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DEFASCISM, PERSONS DENOUNCED, REGION 3, (PELLEGRINI)
(UNDER H II OF DLL 159)
JULY 1944 - AUG. 1945

Noted. fcc
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VP

Pursuant to your instructions at the end of your conference with Sig. MEMMI and Adv. CANALEA on 21 Aug. 45 I called at the office of the Central Commission on 22 August 45 in order to ascertain the status of the Pellegrini case. Pres. BOCCONI was not in but Chief Clerk CARAFRIZZA advised me that the reporting Judge had finished his work, that Pellegrini had submitted a supplementary defense measure which was under advisement, and that the case was set down for decision on 26 Aug 45.

I saw Pres. BOCCONI this morning. He confirmed this information and added that the decision of the Central Commission would be communicated to the Allied Commission before 10 Sep 45.

24 August 45
CA Section

CAS (seen Maj Palmieri)

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E. L. Palmieri
E. L. PALMIERI,
Major

*Noted. The decision arrived on or Sept. 10. after 20
25/8
29 Aug 45
has no result.*

MC

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Communications

Please see 36A (some copy is for your retention)

The Staff Sergeant said that this information should be treated as confidential at present as the decision will not be made until after the completion of certain legal formalities which it will take

about a month. The decision is informal and preliminary.

24 August 45
CA Section

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as confidential at present as the decision will not be made
public as disclosed to the respondent until after the
completion of certain legal formalities. It will take
about a fortnight. That case of course is information regarding

CA'S
1 SEP 1945

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NOTED - THANK YOU

Com S/C.

14 Sep 1945.

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TO : Mr. SACCHS - Labor 5/3

FROM : Theronuel advice at S.E.T.
(telephone Company) at Naples.

1 I return herewith the letter addressed to the Labor Sub-Commission by
Col. Perrywick under date of 20 June 1945, and the attached reports dated
19 June 1945.

2 The immediate cause of the trouble has been removed by the dismissal of
one Emeriglio, an employee of S.E.T.. The workers who threatened to strike
did so because they objected to Emeriglio's activities in trying to create sup-
port for Pellegrini. The S.E.T. Company has saved face by having the dismiss-
sal on other grounds. The fact remains, however, that there exists a well
organized and highly vocal group of workers who want to remove Pellegrini, and,
if possible, all the directors of S.E.T. who were there during the Fascist regime.
Now strong and how representative this group is I am unable to say. I had some
contact with them about 3 months ago when they made it plain that they were
determined to get Pellegrini ousted by the Spurtion Commission.

3 Pellegrini's expatriation proceeding is still sub-judice. He has appealed
to the Central Commission against a judgment of dismissal. My own opinion is
that the proceedings were improperly and unfairly conducted and that there is
a strong possibility of his securing a reversal.

4 If the Pellegrini expatriation proceeding terminates with his ouster from S.E.T.,
presumably the agitation will end. If Pellegrini should win his appeal, it
is likely that there will be a strike or, at least, a threat to strike. It is
not a happy position for us to be in because the expatriation laws have been passed
with our knowledge and consent and have been largely implemented in AMT territory.

5 I have the impression from my talk with Col. Perrywick (see paragraph 6
of his letter of 20 June 1945) that he is ready to remove any or all of the
higher-ups in the S.E.T. Company in order to avoid trouble. This poses a
problem which should be considered very carefully. My opinion is that a firm
stand should be taken with these workers and that it must be made clear to them
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same sense as the Courts are.

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23 June 1945
CA. Section

E. J. Pellegrini
E. J. PELLEGRINI
Major

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VP. This is another matter in which you might speak to
Perrywick this afternoon - and in the changed terms. Please
see the Chief Commissioner's letter of 14.4. and also files 33A-35A.
This case has been going on for over a year and it is the one
which the Chief Commissioner understands (is aware) is now dead and
expanding.

24 June 1945

NOTE:

This case discussed with Barroni, President of the Central Commission this morning. Major Palmeri will let him have a Memorandum in Italian substantially on the lines of Memo No. 9 and the President will examine the official file together and discuss with the Section President with a view to the immediate advancement of this case and its dismissal by the Central Commission. Barroni expressed his sympathy in this case and promised that he would do all that he could in order to avoid the necessity for official action on the part of the Allies to secure a reversal of the findings of the Commission of First Instance.

Bring forward in ten days.

9 June 1945,
Civil Affairs Section.

SPB
U.S. ARMY, BRIG...
VP of Section

Pass to Major Palmeri for action

We filed

SPB

NOTE:

REFER Fol. 31 A.

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CONFERRED WITH COL. LAMARCA
WHO WAS ORDERED ME TO NAPLES
IMMEDIATELY TO CONFER WITH PROVINCIAL
COMMISSIONER, ASCERTAIN THE FACTS, AND
REPORT BACK HERE TO BRIG. VERNAN BY
FRIDAY MORNING (22 JUNE '45)

20 JUNE 1945
Civil Affairs Section.

E.C. Palmeri
Major

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V.F.

Pursuant to your request I have studied the records of the epuration proceedings against Pellegrini. The case is now pending before the Central Commission on ~~an~~ appeal by Pellegrini after a decision removing him from his position as manager and director of the S.E.T. Company.

My impression of the proceedings is that they were unfairly conducted and that Pellegrini was not removed on the basis of a dispassionate examination of the evidence. Moreover, the decision is open to the same legal objection successfully raised by del Pino, namely, that as a director of a perastatal Company he is not covered by Article 11 of RA 159.

The charges made against Pellegrini were substantially as follows:-

- (a) That he had obtained his position as Director General of S.E.T. through friendship and influence with Costanzo Ciano and the Fascist Party.
- (b) That he had given proof of Fascist partisanship by forbidding a strike of S.E.T. workers at the time of the Matteotti murder.
- (c) That he had committed a series of acts demonstrating Fascist corruption.
- (d) That he had collaborated with the Germans and with the Fascist Republican Government.

There were supplementary specifications filed under (c) by the Assistant High Commissioner in a memorandum dated 3 February 1944.

Pellegrini was acquitted of charges (a), (b) and (d). He was found guilty under charge (c).

The only witnesses heard by the Epuration Commission were those who testified against Pellegrini. The Commission denied Pellegrini's request that he and a number of witnesses in his behalf be heard.

The Commission went to great lengths to sustain charge (c) - "Fascist corruption" (malcostume fascista). Going far beyond the proper scope of this charge as explained in directives issued by Scoccimarro when he was H.C. for Epuration.

For instance, a number of disgruntled employees were permitted to testify to incidents involving personal grievances, and which at the very worst showed Pellegrini was a strict and conscientious administrator. One Fasciglione who worked as private chauffeur for Pellegrini for nine years was permitted to show

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The Commission made much of the fact that special telephone service was maintained at Capri for Fascist personalities (Mussolini and Ciano to S. E. Mussolini at Capri). What this amounted to was the posting of a line repairman at Capri who could put the line back into service quickly if the elements interrupted communications. The S.E.I. Company was ordered by the Minister of the Interior to ~~put~~ put this line open to all times and S.E.I. was hardly in a position to refuse.

The reasoning of the Commission follows substantially this line: Pellegrini had an important position during the Fascist regime with a parastatal Company. He

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could not have held his position if he were an antifascist. Therefore he was a fascist, and merited removal.

What to me is most significant about the proceedings is the rejection of Pellegrini's valid claim to consideration under Art 16 of MIL 159. He cut the telephone communications during the battle at Salerno. This was of direct and substantial benefit to the Allies. Pellegrini was arrested by the U.S. and barely escaped execution. The long decision of the Italian Military Tribunal at Naples was before the Commission and sets forth in detail the nature and extent of his acts during this period. It is, in effect, a commendation of Pellegrini.

The Commission brushes aside the claim under Article 16 saying that Article 16 contemplates a circumstance which must be both objective and subjective at the same time (decision of Commission, p. 33). What they can possibly mean I am at an utter loss to suggest. It sounds like a riddle spun out of the philosophy of Kant. They add that Pellegrini merely did his duty and if he suffered for it, that must be considered a part of the responsibility attached to his job. Moreover, his help to the Allies was owed in duty (covered) and his refusal could have been met with force. Thus, Article 16 is made a dead letter.

