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PUBLIC SAFETY INFO
MAY-AUG. 1945

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[Faint handwritten notes, possibly "Copy to ..."]

197
To RC Lombardy
1/20 & Pleinville
for Report M/LK

These Note. Ref. 104 - Public Supply SIC have action G-5 AFHQ. To take up
12/10/63

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197
To RC Lombardy

1/24 & Pleinville

for Ref. W/LA

These notes - Ref. folio 114. Public Safety SIC have been sent to the up
Part 10/8

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E. Linn

185

179

Ref photo E. Please see enclosure D.O.
letter to the D'Arcy Ashmun Archaeological Museum
A copy of the Report from the Bureau
of Requir has been prepared with Remarks
for comments & action.

1/8/55

ES
CSO

Signatures
dispatched 1/2/55

C.S.O.

Please see draft reply to 107 for approval
2/2/55

189

190

Executive Announcements

- 1) The use of photo 103 - Action taken for Remarks
implementing decisions with reference to 104/107-45
- 2) As 108 is reply from CC & therefore on subject
of paragraph at 107/108 for 108/109

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1/8/55

St.
C.S.O.

Signatures
dispatched 1/2/55

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(121)

C.S.O. Please see draft reply to 167 for approval
Discrete

190.

Executive Commission

- 1) Please see folio 163 - Action taken for Remorse
implementing decisions with conference on 14/July/45
- 2) As 188 is reply from CC of members on subject
of posthumous award for Valcieri.

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C.S.O.

4/8

194.

C.S.O. Letter submitted for C's signature. Draft approved on 189.
Date 7/8

(54)

185

CSO 175, 176 + 179
 175, 176 and 179 for information
 also: Letter is R.C. Red-made for approval
 2. Draft of En C's acknowledgment to Sir Dorey Osborne.
 Risk 317.

182
 Maj Kinsley
 1. Letter to President Lyndon
 2. Draft D.O. approved.
 E 1/8.

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183
CSO D.O. letter approved at 182(2) submitted for signature by Ex. Ch.
 Risk 18

170.

C.S.O. Please see files 104 for information. C.A.S. has been given the same material as
on files 20 of 12 June report by Naples command.

6/28/81

171.

Excerpt

Ref 169, CAS has asked Black
to show views. 30/81 (25)

172.

Let us also have Security review on the Blackbird
Does he blackbird in NY?

173/30/81

173.

Ref above. Security has morning about
him - CAS file 6/30/81 noting the
has been positive this also 8/2.

PA

6/2/81

174

C.A.S. file 6/30/81 returned to C.A.S.
3 Aug 45 To await Security views - To be

3011

172

Let us also have Security review on the Machinery
Does he black listed in NY?

173 (3011)

173.

Ref above. Security has nothing about
~~him~~ him - CAS per 6/30/64 noting the
has been partner this also 8/2.

PA 6/1/8.

174

CAS see per 6/30/64 returned to CAS
3 Aug 45 to assist Security review - to be
expedited.

3 Dec 45.

175 (3011)

165

Executive Summary

Please see for ^{1634/64} ~~the~~ information

25/7.

8/
C88.

see by ⁽¹⁶⁸⁾ ~~by~~ ^{27/7.}

TV (26/7)

160A/Ex Com's

You have probably already seen the account opposite of an explosion of mines.

There is, as yet, no report from the R.C.

CA Sec has sent an offr, who is in charge of mine clearance, to investigate.

21/7/45

21/7 n.m.s. 7

B/4 24/7

Sh

13/4/45

ExLam
148

Ref the killings at SCHIO (folio 144) 146
is the only additional info so far recd.
See also 145.

11/7/45

H. 147. 149

Th

I wish to see both Brie's Can. & Dunlop's 145 & 146

3227

See. 11/14/47

153C50

Ref 152 I had an engraving yesterday from
Mr. Halford for the text of this speech, which
occasioned general comment in the
Italian press.

18/7/45

Th154Executive Commissioner.

Reference folio 152 and minute 153. I have sent copies of

11 11/17/49
 9 with to see both Briggs Can Develop a 1400 11/40

See. 11/17/47 3127

153

CSO

Ref 152 I had an enquiring yesterday from
 Mr Halford for the text of this speech, which
 occasioned general comment in the
 Italian press.

18/7/45

154

Executive Commissioner.

Reference folio 152 and minute 153. I have sent copies of
 Brig. Dunlop's speech to both Pol. Ads. to-day for their information. *It is*
regret. Since the above 157 has come in. For you
 to inform and to be sent.

18 July 45.

155A

The letter is very weak.

Copy should go to U.S. Embassy & Mr Jones

should be notified.

18/25/7

Done 18/7

135

So to cc

JUN 28 RECD
1709

Ref 128 if ~~you~~ Dep EC. is coming down
for Conf 27+28 June you may wish
to follow up with him.

26/6/45

136

Maj Morden (Ex Com)

3120

Re min 135 Col Fiske will check on
his next trip north (o/s 30 June)

[Signature]

29 June.

Felic told Bill in hands of C.M.P. I am happy it brought
up again on 6 June
30 May
Birmingham 2.6.61
C.A.S.

21

note

Ref 104 see CAsac file AC/15160/PS.
Have accepted advice of CAsac not to reply
unless It fort presses for one.

Edh

7 June 45

129

PRO

Ref your memo at 127 please note
Comment thereon. This was first
brought to notice on 29 May.

Office of EC
20/6/45

130. $20\frac{1}{4}\%$

United Cab

have accepted advice of CHSAC not to report
unless it first passes for one.

7 June 45

129

PRO

Ref your memo at 127 please note
comment thereon. This was first
brought to notice on 29 May.

Office of EC

20/6/45

130.

20/6/45

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133

EXCISE

131 x 132 for information

W 24/6 134 (15)

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3604

EC (202)

14 August 1945.

AUG 16 1945

My dear General:

200

Thank you very much for your letter of 11 August 1945 with reference to the safety campaign now being conducted.

I agree entirely with your remarks concerning civilian drivers and pedestrians and am taking steps, in accordance with your suggestion, to bring this matter to the attention of the Italian Government in order that corrective action may be taken.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Thoburn E. Brown, U.S. Army,
Commanding General,
Base Area Allied Command,
APO 794, U.S. Army.

see 209

Copy to Executive Commissioner - Please take appropriate action with Italian Government.

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(Mrs. Kennedy)

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~~Refer to~~ **EC**

~~1. Refer to~~

2. Refer to

EC for appropriate
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3604
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
400 724 POSTMASTER NEW YORK CITY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

AUG 14 1945
CC 1815
201

11 August 1945

AUG 15 1945

My dear Admiral:

For some time this Headquarters has been conducting a safety campaign under policies announced by the Theater Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations. This campaign has comprised unit instructions of all drivers, publicity, and a tightening up of Military Police control.

Accidents still occur and many times the fault lies with civilian drivers and pedestrians. As you have probably observed, civilian drivers exceed reasonable speeds, come into main thoroughfares from side streets without stopping, drive in the middle or on the wrong side of the road, and invariably take curves on the inside when they should be on the outside of the curve. Pedestrians appear to prefer the middle of the street to the sidewalks, cross streets indiscriminately without even looking in either direction for approaching cars, bicyclists hang onto the rear of trucks, invariably on the outside, etc.

I believe that drastic steps should be taken to correct this situation, and I am writing you hoping that you will be kind enough to bring the matter to the attention of the proper authorities.

Very sincerely yours,

Thoburn K. Brown
THOBURN K. BROWN
Brigadier General, US Army

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO #394, US Army.

31329
SEE FILE

3604
RESTRICTED

HC/1352

AUG 14 1945

1/3907

AUG 15 0830

PRIORITY

FROM: ALCOM NAFILES

TO: HQ ALCOM

AUG 15 1945

RESTRICTED.

Installation by port authorities of anti personnel explosives along port fence during the past 15 days resulted in 11 year old boy being killed 1700 hours 13 August 45. Other incidents may occur.

DIST

ACTION
INFO

~~FM-2~~ PS. L. Con.
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
ECOM SEC
C & SEC
P SAFETY CO
NAVY CO
FILE 2
FIAT



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(Not Recorded)

Ref: 3604/198/EC.

14 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Lawlessness in Northern Provinces.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.
(For Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Attached please find copies of a report made by a Captain Bandon of his experiences during a visit last week to Northern Italy.
2. The Executive Commissioner wishes you to ask the Regional Commissioners concerned to investigate the alleged conditions and to report any information obtained.

R. W. KENSLEY

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

Encls.

Encls. Bond 365

PA 449
Q.H.

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Ref: 3604/196/20.

14 August 1948.

SUBJECT: Lawlessness in Northern Provinces.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.
(For Public Safety Sub-Commission).

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R. W. KENSLEY

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

Encls.

Pa
Ingo Band 365

PA 4/11
ASR

BU
24/8
Noted
3120

195

In the course of revisiting people who helped me to escape from ITALY to SWITZERLAND after the Italian Armistice in September 1943, I came across the following situation in PIEMONTE and the country around PARMA, PIACENZA and ALESSANDRIA.

