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92

Whatever the original group of Salvarezza's party may have been-and it was obviously heterogeneous - his present sympathies are monarchist as can be seen not only from the attacks of all varieties of anti-monarchist elements on him but also by his own recent statements (see weekly Bulletin for 10 Feb.) This is also the opinion of Maj. Coxhead, P.S. Lazio-Umbria Region, who, I suspect, knows more about Salvarezza's connections than most.

19 Feb.

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93

Maj Quayle asked me to find out something more of SALVAREZZA (See his letter to C.C. at 89).  
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Maj. Quayle

See 91, 92 - 93. We seem to be

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 FEB 21 1950

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10/12

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May's Quayle

See 91, 92, 93. We seem to be  
taking a lot of trouble on your behalf  
- it's a pleasure I'm sure.

St. 10/12

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✓ Guy

Pol Sec

Ref 88 + 89, a copy of which you already have, it is not intended to make any reply to this but CC. would like to be informed of SAVAREZZA's political connections, which appear to be varied. PRO too, may be able to assist.

Office of CES

13 Feb 45

*Sharden* Capt

91

P.R.O. (1).

Offia / Ex. Com. (2).

Salvarezza's connections are indeed varied. His party, of which he is the self-appointed head, claims to have some 20 other parties affiliated to it. Membership of these parties, however, is reported to be very small. The most important of these affiliated parties are perhaps the Movimento Comunista d'Italia, the Movimento Liberale Italiano, Partito Repubblicano del Lavoro, the Movimento Religioso, Partito Liberale Sociale, Partito Repubblicano, Partito Liberale Costituzionale Italiano, Unione Democratica d'Italia, Movimento, Partito Socialista, Partito Repubblicano - in these words particularly every shade of political opinion. For the great mass of existing reports, I think we may include that - (1) Salvarezza's party set out to be left-

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Chief of Communications.

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Page 37 shows the military arrangements made to meet possible trouble today. Both Regional Commanders and Dir. Public Safety Division are notified and do not think there will be any trouble even if the march takes place.

16 Dec 44

(Seen by OZ and Initialled)  
(Sgt) S.S.L.

Chief of Staff.

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Warner Mason - Delegate Passage. 2000, latest reports 10 min of bus stop at 0850 hours - all quiet.

(Sgt) S.S.L.

(Seen by OZ and S.S.L. and Initialled).

To Office of C.O.S.

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The attached letter, presumably native for by you

direct with transportation section, is forwarded duly signed.

Sanitation Unit  
for record

Forwarded  
12 Jan 45  
24 515

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CSO

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CC sent a copy of 74 to A & Br Ambassadors.  
Is the same course desired on 77, since received?

30 Jan 45

S.L.

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To office of C.O.S

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The attached letter, presumably, refers for by you  
direct with Transportation Lubbock, as forwarded daily as

13 Jan 45  
2nd 1st

Qualifiers for Award

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CC sent a copy of 74 to A & Br Ambassadors.  
Is the same course desired on 77, since received?

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CC 263

Ma. 18.

What is the answer to 78 please?

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No answer to 78 is No.

TAQ. 45.

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Maj Quangle

Please see 5 which is the ack in connection  
with 988/42/COS of 2 Nov 44

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REV 14 1944

*E. Horden*  
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Captain Horden

Thanks. What progress is being made with the  
"investigations"?

3/12 14/11 dated 31

J.A. Quangle Major  
14-1116COS

You should see 14. Letter to RC Iosana Region  
submitted for your signature.

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<sup>17</sup>  
This should have been issued

*E.H.*

from P. Safety Sub Com & CAS - For those  
files it should go. 17/11/44

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Notes: Action changed to Public Safety file 14111/PS, to which  
file original folios 12 & 13 transferred.  
2 Dec 44.

30/11  
*W.C.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

AG/14004/6/PS

5 May 1945.

MAY 6 RECD

SUBJECT: Extraneous Duties Assigned to  
Public Safety Officers.

TO : Allied Forces Headquarters,  
Attn: G-5 Section.

1.. The attention of these Headquarters has been invited to the fact that G-2, AFHQ, is requiring the Public Safety Officer, Naples Commune, to interrogate civilians desiring to leave Italy and of those who are about to be married to military personnel. Neither of these is a proper function of Public Safety Officers, AG/MB.

2. There was a time when the Public Safety strength was sufficiently large to undertake many extraneous duties, as a matter of accommodation. At the present time Public Safety Officers are of necessity spread so thinly that it is impossible for them to undertake such duties. It is regretted therefore that the services of Public Safety Officers cannot be made available to G-2.

3. Will you please make these representations to G-2 so that further requests will not be made to Public Safety Officers.

For the Chief Commissioner:

*M. S. Lane*  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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State Department  
Mr. Gwa, Political Affairs  
Office 1.  
11/86322/17

Rome, 2 May 1945

MAY 5 RECD

Dear Admiral,

again, I am going to ask for your kind interest & propos  
of the following facts:

On March 18th, some Polish soldiers commanded by an officer, broke  
into the recreational club of Vistrino di Cisterna (Province of Perugia),  
the searching of the people who were present having brought only negative  
results, they arrested four communists: Gasio Gallo, Fiorcelli Lilo,  
Giannelli Arcangelo and Pignatelli Pasquale for they were found to be  
in possession of documents and propaganda manifests. They were then  
handed over to the Allied authorities in Sansepolero, which, it seems,  
detained only Gasio Gallo, chief of the communist section of Citta' di  
Castello under the charge of having held a political meeting without the  
required authorization.

The incident caused a sense of discontent in the place, for it was  
considered that Gallo's political activity didn't justify his arrest.  
The incident, which as you know is not the first of its kind to be caused  
by Polish soldiers, might have unpleasant repercussions. The local  
police authorities, which up to now have taken a persuasive action, though  
showing no preoccupation, have pointed out that the liberation of Gallo  
by the Allied authorities is anxiously expected by the local communists.

I shall therefore be most grateful, my dear Admiral, if, considering  
the milieu and the particular circumstances in which Gallo's arrest  
took place, you will kindly examine whether it would be possible to recom-  
mend an indulgent and rapid solution of the said question to the Allied  
authorities of Sansepolero.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

S. R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
R.O.M.

EC Hist - 5 May 45

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V.S. HODEN

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 394

AC/14602/7/PS

April, 1945

SUBJECT : Police Activity in Liberated Italy

TO : Chief Commissioner

MAY 5 REC'D

1. The following excerpts of reports received from the Commanding General of Carabinieri are forwarded as evidence that the CC.RR. and Police forces CAN sometimes do an effective job when their officers exercise initiative and leadership.

2. a) A Force of 260 CC.RR., together with agents of Public Security and Alpini of the 2nd Montegranero Battalion had a round up operation on 15th April from 0500 to 1500 hours in the Castel di Judica area of Catania, Sicily. They arrested 35 persons concerned with the armed insurrection there on 15, 16 and 17 December last. Further, 25 deserters who failed to answer the call-up for the army.

In addition a quantity of arms and ammunition were seized included among which were Allied and German war material. The operation was carried out successfully and the members returned to Catania leaving a small force in the area of the raid.

b) In Reggio Calabria at Caulonia District a large force of Carabinieri with Agents of Public Security commenced operation against bands of men, described as pseudo partisans on 9th April, 1945. These persons had established block posts on the roads committing abuses and seeking arms. Several persons were arrested while others made off into the hill terrain.

On the morning of the 12th April the round-up continued and the ex-Mayor of Caulonia who was concerned with the bands gave himself up.

On 15th April, the operations resulted in bringing up the prisoners to 200 and small quantities of arms were seized. It is considered that still large quantities of arms are hidden in the hills.

3. Any further developments will be reported as received.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.  
VP CA Sec.

(Hastings) (ORIGINAL FILED ON CC FILES - SEEN BY)  
EXC MEX C 50

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1008

to Com

(99)

2952/AG 19 Apr

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AG/14083/23/1.

31 March 1945.

(98)

APR 2 1945

Dear General Infante:

Thank you for your letter dated 19 March 1945 about the case of Dr. Alecco.

I have had enquiries made and find that on review, which takes place in every case tried before an Allied Military Court, the sentence was reduced from three months to one month of imprisonment. As this sentence has now almost expired no intervention seems to be necessary.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLELY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

S.E., il Generale Golfo Infante,  
Primo Aiutante di Campo Generale  
di S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno,  
R.O.M.A.

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Ex Comm (R)

Translation

R/22 / L.G.

Rome, 19 March 1945

MAR 20 1945

Dear Admiral,

We have been informed about Dr. Antonio ALBONI's case which seems particularly worthy of interest. As from the enclosed memorandum, he was condemned to 90 days detention by the allied military legal authority and is at present in the Terni prison.

I shall be most grateful if you will kindly examine whether Dr. ALBONI's situation can be re-considered, to see whether it would be possible to be lenient with him.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

S. Gen. A. Infante

Admiral Harry Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
R o m e

R.G.

EC List - 19 MAR 45

Action: C.A. SEC

INFO: CHIEF COMM

EXEC COMM

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Translation

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Mr. ANTONIO ALECCO who is barely 22 - he graduated on December 15th 1944 and got married on January 31st 1945 - was travelling with his wife in the car of his father in law, Colonel Prof. Marino, to visit his aunt, who is ill, in Gabria.

In Terni, an Italian Carabinieri accompanied by a British policeman searched the car and found two pistols in the side pockets of the car.

Mr. Alecco was very much surprised for he was quite ignorant of the existence of the two pistols. It was later discovered that the pistols belonged to Colonel Marino, who had just collected them from the shop in via Sante where he had had them cleaned, and then forgotten them; he had been unable to warn his son in law who left without his knowledge.

During the examination, Colonel Marino swore he had forgotten the pistols, but Mr. Antonio Alecco was nevertheless condemned to 30 days imprisonment and he has been in the Terni prison since March 1st, waiting for the verdict of the Appeal Commission, presided by Maj. Gilreath, Chief of the Legal Division, Region IV.

We do not question the presence of the two pistols which is a fact, and we will not even question the verdict in appeal is still pending.

We only want to point out the very special circumstances in which the law was broken.

Considering the age of the defendants (22 years old), and the presence of his young wife (19 years old) in the car, is it likely that they meant to use these weapons, had they known that they were there? Is it likely they meant any harm?

Having ourselves on the fundamental point of the question, which has a purely moral character, we ask for leniency.

Mr. Alecco has already been in jail 15 days, his honeymoon has been interrupted. His wife and mother are both in tears.

We believe that this case is really worthy of pardon.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

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G-5: 384.51

17 February 1945

SUBJECT: Responsibility for Ground Defense.

FEB 22 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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Inclosed for your information is copy of letter from HQ, 15th Army Group, dated 20 January 1945, to GOC 1 District and C.O. PBS, subject as above.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl:  
as above

*Julius Byles*  
JULIUS BYLES,  
Major, P.A.

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HEADQUARTERS  
15TH ARMY GROUP

SECRET  
By Auth of :  
: G3, 15th  
: Army Group  
: Incls,  
: Date : 20/1/45  
20 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Responsibility for Ground Defense.

TO : G3, 1 District.  
: G3, PMS.

1. In compliance with GM No. 68, Allied Force Headquarters, 6 January 1945, and as per directive outlined at conference held at 15th Army Group Headquarters, 10 January, you will prepare, for submission to this Headquarters by 7 February for approval, plans for organizing the ground defenses of your respective sectors.

2. 1 District and PMS are authorized to contact directly, for the following purposes, those 15th Army Group, Naval, and Air units which may be stationed within the District or Base boundaries.

a. Preparation and submission of local defense plans.  
b. Integration of local defense plans with overall defense plan of District or Base.

3. In the event that resources under your command are inadequate to deal with hostile acts, the following actions are authorized:

a. In an immediate emergency 1 District and PMS may deal directly with those 15th Army Group units which may be stationed within the District or Base boundaries. This Headquarters will be notified immediately such action is taken.

b. Under all other circumstances requests for additional troop reinforcement will be made to this Headquarters. Normal support will be furnished by Fifth Army to PMS and by Eighth Army to 1 District.

4. In the event of action indicated in paragraph 3 b, Fifth and Eighth Armies will be prepared to move, within 24 hours after being alerted by this Headquarters, 1 ROT or Inf Base Group, both motorized, to PMS and 1 District areas respectively.

5. Alert warnings will be transmitted by telephone in the clear in the event of any impending disturbance or attack to the A.D. of S, G-3 (Duty Officer), 15th Army Group. Telephone number PMS 3 (day or night).

6. Complete report, in writing, will be rendered to this Headquarters on all ground defense actions, giving location, time, forces involved, action taken, casualties, and final status.

7. A complete directive will be issued at a later date.

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By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:

OFFICIAL: Donald W. Braun  
DONALD W. BRAUN,  
Brig. Gen., U.S.C.,  
A.C. of S, G-2.

A. E. CRUICKSHANK,  
Major General, U.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

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● Translation

Rome, 5.1.45

12 FEB 1945

excellency,

I was to address the press in the premises of my party; this address would have been the first of a series of addresses to the press in which I meant to point out the true position of the politicians of today.

Through violence, I have been prevented from letting the press and the public know the truth.

To prevent me from speaking, they have appealed to the High Criminal Court, organ which has no jurisdiction, and no power to proceed to an arbitrary sequestration and to an arbitrary arrest. Illegal action has been taken against me and my party, in the hope to prevent truth from coming out.

The motive for which the High Commissariat issued a warrant for my arrest is false and nonexistent. I was supposed to have organized the members of my party on purpose for troubling public order, while I had a lot of trouble to prevent the members of the Unione Proletaria from making a demonstration against the unlawful act of the Government. I am being accused of belonging to the fifth column and of being a fascist while the methods used against me are worthy of the worse form of fascism.

The aim of the so called democratic parties have worked against liberty, abolishing freedom of meeting, of speech or press, fundamental principles which should be respected by a truly democratic Government.