CA Section
c June 45

E. J. Salinger
E.J. SALINGER, JR.,
CA Section

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Do you think it would be better to say "Don't
Don't"

That special reputation was put on the
Green card, which was in the case that it
is not a secret and so that the Central
Commission be instructed to give it priority.

Frank was very surprised to see that he was
not allowed any credit for directing the telephone
communications of the German Army, for which he
was credited and was to have been credited.

Can he say whether a commendation of his
service was by Allied Officers was considered by
the Commission and would he assure that it was
considered by the Central Commission.

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To CA Sec

Letter DT/37/10 of 29 Dec to PM signed by Admiral Stone
is returned to you for despatch. Copies have been withdrawn for the
CC & COS files
Letter despatched 31 DEC 1944 *PL*

31 Dec 44

Communications Sec.

Page 27a. No investigation is in hand, not has an investigation been started. It is difficult to appreciate the decision that should be the result of investigation is unnecessary to the action being taken, affecting the war effort. It may then be said that it is understood that these proceedings are not conducted.

CA
28 MAR 1945

Communications (at Sunderland) say that the above will mean an immediate investigation but that because of Admiral Stone's personal connection to the Admiralty it will be necessary to ensure that the Admiralty has been informed. Before that is understood he knows that Stone will take the matter up with Admiral Stone. It is no action should be taken before the conclusion of an appeal, as the Admiralty is expected to be satisfied because of the personal of Stone. You will note that the Chief Clerk has a copy of 27a.

By the way, in connection with the above will mean a standing enquiry as to the state of the Admiralty. The charges are being made. The Admiralty will be informed that they will be given in writing. The Admiralty is said to be only writing only to long matters to your attention. The Admiralty of course is not very formal. It will certainly reply to the CC that you have some sense understanding to investigate.

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grm

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To Acting CC

To see photo # 10A. (Hegdal)

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To Acting CC

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J.R. Hegdal

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To COS

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Reference construction COS - DCOS, CAS this morning
 Everett left letter for signature of CC. of the apparatus
 29 Dec.

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Chief Engineer, COS

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

M. L. L. L.

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TRANSLATION NO. 991

CENTRAL COMMISSION FOR EPURATION

ROME, 5 September 1945

Dear General,

I wish to inform you that the competent Commission yesterday examined the appeal of Sig. Ugo Pellegrini, employee of the Societa' Servizi Telefonici. It declared that Sig. Pellegrini, because of his position, does not come under the epuration law; it is therefore not in the power of the Commission to try him.

Sincere regards
/s/ On. Alessandro Bocconi

TO: GENERAL G.R. UPJOHN
HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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COMMISSIONE CENTRALE PER L'EPURAZIONE

IL PRESIDENTE

Roma, 5 settembre 1945

- 8 SET. 1945

Ill.mo Signor Generale,

mi faccio premura di comunicarle che
ieri la Commissione competente ha giudicato
il ricorso del Sig. Ugo Pellegrini, della So-
cietà Servizi Telefonici, ritenendo che lo
stesso per la sua funzione non cadeva sotto
la disposizione della legge per l'epurazione,
e pertanto la Commissione non era competente
a giudicarlo.

Con i più distinti ossequi mi sia

IL PRESIDENTE
(On. Alessandro Rocconi)

Ill.mo Sig. Generale
C.R. UPJOIN
Comando Commissione Alleata
T.P.C.A. Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

14 Aug 45

DE/3.7/CA ✓

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Commission's letter DE/3.7/CA of the 4 Aug relating to Sig. PELLEGRINI and to enquire why no reply thereto has been received and further I am directed to request that a reply may be despatched so as to reach this Headquarter's not later than the 20 Aug.

Yours very truly,

G.R. URJOHN Brig,
VP CA Section

ON. Alessandro BOCCONI
Presidente della Commissione Centrale
per l'Epurazione,
75, Piazza SS. Apostoli
E O M A

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DP/3.7/CA ✓

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G. H. UNWIN Brig,
VP CA Section

ON. Alessandro BOCCONI
Presidente della Commissione Centrale
per l'Epurazione,
75, Piazza SS. Apostoli
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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref DE/3.7/CA

4 August 45

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of the 27 Jul relating to Sig. PENNACRINI.
Can you please inform me what decision was reached in this case.

Yours very truly

G.R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

CM. Alessandro BOCCCHI
Presidente della Commissione Centrale
per l'Epurazione,
75, Piazza SE. Apontali
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TRANSLATION NO. 860

CENTRAL COMMISSION FOR EMIGRATION

ROME, 27 JULY 1945

The President

Dear General,

I wish to inform you that, as we had agreed, I looked into Secretary Ugo FELLERINI's case, about which you had spoken to me, and that the said case is to be discussed at the meeting of the 31st.

I shall let you know the results of the meeting without delay.

Yours sincerely
The President
/s/ Alessandro Bonconi

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2 Aug



COMMISSIONE CENTRALE PER L'EPURAZIONE

IL PRESIDENTE

Roma, 27 luglio 1945

Ill.mo Generale,

mi pregio comunicarle che, come d'accordo, mi occupai della pratica relativa al Segretario Ugo PELLEGRINI, di cui Ella si è interessato, e che detta pratica è già fissata a ruolo per la discussione nella seduta del 31 p.v.

Mi farò un dovere da notificarle subito il risultato.

Distinti ossequi

IL PRESIDENTE
(On. Alessandro Boccoconi)

A. Boccoconi

Ill.mo Generale
G.R. UPJOHN
Comando Commissione Alleata
VP. CA. Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

DE/3.7/CA

23 July 45

Dear Sir,

I desire to call your attention to our conversation of 9 June 45 at your office concerning the epuration proceedings against Sig. Ugo PELLEGRINI of the Societa' Servizi Telefonici. You agreed to examine the file forthwith and to discuss it with the Section President with a view to the immediate advancement of the case and its dismissal by the Central Commission.

A memorandum in Italian was delivered to you under date of 12 June summarizing the proceedings and outlining the most important aspects of the case.

I am extremely disappointed to learn that the case has not yet been advanced for hearing and that an early decision does not appear probable. I must request you to give this matter your urgent attention as the case is one in which the Supreme Allied Commander is interested.

Yours very truly,

G. R. L. L. L.
G. R. L. L. L. Brig,
VP CA Section

ON. BOCCONI
Presidente della Commissione Centrale
per l'Epurazione,
73, Piazza SS. Apostoli
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 416
REF : LSC/523/809
SUBJECT: Strike of telephone employees, Naples.
TO : Brig. General Upjohn
Vice President
Civil Affairs Section
(Attention: Major Palmieri)

20 June 1945

20 JUN. 1945

1. Col. Pennycuik, Provincial Commissioner of Naples Commune, reported yesterday, via telephone, the existence of considerable unrest among employees of SET, the telephone company at Naples. A number of strikes have already taken place south of Naples, and a strike was threatened among the employees of the company at Naples. This strike was averted by the intercession of Col. Pennycuik, who is of the opinion that the employees have a justifiable grievance.

2. The cause of the disturbance centers around the activities of one Pellegrini, formerly head of the company. Pellegrini has been removed from office by epuration, but it seems that there is an appeal pending. According to the employees, Pellegrini is nevertheless taking an active part in the affairs of the company. He is frequently seen in the company of the manager and other directors, and makes free use of the company cars. In addition he has been consulted by PBS Officer, Major Koenig.

3. According to Col. Pennycuik, a serious work stoppage is an immediate prospect as a consequence.

4. It is suggested that an immediate investigation be undertaken as to:

- (a) The facts concerning Pellegrini's participation in the affairs of the company notwithstanding epuration, and
- (b) The reason why Pellegrini's activities should lead the employees to take such an interest in the matter.

5. Neither Labor Sub-Commission nor Communications Sub-Commission have officers available to conduct this investigation. Moreover the Pellegrini case, it would appear, has a long background and someone familiar with it should undertake the job.

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6. It is suggested, therefore, that someone from Civil Affairs Section, particularly Major Palmieri if available, be requested to conduct the investigation referred to and make recommendations.

