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CIVIL DISTURBANCES, BARI AREA
AUG. 1945 - MAR. 1946

28 Oct 68

191

I believe that Ex C has been up to
folio (B) folio (D) per see for info

For info
CDS 8/12

Mr. G. H.

Remington

194

CSD 10/12/68
Re Ex 193 for info. You have probably seen
already.

BS 4/12

197

Ex. Com.
C80

Folio 196 for info of Ex. Com. please.
Brig. Carr has the file containing cc. 196
Situation reports. Date 15/12
197

0051

Factual so far as circumstances go
but very bare as to reasons for trouble.

CRJ 8/11

W/4/100

1914

C.S.O. ^{10/10/10} Rec 193 for info. You have probably seen

already

BS 4/12

197

Ex. 100

Police 196 for info. of ~~trans.~~ please.
 Brig. Port has the file containing CCRR

Situation reports. Auth 15/12
 197 15/12

6051

Factual so far as circumstances go
 but very bare as to reasons for trouble,
 behaviour of CCRR etc.

MS 15/13 ^{10/10/13}

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Noted by: *[Signature]*

DEC 8 1964

Signature
information

11/2/64

11/4

Chief, Records

Attached is submitted for your signature information

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(175)

Ex. Com.

Q20

See see 173 for info

MS/25/1

MS/27/10

Ex. Com.

176

Q20

See see Lyle White's memo at 175

MS/20/1

Q20 20/1

MS/21/1

178

Ex. Com.

Q20

See see 177 for further details of 175

MS/24/1

Q20 24/1

MS/21/1

180

Ex. Com.

See see 179 for further clarification of Toronto episode. Q20 23/1

MS/23/1

183

Ex. Com.

60/1

~~True~~ info

~~ERS~~ info

MS/21/21

178

Ex Com

See see 177 for further details of 175.

~~True~~ info

~~ERS~~ info

MS/21/21

180.

Ex Com

See see 179 for further clarification of Toronto episode.

~~ERS~~ info

MS/23/21

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Ex Com

183

Ex Com

See see 181-182 for info. Identical report as 182 in this morning's Toronto

~~True~~ info

~~ERS~~ info

MS/1/21

185

Ex Com

See see 184 for info.

~~True~~ info

2/12

Q89 True 15/10 163.

See 161 for info & 162 for the action taken by P.S. 5/c

167

C.S.O.

Re. see 166.5.4. I hardly feel that V.P. C.A. Sec. memo at 166 is entirely correct, but I understand that, due to the political implications, we interested ourselves in the move of the Foreign Division taking it up with G.S. AFHQ. Do you consider that we should do so also on this?

LLB 16/10

C.S.O.

I got in touch with MMIA who explained situation as in att'd draft of letter to Col Hartley which is submitted for approval. MMIA only gave signal 5D8007 of 12 Oct is att'd for reference.

LLB 19/10

C.S.O.

Please see letter at 169 added after draft was in type. Does it make any difference or will draft stand?

LLB 19/10

conclude in the matter of the
taking it out with GS, AFHQ. Do you
conclude that we should do so also
on this?

LLS 10/10

(68)

C.S.O. I got in touch with MMIA who explained
situation as in att'd draft of letter to
Col. Hartley which is submitted for
approval MMIA on going signal SD 2007
of 12 Oct is att'd for reference.

LLS 19/10

~~169~~ 170

C.S.O. Please see letter at 169 added
after draft was in type. Does it
make any difference or will draft
stand?

LLS 19/10

~~170~~

Ex. Com. P. 165, 166 & 169 for info.

? No action at this stage. ? wait
approval to 20. letter referred to at X P 169.

60/10

~~171~~ 20/10

As amended

9/11/12

149

PA

Next v.Fs. meeting

MS/29/5

3/10

Noted

Followed to Es. Command 4/10

151

CS.O. Trunk

150. for info
hosted.

P.S. are keeping G.S. AFTER

LRB 20/5

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159

CS.O. Es. Com.

