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GABELLI INSTITUTE
JAN., FEB. 1945

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Does CTS for action: ~~the~~ staff study to be on general
 Question of delays in interrogation, & other mal-
 practices - fully documented. 158/3011

Instructions to produce the study, and then submit reports

Approved
 for file

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 21 JUN 1945

Memorandum

Ray G-5 and asked them to clear it further.
 They want a staff study in view of the fact that
 (a) by draft answer to Gen Hoveys letter (handed down
 by Col Tackling in Sum) is in the past
 (b) G-2 have all the facts & figures & we can only
 get them from G-2. R.A.C.

Col Tackling to telephone in the morning.

G.P.D. 1 Feb 17-18

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Memorandum

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Col Tackling to telephone in the morning.

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W. Col again rang G.S. (at Hovey's) this day, as

he had not in telephone call Feb 2.

Col Hovey is to look into the matter with G.2.

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R.D. Hovey

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 014.5 (T.S.)

12 February 1945

FEB 14 1945

SUBJECT: Gabelli Institute.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference your 541/4/GOS dated 7 February 1945.
2. The letter in question may certainly be downgraded.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Whitaker Jr
D. S. JACKLING,
Lt. Colonel.

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Ref: 541/4/005

Tel: 478201

7 February 1945

SUBJECT: Gabelli Institute.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

1. Reference is made to your letter 29 Jan 45 which is over-stamped "Classified TOP SECRET by authority of SAC".
2. Since, in my opinion, this letter requires no classification it would be appreciated if you could obtain for us authority to down-grade.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

29 January 1945

SUBJECT: Gabelli Institute

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attn: Brig. Lush, Chief of Staff)
A.P.O. 394

Confirming conversation Lush - Henn today. It is understood that you will be good enough to produce a staff study with all appropriate evidence and recommendations on the above subject. In view of certain inquiries we should be grateful for this as soon as may be.

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TR Henn

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T. R. HENN, Colonel
Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 478008

Ref. AOC/1A79A/7/25

16 January, 1945.

SUBJECT: Security Prisoners in Civilian Jail.

TO: AOC, C-5 Section.

Reference is made to your C-5: 034.5, dated 10th January, 1945.

1. It is regretted that the position is still most unsatisfactory and no solution has yet been found.

2. HASC have taken over one section of the Sabelli Institute (Minors' Prison) and are anxious to take over the remaining section owing to the pressure being brought on them to accommodate yet more and more internees being sent from the north.

3. This Commission is not willing to accede to this request in the light of recommendations made by the DCSA C-5 Section who has recently made a personal inspection of the Institution. The reasons are:

- (i) That it is the only remaining unregimented institute for juvenile delinquents in liberated Italy: and
- (ii) There is on the premises some excellent educational equipment of a non-movable nature including lathe and woodworking apparatus which are in working order. Instruction in metal and wood work, tailoring and shoe-making is given and in spite of shortage of material it is possible to employ 20 to 30 children (out of a total of 110) at any one time on this work. Thus, by staggering classes all the children can be given instruction in these useful occupations.

4. In the opinion of this Commission it is most important that these educational facilities should be continued in the interests of the delinquents. Experience in every enlightened country has shown that occupational education of the character described above is the most powerful influence in re-establishing young offenders, and in turning them into good citizens capable of taking their proper place in the world on release.

5. If the section used by the delinquents is taken over there is no alternative accommodation which is in the slightest degree suitable, and the equipment in the premises could not be moved and used even if other premises could be found.

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6. For these reasons it is impossible for this Commission to ask the Government to give up the Gabelli Institute.

7. It was admitted at the Gabelli Institute that security prisoners were detained for investigation for periods varying from 4 weeks to 5 months and it is the considered opinion of this Commission that investigations for such lengthy periods is not only quite unnecessary but reflects gravely on Allied justice and methods. It is felt that it must be possible to determine within a month whether a person has either (a) committed a crime for which he should be charged, or (b) is a danger to security of such a character as to make his continued detention necessary.

8. It is admitted that the true solution is to speed up the period of investigations and thereby increase the turn round of personnel so that additional accommodation is not required, and it is requested that you again approach C-2 and support this recommendation.

9. Owing to excessive requisitioning the whole prison situation in liberated Italy is most serious but it is proposed to submit to you a separate communication in this respect.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier.
Chief of Staff.

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