David C. Sachs
DAVID C. SACHS
Deputy Director
Labor Sub-Commission

cc: Economic Section
Communications Sub-Commission

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From: Major R. L. PALMERINI
CA Section - HD/AGHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION16
DE/3.7/CH

12 June 45

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the understanding reached at the conference with General UPVONN on 9 June 1945 I am sending you herewith a copy of my summary of the expropriation proceedings relating to Sig. Ugo PELLEGRINI of the Societa' Servizi Telefonici.

Yours very truly,

ON. BOCCONI
Presidente della Commissione Centrale
per l'Espropriazione,
73, Piazza SS. Apostoli
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Secondo l'intesa raggiunta alla conferenza col Generale UPVONN del 9 Giugno 1945, ho chiesto alla presente una copia del mio sommario del processo di Espropriazione concernente il Sig. Ugo PELLEGRINI della Societa' Servizi Telefonici.

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SOCCORSO DEL PROCEDIMENTO DI PURIFICAZIONE E LAVORO
DEL SERVIZIO GENERALE DELLA S.E.T. UNO PUNTO

IMMIGRAZIONE NO. 766

Facendo seguito alla sua richiesta ho esaminato i verbali del processo di epurazione contro Pellegriani. Il processo ora e' in pendenza presso la Commissione Centrale dietro ricorso presentato dal Pellegriani in seguito alla decisione che lo dimetteva dalla sua carica di amministratore e direttore della Societa' S.E.T.

L'impressione che ho riportata dall'istruttoria e' che essa fu condotta ingiustamente e che Pellegriani non fu dimesso in base ad un'imparziale esame degli elementi di prova. Inoltre, la decisione e' soggetta alla stessa opzione legale prodotta da Del Pino con successo, cioè, che egli in qualita' di direttore di una Societa' parastatale non e' soggetto all'applicazione delle disposizioni dell'Art 11 di DL 159.

Le imputazioni avanzate contro Pellegriani erano in sostanza le seguenti:

- (a) Che egli aveva conseguito la sua carica quale Direttore Generale della S.E.T. per mezzo dell'amicizia e l'influenza di Costanzo Ciano ed il Partito Fascista;
- (b) Che egli aveva dato prova di faziosita' con il fascismo quando impedì uno sciopero dei lavoratori della S.E.T. al tempo del delitto Matteotti;
- (c) Che egli aveva commesso una serie di atti che mostravano esempio di malcostume fascista;
- (d) Che egli aveva collaborato con i Tedeschi e con il Governo Repubblicano fascista.

Vi erano delle precisazioni supplementari presentate in relazione a (c) dall'Alto Commissario Aggiunto in un promemoria del 5 Febbraio 1944.

Pellegriani fu prosciolto dalle imputazioni contemplate in (a), (b) e (d). Egli fu riconosciuto colpevole rispetto all'imputazione (c).

I soli testimoni che furono sentiti dalla Commissione di Epurazione furono quelli che deposero contro Pellegriani. La Commissione respinse la richiesta del Pellegriani che egli ed un numero di testimoni che deponevano in suo favore venissero ascoltati.

La Commissione sostenne vigorosamente l'imputazione (c) - Malcostume fascista, andando perfino oltre la reale ed effettiva portata di questa imputazione come essa venne specificata nelle istruzioni emanate da Roccamanno al tempo in cui egli era Alto Commissario per l'Epurazione.

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- (a) Che egli aveva conseguito la sua carica quale Direttore Generale della S.E.T. per mezzo dell'amicizia e l'influenza di Costanzo Ciano ed il Partito Fascista;
- (b) Che egli aveva dato prova di faziosità con il fascismo quando impedì uno sciopero dei lavoratori della S.E.T. al tempo del delitto Matteotti;
- (c) Che egli aveva commesso una serie di atti che mostravano esempio di malcostume fascista;
- (d) Che egli aveva collaborato con i Tedeschi e con il Governo Repubblicano fascista.

Vi erano delle precisazioni supplementari presentate in relazione a (c) dall'Alto Commissario Aggiunto in un promemoria del 5 Febbraio 1944.

Rellegrini fu proscioltto dalle imputazioni contemplate in (a), (b) e (d). Egli fu riconosciuto colpevole rispetto all'imputazione (c).

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Questa è la dimostrazione tipica delle prove di cui la Commissione si servi per motivare la sua decisione.

La Commissione tenne molto in conto il fatto che un servizio telefonico speciale venne installato a Capri per personalità fasciste (Mussolini e Ciano per Eda Mussolini in Capri). Questo portava all'impiego di un operario per riparare la linea a Capri, il quale potesse risentire celermente a posto la linea se gli elementi ne avessero interrotta la comunicazione. La Società S.E.T. ebbe l'ordine dal Ministro dell'Interno di mantenere libera in ogni tempo la linea e la S.E.T. si trovava nella situazione di potere molto difficilmente opporre un rifiuto.

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Il ragionamento della Commissione segue in sostanza questa linea: Pellegriani ricopriva una carica importante durante il regime fascista presso una Società 'parastatale'. Egli non avrebbe potuto ricoprire tale carica se egli fosse stato un anti-fascista. Egli era quindi un fascista e deve essere dimesso.

Cio' che e' di alto significato per me in questo processo e' il rifiuto opposto al reclamo giustificato del Pellegriani di essere giudicato in relazione all'art 16 del Dal 159. Agli tagli' le comunicazioni telefoniche durante la battaglia di Salerno. Questo fatto apporta' un sostanziale e diretto beneficio agli Alleati. Pellegriani fu arrestato dalle SS ed e' stato sfuggi' alla fucilazione. La lunga decisione del Tribunale Militare Italiano di Napoli era davanti alla Commissione ed espone dettagliatamente la natura e la portata dei suoi atti durante questo periodo. Esso costituisce in effetti una lode per il Pellegriani.

La Commissione rigetta il ricorso di cui all'art 16 dicendo che l'articolo 16 contempla una circostanza che deve essere contemporaneamente oggettiva e soggettiva (decisione della Commissione, p. 33). Che cosa possono e vogliono mai significare io sono nell'assoluta impossibilita' di sapere. Essa aggiunge che Pellegriani fece puramente il suo dovere e se ne soffri', il fatto deve essere considerato come parte della responsabilita' legata al suo lavoro. Inoltre, il suo aiuto agli Alleati era doveroso ed il suo rifiuto poteva certamente essere stato avversato con la forza. Così, l'articolo 16 e' reso lettera morta.

/s/ E.L. PALMERI Maj.
C.A. Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

DE/3.7/CA

29 Mar 45

SUBJECT : Pellegrini

TO : Communications S/C

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- 1 Reference your DI72.64-CS of 26 Mar. It is not proposed to make any representation to the Italian Government with regard to Pellegrini while the matter is still sub-judice.
- 2 If when the appeal is concluded you are of opinion that any representation should be made this will be done if you will specify the precise points upon which you desire representation to be made and support it with copies of any document to which you think attention should be drawn.
- 3 The primary responsibility for watching the working of the Communications Epuration Commission lies of course with the Communications Sub-Commission and not with this Section which is only concerned with general policy and direction except when matters have to be taken to a higher level. Before it can be in a position to make any such representation it will require full particulars and papers.

G.R. Bishop
G.R. BISHOP Brig.
VP CA Section

Copy to : Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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22/3.7/54 ✓

29 Mar 45

SUBJECT : Pellegrini

TO : Communications S/C

- 1 Reference your E172.64-03 of 26 Mar. It is not proposed to make any representation to the Italian Government with regard to Pellegrini while the matter is still sub-judice.
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[Signature]
G.H. WILSON Brig.
VP & Section

Copy to : Chief Commissioner

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Communications Sub-Commission

27 MAR 1945
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D.172.64.CS

26th March, 1945

SUBJECT: Pellegrini Epuration Case

TO: V.P. Civil Affairs Section

1. You will remember that many months ago Admiral Stone assured representatives of A.F.H.Q. that the A.C. would do everything in its power to insure that Pellegrini be given a prompt and fair trial.