I went to visit an Italian Captain named CAMINO, who was the interpreter at No.49 Prison Camp. This Captain is at the moment connected with I.S.9 and is also connected with the local commune of CALUSO. He tries to arrange importation of food etc.

The following is a record of the experiences I had with him while he was accompanying me on my trip South to PONTANELLO for the purpose of revisiting people who helped me escape and also for the purpose of arranging the purchase of food from that locality to CALUSO. I travelled to MILAN with him in his civilian car. There I got Public Relations transport - he led the way and I followed behind. Every 20 or 30 kms Captain CAMINO was stopped and in some cases he was asked to produce money or hand over his baggage. We did a certain amount of travelling at night, trying to cross the PO on our way back, and owing to the flooded condition of the river between PIACENZA and ALESSANDRIA we went through a lot of back roads and on many occasions CAMINO was stopped by so-called partisan police, who on, more than one occasion tried to extort money out of him or asked him to deliver up his baggage. This was only averted by my presence in uniform.

In PIVENZA I managed to recover 50,000 lire for Captain CAMINO which was taken away from a lorry belonging to his concern the previous week. At CALUSO I managed to recover his car from an armed bandit who boasted he had killed 230 people. This said bandit required the car presumably for illegal purposes.

At PONTANELLO itself (between PARMA and PIACENZA) I found the small farming community had produced 350 suits of plain clothes within twenty four hours for the British officers who escaped from the camp. They had been through an anxious time owing to the fact that some of them had been taken out of their houses and shot because they had had Germans forcibly billeted on them after they had helped us.

I got the distinct impression that all the small communes in that part of ITALY were independent of each other and were run on a kind of gangster basis.

(sgd) J. BENDEM CAPTAIN.

11 August 1945.

For further information on this subject apply to Captain CAMINO, who is employed by I.S.9. His address is :

Villa Camino.

CALUSO, Piemonte.

17/9/65
J. B.

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Ref: 3604/493/ES.

10 August 1945

Dear Marchese Lucifero: ¹⁶⁷

I have received your letter of 27 July 1945 reference 4591/L.B.A.(7) regarding poaching in the Royal Shooting District of S. Anna di Valdieri.

I agree that such depredations are most regrettable and have requested the Regional Commissioner, Piemonte to investigate the report and to take such action as may be necessary. ¹⁸⁷

Yours sincerely,

¹⁸⁷ Larry M. Stone

ELBERT M. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Marchese Falcone Lucifero,
Minister of the Royal Household,
Rome.

Copy to - C.A. Sec (Ref AC/14125/PS f 1 Aug)

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for Comm

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Ref: 6/3 R/CA

8 August 1945

AUG 9 1945

Dear Dr. De Gasperi,

Since writing to you on 21 July 45 I have been able to go further into the case of Mr. and Mrs. Martinez and your own letter No. 3/1204 of 23 July 45.

I agree with you that these are circumstances which are entirely within the competence of the Italian Government and the Allied Commission does not propose to take any action in the case at all.

Very truly yours,

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

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Aug 1945
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IMPORTANT

AMG LIGURIA REGION

HO ALCON SITE P SAFETY SC

AUG 1949

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On 1st August 1949 3 Carabinieri were detailed to proceed on duty to FIGRINO a fraction of GENOA. They left FIGRINO on foot about 9 PM to return to their station at PIELI. They were not seen alive after that time. Search parties were sent out and on 5th August their bodies were found partly buried in a hole in the mountains some 4 kilometers from the point where they were last seen. They had sustained many bullet wounds. Investigations commenced and 21 persons are being held for questioning enquiries continuing. Report will be submitted later. End signed HEPFORD.

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Action - P Safety SC
Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sect
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Tel : 735

Ref: 3604/192/22.

7 August 1945

SUBJECT: Channels for Correspondence.

TO : Civil Affairs Section
(for Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

1. Reference your AG/44125/23 dated 4 August 45.
2. Your attention is drawn to Office Memorandum No. 17 dated 13 October 44 which in para 4 directs that :
- " Correspondence issuing from Headquarters Allied Commission will in all cases be addressed to the Regional Commissioner and if necessary marked for the attention of the appropriate Division of his Headquarters. "

R. W. KEMPSON
✓ Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Commissioner ✓
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

114 (91)
Tel : 478427-686

AC/14754/8/25

1 August 1945

AUG 4 1945

SUBJECT : Persons Requested by Allied Authorities.

TO : Ministry of the Interior.
Attention of Director General of Public Security.

1. Reference is made to your letter Prot. No. 500/74036 dated 27 July 1945.

2. You are advised that information concerning the acts charged against the persons named in the lists sent forward with our letter AC/14754/8/25 dated 24 June, 1945, is not available.

3. The only directive we have is that the persons named should be apprehended and that Allied Authorities should be notified.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director.

JWC/B

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(Mr. Ketchum) RSK

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

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G-5: 014.33-15

1 Aug 45.

SUBJECT: Deportees from US - Gripsholm.

AUG 4 1945

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 594.

Reference your memo dated 31 July 45 reference 2/12.15/CA.

On 8th and 9th June this Section held several telephone conversations with the Italian Branch of the Displaced Persons and Refugees Sub Commission of the Allied Commission for Italy relative to the arrival of the "Gripsholm". At that time the only information here was that there were approximately 535 "undesirable Italian deportees" aboard this ship. Displaced Persons and Refugees Sub Commission were informed of this and were requested to make sure that the Italian Government made plans to receive these Italian nationals.

Then, due to the anxiety of the War Shipping Administration, the American Council and Officers of G-5 this Headquarters, a signal (F-90930 of 10 June) was sent to Allied Commission asking confirmation of the notification of the Italian Government. Confirmation was later received from Allied Commission by signal (9706 of 13 June).

It is true that details of names of deportees was not furnished prior to arrival of the "Gripsholm", a review of references in the AB cable will show that the Italian Government and the Allied Commission were notified of the arrival of "undesirable deportees".

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

3 AUG 245
WV310
S.B. HAMPHILL,
Lt. Colonel.
Copies to:- Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Security Division
Commissioner, Naples Zone.

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DRAFT

Ref 3604/1EC.

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am 245

Dear Marchese Lucifero:

I have received your letter of 27 July 1945 reference 4991/1.B.4(7) regarding poaching in the Royal Shooting District of S. Anna di Valdieri.

I agree that such depredations are most regrettable and have ^{requested} ~~instructed~~ the Regional Commissioner, Piemonte to investigate the report and to take such action as may be necessary.

Yours sincerely,

EMERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Marchese Falcone Lucifero,
Minister of the Royal Household,
Rome.

1. Approved - prepare for signature
2. Public Safety must NOT comment
hit Regional Division but not
with Re. M tell them and
make this was 15 4/8 3:11

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

AC/14125/PS

1 August 45
AUG 3 1945

SUBJECT : Royal Shooting District - CUNEO

TO : R.P.S.O. Piemonte Region

1. It is reported that poaching on the Royal Shooting District of S. Anna di Valdieri has resulted in the loss of many chamois and wild goats, rare and valuable species.
2. You are requested to take steps to prevent such depredations and report to this office of steps taken.

S / F.E. Hoelacher
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

FTR/C

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(Rex Kerner) Rex

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1/10/45

31 July 45.

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My dear Doctor De Gasperi,

I have received your personal letter of
23 July regarding the case of Mr. and Mrs. Martinez.

This question will have my very close
attention and I will write to you again in the
course of a few days.

Yours sincerely,

Henry W. Stone

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

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

11/10/45

3100/8

Ref: 3604/20.

1 August 1945.

I have received your letter of 27 July 1945, reference 17/72/45, enclosing the Bishop of Aquis's report.

A copy of the Bishop's report has been sent to the Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region, for enquiries to be made. As soon as a reply is received I will inform you of the results.

(Sgt) M. S. Lusa

Sir D'Arcy Osborne, KCMG.,
British Legation to the Holy See,
14 Via del Parlamento,
Rome.

(Bo one folder)
see M.185-1/8

Ref: X04/6/NO.

Tel: 478303

21 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Persecution of Clergy in the Diocese of ACQUA.

TO : Regional Commissioner, PIREMONTE Region.
(Attn: Regional Public Safety Officer)

1. Attached is the translation of a report sent to the Vatican by the Bishop of ACQUA.
2. Would you please have the complaints investigated and report, as soon as possible, any action taken.

Lu 228
E. Taldor

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Info:
as above

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section
(for Public Safety S/O)

BU
10/8
1/10/46
3:01
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BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
BY VIA S. NICOLA DA VALENTINO
ROME (5)

14 Via del Parlamento,
Rome.

17/72/45

176 July 27th, 1945.

JUL 30 1945

Dear Brigadier Lush,

The Bishop of Acqui has sent the Vatican a report, a copy of which is attached, upon acts of tyranny perpetrated against priests and nuns in his Diocese.

The Secretariat of State feel bound to inform the Legation of the facts mentioned in the Bishop's report, and to request the Allied Military Authorities to adopt such measures as may be deemed expedient.

