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PERMITS, MOVEMENT & IRREGULARITIES
SEPT. 1944 - MAR. 1946

28.

C.S.O.

Chief Commission right want 57.

7th.

5/6/45

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Chief Commission

Please see 87 re visit
of Seocommunic. I will
then show to Political
Advisors. *[Signature]* S/C

90.

Political Advisor B
A.

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any case
Please see 87 re visit
of Socccuriano. I will
then show to Patrick
Harrison. Seem

Exp *[Signature]* S/C

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Political Action B

A.

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87 to you information

[Signature]
CFO & Ex Com

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(a)

Thanks.

[Signature]

(a)

Dear Thank you

[Signature]
not paid 1/77

June 7

see 10/10/78
see 10/10/78

Chūl Commission

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For information

(1) R.C.s. were authorized to take no evidence personnel without approval. Approval was neither requested nor given.

(2) Security ref.

88

17.8/2441

F.C.

Prepare letter to Marshall
on Rossi, as per (1) of Mem. 87

85

by
LC

CSO to V.P. CTS

We Spoke! Pl see 88 and
prepare letter to CCS by hand.

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26/5

V.P.

In view of what you said about R.C. personnel and
the personnel loss would it not be advisable to let

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Prepares letter to [unclear]
re: [unclear] as per (1) of Mem. 87
on [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] CC

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CSO to V.P. CTS

We Spoke! P1 Sec 88 and
prepare letter to CCS by [unclear].

26/5

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In view of what you said about R.C. [unclear] and
his personal life would it not be advisable to let
this drop now? 3551 -
6.5.58 [unclear] 6/6/58

18 May

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Note.

Discussed informally with C.C. yesterday
evening. He agreed to take no further action.

29 May.

[Signature]

[Signature] 30/5

ESC 604

Attached is for signature if approved.

CO 8 (EX 715)

12.2.45

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Date received

Copy for Sec ito

with sent 10/212/1259ESC~~letter attached for~~1ESC

I consider that the letter at folio 65 is extremely inde. The letter arises from a complaint made by S. C. N. S. P. M. against an unauthorised visit of Signor Pabino to Florence where he gave a political address. Correspondence on this subject can be seen at folios 45, Para 4, folio 51, Para 2, & folio 58. Do you want any further action to be taken or would you prefer to let the matter drop?

Office of Gen.

28.2.45

Drop it. 28 Feb.

E.S.O.

~~letter attached~~

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E.S.C.

I consider that the letter of Feb 65 is extremely rude. The letter arises from a complaint made by S.C.A.C. of a strong against an unqualified visit of Supra Paboo to Florence where he gave a political address. Correspondence on this subject can be seen at Folio 45, Para 4, Folio 51, Para 2, & Folio 58. Do you want any further action to be taken or would you prefer to let the matter drop?

Office of Exec.

Drop it. *[Signature]* 28th Feb.

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Establishments

Re. 74 - please investigate and report. *[Signature]* 3550
PA *[Signature]* 11 Apr.

84

So to CC.

Ref 83, this file (9/5.1/CA) is now with you.

15/5

JAQ.
16.5

38.

20/12 Interviewed. Sharp & left us today. Noted
him that Wm ONISTO would be returned to
Rome at once and cautioned him against a
repetition of security violation. Z.

46.

I spoke to him 19/12 and he agreed to return of two checks to
Rome. I relayed up 15 Army up and had the message passed to 5 Army, Army

24/12

47

Economic Sec

Ref letter from FIFTH ARMY AMG dated 45046
will you please comment on paras 1, 2 + 3.

E. Thorden ^{Capt}
Office of C.S.

21 Jan 48

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Economic Sec

Ref 47 above please forward reply earliest.

E. Thorden ^{Capt}
Office of C.S.

6 Feb 48

Economic Sec

Ref letter from FIFTH ARMY AMC dated 45046
will you please comment on paras 1, 2 & 3.

E. H. Jordan
Capt
Office of COS.

21 Jan 45

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Economic Sec

Ref 47 above please forward reply earliest.

E. H. Jordan
Capt
Office of COS.

6 Feb 45

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C.O.S.
Herewith reply earliest
9 Feb 45.

Enclosure - 1
Economic Sec 3549

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C.S.O.

Attached is a draft letter in answer to Elio 46 for your
approval or amendment.

C.O.S. (E.L. 735)
10.2.45.

TO: Chief of Staff.

6748
Ref 1,243.

1. SCAO 6 Army has complained of slackness in observing the regulations of travel into this area by the Vatican. 5 Army have also complained and you asked Col. Brown of Liaison Section to prepare a strong letter for the Acting Chief Commissioner to sign regarding these infringements.
2. The attached draft has been submitted by Col. Brown. It is prepared in the American fashion. Will you please say whether you approve it and if so whether it should be for your signature or Acting Chief Commissioner's.

3rd October, 1944.

Chief of Staff Officer
L. ~~Her~~ Chief of Staff

W. J. Phipps

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CSC

Ref your separate enquiry. Temporarily enter this file, please see 19. I cannot say why, after all this time, DP & RSC shd refer to G2 HQ army for permission to enter army area. Any further action?

17/10

See below

21-5

Ref 23 explanation read from DP & RSC dated 24 Oct 44. Sent to CA Sec to pursue further. Closed so far as this file is concerned.

W. J. Phipps

3rd October, 1944.

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CSO

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See para 23.

J.H.

21/25

Ref 23 explanation read from DP & RSC dated 24 Oct 44. Sent to CA Sec to pursue further. Closed so far as this file is concerned.

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J.H.

PD Sec.

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When is Dr Scholt. Can we not confirm him
referred (by telephone?)

If it is confirmed would you arrange for Argentine
Charge d'Affaires to see me. We need not

involve the CC at the stage

C.O.S.

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I did not see Mrs. Onda, nor is there any
record of her having visited Political Section. However,
it would appear that the request by Major Ballance of her
request is sufficient and should have deferred her from making the visit. Mrs. 10/12. - When would it be convenient for you to see the Argentine Charge d'Affaires?

DS/10/12

Mr. Long 10/12
Mr. Long 10/12
Mr. Long 10/12

J.H. Shipp letter

Chief of Staff Officer
L. Chief of Staff

7607 47
APR 29 1946

AIRCOM CITY AIRPORT TRAVEL CONTROL

30 March 1946 0930

- 1) BRITISH EMBASSY WILMINGTON
- 2) AFHQ

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RESTRICTED

ON INVESTIGATION ITALIAN GOVERNMENT STATE BUREAU MINISTERS OF TOUR CABLE
FIVE SEVEN JANUARY THREE AIRMAIL IN ITALY PD REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS

Info: ~~INTELLIGENCE~~ DIVISION

LIAISON

ROUTINE

Public Safety S/C Travel Control

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A.C. Baker F/Lt. RAF

C.J. LEONE
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjutant

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PA 3/4
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Ex. Comm. 37

HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 304

31 May, 1945.

TO : H.Q., A.C.

SUBJECT : Visits of Italian State Officials.

FILE NO : RMII/334

It is believed that you have not received from 8th Army a report upon the incidents arising out of the visit of Scoccimarro to Udine. Brigadier Lush and I had a brief report of the story from Lt. Col. Bright yesterday. Scoccimarro arrived in Udine on the 27th of May without obtaining any authority though apparently there had been previous notice of his arrival disseminating through P.W.B. There was some excuse for his arrival in that it appears that some members of his family are in Udine. It is, however, understood that he intended to hold a public meeting.

frankly
Scoccimarro was immediately interviewed on his arrival by Lt. Col. Bright who informed him that unauthorized entry into 8th Army territory could not be permitted. The tone of the meeting appears to have been quite ~~frankly~~ though the Minister did ask for instructions to be given him in writing. Lt. Col. Bright complied with this, stating briefly the reasons already quoted above.

Scoccimarro then left for the South in his own car escorted by an Allied Officer as far as Mestre.



[Signature]
J.A. Dunlop, Brigadier.
Regional Commissioner

JKD/180

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See Minutes 88-92

[Signature]
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HQ PIERMONT'S RICHARD MARSHALL

ROUTINE

ALSCM

MAY 20 1967

CONFIDENTIAL

of C. Also in ref.

1. Ref year 7858
2. ROSSI DI MONTELEA in TURIN with previous knowledge and consent this Hq.
3. ROSSI has no official connection with this Hq but has occasionally provided useful information.

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Action - Security Branch
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
C A Section
File 2
Float

PA

[Signature]
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CONFIDENTIAL

9/15.1/CA

15 May 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I have your letter of 8 May with the explanation of the visit of H.E. RUPINI into Army Area on 11 March.

You will, I am sure, agree that the Minister acted extremely unwisely in view of the previous incident in September and in view of the fact that he departed on his journey before permission had been granted.

I regret to say that in the circumstances I am unable to take the view that the Minister is free from blame. The pass, in fact, was not issued by the proper authority and disciplinary action is being taken against the officer who signed it.

I know that you, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, are fully aware of the need to observe the regulations regarding the Army Area with the utmost care and I would be glad if you would again emphasise this necessity to the Minister.

Yours very truly,

WILFRY H. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APG 394

JAQ/hjp

14 May 1945

TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.
(Attn: Major Norden)

MAY 15 RECD

1. On May the 8th Bonomi wrote a letter to the Admiral enclosing a photographic copy of the pass issued by the military authorities to Minister Tupini which enabled him to proceed to Pesaro. It was passed for action to C.A. Section on 10 May.

2. Would you please give a push to this letter on its way up to the Chief Commissioner as I am sure he would be anxious to see it.