2. The failure to have his case handled promptly cannot be attributed to any lack of effort on the part of A.C.

3. Brigadier W.C. Buchanan called on me on March 24th, 1945 and presented a very strong protest against the manner in which the Epuration Commission had handled Pellegrini's case. I understand that Major Palmieri has already given you a report on the subject and that you are investigating and will, if your investigation warrants such action, make a strong complaint to the Italian Government.

4. This Memo. is to inform you that I told Brigadier Buchanan that you were investigating the matter and that he could rest assured that if the proceedings of the Epuration Commission were proved to have been irregular or if it were to the Allied interests to do so, suitable corrective action would be taken.

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H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel,
D/Director.

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Copy to: Chief Commissioner
(Thru' Executive Commissioner)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 091.112-2

6 March 1945

SUBJECT: Pellegrini.

17 MAR 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attn: Vice President CA Section).

1. Reference is made to the file of papers in connection with the "Pellegrini Case", which were removed from the custody of the Epuration Committee.
2. Examination of the file reveals that four documents Nos. 55, 56, 57, and 58 are classified material, and that violation of security regulations has been committed in allowing them to fall into the hands of the Italian Epuration Committee. An investigation to determine the responsible parties is being made by this HQ.
3. The Chief of Staff considers that to return these classified documents to the Committee now would be a corresponding violation of security regulations on the part of this HQ. He has therefore directed the removal of the four classified documents.
4. The file is now enclosed, the documents in question having been removed, for return to the Italian Epuration Committee.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

D. S. Jackling
D. S. JACKLING
Colonel

Incl:
as above

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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23 Feb 45

SUBJECT : Pellegrini

TO : AFHQ G-5

Reference this Commission's letter DF/3.3/AS dated 12 Aug 44 and your cables F 81582 of 11 Aug and F 81103 of 9 Aug 44.

At a conference with the Assistant High Commissioner for Information on the 20 Feb 45 was informed that the expatriation proceedings against Pellegrini had been concluded and that his dismissal had been ordered.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

[Signature]
G. J. LIPMAN Brig.
VP CA Section

Copy to : Communications S/O
Southern Region.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 22/3.7/CA.

13 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: PELLIGRINI

TO: AFHQ, C-5 Section.
(Attn. Col. Henn.)PELLIGRINI CASE

- 1 When Brig. Upjohn visited AFHQ on 27 Jan 45, he left certain papers in the above case with Col. Henn and raised certain points in connection therewith.
- 2 The Italian Government is now pressing for an answer on this matter and it would be appreciated if the papers are returned to this Headquarters as soon as possible, with a decision as to the questions raised.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J. R. Upjohn
J. R. Upjohn, Brig..
C-5 CA Section.
APO 394.

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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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29 January 1945

R/3295

SUBJECT: Receipt of Pellegrini Documents.

TO: Civil Affairs Section, Headquarters Allied Commission,
Attn: Lt Col J. H. White.

1. Reference your letter 27 January 1945 - file DE/3.7/CA.
2. Attached hereto is a true copy of requested receipt.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Lawrence E. Kearin
LAWRENCE E. KEARIN,
Capt., Inf.,
Secretariat.

1 Incl. - Copy of receipt.

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ALTO COMMISSARIATO PER LA PUNIZIONE
DEI DELITTI E DEGLI INTERCETTI DEL FASCISMO

DF/4.3.

L'Alto Commissario Aggiunto

Il sottoscritto dichiara d'aver ricevuto dal Sign. Col. Upjohn
l'incartamento riguardante il Sign. Pellegrini Ugo fu Francesco.

Alto Commissario Aggiunto
(S.urazione)

P.to M. SCOCIMARRO

1 agosto 1944.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Paul Revere

PAUL REVERE,
Lieut. Colonel, A.G.O.,
Asst. Executive Officer,
Southern Region, Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

DP/3.7/GA

27 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Receipt of Pellegrini Documents

TO : HQ Southern Region

It is requested that this Section be supplied with a copy of the receipt by H E SCOCIMARO for the documentary evidence in the PELLEGRINI case which was passed to the then Region III HQ in August 44: under ref DP/3.7/AS.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

G.R. WOODEN Brig,
VP CA Section
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 39A
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

EE/3.7/CA

25 Jan 45

Your Excellency,

I have to inform Your Excellency that Comd. FELDORINI called at this office to-day in connection with the Expiration proceedings against himself. He was informed that we were not his lawyers and could not advise him. He made specific enquiries as to the procedure as to lodging his defence and was referred to Art. 2 of No. 205 and to Your Excellency's office for further information.

Believe me Your Excellency,
Yours truly,

A.H. WHITE Lt Col.
for VP CA Section

The Asst High Commissioner for Expiration
Alto Commissariato per le sanzioni contro
il fascismo,
Palazzo del Viminale
R O M A

Copy to Communications S/C together with a copy
of the charges against him.

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The following is a copy of the charges against Pellegrini:-

- 1 You are hereby informed that in accordance with Arts 12, 13 and 17 of L.L. 159 of 27 July 1944 your dismissal from service has been proposed for the following reasons:-
 - a) for having obtained the nomination as Director General of S.E.T. as a favor from Costanzo Ciano and the fascist party. (Art 12,2 of the afore mentioned decree);
 - b) for having given proof of fascist partisanship by hampering the protest strike initiated by the workers of the Telephone apparatus factory of Naples following Matteotti's murder;
 - c) for having proof of corrupted practice under the fascist regime by obtaining a plurality of appointments together with exorbitant remuneration;
 - d) for having collaborated with the German authorities of occupation and the Republican fascist government.
- 2 Any other charge that may be revealed during the proceeding is not included.
- 3 In accordance with Art 19 of the to mentioned decree, you may within 10 days after the receipt of this letter lodge your defence in the Secretariat of the Commission of first instance for the epuration of members of concerns holding government telephone concessions whose office in Rome is situate at Lungo Tevere Marzio No 11.

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Translation

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The President of the Council of Ministers

DF/3.4/CA ✓

Rome, 5 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

Reference your letter December 29th,
I communicate to you that I have immediately given
the necessary orders to the High Commissioner for
Education for the position of Mr Pellegrini to be
examined and solved without delay.

I will be able to send you more informations
before long.

Truly yours,

M. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery L. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
U. S. M. F.

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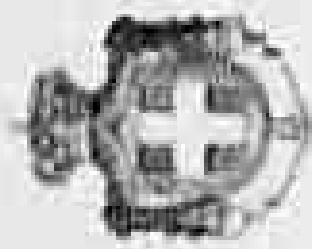
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*Al Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma 5 gennaio 1945

Prot. No 6

Caro Ammiraglio,

In relazione alla Sua lettera del 29 dicembre
le comunico che ho dato subito le necessarie
disposizioni all'Alto Commissario per l'Esame
zione perché venga rapidamente esaminata e ris-
olta la posizione del signor Valletini.

Mi riservo quindi comunicarle tra breve
ulteriori notizie.

Molto cordialmente,

Al sig. Ammiraglio

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Caro Ammiraglio,

in relazione alla Sua lettera del 20 dicembre
le comunico che ho dato subito le necessarie
disposizioni all'Alto Commissario per l'Esame
zione perché venga rapidamente esaminata e ris-
olta la posizione del signor Calverini.

Mi riservo quindi comunicarla tra breve
ulteriori notizie.

Molto cordialmente.

P. Baccarelli

Al sig. Ammiraglio

Ellery T. Stone

Capo Commissione Alleata

P. O. M. A.

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29 December 1944

Ref: 07/3.7/54

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am very disturbed about the position as to Mr. Pellegrini. As you are aware, Mr. Pellegrini is an expert whose services may be of great use to the Allies. I agreed to his case going before an Expiration Commission provided it would be dealt with quickly but there has been much delay, as to which my staff has made many representations. The position now is: that under RLL 257 the cases of officers of the first four grades must, unless an extension of time has been granted, be completed by the 30th December 1944; that today is the 29th December; and as far as I know his case is still not dealt with.

It is understood that all the papers relating to the case are in Rome and that there is no legal objection to his case being dealt with by the Expiration Commission sitting in Rome.