Perhaps you will be kind enough to cause enquiries to be made, and let me know the result, so that I may inform the Vatican.

Yours sincerely,

D. G. Osborne.

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Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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(Mrs. Ramsay) 10

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BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
BY VIA NICOLA DI GIOIANTRO
ROME (R)

14 Via del Parlamento,
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D. G. D. J. J. J.

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Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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COPY

VESCOVADO DI ACQUI

Nella notte dal 9 al 10 maggio di questo anno, alle ore 24, due persone suonavano alla Casa Canonica di Tagliolo di Ovada (Alessandria) e domandavano che il Parroco venisse con loro, perchè, essendo stato condannato a morte un repubblicano, che trovavasi prigioniero, questi desiderava il conforto del Sacerdote.

Il Parroco don Pelizzari Francesco scendeva subito, portando con sè la borsa degli Olii Santi. Circa mezz'ora dopo, si udiva nei dintorni una scarica di fucile mitragliatore: il Parroco non faceva più ritorno, nè fino ad oggi (29 giugno) si è potuto aver notizie o tracce della sua scomparsa, nè trovare la sua salma.

Tutte le Autorità possibili furono interessate, ma con esito del tutto negativo. La Parrocchia è ancora oggi priva del suo pastore: ogni domenica viene inviato un Sacerdote per la celebrazione della Messa.

Poco dopo accadeva un altro fatto grave. Il 22 maggio ricevevo la seguente lettera:

"Brigata 413 Comando.
Base 21/5/45.

3:0.

"Eccellenza Reverendissima,

In considerazione delle benemeritenze che il Clero della Diocesi di Acqui si è acquistata nella lotta per la liberazione, questo Comando ritiene segnalare direttamente a S. Eccellenza che a carico del Parroco di Masone, Don Franco Buffa, stanno per essere presi gravissimi provvedimenti, che noi, per evitare anche uno scandalo spiritualmente dannoso, vorremmo evitare. E' però indispensabile che don Buffa, l'uomo che ha incensato il fascismo in mille maniere, che ha applaudito pubblicamente e sfrenatamente la dichiarazione di guerra: che ha sempre lodato ed ammirato le ~~le~~ belve tedesche senza aver mai il coraggio di condannare i criminali più feroci perpetrati in questo paese: che ha sempre ignorato i partigiani, che nelle montagne accanto soffrivano e morivano, VENGA IMMEDIATAMENTE ALLONTANATO DAL PAESE."

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"Il Comandante di Brigata: F. to Mirko".

Naturalmente chiamai subito il Parroco di Masone (Genova) in Acqui e lo consigliai ad allontanarsi temporaneamente. Intanto a Masone avveniva l'uccisione del Segretario Comunale, e continuava una serie di lettere minatorie al Vescovo e al Parroco: guai se questi fosse ritornato!

Poco dopo questa lettera, ecco un ordine di allontanamento di Religiose di cui trascrivo il contenuto.

"Comando di Brigata.

"Rev.ma Superiora,

Scusi se proprio a Lei di cui abbiamo la massima stima dobbiamo rivolgerci. Con l'allontanamento di Rebellino, l'unico che patrocinava la causa di sacerdoti e di suore è possibile una radicale epurazione. Suor Valentina e Suor Antonia siano subito allontanate da Masone se non vogliono attendersi gravi provvedimenti.

"E' pregata di non far parola a nessuno del paese di questa lettera. Facciamo grazia della vita alle due indegne suore in vista dei vostri meriti.

"Dalla Sede del Comando.

"F.to Mirko."

Le due Suore naturalmente per cautela vennero allontanate.

Il Vescovo fece personalmente e a mezzo di un suo incaricato una minuziosa inchiesta, sostituendo anche il Vice parroco con un altro Sacerdote.

Risultato dell'inchiesta:

- 1) false le accuse contro il Sac. don Franco Buffa, Parroco e contro le Suore
- 2) il Comandante Mirko la cui firma è ai documenti, nega l'autenticità della firma alle lettere minatorie. Dice di voler scoprire l'autore di queste falsificazioni.
- 3) la popolazione è quasi unanime in favore del Parroco.

Prattanto giunse una nuova lettera minatoria contro un altro Sacerdote, pure di Masone, il Rev.do don Agostino Pastorino, il quale dovette fuggire ed attualmente ignorasi ove si trovi.

Quando si pensi che in questa Diocesi già due Parroci sono stati assassinati/

assassinati in questo modo ed altri gravemente minacciati non è a dubitare quanto il Vescovo sia perplesso e addolorato.

Sono in sue mani molti documenti; ma occorrerebbe fosse dato incarico per una minuta e severa inchiesta a persona designata, capace ed estranea a questa Diocesi, appoggiata da Autorità con forti poteri, per por fine a questo stato di cose che rende impossibile lo svolgimento del ministero in questa Diocesi tanto travagliata.

Acqui 1° Luglio 1945.

Translation

Bishopric of Aqvi

During the night of the 9th to the 10th of May, at 21 hours, two individuals rang the bell at the Canon house of Tagliolo di Gvada (Alessandria) and asked for the Priest to come with them, for a republican who was a prisoner had been condemned to death, and asked for the Priest.

The Priest, don Palisari Francesco came down immediately, taking with him the Holy Oil. About half an hour later, the rattle of a sub-machine-gun was heard in the neighbourhood. The Priest never came back, and up to now, (June 3rd) it has been impossible to find out anything about his disappearance nor has the body been found.

Every possible authorities have been contacted but with an entirely negative result. The parish is still without its Priest; every Sunday, a Priest is sent there to celebrate Mass.

A short time after that, another serious incident took place. On May 22nd, I received the following letter:

Brigade 413 Command.
Date 21/5/45.

Your Excellency,

considering all that the clergy of the Diocese of Aqvi did for the fight for liberation, this Command wants to inform your Excellency directly that very severe orders are going to be issued against the Priest of Masone, Don Franco Buffa; we should like to avoid this, also to avoid a scandal which is spiritually harmful. It is nevertheless indispensable that Don Buffa, the man who gained favour in a thousand ways, who publicly and enthusiastically applauded the declaration of war; who always praised and admired the "Mussolini" without ever finding the courage to condemn the worse crimes they committed in this village; who always ignored the partisans, who were suffering and dying in the neighbouring mountains, BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE VILLAGE.

The Brigade Commander: S. Birko

Of course, I immediately summoned the Priest of Masone (Genoa) to Aqvi and I advised him to go away temporarily. Meanwhile, the Secretary of the Command was killed in Masone, and a series of threatening letters went on being sent to the Bishop and Priest, and to the latter if he came back!

A short time after this letter, there was an order for the removal of guns, the content of which I transcribe.

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Brigade Command

Reverend Mother Superior,

Will you forgive our writing to you for whom we have the greatest consideration. As Rebellino, the only man who supported the cause of the priests and nuns, has been removed, a radical operation is now possible. Sister Valentine and Sister Antonia must be at once removed from Masone otherwise, strong action will be taken against them.

Please do not mention this letter to anybody in the village. We shall spare the life of the two unworthy sisters out of consideration for your merits.

From the seat of the Command

M. Mirko

For prudence's sake, the two sisters were of course removed.

The bishop investigated personally and by means of a delegate, going into every detail, and even replacing the Deputy of the priest by another priest.

Results of the investigation:

- 1) false charges against the priest Don Franco Ruffa, parish priest, and against the sisters.
- 2) Commander Mirko whose signature is on the documents denies the authenticity of the signature on the threatening letters. He says he wants to find out the author of this forgery.
- 3) The population is almost unanimously in favour of the priest.

Meanwhile, another letter was sent, threatening another priest, also of Masone, Don Agostino Pastorino, who had to leave; at present, we do not know where he is.

When we remember that two priests have already been murdered in this diocese, in this way, and others seriously threatened, we can have no doubt about the anxiety and sorrow of the bishop.

Many documents are in his hands; but it is necessary to ^{appoint and} entrust with a detailed and strict inquiry an able person, that does not belong to this diocese; and that would be supported by powerful authorities, to put an end to this state of things which makes it impossible for the priests to carry on their ministry in this diocese which is in such a state of unrest.

Asul, July 1st, 1943

Translation

The Minister of Foreign Affairs

3/1234

Rome, 23 July 1945

Personal

Dear Admiral,

The Allied Public Safety Sub-Commission was asked yesterday, in note n. 500/13873, from the Interior Department, to express its opinion on the case of Mr. and Mrs. Martinez. For motives of a general character as well as for particular considerations, I want to draw your special attention on this case, which I shall explain.

The Italian citizen Emanuele Martinez, domiciliated from 1902 till 1944 in Genoa, where he had reached a prominent position in the hotel industry after working for many years, was arrested by the French Police, while he was in Milan, about a month ago. He was for three days under arrest, without being given any reasons; without issuing any receipt, the police sequestered jewels for an important value, and a large amount of money from his wife and from himself. He was then set free, but the police insisted on his returning to France without delay; Martinez himself was very keen to do so; but, naturally, now on his guards, he preferred to clear up a situation that the treatment inflicted on him by the French police showed as not very clear. Together with his wife, he came to Rome, and contacted at once my Ministry and the French Consulate.

