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Please see for information an interesting report at folio 4.
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Chief Commissioner - You may wish to read
folio 4 for information.

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FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT QUOTE EARLY THIS MORNING AT 0243 HOURS TWO BOMBS HAVE EXPLODED IN THE BUILDING OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY AT PORTA PIA CAUSING SERIOUS DAMAGES PD THERE ARE NO DEATH CASUALTIES AND A PRIMARY INVESTIGATION DIRECTED ON THE SPOT BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PIETRO BENNI THE CHIEF OF POLICE THE QUESTONE OF BOMB AND THE FUNCTIONARIES OF THE POLITICAL RESEARCH POLICE HAS ASCERTAINED THAT TWO SUITCASES CONTAINING EXPLOSIVES PROBABLY TIMED BOMBS HAD BEEN PLACED ON THE EXTERNAL STEPS OF THE FRONT DOOR OF THE EMBASSY WITH A SIGN BEARING THE WORDS QUOTE ATTENZIONE MINE UNQUOTE WITH A RED CLOTH SUCH AS ARE ORDINARILY USED BY TRUCKS TRANSPORTING EXPLOSIVES PD IDENTICAL SIGNS HAD BEEN PLACED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BUILDING TOWARDS PORTA PIA AND VIA REBERGIA PD THE FIRST WARNING BEFORE THE EXPLOSION WAS GIVEN BY A PASSERBY TO AN EMBASSY DRIVER PD THE LATTER IN HIS TURN INFORMED THE CARABINIERE ON DUTY WHO AFTER HAVING SEEN THE TWO SUITCASES AND THE HANDWRITTEN SIGNS WENT TO GIVE WARNING AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED PD A WOUNDED MAN IN A CONDITION OF NERVOUS SHOCK WAS FOUND A FEW STEPS AWAY FROM THE PLACE OF THE EXPLOSION PD

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MINISTER MENNI HAS EXPRESSED TO THE BRITISH CHARGE & AFFAIRS MR WARD
THE REGENTS OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
THE INVESTIGATION PROCEEDS PD UNQUOTE

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Chief Commissioner's Office

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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JOHN R. HAYES, MAJ, AGO
Adjutant

TRANSLATION of Communication received by

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Early this morning, at 0243 hours, two bombs have exploded in the building of the British Embassy at Porta Pia causing serious damages. There are no casualties and a primary investigation directed, on the spot, by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pietro Nenni, the Chief of Police, the Questore of Rome, and the Functionaries of the Political Research Police, has ascertained that two suitcases containing explosives, probably time-bombs, had been placed on the external steps of the front door of the Embassy with a sign bearing the words: "Attenzione Muro" with a red cloth such as are ordinarily used by trucks transporting explosives.

Identical signs had been placed on both sides of the Building towards Porta Pia and Via Sessuola.

The first warning before the explosion was given by a passer-by to an Embassy driver. The latter, in his turn, informed the Carabinieri on duty, who, after having seen the two suitcases and the handwritten signs, went to give warning, and at that very moment the explosion occurred.

A wounded man in a condition of nervous shock was found a few steps away from the place of the explosion.

Minister Nenni has expressed to the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Ward, the regrets of the Italian Government.

The investigation proceeds.

TRANSLATION of report in *il Messaggero* of 21/10/40

TWO BOMBS AGAINST THE BRITISH EMBASSY.

The explosion which occurred at 0235 hours this morning caused the front of the building to collapse. One man seriously wounded. Sign of warning. Statement of the Carabinieri who was on duty.

This morning at 0235 hours a violent explosion occurred in Via XX Settembre, before the main entrance to the British Embassy. The explosion was heard in the farthest points of the city, and caused much alarm to the population, especially in the Vatican quarter, and to the Public Sicurezza who arrived on the spot a few minutes later. A striking scene met the eye. Through a thick mist which the rain was unable to clear, the front of the British Embassy in Via XX Settembre had almost entirely collapsed, while the first floor of the building had collapsed entirely, and the building opposite was seriously damaged.

From the rubble a Nicolino Palitta, of twenty-five years of age, who was passing near the Embassy at the moment of the explosion, was extracted. His condition was extremely serious, and he was declared dying at the Policlinico.