This case is one which I consider affects Allied interests and I must ask you to see firstly that any reasonable extension of time requested is granted and secondly that this case is definitely brought to a conclusion within 10 days. It is important that we shall know promptly whether or not we are going to be able to rely on Mr. Pellegrini's services. The matter has been allowed to drag on too long and the present indeterminate position cannot be allowed to continue.



KELLY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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TRANSLATION NO. 108

COUNT ENO. UGO PELLEGRINI SON OF FRANCESCO
GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE S.E.T. - NAPLES

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In 1926 he was appointed General Director of the S.E.T., the important Company for Telephone Enterprises in Southern Italy. His appointment was evidently due to the afore-mentioned fascist merits and to his friendship with Costanzo Ciano (v. Equals British Confidential Cpt. Heath 10-3-1944).

He received numerous honors and became a sharer of profits of the Company; he was a member of the Consiglio dell'Economia Corporativa of Naples and a member of the Board of Directors of the Credito Italiano. He pocketed great amounts of money (bribes) and dividends, so ~~that~~ since 1925 his economic position has become quite prosperous.

He had friendly relations with C. and G. Ciano, Farinacci, Federzoni, Fellicella, Techio, Gray, Asquini, Genzato, Lauro.

With a service order dated 25th. September 1943 he warned the workers and the clerks of the S.E.T. that they could not be employed if they did not prove that they complied with the regulations of the German labor service. Also before, during the war, he repeatedly performed, within the scope of his own office, acts of collaboration with the German armed forces. He claims to have played the "Double Game" to prevent a ~~Saxx~~ raid (for the labor service, trans.)

After the 1st. of October he has tried to establish friendly relations with Allied officers and authorities.

Opinion: article 12, 2nd. para. and art. 17 of the N. Legislative Decree of 27-7-1944, no. 189 may be applied (for) his ~~disposal~~

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Rome, 3-3-1944

The Joint High Commissioner
for Spuration.
/s/ ?

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Le premetto il quindici sul 17 del
seguenti M. G. per Francesco, col pieno
accordo di S. E. con S. E.

Alto Comandante aggiunto
spursione

M. G. 1880

Roma, 3-8-64

Conte Ing. UGO PHILZORINI fu Francesco

Dirett. Genr. S.N.T. Napoli.

All'epoca del delitto Matteotti era direttore della Fabbrica Apparati Telefonici ed Elettrici in Napoli e, già di fede fascista, impedì lo sciopero indetto dagli operai in quell'occasione. In data 17 agosto '24 chiese di essere iscritto al P.N.F. e lo fu in data 4 settembre successivo.

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E' stato in rapporti amichevoli con Ciano G. e G., Farinacci, Pedersoli, Pellicella, Teichio, Gray, Asquini, Cencato, Lauro.

Con un ordine di servizio 28-IX-1943 esvertiva che operai e impiegati della SNT non avrebbero potuto essere accolto al lavoro se non avessero dimostrato di essere in regola con il servizio del lavoro presso i tedeschi. Anche precedentemente, durante la guerra, ha svolto, nell'ambito delle sue funzioni, reiterati atti di collaborazione con le forze armate tedesche. Assume di aver fatto il "doppio gioco" impedendo una razzia.

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Giudizio: applicabilità dell'art. 12, comma 2° e dell'art. 17 Decr. Legislativo 27-VII-1944 n. 159 per la dispensa dal servizio.

Roma, 3-8-44

Acto Commissario aggiunto
spaziante

M. Pederzoni

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5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Count Ugo Pellegrini

TO : Advanced Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy

Reference your 1456/104 G-S I b, of 28 Aug 44.

1. Your headquarters will be kept informed.
2. I have asked for a copy of the charges. It is understood that it is alleged that Count Pellegrini voluntarily initiated, organized and controlled an air raid alarm system to detect and warn the Germans of the approach of Allied aircraft and thereby caused the loss of Allied aircraft and life and prevented Allied raids from being as effective against German positions and personnel as they might otherwise have been.
3. It would appear that the assistance he afforded was different from that given by those who merely continued their administrative functions in that he originated and took an active part in actual operations and thereby supported the enemies of the Italian government. In view of the fact that the prosecution is being undertaken by the "Avvocato dello Stato" and is not in any sense a private prosecution I think it is undesirable to interfere further at this stage. The findings and sentence will be considered by this headquarters.
4. The policy which is recommended by this headquarters, and which is being followed pending a reply from AFHQ is shown in A/CC 250 of 22 August 44 to G-5-AFHQ, a copy of which is enclosed. The Italian Government has at all times been scrupulous to inform us of persons in Allied employment whom it suggested should be suspended because of fascism. It has now also been asked to inform us when it becomes desirable to arrest such a person because of his alleged commission of a crime.

5 Sept 1944

Hq

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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1 Incl:
as in para 4 above.

(Drafted by Admin Section)

c.c. Admin Section.

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N/CC 250

22 Aug 44

SUBJECT : Expiration of Italian Officials.

TO : AFHQ. Attention: G-5 Section.

- 1 I acknowledge your letter of the 8 Aug 44 on the above mentioned subject matter.
- 2 The Italian Authorities concerned are of course entirely sympathetic to the attitude of the Allied Authorities in this matter and I have arranged that the appropriate Sub-Commission shall be informed of the intention of the Italian Government to suspend any technician holding an important position directly assisting the military effort and that no such suspension shall become effective until a replacement acceptable to the Allied Control Commission is made available.
- 3 The question of retaining indefinitely those whose services are unique (referred to in para 3 (b) (i) of your letter) has been fully discussed with my technical Sub-Commissions. It was felt to be out of the question to lay down a category of such officials because it would be impossible to define in practical terms and because the total number would be so small that the matter was essentially one to be worked out on an individual basis.
- 4 However, the Sub-Commissions most nearly concerned (Transportation, Communications and Public Utilities) each expressed the opinion that no one who was presently employed really came within your classification in para 3 (b) (i) and they would not feel justified in putting forward any names for deferment from Expiration proceedings during the continuance of hostilities.
- 5 In these circumstances I suggest that the matter can safely be left to the discretion of my Sub-Commissions.
- 6 It is submitted that there is no real difference of principle but only of a degree between the cases set out in your para 3 (b) (i) and (ii); it is a practical question in each case, namely can a suitable replacement be found and if not suspension will not be carried into effect until a suitable successor is made available.

ELLERY W. STONE

Captain, USNR

Acting Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

2 Sept 44

Your Excellency,

I am instructed to ask your Excellency to supply me with a copy of the Charges made against Count Pellegrini and further to ask your Excellency to keep me informed of the progress made in preparing this case for trial and particular to inform me when it is expected that his case will be heard.

Believe me your Excellency,

Yours truly,

H. E. BERLINGUER
Alto Commissariato per le Sanzioni
contro il Fascismo
Palazzo del Viminale
ROMA

Ext. 469
SHW/mk

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

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From: Acting Chief Commissioner

2 SEP 1944

SUBJECT: Count Ugo PELLEGRINI

File No. A/CC 250

TO: Vice President, Administrative Section

31 August 1944

1. Reference attached:

a. Letter 1456/104/GSI(b) of 28 Aug 44, from Hq AAI, relative "Count Ugo Pellegrini."

b. Copy A/CC 250 of 21 Aug 44, "Arrest & Release - Count Ugo Pellegrini," *(Previously furnished)*

2. Reference 1a is forwarded to your section for acknowledgment and appropriate action.

WJ
Stone

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SUBJECT: - Count UGO FELLERINI

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

TEL: - FILPOT AM 2

1456/104/CSI(b)

28 Aug 44

1. A.C.C.

Copy to: C.C.C.

HQ ACC AM 2

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30 Aug 1944

1. Your A/CC 250 dated 21 Aug is acknowledged with thanks, and we should be glad if you would keep this HQ informed of developments in this case.

2. We should be interested to know the particulars of the charges preferred against FELLERINI in respect of his alleged assistance to the enemy.

3. Count FELLERINI's case, as you know, was investigated from the security angle by this Headquarters some time ago. While there is no doubt that he assisted the enemy by continuing to function in his official capacity under the Germans, it is suggested that many other Italian officials, who have not been arrested on capital charges, may have done the same.