J. A. Quayle

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

(Mrs Norden)

see MSK
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Ref: 364/82/EC
~~364/82/EC~~

Tel: 755

14 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Travel to North Italy.

TO : Civil Affairs Section,
Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission, Security Division.

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1. With reference to your letter SD/378.07 of 7 May 1945, it is desired to pursue the question of the unauthorized travel of the three persons named. To this end a letter should be written for signature by the Executive Commissioner asking for an explanation from the Regional Commissioner, PIRENNE Region, on the movement of Count Theo ROSSI.

2. It is understood that you also have information that Chief of Staff, R.A.A.C., was responsible for the issue of a pass to one of the others in the same way. A letter should be written to the latter for an explanation.

[Signature]

Chief Staff Officer,
Executive Commissioner.

PA *[Signature]*

BU 19/5
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[Signature]
PA *[Signature]*

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Trans Ion

The President of the Council of Ministers,

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Rome, 6 May 1945

Dear Admiral,

Minister Tupini to whom I showed the content of your letter 9/15.1/52 of March 29th, sent to me the enclosed photographic copy of the pass issued to him by the Allied authorities to proceed to Pesaro.

Mis. Ex. Tupini pointed out to me that his presence in Pesaro was limited to a visit to the Tribunal for urgent service reasons, and he added he would never have taken the liberty of entering the zone controlled by the Allied Army Forces if their local command hadn't granted his request, expressly authorizing him to do so.

Truly yours,

A. I. Bonomi

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

E.E.

EC DIST - 10 MAY 45

ACTION : C.A. Sect

INFO : CHIEF COMINT

Ex Comm

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : 30/375.07

7 May 1945

SUBJECT : Travel to North Italy

MAY 8 RECD

TO : Executive Commissioner

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1. With reference to the extract from "Avanti!" of 4th May 1945, I have made enquiries and ascertained that travel permits have not been issued by the Licensing and Permit Office of Public Safety Sub-Commission for the three persons named.

2. There is comment amongst the public that titled and moneyed people are travelling to the North, it is said that some make use of Allied uniforms, whilst others travel in W.D. vehicles.

a. Marchese Claudia PATRIZI was recently living at Piazza Collegio Romano, Rome. It is stated that she has on occasions entertained Allied officers.

b. I have no further information on the daughter of Marchese Giacomo who it is reported has gone to Genoa.

c. Count Theo ROSSI. This man was screened by this Division and no security objection was traced. I attach a copy of a report submitted by Major HARVEY on 28th April 45 to the Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region regarding this man.

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AKB/nb

Wells Capt.
A.M. WELLS,
Captain,
Security Division.

See 82

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF

: SD/5500

140.20

28 April 1945

SUBJECT : Civilian Employees

TO : Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region

1. With reference to the requests for screening of certain civilian employees which have been made to this office, e.g. Count Theo ROSSI DI MONTELENA; Giovanni AGNELLI.

2. Information has come to hand during the past week from two different sources that entry into Piemonte by the above named under the sponsorship of the Allied Commission might have serious effects on the local population. In fact it might be dangerous to them if they are seen in localities where they were well known in the Fascist days.

3. It is appreciated that Count ROSSI held no important position in the Fascist party, which he joined in 1932, but he did belong to the Fascist Militia, and volunteered for the Ethiopian campaign.

4. AGNELLI Giovanni, was not a member of the Fascist party, but his father did associate with the Fascists, and represented one of the richest firms. A full report was submitted on him on 17th March 1945.

5. In normal times, with normal passions, there would be no objection to the visit of the above named to Turin with the Allied Commission. At the moment, however, it may be considered inadvisable that they should be sponsored by the Allies immediately the territory is occupied. The working classes of Turin will not reason that they would have been wealthy and important people even had Fascism not existed but will see them as men who have enjoyed privileges and wealth during the Fascist regime, making profits out of the efforts of the workers etc.

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6. This is a matter which you may care to consider at some length, as to whether the services these men can render to the Allies are sufficient to outweigh the potential unrest and hostility of the native population, or whether it would be advisable to postpone their period of advice to the Commission until events are a little more stable. It is not a case strong enough to cause objection on security ground, especially as it may be now too late to make any alteration.

7. A translation of the letter from one source is attached.

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

SJM/nb

INFORMAL ROUTINGHEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

File:

Date 5/4

SUBJECT:

Fill in each column, initial action, and draw a line across the sheet just below initials. Number each memo consecutively in first column. Use entire width of sheet for long memos.

No.	From	To	Date	
1	EST Sec	EX Comm.	5/4	If this is true then the demand for passes by the "right people" will greatly increase CMP
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From the Socialist paper "AVANTI" - Friday May 1945

(47)

The Fascist woman who belonged to the Ciano court, Marchesa Claudia Patrizi, wife of Bernardo Patrizi, ex-Secretary of the Fasci in London, is one of the few Italian civilians who has obtained permission to cross the cordon sanitaire by the authorities. She is already in Milan.

Another Fascist woman, Mini' Pallavicini dei Medici del Vascello, daughter of Marchese Giacomo ex-Secretary to Mussolini at the Presidency of the Council (not yet epurated), as well as daughter of the "Ispettrice dei Fasci Femminili", has been granted authorization to cross the cordon sanitaire. She has sailed for Genoa.

Another prominent Fascist, Count Theo Rossi, wearing the glorious gray-green uniform, has gone North : he is now in Turin. His former uniform was the one of the Fascist Militia Officers.

Folio 78
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

NEF/mrd
13 April 1945

My dear Admiral:

I refer to your letter of 9 April 1945, concerning CAMPERIO, Giulio. With the concurrence of the 5th Army, this office issued the permit for Camperio to go to Florence under the mistaken impression that the request had been made by the Ministry of War. At the time, it was not realized that he was on active duty with the Navy. I have asked that the permit be cancelled. At the time the permit was issued, Camperio did not disclose that he had applied and been refused permit by the Navy Subcommittee.

Sincerely yours,

N.E.F.
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

G. L. Warren
Rear Admiral
Chief
Navy Subcommittee

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISS.
Navy Sub-Commission APO 392

NSC/2069
9 April 1945.

APR 10 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.
Subject: Control of Movement - Italian Naval Personnel.
Midshipman CAMPERIO, Giulio.

1. It has been brought to my notice that the abovenamed, after having been refused a travel permit to proceed to FLORENCE on leave by this Sub-Commission, stated that one was obtained through Colonel N.E. FISKE.

2. It would be appreciated if I could be informed if the statement is correct, and if so, details of the circumstances in which the permit was issued.

W. Lamm

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
Public Safety Sub-Com. AC.

see 759 Folio 76

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Ref: 9/15.1/CA.

29 March 1945.

MAR 29 1945

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Lu Folio 13

It is with such regret that I have to make a most serious complaint as to the conduct of H.E. TUPINI, Minister of Grace and Justice, in proceeding into Army areas without obtaining the leave of this Commission.

You will recall that on 22 September 1944 the Minister visited ANCONA without permission and that the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies in Italy (now Supreme Allied Commander) took a most serious view of his action and demanded an instant apology from him. I interviewed the Minister on 14 October 1944 when he formally apologised and I warned him that a repetition would lead to his arrest.

Notwithstanding his apology the Minister thought fit, without obtaining leave, to proceed to PESARO on 10 or 11 March 1945. PESARO is, of course, within the Army area; therefore the Minister committed a most serious offence in entering that area without obtaining a permit from this Headquarters.

It is quite true, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, that you wrote on 9 March 1945 asking for such a permit for the Minister; but H.E. TUPINI proceeded on his journey without waiting for the permit to be granted.

I must state frankly that had this Commission been informed of H.E. TUPINI's presence in PESARO before he left that province, instant instructions would have been given for his arrest and trial before an Allied Military Court - an action which, while necessary in the interest of Allied security, could only have brought discredit on your Government.

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(CAP McLeod)

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I must, therefore, demand forthwith from H.E. TUPINI an explanation of his highly irregular conduct in proceeding into an Army area without obtaining leave, conduct which he well knew was an offense, and an undertaking never to repeat such a visit without proper permission granted by this Headquarters.

At the same time I must ask your Excellency once more to ensure that no member of your Government enters the Army areas without the proper permit from this Commission, and again to inform your Ministers that should any one of them be found in such an area without a proper permit he will be liable to arrest and trial before an Allied Military Court.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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AC/14080/16/PS.

18 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Passes to enter Fifth Army Area.

TO : SCAG Fifth Army.

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 25 February 1945, to which I will reply paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraph 1: No trace can be found of your reply of 13 February 1945 to my letter of 2 February 1945. I should be glad if a copy could be forwarded.

Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4: I want to make it clear that there is no misunderstanding at this HQ as to the powers of the Army Commander and the relationship of AMG to him.

Paragraph 5: I note that in regard to the offending permit made out for Luisa MARTUCCI, instructions have been sent out to all AMG personnel of Fifth Army, but a copy of them cannot be traced at this Headquarters. Will you kindly forward one?

Paragraph 6: It is noted that the provisions of Executive Memorandum No. 77 will be put into effect.

Paragraph 7: You drew attention to GENTILE and PALERMO in your letter of 25 January and a reply was sent to you on 12 February, reference 3607/54/OCS. Copy of the latter is attached for your easy reference. With regard to the third case, Giuseppe TOCHI, every effort has been made to trace the duplicate of this permit but it is extremely difficult without its number and the name of the officer signing and on whose behalf he signed.

137 Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Incl:
3607/54/OCS
dtd 12 Feb 45.