The cooperatives of the workers and of the members of the Unione Proletaria have been looted. All the documents which were in the seat of the party at the time of the persecution have been taken away in the hope of finding what has been put in safety a long time ago.

No regime, not even the fascist regime, ever acted in so anti-democratic and dictatorial a way.

I take the liberty of enclosing the text of the lecture I was to deliver in the seat of the Party of Unione Proletaria.

Sincerely yours,

G. Salvarezza Umberto

C.A.S. 2841 - 12 Feb 45

A.C.A. C.A.S.

M.A.S. C.A.S.

P.O. Sec

see M. 90, 91, 92, 93

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Roma 31/1/1995

Eccellenza,

avrei dovuto tenere nei locali del mio partito una conferenza alla stampa, conferenza che sarebbe stata la prima della serie delle conferenze stampa nelle quali avrei illustrato la vera posizione dei politici di oggi.

Si è ricorso alla violenza per impedire che la stampa, e quindi il popolo italiano, sapesse la verità.

Per ipe dirmi di parlare si è ricorso all'Alto Commissariato, organo incompetente per giurisdizione e destituito di ogni mandato, per procedere ad un arbitrario sequestro e ad una arbitraria cattura. Si è proceduto contro di me ed il mio partito con azione illegale, nella speranza di impedire per sempre che la verità venisse a galla.

Il motivo per il quale è stato spiccato il mandato di cattura dall'Alto Commissariato è uno dei più falsi ed inesistenti: lo averi organizzato gli aderenti al mio partito per turbare l'ordine pubblico, mentre in realtà ho dovuto faticare per impedire che gli iscritti all'Unione Proletaria facessero una dimostrazione di forza contro l'azione illegale del Governo. Ma si accusa di quinta colonna e di fascismo mentre si provoca e si procede con metodi degni del peggiore fascismo.

Gli uomini dei partiti cosiddetti democratici sono andati contro ogni libertà, abolendo la libertà di riunione, di parola e di stampa, principi fondamentali ai quali si deve tenere ogni Governo veramente democratico.

Sono state saccheggiate le Cooperative degli operai e degli iscritti all'Unione Proletaria. Sono stati asportati tutti i documenti che al momento della perquisizione si trovavano nella sede del Partito, nella speranza di trovare cose che da tempo era stato messo al sicuro.

Si è ricorso alla violenza per impedire che la stampa, e quindi la poe-  
lo italiano, sappia la verità.

Per impedirmi di parlare si è ricorso all'Alto Commissariato, organo incompetente per giurisdizione e destinato di ogni mandato, per procedere ad un arbitrario sequestro e ad una arbitraria cattura. Si è proceduto contro di me ed il mio partito con azione illegale, nella speranza di impedire per sempre che la verità venisse a galla.

Il motivo per il quale è stato spiccato il mandato di cattura dall'Alto Commissariato è uno dei più falsi ed inesistenti: io avrei organizzato gli aderenti al mio partito per turbare l'ordine pubblico, mentre in realtà ho dovuto faticare per impedire che gli iscritti all'Unione Proletaria facessero una dimostrazione di forza contro l'azione illegale del Governo. Ma si accusa di quinta colonna e di fascismo mentre si provoca e si procede con metodi degni del peggiore fascismo.

Gli uomini dei partiti cosiddetti democratici sono andati contro ogni libertà, abolendo la libertà di riunione, di parola e di stampa, principi fondamentali ai quali si deve attenere ogni Governo veramente democratico.

Sono state saccheggiate le Cooperative degli operai e degli iscritti all'Unione Proletaria. Sono stati asportati tutti i documenti che al momento della perquisizione si trovavano nella sede del Partito, nella speranza di trovare ciò che da tempo era stato messo al sicuro.

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nessun regime, nemmeno quello fascista, ha mai fatto antidemocraticamente e dittatorialmente come questo.

Vi permetto di unire a questa lettera il testo della conferenza che avrei dovuto tenere nella sede del Partito di Unione Proletaria.

Distinti ossequi

*Saburova*

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CONFERENZA \_\_\_\_\_  
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TENUTA DAL

**Segretario del Partito di Unione Proletaria**

IL

28 GENNAIO 1945



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In quest'ora di sacrifici inenarrabili per il popolo italiano, quale rappresentante del Partito di Unione Proletaria, che ha per programma la lotta ad oltranza contro qualsiasi tentativo di dittatura, a qualsiasi colore essa appartenga, rivolgo il nostro saluto riconoscente alle valorose Armate Alleate, che con gravi sacrifici lottano per il conseguimento di un'Europa veramente democratica. Cercherò di passare in rassegna, all'attività del Partito, come l'interessante incidente provocato dalla morte di un delinquente comune, forse emissario di qualche personalità politica.

Il programma del nostro Partito è compendiato in 12 brevissimi articoli.

Il Partito di Unione Proletaria, è il Partito che cerca di riunire la massa lavoratrice del braccio e del pensiero per attuare i seguenti principi:

1) L'Unione Proletaria, fedele al pensiero repubblicano di Giuseppe Mazzini: «a guerra vinta un'assemblea italiana deciderà il destino d'Italia», attende a questo voto solenne — per referendum libero, diretto, segreto, e non per plebiscito — a cui deve essere chiamato il popolo italiano dall'Assemblea Costituente, stabilita dalla presente legge dello Stato, e nel quadro del Patto Internazionale della «Carta Atlantica».

2) Ogni lavoratore del braccio e del pensiero, deve poter vivere una vita sana, esente da preoccupazioni materiali.

3) L'autonomia regionale, affinché gli uomini della regione che conoscono il fabbisogno della stessa, possano dedicarsi alla sua costruzione.

4) Che in ogni regione si formi un Comitato di esperti e di tecnici in tutti i settori della finanza, industria, agricoltura, commercio ed artigianato, affinché fatta un'inventario di ciò che è rimasto, si possa sapere esattamente ciò che abbisogna al problema della ricostruzione, sopprimendo nel possibile, nel materiale deteriorato e disponibile Italia.

5) Il rispetto e l'assistenza assoluta della donna, della madre e del fanciullo, affinché gli sforzi della collettività possano dare un'immediato benessere a questa categoria, costituente il nucleo della famiglia, come ci insegna la nostra millenaria civiltà cristiana.

6) Il rispetto del cittadino, dei suoi diritti e dei suoi doveri nell'ambito di una giusta e sana legalità.

7) Chiede che coloro che hanno partecipato quali membri del governo fascista, quali consiglieri nazionali, quali prefetti, quali membri del tribunale speciale, quali questori, dal 3 gennaio 1925, siano rapidamente e severamente giudicati senza alcuna forma di epurazione, affinché il retaggio della criminalità fascista sia per sempre estirpato dal sacro suolo d'Italia.

8) Chiede che si riconfonda le liste catastali del 1922, si paragonino a quelle del 1901, e facendo il calcolo permutivo del guadagno in ogni azienda finanziaria, industriale, agricola e commerciale, da tutto il di più guadagnato, da destinare al fondo di ricostruzione nazionale.

9) Chiede immediatamente, una sua riforma carceraria, secondo i principi fondamentali della scuola positiva penale italiana, che da Carrara a Enrico Ferri, aprirono al mondo la nuova via della redenzione umana e sociale e l'annullamento di tutte le sentenze emesse dal tribunale speciale e dai tribunali ordinari, quando queste sentenze riguardavano un antifascista schedato.

10) Chiede che le famiglie dei martiri del nazifascismo abbiano una pensione privilegiata vita natural durante, pensione adeguata alle condizioni attuali della vita.

11) Fa appello a tutta la massa proletaria italiana affinché il governo, nella sua forma attuale di Partito, insediato a reggere i destini della Patria, lasci il posto ad un Governo di Unione Nazionale e Sociale, composto di tecnici ed esperti.

12) Vuole che gli Alleati cessino di considerarci nemici o cobelli geremi, ma ci considerino « alleati » e che, con essi, il proletario italiano marci, a costo di qualsiasi sacrificio, e sino alla vittoria totale, alla estirpazione dei nemici degli Alleati che sono i nostri nemici.

La nostra linea di condotta è stata sempre quella di combattere i nazifascisti durante il periodo clandestino.

Le celle di Via Tasso, i penitenziari italiani, i luoghi di confine, ed ultimamente le Fosse Ardeatine, hanno accolto dei martiri dell'Unione Proletaria durante il periodo clandestino.

Noi, il Comitato Centrale del Partito, a differenza degli altri esponenti dei Partiti di sinistra dell'Esarcato, non abbiamo mai adottato la formula di spingere i nostri iscritti a colpi di mano e sabotaggi, se non mettendoci personalmente alle loro teste.

Noi non siamo mai fuggiti all'Estero in comode posizioni di rifugiati, ma abbiamo sfidato l'inferno fascista, commettendo forse qualche cosa di fronte all'opinione pubblica, si può chiamare reato, per poter resistere, lottare e vincere.

I nostri reati sono quelli di aver sotto molte forme, ed in ogni occasione, sabotato l'infame dittatura mussoliniana.

Noi non siamo monarchici, ma riteniamo che il popolo italiano condoli serenamente e non per partito preso, la grave responsabilità dell'avvento del fascismo al potere.

Nel 1920-21 i nostri socialisti avevano scosso l'allora Governo italiano: assapornare di fabbriche, sabotaggio nelle comunicazioni, insulti ai nostri gloriosi soldati ed ufficiali reduci da una guerra vittoriosa; ma e disordine questo era il preludio della tanto stramazzata organizzazione social-comunista.

Vittorio Emanuele, aveva invitato i socialisti ad assumersi l'onore e la responsabilità del Potere, ma essi, che tutto volevano, senza per altro assumersi la responsabilità del loro operato, lo rifiutarono.

Un uomo infame, con affascinanti parole di ordine, di lavoro e di libertà, si presentò alla ribalta, ed essendo andato oltre i limiti lo stato di sopportazione del popolo italiano, egli riuscì, con una farsa buffa, dominata marcia su Roma, ad impossessarsi del potere.

I 22 anni del periodo fascista, sono troppo noti, perché si debba di essi parlare.

Ma non è noto che alcuni di coloro che oggi dirigono quotidiani che sono anche a capo di Partiti politici, sono stati nel periodo d'incubazione fascista, amici, ammiratori, e collaboratori di Mussolini.

Noi non lo siamo stati mai.

Noi, che conosciamo questi signori, e disprezziamoli per noi, li conosciamo da lunghi anni, non ci facemo annunziare dalla loro politica ventosa e dalle loro parole melate.

Il Partito di Unione Proletaria ha liberamente annunciato la sua linea politica nel suo organo di stampa, ha liberamente segnalato che un cosiddetto Partito ufficiale estremista vi era l'arruolamento di tutti i comunisti fascisti, e che essi avevano per programma di colpire soltanto quei criminali fascisti che non si asservivano a loro, o col denaro o con la rapina obbedienti al Partito.

Noi abbiamo denunciato all'opinione pubblica italiana, che una diatribe di sei Partiti, chiamata Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale, non poteva essere né ammissibile né logica, perché non corrispondeva al suo principio di una sana democrazia.

Noi abbiamo denunciato all'opinione pubblica italiana, che la libertà di stampa, tanto strambazzata, esisteva soltanto in teoria, ma che in pratica si riduceva alla sola libertà per i giornali dell'Esercito.

Noi abbiamo denunciato all'opinione pubblica italiana, la rovina verso cui venivano trascinate le aziende finanziarie, industriali ed agricole, con le nomina di commissari muti e di sequestratori alibi.

Noi abbiamo ripetuto che il colpevole di crimini fascisti, era seriamente e rapidamente giudicato, ma che coloro, che sono stati accusati per illeciti arricchimenti, dopo aver accertato e tolto ad essi il mal guadagnato, sono fascisti continuati nella loro attività senza quegli interdetti che hanno provocato la rovina dell'organizzazione industriale italiana.

Noi abbiamo denunciato la falsa agiografia dell'epurazione, epurazione secondo la quale un solo Partito dell'Esercito, il quale di essa si serve per sbarazzarsi di tutti coloro che a lui non aderiscono.

Processi scandalistici, generali portati alla zogna, è questo forse fatto per ridare il nome dell'Italia di fronte al mondo?

Se questi generali hanno tradito l'Italia, si deve essere per essi un Tribunale Militare, ma se hanno obbedito alla legge ed al regolamento militare nel periodo in cui hanno servito, allora non si muove nulla, perché di questo passo si cadrebbe nell'assurdo di dover giudicare tutti coloro che hanno fatto parte dell'Esercito italiano, semplicemente perché hanno obbedito, dal 1922 al 4 giugno 1943.

Noi desideriamo un'Italia democratica, noi desideriamo un'Italia nell'ambito dell'ordine e della legalità, e non un'Italia guidata da imbecilli e da fascisti.

L'Italia che deve risorgere deve avere immediatamente il suo Esercito, non Esercito di Partiti, ma Esercito italiano, e dovremo mostrare agli Alleati che il soldato e l'ufficiale italiano si redime col proprio sangue l'onta fascista.

È inutile fare oggi la voce greca, è inutile voler oggi atteggiarsi alla parità con gli Alleati, ricordiamoci che il popolo italiano non ha saputo per ventidue anni fare altro che piegare la schiena servilmente di fronte al banditismo fascista, ricordiamoci che il popolo italiano, volente o nolente ha seguito il banditismo fascista anche sui campi di battaglia, portando le armi contro coloro che lottavano e cadevano, non per egemonia di conquista o di dittatura, ma solamente per portare una libertà, libertà da noi tanto sognata.

Tutto ciò che gli Alleati ci daranno, deve essere bene accolto, e dobbiamo pensare che nonostante lo stato di fatto di ex nemici, non siamo trattati come tali, e forse presto saremo loro alleati.