It would seem advisable therefore to make enquiries in order to ensure that he is not merely the object of intrigue by ill-disposed persons and that his case is handled properly and justly. No doubt you have already taken steps with this object in view.

4. Will you please inform this HQ of the policy which is now being followed respecting the right of the Italian authorities to arrest persons working for the Allies.

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for: Lieut. General,
Chief of General Staff.

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SUBJECT:- Count Ugo PELLEGRINI

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT ADV 2

1456/104/GSI(b)

28 Aug 44

HQ, A.C.C.

Copy to: C.S.C.

1. Your A/CC 250 dated 21 Aug is acknowledged with thanks, and we should be glad if you would keep this HQ informed of developments in this case.
2. We should be interested to know the particulars of the charges preferred against PELLEGRINI in respect of his alleged assistance to the enemy.
3. Count PELLEGRINI's case, as you know, was investigated from the security angle by this Headquarters some time ago. While there is no doubt that he assisted the enemy by continuing to function in his official capacity under the Germans, it is suggested that many other Italian officials, who have not been arrested on capital charges, may have done the same.

It would seem advisable therefore to make enquiries in order to ensure that he is not merely the object of intrigue by ill-disposed persons and that his case is handled properly and justly. No doubt you have already taken steps with this object in view.

4. Will you please inform this HQ of the policy which is now being followed respecting the right of the Italian authorities to arrest persons working for the Allies.

C. E. R. Mirsch
HQS (1) for Lieut. General,
Chief of General Staff

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A/OS 250

21 August 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest and Release - Count Ugo Pellegrini

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
(Att: G-5 section)

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in your two signals F 81103 and F 81502 of the 9 and 11 August, Count Pellegrini has been released.

2. I desire to place on record the fact that Count Pellegrini was arrested because he was alleged to have committed the serious offense of aiding and abetting the Germans. His arrest had no connection with the Espionage proceedings which are pending against him.

3. My view which has already been expressed to you by phone is, that the release of the man may have very serious political and industrial consequences. Furthermore in view of the fact that the charges against him involve the death penalty his re-arrest may not be easy.

MILBY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

c.c. Admin. Section.

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Via ACC Secy Gen
DISPATCHED
Date Time 22 Aug 1944
Via
Initials GNA.

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Copy to: Admin Sec.

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A/OC 250

21 August 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest and Release - Count Ugo Pellegrini

TO : Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy, C. S. F.

1. Attached for your information are copies of correspondence and orders passing between Allied Force Headquarters and this headquarters.

2. The position briefly is as follows:

a. Count Pellegrini was suspended from his office as Manager of S.R.F. at Naples by the AMG Operation Committee at the end of July with the leave of Allied Force Headquarters.

b. On 9 August 1944, he was arrested and it was apparently understood by Allied Force Headquarters that such arrest was in connection with the Operation proceedings and his immediate release was directed (see their signal F 81103).

c. A report was called for by this headquarters as to the circumstances of his arrest and a copy thereof was supplied to Allied Force Headquarters on the 10 August 1944. This report disclosed the fact that the arrest was not connected with the Operation proceedings but was in connection with a criminal charge of giving help to the enemy.

d. Allied Force Headquarters considered this report, but telephoned a confirmation of the order for release and again confirmed the order in their signal F 81582.

e. Count Pellegrini was released on 11 August and this was confirmed in my letter A/OC 250 dated 13 August 1944.

3. As this matter has been dealt with direct between Allied Force Headquarters and this headquarters, it is thought proper that you should be informed of the foregoing facts.

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HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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- Incl 1 - Sig. AFHQ No. 81103
- 2 - Sig. AFHQ No. 81582
- 3 - Memo fr CCG, Lt. Gen. Nicholls, dtd 9 Aug 44.
- 4 - Ltr Hq AOC, dtd 21 Aug 44.

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WARRANT DATED 7 Aug 44.

19 AUG 1944

Following were arrested :

SOPRANO
BEATO
PELLEGRINI
ANDREOLI
VERBA
MOLIRRI

and thrown into Military Prison Naples. Authority for arrest Art. 251 and 293 (2393) of Code of Penal Procedure for infringing Art. 51 of the Military Penal Code of War - assisting the enemy - for complicity in disconnecting (or connecting) the Naples air raid warning system between 1 & 9 Sept 43.

Signed by PRINCIPAL Advocate for the King.
Countersigned by MARANO C.I. Coy of CC RR.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

DE/3.7/AS.

15 Aug 44.

SUBJECT : PALLEGRI. HA

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region IV. ¹⁶

Herewith H E SOCCIMARU's receipt for the papers re Pallegri.

Ext 469
SHW/gal

S.H. WHITE Lt Col. 3117
for A/HQ. Admin Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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14 August 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest of Count PELLEGRINI.

TO : Procuratore Militare del Re, Tribunale Militare, NAPLES.

1. You have already received instructions that Count Pellegrini is to be released from prison pending trial on charges being brought by the Intelligence Branch of the CC.MR., and those instructions have been carried out.

2. This headquarters has received instructions that it is important that the trial be held at the earliest possible date. You will please arrange for this to be done and for this headquarters to be kept informed of the progress of the trial.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G.A. BAKER
G.A. BAKER,
Major, G.L.,
Actg Reg Legal Officer.

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Copies to -

A/Hd. Admin. Sec. ACC (Your DF/3.3/AS d/d 11.8.44 refers)
Officer i/c Italian Courts, Region 3.

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A/CC 250

13 August 1944

SUBJECT: Count Pellegrini

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
(Att: G-5 Section)

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in your two signals F 81103 and F 81582 of the 9 and 11 August, Pellegrini has been released.

2. I desire to place on record the fact that Pellegrini was arrested because he was alleged to have committed the serious offense of aiding and abetting the Germans. His arrest had no connection with the Espionage Proceedings which are pending against him.

3. My view which has already been expressed to you by telephone is that the release of the man may have very serious political and industrial consequences. Furthermore in view of the fact that the charges against him involve the death penalty his re-arrest may not be easy.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc. Admin. Section

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HQ ACC Secy Gen
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Date-Time 14 Aug 1115
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Early Publication to Court of Honor

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1. Ray & say that he had information that Pellegrini
had been arrested by CIA in the last 50.
2. I want to know if it had been done at the
request of Court of Honor. If so, he reported.

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12 Aug. 1944

[Signature]

[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

11 Aug 44.

DE/3.7/AS.

SUBJECT : Arrest of Count PELLEGRINI.

TO : HQ, Region III.

- 1 This is to confirm my telephone instructions passed to you through Col R.R. Cripps this morning.
- a Pellegrini is to be released from prison pending trial on charges being brought by the Intelligence Branch of CC MR.
- b That it is important that the trial be held at the earliest possible date, and that you press the Italian authorities to carry this out.

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Ext 608
RRC/cal

G.R. UPJOHN Col,
A/Hd. Admin Sec.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC FOR STONE

11 AUG 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394

5th Army Gen.

Rec'd 11 Aug 1944

STANDARD MESSAGE CENTER No. 1

FROM: AFM, STINEBACH

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: F 5102

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG 11 1944 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE FIELD

THIS IS TO CONFIRM DIRECTION CONTAINED ON F 5102 OF 2 AUGUST THAT YOU ARE TO ARRANGE WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE PELLEGRINI. FACTS PRODUCED IN DISCUSSION TEND TO SHOW NATURE OF PRESENT CHARGES HAVE BEEN GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT IN ARRANGING FOR RELEASE WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO DISPOSITION TO INTERFERE WITH TRIAL OF PELLEGRINI ON ANY CHARGES WHICH MAY BE BROUGHT AGAINST HIM IN VIENNA, HOWEVER, OF HIS VALUE AS A CONSULTANT TO THE MILITARY ON COMBUSTION MATTERS IT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT HE BE NOT CONFINED. WHEN HE IS RELEASED FOR TRIAL HE WILL BE PROTECTED

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FILE & FIDAT (3)

REFERENCE NO: F 11102 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG 11 1945 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: COMINT DIV

THIS IS TO CONFIRM DERIVATION CONTAINED ON F 01103 OF 9 AUGUST THAT YOU ARE TO APPROVE
THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE PELLEGRINI. FACTS INTRODUCED IN DISCUSSION
THERE AS TO NATURE OF PRESENT CHARGES HAVE BEEN GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION. IT IS SUGGESTED
THAT IN ARRANGING FOR RELEASE WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THERE
IS NO DISPOSITION TO INTERFERE WITH ~~TRIAL~~ OF PELLEGRINI ON ANY CHARGES WHICH MAY BE
BROUGHT AGAINST HIM. IN VIEW, HOWEVER, OF HIS VALUE AS A CONSULTANT TO THE MILITARY OR
COMMUNICATIONS MATTERS IT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT HE BE NOT DISTURBED. WHEN HE IS
REQUIRED FOR ~~TRIAL~~ HE WILL BE PRODUCED

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DATE and TIME of RECEIPT AUG 11 1945

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9 August 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief of Staff, AFHQ

1. Your attention is invited to the fact that Mr. UGO PALLAGRINI, Director of SEI (Southern Italy Telephone Company), was arrested yesterday afternoon about 3 O'clock at his villa in Naples, and taken to REBAS Jail by Italian Military Intelligence Agents.