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AC/14018/11/RS

17 March, 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister :

MAR 17 1945

I thank you for your letter No. 7482 dated 5th March, 1945, with enclosure respecting the trip by Avv. Giovanni Conti to various localities in the Marche Region.

It has been ascertained that a pass was issued to Avv. Conti on 2 March 1945 by Permits Office of the R. Questura, Via S. Stefano del Cacco, Rome, authorising travel to Fano, Sassoferrato, Macerata, Jesi and Fabriano only.

It is not considered advisable to issue movement Passes to civilians to enter territory under the control of Allied Military Government for purely political activities and in this instance a communication has been addressed to the Regional Commissioner, Allied Military Government, Marche Region, informing him of the issue of the Pass to Avv. Conti and requesting that the matter be watched and the pass cancelled in the event of Conti's activities proving to be inimical to the interest of the Allies.

A communication has also been addressed to the Minister of the Interior requesting that Questori be instructed that passes must not be issued to individuals to enter Allied Military Government territory for the purpose of political activities.

Yours very truly,

13/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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Transmission

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

n. 7/82

Rome, 5 March 1945

Dear Admiral,

Advocate Giovanni Conti, Director of the paper
'La Voce Repubblicana', sent me a letter on March 2nd, con-
cerning a proposed trip in various localities of the Mar-
che.

As these localities are still under allied military ad-
ministration, I enclose a copy of the letter, without any
comment.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

S. I. Fonconi

Admiral Ellery A. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Commission
Rome

EC 11117 - 6 MAR 1945

ACTION C A 500
INFO Chief Comm
Excc Comm
Pol Div.

e.c.

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Translation

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HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT

Rome, 2 March 1945

To the on. Bonomi,
Minister of the Interior

Rome

I am leaving tomorrow for the Marche (Sassoferrato, Jesi, Ancona, Fermo, Montegranaro, Macerata, Fabriano, etc.) for my party.

I want to make it clear that I intend to be neither escorted, nor observed nor watched by carabinieri, questori or prefects, for I want to exercise my right to make republican propaganda, and to avoid easy 'distinctions'. I wish to add that the said functionaries must leave quite alone the republicans of the Regions which I am going to visit. This, because their political activity is correct and exemplary.

G. Giovanni Centi

e.o.

per file 69

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SUBJECT:

Visit of Ministers to Army Areas

SECRET 146

FEB 27 1945

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AG (MIA)

1/101/1

Executive Commissioner, A.C. ←

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Feb 45

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Reference your 3607/59/CCS of 14 Feb 45.

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Attached hereto is copy of reply received from Ministry of War as requested in para 2 of your a/r letter.

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Lieut Col G D Brown
Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

1A 1/3 3522

TRANSLATION

FROM Ministry of War

Ref

TO M.M.I.A.

Date

SUBJECT:

Ref letter 1/101/1 dated 17 Feb 1945.

1. H.E. Palermo left Rome on Jan. 16th to go to Cesena, on request of 8th Army and provided with a regular MMIA pass.
2. Near FONTASSIEVE he suffered a serious motor car accident which prevented him from continuing the trip. Since he could not, evidently, remain in the open country to wait for help which would have never arrived nor could he walk to Cesena merely because his pass was made out to that point, he adopted the only possible solution, i.e. he had his car towed to Florence where he was forced to remain for one day and a half waiting for the car to be repaired.
3. During his forced sojourn in Florence I consider it natural that H.E. Palermo should have visited Italian HQs and units, contacting 210 Div who control, among other units, the officers' transit camp.
4. There was, therefore, no case of voluntary violation of regulations but merely one of those cases of circumstances beyond control which cannot be foreseen in programmes.

The Minister

/s/ A. CASATI

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SUBJECT: Visits of Minister to Army Areas

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
I/101/1
17 Feb 45

TO : H.E. Count CASATI
Minister of War

FEB 23 1945

1. Information has been received by H.Q. A.C. that on or about Jan 17th Signor PALLARO, Undersecretary for War, was in FICKHAM without any authority from M.M.I.A. Fifth Army or any other authority. While there he paid an unauthorized visit to the A.M.G. refugee center and dined at least twice with 210 Italian Division.
2. The Chief Commissioner's wishes as regards such visits were made known to the President of the Council in the Chief Commissioner's letter 800/11/COB of 23 Oct 44.
3. The disregard of travel regulations on the part of the Undersecretary for War is regarded by H.Q. A.C. in a very serious light and I am instructed to ask for an explanation from the Italian Government.

folio 58 refers
L. ROWING
Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
AMC FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. Army

EJB/FMW/ewp

16th February 1945.

SUBJECT: Passes to visit Army Areas.

203/3-2-2.

FEB 19 1945

TO : H.Q., Allied Commission.
Attn: Office of the Chief of Staff.

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1. Reference your letter 3607/54/COS dated 12th February, 1945.
 2. The following are reference no.s of the telegrams referred to:
No. 392 of 23rd January 1945 from Alcom to A.M.G. Fifth Army, and No. 739 of 24th January 1945 from A.M.G. Fifth Army to Alcom.

3. In addition, the following signal was received from Alcom on 15th February 1945:

Ref. no. 1717 of 14th February 1945. Subject is travel of Doctor Miraglia Raffale. Para (1), reference your 739 dated 25th January in reply to our 392 of 23 January. Para (2), Miraglia is in the service of Ministry of Italian Africa. He has been assigned by the Minister on visiting inspection duties regarding statistical data at the Colonial Agricultural Institution Florence. Para (3), this has been approved by Agriculture Sub-Commission for Chief Commissioner.

Permission was given for the visit vide our signal ref. no. 730 of 16th February 1945.

For the Commanding General:

HEADQUARTERS

18 FEB 1945

Francis M. Gray
FRANCIS M. GRAY,
Lt. Colonel, Cav.,
Acting Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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HQ ALCOM

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1. Ref ACPAT cable 1821 of 15 February. Approved.
2. Ref ACPST cables 1717 and 1769 of 14 and 15 February, both approved.

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FIVEARMY FOR AMG

1717

14 February 1945

PRIORITY

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SUBJECT IS TRAVEL OF DOCTOR MIRAGLIA RAFFAELE PD

PARA TO FIVEARMY FOR AMG FROM ALCOM CITE ACPSP PAREN PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR SEVEN THREE NINE DATED TWO FIVE JANUARY

IN REPLY TO OUR THREE NINE TWO OF TWO THREE JANUARY PD

PARA TWO PD MIRAGLIA IS IN THE SERVICE OF MINISTRY OF ITALIAN AFRICA PD

HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED BY THE MINISTER ON VISITING INSPECTION DUTIES

REGARDING STATISTICAL DATA AT THE COLONIAL AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTION

FLORENCE PD

PARA THREE PD THIS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY AGRICULTURE SUB COMMISSION

FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER PD

Public Safety S/C

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F. J. Wilson Lt Col.

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO

CWO, USA

Asst, Adjutant.

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Reference 592 of 23 January, para 2, information requested as to nature of Doctor MIRAGLIA RAFFAELE's visit and if approved by Chief Commissioner.

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FIVE ARMY FOR AMG

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23 January 1945

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PARA ONE CHARLIE CHARLIE ROGER ROGER CAPT MINGOLA GAITANO AND
ONE FIVE CHARLIE CHARLIE CHARLIE ROGER ROGER WITH FIVE TRUCKS
LEAVING ROME ON OR ABOUT TWO FOUR JANUARY FOR FLORENCE CMA
DELIVERING CLOTHING FOR NORTH PD YOUR APPROVAL HAS BEEN
ANTICIPATED PD

PAREN TO FIVE ARMY FOR AMG FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN PD

PARA TWO PD DOCTOR MIRAGLIA RAPPAEIE OF HTE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS REQUESTS PERMISSION TO ENTER FLORENCE ON OFFICIAL MATTER
PD YOUR PERMISSION IS REQUESTED PD

PUBLIC SAFETY S/C
Ext 502

F. J. WILSON, lt Col

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant. 3521

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff.

Tel : 735

14 Feb 45

Ref/3607/59/009.

SUBJECT : Visit of Ministers to Army Areas.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (LAFIA)

File 500/15

1. Your attention is drawn to 300/17/009 of 1 Nov 44. *Fifth Army*
informed me that :

" On or about January seventeenth information was received by this office that Signor Palmero, Undersecretary for War, was in Florence without any authority from AMG Fifth Army or any other authority, as far as can be ascertained. While here he made an unauthorized visit to the AMG Refugee Center and also dined at least twice with the 210th Italian Division, where he made political addresses communistic in character and, according to reports, hostile to the Government in power. "

2. This disregard for travel regulations on the part of the Under Secretary of War is regarded in a very serious light and the Italian Government should be asked for an explanation.

See 64

[Signature]
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

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22 Feb
[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 735

Ref: 3607/57/COB

14 February 1945

SUBJECT: Passes for Industrialists to visit Army Area.

TO : Economic Section.

With reference to para 2, AC/5508/IND of 8 Feb 45 from Industry Sub-Commission addressed to you, if you have not already done so, please inform the Commissario per la Ricostruzione Industriale, ROME, of the complaint which has been made against Signor Gentile's behaviour while in FLORENCE and ask them to take steps to see that the matter does not occur again.

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P. Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

SECRET

Ref: 3607/ /003

SUBJECT: Passes for Industrialists to visit Army Area.

TO : SCAO Fifth Army.