L'Italia deve risollevarsi riunendo tutte le sue forze sane, deve risollevarsi nell'inquadratura del lavoro e della ricostruzione. Deve risollevarsi nell'ordine e nella legalità.

Si finisca una buona volta di oltraggiare l'Arma dei Carabinieri, quell'Arma che ha dato luminosamente prova di sé, sia sui campi di battaglia che nella lotta clandestina, ricordiamoci l'episodio di Valletta.

Si finisca una buona volta di nascondere le prove date dagli agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza nel periodo fascista e clandestino proteggendo gli antifascisti e gli antinazifascisti.

Non bisogna giudicare da episodi isolati tutto un Corpo.

Tagliare il budello sta bene, ma salvare il prestigio dei tutori dell'ordine è necessario.

I maggiori esponenti di alcuni Partiti di sinistra dell'Esercito non possono riconoscere questo, essendo stati durante il periodo fascista e clandestino all'Esercito o in sicuri conventi e palazzi aristocratici.

Bisogna provvedere, e non con le chiacchiere, per i Partigiani che risorgono dal nord, essi si trovano scaldi, lacerti, senza mezzi, senza famiglia, nessun organismo pensa a loro, nessun Partito li aiuta, gli industriali italiani, specialmente i costruttori romani, che danno, per paura e per vigliaccheria milioni ai Partiti di sinistra dell'Esercito, rifiutano per i Partigiani e per i Partiti dell'ordine qualsiasi contributo. Fu Romolo Vasselli che dà L. 100.000 ad un vecchio amico del traditore Caruso, Felice Anzilone, per farsi nominare CI di una Massoneria, chiude la sua bocca alle richieste dei Partiti dell'ordine e dei Partigiani.

Ma questi autentici traditori della Patria, si accorgeranno un giorno che hanno dato il loro denaro per fabbricare la corda che li doveva impiccare, e se la corda non si è stretta intorno al loro lurido collo, questo lo dovranno a noi, e solo a noi, che ne ieri, né oggi, né domani, avremo paura di Partiti che combattono in mala fede, non per malizia ma per la dittatura di un uomo.

Il Partito di Unione Sovietica, per questi suoi atteggiamenti, ha dovuto sottostare a tutti i soprusi dei Partiti dell'Esercito.

Il 17 novembre ha avuto la sospensione del suo giornale, con la banale giustificazione che esso non era autorizzato alla vendita; non abbiamo mai saputo di giornali nuovi di regolare licenza che abbiano avuto anche un'autorizzazione alla vendita.

2. Dopo tre giorni dalla sospensione, « l'Unità » e « l'Avanti »

hanno dettato violenti attacchi contro me stesso su ordine dell'ex capo Umberto Bianchi, già agente dell'O.V.R.A., e che si era prestato per un milione a tentare di ripetersi in Italia l'on. Nitti per farlo arrestare dalla Polizia fascista.

«L'Unità» e «L'Avanti!» che conoscevano benissimo l'accreditato, «L'Avanti!» specialmente, il cui direttore responsabile Enzo Villani, era presente quando le SS tedesche procedettero nell'Ottobre del 1943 al mio arresto, fu il più violento.

Il 3 dicembre presentai una querela contro il giornale «Avanti!» ma essa, capitata nelle mani del Sostituto Procuratore del Re, Donato, non ha ancora avuto seguito, anzi questo magistrato si è affrettato ad inquire sul mio conto.

Nel mese di dicembre e nei primi di gennaio ho subito tre attentati, per opera di chi?

I primi di gennaio si fece annunciare a me un certo Albano Giuseppe da me mai conosciuto, nome capo di una banda di Partigiani, che mi promise di farmi ridare il giornale, anzi non più settimanale, ma quotidiano, con i necessari fondi relativi, purché io consegnassi a lui dei documenti che egli doveva sapere in mio possesso.

Avendogli domandato chi era che lo mandava, mi rispose di non poter fare il nome della personalità che lo aveva incaricato.

Conclusi il colloquio facendogli osservare che non potevo dargli alcun documento, poiché nulla era in mio possesso.

Dopo pochi giorni è avvenuto nella Sede del Partito, un tentativo di furto commesso da chi? per quale ragione?

Lo giorno, e precisamente il giorno dell'uccisione dell'Albano, fui pregato di non recarmi nel pomeriggio alla Sede del Partito; alle ore 17 ricevetti una telefonata dal mio segretario, che mi pregava di recarmi subito; fui giunto trovai il cadavere dell'Albano e fui informato che era venuto accompagnato dai suoi amici a domandare di me, ma che non avendomi trovato, era riuscito, affrontato dall'Arma, ed opponendo resistenza, ucciso.

«L'Avanti!» e «L'Unità» hanno scatenato una violenta campagna sul mio nome, attribuendomi reati che piuttosto che aver commessi quelli commessi da loro, sarei stato ben lieto di commetterli.

La stampa italiana domanda: «Chi è Salvatorezza? Chi è questo loro figure che ha commesso reati di calunnia, estorsioni, ricatti, furti e frode?».

Io ed il Partito di Unione Proletaria non abbiamo mai avuto nulla a che vedere colUnione Patrioti, non abbiamo mai rubato nessuna automobile in Viale Africa, né altro, non abbiamo mai ricattato alcun industriale e per nessun motivo.

Abbiamo preso la difesa di Del Pino, perché gli accusatori di Del Pino e facenti parte del Comitato di Epurazione della Teti erano:

Tesser Maria già collaboratore del Pannaria, fiducioso repubblicano del Gruppo Regale, giustiziato dai Patrioti a Rieti, e questo signore dal passato repubblicano e fascista, è iscritto al Partito Socialista, di cui fa parte quale membro della Commissione di epurazione dei Teti.

Di Tommaso, già come parte del direttorio del fascio repubblicano, camice nero e girata, e l'altro membro della Commissione di epurazione, che ha fatto per l'uscita del Del Pina.

Il quale Del Pina, che aveva alle sue dipendenze il 60 per cento del personale non iscritto al partito fascista durante la dittatura fascista, di quel Del Pina che ha ucciso Patrioti durante il periodo di occupazione tedesca, ed ha funzionalmente collaborato e sovversivo lavoro di Patrioti durante il detto periodo.

E perché il pubblico italiano non si è mai domandato chi sono gli esponenti di quei Partiti e di quei giornali che hanno attaccato e violentemente il Salvarerra ed il Partito di Unione Proletaria? Qual è stato il loro passato all'Estero?

Noi crediamo che il popolo italiano e specialmente gli iscritti di tutti i Partiti indicherebbero se sapessero chi sono questi signori, se sapessero che essi accusatori della buona fede di massa illuse, cercano di portare all'ignoranza, al caos ed alla rovina la nostra povera Italia, come fanno fatti all'Estero, con i fuorilegge e con gli autentici Patrioti. Il loro governo serio d'esempio.

In otto mesi di governo in cui questi signori sono stati maggioranza, quali sono state le conclusioni?

I fatti di Palermo e di Sicilia;

Il fatto Carretta;

I fatti di Cagliari;

I fatti della Sardegna;

Il fatto del Quarantadue.

Nessuna ristrutturazione, incremento di forza vera, sviluppo al trecento, come se dovessimo vergognarci delle tradizioni, anche di quelle profasciste.

Il tricolore non è stato inventato ed imposto da Mussolini, tutti signori, strofinati la strada d'Italia.

L'Esercito, sviluppo ed obliato, tutti coloro che non lo pensano come loro, sono trattati da mazzettieri, da quinta colonna, da mazzettieri.

Fame, prostituzione, indifferenza delle forze preposte all'ordine pubblico. Se queste sono le basi della formazione del nuovo Stato rosso italiano, noi ne facciamo volentieri a meno.

Nessuno ha parlato dei poveri Carabinieri uccisi dal ghibbo, e dei militari Alleanza assorbiti da questa belva umana, ultimo il sergente inglese, del quale i giornali di allora non hanno detto neppure il nome, oppure si trattava di un soldato inglese che da cinque anni è in guerra lontano dalla sua famiglia, per venire a morire in Italia assassinato da un delinquente italiano.

Però si trova tempo e spazio per conferire storie mirabolanti e arrivare persino da parte dei due fogli di sinistra, quasi a glorificare la figura di un omicida e parricida soppresso in un conflitto con la forza pubblica.

Milioni migliaia di giovani soldati e Patrioti nella guerra contro il tedesco, e nella campagna romana giacchino ancora insanguinati i cadaveri delle vittime del nazifascismo, ma una stampa della democrazia.

crisi, il quale è in procinto di diventare tutti cartoni per giorni e giorni, per la meritata morte di un vulgare e volgare attore.

Sarebbe ben ora di parlarsi chiaro e di guardarsi in faccia.

Non sono questi i sistemi per farsi stimare ed apprezzare da qualcuno.

Il Partito di Unione Proletaria non darà quartiere a questi signori, affinché tutto il mondo sappia quali sono le loro mire ed intenzioni.

Si cercherà di sopprimerli, di si angaria in tutti i modi, come già è stato fatto, ma noi non cederemo, e siamo certi che verrà il giorno della verità e della ricostruzione.

Noi come ieri, come oggi, e domani, inalteriamo i nostri affetti e le nostre vite per la rivoluzione, la libertà e la vera democrazia, in un clima di ordine e di legalità per la nostra Patria.

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Salvatore Umberto  
V. Cola & Riccio 212  
Città

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10 February 1945.

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Dear

On receipt of your letter dated the 16th January 1945 about Engineer SOLI Mario, I had enquiries made into the case.

It appears that SOLI Mario was charged with two offences: travelling from Rome to Predappio without a permit; and altering a civilian movement permit issued to one Picolanti by Allied Military Government. He pleaded guilty to both charges and was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment on the first charge and to 6 months imprisonment on the second charge. He also made a statement in court in mitigation of his offences in this statement he again admitted his offences.

As you will no doubt appreciate, such offences are serious, as it is essential from the point of view of security that movement of civilians in forward areas should be controlled, and I am afraid that I cannot see my way to interfere in the case.

As you may know, all cases tried by an Allied Military Court are reviewed by appropriate authority to ensure that the conviction is good in law and that the penalty imposed is not excessive, and this case will be so reviewed in the normal course.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Generale Adolfo Infante  
Primo Aiutante di Campo Generale di  
S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno  
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7 February 1945.

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Signor Ugo Coletta,  
Presidente Associazione Nazionale Danneggiati  
di guerra,  
R O M E.

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Reference is made to your letter of 24 January 1945 requesting travel permits for seven representatives of your Association to travel in the Livorno, Firenze, Forli, Lucca, Pistoia and Ancona areas to assist persons suffering from war damage in filing their claims under the circular of the Ministry of Treasury, addressed to Intendenza di Finanza on January 12th, 1945.

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MILROY W. STONE  
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Ref: 3604/83/005

Tel: 478201

SUBJECT: Request for interview.

6 February 1945.

TO : Dr. Ing. Valerio Taramelli,  
Via Taranto 6, ROME.

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to ask you to state in writing the facts of the subject referred to in your letter so that the matter can be perused with a view to granting you an interview.

Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.



SENATO DEL REGNO

Dear Sir,

I shall be very obliged if you will give me an appointment, in order to speak about the feelings of the Italian people towards you, and the danger which is increasing every day more in every place.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Ing. Valerio Taramelli)

*Valerio Taramelli*

Via Taranto 6 - Rome

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Ref. 5804/27/COS

29 Jan 1945

SUBJECT : Seizure and Return of Fiat Car.  
TO : Headquarters, No. 1 District.

1. Reference our letter 3604/65/COS of 15 January 1945.
2. Your prompt attention in respect to this matter is sincerely appreciated.
3. The car was turned over in first-class condition to our Provincial Commissioner at Terni on 24 January and on the following day picked up by Managing Director of the Fiat Company.
4. I am most grateful for your help.

Major L. W. STEARNS

Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff

Copy to : HQ 71 Sub-Area.

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ALLIED ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ COMMISSION (77)  
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Security Report.

FILE No. 4/35B/CA

TO

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*Bureau Sec*

28 Jan 1945

JAN 28 1945

COBR report raid on office of Partito di Unione Proletaria where they found and seized a small quantity of arms and ammunition:

1 case of hand grenades.

4 LMG

1 HMG

and a large quantity of documents.

This was the office of SALVAGRANZA who was connected with the hunch-back gang and of whom there has been considerable mention in the Press recently. He was to have given a press conference today but has disappeared.

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CA Section

*R. H. Cripps*  
R. H. CRIPPS Col, 3031  
OSO CA Section.

*see n 78, 79, 80.*

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26 January 1945

JAN 27 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Attached, for your information, is a  
minute sent by the DOCS Civil Affairs Section  
to the Chief of Staff.

Sincerely,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Hon. Alexander Kirk  
American Ambassador  
119 Via Vittorio Veneto  
Rome

cc:

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Sir Noel Charles, Bt., K.C.M.G.  
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Rome

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Chief Clerk del

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Attached is submitted for your information/~~ad~~/nature/~~ad~~/approval.



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Major Quayle  
Send 115 to

Subsister 175  
Done

302- *File* *175*  
Charles Fry

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

Mr. S. G.

Confirms our conversation

Public Safety report that the Carabinieri, early this morning, Thursday, 25 Jan 45, raided the offices of the Movimento Comunista d'Italia in Via dei Ginibonari, and seized, in good condition,

40 rifles,  
57 machine guns or automatic rifles,  
100 hand grenades,  
20 mortar bombs,  
30 packages of explosives,  
1 box S.A. amm.,  
200 packages Small Arms Amm..

There were no casualties or injuries.

25 Jan 45

W. R. M.

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Translation

Associazione Nazionale Dame Gladi di Guerra  
Via "egina" 86

Rome, 21 January, 1945

JAN 26 1945

To Admiral Stone  
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission  
R o m e

*see 84*

The activity of this association which includes 200,000 persons who have suffered from war damages has been acknowledged by the Ministry of Treasury. The Association has also been entrusted with a task of collaboration for what concerns the liquidation of the accounts concerning damaged property, as from the two circulars by the Minister of Treasury, which we enclose.