See 1587 for P.S. action to G.S.
1601

LRB 4/10

Time
2/10

MS/2/10

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137

To CIO

John 1366 info

1782/2015

139

~~230-1401 27/4~~

John 1382 for info

28B 27/4

140

etc Pre check with Sigs w/ing an "immediate"
signal took two days to arrive
28B 27/4

142

Case Background

When initial Message came to
earlier pretty early in ~~total~~

24 Set 45.

28B 22/4

143

CIO Extension

146

Ref 140-
 e/k Pre check with sys using an "immediate"
 signal took two days to arrive
 LBS 27/9

148

Case 140-140

----- which message came to
 main party group in the
 24 Sub 45: 27/9
 LBS

149

CSD Ex 100

144 for info. LBS 18/9
 Ex 100

147

CSD Ex 100

checked with Lt Chapman (PS) who
 is keeping 45 AFMA informed by 51/10/10

See also 148
 LBS 27/9

129

C.S.O. Diff your minute 26, please see minute 127 and the memo
at page 128
RECEIVED

130

Note: Aide. Mainin was presented to Supr.
by chief comm. to P.M.

[Signature]

132

C.S.O. Please see page 131
Date 2/1/79

133

Ex. Comm.
I have told P.S. to paraphrase
to H.H.R. and send a copy.
2/24/79.

C.S.O.(134)

Do not provide a copy from A.H.R.
as to action in C.O.S. letter in substance be
to make clear work to P.M. until then has been

CSO Please see file 131
Date 2/24/9

133

Excluse

There total P.S. to paraphrase
to H.H.A. and send to a copy.
24/9.

(134)

CSO

Do not provoke a young from Africa
us to action - COS letter in substance as
to make circumstances to P.H. which then has been

done

MS (24/9)

135

Excluse 128 been left with P.H. by CC.

done

on 20/9. See 130 of 24/9.

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MS 24/9

Executive Committee

113
Please refer to folio 117 for information. Folios 114 and 115 also refer. Date: 10/1/50

20/8 noted. →

121.

A/Ex Comm/ Folio 120 for information, please Date: 22/1/50

Noted for [signature]

122.

C.S.D. Folio 120 for information. Do you consider it advisable to forward a copy to AFMA or to wait for the full report from the Italian Consul. Date: 29/9

123.

M. Spence
Date: 25/6

124.

E.C. No 125 is drafts requested

[signature]

13 SEP 1950

126.

Mrs. Kennedy.

604.1

the [unclear] has

Pages 120 for information. Do you consider it advisable to forward a copy to AFHQ or to wait for the full report from the Italian Consul?
RUC:29/8

123

M. Spence

12/5/6

124

E.C.

AG 125 is draft requested

13 SEP 1945

126

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M. Kemster

Excerpts taken from the prepared a memorandum on Beni's disturbances. M.

Set a copy.

17/5

127

Note: Ref. Memo 126, copy of Aider Memoire is in 127-128. It is noted, on the date it has not yet been presented by the chief commissioner. 19/5

Note CAS are dropping reply to 92.

9/8

EC.

There is another file on this -
pointing out to Patti the unsat-
isfactory nature of his reply. ^{Let's}
I do not understand ^{what he} ^{is} ^{doing} ^{about} it.
The mailed A X on 103. ^{of} Col.
Talbot had not fuded Pami's letter
to AFHQ with his first protesting
its inadequacy, we would have
made a letter showing. ^{End}

13/8

Chief Commissioner

9 am at clear how this file reached you upon final
disposition clearly last at

NOV 16 1945

pointing out to them the unsatisfactory nature of his reply. I do not understand I resent the mailed IX on 103. Col. Talbot had not fuded Panus letter to HHHQ without first protesting its inadequacy, yet would have made a letter showing. JWS

13/8

Chief Commission

I am not clear how the file reached you before final action had been recommended. One response clearly has not been your letter of Aug. 5. When he wrote his minute and I am sure meant to stress in the face marked

1. I take full responsibility for Talbot's action.
2. A further letter is submitted for your signature on file attached.
3. Quite apart from our showing in the minutes I think the Station Government has been pusillanimous in their action and suggested that as a follow up to your letter (submitted now) you should speak to Panus - particularly in connection with race in the North & the hand over.

775/1018

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

3629. *AD*

15 Mar 46.

NOTE FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

Reference article in paper "Ricostruzione" of 13/3 which commenting on the disturbances at ANCONA states "thus Fascism began".