2. The Signal Officer, I. of C Italy in Naples, and Signal Officer, Peninsular Base Section, have both been trying to contact Pallagrini this morning, as he is being used daily in connection with our operation of communications in Italy. Informal information is that the AGO representatives in Naples and the Carabinieri disclaim any knowledge of the arrest. When after three hours the Signal Officer, PSI, located the place of confinement, he was told that:

- a. Pallagrini had been accused of cooperating with the enemy in Naples between September 9th and 29th,
- b. Names of persons making charges could not be divulged, and
- c. Signal Officer, PSI, could not see Pallagrini.

3. This particular matter was taken up on July 27 with the Chief of Staff, with Mr. Murphy, and I believe, with the British Minister, when Pallagrini was summarily suspended from his position as Director of the SEI by the local Sanction Court in Naples. (See message from AAI X 0238, July 26). The matter was later taken up by the Supreme Allied Commander at his "Political Committee" conference on Tuesday, 1 August 1944. Paragraph 5 of the minutes of that meeting set up the principle that such individuals employed in the higher grades in the technical professions and in public utilities should not, in the process of operation, be removed without prior consent of the Allied authorities. In this particular case, we do not know definitely why he has been arrested. We do know that this is a direct challenge to our efforts to provide good military communications in Italy.

4. It is recommended that:

- a. Pallagrini be released at once and made available to assist

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the GSO, L of C, Italy, and Signal Officer, PB.

b. Prompt and firm action be taken to bring this matter in hand and to see that the individuals responsible are thoroughly informed or impressed with the seriousness of interfering with efforts to maintain our military communications in Italy on an efficient basis.

5. This whole matter is considered the more serious because of the time of the attempt at interference with our efforts. Any signs of uncertainty or delay in bringing this matter to a prompt conclusion may well permit the further uncontrolled interference of our efforts by such enemy arrests of key civilian personnel.

6. Those responsible for this particular action are definitely sabotaging the military efforts of the Allies in this area and should be dealt with accordingly.

L. B. WICKHAM,
Major General,
Chief Signal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest of Ugo Pellegrini and others.

TO : Administrative Section Hq. A.C.C.
(Attn: Colonel Upjohn)

1. Report of the investigation is submitted herewith.
2. The investigating officer has reported to me that the arrest has nothing to do with politics or defascistization.

John W. Chaplan
JOHN W. CHAPLAN,
Colonel, JAGD.,
Acting Regional Commissioner.

Encl:
2 copies of report.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest of Ugo PELLEGRINI and others.

TO : Acting Regional Commissioner, Region III.

1. On instructions from Col. Chapman, Acting Regional Commissioner, Region III, ACC. I have made enquiries into the arrest of Ugo PELLEGRINI and others by S.I.M. on 8 August 1944.

2. As a result, I went with Col. Del Monte, Italian Army Liaison Officer with this Regional HQ., to the Tribunale Militare, Via Monte di Dio, Naples and there saw Col. Pacella Bernardo, Procuratore Militare, prosecuting officer in any case that may eventually be brought against Pellegrini and the others in this Court.

3. I explained the reason for my enquiry, and was informed by Col. Pacella, as under.

4. During May 1944, investigations were made by S.I.M. into the activities of the 'Corpo di Polizia Aerea', and as a result two men, PRINZIVALLI Igino and DELLA FELBA Mauro, 'Console' and 'Centurione' of the Corps were arrested.

5. This body was formed during the German occupation of Naples (11-30 September 1943) solely to assist the enemy.

6. In consequence of the interrogation of Prinzivalli and Della Felba, it appeared that other persons were equally implicated, and the office of the Procura Militare directed that further enquiry be made to find out the exact activities of the Corps and in what ways assistance may have been given to the Germans.

7. On 30 July 1944, S.I.M. reported that

- a. the 'Corpo della Polizia Aerea' had the same functions as the 'DICAT', that is, to obtain information and warning of forthcoming enemy air raids, and give the alarm.
- b. as a result of a., anti-aircraft defences were got ready and if possible, fighter planes sent out, and the public air raid warning sounded.

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8. As it was shown that this body appeared to have been of value to the enemy, and that those six persons recently arrested, namely, Pellegrini, Soprano, Beato, Andreoli, Erba and Molinari, were the principal officers, warrants of arrest were issued by the office of the Procura Militare.

9. These persons have all been arrested under similar circumstances, being detained for examination and interrogation pending formation of charges.

10. Such charges are likely to be made under 'Art. 51 del Codice Penale di Guerra', namely of giving help to the enemy.

11. It is possible that some or all of the accused may be cleared during the process of examination without further trial.

12. The Tribunale Militare has jurisdiction.

AGPW/tp.

A.G.P. Way
A.G.P. WAY
Major, G.L.,
Regional Police Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS,
REGION 3, UNITED STATES COMMISSION,
APO 354, U.S.A.M.S.

10 August 44.

10 AUG 1944

SUBJECT: *RELEASING* Ugo.

TO : Regional Public Safety Officer, Region 3.

1. Pursuant to orders from AFHQ (Advanced) transmitted to us through H.Q. A.C.C. you are directed to effect the immediate release of Ugo *RELEASING* from any prison or other place in which he may be incarcerated within the Coverage of HAFMS. This release is to be effected immediately.

2. Inasmuch as the above mentioned *RELEASING* is being held on the orders of the Procurement Military *RELEASING* will transmit a copy of this order to the Procurement, Colonel *RELEASING*, whose residence is Via *RELEASING*, 73, *RELEASING*.

JAC/cab.

JAC/cab.
Colonel, JACB,
Spring Regional Headquarters.

Religious released 11 August 1944 at 1800 hrs.

Chapman

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ACC FOR STONE ACTION ACC

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HEADQUARTERS
10 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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PRIORITY

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REPORTED THAT PELLEGRINI WAS ARRESTED YESTERDAY AND IS CON-
FINED IN JAIL AT NAPLES. YOU ARE DIRECTED TO ARRANGE WITH ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE PELLEGRINI PENDING TRIAL IN THE
EXPIRATION PROCEEDINGS WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ARE NOW PENDING. WILL
YOU ALSO REPORT CIRCUMSTANCES OF ARREST

Acc Dist

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PUBLIC SAFETY
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FILE

The Case of Pelegriño.