To exercise this activity which is of great interest for the nation, the writer needs to send his functionaries in the liberated provinces which most suffered from the war, to contact and help those whose property has been damaged, collect statements and declarations, and draft the acts mentioned in the said circular n. 7504 of January 12th 1945.

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Ugo Colonna di Giuseppe - Via Carlo Martelloni, Firenze, 19 - Permission to carry arms n. 00622 - President of the Association.

Avv. Francesco Castellano of the late Antonio - Via Palermo 3 - Permission to carry arms n. 44801 - Secretary General.

Cav. Mario De Carlo of Giovanni - Via Principe di Piemonte, 435 - Postal card 37668 - Director of the organization office.

Dr. Paolo Savullo of Angelo - Via Monte delle Gioie, 22 - Postal card n. 786972 - Inspector of the organization.

Dr. Pettini Enzo of Ugo - Via S. Marino, 36 - Postal card n. 30171 - Inspector of the organization.

Petronio Vinicio of Raffaele - Via Gattico, 32 - Driving license n. 3656 - Provincial delegate.

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Avv. Francesco Cantalano of the late Antonio - Via Belmonte 3 - Permission to carry arms n. 44561 - Secretary General.

Car. Mario De Carlo of Giovanni - Via Principe di Piemonte, 135 - Postal card 574663 - Director of the organization office.

Dr. Paolo Savardo of Angelo - Via Monte delle Gioie, 22 - Postal card n. 786972 - Inspector of the organization.  
Dr. Pettini Enzo of Ugo - Via S. Marino, 36 - Postal card n. 301171 - Inspector of the organization.

Petronio Vinolo of Raffaele - Via Enrico, 32 - Driving license n. 56636 - Provincial delegate.

Geato Colabella of Giuseppe - Via S. M. d. - Driving license n. 12776 - Attached to the organization.

We apply directly to you, for we trust your comprehension and feel sure that you will support our requests.

For too long a time, the Association has been struggling with the various competences of the Allied and Allied Offices, while the 'Ministeri' suffer and die because they don't get any assistance.

We have made numerous requests and spent hours in the waiting rooms of the various offices and now our patience has come to an end.

Our last hope to know whether we are to fulfill our task which is a national task, and as such linked to the war effort, is that you will issue the required passes and put an end to this series of bureaucratic competences.

30 July 45

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If you grant our request, you will be doing a great service to those who are suffering from war damages, i.e. to the great majority of the Italian nation, which has suffered so much from the present conflict.

We should be very grateful to get an answer without delay, and we remain,

Very truly yours,

THE PRESIDENT

S. Ugo Colonna

P.S. We enclose a copy of a letter from the cabinet of M.R. the Minister of Treasury.

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P.S. We enclose a copy of a letter from the cabinet of H.H. the Minister of Treasury.

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Action: - FINANCE SUB/Com

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Ministry of Treasury

The Chief of Cabinet of the Minister

Rome, 20 December 1944

n. 302 /

To the Allied Military Government

and to be seen by the Associazione Nazionale Insegna di Guerra

R O M E

The Associazione Nazionale Insegna di Guerra, with seat in Rome, Via Regina Elena, 80, which includes the great mass of the 'militari', and which has established delegations and sections in all the liberated provinces, exercises its activity to give assistance to its members, through collaboration with this Ministry.

To enable the central organs of the Association to have constant contacts with the representations of the periphery, the said Association has asked the Ministry to communicate to the competent Allied Government the request to obtain a circulation pass for vehicles and personnel passes for its functionaries.

Considering the urgent character of the request, and the work of the Association, the Ministry will be most grateful if the Commission will grant the request of the Association, which we enclose.

THE CHIEF OF CABINET

Enl. Vercilio

e.c.

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dal Vecchio

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
TERNI PROVINCE.

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*Refer 53-65, 67, 69*

RECEIVED FROM ALLIED COMMISSION, TERNI ONE FIAT CAR 1100  
NO. ROMA 82780 CHASSIS NO. 276448 MOTOR NO. 299213,  
IN GOOD RUNNING CONDITION, CONTENTS UNKNOWN.

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25 JAN 45.

Received

*By Engr. Enrico Minola...*  
*for Fiat Co.*

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Case Closed. *Per PA*

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: Q218/2  
Date/Time of Origin: JAN 23/0830A

Message Centre No: C/9053  
Date/Time Recd: JAN 23/1430  
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: 71 SUB AREA  
TO: 2 INTERNS CAMP, INFO: HQ ALLIED COMMISSION.

JAN 23 1945

IN CLEAR.

Fiat 1100 No 82780 ROME will be returned forthwith to Prov  
Commissioner Allied Commission TERNI. For Hq Allied Commission your  
3604/65/COS of 15 January add SD 1 Dist refers.

**ACTION**

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Action: C o S (2)  
Info: A/President  
Chief Commissioner  
G-4 (A)  
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ROUTINE

From: AFHQ BUREAU ALEXANDER CITY EMBASSY  
To: ACTION: AGAR HANDBOOK LONDON INFO ALCON ROSE

JAN 20 1945

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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Ref your letter AGA/INTK/15/1243/1 of 13 December. Subject is training of 7 police officers. ALCON have agreed your proposal to send one inspector general, 2 staff officer I, one staff officer II, one staff officer III to ITALY to gain experience under orders ALCON HQ, regions and formations. Request you arrange details with ALCON keeping this HQ informed. For ALCON. Grateful your acceptance your letter Ref/110/277 undated refers.

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Chief Commissioner  
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Pub Safety  
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HEADQUARTERS

20 JAN 1945

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<sup>360477</sup>  
**INCOMING MESSAGE**  
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: Q 10  
Date/Time of Origin: JAN 19 1535A

Message Centre No: C/8616  
Date/Time Recd: JAN 20 0900A  
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: DISTONE  
TO: HQ ALLCOM INFO: 71 SUB AREA

JAN 20 1945

IN CLEAR.

Ref your 3604/65/005 of 15. Seizure of Fiat car registration No 82780/ROMA being investigated as matter of urgency. You will be notified of result of investigation soonest. 71 Sub AREA. My 1D/2306/5/Q of 19 refers.

*see folio 69*  
**ACTION**

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| Info   | - A/Pres           |
|        | Chief Commissioner |
|        | Est Sec            |
|        | G-4 (A)            |
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 9 C O S (66)  
 Translate

2340/A.O.

Rome, 10 January 1945

JAN 18 1945

Dear Admiral,

Princess Pallavicini drew my attention on the case of Engineer Mario Zoli, brother of Adv. Adone Zoli, Mayor of Florence, chief of the Christian Democrat Party in Tuscany; It seems that he as well as Mr. Pao Pianti, have been condemned to nine months jail for having gone in December to Predappio, with a faked pass, issued by the Allied Authorities to Pianti, and valid for a journey in Tuscany. It seems that Engineer Zoli and Mr. Pianti have already been one month in jail.

It appears that the document hasn't been faked by Zoli, who took the responsibility to help Pianti to see again his family, that he left in September 1943, when having crossed the line, he joined the Italian Government, and because he himself wanted to go to Predappio to recognize his own enterprises which were without a manager.

I should be most grateful if you will kindly see whether it is possible to show indulgence to Eng. Zoli, who is a man of great probity and the father of five children, by changing detention into a fine.

Waiting for your answer, I remain,

truly yours,

S. A. Infante

Admiral Billy Stone  
 Chief of the Allied Commission  
H O M O

S.O.

Cos List - 18 Jan 45

Action - CA Sec

INFO - CHIEF C3020

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Ref. 1604/33 CUE

15 January 1945

SUBJECT: Seizure of Fiat Car

TO : Headquarters, No. 1 District

1. On 29 December 44 Fiat motor car (model 1100, registration 252780/Roma) was impounded by the Field Security Service at the Ferni Internee Camp No. 2 for the use of the DADCS, Fiat Sub-Area, to whom it was turned over. Major Trevor, the officer in charge of No. 2 Camp is familiar with the complete details of this seizure.

2. The car in question, the property of the Fiat Company, has been constantly used by the Managing Director of the Fiat Company in connection with his work for the Allied Commission. This Headquarters has been continually using the facilities of the Fiat motor Company throughout liberated Italy, and it is only through the efforts of the Managing Director and his associates that these facilities have been made and are being made available to the Allies. It was in this connection that Engineer Minola -- accompanied by Dr. Count Smedetto Perotti, President of the Managing Board of the Fiat Company -- visited Internee Camp No. 2 to inquire into certain business particulars of which only Dr. Michele Anso (Administrative Manager of the Fiat Company, a subsidiary of Fiat, who is interned in the camp) has knowledge.

3. It has been established that this car was travelling under a properly issued circulation permit effective until 31 December 44, and that the occupants were in possession of proper personal circulation permits, to wit, ASD movement of civilians permit 2507432 issued by the Quasatura of Rome.

4. The impounding of this vehicle has placed this Headquarters in an extremely embarrassing position. The Allied Commission is continually enlisting the aid of leading industrial and business executives in rehabilitating Italy to the benefit of the Allies. While such executives are thus engaged, the protection of their transport must be guaranteed. Without such a guarantee the Allies cannot reasonably expect honest co-operation. Under these conditions, coercive action -- the only means

O of COG, Hq. AC, 15/1/45  
Sub: Seizure of Fiat Car  
To: Hq. No. 1 District

left — is never satisfactory. I shall be grateful if orders can be issued from your Headquarters directing the return of this vehicle to the Provincial Commissioner, Allied Commission, Terni. It would also be appreciated if your Headquarters could take such steps as it considers appropriate to obviate further incidents of this nature.

5. I shall be grateful if this matter is treated as most urgent.

For the Chief Commissioner:

*M. J. L.*  
Brigadier  
Chief of Staff

4 Incls.

Incl #1-Statement of Fiat Co. <sup>59</sup>  
on seizure of Fiat car.

Incl #2-Cy of circulation  
permit #307-32. <sup>60</sup>

Incl #3-Extract cy. par 3, ltr  
Incl #4-AC/5597/IND, 5/1/45. <sup>61</sup>

Incl #5-Cy ltr Economic Sec. AC/EN/4/25. <sup>63</sup>  
12/1/45. sub: Seizure of Fiat Car.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Economic Section

CHAF/23d

12 Jan. 1945

AC/TH/R/26

SUBJECT : Seizure of Fiat Car.

TO : The Chief of Staff, A.C. HQ.  
(Att:Chief Staff Officer).

1. Reference your letter 3604/52/COS dated the 5th of January, addressed to this Section.

2. It is desired to amplify Para 3 of Industry Sub-Commission's letter to you Ref.AC/5597/IND, dated the 5th of January, as follows:-

A) Transportation Sub-Commission of this Section has received invaluable assistance from the Fiat Company, which has consistently proved its desire whole-heartedly to co-operate with the Allied Commission.

B) The Fiat Company is at present engaged in rebuilding its works both in Rome and Pescara for the purpose of undertaking work primarily for A.C.

C) The statement made by Mr. Enrico Minola in his letter dated Jan. the 3rd (folio 57 in the attached file) to the effect that a Fiat "2600" was voluntarily offered to A.C. is certainly true in that Transportation Sub-Commission accepted this car for the use of a former Vice President of the Economic Section.

D) As a result of the above the Transportation Sub-Commission is in full accord with the sentiments expressed by the Industry Sub-Commission that the im-

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*L. D. Densmore*

L. D. DENSMORE,  
Colonel, P.A.,  
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff  
Economic Section.

Tel. 447

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Ref.AC/5597/IND

5 Jan. 45

SUBJECT : Seizure of Fiat Car.

JAN - 5 1945

TO : The Chief of Staff, AC, HQ. ✓  
(Attn.: Joseph C. Rively, Chief Staff Officer)

FROM : Industry Sub-Commission.

1. This refers to your letter of January 5, 1945, Ref. 3604/53/COS accompanied by a set of five documents which are being returned herewith.

2. After careful study of these documents this Subcommittee is of the opinion that the officials of the Fiat Motor Company are to blame themselves for their troubles. They should know beforehand that no visits to the inmates of Internee Camps are allowed without a permission from proper authorities or from the commandant of the Camp. This breach of the law does not justify, however, the confiscation of their car and their private belongings by the Terni Camp authorities without giving to the owners a proper receipt or impound form document.

3. Disregarding above facts this Subcommittee feels strongly that the impounded "Fiat" car, tag # 82780/ROME, should be returned to the Fiat Motor Co. into the hands of their Terni representative Mr. Belli Rigoletto. The officials of the Fiat Motor Co, involved in the case, Count Benedetto Perotti, President, and Mr. Enrico Minola are whole heartfully co-operating with this Subcommittee in rehabilitation of the Italian civilian autotransport. This work involves their constant travel and inspection of their garages and autorepair shops in various localities, in rebuilding and re-activation of which shops the Allied Military Command and the Allied Commission are vitally interested.

Copy to:-  
Economic Section.(w/o Incls.)

W.S. VAUGHAN,  
Director,  
Industry Sub-Commission.

Incls.:-  
As per para 1 above.

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ORIGINAL

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO  
MOVEMENT OF CIVILIANS  
MOVIMENTO DI CIVILI

No 307432

Name (Nome)

*Luigi Sott. Benedetto Perotti*

Address (Indirizzo)

*Roma*

Identity Card No. (Carta Identità N.)