The article points out that after the last war there was widespread discontent throughout the country particularly against landowners and among share-croppers and farm-workers and it was the resulting tumult and bloodshed that gave birth to Fascism.

The article also draws attention to action squads which were employed by certain elements during the disturbances at ANCONA and states that they bore a resemblance to similar Fascist squads.

The following comments are made:

Conditions similar to or even worse than those which prevailed after the last war and which led eventually to Fascism may prevail in Italy to-day. The troubles at ANCONA are symptomatic of those conditions. It is to be hoped that after its recent experiences the country will not resort again to Fascism as a solution to its troubles.

The recent disturbances at ANCONA in which there were casualties with some killed including two women, were mainly due to general unemployment, especially among farm workers since ANCONA is an agricultural district.

Demonstrations were held against the lack of speed with which a special organization set up for the purpose, was finding work for the unemployed. Numbers of unemployed had been increased recently by returning POW's. The situation got out of hand when some of the demonstrators used fire arms.

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*File
out
(Capt. K)*

*1 KPA
AD*

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HEADQUARTERS
BARI LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

3621

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REF

: LB/65-A

9 March 1946

D/O

Don Bingham (auth) *Special Report*

1.

There has been serious trouble at ANDRIA, a town about 12 Km West of TRANI having a population of about 70,000.

On the 6th inst. I received intimation from the Carabinieri BARI that an armed mob had taken possession of the town and that the Prefect was sending out 4 tanks accompanied by 100 Carabinieri.

I made arrangements to go out there and arrived about 1530 hours.

On approaching the town, it appeared that the place was deserted - but at the entrance to the main street from TRANI direction we passed the Civil Police Station which had a machine gun mounted on the steps of the front door. The Civil Police at this station said an armed mob was at the far end of the street. I decided to go on and see what the situation was.

In the PU with me was Lieut. LEWIS, Major HAYES of the B.L.U. NAPLES who was visiting BARI, and Cpl. CROSS the driver of the PU.

The streets were deserted except for people in door ways and a few round corners.

On approaching the mob we were signalled to halt. The car stopped and I got out and walked towards the mob - who on recognising an Allied uniform waved us to come on.

On arrival at the spot where the mob - some 600 800 strong, I got out of the car and was asked by a person who appeared to be one of the leaders where I wished to go. I said I was touring round and would go on to BARLETTA. The attitude of the mob who were well armed with new automatic rifles, sten guns and revolvers was both respectful and friendly and they offered to escort

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I declined this offer as it served no useful purpose, and ascertained that there were two roads which were thus blocked. The leaders of the mob said it would be better if we went back Via TRANI as there was trouble via the other routes and the adjoining woods were full of armed demonstrators.

I got back to the car and we turned round and stopped at the Civil Police Station and questioned the Officer in charge. He said that the Communists had seized the town after disarming 6 Civil Police and that the Carabinieri consisting of a handful of men had barricaded themselves in the Carabinieri quarters in the town. The streets were deserted except for the mob referred to, though odd persons were walking about.

Copy to: P.S.C. in

13/46.

See in 147-3

H. V. 123
P. 3

The Civil Police Station had machine guns mounted on the roof of the big building in which they were located and a party were keeping watch from a tower over the main entrance.

I estimated that the tanks and reinforcements could not reach the Town before 2000hrs or 2100hrs and as there was no possibility of future developments until re-inforcements came I decided to return to BARI.

Up to that time there had been 2 Carabinieri killed and 4 Carabinieri and one P.S. Agent wounded, and 3 civilians killed and some 10 reported to be wounded. On the way back to BARI we passed a tank which had broken down and some 8 or 10 Km further on, another tank was in a similar condition and there were no signs of the remaining two.

We also passed 10 or 12 lorries loaded with Carabinieri and Civil Police on their way up to ANDRIA. The original number of 100 Carabinieri dispatched had been increased to 300 next morning. I contacted the Carabinieri in BARI and the Prefect also came to see me. He said that ANDRIA was now in the hands of the Carabinieri and that some 170 demonstrators had been arrested.

It was difficult to obtain from any one what the whole trouble was about. ANDRIA is a hot bed of trouble, and has always been so, and in JUNE last a similar incident appears to have taken place.