The things stood thus when, the day before yesterday, the Rome Quarters received from the French Military Command in Italy - via Bucari 10 - a request for Mr. and Mrs. Martinez to be arrested without delay and transferred at once to France, to Nice, where, according to the French note, they are being asked for by the French Military Security as agents of the Gestapo. Martinez has been condemned in contumacy to 20 years hard labour, under this charge, by the Nice Tribunal. - It is on this request that we should like to have the opinion of the Allied Commission.

You see that this is a request for the extradition of an Italian citizen, supposed to have committed in France, in the past and at an undetermined epoch, a political offence. I feel sure that you will agree with me that such a request, made in such an unusual form, seems in opposition with the fundamental principles, concerning the substance as well as the proceedings, acknowledged in past era of extradition by the usual international right as well as by the Italo-French convention of May 12th, 1870, principles which have been explicitly admitted in the Italian legislation. In the regulations which settle the present status of armistice, a don't see anything which implies so important a derogation from the above mentioned principles, and allows the Italian Government to examine the request of the French Military Command.

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Our point of view is that the case of Mr. and Mrs. Martinez must be dealt with through the normal diplomatic channels, the more so as my Ministry had already contacted the French Embassy a propos of this case; today, I shall send the French Embassy a new note on this subject.

I add for your personal information, and without commenting on this particular case, that the officials of our consulate who did services in Caes, picture Martinez as a man who had no political activity, and was only concerned with his commercial activity; the last of them had to observe his attitude during the period of German occupation in France till September 1943. - Mr. Martinez respected the laws which always regulated in France the activity of the foreigners.

I trust that you will understand our point of view and that the Public Safety Sub-Commission will take in consideration what I have just told you before making a decision.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours sincerely,

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner - AC.

A. De Gasperi

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SUMMARY

1. The French Military Command in Italy have requested the Rome Quarters to arrest the Italian citizens Signor MARTINEZ and his wife and to transfer them to Nice where, according to the French note, they "are claimed by the French police as agents of the Gestapo. Martinez has been condemned in default, on this charge, to 20 years hard labour by the Nice Tribunal".

The Ministry of Interior have asked for the Public Safety Sub-Commission's opinion on this request with note 500/7373 of 20th inst.

2. Signor Emanuele Martinez has resided at Genoa since 1902 up to 1944 and has acquired a prominent position there as an hotel-keeper.

For your personal knowledge I may add that we have very favourable information as regards Signor Martinez' conduct in France before and during the German occupation. By the former Italian consuls at Nice he is stated to have been always adverse to all political activities and to have always favoured all persons persecuted on racial and political grounds. It is only natural, on the other hand, that the conspicuous position acquired by him, may have given rise to many activities and personal services.

About a month ago, he was arrested at Milan by the French police who detained him for three days without giving him any reason for such action. They subsequently released him, insisting that he should immediately return to France. Signor Martinez came instead to Rome, where he reported to the Ministry of Interior and contacted the French Consulate.

3. It should be furthermore pointed out that the French request envisages the extradition of an Italian subject charged with having committed in France, in former times, a political crime. I am sure you will agree with me that to such a request, submitted in such a peculiar fashion, the Italian Government cannot but give a negative answer. This attitude is based on fundamental principles of international law nor does there appear to be in the Convention of Ardistee any clause which authorizes such a request on the part of the French Authorities nor the treatment meted out to Signor Martinez' persons and property in Milan.

Our point of view is that Signor Martinez' case should be handled through the normal diplomatic channels, all the more so as this Ministry has already interested in the question the French Embassy.

Rome, July 21st 1945.

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Translation

The Minister of the Royal Household

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Rome, 27 July 1945

JUL 23 1945

DEAR Admiral,

I hope you will forgive my writing to you, but this is a matter of particular importance for the Royal Administration which has to safeguard the fauna of the property it is managing.

From the Royal Shooting District of S. Anna di Valdieri (Gunee) we received news that strangers were doing a great deal of poaching; this would gradually and inexorably bring about the complete destruction of what little is left of chamois and wild goats that escaped the destructions of the nazi-fascists. Their disappearance would be most regrettable, for such fauna is rare and valuable and of national importance.

I appeal to your courtesy and comprehension asking for your intervention with the Allied Authorities of Gueso to eliminate or at least moderate the above mentioned abuses.

I apologize again, and thankin you for the answer you will kindly let me have on this subject, I remain, my dear Admiral,

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Admiral Hilary W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Rome, 25 July 1945
To the
Allied Commission
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

JUL 29 1945

Subject : Individuals asked for by the Allied Authorities

The General Command of the G.D.R.R. Corps, interested in the verifications about the members of the Corps included in the lists enclosed to note n. ACP 14754/8/P.S. of June 24th of this Commission, asked to know the elements relative to the behaviour of the said individuals in the various localities, to be able to take action against them if necessary.

If there is nothing against it, will you kindly enable us to agree to the request.

FOR THE MINISTER

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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17 July 1945

SUBJECT : Action requested in R.C. Conference 14 July 1945
TO : Alcom Rome (Attention Brig. Lush)

1. During the conference of Regional Commissioners held in Rome 14 July certain action was requested by you of the Regions. Please be advised that in Piemonte Region the situation is as follows:

- a) Arms in hands of Italians.
Raids are being staged whenever information is received regarding arms or ammunition. Several truckloads have been removed from the Asti area. Raids are being conducted by police, Carabinieri and S.A. Forces. The mobile groups have not sufficient transport nor ammo for guns in armored vehicles.
- b) Close watch is being kept in Novara Province with certain persons being given close attention.
- c) Reduction of those police who were Partisans. Schools for Questura police are being held. Many former Partigiani do not qualify for these schools and are being dismissed and other more suitable personnel being recruited to take their places.
- d) The Regional Commissioners were requested to comb out prisons. The process of combing out prisons has been activated some time ago and is being pushed at this date.
- e) It is standard practice in this Region to place political prisoners in large jails.

For the Regional Commissioner

C. R. Birchett
C R BIRCHETT
Colonel CE
Regional Engineer
Piemonte

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

21 July 45

Ref : 2/43.45/GA

SUBJECT : Deportees from U.S.A.

JUL 23 1945

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section

- 1 On 12 Jun 45, without any prior notification, 93 Italian undesirables arrived in Naples having been deported from the U.S. as undesirables. They were accompanied by no dossiers and were landed from the Swedish ship "Gripsholm".
- 2 I must point out that this is contrary to all international practice and, apart from that, made it extremely difficult for both Allied and Italian authorities at the port of disembarkation.
- 3 It would be appreciated if you would forward this information to the U.S. authorities to prevent similar occurrences in the future. A detailed list of the names of the deportees can be supplied if required.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. Upjohn
G.R. UPJOHN Brig,
VP GA Section

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Copy to : Chief Commissioner
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Commissioner, NAHMS Zone

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EXTRACT
FROM

STARS AND STRIPES

VOL. 2 - No. 38. July 21/45

Army Board Probes Viareggio Disaster

VIAREGGIO, July 20.—An official board of inquiry has been appointed to investigate and place responsibility for the heavy loss of life in the explosion that wrecked the American Red Cross Enlisted Men's Club here late Wednesday afternoon.

Further information about the explosion cannot be reported, since it has been ordered that everything pertaining to the investigation shall be kept secret until the board has completed its study and made its report.

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VOL 2, No 37, JULY 20/41

Death Toll 36 In ARC Blast

By SCL BERNIE YUDAIN
Staff Correspondent

VIAREGGIO, July 19.—A tremendous explosion believed to have been caused by mines stored in an adjacent building, virtually demolished the swanky American Red Cross Evacuee Men's Club here late yesterday afternoon, and caused 36 casualties among American enlisted men and Italian civilians.

The official death toll late this afternoon stood at 24 soldiers killed and 48 seriously injured, with 12 civilians killed and eight injured. All of the soldiers killed or injured were Negro members of the 2nd Division or attached combat units.

The civilians included men, women and children. No names of the dead were available. The names of the injured were available.

36 Dead, 56 Hurt

As Blast Wrecks

Viareggio GI Club

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However, when the division moved north, the building remained vacant until the 2nd arrived from Genoa last month. The club officially reopened Sunday, June 23.

During the division's absence, Miller said, Italian workers under AMG direction removed a life-size statue of a man from the rear of the building, and stored it in a three-story building in the back of the Red Cross building. The two structures were separated only by a narrow alley.

He said that when he discovered the mines were stored so close to the club, he sought to have them removed, but without success. He stated that only the day before the explosion, the mines had been removed and sent to Pisa for disposal. For some reason they were rejected there and returned to the store room in the back of the Red Cross.

WARNING SHORTS

Miller said he was in front of the building with two Red Cross employees at about 3:30 PM when suddenly excited Italians came running down on the beach, shouting and gesticulating.

"We didn't pay much attention to them, although they seemed to be

soldiers dead or injured will not be released until their next of kin in the U. S. have been notified. Capt. L. V. Bluffin of Laramie, Wyo., division public relations officer, said today.