*1.753.172*

HAS PERMISSION TO:

E AUTORIZZATO A:

• (a) TRAVEL FROM (d)

*Roma*

TO

*Astoria e Pesaro*

• (b) AND RETURN

*si*

• (c) TRAVEL WITHIN AN AREA OF

KMS FROM

• (d) TRAVEL WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF

• (e) CROSS THE ARMY CONTROL LINE

• (f) BE OUT OF DOORS DURING THE HOURS OF CURFEW

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF (English)

Per il proposito di (Italiano)

TRANSPORT EMPLOYED (d)

Mezzo di trasporto (d)

THIS PASS EXPIRES ON

*31.12.44*

Questa autorizzazione è valida fino a

AND MUST BE RETURNED TO OFFICE OF ISSUE UPON EXPIRATION.

e deve essere restituita all'ufficio di emissione alla scadenza.

SIGNATURE OF ISSUING OFFICER

Firma del rilasciatore

ISSUED AT (EMESSO A)

ON (IL)

BY (DA)

Signature and Rank of Issuing Officer

Firma e Grado dell'Ufficiale che rilascia l'autorizzazione

*Il Funzionario di P.S.*

Name and Rank of Issuing Officer (Block Letters)

Nome e grado dell'Ufficiale che rilascia l'autorizzazione (lettere maiuscole)

• Strike out whichever is not applicable

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(i) Unless indicated, the most practicable direct route will be taken.

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(iii) This pass shall not be used for purposes other than travel by the transport indicated.

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Questa permesso non deve essere interpretato come autorizzazione di rimanere a viaggiare

col mezzo di trasporto indicato. Ogni qualvolta della stessa viene trasportata, ciò sarà

indicare nell'autorizzazione.

Vale anche per le nottate prima

Fig. Gino Minola

Venturini Fazi.

Roma R, 1. 10. 46

Il Funzionario D.P.S.



*[Handwritten signature]*



SOCIETA PER AZIONI

FILIALE DI ROMA

DIREZIONE

ROMA, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1945  
Viale Montemurlo, 53-57

TO REGION 4

LAZIO = UMBRIA H.Q.

R O M E

Via Lucullo, 6

SEIZURE OF FIAT CAR, REGISTERED N° 82780/ROME

Dear Sirs,

We beg to submit to your attention the following

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Doctor Count Benedetto PEROTTI, President of the Managing Board of the Fiat Company for liberated Italy, Doctor Engineer Enrico MINOIA, member of same board and particularly in charge of the automobile Section, and driver Fazi Venturino, motored on December the 29<sup>th</sup> to Terni using Fiat Car Model "1100", registered n° 82780/Rome, belonging to the Fiat Company. =

Purpose of the journey was the survey of the plant of Mr. Belli Rigole tto, Fiat's Agent in Terni, which survey took place before noon. On leaving the town, on the way Rome, it was taken the opportunity of visiting at the internee Camp of Terni ( which is situated on the Flaminia route to Roma), Mr. Michele Asso Administrative Manager of the "Sita" Company in Florence, a company under Fiat control. =

This visit was prompted purely by the business connections of the Fiat managers with the internee and took place between 2.30 et 3.30 p.m. During the visit the car and the drive stood in the proper parking place of the Camp.

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Insistently requested for a more detailed explanation, the police officers in first place pointed out that as the permit was given for business purposes, it did not cover the presence of the owners at the internee Camp. To this objection the business purpose of the visit to Terni in general and to the internee Camp in particular was explained and the testimony of the Agent,

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Mr. Belli, who was present at the moment, produced.

It was then very briefly put forward a second different objection, that is to say that the permit was not particularly issued for the journey Rome - Terni but for the journey Rome - Ancona.=

The owners replied that, in their opinion, the pass in their possession authorising them to travel from Rome to Ancona justified the presence of the car in any locality of the direct route Rome-Ancona, such as Terni. To this no further objection was made. Nevertheless the car was taken away into the Camp leaving the owners stranded in the middle of the road, without any means to reach Rome.=

No receipt, requisition, impound form or document whatsoever for the seizure of the car was given and also personal belongings were taken away with the car as the owners were not allowed to remove them. The car did not carry goods of any description, was practically new (9500 Kilometers) and fitted with 6 new tyres (2 spare tyres).=

The owners then walked to Terni and called to the Military Police but the answer was that they were not concerned with the case.=

Next morning, after a very uncomfortable night spent in the badly destroyed Terni, the owners paid a call to the town Military Governor.

They have been given the opportunity of speaking only to a sergeant who, after brief inquiries, informed the owners that the permit was deemed not good as the Roma Questura had no authority to issued it.

The various different objections raised as to the validity of the permit are not such as to satisfy the owners that any breakage of regulations, even in good faith, has been committed by them such as to justify the seizure of their car. In fact the first two objections can be, in their opinion, dismissed for the above mentioned reasons; as to the third inquiries have been made with the Questura of Roma which confirms the regularity of the

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The various different objections raised as to the validity of the permit are not such as to satisfy the owners that any breakage of regulations, even in good faith, has been committed by them such as to justify the seizure of their car. In fact the first two objections can be, in their opinion, dismissed for the above mentioned reasons; as to the third inquiries have been made with the Questura of Roma which confirms the regularity of the pass issued.

In any case this is a matter for the Authority to clarify in order to avoid that civilians, in good faith, could be put in very serious predicaments.

S.P.A. **FIAT**

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The owners would further point out that the Fiat car Roma/82780 is the only one in their possession as the Rome Fiat Branch has been deprived by the Germans of all available cars except two, one of which, the best and the largest, a model Fiat "2800" Sedan still unregistered, copy of requisition form attached, has been spontaneously (see testimony of Captain Jessup as for copy of a letter attached) offered to the requisition of Allied Authorities and apparently put in use, as the owners at the time understood, of the vice-president of the A.C.C.

The use of a car is absolutely necessary to the Fiat Company for the control of the Fiat organization in liberated Italy, most of which organization either under requisition or spontaneously, cooperates with the Allied Authorities.

The owners therefore request that further inquiries be kindly made on the case and should be found a good ground for the release of the car same should be handed over to the Fiat Agent in Terni, Mr. Belli Rigoletto, who will be instructed accordingly.

Yours faithfully  
(Ing. Enrico Mirole)

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Yours faithfully  
(Ing. Enrico Minola)

FILIALI DI ROMA

Il Direttore  
(Ing. Enrico Minola)

*Minola*

acc. n° 3

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

3012

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
MOVEMENT OF CIVILIANS

N. 307412

Name: Conte Dott. BENEDDETTO IEROTTI

Address: ROMA

Identity Card No. 1.753172

HAS PERMISSION TO:

TRAVEL FROM ROMA TO ANCONA E PESCARA

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: (italiano) regionali servizio

TRANSPORT EMPLOYED Auto Fiat targata 82780 ROMA  
THIS PASS EXPIRES ON 31/12/44

PRELIEVO DALLA R. QUESTURA DI ROMA - UFFICIO PERMESSI VIAGGIO

11 10 Ottobre 1944

( TIMBRE) rotondo del

Gabinetto R. QUESTURA DI ROMA

firmato dal funzionario di P.E.

(illeggibile)

VALE ANCHE PER LE SOTTOINDICATE PERSONE:

ING. ENRICO MINOLA  
VENTURINI PAZI

Roma 11 10 Ottobre 1944

(TIMBRE COME SOPRA E STESSA FIRMA)

TRAVEL FROM ROMA TO ANCONA E PESCARA

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: (italiano) ragioni servizio

TRANSPORT EMPLOYED Auto Fiat targata 62780 ROMA  
THIS PASS EXPIRES ON 31/12/44

EMESSO DALLA R. QUESTURA DI ROMA - UFFICIO PERMESSI VIAGGIO

il 1° Ottobre 1944

( TIMBRE) rotondo del  
Gabinetto R. QUESTURA DI ROMA

firma del funzionario di P.S.

(illegibile)

VALE ANCHE PER LE SOTTOINDICATE PERSONE:

ING. ENRICO MINOLA  
VENTURINI FAZI

nona li 1° Ottobre 1944

(TIMBRE CONE ROMA E STESSA FIRMA)

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DATE REC'D, ACC  
NO.

UNITED STATES ARMY  
ARMED FORCES ITALY  
DATE 10-12-1944  
DATA 12-12-1944

The following items of property  
have been taken by the United States  
Army from:

Name or Possessor and address

Sec. p. d. 211 - Filiale di Roma  
Via di Torino Maggiore 16

Description of property  
(Indicate condition)

(If motor vehicle, engine, chassis and  
Italian license numbers must be shown)

Suburban Fiat 2500 - license no. none - engine no. 0.000675 - chassis no. 0.000613  
condition of body: new - condition of mechanical parts: new - five new tires  
and wheels (new motor not yet registered)

I certify that the property described  
above is required for immediate use in  
military service. Present has not been  
made for the use of possession. Present

To certify che la suddetta  
proprietà descritta sono necessari  
per ragioni militari e che nessun  
pagamento è stato fatto per servizio  
a possesso di ciò

U.S. Army

Capt. J. M.

Name

Rank

RA - 400

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United States Army

Division

Name of Headquarters or Office

I will be returned at a future date  
when to present the certificate to  
for consideration of your claim

Sarete restituito a futura data  
all'ovvio momento di vostra certifi-  
cato, affinché il vostro reclamo

Owner or Possessor and address

Soc. P.A. Fiat - Filiale di Roma  
Via di Porta Magliana 18

Description of property  
(Indicate condition)

For motor vehicle, engine, chassis and  
Italian license numbers must be shown)

Motorcar Fiat 2500 - license n° none - engine n° 000570 - chassis n° 000503  
condition of body : new - condition of mechanical parts: new + five new tires  
and wheels (new motorcar not yet registered)

I certify that the property described  
above is required for immediate use in  
military service. Payment has not been  
made for the use of possession thereof

To certify that the above  
property described above is  
per request of military and naval  
power, it is made for service  
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C. C. Jannun - Capt. G.P.

Name

Rank

RA - ADC

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Allied Control Commission

Name of Head, quarters or office

7.4 will be notified at a future date  
when to present this certificate to  
for consideration of your claim

Barate notified to present a  
this date presentare questo certi-  
ficato, affinché il vostro reclamo  
venga preso in considerazione

Note: To be prepared in triplicate, original to owner, duplicate to be forward  
ed to Headquarters, ASD, for attention: G-4 and triplicate to be retained for  
records.

3011

ALLIED COMMERCE CO. (INCORPORATED)  
Transportation Division, Boston 14

23 July 1946

To: Mr. Arnold, Managing Director, Fiat Co.

Dear Mr. Arnold,

Permit me to thank you for the very splendid cooperation you gave me while we were attempting to operate the various barges for the Allied Military Government.

If there are any men like you in Italy I feel sure that Italy will not have to much difficulty in the restoration of a stable government after the war.

Now the war is over I would like a letter from you, address to Mr. Albert S. G. BARNETT, JR., PORTLAND, OREGON - U.S.A.

Cordially yours  
Capt. S. C. Sweeney

Dear Mr. Lincoln,

Permit me to thank you for the very splendid cooperation you gave me while we were attempting to operate the various garages for the Allied Military Government.

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Cordially yours  
Capt. G.C. Cessup

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Tel. 431

5 January 1945

Ref. 36014/53/1000.

SUBJECT: Seizure of Fiat Car.

TO : Economic Section.

1. The enclosed documents are for transmittal to Industry  
3/C for action.
2. We request they prepare a letter stating their interest  
in reactivation of Fiat installations and therefore, that they are  
greatly interested in the return of the Fiat Engineer's vehicle to  
him at once.
3. Please accomplish this above matter today as the Chief of  
Staff desires to communicate this matter to DCOAG 15 Army Group  
for immediate action.

*JCS*  
4 Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Chief of Staff.

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Ref/3604/2005.

Tel : 735

4 Jan 44

SUBJECT : Arrest of Conte Umberto Morra di Lavriano.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

With reference to the attached memorandum from the A/President will you, without delay, signal to Toscana Region for a report on the circumstances of the arrest and present condition of Conte Umberto Morra di Lavriano.

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Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

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Translation

Avv. Salvatore Pagliuca  
Muro Lucano (Potenza)

Muro Lucano, December 19th 1944

To Admiral Hilary A. Stone  
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission  
R. O. M. A.

28 DEC 1944

Appointed a member of the Investigation Committee for the Potenza Province by A.M.C. (October 1943).

Wants to explain the situation of South Italy and Basilicata.

'Commissions of Allied Military Police were formed immediately after the liberation of the Provinces of the South. They arrested and sent to concentration camps some hundred of fascists, who were thought to be dangerous for the safety of the Allied troops. Other fascists were given warning. These regulations were accepted with great satisfaction by the people which had been oppressed for over twenty years by the regime; they immediately paralyzed all fascist activities, underground or not. Nevertheless, after a very short time, the regulations against the dangerous elements were revoked.

The revolution had a very bad effect for the fascists who've appreciated the generosity of the allies and have thought and still think that the Italian government is incapable of making any repression regulations, which would also be disapproved by the allies.

The fascists are reorganizing themselves, making propaganda for the race publicly and make use of the food difficulties to foment the discontent of the people and causing seditions manifestations to take place everywhere. If nothing is done about that, the Salerno and Salerno incidents will occur again all over Italy and the situation will be like that of Greece.

Seditious fascists should be sent to concentration camps, their arms sequestered, their clandestine meetings forbidden; the various anti-fascist parties should be made to expel from their ranks those who had charges from the past regime.

I beg you not to destroy this letter but <sup>to</sup> keep it in your files, or to transmit it to the Allied Police Command, with the necessary orders.

s/ Avv. Salvatore Pagliuca

cc. B.C.

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27 DEC 1944

To Admiral Stone  
Chief of the Allied Commission  
Rome

The undersigned, CORVARO SALVATORE, of Catania,  
Via Mazzini 107 has been in jail for 16 months.

He doesn't know on what charge, and has never  
been examined.

He has got to make a living for his family and  
wants to be set free.