1. With reference to your letter of 25 January 1945, on the above subject, the case of Signor Dino GENTILE has been thoroughly investigated. It is found that the proper formalities in accordance with Executive Memorandum No. 77 ^(Part 6 15, 16, 18) were carried out by the Sub-Commission, ~~who acted in good faith as~~ Signor Gentile's credentials and mission were approved and vouched for by a higher Italian authority. The matter is being taken up with the Italian Government, *but **
2. With regard to Signor PALERMO, this disregard for travel regulations on the part of the Under Secretary of War is regarded in a very serious light and the Italian Government is being asked for an explanation.
3. I should be grateful if you would let us know the reference number and date of the telegram referred to in your para 5 so that the matter can be investigated.

4. I would like to draw your attention to my letter 64/9/003 of 8 Jan 45 ^{in letter of 8 Jan 45} which states:

"I refer to Office Memorandum No. 17 of 13 October 1944, 65/1/003, paragraph 4, which states that correspondence from Regions will be addressed to Headquarters, Allied Commission. Please note that the word 'Regions' in the paragraph should be taken to include AUCs of

1. With reference to your letter of 25 January 1945, on the above subject, the case of Signor Dino GENTILE has been thoroughly investigated. It is found that the proper formalities in accordance with Executive Memorandum No. 77 were carried out by the Sub-Commission, ^(see para 6 15, 17, 18) who acted in good faith as Signor Gentile's credentials and mission were approved and vouched for by a higher Italian authority. The matter is being taken up with the Italian Government, but *
 2. With regard to Signor PALERMO, this disregard for travel regulations on the part of the Under Secretary of War is regarded in a very serious light and the Italian Government is being asked for an explanation.
3. I should be grateful if you would let us know the reference number and date of the telegram referred to in your para 5 so that the matter can be investigated.

4. I would like to draw your attention to my letter 64/9/CDS of 8 Jan 45 ^{in extract of letter} which states:

"I refer to Office Memorandum No. 17 of 13 October 1944, 65/1/803, paragraph 4, which states that correspondence from Regions will be addressed to Headquarters, Allied Commission. Please note that the word 'Regions' in the paragraph should be taken to include AKAs of ^{Armies}

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Section 3.3/NND No.

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Ref. 478212

Ref: 3607/2/100.

22 February 1946.

Subject: Requests for Industrialists to visit Army Areas.

Re: 3607/2/100.

1. With reference to your letter of 25 January 1946, on the above subject, the case of Signor Dino Gatti has been thoroughly investigated. It is found that the proper formalities in accordance with Executive Memorandum No. 77 (see para 6 (iii), (iv) and (v)), were carried out by the Sub-Commission and Signor Gatti's credentials and mission were approved and checked for by a higher Italian authority. The matter is being taken up with the Italian Government, but it is obvious that no standardized procedure can be drawn up to prevent the residents of peace from inadvertently obscuring the purpose of their visits and acting in the manner described in your letter.

2. With regard to Signor P. Gatti, this disregard for travel regulations on the part of the Under Secretary of War is regarded in a very serious light and the Italian Government is being asked for an explanation.

3. I should be grateful if you would let us have the reference number and date of the telegram referred to in your para 5 so that the matter can be investigated.

MS LUSH
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: DCCAO, 15 Army Group

see M. 55

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Ref. AC/5508/IND

8 February 1945

SUBJECT : Passes for Industrialists to visit
Army Area.

TO : Economic Section. ✓

FROM : Industry Sub-Commission.

1. With reference to your letter ES/7.15 dated 1st February 1945 Executive Memorandum No. 77 Par. 6A has been fully complied with and from 1st January 1945 the following additional precautions have been taken by this Sub-Commission before passes are issued to Industrialists :

(a) All letters of application for passes received from Industrialists are submitted to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour for vetting by the Ministry.

(b) Applications are then passed by the Ministry to liaison officer (Lt. J.E.M. BURY) who then consults the interested Industrial Officer in this Sub-Commission with a view to obtaining his recommendation.

(c) On receipt of satisfactory recommendations from both authorities, the application is placed in the hands of the Adjutant, who forwards a letter or signal to the 15th Army Group requesting authority to issue the necessary passes.

(d) On approval being obtained from the 15th Army Group, passes are completed in ink or typewritten with the necessary endorsements thereon and forwarded for signature to H. Q. Liaison Officer before handing to applicant.

2. On the 20th December 1944, Signor Gentili, subject of complaint, attended this Sub-Commission and produced a letter to the Deputy Director, Lt. Col. W.J. Maskrey, signed by the Commissario per la Ricostruzione Industriale, Rome, requesting that a permit be issued to Gentili for the purpose of visiting Florence to inspect and report on mechanical and electrical equipment plants for

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reactivation purposes.

3. Gentili was then directed to the Adjutant's Office and instructions given that action was to be taken for the purpose of acquiring a pass to enable him to visit Florence for reasons as stated.

4. In the Adjutant's Office, he was again questioned by Capt. T.P. Hunter and again he stated that the purpose of visit was to inspect and report on mechanical and electrical equipment plants for reactivation purpose.

5. On the above grounds, application was made and authority obtained to issue the necessary pass for Gentili to visit Florence.

6. It is to be regretted that the purpose of his visit to Florence was incorrectly described by Gentili whose credentials had been thoroughly examined in accordance with Memo No. 77, but it is obvious that no standardised procedure can be drawn up to prevent the recipients of passes from acting in a like manner on arrival at their destinations.


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

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FEB 07/0900
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Re: AFHE SIGNED DATED CITY: FUSK.
ALCON WERE REVEALED FOR INFORMATION TO HQ 15 ARMY GROUP FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS.

FEB 7 1945

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Reur TM INC (TM SUB CORR) signals 02 and 07 of 3 February 45.

1. Request you repeat these messages which have been passed to this Hq for action to Hq 15 ARMY GROUP, CIVIL AFFAIRS. Paraphrases as follows:

(A) Message 02. Request permission civilian contractors circulate ROME-ARREDO-EMPOLI-FIRENZE railway line repairs for period up to 3 months. Departing immediately.

PARDI. BONNINO. SABALLI. MORANDEI. BASTINAINI. TONELLI. CASITTI. GALLI. PUGGI. MARINELLI. NOBILI. BERTINI. BETTINI. SIGNORI. TUGLIANI.

(B) Message 07. Request permission visit ARREDO-FIRENZE for rehabilitation of works for civilian CRANON EMERIO.

2. Attention drawn to ALCON Executive Memo 77 and HQ and MG see letter 316/292/GA both of 31 August 44.

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2 February, 1945

FEB 6 1945

Subject : Irregular Issue of
Civilian Passes

To : S.G.A.O., AMG., Fifth Army

1. Again it becomes necessary to invite your attention to the irregular issuance of passes for civilian movement by officers in your Headquarters, in your name and in direct violation of the provisions of Executive Memorandum N°77 and letter AC/14080/5/PS dated 30 November, 1944.

2. Attached hereto is Civilian Pass N°103140 issued out of your Headquarters on 24 December, 1944 to Marchesa Luisa Martucci which has been picked up here in Rome and which violates most of the orders regulating control of civilian movement in the Army Area. Among other irregularities may be noted the following:-

a. While the pass is issued to Luisa Martucci, it purports to authorize travel for eight additional persons, two of whom are unnamed.

b. The purpose of the travel is shown as to "visit family" which cannot be said to be of benefit to the war effort. As a matter of fact it appears that she was taking her family with her. Investigation here discloses that it was a wedding party.

c. Identity card numbers are not shown.

d. The pass is not signed by the person to whom issued.

e. While the pass purports to authorize travel

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to Luoa, authority to cross the Army Control Line has been deleted.

3. Investigation here discloses that application for this pass was made to one Achille De Lorenzo, who is said to be your secretary.

4. You are directed to take immediate action to prevent the issuance of passes for civilian movement in Army Area except in strict compliance with Executive Memorandum N°77 and report your action to this headquarters.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

JWC/wg.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

HEADQUARTERS
27 JAN 1945

25 January 1945

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1. C. SUBJECT: Passes for Italian Officials to Enter Fifth Army Area.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army

1. Attention is invited to the following true copy of a telegram received by this office from the Civil Affairs Section, Headquarters Fifteenth Army Group and our reply thereto.

INC 1436

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
Incoming Message

FROM: Civil Affairs Sec, 15 Army Group, Precedence:
Routine, Time date Group: 231230A, Ref No: CAS/234
Classification: Rest/Cir, Time Date Recd: 231625A
TO: AMG Fifth Army

Industry Sub-Commission request permission
Dino GENTILE of Istituto Per Ricostruzione Industriale
Rome to visit Florence from 28 December to 3 January 45
to inspect and report on mechanical and electrical
equipment plants for reactivation purposes.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Outgoing Message Tele: Lightning
Reur 137, Classification: Restricted, Date: 24 Dec-
ember 1945, Precedence: Priority, Originating Section:
AMG Fifth Army, Approved: A. Donerty, Lt Col, Gen List
To: HQ 15 Army Group for Civil Affairs Section

Restricted. Reference your CAS/234 of 23 December.
Approved. Cite our 667.

2. It will be observed that permission was given for a Signor
Dino Gentile to come into this area for the purpose of inspecting and
reporting "on mechanical and electrical equipment plants for reactivation
purposes". The senior public safety officer, acting on authority
granted to him, gave this permission, not knowing who Signor Gentile
is.

3. Signor Gentile on arrival in Florence, where he spent several

days, caused considerable annoyance and trouble. He is a well-known labor agitator and it was reported to our labor officer that he devoted most of his time to an attempt to organize a union of textile workers.