Soon after the Carabinieri, the Fire Brigade arrived, followed by the Italian Police and by the Allied Military Police.

From the statements made by the Carabinieri who was on duty at the Embassy, Domenico Fioravanti belonging to the police station of Via XX Settembre, two suitcases which were tied together had been placed on the ground in front of the main entrance. This he saw with his own eyes.

The Carabinieri ran to get help. Almost immediately the Ambassador's car arrived. It was around 0230 hours. The Carabinieri informed a certain 'Jack' of what he had seen. The latter rushed to the spot to take the two suitcases away, but was stopped in time by the Carabinieri and other two men belonging to the Embassy who were with him.

On the suitcases was a sign: -"Dewar-bins". The group returned towards Via Palestro in order to consider the case and take some decision but a violent explosion threw them off their feet. The central part of the front of the Embassy was collapsing in an enormous cloud of dust, and all around were heard the terrified screams of the inhabitants of the neighbouring houses.

As soon as the Fire Brigade and the Police arrived the above-mentioned passer-by was extracted from the rubble. But the Carabinieri declared that he

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was surprised to find a man there, since until then he hadn't seen anybody in the street.

One of the suppositions made is this: that the passer-by was attracted by the two suit-cases, and approached them in order to take them. But he touched the detonator which was probably attached to the two suit-cases and it exploded.

Another sign with the words in red: - "Beware Mines", has been found near Porta Pia, in one of the branching streets leading to the Piazza.

The damages are considerable in Via Palestro where all the buildings from No. 1 to No. 5 have been damaged, while in Via XX Settembre, No. 86 has its main entrance almost collapsed, and the whole building is seriously damaged.

From "IL MESSAGGERO" of 31 October, 1946

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AT ABOUT 2300 TWO THREE FIVE HOURS THREE ONE OCTOBER THREE SECURITY GUARDS
ATTACHED THE BRITISH EMBASSY VIA XX SETTEMBRE WHO WERE OFF DUTY SAW A BOARD
PLACED NEAR THE DOOR OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE EMBASSY PD ON THIS BOARD
WAS MARKED QUOTATION MARKS ATTENTIONE WITH QUOTATION MARKS PD
BEHIND THIS BOARD AND CLOSE AGAINST THE DOOR OF THE EMBASSY WERE TWO NEW
LARGE SUITCASES PD THE GUARDS LISTENED BUT COULD DETECT NO SOUND COMING
FROM THE CASES PD THEY ENTERED THE EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY AND REPORTED THE FACT
TO THE SECURITY OFFICER PD WHILST REPORTING THERE WAS A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION
AND ALL THAT PART OF THE EMBASSY AT AND NEAR THE MAIN ENTRANCE WAS HEAVILY
DAMAGED CMA ALL GLASS IN THE BUILDING DESTROYED ALSO WINDOWS IN SHOPS AND
HOUSES IN VICINITY PD NO PERSONAL INJURY TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL PD ONE CIVILIAN
WHO WAS PASSING BY EMBASSY AT TIME OF EXPLOSION WAS BURIED BY DEBRIS INJURED
AND LATER TAKEN TO HOSPITAL PD FOREIGN MINISTER KENNI ATTENDED AT FOUR AM
AND DRAFTED PRELIMINARY COMMUNIQUE COVERING INCIDENT PD THE WHOLE OF THE INSIDE
OF THE BUILDING IS PATROLLED AND GUARDED BY BRITISH PERSONNEL PD PERSONS
RESPONSIBLE PRESENT UNKNOWN PD REPORTS FOLLOW END

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Chief Commissioner's Office

M. C. B. B. B.

JOHN R. HAYES, MAJ, AGD
Adjutant

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to ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
LIVORNO ZONE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

17 AUGUST 1945.

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File: LIV. 7A/5858
Subject: RESULTS OF DRIVE TO RETRIEVE CONTRABAND U.S. PROPERTY.
To: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, ✓
HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
APO 308.

1. IN AN ENDEAVOR TO RETARD THE STEALING OF, AND ILLEGAL SALE AND PURCHASE OF, U.S. PROPERTY, THIS HQ. INSTIGATED A DRIVE AGAINST OFFENDERS PASSING THROUGH THIS A.M.G. ZONE TERRITORY.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION I ENCLOSE HERewith COPY OF A SPECIAL REPORT OF OUR P.S.O., WHICH SHOWS THE FAVORABLE RESULTS OBTAINED TO DATE.