A. S. Corvaro

CORVARO SALVATORE

271 P.O. Box 6487

Italy

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Office of the Chief Commissioner  
APO 394

AC/14123/P

16 December, 1944.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister :

31 DEC 1944

see also file 44

With reference to your letter of the 30 October, 1944, respecting the arrest of Mr. Angelo Bacci and Mr. Giovanni RICCARDI.

Enquiries have been made and the following particulars are forwarded for your information.

They were charged before an MG Court at Cortona on 20 October for :

Improper use of a motor vehicle, and  
travelling more than 10 km. without a permit.

Each was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and fined 5000 Lire.

They asked for a review of the sentence, but the sentence was affirmed by the Regional Legal Officer.

The men were released from prison on November 20, 44, on completion of the sentence.

All the bootmaking material was returned to them on their release from prison.

The motorcar P.G. 6070 was requisitioned by the Military authorities.

It is pointed out that the French Authorities have no jurisdiction to issue travel-passes as in this instance, and this aspect of the case is being taken up with them together with another similar incident.

Yours very truly,

15/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral (Sub)  
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi  
The President of the Council of Ministers  
Italian Government  
Rome.  
ap/c.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Ref/3604/43/COS.

Tel : 239

21 December 1944

SUBJECT : Public Safety.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

Attached letter from one Prof. RACHOLI BINO alleging to have been wrongfully arrested, is passed to you for investigation and appropriate action please.

Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Chief of Staff.

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Translation

To Admiral Stone  
S O M E

I was appointed Police Officer of the A.M.G. by some American officers who occupied Sicily (7th Army) on September 1st 1943, at Palermo.

Police Int. Sect. by a letter which was given to me.

I was about to make a transmitting set, which, I believe, was being used for enemy spying, when I was arrested by the Italian Police, because I didn't have my papers.

I have been in jail 4 months. Colonel Poletti knows me for in Palermo I caught a German officer dressed as a woman. I beg you to send an American officer to make a severe inquest, for we have been betrayed. (I'll prove the betrayal).

Will you kindly see that I am given my liberty.

truly yours,

s. Prof. Dr. Segnoli Dino

Officer Police Police Int. Sect.  
A.M.G.

Carcere Giudiziario of  
Salerno

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Ref. 3604/46/COS

Tel. 289

18 December 1944

SUBJECT: Thefts in Grosseto Province.

TO : Civil Affairs Section (Attention P 3 Sub Commission).

Reference your ACC/14111/PS of 1 Dec a further report  
received from Lt. Grottanelli is forwarded to you for necessary  
action.

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Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Chief of Staff.

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MEMORANDUM

45  
Rome, 10 December 1944

Subj: THEFTS IN GROSSETO PROVINCE

1. Ref my previous memo dated 29 October, and AG file 14111/PS dated 1st December.

2. Since writing the above said report, I have personally visited the spot. The thefts had eventually ceased some time before my arrival there on the 9th inst. The corn has been taken away by the bandits to some unknown destination. Damage can be estimated at 7 or 800,000 lire worth of corn, but this figure does not include permanent damage caused to the wood itself: as a result of the trees having been stripped during the wrong season, many of them are likely to die altogether during the winter.

3. Some of the facts as stated in my previous memo had been reported to me incorrectly, viz:

a) It was confirmed that the bandits were armed, but our agent was not directly threatened by them because not being armed himself he did not venture to face them.

b) The thefts had not begun a week before November 29th, but some four weeks before that time.

c) I was unable to have the bandits' names disclosed to me by the people in Battalia. This regrettable reticence is due, in my opinion, to fear of personal vengeance and reprisals by the bandits. There is also very little confidence in the efficiency of the police forces, as a result of their not having appeared on the spot during all the time the bandits carried on their activities there, in spite of the appeals made for their intervention.

4. On the 10th inst., I met Maj Moody, Chief Police Officer, Grosseto Province, who came to our estate of Belagallo for an investigation. He said he was preparing a report on the facts.

5. Although the thefts have stopped for the time being, I gathered the impression that security in the area will remain precarious as long as none of the culprits are arrested, and as long as many undesirable elements (false ex-partisans, especially in Roccastrada commune) retain their arms, along with the feeling that they can safely get away with their robberies.

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V. L. Grottanelli  
Lt, It Arty  
Liaison Officer

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17 DEC 1944  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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Confirmation telephone orders unit repa - 03 Hr and further our  
signal 80 950 of 15. The alerted ROME food march will stand down waf  
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*File 37-1000*

INFO

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INFO: Chief Commissioner  
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Room Sec  
C.O.S. Sec  
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HEADQUARTERS  
17 DEC 1944  
A. S. C.

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17 Dec

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

MY SEVEN NINE FIVE ONE OF NINE DECEMBER PAPERS PD

<sup>2/72 GROUND SACK FIVE</sup>  
PAPER TO APPEAL FOR SACKED FROM ALCOH PAPER PD

HUNGER MARCH DID NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE PLACE

Copy to: Pub Saf C/O  
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Office of Chief of Staff.

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Lt.Col.  
Chief Staff Officer.  
to Chief of Staff.

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Tel. 289

Ref. 3604/ /COS

15 December 1944

SUBJECT: Alleged impounding of vehicle.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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Attached letter from DONATI Guglielmo and BRACARDI Claudio of 2 Via Lorenzo Magalotti, ROME, referring to alleged ill treatment and impounding of a car at FABRIANO is passed to you for investigation and appropriate action.

Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Chief of Staff.

289.

Translation

N. 1211/P.S.

Rome, 12 December 1944

To the Allied Commission - Palazzo delle Corporazioni

R o m e

The undersigned DONATI Guglielmo and BRACCHI Glauco, take the liberty of drawing the attention of the Commission on the following facts:

On November 20th, on a car 'Fiat 1900', Rome 83427, they left Rome for Testi on business; the driver D'Agostino Luigi drove the car which had a regular circulation pass for all liberated Italy.

To followed the established boundary line, we followed the Rome-Anagnina itinerary, but, when we reached this town, as there were no bridges, the car had to make a very long detour by Gialli, St. Maria Nuova and Chiaravalle; because of the complete impracticability of the road, the car had to be drawn by oxen part of the way.

The night had come when we reached Chiaravalle, but though we tried hard we could find no lodgings; as the curfew was soon to begin, we thought of spending the night in Chiaravalle, where we could have a villa and an estate, and where his wife and five children are at present.

Early in the morning, the car left for Testi, and after attending to some business, proceeded to Rome; as it was impossible to drive back by the dangerous road we had taken the day before, we decided to drive by Fabriano, but, as one of the tyres got a puncture, we had to stop in this town, on the Piazza de Comune.

A short time after that, a policeman asked the driver D'Agostino Luigi to appear before the Governor with his papers and the circulation pass of the car; we went with the driver and were received by an Allied officer whose rank and name we don't know; he wrote down our statements and asked us to come back in the afternoon at 10.30 to speak to the Governor.

We waited in vain for a long time without having the wished for interview, and we were asked to come back on the next day at 10.30; the same Allied officer after keeping us waiting till 12 told us to come back in the afternoon.

Because of these various postponements, because of the fact that we had to go back to Rome for urgent family motives, and being short of money, we decided to go back to Rome.

Before leaving, we wrote to the Governor of Fabriano, complaining that the car had been arbitrarily impounded and promising to come back to Fabriano in a short time, to settle this matter.

\* There are no other persons who have been interviewed by the FBI concerning the activities of the group.

A short time after that, a policeman asked the driver Domingino Luigi to appear before the Governor with his papers and the circulation pass of the car; we went with the driver and were received by an Allied officer whose rank and name we don't know; he wrote down our statements and asked us to come back in the afternoon at 15.00 to speak to the Governor.

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we hired another car and on December 5th, according to the wish expressed by the Governor, we proceeded to Fabriano, accompanied by the driver Diego Tino Luigi; to our great surprise, and in complete opposition to the assurances given to Ing. Marinangeli by Captain Johnson, when we arrived in this town he took us to the barracks of the RR. Carabinieri in his car and gave verbal orders for us to be transferred to the district prison.

From what we have expressed it seems obvious that this was an abuse of authority on the part of the said Governor of Fabriano, who couldn't order the arrest of two gentlemen in such a brutal way.

Trustworthy people informed us that he employs methods which were dear to the Germans, and we take the liberty of saying to the Commission that such methods would be in complete opposition with the constant proofs of friendship given to our country by President Roosevelt.

Considering that our health isn't good, and being victim of a despotism which no Allied law supports, feeling that we are innocent or guilty at most of an infraction justified by a necessity, we have removed ourselves to a place of safety, to escape the unjustified anger of the said Governor, Capt. Johnson.

We told the facts just as they happened, in chronological order and we fear no denial.

It mustn't be forgotten that our first return to Rome was justified by a vein and long period of waiting, and that we were never ordered to remain at Fabriano.

The good faith of the undersigned is fully proved by the fact that they later returned to Fabriano, going at once to see the Governor.

We therefore appeal to the sense of justice of the Allied Commission, so that it will order the Governor to return the arbitrarily impounded car and free the driver D'Agostino Luigi who is still in jail in Fabriano.

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G. Donati (via Lorenzo Magalotti, 2)  
G. Brucardi

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*From:* ROME AREA

15 DEC 1944

10:7 AGMA, 5 MED REGT MA, 66 MED REGT MA, 2 INDEP PARA BDE GP DEPOT, DFM FOR INFO  
FRODOCH, DISTHRE, AG, AND LAZIO UMBRIA REGION

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

*see folio 44*

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Confirmation arrangements made telephone unit reps - 03 Ht of 15. Following Tps  
will "stand by" in unit lines waf reveille 16 December until further orders. Food  
demonstration march being held ROME 16 December. 5 Med Regt 100, 66 Med Regt 100.  
2 INDEP Para Bde GP Depot 200. Pro Camp (15) 100 Camp (BK) 100. Tpt under unit arrangements.  
04 detail 10X3 tonners report 1830 hrs 15 December 2 Indep Para Bde GP Depot lift  
personnel if called out. Tpt not to be used any other purpose. Units ensure telephones  
manned from reveille 16 December. All orders will be issued through 03 Sec ROME Area.  
Ack by telephone

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Rome, 12 December 1944

15 DEC 1944

Subj: THEFTS IN GROSSETO PROVINCE

1. Ref my previous memo dated 29 October, and AC file 14111/PS dated 1st December.

2. Since writing the above said report, I have personally visited the spot. The thefts had eventually ceased some time before my arrival there on the 5th inst. The corn has been taken away by the bandits to some unknown destination. Damage can be estimated at 7 or 800,000 lire worth of corn, but this figure does not include permanent damage caused to the wood itself: as a result of the trees having been stripped during the wrong season, many of them are likely to die altogether during the winter.

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Rome, 12 December 1944

15 DEC 1944

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1. Ref my previous memo dated 21 October, and AC file 14101/23 dated 1st December.

2. Since writing the above said report, I have personally visited the spot. The thefts had eventually ceased some time before my arrival there on the 10th inst. The cork has been taken away by the bandits to some unknown destination. Damage can be estimated at 7 or 800,000 lire worth of cork, but this figure does not include permanent damage caused to the wood itself: as a result of the trees having been stripped during the wrong season, many of them are likely to die altogether during the winter.

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the wrong season, many of them are likely to die altogether during the winter.

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V.L. Grottanelli  
Lt. Lt. Arty  
Liaison Officer

see 44

Ref/3604/35/008.

Tel : 735

13 December 1944

SUBJECT : Bandits in Grosseto Province.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference your letter AGC/14111/RS of 1 December 1944, the RC ought by this time to have made a report.
2. Will you kindly submit reply to Chief of Staff on your file when it is received.

Chief Staff Officer,  
to the Chief of Staff.

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Ref: 3604/-/003

Tel: 478201

9 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Maintenance of Public Order in RIGNANO FLAMINIO.

TO : Regional Commissioner, LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

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The attached letter dated 2 Dec 44 received at this HQ, together with précis of its contents, is passed to you for appropriate action.

*Sh*  
Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

Incl:  
as above

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Translation

To the British Ambassador

To be seen by Commodore Stone  
Chief Commissioner

The inhabitants of Rignano Flaminio complain that the Italian Authority does nothing to maintain public order in the village. A man who had stolen an ox was dragged out of prison and lynched by the mob; the Carabinieri didn't even attempt to resist. The communists organized several other demonstrations and threatened the parish people.

The Commissioner of the Prefect and his collaborators, and the Marshal of the Carabinieri are responsible for what happens. (The Commissioner and the Marshal are ex-fascists)

Rignano Flaminio, 2 December 1944.

Trans. E.O.

SECRET US POLAD BR RES MIN

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9 Dec 44

PRIORITY

SECRET PD

PARA ONE PD FOLLOWING MY 7666 OF FIFTH DECEMBER FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO REASONS FOR HUNGER DEMONSTRATION INDICATES THAT THIS WAS A SPONTANEOUS OUTBURST AGAINST HIGH PRICES PD

PARA TWO SACRED US POLAD BR RES MIN FROM HQ ALCON FROM LUSH PAREN

PARA TWO PD FURTHER SMALL DISTURBANCES TOOK PLACE SEVENTH DECEMBER PD SITUATION IN HAND PD

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Copies for INFO to: Sir Noel Charles  
The Hon. A. Kirk  
Chief Commissioner  
COS  
Room Sec  
P.S.

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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N.W. DRAGNETT  
Major AGD  
ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS ALIEN COMMISSION  
AFO 394  
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 498134

Ref 14006/PS

7 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Black Market Control

TO : The Regional Commissioner  
Lazio Region

1. My attention has been drawn to the fact that Black Market Control Section in your Headquarters operates as a separate organisation and is not governed by any corresponding Sub-Commission in this Headquarters. This leads to difficulties in connection with its functions and responsibilities.
2. It is considered that it should be put under the Public Safety Division in your Headquarters and so keep in contact with the Public Safety Sub-Commission in this Commission through the normal channels. You will therefore arrange accordingly.