F. R. ...
4. On or about January seventeenth information was received by this office that Signor Palermo, Undersecretary for War, was in Florence without any authority from AMG Fifth Army or any other authority, as far as can be ascertained. While here he made an unauthorized visit to the AMG Refugee Center and also dined at least twice with the 210th Italian Division, where he made political addresses communistic in character and, according to reports, hostile to the Government in power.

Ind. ...
5. Yesterday a telegram from AICOM was received asking authority for a member of the Foreign Office to visit Florence for several days. The object of the visit was not stated nor did the telegram indicate that the request was made with the knowledge and approval of the Chief Commissioner. A reply was sent asking the object of the visit and whether or not the Chief Commissioner approves.

6. Over the past months there has been much difficulty in the Fifth Army area over the visits of Italians in power, sometimes cabinet ministers or vice-ministers, who enter this area sometimes ostensibly for one purpose and thereafter play politics, often in a most objectionable manner. In the case of Gentile it is thought that the Industry Sub-Commission should have known enough about him to have kept him away. In the case of Palermo, he may have been here without the knowledge or approval of anyone in the Allied Commission, in which case it is thought that appropriate representations to the Italian Government should be made.

7. It is requested that all applications for permission to enter this area on the part of Italian officials state the purpose of such visit and make it clear that the Allied Commission itself approves of the request as in contradistinction to the approval of some sub-commission or other branch thereof.

Edgar E. Hume
EDGAR E. HUME
Brigadier General, GSC
Senior Civil Affairs Officer
Fifth Army

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting held on 26 January 1945.

Irregular Travel Order.

OCS had given instructions to Est Sec to send a disciplinary letter to Lombardia Region. The letter which had gone out was not strong enough and OCS directed that the RO should be brought before him, also the officer who had signed the authorization.

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Ref: 3607/44/308.

4th January 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation.

TO : SCAG, AMB 5 Army.

1. I enclose herewith for your information copy of a report of an investigation made on instructions of the Chief Commissioner in regard to alleged irregularities in the issue of civilian movement passes by the Lazio-Umbria Region.

2. Please note paragraph 6.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Com.

*Seen by Capt. Holden
5 Jan.*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

15 December 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, Third
Chief, Public-Safety, Sub-Section.

I. MATTER DISCLOSED

This report relates to an investigation conducted by Major R.B. BILSON, C.M., Investigating Officer, into the facts and circumstances surrounding purported irregularities in the issuance of APO, Movement of Civilians' passes, by the Italian-Embassy Section, AO, APO 394, to cross the Army Control Line.

II. SUMMARY

Ltr.O., Hq. AO, 13 December 1944.

III. FACTS

M. Colonel, G. Della Porta, R.M., Italian Liaison Section, RIAC, received requests from civilian friends to secure passes for them to cross the Army Control Line into the Fifth Army area sometime prior to 23 November 1944.

The Italian Liaison Section, RIAC, is concerned solely with Italian Military Personnel.

The Italian Liaison Section, RIAC, did not have a copy of Executive Memorandum, Hq., APO, R.O. & M.G. Section, APO 394, No. 77, dated 31 August 1944 (Ex. A-15). Neither the Liaison Officer (Ex. A-7) nor his Secretary (Ex. A-6) was familiar with its contents.

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On 23 November 1944, the Italian Liaison Officer wrote a letter to ASG, Public-Safety, Florence, requesting that ASG, Public-Safety, Rome, be authorized to issue permits to twenty-four civilians. (Ex. A-3)

On 24 November 1944, the Italian Liaison Officer reported to the Commanding General, Fifth Army, to receive decorations and citations. While at Hq. Fifth Army, he personally presented the letter (Ex. A-3) to the SCAG, who approved the request.

About 2 December 1944, Signor Danilo Monteverochi, Secretary, Italian Liaison Mission, RASG, presented the approved request (Ex. A-3) to which was attached thirteen permits (Exs., A to M incl), under cover letter (Ex. A-8), to Lt. Colonel, L.A. VINCIG (Br), Public-Safety Officer, Lazio-Umbria Region, AC, who declined to sign the permits. The reason was that they had not been processed in compliance with Executive Memorandum No. 77 (Ex. A-16) and that the reasons for travel were not those which would directly benefit the Allied cause.

IV. DISCUSSION

The investigation does not reveal any evidence that any of the applicants were of questionable character or that the purpose of their journeys was to engage in black market or other illegal activities. There is no evidence that the Italian Liaison Officer or his staff received or expected to receive any money or anything of value from the applicants. The Italian Liaison Officer and his Secretary impressed the Investigating Officer by their veracity and straight forwardness.

V. CONCLUSION

That the Italian Liaison Officer applied for the travel permits in good faith--not being familiar with current AC directives.

That no permits have been executed by the Lazio-Umbria Region, AC, to cross the Army Control Line at variance with existing AC directives.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the SCAG, Fifth Army, be requested to scrutinize applications and reject those not properly processed or which fail to comply with existing regulations.

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RDE/rs

R. D. HILDEBRAND
Major, GEF,
Investigating Officer.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO : Major RICHARD D. HILDEBRAND, CMP, Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. You are hereby designated to investigate and report upon purported irregularities in the issuance of civilian travel passes by the Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Commission, to cross the Army Control Line.

2. The report will be delivered under sealed cover to the Chief Commissioner, through Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

By command of Commodore STONE:

M. W. DRAGNEFF
Major, AGC
Adjutant

EXHIBIT A-1

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16 December 1944

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SUBJECT: Violation of Travel Regulations

MEMO TO: Chief Commissioner, A.C.

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1. The attached memo (711 of 152000A) from AAG Main 5th Army is forwarded with the recommendation that appropriate action be taken by the Chief Commissioner.

2. It has been determined that Madame GNETO is the Italian wife of the Argentine Charge d'Affaires in Rome. Major Ballance, Public Safety Sub-Commission, has informed that Madame GNETO applied for permission to travel into the Army Area prior to starting her journey but was refused. Major Ballance further stated that he referred her to the Political Section where he understands her request was also denied. In the absence of Mr. Schott, it is not possible to be positive of the Political Section's answer to her request.

3. It is suggested that in view of the present relationship between Argentina and the Allied Nations, Madame GNETO and Chauffeur should be returned to Rome, without being allowed to complete her mission, where the violation can be taken up with Argentine representatives. Prior to instructing AAG 5th Army to return Madame GNETO, it is thought that the Chief Commissioner may desire to discuss the matter verbally with a representative of the Argentine Embassy. As Madame GNETO is in possession of diplomatic credentials it is believed that she will be entitled to the usual diplomatic privileges upon leaving the Army Area.

4. Also attached to this memorandum is a copy of a despatch that has been sent to AAG 5th Army at the suggestion of Brigadier Lush.

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For WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President,
Political Section

Approved
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OSCAR ONETO ASTENGO
*Consulter de l'Ambassade d'Argentine
Chargé d'Affaires*

Oscar Oneto Astengo -
Lucanicate d'affari di
Argentina -

Telefono - Privato 872293
Ambasciata 40808 -

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YOUR MIKE SEVEN ONE ONE PD CONTINUE TO DETAIN MADAME IEDA ONETO AND CHAUFFER
UNDER HOUSE ARREST

PAREN TO AND MAIN EIGHTH ARMY FROM HQ ALCOM SIGNED STONE PAREN
PENDING INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WILL BE COMMUNICATED SHORTLY

POLITICAL SECTION

Int. 279

WWW
for W.W. SCHOTT
Vice-President

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

POLITICAL SEC

Originator's Reference: **M711**
Date/Time of Origin: **DEC 152000A**

Message Centre No: **9/4283**
Date/Time Rec'd: **DEC 160830A**
Precedence: **IMMEDIATE**

FROM: **AMD MAIN 8TH ARMY**
TO: **HQ ALCOM**

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Madame IRDA ONTO Italian subject arrived in CERVIA 15 December 44 in Argentine Embassy car number TD011 neither Madame ONTO, chauffeur, or car had pass to enter Army area.

Purpose of visit to collect and take to HCM's daughter Madame IRENE BAIBO and 2 grandchildren. To avoid possible diplomatic complications Madame ONTO placed under house arrest pending your instructions. Reply urgent.

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16 DEC 1944

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Ref 3607/24/CCS

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CAF
Office of the Chief of Staff

24th October, 1944

SUBJECT: Visits into Army Area.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Lazio-Umbria Region.

1. I refer to my 3607/15/CCS of the 6th of October.
2. Enclosed copy of a signal was sent out by your Headquarters.
3. I must emphasize once again that requests for passes to enter the Army Area cannot be considered except in the most exceptional circumstances and when the visit is in the direct interest of the war effort. The request made in the enclosed signal, is therefore, irregular, and the visit, for the reasons stated cannot be allowed.
4. Please acknowledge this letter stating that you fully understand the position.



for *W Shipp Lt Col*
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.



Encl. 1

1. Re para 4 above we fully understand the position.
 2. All P.P.Sos in Region 4 ~~begin~~ instructed in the matter.
- Hollock Lt Col.*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO, USA

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Ref: 3607/31/L

27 October 1944

SUBJECT: Passes

TO : Lt. Col. M. J. J. J.
Chief of Public Safety
APO, USA

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1. Reference your 203/8 - 2 of 23rd October on the above subject.
2. The Vatican authorities have again been informed that all applications for permits to travel into the Army Area must be forwarded through this office.
3. Radio Regent and all sub-commissions of this HQ. have been instructed similarly in regard to Vatican personnel.
4. This office is now the only one authorized to screen such applications from the Vatican.
5. Reference paras 5 and 6 of your letter, the application has been refused as the reasons given did not justify it being forwarded for your consideration.