File

- 1 Both Churchill and Roosevelt have announced publicly that Fascists will be removed from office.
- 2 The CC has stated that in execution of this policy fascists will not be retained in office on the excuse of exceptional knowledge, experience or ability.
- 3 The CC in his directive of 24 May followed this policy. He pointed out that officials in northern Italy have been serving the Republic Fascist Government and ordered that all would be dismissed automatically (para 3). He permitted only two exceptions (para 5) (a) if the official was not a fascist or (b) if absolutely necessary for the furtherance of the war effort, temporary retention might be permitted.
- 4 It is not suggested that Pelegriño's retention should be temporary, it is asked that the finding that he is a fascist should be overruled.
- 5 There is considerable feeling in Naples as to our failure to bring about the removal of fascists though we have been in occupation for 9 months.
- 6 This is the first list prepared by the Naples Defascism Commission set up by Region III, it attracts therefore special attention and is a test of our intentions.
- 7 In view of the fact that the personnel is Italian, a reversal of its decision will have far more reaching effects than if a decision of a RI is overruled.
- 8 It is known that Pelegriño is a fascist. If the decision is reversed the bond fides of our instructions will at once be open to attack. It will be said that our justice is not administered without fear or favour. There will be suggestions made of corruption and favoritism and wire pulling. The peoples confidence that we mean to purge fascists will be completely shaken.
- 9 The EC states that the matter is a test case, that there is a great local interest, that he genuinely fears that there will be grave political unrest if the decision is reversed and that there is a real possibility of serious industrial trouble also, even strikes.
- 10 The decision is proper, the body who honestly gave the decision is entitled to be supported. Failure to support such bodies is likely to lead to their future failure to do their duty. A large number of similar commissions are now in process of being set up under the new decree. It would most disastrous if they felt that they could not rely upon support and that persons they consider shall be free and retained in responsible positions which enable them to bestow or withhold favour.
- 11 Not only would it be improper and a breach of faith to reverse this decision.

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- 3 The NC in his directive of 24 May followed this policy. He pointed out that officials in northern Italy have been serving the Republic Fascist Government and ordered that all would be dismissed automatically (para 5). He permitted only two exceptions (para 5) (a) if the official was not a Fascist or (b) if absolutely necessary for the furtherance of the war effort, temporary retention might be permitted.
- 4 It is not suggested that Pelagrine's retention should be temporary, it is noted that the finding that he is a Fascist should be overruled.
- 5 There is considerable feeling in Naples as to our failure to bring about the removal of Fascists though we have been in occupation for 9 months.
- 6 This in the first list prepared by the Naples Defection Commission set up by Region III, it attracts therefore special attention and is a test of our intentions.
- 7 In view of the fact that its personnel is Italian, a reversal of its decision will have far more reaching effects than if a decision of a NC is overruled.
- 8 It is known that Pelagrine is a Fascist. If the decision is reversed the bona fides of our instructions will at once be open to attack. It will be said that our justice is not administered without fear or favor. There will be suggestions made of corruption and favoritism and wire pulling. The peoples confidence that we mean to purge Fascism will be completely shaken.
- 9 The NC states that the matter is a test case, that there is a great local interest, that he genuinely fears that there will be grave political unrest if the decision is reversed and that there is a real possibility of serious industrial trouble also, even strikes.
- 10 The decision is proper, the body who honestly gave the decision is entitled to be supported. Failure to support such bodies is likely to lead to their future failure to do their duty. A large number of similar commissions are now in process of being set up under the new decree. It would most disastrous if they felt that they could not rely upon support and that persons they condemn shall be free and retained in responsible positions which enable them to bestow or withhold favour.
- 11 Not only would it be improper and a breach of faith to reverse this decision. From the point of view of future administration it is also inconvenient as to do and a reversal is likely to have most far reaching and damaging effects politically and industrially.
- 12 I cannot too highly emphasize the importance of not interfering with this decision in this case. I regard this as a matter of the very greatest importance.

28 Jul 44.

Digest of Comments on Pellegrini

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COMMENTS

From an examination of Files 1 and 2 only and considering P. solely on his pre-1943 record- i.e. apart from his technical help to the Allies and "unswerving personality", and without in any way considering the works dispute of July 1944, I have formulated the following facts.

(Numbers in brackets refer to numbers in files as listed in digest)

1. There is no doubt that P. was an out and out Fascist.

Proof. a) - Continuous membership of Party since 1934, which he joined during Matteotti trial (1.II);

b) - Direct written evidence that he is a good Party man (1./3.IV/4/9.II/16.1/10.II/ Appendix b) and c) on which see also Remarks on Appendix c)

c) - His energetic prosecution of the war effort (4/Appendix c) and d).

d) - Rewards from Fascism.

1) 3 titles (although 2 of these were foreign, only good Fascists were allowed to receive them)

2) Company managements (1/9 III/10/III/)

3) Money- Every Austro report finds him "well off"

2. War reconcomendations him.

Direct and able assistance to Italian and German war effort against the Allies. (4/Appendix c) and d)

Personal letters of thanks from German Command.

3. Used Fascism for personal ends.

1. Stopped strike in works 1932 and earned the written thanks of the Party, thus inveigling himself into their good books at the expense of his workers' demands.

2. Got Government concessions and contracts (1/4)

3. Got titles and wealth - see I.d. above.

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1. H. J. M.

R. A. M.
cap.

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1. Originator not stated. Seems to be a duplicate of 2 & 10

Life history. Born in USA. Prisoner of War. This University. Dr. Engineering. Returned to Italy in 1918 worked with American Red Cross. Worked his way from manager of small telephone Coy. to his combine through mergers, stepping up network 4 times volume and tripled no. of consumers 1928-31 as district manager of Everett Telephone Coy. getting it expanded 7 fold - 50 millions invested.

1.2

Fascist from beginning - prevented his workers striking and earned the warm approval of the Fascists.

1.3

In 1924 asked to join the Fascist Party, during the Matteotti period. Accepted.

2. Questionnaire report. See also 20444.

Life history similar to 1.01.6. Given Officer of German Eagle (1 May 38) also Commissioner of Pola Star from Sweden - mainly recommended by Tricard. His company carrying coal, see 10. Although a staunch Fascist arrested by Germans and held for one day after Armistice on suspicion of not obeying their orders. Highly and universally esteemed technically (Comment:- most of this seems a great deal too sympathetic).

3.1 Questionnaire report. See Director, P.O. 12. Office, dated. 13 Jul 44.

I. Synthetic life summary
II. "Always impartial towards his subordinates". "Threatened with shooting and dismissed by Germans - 10 Sep 43. For taking from Germans all the telephone liaison workers". "Was reappointed to directorate on entry of Allies into Venice - trouble in the works. In a manifesto the workers demand dismissal of P. P. takes action with help of American Col. along the revolt.
(Comment:- the above a naive attempt at just in the eyes by selection and colouring of material) For report of last incident see Condition Naples Area 10.22.)

3.11. Handwritten original of 11.

The original report added to and altered in the 11 P's favour by the Questionnaire himself.

IV. Forwarded to Prof. Naples from Questionnaire 21 Dec 41.

States he is sound politically and morally and worthy of increased decoration.

4. Report from Commissioner of P3 Questionnaire, 21 Dec 41.

Pers. 3. "has always shown himself sincerely devoted to Fascism". Pers. 5. "good war record, organising repairs and re-equipping of

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II FILE

No.	SOURCE	SUBJECT
<u>APPENDIX</u>		
a)	P's order to his employees 28 Sep 43	TEXT. IN FOM. "Personnel belonging to classes 1910-22 and subject to the regulations of 'Servizio del Lavoro' according to Prefecture Decree of 29 and 30 of this month will not be taken on if not in possession of proper exemption certificates from the Servizio del Lavoro"
b)	Letter from Catania H.Q. Fascist Youth - 25 Jan 39 to P.	Thanking for free installation of telephone in GILS. "These concessions show once more your attachment to the Party and its kindred organizations."
c)	German H.Q. 4 May 1941 to Manager of S.E.T. (i.e. 'P')	Letter of thanks and appreciation for "fine help given from the start to German troop movements into Sicily". "The enthusiasm and ability of the Italian employees, working day and night contributed to the success of the great undertaking for which we are fighting in Sicily against the common enemy".
d)	German Communications Officer in Rome, Staff O. to German General Liaison with Italian Forces H.Q. 5 Mar 42 to S.E.T. (i.e. 'P')	Letter of thanks for helping the German Companies in systematizing Naples network. "Collaboration was excellent". "Such application and live interest was especially pleasing in the early days, when the fate of the whole army was in the hands of 4 men. Without your Companies help it would have been impossible to get over the numerous snags and hiccups". "A year's hard work has accomplished a network of 500 Exchanges in Naples. Especially your companies at Naples contributed to this success".
e)	Letter from Farinacci to P. 13 July 1941	"Caro P.", (cordialmente tuo) asking advice about a well in his garden.

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