*s/ MS Lush*  
M.S. LUSH, Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

Covv to:

Public Safety Sub-Commission.

13 DEC 1944

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TO: SACRED US HEAD BR HAS MTR

Ref. No. 7666

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*ref to 3604/21/00.*

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Copies to: Sir Noel Charles,  
 the Hon. A. Kirk,

*CA Sec.*  
*3604/cos.*  
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Chief of Staff

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NICHOLAS W. BRADSHAW,  
 MAJOR, CD+  
 ADJUTANT.

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*refer to 3604/21/cos.*

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Tel. 755

Ref. 4002/10/003

5 December 1961

SUBJECT: Letter from Mr. Cecil D. Wallaby.

TO : Executive Section.

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Copies of correspondence addressed to the Chief Commissioner by Mr. Cecil D. Wallaby are sent to you for reply. Please coordinate necessary action with Civil Affairs Section.

*Eh*  
Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Chief of Staff.

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Copy to: Civil Affairs Section  
Major Taylor  
File 360.000.1 ✓

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VILLA ROSSIO FIORI

ASCIANO (SARDEGNA)

25th Nov. 1944

Comandante Stoue  
Chief Carabinieri

A. C. Rome

Sir,

I have been advised to write direct to you since various appeals made to A.S.G. officials in these have not produced any result.

First let me introduce myself. I am an Englishman aged 50 years, a small landowner, and married to an Italian lady. I have been resident here for 19 years. My son by my first marriage (English) is an officer serving in the C.M.E.

Arms and the A.S.G. In the first week of Nov. three serious acts of robbery with violence have been committed by armed and masked bandits on villas in this area (one only 700 metres from us), and I have twice asked also to be supplied with some arms for the defence of this house; but, as usual, no notice at all was taken of my request. It is true that the local police force for Comune of Asciago has been increased from one old carabinieri and one carabinieri to an army of 8, so they are now able to go out on patrol; but the danger is that when a fair period of calm has elapsed it will be withdrawn; when the outrages will be renewed.

The benefits, by the way, are not armed with shotguns, as A.S.G. seems to imagine, but with Tommy-guns, automatics and hand-guns. The only effective way of definitely restoring a state of peace and safety is to hunt down and punish the assassins and for this task the carabinieri are not suitable, as the criminals have too many friends in the District, who keep them well informed; but probably in collaboration with men of the constabulary they might be able to accomplish it.

In the meantime, I want my household to be armed if this can be allowed without jeopardizing the safety of the Allied armies. The general position in the Province (thanks to the ferocious activities of us) is that all the decent, respectable people are disarmed, and criminals and Commandos are generally well armed.

I hope Sir, you will give this question serious attention, for this is the increase in every Province, thanks to the complete immunity from

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I hope Sir, you will give this question serious attention, for bridgeage is on the increase in every direction, thanks to the complete immunity from interference it has enjoyed.

There can be no return to normalcy until both brigandage and black market are suppressed, as these not only take men from labour and take them away from honest work and honest commerce impossible.

It is considered opinion of all land owners and considered undisputed that people who are not considered that small is allowed for too much power and authority.

are all agreed that the Italian economy is in a great depression, in Italy, but so far nothing has been done to help it. The organization has mentioned, to start with the Commission on Price Control - even though it has been charged with the task of controlling prices, but the more it tries to do, the more it is hindered. They are not allowed to travel, a completely arbitrary control has been put on them. The Commission is not allowed to discuss or mention, and they find it difficult to do anything to help the new conditions of emergency. They are in an extremely difficult position (not to say greatly impoverished) and their activities in most cases have been distinctly hibernation.

Italy - price inequality of Italy always and very often to be of great importance also for the selling down of the family job - for the people's health. In almost non-existent in this country. The distribution of the means of all but one of the nationalities, which at Volterra was completely arbitrary (some of the nationalities) but a little organization in the part of the nationalities, which is from the transport could have reached there. At no time has been distributed the population, especially, began to take the road to Volterra on his or on foot to get to the families. There is a very large number of people in travel outside the regions, and attracting all caught on the road. Then, travelling, by roadabout roads and over flooded rivers, they arrive at Volterra, they find the sale of dry salt forbidden, so they are forced to buy from the roadside and buy from the roadside, but at a price of 100 or 150 per quintal, which is very high. I am told that there is now at Volterra a small place near Volterra, where everyone is allowed to buy dry salt at 100 per quintal - 100 lb. for every family; but no one seems to know of this or they are frightened of being arrested. The same system of attention has now arisen that everywhere has caught attention, with their little salt bags in their pockets and then are sold everyone to go back and buy the family article. This example of inequity and heartlessness on the part of all concerned. In addition of other trials and tribulations, which is the only thing that prevents from a better life and they are forced into the position of the bourgeoisie and individuals for the survival of their families.

Export tax on olive. Several are meeting a tax of 1,000 on every 100 for which a permit is granted by them, the export outside the region - even to Rome or Naples. Various exhibitions are given for this purpose but current tax - none of them satisfactory especially from 1935 considered that there is a production and export of olive is by no means direct at 100 per quintal.

Provided Commission Price Control

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that attention is always the target of a long-term, and that there is no control at all of any but agricultural products. A pair of rough country boots costs 1,000, a pair of leather boots costs 1,500, a pair of leather boots costs 2,000, a pair of leather boots costs 2,500.

Salt. A prime necessity of life always and very soon to be of great

importance also for the salt-making down of the family idg - for the year's consumption of all but one of the salt-making plants. The destruction by the temporary closure of salt-making plants at Volterra was disastrous to the salt-making industry from the fact of the organization on the part of the road to Volterra on the salt-making, inoperative, began to take the 7,500 travelling all brought on the road. Then, travelling by roadabout roads and over flooded rivers, they arrive at Volterra they find the salt-making and per quintal, but it down thereby obtaining 12.30 of dry salt, which they sell at up to 1.40 per chilo. I am told that there is now at Volterra a frightened of being arrested, but no one seems to know of this or they are unfettered caught returning with their illicit salt having it accompanied and then are sold anxious to go back and buy the lawful article. A fine example of incompetence and heartlessness on the part of all concerned. In addition of other trials and the marauding prices of the salt, the poor provides some a week's work and pay and are forced into the position of lawbreaker and criminals for the sake of their families.

Export tax on salt. Local are exacting a tax of 1.50 on every idg for which a permit is granted by them for export outside the Province - 0.50 curious tax - none of them satisfactory especially when it is considered that Siena as a producing and exporting Province is by no means short of salt.

#### Provincial Commission Price Control

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that agriculture is always the target of a financial loss, and that there is no control at all of any but agricultural products. A pair of rough country boots costs 1.500 - a very moderate sort of salt costs about 1.10,000 - a 1.20 hat - 1.800 authorized price. Formerly a quintal of corn (at the old low price) bought which I think is sufficient to illustrate the hopeless aspect of equilibrium caused by faulty and one-sided control.

In spite of the colossal rise in the price of everything the provincial commission has to purchase (including such things as salt food) and in the cost of the kind help of the Prefetto) to purchase - prices which take no account of the big costs of everything and bear little relation to the market prices. Also they wish to force us to sell them at their price and the 10.000 for every bread now made.

The price for cattle they seek to fix at the Italian price of 1.00 per chilo.

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On the 14th night, the Vegetarian revolution of Lachar called a meeting of proprietors (without disclosing the nature of the business until an hour at the meeting) and then presented us with the demands of several for the sale to them of 16 of our various cattle at a price 60 - 70 below their market price. The store of protest which these native proprietors were not prepared to suggest the Vegetarian who stated that he understood his task was merely to communicate the Lachar demands and then to accept them without comment. However, he seemed convinced by our arguments and carried an exposition of our views compiled by us, to them - and these arguments were sufficient.

I should say here that our most violent objection was not so much as to price (gracious and ruinous as that was) as that we were forcibly agitated by further reduction in the numbers of our various cattle stock, directly implied through the possession of the war, which would have brought us to a point where it would be almost impossible to carry on with cultivation of all areas there are very few tracts in this area where livestock can be used even more freely available.

The financial losses involved very serious indeed. At the 20th Nov, another meeting was convened but this time Mr. Lee (21 and) presented revised notes - only contained.

The two delegates from Lachar who brought the new demand were (a) a member of the newly formed association of agriculturalists and (b) an employee of the railway who represented the farmers' union.

These demands were more moderate 7 of our stock instead of 16 and 1.40 instead of 1.30 per kilo price; but the price caused a tremendous price fall which was unacceptable. Their arguments were on the same lines as I have already indicated.

The peasant owners say that whereas demands for heavy sacrifices are continually being made on them, there is not the faintest suggestion of any reciprocity - they lack everything they need down to salt, farm tools and even seeds for sowing their own - either it is unobtainable or the price impossible due to the unskilled operations in the black market. They absolutely rejected the idea of Lachar, pointing out the injustice of being asked to sell at that price when requirements of young cattle and calves cost them 1.40 per kilo and the market price of all cattle is well over 1.40 per kilo.

If there were now attempt to supply their capital requirements at a fair price, they, for their part, would be ready to meet the authorities, but they refuse any more our hidden sacrifices.

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 all since there are very few trucks in this area where tractors can be used  
 even were petrol available.

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If there were some attempt to supply their urgent necessities at a fair  
 price, they, for their part, would be ready to meet the authorities, but  
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General and F.C.P.C. by their past record and present performance have  
 inspired nothing but the deepest distrust in the continent, as in most other  
 people. The Prefetto an ex fascist but possibly a well-meaning man but had  
 given the unfortunate impression that instead of running things as his pre-  
 sident, he had run him and the Committee run things as his pre-  
 sident. He had actually dared to threaten that unless we accepted the  
 demands they would be forced on us by Prefetto's decree, notwithstanding that  
 F.C.P.C. had already ruled that (1) working cattle (2) reproduction beasts (3)  
 calves - were not to be touched - a decree which showed a just appreciation  
 of the paramount importance of maintaining our stock of working cattle.

It is not impossible that the Communists will try to disarm peasant  
 opposition by forcing proprietors to shoulder the whole of the colonial losses

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which their plans, if successful would entail, although outside are held in joint proprietorship with them and although we have to provide all the capital for purchase of stock. The industry and foundation of such a thing needs no comment. Nearly every town runs by the Communist authority in the province is directed at running and disorganizing the provincial authority but the success of this plan would have a disastrous effect on plans for the modernization of agriculture and for increasing production.

A.S.O. as a military organization are ordered not to interfere; but the position of A.S.O. I understand is only different.

It is significant that in all this business no mention has been made of the provincial minister of agriculture, or of A.S.O.'s job section for agriculture a rather striking omission.

If you could spare an officer of this job section to visit me and giving me a few days notice, I could arrange a meeting of representative agricultural turnings.

Production of olive oil. After corn, is the most important crop in the alimentary life of Italy, and the next two months, which should see the milling of the olives is one of the most vital events of the agricultural year; especially of this year when although olive producers are exceptionally good, there are no reserves whatever. Not all producers are in a state of the utmost anxiety as to whether they will be able to produce oil at all, as there is considerable doubt as to whether the necessary electric power will be available.

Any failure would be a first class disaster for Italy. It does not seem to us that authority realizes the extreme gravity of the matter. Allied engineers are doubtless doing their best to arrange something; but there is short and milling ought to begin within next 2-3 weeks, if the oil is a considerable lot to be lost for olive oil's very long. The Committee Vel D'Amis suggested a truck with petrol for transport of machines for overhauling the olive mills, but so far ... and not received even this help.

We are all trying to make alternative arrangements of our own; but, in almost every case, this involves a temporary supply of petrol; and on the basis of past experience is the case of the corn threshing, it seems unlikely that A.S.O. are able or willing to sell the quantity involved.

The expense of oiling is bound to be an awful high in any case this year - owing to the smaller number of working hours daily.

(a) 5 litres petrol per hour at 80s, 1.15 per litre at 1.1.100 per day

(b) Steam engine - 20 quintals firewood daily at 1.140 pounds

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The expense of milling is bound to be considerably high in any case this year - taking 20 on the medium number of working hours daily

- (a) 6 litres petrol per hour at say, 1.15 per litre = L.1.00 per day
- (b) Steam engine - 20 pintale firewood daily at 1.10 (average estimated price per quintale) = L.2.20 per day.

This is fuel only, but some labour is necessary with other means of power than electric, wages have increased seven times, all costs are up and we shall probably receive no income this year from "mills" since the mills which dealt with the further extraction of oil from this waste, are nearly destroyed.

In face of all these facts the prices contemplated by Regal and P. (see for details) to be about L.150 per chilo, all oil (except a small allowance for family use to us and outlying) to be assigned to the Regal at this price. The price on the black market is L.500 and all oil at this price and over is eagerly bought up.

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I may say that we have never sold a liter at such a price, but I.100 does not represent even a fair working return.

Olive growing will be ripe this year and most of us will return here agreed to except no olives for selling brought in as 14 men we do not have to own olive trees, but it ought to be made law.

Experience shows that every fresh blood revolution fixed price or forced assignment is followed immediately by intensive black market activity and a soaring of the price of the product affected.

We believe that to abolish all restrictive measures, except the assignment of coin to the interest is the only way to stop the harmful operations of the B.I. and these two organizations (Federal and S.C.C.C. could be eliminated (except in skeleton and important form) at the same time.

Please excuse this long letter (rendered inevitable by the complete absence of personal contact with allied authorities) but, please, read it carefully and have the union dealt with investigated as to the truth of my facts. Things are getting pretty serious all round, and so far I have been unable to gather a single ray of light or news of hope from the black local authority (all Communist) or from Sierra S.I.I. The forces are only concerned with making black jobs, particularly their political aims at once every - while S.I.I. shows - who I'm shocked if I know what they are concerned with unless refusing all permits to travel and selling weapons amongst the roads without profits or consideration who have not given up their shot guns.