For the Chief Commissioner

Capt. THE EARL OF RANFURL

EDMUND BROWN
Lt. Col.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO 394

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Ref: 5607/30/003

27 October 1944

TO : The Adjutant
For insertion in the Daily Bulletin.

Vatican Personnel - Visits into Army Area

All applications by Vatican Personnel to enter the Army Area
must in future be channelled through Liaison Division, Office of
Chief of Staff.

EB
EDWARD BRUNN
Lt. Col.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO 394

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Ref: 3607/29/008

26 October 1944

SUBJECT: Visits to Army Area

TO : Regional Commissioner
Lazio Region

All applications by Vatican personnel to enter the Army Area will, in future, be referred to Liaison Division, Office of the Chief of Staff, HQ, A.C.

Ranfush Capt

for Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO 304

Ref: 3607/28/CSS

28
25 October 1944

SUBJECT: Visits into Army Area

TO : Lt Col Count de Salis
Headquarters
Rome Allied Area Command 26

1. Reference your SA 161 of 16 October 1944 to HQ AMG 5 Army requesting permission for Marchesa BACCINETTI to enter Florence.
2. Requests for passes to enter the Army Area cannot be considered except in the most exceptional circumstances and when the visit is in the direct interest of the war effort. The request made in your letter is, therefore, irregular, and the visit, for the reasons stated, cannot be allowed.
3. The Vatican authorities are being informed, through the British Legation to the Holy See, that in future all applications by Vatican Officials for travel passes into the Army Area must be made through this office.

Ranfark Capt
Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. Army

23rd October 1944.

SUBJECT: Passes.

203/8-2.

TO : Liaison Division, A.C.C. 

26 OCT Recd

1. Reference is made to attached letter from Rome Allied Area Command, Ref BA/16x dated 16th October, 1944.
2. It would be appreciated if representation be made to the Vatican authorities that all applications for travel passes should come through some centralised channel and be sent either through you or, if not, to one office of A.C.C. who will deal with them.
3. Recently applications have been received from Displaced Persons and Repatriation Division, Lazio-Umbria Region, for Refugee clothing Schemes and Vatican Gendarmerie which is not at all satisfactory.
4. You are well aware that in Army area the essential thing is necessity for travel and that less urgent matters can wait until a relatively later period.
5. The attached application is very vague and while it is desired to accommodate every case that is bona fide there must be some line drawn.
6. If you are satisfied that the attached application is warranted it can be taken that approval is given. The destination given is Florence but whether city or province is not stated neither is any period given or whether the party is returning at any later period.

For the Commanding General:

Walter Doherty

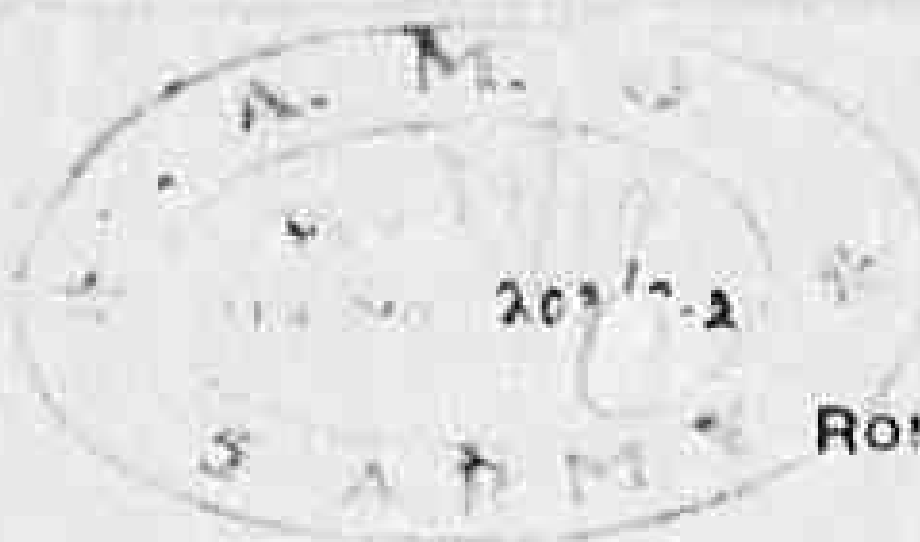
W. DOHERTY,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.C.C. Fifth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND

Telephone 66396

16 October 1944

Ref SA/16x

TO HEADQUARTERS
A.M.G. FIFTH ARMY.

1. The BRITISH LEGATION to The HOLY SEE have asked whether permits to enter Florence may be granted to the undermentioned who are members of the Papal Court:-

Marchese G.B. SACHETTI;
Marchesa Matilde SACHETTI, wife of the above,
Donna Beatrice SACHETTI, daughter.
Avvocato Carlo MORELLI, family lawyer,
Giulia N. SIGNORINI, serving maid.
Martinangeli GALLIANO, chauffeur.

2. The object of the visit is stated to be "business and agricultural interests".
3. Their transport would be a Vatican Chrysler No. S.C.V. 205.

John de Salis

Lt. Colonel
(Count de SALIS)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMC
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref 3607/24/008

24th October, 1944

SUBJECT: Visits into Army Area.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Lazio-Umbria Region.

1. I refer to my 3607/15/008 of the 6th of October.
2. Enclosed copy of a signal was sent out by your Headquarters.
3. I must emphasize once again that requests for passes to enter the Army Area cannot be considered except in the most exceptional circumstances and when the visit is in the direct interest of the war effort. The request made in the enclosed signal, is therefore, irregular, and the visit, for the reasons stated cannot be allowed.
4. Please acknowledge this letter stating that you fully understand the position.

see folio 32
L E
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief of Staff
CMF

Ref : 3607/23/008.

18 October 1944

SUBJECT : Permits to visit Army Areas.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. With reference to signal No. 2276 dated 14 Oct 44, from AMG Fifth Army concerning the visit of the Consul General for the Netherlands and a Dutch officer to FLORENCE.
2. I notice from the reply sent by PRSC on 16 Oct that authorization for this visit was obtained by Displaced Persons & Repatriation SC from G-2 Hq Rear Fifth Army.
3. Will you please explain why the provisions of Executive Memorandum No. 77 were not complied with in this instance.

(S) G. W. I. Snapp
in CC

✓ Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Explanation recd dated 24/10
from DP+RSC.
Returned to CA Sec

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Liaison Div.

Please let me know results of yesterday's signal 7686 from 5 Army about Nederland Consul General.

14 October, 1944

G. W. I. SHIPP
Lt. Colonel

Lt. Col. Shipp

Ref above. Major Simcock of Displaced Persons S/C obtained all the necessary permits for the Consul General's visit. I have told Public Safety (Major Ballance) to take the matter up with Simcock and send an appropriate reply.

Ranfurly
Captain

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A let me know further details

Lt. Col. Shipp.

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*I have told Maj. Ballance to send
CSC a copy of all correspondence to C.O.S.
Please see minute inside*

Ranfurly
Capt 16/11

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

RESTRICTED. Consul General for NEDERLANDS accompanied by Dutch Officer in uniform visited FLORENCE week ended 8 October. Report requested as to who authorised visit. Cite our 435.

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REFERENCE CONSUL GENERAL FOR NETHERLANDS PD PAREN TO AND FIFTH ARMY FOR HUNG
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ON THE REQUEST OF DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION THIS HQ
SUB COMMISSION CONCERNED INFORMED OF CORRECT PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING PASSES TO
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Copy : Office of Chief of Staff. ✓

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14 October 1944

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General Sir Harold M.L.G. Alexander, G.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C.
Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy
C.M.F.

10A

1. Replying to your letter of 2nd October, the Italian Minister of Justice called on me today and formally extended his apology to you for his conduct in ANCONA Province on the 22nd September. He asked that his apology be communicated to you.

2. In your name and on your behalf I accepted his apology, but warned him that a repetition would lead to arrest.

Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Commodore, USN
Acting Chief Commissioner

Copy to: M.A. to G.O.C. Eighth Army
(for Group-Captain Benson)
Chief of Staff Section
Civil Affairs Section
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British Legation to the
Holy See,
VATICAN CITY.

75/10/44

October 11th 1944

13 OCT Reed

Dear Brigadier Lush

Many thanks for your letter 3607/5/COS of
October 5th, of which I have sent a copy to the
Secretariat of State, at the same time drawing their
special attention to the directions given in the
third paragraph as regards the procedure to be adopt-
ed for obtaining permission to travel north of the
Army Control Line.

Yours sincerely,

D. G. O'Connell.

Brigadier M. Lush
Chief of Staff,
Allied Control Commission,
A.C.M.E.

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Office of Chief of Staff
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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 392

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11 October 1944 12 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Illegal Entry into Tripolitania.

TO: Ministry of the Interior.

1. Confirming today's conversation, H.S. Parrari and Capt. Forcell, the British Military Administration, Tripolitania, has reported that during the week preceding 23 September, 1944, two parties, travelling in all 53 buses, made illegal entry into Tripolitania from the sea. They travelled from Sicily in two small fishing boats.

2. The organizations of the two attempts have given their names as follows:

GIUSEPPE Salvatore	aged 28 from Tripoli
GIUSEPPE Giuseppe	aged 29 from Tripoli
GIUSEPPE Giovanni	aged 31 from Tripoli
GIUSEPPE 51 nome	aged 47 from Syracuse

The larger party of 40 was encountered by the three GIUSEPPE brothers who left Tripoli in January, 1943, and who had managed to keep their boat.

3. The party of six were Tripoli, Syracuse and Mariaguarda.

4. A further party of 18 civilians made an unauthorized entry from the sea from 26.0.44 on 30 September. It is reported that another boat was sunk enroute for Tripolitania.