Harold V. Kelly
HAROLD V. KELLY,
MAJOR A.M.G.,
COMMISSIONER,
LIVORNO ZONE A.M.G.

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1. L/M REPORT.

(Note: ORIGINAL ON ENCLOSURE
HAS BEEN SENT TO PS SEC)

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LIVORNO ZONE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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17 August, 1945

File
Subject LIV/PS-814

To: SPECIAL REPORT

HEADQUARTERS-ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION.

1. SUBMITTING, HEREIN, A SPECIAL REPORT COVERING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SEVERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUPS OPERATING IN THIS ZONE THAT ARE OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE.

2. ON THE 10TH, 11TH AND 12TH OF AUGUST, 1945, A SERIES OF ROAD BLOCKS WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE ZONE, WHILE A DETAIL OF MOTOR CYCLE POLICEMEN OPERATED IN A CIRCLE OUTSIDE THE ZONE. THE PURPOSE WAS TO CHECK ALL CIVILIAN CARRIERS FOR ANY TYPE OF IRREGULARITIES. ALL CHECK POINTS WERE MANNED BY THE FOLLOWING COMBINATION: AMERICAN MILITARY POLICE, BRITISH MILITARY POLICE, VESTURA P.S. AGENTS, GUARD FINANCE AGENTS, CARABINIERI, E.M.'S FROM AMERICAN ORDNANCE P.S.5. AND O.R.'S FROM BRITISH ROE.

3. THE ROAD BLOCKS WERE TAKEN DOWN FOR TWO DAYS AND THEN AGAIN RE-ESTABLISHED ON 15TH AND 16TH AUGUST, 1945 WITH THE SAME COMBINATIONS MANNING THEM, AS SHOWN IN PARAGRAPH 2 (ABOVE).

4. THE NET RESULTS WERE ALMOST STARTLING. 1700 VEHICLES, OF ALL TYPES, WERE INSPECTED IN THE FIVE DAY CHECK PERIOD. 192 PERSONS WERE DETAINED.

78 MEN BEING HELD BY VESTURA FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

61 MEN - ARRESTED FOR TRIAL IN ITALIAN COURTS

10 MEN ARRESTED FOR TRIAL IN A.M.G. COURTS

43 WOMEN (MOSTLY PROSTITUTES) BEING HELD BY VESTURA FOR EXAMINATION.

192 TOTAL

AS A PART OF THE OVERALL PLAN, A SERIES OF PICK UP'S OF SUSPICIOUS PERSONS WAS CARRIED OUT AT THE SAME TIME WITH THESE RESULTS:

5,252,000 LIRE IN COUNTERFEIT ALLIED CURRENCY WAS SEIZED.

10,000 LIRE IN ITALIAN COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY WAS SEIZED.

207 W/P TIRES WERE RECOVERED.

194 W/P TIRES WERE RECOVERED

3 TONS OF ASSORTED W/P CAR TOOLS WERE RECOVERED

74 W/P BATTERIES WERE RECOVERED

422 W/P SPARK PLUGS AND SMALL ACCESSORIES WERE RECOVERED.

ALSO A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF W/P CLOTHING, FOOD, CIGARETTES, CANDY, MATCHES AND BLANKETS--ENOUGH TO FILL AN ARMY TRUCK.

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267 $\frac{1}{2}$ TIRES WERE RECOVERED.

194 $\frac{1}{2}$ TUBES WERE RECOVERED

3 TONS OF ASSORTED $\frac{1}{2}$ CAR TOOLS WERE RECOVERED

74 $\frac{1}{2}$ BATTERIES WERE RECOVERED

422 $\frac{1}{2}$ SPARK PLUGS AND SMALL ACCESSORIES WERE RECOVERED.

ALSO A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF $\frac{1}{2}$ CLOTHING, FOOD, CIGARETTES, CANDY, MATCHES AND

BLANKETS--ENOUGH TO FILL AN ARMY TRUCK.