I gathered from the Prefect that he thought the armed revolt was staged by the Communist party - ^{which is the} to intimidate the population into voting for the Communist party when the elections take place on Sunday next 10 March.

The Prefect is not allowing the elections in this Area this coming Sunday - in view of what has happened - and in order to ensure a free election.

A deputation of Communists from ANDRIA interviewed the Prefect BARI on the 7th and asked him to withdraw the tanks from ANDRIA, which the Prefect refused to do.

Though the Carabinieri dispersed the mob and occupied the strategic points in the town, they had to dislodge certain snipers who had occupied houses, and this hunt and sniping continued up to the morning of the 8th and up to the time of writing all the snipers have not been dislodged.

A number of arms have been captured from the demonstrators and a search is being conducted for more arms.

The streets are being strongly patrolled.

The demonstrators who were arrested have been lodged in the TRANI jail.

I am watching developments and will ascertain what arms have been captured - there was a very large quantity in the hands of the demonstrators, who obviously obtained them from hidden arms.

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At present there are 350 Carabinieri and 86 Agents of the Civil Police and 300 soldiers in ANDRIA.

A D/O letter follows this on other matters.

Brigadier M. LUSE
Executive Commissioner
HQ AC ROME

Yours sincerely
L. J. V. V. V.

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ALCOM LG BARI

HQ ALCOM FOR AGEKO FOR ACCAS FOR ECON

INFO: 54 AREA 52 AREA UNHRA (ITALY) BARI

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DEC 050945A
ROUTINE

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DEC 6 1945

UNCLASSIFIED

Strike of AGIP and CIP workers ended in Apulia and Lucania

AC DIST

ACTION: P.SAFETY S/C

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSION

XX COMMISSION 2 C.A.SEC.

ECON.SEC. 2

LABOUR S/C

P.R.B.

FILE

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ADVANTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 284
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

WHS/rmw

TEL. : Ext. 204

REF : LAC/526

SUBJECT: Petrol Distribution - Threatened Strike
CIF and AUIP

TO : Acting Vice President
Economic Section

192 3 December 1946

DEC 4 1946

1. It is understood that on Saturday, 1 December, the Italian Government, the petrol distribution undertakings, CIF and AUIP, and the workers' representatives agreed jointly to put into operation the wage agreement already provisionally made. On this understanding the workers agreed to return to work on Monday, 3 December.

2. The threatened extension of the strike to the North of Italy had been suspended at the instance of AMG for 10 days while the workers' representatives visited Rome. It is now expected that the strike will not take place in the North, and AMG are being requested to implement in the North of Italy the agreement already made for that area which had been suspended pending the understanding with the Italian Government.

[Signature]
S. E. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

CC: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner (S)
C & Section
Public Safety S/C
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DEC 021700A

ROUTINE PRIORITY
DEC 3 1945

ALCOM LO BARI

ACTION: HQ ALCOM FOR ACHES FOR ACCAS FOR RUGH . 52 AREA, SARONA, UERRA ITALY BARI

SECRET.

Subject is strike of AGIP and CIP workers. Maintenance of essential services ensured in four provinces by action of Prefects. POTENZA issued degree to workers. Brindisi Taranto Bari are ordering Gwenture to take over petrol issue. Position obscure in Matera. No information yet from Foggia or Lecce.

LIST

ACTION: PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
AND COSM (2)
C A SECTION
DOOR SECTION
LABOUR S/C
P R B
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IMMEDIATE

ALCOM LO BARI

ACTION: HQ ALCOM FOR AGOSC FOR AGOAS FOR ECLE

DEC 3 1945

INFO: 52 AREA, -54 AREA, -CHURIA (ITALY), BARI.

SECRET.

Para 1. No petrol is being issued to civilian vehicles other than those working for the Allies. Workers have refused to obey instructions of Regional representative of AGIF in Apulia and Lucania to issue sufficient petrol for maintenance of essential services. Matter is to be reconsidered at meeting tonight.

Para 2. All distribution of food including flour to bakeries has ceased throughout Apulia and Lucania.

Para 3. 2000 liters a day are being issued for the clearance of grain from a ship in Bari port to warehouses.