5. With few exceptions all the persons concerned will be returned to Sicily at the earliest opportunity.

It is learned that further entries are in prospect from Sicily and Tripoli. In particular, it is known that the following

1. Confirming today's conversation, R.E. Ferrari and Capt. Powell, the British Military Administration, Tripolitania, has reported that during the week preceding 23 September, 1944, two parties, totalling in all 53 males, made illegal entry into Tripolitania from the sea. They travelled from Sicily in two small fishing boats.

2. The organizers of the two attempts have given their names as follows:

GUSTO Salvatore	aged 26 from Trapani
CUSERA Giuseppe	aged 29 from Trapani
CUSERA Giovanni	aged 31 from Trapani
DESSINI Giacomo	aged 47 from Syracuse

The larger party of 40 was engineered by the three CUSERA brothers who left Tripoli in January, 1943, and who had managed to keep their boat.

3. The ports of origin were Trapani, Syracuse and Siracusa.

4. A further party of 13 civilians made an unauthorized entry from the sea from Lampedusa on 30 September. It is reported that another boat was sunk enroute for Tripolitania.

5. With few exceptions all the persons concerned will be returned to Sicily at the earliest opportunity.

6. It is learned that further parties are in prospect from Syracuse and Siracusa. In particular, it is known that the following persons are planning to leave Italy by sea and enter Tripolitania illegally:-

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NORCALLE THIA	2, Via Beneditano, Termini I, PALERMO
MAZZO ADELINO	126, Via Gennaro, TRAPANI
LA RIVERA FRANCESCO	20, Via Vico Iorio, Santa Elisabetta del Golfo, MESSINA
MAZZI LUIGIA	205, Via Umberto I, CATANIA
DI LARCO LUIGI (Gov.)	124 Via Cesare, SANICATTI (MILITONTO)
DI GIROLAMO ISABELLA	Via Calabro, LORO, PROV. MESSINA
DEI ZACCARO (or ZARRO)	c/o MATEO GIANNI,
EMILIO	8 via Vito Nicolo, RARI
RAFFAELI ANGELO	24, via Gatti, Int. A, ROMA

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JOHN A. GUNDEL
Colonel, P.M.S.D.
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Committee on

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7. It is requested that immediate steps be taken to frustrate any attempt by the part of the persons named in paragraph 6 to leave Italian territory with at military travel authorization.

8. Question must be instructed to refuse civilian passport to Italy in the case of these persons.

9. Arrangements must be made to keep a special watch in the Italian Coast, and any boats belonging to any person suspected of leaving Italian territory illegally should be impounded.

10. Public Safety Officers will make every attempt with question with a view to co-ordinating all local effort.

11. It is also requested that this information be informed of the steps taken by you in this matter.

JAMES H. GILLIS
Colonel, J.A.S.B.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CGF
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref: 3620/5/COS.

6 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Travel Permit into Army Area.

TO : Lazio Region.

1. The following signal was sent out by your HQ :

"CONFIDENTIAL CMA ITALIAN OFFICERS URGENT NEED
TRAVEL TO FLORENCE RETURN TO ROME PASS TO HQ
AND TOSCANA REGION FROM HQ AND LAZIO UMBRIA
REGION FOR HENDRICKSON SIGNED POLETTI PASS TO
TEN DAYS GENUINE FAMILY BUSINESS "

2. Reference is made to R.C. & M.C. Section letter
"Control of Civilian Movement 316/292/CA of 31 Aug 44,
para.5". Requests for passes to enter the Army Zone
will not be considered unless the journey is in the direct
interest of the war effort".

3. The reasons supporting the request made in the above
signal are obviously in conflict with established policy
and it is requested that the attention of the responsible
officers be directed to that fact.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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HQ AMG TOSCANA REGION

HQ AMG LAZIO UMBRIA REGION

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about visit to Army Area

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JOSEPH GALUZZO
WUJG USA
Asst Adjutant

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Ref: 9/15/1/C.A.

6 October 1944

Subject: Visit of the Minister of Justice to Ancona.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have with sincere regret to inform you of a very serious offence committed by H.E. The Minister of Grace and Justice against the Proclamations of the Commander-in-Chief and Military Governor.

It appears that H.E. Tupini deliberately went to Ancona which, as is well known is in the prohibited area, notwithstanding that he had been refused permission by the G.O.C. 8th Army to go there; this refusal had been transmitted to him through the Legal Sub-Commission.

On arriving at Ancona, H.E., who admitted that his visit was not approved, was requested to leave Ancona and informed that he was not to hold any meeting of any kind; nevertheless he did so and addressed a meeting in the Cinema Adriatico at Ancona. He had arranged to hold a further meeting in the Municipio but this was dispersed. Finally although ordered to attend before the AG officer at Ancona, H.E. failed to do so.

The Commander-in-Chief, General Sir H. R. Alexander, takes a most serious view of these deliberate acts of disobedience to his orders in an army area committed by a Minister of the Government. He directs me to say:

a. That H.E. Tupini is to be informed that had the Commander-in-Chief known of his presence in Ancona he would have ordered his arrest.

b. That H.E.'s conduct is inexcusable and that the Commander-in-Chief demands an instant apology from him. — See 10A

I had instructed Brigadier Upjohn to see H.E. Tupini to inform him of the very serious situation in which he has placed himself and to demand of him the required apology, but I am informed that H.E. is out of town for a day or so and therefore I must place upon you this duty. I have further to request that H.E. Tupini's apology to General Alexander be placed in my hands immediately.

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Will you please make it known to all members of the Government that any member of the Government found in a prohibited Army area without a permit must be treated like any other citizen and is subject to arrest and trial before an Allied Military Court.

Yours very truly,

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref/3607/5/GOS.

5 October 1944

My attention has been called by the Senior Civil Affairs Officers of both the Fifth and Eighth Army to the fact that there is considerable laxity in observance of movement regulations by the Vatican. In Florence 21 persons were recently convicted of travelling from Rome to Florence on Vatican transport without proper permits. There are numerous other serious irregularities on record concerning movement of vehicles, which have been reported in some cases by members of fighting formations.

I cannot emphasize too strongly the serious view taken by Army Commanders in respect to unauthorized transport and movement of the kind mentioned into Army Areas. Apart from the important aspects of security, traffic control etc., officers and men are being drawn from their primary duties to deal with these cases. Failure closely to follow the regulations on travel into Army areas will lead to local prosecutions and may bring about further restrictions generally as to movements northward.

I should therefore be grateful if you would please again call to the attention of the proper authorities at the Vatican the fact that travel north of the Army Control Line requires permission of the Commanding General of either the Fifth or Eighth Army which should be sought through Lt.Col. BROWN, L.O. at Headquarters Allied Control Commission and can only be granted if the journey is for valid reasons and advancement to the war effort. Such permission must then be embodied with other required data on the standard A.M.G. pass.

I am sending a similar letter to ^{The} Honorable Myron Taylor.

M. S. LUSH

Chief of Staff,
For Acting Chief Commissioner.

Sir D'Arcy Osborne,
H.M. MINISTER to the Vatican,

Copy to: Political Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS

Allied Armies in Italy, C. M. F.

2nd October, 1944.

Captain Ellery W. Stone,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

1. It has come to my notice that the Minister of Justice made an unauthorized visit to ANCONA Province on 28th September, even after a request for permission had been refused, and that not only did he thus flagrantly disobey orders given by the Allied Military Government, but actually addressed a public meeting in an operational area, although forbidden to do so. Group-Captain Benson's letter to the Administrative Section, H.Q. A.C.C. (GN/67/2 of 28th September) contains the full details of this case.

2. I take a very grave view of this indeed; had I known of this in time I should most certainly have had him arrested, and I shall be glad if you will inform him of this.

3. I consider his conduct to have been quite inexcusable, and I demand from him an instant apology.

H.R. Alexander

General,
Commander-in-Chief.

Copy to: M.A. to F.O.C. Eighth Army
(for Group-Captain Benson)

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C O P Y

10 (B)

Subject: Visit - Italian Minister of Justice.

Main H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army

0A/67/2

28 Sep 44.

Administrative Section
H.Q., A.C.C.
A.F.O. 394.

1. I wish to bring to your notice certain facts as regards the unauthorized visit of the Minister of Justice to Ancona Province on the 22nd September, 44. Details are contained in a letter from the Provincial Legal Officer of Ancona Province to the Provincial Commissioner, a copy of which is attached.
2. No request was received from A.C.C. for authority for the Minister of Justice to come to Ancona Province, but it was heard through civilian sources that he had proposed a visit. A signal was thereupon sent to A.C.C. requesting that his visit should be forbidden.
3. This H.Q. takes an extremely grave view of the action of the Minister of Justice, particularly as regards the blatant manner in which he paid no attention to the request of the Provincial Legal Officer, with full powers from this H.Q. that he should leave the province. It is requested that the strongest possible action be taken against this Minister, who not only flagrantly disobeyed orders given by the Allied Military Government, but also convened and addressed a public meeting, (though ordered not to do so) in contravention of orders in the operational area, which forbid such meetings.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

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Copy to: Legal Sub Commission, H.Q., A.C.C.
Major Verney - M.A. to Army Commander, Tac Army H.Q.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 324

File 9
-8
1st October 1944.

Ref: 359/324/CA

SUBJECT: Control of Civilian Movement.

TO: R.C.A.C. AMB 3th Army.

1. We refer to your letter of 24th September 1944
ref. 3/67/2.

2. A letter has been sent by the Acting Chief Commissioner
to the Legation to the Holy See on the subject of unauthor-
ised visits into Army Area.