Some of the injured are in critical condition, and the death toll may rise, officials said. It was estimated that about 50 soldiers and a few civilians who were in the club at the time of the blast escaped uninjured.

Rescue squads worked all through the night removing tons of rubble in their search for bodies. Engineers of the 2nd Division, which was the principal user of the club, worked in shifts with a battalion taking over every four hours, aided by volunteers. They worked under floodlights powered by middle generators, and by 7 o'clock this morning they

had dragged out the last battered body, after removing tons of rubble and debris that represented the remains of the rear section of the two-story edifice.

Periodically, the dust-covered sweating workers would shout "Stretcher," and bearers would climb into the wreckage and remove a victim.

Officially, no cause was given for the explosion, but Raymond E. Miller of Philadelphia Red Cross Field Director attached to the 2nd Division and in charge of the club, said it was caused by the mines.

He said that the club, formerly an exclusive Fascist headquarters situated about 25 yards from the beach and in the heart of the resort area, was requisitioned by the 2nd Division in December, 1944.

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ENTER GENERAL

In the evening, as rescue workers continued, Brig. Gen. John R. Wood, assistant commander of the 2nd Division, arrived on the scene with high-ranking members of his staff. Maj. Gen. R. W. Abner, commanding general of the division, is temporarily out of the theater.

Immediately after the explosion, an emergency medical station was set up and a command center established. Scores of military police were on duty—most of them from the 2nd Division—to keep the throng of spectators in check.

Miller said that while the club, which was called The Allied Recreation, was used mainly by the 2nd troops, many PWS men were frequent visitors and it was also popular with the large number of men who are at the various rest camps in the vicinity. Most of them, officials said, are high-level soldiers, including many air corps men awaiting shipment home.

He said that the way everyone pitched in to help was the greatest example of unselfish cooperation he has seen since he watched the people pitch in together during the big flood of 1937 in Paducah, Ky.

Another GI who was in the vicinity said that right after the blast he saw a column of smoke more than 200 feet high spiraling above

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During the division's absence, another 140 Italian workers quit. The AMG director has received a number of requests for Italian aid in the desert, but has stated there is a shortage of men in the back of the rear building on the base. The two aircraft have returned only by a narrow way.

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Miller said he was in front of the building with two Red Cross employees at about 3:30 PM when suddenly excited Italians came running down on the beach, shouting and celebrating.

"We didn't pay much attention to him, although they seemed to be talking something about mine," Miller said. "They are always excited about something. But the next moment there was a terrific explosion."

The explosion blasted the windows out of building within a radius of five blocks. Mrs. Marie Leach of Alameda, N. J., a Red Cross girl in charge of the snack bar, said she was in a hotel seven blocks away at the time and the concussion shook the hotel violently.

The roof of the Red Cross Club collapsed. Side walls of the rear section and the back wall were blown down. In the forward section of the building the interior was blast-burned and cracked, and jagged fissures betw. the outside brick walls at intervals. The most-crippled stairs and veranda in the front of the building, with imposing masonry columns, was still standing.

The building was built of reinforced concrete, with a red-brick exterior. Scaffolds removed large sections of the wall and ceiling with lines attached to 800 trucks, while hundreds of soldiers used picks and shovels to help remove the rubble.

The rear half of the Red Cross building housed the printing office, a photography room, writing room and a library. The building behind it, where the mines had been quarried, was almost completely destroyed.

in the evening, as these workers continued. Brig. Gen. John E. Ward, assistant commander of the 2nd Cavalry Division, arrived on the scene within an hour, and with him came a staff, Maj. Gen. F. M. Almond, commanding general of the division, a tank company out of the theater, and an emergency medical station was established. Because of military police on duty most of them from the 92nd Division—60 were the bulk of soldiers in check.

Muller said that while the club, which was called The Adhler Revue, was devoted to the study of the 1920s, it was also a place where many of the club's members met to discuss the club's future. Muller said that the club's members were also interested in the club's future, and it was also a place where many of the club's members met to discuss the club's future. Muller said that the club's members were also interested in the club's future, and it was also a place where many of the club's members met to discuss the club's future.

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The victims included men, women and children. No names were available. The names of the and his

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EXTRACT
FROM
STARS - AND - STRIPS

Vol 2. No 36. DATED JULY 19/45

10 Killed, 30 Injured In Viareggio Blast

By A Staff Correspondent

LEGHORN, July 18 (Bulletin) — Nine American enlisted men and one civilian were killed and 30 injured at Viareggio today when a store of Teller mines exploded in a building near the American Red Cross.

An investigation was immediately launched to determine what caused the mines to explode. The building, once used as a Fascist school, was demolished and heavy damage caused in the area. Engineers of the 92nd Division were still working tonight to recover the bodies.

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Folios 156 + 157. Letter Vengisch.
RTH/024 B dated 17 July transferred to
3626/EC.

Folios 158 A-D. Notes on P. Society
meeting on July 14 - transferred
to 3626/EC.

[Signature]

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Ref: 3604/15A/EC.

18 July 45.

Subject: Gael Massacre at Schio.

To: Pol Ad (A)
Pol Ad (B)

Attached for your information is a copy of the English text of a speech made by Brigadier Dunlop to the Officials of Schio on Monday, 9 July 45.

E. TALBOT

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl - 1.

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Speech delivered on 9 July 45, by Brigadier J.K. DUNLOP on the Occasion
of the Schio Jail Massacre of 6 July 45.

I have come here today on an unpleasant mission. For one and a half years I have laboured for the good of Italy, in Sardinia, in the South, in Lacio and Umbria. My work and my friendship have, I know, been recognised and appreciated. It is my duty to tell you that never before has the credit of Italy sunk so low in my estimation.

It is necessary for you Italians to face facts. You are asking for the status of an ally, of a friend with the United States of America and with Great Britain. I tell you plainly that such friendship will not be gained while foul deeds like this are being done. You must realise that our countries are free, that men say and think what they feel. Our soldiers write letters home and tell them what they think of Italy. They return to their homes and talk among their friends. What sort of story do you think they will tell of Schio? It is not liberty, it is not civilisation, that women should be lined up and shot through the stomach with an automatic at point blank range. Such things have not been known in my country for centuries. What happens to Italy is her own affair. But I tell you frankly that if you want the friendship and if you want the aid of the Allies these things must stop.

I demand of you full and immediate co-operation in securing the arrest of the criminals. There must be many who know what was planned and what was done. It is their duty to Italy to come forward and speak.

I promise swift and strict justice to the criminals. I trust that the guilt of this foul crime may harry them through eternity and that in better days the town of Schio will remember with shame and horror that dreadful night.

That is all.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

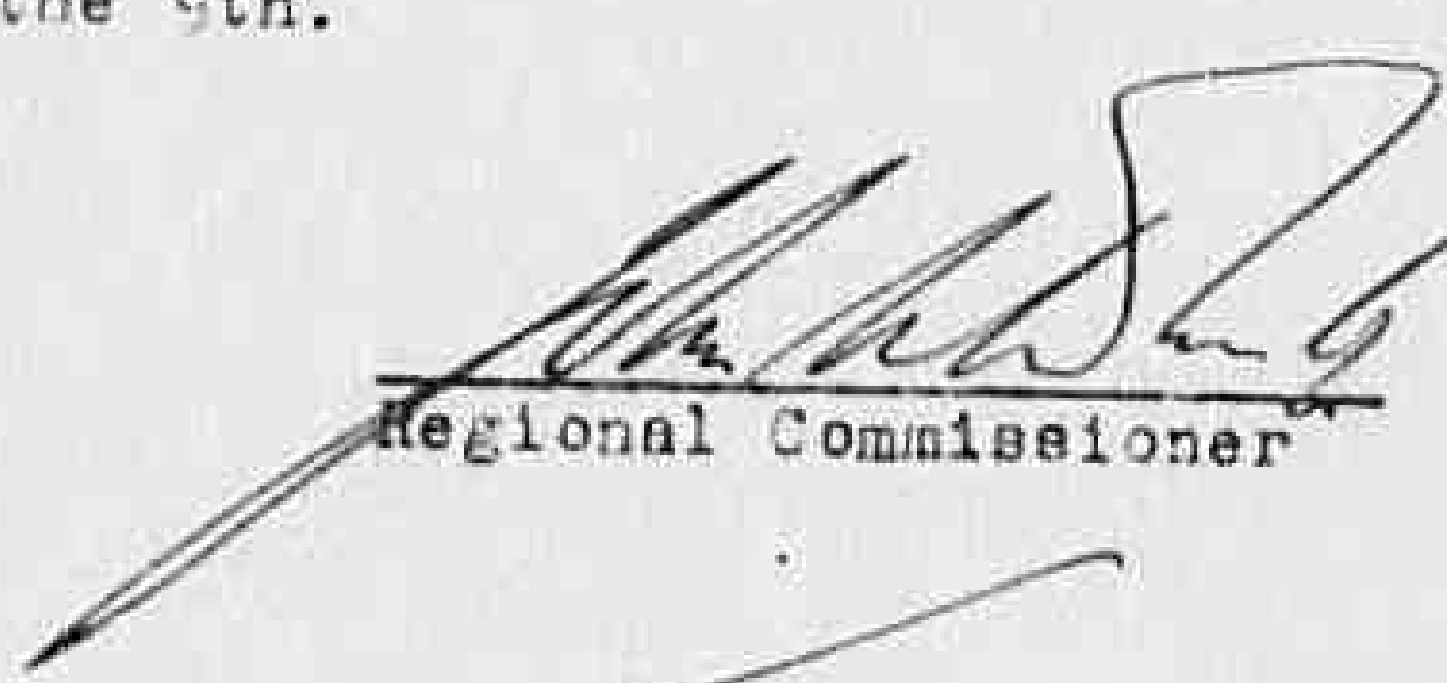
JUL 17 1945
16 July, 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Att'n: Executive Commissioner)

SUBJECT : Jail Massacre at Schio

FILE NO : RXII/000.5 (RVD)

As promised (Lush/Dunlop) I send
you herewith English and Italian texts of
the speech made to the Officials of Schio on
Monday, July the 9th.