Para 4. Understand that if Ministry of Treasury would approve recent wage-agreement already approved by Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Finance strike would end.

Note- Delayed by service.

DISC
ACTION: LABOR S/C
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
HARD COMMISSIONER (2)
C A SECTION
ECOM SECTION (2)
PUBLIC SAFETY S/C
P R B
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DEC 021100A

IMPORTANT

ALCOM LO BARI

ACTION: HQ ALCOM FOR ACCAS FOR ADGEF FOR EDON

DEC 4 1945

INFO: 52 AREA, 54 AREA

SECRET.

Further to signal LB/66.

On 29 November owing to lack of flour for bread crowd gathered in Cellino San Marco (Brindisi Province). Shortage attributed to Allied dislike of Communist Party whose offices were therefore raided. Crowd then proceeded to USSEA offices and burnt papers of no importance. No casualties.

Note: delayed by service.

DIST

ACTION: PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
HARD COUN (2)
C A SECTION
EDON SECTION
LABOR S/C
P R B
FILE

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DNC 020950A

URGENT

ALDEN LO BARI FOR BARLETTA READ BLOOMFIELD

ACTION: HQ ALCON INFO: CASE, ECONOMIC SECTION, PUBLIC SAFETY S/C,
52 AREA, 54 AREA

SECRET.

Reference our signal LB/67 subject demonstrations against oil embargo.

DIST

ACTION: PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMM
C A SECTION
ECON SECTION
LABOR S/C
P R B
FILE

SECRET

The following telephone message was taken by the undersigned
at 1600 hours on 1 December 1945 for the offices noted below:

TO: CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE) FOR
INFO

DE 1342

FROM: AG Liaison Officer, Bari (Col Hartley)

SUBJECT IS STRIKE OF AGIP AND SHIP WORKERS WHICH BEGAN
TWO DAYS AGO. NO PETROL IS BEING ISSUED TO CIVILIAN VEHICLES
OTHER THAN THOSE WORKING FOR THE ALLIES. THE WORKERS HAVE
REFUSED TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF AGIP IN APULIA AND LUCANIA TO ISSUE SUFFICIENT PETROL FOR THE
MAINTENANCE OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES. THE MATTER IS TO BE
RECONSIDERED AT A MEETING OF THE WORKERS TONIGHT. ALL
DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD, INCLUDING FLOUR TO THE BAKERIES, HAS
CEASED THROUGHOUT APULIA AND LUCANIA. I UNDERSTAND THAT
IF THE MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY WOULD APPROVE THE RECENT
WAGE AGREEMENT ALREADY APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE THE STRIKE WOULD END.

Same message was given to the duty officer, Economic Section,
for action.

SEKSON E HUMPHREYS
WOJG USA
Assistant Adjutant

See 44285-186

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 OF PRIORITY
 DEC 1 1945

ALCOM L.O.

H.Q. ALCOM ACXEC RPTD CASES ECONOMIC SECTION PUBLIC SAFETY 30
 52 AREA. 54 AREA.

SECRET.

Demonstrators against OIL AMBASCO set fire to UCSEA
 Offices BARLETTA and MOLETTA (BARI province) on 28th
 November. No casualties. On 29th November similar demonstration
 at CANOSA (BARI) with burning of documents in offices of
 UCSEA and UFFICIO REGISTRI. 25 CCRR barricaded themselves
 in telephone substation. Firefight developed. Demonstrators
 used hand grenades. Casualties one Questura agent killed two
 CCRR wounded 1 CR missing. 40 arrests 6 automatic pistols
 with ammunition seized.

AC DIST

ACTION P.SAFETY SC
 INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
 EX COM
 C.A. SEC
 ECON SEC
 P.R.B.
 FILE

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DTIC 010900

PRIORITY

ALCOM L/O. BARI

ACTION HQ ALCOM CASEC rptd LABOUR SUBCOMMISSION

DEC 1 1945

SECRET.

In last few days series of small demonstrations occurring in many communes BARI province often on flimsy pretexts. Believed by Prefect to be organised on instructions from ROME by parties of left as political move to show their power.

AC DIST

ACTION : P. SAFETY SC
INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COM
C A SEC
ECON SEC
LABOR SC
PRB
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See M.121.