W. J. J. J. J.
Colonel.
Deputy Chief Commissioner.

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SUBJECT : Control Movement.

E Rear Eighth Army
A/67/2

HQ Allied Control Commission.
Executive Commissioner's Branch.

24 Sep 1944

Copy to: Public Safety

P.C. Perugia Province (letter of 13 Sep 44)
Administrative Section, HQ ACC.

1. Enclosed is copy report by CMP of 200 Prov Coy, which was forwarded by PO Perugia (when u/c this HQ) with the comment that cars had arrived in the province in similar circumstances on other occasions.
2. It will be seen that the case in point occurred eight days after Executive Memorandum No. 77 had been issued.
3. It is appreciated that the car was not of the B.C.V. but no doubt a prosecution did not follow in this case as the CMP corporal concerned assumed the journey or use of the car to be Vatican sponsored.
4. The issue of passes for Vatican officials is of course covered by para 12 (a) of Executive Memorandum No. 77, and therefore it must be accepted by the Vatican authorities that any case coming to notice of Vatican State or Vatican State Sponsored journeys into Army Area being undertaken without the proper authorization will inevitably lead to prosecution.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG Eighth Army.

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C O P Y

REPORT

To : The D.A.P.M.
71 Sub Area

Sir,

I have to report that at Perugia on Friday 8th September 1944, at about 10.33 hrs, I was on duty at No. " 5 " T.C. Point, when I stopped Civilian Car Fiat No. Roma 59316 driven by Sanguigni Sivano of No. 5 Via Bonaida, Rome.

The only permit he carried for the journey, and the Vehicle, was a card placed on the windscreen giving the number, and type of vehicle and the letters Vatican Commission for the Assistance of Refugees.

Superimposed were the arms of the Vatican, A flag bearing the same arms was mounted on the radiator of the vehicle.

The driver stated that his destination was the Italian Police HQ. Perugia and that he had made this journey before.

I satisfied myself that the man was genuine, and allowed him to proceed, but could this matter be carried further as there is nothing to stop other people placing a similar card and circulating outside their legitimate Area, without the necessary Yellow Permit, issued by the A.M.C. Authorities.

Field
8/9/44

(Signed) R. Richards, d/Cpl;
200 Prov. Coy C.M.F.

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The following is extracted from ANG Fifth Army
Sitrep for the period 20 - 24 September 44:

"In FLORENCE 21 persons were convicted of travelling from ROME to FLORENCE on Vatican transport without permits. Considerable laxity has been noticed in the observance of movement regulations by the Vatican. Representations have been made that this laxity should be checked in order to avoid the possibility that advantage may be taken by unscrupulous Italians if Vatican traffic is given special privileges."

HEADQUARTERS
AND FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. Army

17th September 1944.

SUBJECT: Control of Civilian Movement.

203/3.

TO : H.Q., A.C.C. (Attn: Vatican Liaison Officer)

1. The attached report and enclosures from the S.C.A.C., Florence, are forwarded for necessary action on the lines indicated.

2. It should be impressed on the Vatican authorities that passes must first be obtained before travel into Army area, and that the irregularities on the return journey cannot be allowed to continue.

3. Please return file.

For the Commanding General:

Walter Doherty

W. DOHERTY,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.C. Fifth Army.

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 ALIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
 CITY OF FLORENCE

17 Sept. 1944

SUBJECT: Vatican Refugee Registration
 TO : S.C.A.O., A.M.G., 5th. Army, Attention S.C.A.O.P.

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- 1) Enclosed are copies of documents which were found on the 16th. Sept. 1944 in the possession of Rev. P. Luiki Ibis MALAVOLTI, a priest from Rome.
 - 2) Pursuant to the purported authorization contained in these documents, Reverendo MALAVOLTI and another priest had come to Florence with the two chauffeurs named in one of the documents and the owner of the truck who was not named in any of the documents and had no pass. After delivering the load of lemons the truck was loaded with merchandise and with refugees, some, at least, of whom were charged for their passages, and was about to start off for Rome when it was discovered by a C.I.C. Agent, and temporarily halted. After investigation the priests, chauffeurs, and refugees were given proper passes and allowed to proceed, but the merchandise was held here and the proprietor of the truck was also held and will be tried on charges of travelling more than ten kilometers without a pass. Investigation is also being made to determine whether the merchandise was purchased in violation of our freezing orders.

- 3) Consideration might well be given to reuniting the A.C.C. Officer in charge of relations with the Vatican to discuss this incident with the proper authorities there with the view to making certain that in future such cases:

- a. All persons who come on such a trip are supplied with proper A.M.G. passes to come into the area and return to Rome.
- b. Upon arrival here they report to an A.M.G. Officer, either the Refugee Officer or the C.A.P.O., in order that passes be made out for the refugees whom they are taking back

SUBJECT: Vatican Refugee Repatriation
TO : S.C.A.O... A.F.G.. 5th. Army., Attention S.C.A.O.P.

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- 3) Consideration might well be given to requesting the A.C.C. Officer in charge of relations with the Vatican to discuss this incident with the proper authorities there with the view to making certain that in future such cases:

a. All persons who come on such a trip are supplied with proper A.M.G. passes to come into the area and return to Rome.

b. Upon arrival here they report to an AMS Officer, either the Refugee Officer or the C.A.P.O., in order that passes may be made out for the Refugees whom they are taking back and that those Refugees may first be out in touch with the C.I.C. detachment in the Refugee Center for screening.

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c. Possibly no such trips should be made without checking in advance with the C.A.O. or S.C.A.O. of the town in question, although from our point of view here in Florence we are quite happy to have these trucks come here for this purpose, provided security regulations are not violated

Thomas J. Michie

THOMAS J. MICHIE.. Lt. Col., AC.

S.C.A.O.. A.M.G., Florence City

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ROMA. COMMISSIONE ASSISEREA PROZINAI
SOTTO S. SPIRITO, 1-4 - Tel. 30,503

ROMA

UFFICIO TRASPORTI

ROMA 12/9/44

Al Rev. no P. LUIGI LUIS MALEVOLLI

ROMA

La presidenza accogliendo la sua generosa invitazione offre-
re la collaborazione da designato la S.F. a nome della colla-
na di propaganda di guerra di Roma per Firenze al giorno 12/9/44
alle ore 17 da Piazza Niccolini 4.

Il viaggio durera' approssimativamente otto giorni.
Viaggiatori singolarmente e saluti.

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(Mons. P. Salicetti)

ROMA 12/9/44

AL REV. MO F. LUIGI 1815 MALEVOLTA

R O M A

La Presidenza accogliendo la Sua generosa e cortese offerta di collaborazione ha designato la S. F. a partire una colonna di profughi in partenza da Roma per Firenze il giorno 12/9/44 alle ore 17 da Piazza Niccolò 4.

Il viaggio avrà approssimativamente otto giorni. Viassai ringraziamenti e saluti.

I L P R E S I D E N T E

(Mons. P. Palidella)

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S.O.V. 2 Settembre 1944

PONT. COMMISSIONE ASSISTENZA PROPRIO

MONDO S. SPIRITO, 3-8 - vol. 50, 503

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Il presente autocomo (Roma 61145) con rimorchio (Roma 1494),
compre il viaggio da Roma a Firenze con un carico di 20 di li-
moni e questa Pontificia Commissione invia a S.E. il Cardinale
Ella Della Costa Arcivescovo di Firenze, perché siano distribuiti
alla popolazione bisognosa della città.

Con lo stesso mezzo viene trasportato un contingente di pro-
dotti alimentari ed opera della Pontificia Commissione.

L'autocomo condotto dagli italiani Pasquale Alessandro e Antonelli
partiranno seguiti al seguito italiano: Roma-Divisione-Pro-
prio-Proprio-Firenze e ritorno.

Si prega la Autorità Italiana di Firenze di facilitare il viaggio.

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della Pont. Commissione

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This motor car (Roma 61145) with car (Roma 1494) transports
from Rome to Florence 20 of limons, sent by the Vatican Commission
for Assistance to Refugees to His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop
of Florence, Mgr. Ella Della Costa, for distribution to the poor
population of Florence.

noni che questa Pontificia Commissione invia a S. S. E. Cardinale
Elia Dalla Costa Arcivescovo di Firenze, perché siano distribuiti
alla popolazione bisognosa della città.

Con lo stesso mezzo viene trasportato un contingente di profu-
gati rimpatriati ad opera della Pontificia Commissione.

L'autotreno condotto dagli ingegneri Pecchia Lessandro e Antonelli
nascerà seguito il seguente itinerario: Roma-Divina Rocca-Verona-Prose-
na-Firenze e ritorno.

Si prega la Autorità Italiana ad Alleanza di agevolare il viaggio.

IL PRESIDENTE
della Pont. Commissione

DECLARAZIONE

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this motor car (Rome 61145) with car (Rome 1494) transports
from Rome to Florence 11. 20 of limous, sent by the Vatican Commission
for assistance to refugees to his eminence the Cardinal Archbishop
of Florence, Mr. Elia Dalla Costa, for distribution to the poor
population of Florence.

With the same vehicle we transport some refugees to their coun-
try.

the motor car, for this journey to the orders of this pontifi-
cal Commission, is conducted by Mr. Pecchia Lessandro and Antonelli
Nascerano, and follows this way: Roma-Divina Rocca-Verona-Prose-
na-Firenze, and returns to Rome.

We beg the Allied and Italian Authorities to assist to this
journey, where it would be necessary.

FOR THE PRESIDENT
of the Vatican Commission

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