Yours, Sir,

Yours faithfully

Geoff D. Salterby

P.S. Latest news. The interests of Sierra has made a Decision concerning sale of 7 of our working cattle at the price of L.40 per animal.

Please act at once against this plan of tyranny and injustice.

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I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully

Cecil D. Bailey

P.S. Latent names. Theoretically of Stone has made a Deer enforcing sale of 7 of our working cattle at the price of 1.40 per kilo.

Please act at once against this piece of tyranny and injustice.

2881

Ref: 3604/24/000

Tel: 735

5 December 44.

SUBJECT : Hunger March.

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Attached is cutting from "Risorgimento Liberale" issue of 1 December 44, together with translation.
2. Will you please take steps to ascertain what truth there is in this announcement and submit a report on the circumstances.

*John*  
*28*  
Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Chief of Staff.

*Luick* *BU 23/21*  
*16 Dec 44*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Chief of Staff.

SUBJECT: Hunger March.

TO: Chief Staff Officer.

FILE No.

2 December 1944

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Circulate this to CA Sec and instruct them to find out what truth there is in the announcement.

M. B. LUSH

Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

Capt. Lush

4/12

See 21 2979

The Great Party of the poor announces a hunger march.

Taking no interest whatever in the ministerial crisis, many mothers of prisoners of war, of missing soldiers, of soldiers who are interned in Germany, some war widows, some workers, unemployed or pensioned off employees sent us a letter which can be summed up in the words: 'we are hungry'.

A few days ago, many women of the Garbatella came in town with a poster saying: 'we are hungry'; they were received by the syndic on the Capitolium and he made a speech in their honour. The day before yesterday, women bearing the same bill went to the seat of an Allied command, where an officer said a few words to them with the help of an interpreter. About ten days ago, rumour spread that a 'League of the Hunger' had been formed.

The resignation of the Government and the present crisis coincided with these facts but didn't cause them. On the contrary, we can state that the five days of discussion in the Palazzo del Marescialli, the Sforza case and the declarations of the partito d'azione and the P.S.I. have no relation whatever with the hunger that the unemployed, the pensioned off employees, the workers, women and children of the poor class are suffering from. This is proved by the fact that the letter we are speaking of contains an order of the day written in terms which are entirely different from those usually to be found in the propositions of the numerous committees which are expressing their opinions in this time of crisis. In fact, it asks:

1) Increase of the bread ration which should be of 300 gr. 2) Granting of a daily ration of 100 gr. of 'pasta' and of a monthly ration of 1 liter of oil or of the equivalent quantity of fat. 3) Fight against speculators to obtain a lowering of the prices of the fruit and vegetables. 4) Prohibition to export foodstuffs from Italy and prohibition to the Allied troops to get foodstuffs of Italian production. 5) Fight against those who do not bring their products to the 'bazaar'.

The person who wrote the letter ends by saying that if a way to solve the problem hasn't been found on December 10th, a hunger march will start from Piazza Cinquecento and proceed through Rome. There is a fortnight left. May be the crisis will be solved by then, and someone will be working to baffle the ghost of hunger. Let us hope so.

Otherwise, may be a hunger march would some day meet a column of Italian troops proceeding through Rome. In what mood would these soldiers proceed to the front?

Tel: 470201

Ref: AOC/14111/PS

1 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Bandits in GROSSETO Province.

TO : Regional Commissioner, TOSCANA Region.

1. Attached is a Report made by Lt. Grotianelli, Italian Liaison Officer at this HQ, regarding alleged acts of lawlessness in GROSSETO Province.

2. Will you please have this matter fully investigated and if the report is well founded I should like to know what measures are being taken to restore law and order.

3. Please give this subject your urgent attention.

M. S. CUSH

Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

Incl:  
as above.

c.c. Civil Affairs Section.  
DOOAG.  
PA to Chief Commissioner.

*see folio 35*

*BU 4/12*  
*Noted 20 11/12*  
*PA 2/12*

36040  
ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION  
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Bandits in Grosseto Province

FILE No.

30 November

1 DEC Recd  
1944

TO: Chief of Staff  
Toscana

12413  
I attach copy of a memorandum from Lt. Grottanelli, Italian Liaison Officer. Will you please pass this matter urgently to the Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region, requesting him to take prompt action through his public safety officer. We must put a prompt stop to occurrences of this sort in AMG territory.

*W*  
ELLERY W. STONE  
Commodore  
Chief Commissioner

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See 15

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MEMORANDUM

Roma, 29 November 1944.

Two different people have come from Grosseto province to-day in order to report to me the following facts :

Armed bandits have entered a large cork-tree wood (600-700 acres) on my family's estate of Lattaia (province of Grosseto, commune of Roccastrada, near the village of Stioriano) and have started stripping the trees of their bark (cork) and stealing it. Our land-agent & other people of the estate have been unable to chase them out of the wood, and have been threatened for their lives.

This started about a week ago. The following authorities have been informed as soon as possible:

- a) Prefect of Grosseto
- b) Provincial Allied authorities of Grosseto
- c) Sindaco of Roccastrada
- d) Carabinieri in Roccastrada

So far, nothing has been done to stop the theft. Damage is likely to be very serious by the time the bandits have finished with their work.

Several other thefts - probably by the same gang - have occurred also in the neighbouring estates. Cork and pigs appear to be the main items. Bandits are also reported to have declared that whenever they should need cattle or sheep, they would just walk in and help themselves.

The bandits have been recognized by our agent and by other people, and their names are known. They come mainly from the small town of Roccastrada, some 10 miles from our estate.

The people I got this report from are unbiased witnesses. One is the Chaplain of our estate of Belagalo (Grosseto), the Rev. Pietro Rustici ; the other is a well-off merchant of Grosseto, Sig. Giovannelli.

Lt. V.L. Grottanelli.

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I add a few additional informations to the attached memo.

1. I understand there are at present 3 carabinieri in Roccastrada. They obviously would not stand a chance against the outlaws, unless supported by forces from Grosseto.
2. Little help may be expected from the Sindaco of Roccastrada. He is the very man who on a previous occasion - when a similar theft had taken place last spring - went up to my people, demanding they should withdraw accusations against the bandits (who that time had been arrested) and extorted 50,000 lire from my family.
3. All the population in Roccastrada appears to be communist. Attempts had been made to establish a section of the Demo-Christian party in the town, but soon afterwards the few people who had joined it were forced, it is reported, to disband. When I last went there, at the beginning of October, I saw walls covered with hammer and sickles, communist slogans, etc.
4. The general accusation against all large land-owners in the area is of having been fascist. The only members of my family who reside on the estates are my uncle and aunt, both aged 70, and in poor health.
5. For the first two or three months after the liberation of this area, an AMG officer (an American Captain) resided in the town of Roccastrada, where his presence helped greatly towards the maintenance of public order. He was then posted elsewhere. Tendencies towards lawlessness, and the general situation, have deteriorated as a result of his departure.

V.L.Grottanelli.

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Tel: 735

30 November 1944.

Ref: 3604/11/COS

SUBJECT: Report on findings on the shooting of  
PIRELLI, Alberto di Alfredo.

TO : Civil Affairs Section. <sup>10</sup>

Reference 3604/COS of 16 Nov 44 enclosing letter dated 14 Nov  
from PWB on the subject of the shooting of PIRELLI, Alberto di Alfredo,  
please inform this Office what action has been taken in this matter.

*[Signature]*  
Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Chief of Staff.

BU 3/12  
*[Signature]*

BU 15/12  
12 *[Signature]* 13/12

Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 289

3604/cos

Report on Findings on the shooting  
of PINELLI, Alberto di Alfredo.  
Civil Affairs Section.

16 Nov

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Attached letter dated 14 Nov from PWB, subject Shooting of  
PINELLI, Alberto di Alfredo, is passed to you for appropriate  
action please.

*Shi*  
Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: S.O. to C.C.

14 November 1944.

Subject : Attached Report.

To : Commodore Ellery W. Stone, USNR,  
Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission Headquarters,  
APO 794 U.S. Army.

1. It is requested that the attention of the Italian Government be directed to the subject of this report through your office, as suggested under paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of "Recommendations".

G. PAUL HERZIG  
Major Inf.  
Detachment Commander.

INWARD TELETYPE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

TELEGRAM FROM R.P.S.C. ARRUZIL MARCHES REGION HQ No. 521  
TO PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION HQ A.C. RECEIVED ON 14 NOVEMBER 44  
AT 2 PM.

CONFIDENTIAL

TIME BOMB EXPLODED IN RESTAURANT OPPOSITE REG. HQ.  
AQUILA ABOUT 23 HRS 11 NOV 44 INTERIOR OF RESTAURANT  
WRECKED ALL THIS HQ. WINDOWS SHATTERED NO CASUALTIES  
ENQUIRIES PROCEEDING REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

S. PICKERING LT. COL.  
R.P.S.C.

1st IND

14 November, 1944

15 NOV Recd

14057/ps.

FROM : HQ. A.C. Public Safety Sub-Comm.  
TO : Chief of Staff (2) ✓  
VP .CA. Sec.

For Your information.

*John W. Chapman*

JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.C.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

CSO to Sec. Jh

SH. 2821

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AC/14123/PS.

6 November 1944.

9 NOV Recd

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your letter of the 30 October 1944, respecting the arrest of BAKELI and RICCIARDI, I beg to inform you that investigations into the incident are in hand, and a report is awaited. I will notify you of the result as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

EWS

ELMER W. STONE  
Commodore, USNR  
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

RP/G.

Letter under reference is in  
Public Safety sec file, as  
above.

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Ext. 735

Arrest of Bazzi and Ricciardi.

998/42/000

Civil Affairs Section  
(Public Safety S/O).

2nd Nov

- 3.
1. The attached original and translation of letter dated 30 October from the Prime Minister to the A/CO is forwarded.
  2. Please take appropriate action, and draft reply for signature of A/CO.

*see folio 49*  
*[Signature]*  
Chief Staff Officer,  
to the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Major Quayle

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COPY

Il Presidente  
del Consiglio dei Ministri

Rome, 30th October, 1944

My dear Admiral,

On 15th inst. the Military Police stopped near Cortona-Terontola a P.G. 6067 motorcar driven by its proprietor Mr. Angelo BAZZI and having on board also Mr. Giovanni RICCIARDI. This motorcar carried shoes material.

Notwithstanding they were provided with a permit issued by the French military Command of Rome (Embassy), both Bassi and Ricciardi were condemned to 30 days of prison with a fine of five thousand lire each. They are actually at the concentration camp of Castiglione Fiorentino.

Now my dear Admiral, it is to be remarked that Mr. Ricciardi had gone to Tuscany merely to purchase there the required material for furnishing an equipment of three thousand pair of shoes for our policemen, as commissioned to him by our Public Security General Direction. He was just coming back to Rome with this material when he was stopped. He carried also a certificate of our Technical Police School.

As you know, even through the most valuable co-operation of the competent A.C. Sub Commission, it is very necessary to re-organise as soon as possible our Police Forces and consequently to eliminate every obstacle opposing such a re-organisation. That is why I beg you to examine the foresaid unpleasant happenings - about whom we have also informed your Public Safety Sub Commission - , and I shall be thankful to you if you would interfere in order to obtain a prompt and favourable resolution of this case, so that the arrested people may be quickly released.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Acting Chief of the Allied Commission, R O M E.

Sincerely yours,

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

30 October, 1944.

ACC/1400A/6/PS

SUBJECT : Duties of Police Officers.

TO : Regional Commissioner,  
Southern Region.

1. Reference your R/1101 dated 11 October 1944.
2. Experience has shown that Public Safety duties engage the full time of Police Officers both under A.M.G. and A.O.C. conditions.
3. It is agreed that where opportunity arises, the Police officer should help any other officer with whom he may be working. However, this should be a matter of personal local arrangement, not under a directive as suggested in para. 4 of your letter.

*John T. Chapman*  
JOHN T. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

VIV/G.

COPY to C.O.S.

PA *Sh*

*11/11*

HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER  
APO 394

11 October 1944

W/1101

26 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Duties of Police Officers.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,  
(Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. It seems likely that the natural evolution of this region will be the gradual withdrawal of specialist officers until merely a CAO and a PSO are left at places where there are important Allied interests. Indeed, this condition has already arisen in Salerno and is closely approached in Taranto.

2. In the above circumstances the CAO will be called upon to perform the local duties of all the HQ ACC Sub-Commissions except Public Safety, while the PSO will have merely his own affairs to look after. It may happen that the PSO will have so organized his work that Public Safety will be a relatively light task, and yet at the same time it will be essential to have a PSO in the zone so that the essence of Allied control, law and order, is safeguarded.

3. ACC is one team and it is therefore assumed that there would be no objection to PSOs in the above circumstances using their spare time to do the work of other Sub-Commissions, thus relieving a CAO of what may prove otherwise to be an intolerable burden - under the clear understanding that such work is not allowed to interfere with the PSO carrying out his PS duties. The Regional Commissioner would be personally responsible that this is the case.

4. The directive might be as follows:

"Zone Commissioners are authorized to delegate minor tasks not concerned with Public Safety to their Police Officers, provided it is certain that such delegation will not interfere in any way with the performance of Public Safety duties".

Before issuing this directive, the approval of the Public Safety Sub-Commission in principle is requested.

CET/JH  
cc: HQ ACC (Chief of Base). ✓

C. F. TEMPERLEY,  
Colonel,  
Regional Commissioner.

25 OCT 1944

A. C. C.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
CMF  
Office of the Chief of Staff  
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Ref: 3506/13/008.

20 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Incident at GROSSERO.

TO : DOOS, Civil Affairs Section.

PRO/R/2 19 at

The attached correspondence from PRO should have been addressed to you and is now forwarded for action as you consider necessary.

Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

1 Incl:  
PRO/R/2 dtd 19 Oct 44.

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