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22 1300

ALCOM LG Bari

NOV 23 1945

HQ ALCOM for Executive Commissioner rptd Civil Affairs Section
Public Safety Sub Commissioner

IMMEDIATE. Continuing our message reference LB/52 dated 20th November. Communist speakers La Torre - Rensali called for the arrest of the Carabinieri NCO i/c Massafra and of Chief of Civil Police Massafra. The speakers also demanded the immediate resignation of the Prefect of Taranto. This probably a reprisal against the Prefect who bluntly ordered La Torre out of the Prefect's office a few days ago. A so called order of the day was given to the Prefect ordering him to resign. The Prefect agreed to resign provided the Central Government gave order. The speakers standing on a vehicle told the people that the Prefect had agreed to resign. The so called Order of the Day also demanded the banning of the Uomo Qualunque and Corriere Meridionale but the Prefect said that he was no authority to do this as permission for publishing had been given by Central Government. After the demonstration Comitato di Liberazione met to discuss the events of the morning. C.D.N. meeting ended evening of 19th November. Three parties voted for Prefect and three against. Message ends.

A.C. Distribution.

Act : Public Safety S/c
Inf : G. Commissioner
Ex. Commissioner (2)
Econ Sec
Civil Affairs Sec.
Labour S/c
P. Relations B.
File.

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Su M 180

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: LB/62

Date/Time of Origin: Nov 201200A

Message Centre No: G/3994

Date Time Rec'd: Nov 210845A

Precedence: Immediate

FROM: Alcom LO BARI

NOV 21 1945

TO : Act - Hq Alcom for Executive Commissioner rptd Civil Affairs Section Public
 Safety Sub Commission

Secret.

Demonstration in TARANTO on the 19th November as pretest for the murder of an Italian communist at MASSAFRA on the 18 November believed to have been murdered by Italian Royalist. Crowd numbers approx 10000 50% lookers and 50% communists. Workers of arsenal marched out approx 1000 hrs. 52 Area emergency platoons standing by if required. Demonstration appears to be under control. Communist crowd burned down the Hq of the Unione Qualunque. Details are not yet at hand will signal you later information.

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(LIT GRAYCROCK)

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NOV 20 1945

TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM AC LO BARI reporting message from 52 Sub-Area.

There was a demonstration of 10,000 persons in TARANTO yesterday, 19 Nov 45 and at MASSAFRA. Meeting is said to be a demonstration against the killing of a Communist. British Troops are standing by. The local offices of the Uomo Qualunque was burnt down. No casualties reported and no other untoward incidents.

20 Nov 45.

[Handwritten signature]

S.H. WHITE, Lt Col,
A/VP CA Section.

See bu 146

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(copy to [illegible]) *[Handwritten initials]*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFO 394

Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref: MD/3B/175

29 October, 1945.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Enemy Material in ITALY.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
ATTN: Chief Administrative Officer.

1. Action is being taken on your GAO/24/46 of 20 Oct 45 but the Italian Government, in the person of the Prime Minister himself, has raised a point of great importance which is referred to in para 6, i.e., the guarding of the material.

2. The Prime Minister recognizes the immense value to the Italian Government of this material. He also recognizes that the police forces of the country are inadequate for the task before them and that in computing the strength of the Interim Army the Minister of War did not take into account the added responsibility of guarding the dumps and dumps of captured enemy material. I think that the Minister acted reasonably in this.

3. As you know, in previous communications the Prime Minister has asked for an overall increase in the strength of the CC.MR from 65,000 to 75,000. It has not yet been possible for this figure to be accepted. He now asks make this specific request that the strength of the CC.MR shall be increased temporarily at any rate, by 4,000 men in order that this most valuable material can be guarded and that the responsibility of the Italian Government can be properly implemented. He proposes to effect the increase by deferring the discharge of time expired CC.MR up to the number proposed for a period of 4 - 6 months, during which time he hopes to dispose of the material.

4. I think that the Prime Minister's request is eminently reasonable. We cannot expect the Italian Government to fulfill their responsibilities in keeping law and order and in guarding this immense amount of material if we do not allow them to maintain the force which they consider necessary. In this matter I fully concur with the Prime Minister that the extra CC.MR are necessary and that unless he receives them, either law and order will suffer or the material will not be properly guarded, the economy of Italy will suffer and additional materials will be demanded from the Allies.

