE OF TWO SEVEN AUGUST PD

PAREN TO AFHQ CITE FHGCT FROM ALCOM CITE ACPSF PAREN

PARA ONE PD PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION CONSIDERS TEAR GAS GRENADES ARE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF CONTROLLING CIVIL DISORDERS BUT NOT SMOKE GRENADES PD

PARA TWO PD STOCKS OF GRENADES CAN BE MAINTAINED AS SECURELY AS OTHER TYPES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION NOW MAINTAINED PD

PARA THREE PD SMOKE GRENADES WOULD INTERFERE WITH POLICE OPERATIONS IN CONTROLLING CIVIL DISTURBANCES BY CONCEALING CROWD MOVEMENTS PD

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN Col/.

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
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FES, AICOM, DIRTWO, DISTHRE, 13 CORPS, GREENHIL

HEADQUARTERS 28 AUG 1945 A.F.H.Q.

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Para 1. In view of the cessation of hostilities this HQ is considering the elimination of the prohibition on the employment of smoke and/or tear gas grenades as a means of controlling civil disturbances. The use of these agents was common practice prior to the war and was found to be an effective means of controlling civil disturbances. If the prohibition is removed stocks of these agents will be issued to all agencies responsible for controlling civil disturbances in the theatre.

Para 2. Your views are requested on the following.

a. Do you consider smoke and/or tear gas grenades an effective means of controlling civil disorders?

b. Could you maintain sufficient security of stocks of these grenades to insure against their falling into unauthorised hands?

c. On what grounds if any do you oppose the use of such grenades?

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

Tel. 14152

Ref : LB/65.b.

20th August, 1945

SUBJECT : Civil Disturbances.

TO : V.P., Civil Affairs Section (2 copies),
HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION,
C.M.F.

I would like to bring to notice the commendable fact that the Prefect and Carabinieri of MATERA have taken a strong line following the recent disturbances there, and arrested the following men:-

1. LOIZZO Domenico - Secretary of the Communist Party at FERRANDINA.

2. ASPROMONTE Domenico - Communist leader at FERRANDINA.

3. FICCIANDELLI Giuseppe, PETRONE Vincenzo, PALLOTTA Pasquale — alleged to be concerned in the murder of CAPUTI Vincenzo at FERRANDINA.

and 27 ~~minor~~ more responsible for the disturbance.

Of the 49 prisoners released from the MATERA prison on the 1st August, 1945, 16 have been re-arrested and 7 returned.

S. W. Miller

S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Liaison Officer, A.C.,
BARI.

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HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION,
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HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION,
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