Regional Commissioner

Encl. (2)

JKD/lgc

see M.153
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(11/15/1945)

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Dunlop on the Occasion of the Schio Jail Massacre of
6th July, 1945
(Italian)

Sono venuto qui oggi per una incretiosa missione.

Per un anno e mezzo ho lavorato per il bene d'Italia, in Sardegna, nel Meridione, nel Lazio e nell'Umbria. La mia opera e l'amicizia sono state - io lo so - riconosciute e apprezzate. E' mio dovere di dirvi che mai prima d'ora il buon nome d'Italia è caduto tanto in basso nella mia stima.

E' necessario che tutti voi italiani guardiate la realtà in faccia. Voi chiedete che l'Italia abbia la posizione di Alleata e di amica degli Stati Uniti di America e della Gran Bretagna. Io vi dico apertamente che non potete guadagnarvi tale amicizia finchè vengono compiuti degli atti turpi come questi. Voi dovete rendervi conto che i nostri paesi sono liberi e che ognuno vi pensa e dice ciò che sente. I nostri soldati sdrivono a casa e dicono ciò che pensano dell'Italia: Essi formano alle loro case e ne parlano fra i loro amici.

Che specie di storia pensate voi che essi racconteranno di Schio?

Non è libertà, non è civiltà che donne vengano allineate e colpite al ventre con raffiche di armi automatiche, sparate a bruciapelo. Cose simili sono ignote al mio paese da secoli. Ciò che succede all'Italia è affar suo ma io vi dico francamente che se voi desiderate l'amicizia e l'aiuto degli Alleati, queste cose devono cessare.

Chiedo da voi piena e immediata cooperazione per assicurare alla giustizia i delinquenti. Ci sono molti che devono essere a conoscenza di quanto si progettava e di ciò che è stato fatto. E' loro dovere verso l'Italia di presentarsi e di parlare. Io prometto rapida e severa giustizia contro i delinquenti. Io confido che il rimorso per questo turpe delitto li tormenterà in eterno e che in giorni migliori la città di Schio ricorderà con vergogna e orrore questa spaventosa notte.

E con ciò è detto tutto.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 39L

JUL 11 1945

Tel: 478427 - 580

10 July 1945

AC/14191/PS

SUBJECT : Incidents in Northern Italy.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

1. Reference telephone talk Col. Jackman-Col. Doherty today.
2. Copy of cables from Venezia and Liguria Region are forwarded herewith as requested.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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(Folios 145 - 147 Copied

From Pub Safety S.C.

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IMMEDIATE

From : VENEZIE REGION

To : ALCON INFO GS 5TH ARMY

IN CLEAR.

Confirming my verbal message this morning DUNLOP URGENT.

Send first report on mass murders at prison BOHIO VICENZA PROVINCE.

Approximately 15 armed men carrying automatics obtained admission to prison about midnight Friday Saturday by threats to gaoler. They segregated 73 political prisoners both men and women into 2 rooms and opened fire with automatics. 30 men and 13 women killed outright. 4 more died in hospital 26 wounded in hospital. Among killed women of 70 and girl of 17. Provincial Commissioner deputy Regional Commissioner and team experts with US Military Police have proceeded BOHIO and I await their full reports. In meantime have arranged publication local PWB papers of factual statement as above. For your confidential information some evidence as to identity criminals already hopeful. Will decide further action as to Allied Court of Inquiry at BOHIO or immediate trial of criminals if apprehended after receipt of report from Provincial Commissioner and in consultation with 5th ARMY. Have ordered withdrawal political prisoners from small local gaols even at risk of overcrowding.

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JULY 7/0845B

From : ANG LIGURIA REGION SIGNED HEEFORD

IMPORTANT

To : HQ ALCON SITE ACPSP

RESTRICTED.

Information received that on 4 July 45 partisans incustody for murder of 11 prisoners and awaiting trial by AMG Court were illegally released from the QUESTURA at GENOA. Circumstances are that order was sent to detention room for the 4 prisoners to be brought up for interrogation. The order was presented by a partisan policeman and the prisoners handed over. Since this time prisoners and guard have not been seen. Investigations proceeding and report follows.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

SUBJECT: Public Safety.

TO: A/Executive Commissioner.

7 Jul 45

0935 hrs.

JUL 9 1945

- 1 Brig. Dunlop has just rung up to say that in the early hours of this morning 15 men armed with machine guns broke into the jail at SCHIO in the Province of Vicenza and killed 49 prisoners.
- 2 A full investigation is being made and the R.C. will keep us informed. He is removing the remaining prisoners in the jail in question and sending them to Vicenza.

G. R. E. J. M.
G.R. E. J. M. Brig.
VP CA Section.

Copy to: Public Safety S/C.

Reed 1145 hrs.

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cc for information. RC's report awaited.

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Folios 138 to 142 (incl)

Correspondence from Navy S/Com
re. Dr. Eugenio Samella.

Transferred to file 5601/E.C.

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 22 June 1945.

Report of Murders and Outrages in the North.

CA Sec said the situation seemed to have improved. Since 15 June there had been no incidents in Emilia Region. Prior to that there were two cases of jails being broken into and prisoners removed. In Lombardia Region there were only five incidents in the last fourteen days and Col. Poletti reported that the situation was quite good in Milan. There had been a lynching episode in Padova on 16 June.

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Ref: 3604/134/SC.

26 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Crime in N. ITALY.

TO : Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

1. On June 17th I instructed, in your absence, your Chief Staff Officer and the Deputy Director of the Public Safety Sub-Commission, to produce for me a memorandum showing the trend of crime in Northern Italy with special reference to killings, murders, etc. The Deputy Director produced a memorandum the next day which merely brought the picture up to about May 25th. I explained that this was not what I wanted and asked him to do something better.

2. I still have no information. I find that telegram No. 142 of 19 June from Public Safety Sub-Commission has extracted an extremely good reply from Venetia Region, vide their telegram RHII/PS/7.1 of 22 June.

3. Will you instruct the Public Safety Sub-Commission to obtain immediately from the Regional Commissioners the same kind of information as is given in this telegram and to submit a short but comprehensive note on the situation before June 27th when I wish to discuss it with Regional Commissioners and yourself.

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

*Ed Doherty spoke to
the EC.*

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ROUTINE
JUN 24 1945

REPO VENEZIA REGION
PRINC ALCOM

M: P.
See Message Center
Tell. 11/24/6
Trini should have been
copied to Salom. Tell M.C
and put in file - on
11/24/6

IN CLEAR.

Reference your signal nr 142 of 191924B.

During present month the number of suspected killings etc, have shown a tendency to decrease. Brief details are as follows.

TREVISO. No killings but some persons disappeared.

UDINE. Man taken from house and shot. 2 civilians killed by SS troops still at large. 2 Germans shot and killed. Some disappearances.

VENEZIA. Man taken from house and shot. Case of stabbing by 4 men. Number of dead bodies washed up on Lido.

BELLUNO. 4 cases of men shot and bodies left later in street.

VICENZA. Man shot and killed. 1 disappearance.

VERONA. Gestapo agent shot and killed. Man taken from house and killed.

TRENTO. Man taken from house and killed. 1 case of disappearance. SS troops at large suspected of shootings.

BOLZANO. Family of 7 shot in house. Germans suspected.

ROVIGO. 3 cases of persons taken from house and shot to death.

PADOVA. Court of ASSISE raided by mob. 1 man killed and 6 beaten up. In majority of cases reason can only be surmised to be political.

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NR EC

Ref msg 142 of 19 June. Situation regarding illegal
shottings improving. Considerable decrease in June compared
with May, total reported week ending to 1 May was 64, week
ending 21 June 17. End signed HESPORD.

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Message Centre No: E/S399

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 170900

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TO HQ AICOM CITE ACEXC

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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CA Sec

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

214 Attached Correspondence

File No. PRB/100

Executive Commissioner

15 June

1945

16 JUN 1945

1. I would appreciate your comments on this or what might be done about it. Personally, I do not believe it could be met by publicity but rather by direct action on the part of the Public Safety 3/C if such conditions really exist.