5. I therefore strongly recommend that without prejudice to consideration for the overall increase of the CC.MR from 65,000 to 75,000 which will be

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2. The Prime Minister recognizes the immense value to the Italian Government of this material. He also recognizes that the police forces of the country are inadequate for the task before them and that in computing the strength of the interior and the Minister of War did not take into account the added responsibility of guarding the depots and dumps of captured enemy material. I think that the Minister acted reasonably in this.

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5. I therefore strongly recommend that without prejudice to consideration for the overall increase of the CC.IR from 55,000 to 75,000 which will be the subject of a further communication, immediate permission be granted to the Italian Government to maintain with the colours the 4,000 CC.IR requested. Only in this way can the terms of your directive be properly implemented.

Wm. W. Stone.

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: GOC No. 2 District
GOC No. 3 District
OC, IRS
G-4, AFHQ
G-5, AFHQ
Q(AE), AFHQ
GOC, XIII Corps

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Industry S/C	(2)	" "

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

MEMORANDUM

26 October 1945

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OCT 27 1945

TO : V.P. C.A. Section.

Report from CC.RR. Reg states that at
Laterza (Taranto) on the morning of 24 October, 1945,
a crowd of about 6000 persons surrounded the CC.RR.
caserma demanding the release of 9 prisoners who were
detained by order of the procuratore Regno charged
with unauthorized occupation of private lands, and
that serious disorders threaten. Reinforcements
have been sent from Bari.

No report from Allied sources.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.S.D.
Director.

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Copies to :

Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner. ✓

(CAPT CAYORONE) *edd*
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Ref: 3629/172/20

22 October 1945

SUBJECT: San Marco Regiment

TO : Liaison Officer, AC Bari

Reference your LB/21 dated 13 October 1945.

1. The situation described in your letter concerning the political activities of San Marco Regiment has now changed.
2. As from 18 October the Regiment was transferred from command Three District to command of the Ministry of War for further transfer on or after 20 October to the Ministry of Marine.
3. I understand that the intention is to immobilize two battalions and to transfer the third.
4. You will have in the area for the maintenance of law and order four Guard battalions, two under command of Three District and two under command the War Ministry.
5. You should make it clear to the Area and District Commander that the further transfer of this Regiment was initiated by the Italian Government and has not been the result of any representations on your part.

Lt. Col. M. C. ...
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. Rm. 535.

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

18 Oct

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OCT 19 1945

I recently passed down to your Section a letter from Col. HARRIS, Liaison Officer, SMI, in which he commented adversely on the behavior of the San Mateo Regiment.

I was somewhat doubtful about Col. HARRIS's comments because, if a certain political party will go and disfigure the Royal Family, it seems to me that it is bound to cause trouble with the Army.

However, Col. HARRIS has telephoned today with regard to his report stating that he does not want any action taken on it because he has since received a D/O letter from the District Commander saying that he was strongly opposed to any removal of the San Mateo Regiment. Col. HARRIS is sending me a copy of this D/O letter.

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L. SARG, Brig.,
VI CA Section.

me (not necessary)

See 171 6024

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. Rm. 545.

FILE NO.

SUBJECT:

TO :

Executive Commissioner

10 Oct 1945
OCT 17 1945

The subject of the movement of Italian troops is, I understand, normally dealt with by your Section. I therefore enclose the attached letter to you assuming that no action is required by C & Section.

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S. Galt, Jr.
V. G. Galt, Jr.

See 172

(CAPT BRAYBROOK)

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
B A R L

REF : LB/21

13 October 1945

SUBJECT : Political activities of
SAN MARCO Regiment of Marines

16 OCT 1945

TO : HQ Allied Commission
for Civil Affairs Section

1. The SAN MARCO Regiment of Marines is now stationed in the HARI Area and, apart from the CO.MR, is the only Italian military unit available for the preservation of law and order in the event of civil disturbances.

2. It is desired to point out that this Regiment is not an unbiased instrument. It is strongly monarchist and anti-communist. Its members, when off duty, have more than once disturbed the peace by assaulting Communists and raiding local Communist Headquarters. The attached translation of a report from the Commander of the Carabinieri at BARLETTA is a typical example of these activities.