1 STOLEN PASSENGER VEHICLE WAS RECOVERED AND 1 STOLEN CIVILIAN TRUCK WAS RECOVERED.

5. AMONG THOSE ARRESTED WERE THE PERSONS IN POSSESSION OF THE COUNTERFEIT MONEY, AND THEY HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE AMERICAN C.I.D. FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION. ALSO HELD ARE TWO ARMED MEN WANTED FOR A SERIES OF HOLDUPS IN THE RURAL AREAS EAST OF PISA ALONG NO. 67 HIGHWAY, THREE FUGITIVE REPUBLICAN FASCIST OFFICERS, AND A WIDE ASSORTMENT OF PETTY THIEVES, PROSTITUTES, AND KNOWN CRIMINALS WHO ARE JUST WANDERING ABOUT OVER THE COUNTRY.

6. YOUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, LIVORNO ZONE, HELPED ORGANIZE THE PROGRAM AND PARTICIPATED AS ADVISOR AND CONSULTANT DURING THE OPERATIONS. THE PROGRAM WILL BE CARRIED ON INDEFINITELY AND BLOCKS WILL BE THROWN UP WITHOUT WARNING.

STANLEY BEATTY

CAPTAIN, SPEC. RES.

LIVORNO ZONE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tel. Ext. 609

Ref: 2/A.2/CA

28 Jan 45

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SUBJECT: Outrages on Allied Property and Personnel

TO: Chief of Staff.

Reference the attached Cited No. 53 from Sardinia Region and your request for information.

1 Neither this Section nor Public Safety have, at present, any further details regarding the incidents referred to in Item 1 of the Cited. A cable has been sent requesting information with particular reference to the nationality of the perpetrators, a copy of which is attached (marked 'A') for your information.

2 It is suggested that the letter which is now before the Chief Commissioner protesting against outrages on Allied personnel be allowed to go forward and, if, when the information requested by the cable is received it indicates that Italian nationals were responsible, a second letter can be sent to the Prime Minister protesting more vigorously against an increase of these incidents.

*Letter not yet
submitted owing
to facts still
incomplete.*

R. H. Hays
S. R. HAYES, Col.
CSO SA Section.

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SARDINIA REGION, HQ ALCOM.

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PARA TWO SARDINIA REGION HQ ALCOM FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN

PARA TWO NO EARLY DETAILS REQUIRED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS REGARDING BURGLARY
OF APT THREE NINE SEVEN IN CAGLIARI AND SHOOTING OF RAF ORARD AT ALGHERO

Particularly
~~Particularly~~ INFORMATION REGARDING NATIONALITY OF PERPETRATORS

Copy to: Chief of Staff,
Public Safety T/O.

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
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NICHOLAS PLOMBED
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjutant.

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Can you give
details in reply
to CC's query?

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Chief of Staff -
If the burglary
of the APO was
also by Stalans,
it should be
added to the Be.
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for protest to
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SARDINIA REGION SIGNED PENNYCUICK
HQ ALGER

IN CLEAR.

NY Sitrep number 53 dated 23 January.

1. Autonomy Decree. 13 January. 2 amassing last 7 days wheat 439 barley 75 totals wheat 275511 barley 11055 quintals 8bln OLEARI DEL POPULO: olive oil last 7 days 188 total 649 quintals 38300 tons coal arrived. 246 cattle 40 horses 329 sheep being shipped to mainland. 4. Burglary of APO 397 rifling 9 American bags of mail in CAGLIARI. Petty thefts increasing. One RAF guard shot and wounded at ALGERO. 5. Satisfactory. 6 7 8 nil. 9. Coal strike ended miners returned work 17 January. Strike condemned of all political parties. Miners paid bonus pay allowed for 53 and 54 week an end of 1944. No additional miners yet arrived from mainland. Demonstrations CAGLIARI against ball tp for Italian Army 17/18 January demand made for publication of armistice terms and reasons for call up. Bombs thrown on 18 resulted in death of police agent. 11 persons were injured no firing by police. Arrests made and police and military patrols posted in CAGLIARI. Demonstrations now prohibited by order of Italian High Commissioner. Loud speakers being installed. City quiet and normal.

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Action - C o S (2)
Info - A/Pres
Chief Commissioner
CI Sec
Exec Sec 2895
Ext Sec
Aggie 80
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