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G. STUART BROWN
Director, PRB

cc.

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
Central Mediterranean Force

13 June '45

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Mr. G. Stewart-Brown, ✓
Director,
Public Relations Branch,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

(See 126a to c)
ALREADY ON FILE
SAS FOLIOS 1144-115

Dear *Stewart Brown*

Colonel Astley has gone up north for a week or ten days and, before leaving, he handed me the enclosed which I gathered was sent to him by a personal friend in Allied Commission.

Colonel Astley held a very strong view that if the state of affairs indicated in the handout in fact exists, some publicity ought to be given to it. He asked me to get in touch with you about the matter, and I know he is hopeful that some statement should be issued. It would, of course, come within your jurisdiction and not PRO, AMHQ.

Perhaps you will kindly let me know what you feel about the matter.

Yours

Shirley
G.A.L. Helden

G.A.L. HELDEN
Lieut-Colonel
A D P R

Encl:

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9/June 9^a 12^a

A.C. Tel. 638002

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

GABINETTO

My dear Colonel
Attached please find a
note on the situation around
Bosnapa which was handed
to me by the Presidency of
the association of landowners.
I think it is rather elegant.

Hoping to see you soon

I am, my dear Colonel
sincerely yours
Piero Attadunilo.

CONFIDENTIAL
 TRANSLATION

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CONFEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEGLI AGRICOLTORI

CONFIDENTIAL

Rome, 28 May, 1945

The land owners of the Bologna Region who have already suffered greatly on account of the war through destruction of houses, complete deorganization of cultivated regions and the removal of almost 90% of the cattle now find their already precarious situation getting worse through various disturbances of public order.

These disturbances consist in imposing substantial alterations of the existing contracts. Consequently the "mezzadria" system which is a characteristic of the agriculture of this region and has given in the past such good results, will become economically impossible.

Such impositions are in many cases followed by threats and acts of violence and also by illegal extortion of money and murder. This situation of disorder and alarm with its excesses is very much similar to the one which provoked on their turn the fascist excceses.

The Bologna land owners do not refuse to discuss with peasants organizations in order to bring to conclusion suitable agreements for both sides, so as to be able to deal with the exceptional circumstances created by the war. As have been laid down in other Provinces of central and southern Italy. But they do not want to carry on discussions in an atmosphere of illegal coercion and in that condition of inferiority in which an isolated person finds himself in front of an organized community.

A fair agreement may be reached only when both parties are placed on equally based conditions, also as far as organization is concerned and in an atmosphere of order and legality.

This abnormal situation must be immediately dealt with, otherwise the consequences may become very serious and perhaps hopeless, politically as well as economical.

ly. Because while some weeks ago this situation was restricted to some of a few commons, it is now gradually extending to neighbouring provinces.

In the province of Ravenna for instance acts of violence are now very frequent; every day some farmer or other is robbed and then found dead in the fields; farm conductors cannot visit their estates and keep in contact with peasants the majority of whom don't follow the ideas of an evil-minded and violent minority; but who are powerless in front of death threats, because left out any protection.

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CC 2602

13 June 1945

14 JUN 1945

Dear Sig. Lucifero:

In reference to your letter No. 5760 of 3 June to the Chief Commissioner relative to the liberation of Cesare Spissichino, who is confined in Florence on the verdict of an Allied Court, the Admiral's Chief Legal Advisor is having the entire record of this case investigated and as soon as the proper information is received, Admiral Stone will communicate with you directly.

Sincerely,

L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, A.G.D.
Staff Officer to CC

His Excellency P. Lucifero
Minister of the Royal Household
Rome

cc: Exec. Comm.

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AMG LIGURIA REGION

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12 June

PRIORITY

11 3 JUN 1945

CONFIDENTIAL PD

REPORTED HERE THAT MARIO PERRONE OWNER OF ROME AND GENOA
NEWSPAPERS ARRESTED BY PARTISAN POLICE AT GENOA JUNE FOUR PD
PAREN TO AMG LIGURIA REGION/FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACXKO PAREN PD
REQUEST REPORT PAREN ABLE PAREN WHY PARTISANS ARE STILL
PERMITTED TO MAKE ARRESTS CLN PAREN BAKER PAREN UNDER WHAT
CHARGES WAS PERRONE ARRESTED CLN PAREN CHARLIE PAREN WHAT
IS EXPECTED DISPOSITION OF HIS CASE

Executive Commissioner
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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
OW, USA
Asst Adjutant

Copy to CA Sec

BU

16 June

Mr. Mario Perrone, owner of "Giornale del Mattino" in Rome (Government paper) went to Genova to check his paper "Secolo Liberale." He had a heated discussion with the Commissar of his paper, Mr. Medina, at about 7:30, June 4. At 8:30 the Partisan police took him, his son and driver to the Questura where the son and the driver were released; the father was held. His documents were in order and the only charge they made was that he kept his paper during the Fascist regime. Mr. Chinigo came over from Milan and talked to ^{LT} Colonel ~~John~~. Mr. PHEE (Pacv Comm) An Allied officer by the name of Isarraele told Mr. Chinigo they were afraid to release Mr. Perrone for fear of a political incident with the Partisans.

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~~Col. Perrone~~ - Genova have

Owner of Rome ^{and Genova} newspapers

Reported here that Perrone arrested June 4 by Partisan police at Genova. X 9/true
 Request report (a) why Partisans still permitted to make arrests
 (b) under what charges was Perrone arrested (c) what is expected disposition of his case

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Ref 6/24/CA

11 June 1945

11 JUN 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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I refer you to my letter of 5 June in answer to yours of 26 May on the subject of the arrest of Dott. Arnaldo PRIGHETTI DI RATTANA.

The Commanding General 15th Army Group informs me that the arrest was made for reasons of security. There are no further details which I can give you and I trust this is the information which you require.

Yours very truly

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe BORGHI
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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5 June 1945.

TO : Provost Marshal, FIFTH Army.

Enclosed you will find a letter from General Mario Infante concerning the arrest of his son Giorgio.

General Infante is well and favorably known to me. His request that his son should be sent to home upon release rather than to his grandparents at Santo Galende is sincere and based on the desire to give his son the proper parental guidance that was missing in his youth.

This letter is in no way to be construed as a plea for the boy's premature release but is based on my firm knowledge of the integrity of his father, General Infante.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Ex. C.

See H. 121

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By PH
(MA: Makoni)

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Rome, May 28th 1945.

To the Provost Marshall,
V.th Army.

Dear Sir,

My son, Giorgio Infante, born at Sesto Calende (Milano) on the 22.nd Oct. 1926, was arrested in Sesto Calende after the 25.th on April and sent to jail there on the grounds of his belonging to the Fascist Militia. He was then sent to Varese where he was taken over by the Allied Forces, then removed to Monza and from there to Modena.

According to information received, he was to be sent to one of the concentration camps in Tuscany, either Pistoia, Florence, Lucca, Pisa or Leghorn.

Considering the conditions of affairs in Northern Italy, I wish to ask you if he could be sent to me in Rome on his release at my address, instead of sending him back to Sesto Calende; or, if more convenient, I would go myself to fetch him

Thanking you in advance and with kind regards
believe me

Yours faithfully

(Mario Infante)

Via Reggio Calabria 3 Roma

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Translation

E.C.

The Minister of the Royal Household
2760

Rome, 3 June 1945

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JUN 6 1945

Dear Admiral,

His Royal Highness, the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom received the enclosed telegram signed by Mrs. Esther Di Consiglio who is asking for the liberation of her husband Cesare Spizzichino, who has been in jail two months in Florence, because of a verdict of the Allied Court.

As you can see, the petitioner is closely related to seven of the people who were shot in the Fosse Ardeatine, and belongs to a family who had twenty five members deported to Germany.

According to the wish of His Royal Highness and considering the circumstances mentioned by Mrs. Di Consiglio, I want to draw your personal attention on this case for whatever action you will deem advisable to take.

Waiting for your answer and thanking you in the name of the Lieutenant, I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

A. Pacifero

Admiral Henry A. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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EC List - 5 June 45

Action: CA Sec (2)

INFO: Chief Commr

Exec Commr

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(H.A. Tolson)

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Translation

DD ROME FLORENCE 19 00 78 15 15

I AM THE DAUGHTER AND SISTER OF SEVEN OF THE VICTIMS OF THE
FOURTH ARMEATE. 20 MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY HAVE BEEN DEPORTED
TO GERMANY. I ASK THE DISCHARGE OF MY HUSBAND CESARE SPIZZICHINO
WHO IS IN FLORENCE AND HAS BEEN CONFINED TO SIX MONTHS IMPRISON-
MENT BY THE ALLIED COURT FOR FAKING A PASS. HE HAS ALREADY
SERVED TWO MONTHS. HE HAS ALREADY BEEN OPERATED TWICE (STOMACH)
AND MUST NOW BE OPERATED FOR THE THIRD TIME. HE HAS GOT FIVE
CHILDREN TO KEEP. AFTER SO MANY MISFORTUNES HE HOPES TO BE
RELEASED.

MATER DI CONSIGLIO

o.g.

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Inf 6/31/45

5 June 1945.

JUN 5 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter No. 449 of 26 May on the arrest of Dr. Arnaldo PRIGGI DI RATTALMA. I am having inquiries made into this case and I will send you further details in due course.

Yours very truly,

[s] Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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

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Rome, 29 May 1945.

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Ufficio di Collegamento
con la C.A.

To : The kind attention of Major Stearns.

Subject : Commission of Landowners to be received by the Admiral STONE.

The following members of the central Committee of the "Confederazione Italiana degli Agricoltori" (Association of Landowners) request an audience by Admiral Stone in order to report on matters concerning the situation in Emilia Region and referred to in the attached memorandum:

- Avvocato Attilio Sansoni - President
- Count Alberto Rossi Pucci
- Count Alessandro Cavazza
- Doct. Leonardo Albertini
- Avvocato Alberto Domini - General Secretary

The above mentioned persons are very favourably known and it is considered desirable that they should be allowed to see the Chief Commissioner as soon as possible.

Spoke Maj. Stearns
who has made a hand
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(Marchese Cittadini Cesi)

Note: Original of this letter
was passed to C.A.S. on
2 June 45 with instrs to
contact C.A.S. on re.

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CONFEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEGLI AGRICOLTORI

C O N F I D A

Rome 28 May 1945.

The land owners of the Bologna Region who have already suffered greatly on account of the war through destruction of houses, complete desorganisation of cultivated regions and the removal of almost 90% of the cattle now find their already precarious situation getting worse through serious disturbances of the public order.

These disturbances consist in imposing substantial alterations of the existing contracts. Consequently the "mezzadria" system which is a characteristic of the agriculture of this region and has given in the past such good results, will become economically impossible.

Such impositions are in many cases followed by threats and acts of violence and also by final extortion of money and murder. This situation of disorder and alarm with its excesses is very much similar to the one which provoked on their turn the fascist excesses.

The Bolognese land owners do not refuse to discuss with peasants organisations in order to bring to conclusion suitable agreements for both sides, according to exceptional circumstances created by the war, as have been laid down in other Provinces of central and Southern Italy. But they do not want to carry on discussions in an atmosphere of illegal coercion and in that condition of inferiority in which an isolated person finds himself in front of an organised community.

A fair agreement may be reached only when both parties are placed on equally based conditions, also as far as organisation is concerned and in an atmosphere of order and legality.

This abnormal situation must be immediately dealt with, otherwise the consequences may be come very serious and perhaps hopeless, politically as well as economically, because while some weeks ago this situation was restricted to zone of a few commons, it is now gradually extending to neighbouring provinces.

In the province of Ravenna for instance acts of violence are now very frequent; every day some farmer or other is robbed and then found dead in the fields; farm conductors cannot visit their estates and keep in contact with peasants the majority of whom don't follow the ideal of an evil minded and violent minority; but who are powerless in front of death threats, because left without any protection.

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PARA THREE PD ALCON HAS NO OBJECTIONS

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FROM: CA Section
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A.D. BONHAM CARTER Lt Col

NICHOLAS POMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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FROM AMST VENEZ REGION
TO HQ ALCON RPTD AMST ROVIGO 210 SUB AREA

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Regional CLN wish to organise pilgrimage 10 June next on anniversary of death of GIULIO PATTOI to his tomb at PRATTE POLESINE Province ROVIGO and commemoration in ROVIGO City. Subject to your concurring propose first to authorise both ceremonies second to arrange presence of Allied officers to represent Commission. Please telegraph urgently your instructions.

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The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, 26 May 1945

MAY 29 1945

Dear Admiral,

I have been told that Mr. Uff. Dr. Arnaldo Frigessi di Battaloni, Director General and Deputy Manager of the Unione Adriatica di Sicurtà, one of the biggest Italian insurance companies, has been arrested by the Allied authorities in Florence, where he had gone from Rome, on May 10th.

I shall be most grateful, my dear Admiral, if you will let me have some information about the reasons which caused the arrest of Mr. Frigessi.

G. I. Bonomi

May 1945
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Admiral Sir A. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

6/3.B/OA

19th May 1945

MAY 19 REC'D

Dear Dr. Prunas,

I am now able to reply to your letter 11/86322/17 dated 2 May 1945. I find that Gallo was properly tried and convicted of violating Proclamation 3 on 9 April 1945. The sentence was 30 days imprisonment which was suspended upon condition that he would not reside within 50 miles of Citta della Castello during the continuance of Allied Military Government and in addition he was fined 5,000 lire.

As you know, Citta della Castello is in territory which has recently been handed back to the Italian Government so that the ban on Gallo visiting the district is automatically lifted.

There can be no doubt that a violation of the Proclamation took place and I am satisfied that the case was dealt with most expeditiously and that the Court took as indulgent a view as was possible in the circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Upjohn
G. R. UPJOHN, Brig.
Vice President
Civil Affairs Section

Dr. Prunas,
Il Segretario Generale
Ministero degli Esteri

Copy to Executive Commissioner. ←

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From: MAIN 8TH ARMY

To: ACTION FREEDOM, INFO ALCON ROME

MAY 18 RECD
8 June 45

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Reference your FX 75396 dated 15 May. Subject is TITO's imposter son.

1. Local patriots in PADUA contacted AC Regional staff PADUA and said they had TITO's son with them.
2. The individual was produced by them and taken to Brig DUNLOP Regional Commissioner AC. The individual then said to Brig DUNLOP that he was in fact Marshal TITO's son.
3. The individual was taken to HQ 8th Army by Capt ERSKINE AMG LO of 8 Indian Division. On arrival HQ 8th Army he again asserted to AMG that he was Marshal TITO's son.
4. He stated he had not seen his supposed father for 18 months and that his father was annoyed with him for not returning home sooner.
5. On being conducted to AMG billet Capt ERSKINE said to him 'if you are an imposter there will be serious consequences for you' so he thereupon confessed he was not Marshal TITO's son and added that he had been persuaded by his companions to adopt this guise.
6. Is reputed to bear some resemblance to one of Marshal TITO's sons.
7. The patriots from PADUA have since apologised to Provisional Commissioner for their action in this matter.

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8. Name of imposter given by himself is GIORGIO BROX.
9. At present time in jail FERRARA in custody of 311 Field Security Section of DISTONE.

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16 May 1945

TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.
Attn: Capt. Arnoldy, Liaison Div.

The Chief Commissioner has noted the attached letters and directs that General Vasiliev's letter and enclosure be sent on immediately to G-5 AFHQ for attention.

J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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*Ltr to F. M. Alexander, 14 May 45,
from Gen. Vasiliev. Subject:
Murder of a Russian citizen by
a Polish soldier in Taranto.*

cc: EC

(Hes. M. Ram)

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Information required urgently present whereabouts of man who recently posed in your area as son of MARSHAL TITO. Signal reply requested including real name of man and brief particulars of incident.

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11 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Irregular Searching of Minister's Property.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Attached hereto is Aide Memoire dated 2 May 1945 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. It relates, as you can see, to what would appear to be an irregular searching of the house of Minister TALAND in ROSE.

2. Will you please cause this matter to be investigated and prepare a suitable reply to the Ministry in due course.

Eh
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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AIDE - MEMOIRS

SUBJECT: Minister TALAMO

On the 27th of April, at about 15,30 hours, a n.c.o. of the British M.P., together with a Carabinieri of the Salaria Station, presented themselves at Minister TALAMO's house (Piazzale delle Arti n.1) to carry out a search.

In the absence of the Minister, his wife objected that they lacked the necessary warrant. The n.c.o. answered that he would provide to it immediately and returned soon after with the enclosed note, which, it is believed, he wrote himself.

The search was carried out, but no explanation was offered as regards its object.

Minister TALAMO interested in the matter the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the latter pending further steps, gave him a certificate stating that no search could be carried out in his house without previous agreement between the Allied Commission and the Ministry.

Subsequently, Minister TALAMO learnt that a similar search had been carried out in his brother's apartment at via Lima 36. It appeared, however, in this case, that object of this search was Minister TALAMO's nephew, Alexander KINGSLAND, who had recently crossed the lines near Genoa and had to be questioned according to the normal procedure.

The aforesaid searches appear to be all the more surprising as KINGSLAND lives in Rome, via Paganini n. 24, and does not make any effort to conceal his identity or whereabouts.

Minister TALAMO, together with his brother, went to his nephew's house to see what had happened. Having found the house blocked, he assured the n.c.o. of the M.P. that, should he meet his nephew, he would not fail to tell him to return home at once. On the same evening, at about 21,30 hours the same n.c.o. presented himself again at Minister TALAMO's home, while armed Carabinieri blocked all the exits and the telephone was disconnected.

The Minister showed to the n.c.o. the certificate, but the latter insolently replied that he did not believe it was authentic and insisted upon carrying out a further search.

Some time after the police left the house and the phone was again connected.

Minister TALAMO has been subsequently informed that in the evening of the 27th, his nephew was arrested as he was returning to his house.

Rome, May 2th, 1945.

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