3. There is no doubt that this Regiment is extremely efficient and will maintain order in this Area, but the principle of using a military unit tainted with politics for the purpose of preserving law and order is so contrary to Democratic ideas that the matter is brought to your notice.

H. H-S. Harkley

H. S. Harkley, Col.
Liaison Officer

HSH/cb

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H. H. S. Hartley

H. S. Hartley, Col.
Liaison Officer
AC BARK

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Land Forces Sub Commission

Public Safety Sub Commission

HQ. 22 Area

HQ. 24 Area

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LEZIONI VES. CIVILIS DMT CAVABININI REALI E SAEI
COMPANIA DI RASLETTA

Ref.No.: 156/43

Barletta, 6 October 1945

SUBJECT: Photograph

To the Military Territorial Command of
To the Command of the Legion of the CC.MR.
To the E. Prefecture of
To the E. Consulate of
To the Command of the Group of the CC.MR. of
To the Allied Commission

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At about 1800 hrs on 8 instant at Barletta (Bari), few marines of the Sardinia Battalion stationed in the a/m town, having noted on the outside of the Socialist Party Youth HQ a picture with the caricature of H.M. The King, asked the boy who was inside to take it off giving him ten minutes time. A little later, the a/m marines seeing that their request has not been complied with, destroyed the picture and devastated the premises and took with them a red flag abandoning it later in the street. After that they went to the contiguous Communist Party Youth HQ, destroying the sign, the entrance and the windows. After the incident, representatives of the Communist and Socialist Parties threatened they will start a general strike as protest. The Commander of the a/m battalion intervened and deployed the incident assuring necessary steps for the identification of the responsible. The representatives of the a/m parties and those of the Chamber of Labour held a meeting later and decided to limit the protest by sending telegrams to the Ministry of War and to other political authorities. The public order is again normal.

(sgd) Capt. Chiavero

Certified a true copy

The Captain Adj Major in 2

-Francesco Marasco-

/s/ ? ? ?

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At about 1300 hrs on 8 instant at Barletta (Barl), few marines of the San Marco Battalion stationed in the a/m town, having noted on the outside of the Socialist Party Youth Hq a picture with the caricature of E.K. The King, asked the boy who was inside to take it off giving him ten minutes time. A little later, the a/m marines seeing that their request has not been complied with, destroyed the picture and devastated the premises and took with them a red flag abandoning it later in the street. After that they went to the contiguous Communist Party Youth Hq. destroying the sign, the entrance and the windows. After the incident, representatives of the Communist and Socialist Parties threatened they will start a general strike as protest. The Commander of the a/m battalion intervened and deplored the incident assuring necessary steps for the identification of the responsible. The representatives of the a/m parties and those of the Chamber of Labour held a meeting later and decided to limit the protest by sending telegrams to the Ministry of War and to other political authorities. The public order is again normal.

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The Captain Adj Major in 2

-Francesco Varasco-

/s/ ? ? ? ?

(sgd) Capt. Chiappero

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10: 3 FIVE AMH

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6 October 45

ROPPING

OCT - 6 1945

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THE FOLLOWING GAMES RECEIVED FROM ALCOHOL DE BARI

PARISH TO A FIVE AMH FROM ALCOHOL DE BARI

DI GARTAGE KING LEANER JIM RICH ARONIA HINGVING PARISH BARI PARISH

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Chief Commissioner
or Commissioner
CA Sec

From: Public Safety Sub- Comm.

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(enc. (Bartlett) 648

JOHN F. SHAFER Col.

G.J. BROWN
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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PORTING

OCT - 5 1945

FROM: ALCON LO BARI

TO: RE ALCON FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER WITH CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION, PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION. 52 AREA INFO 54 AREA

RESTRICTED.

DI GASTANO ring leader John ricta ANERIA-RINERVINO (BARI) arrested.

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To: AFHQ & FIVE

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1 October 45

PRIORITY

OCT - 1 1945

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PARA ONE PD THE FOLLOWING SIGNAL WAS RECEIVED FROM ALCON LO BARI PD
PARAH TO AFHQ & FIVE FROM ALCON CITE AFHQ PARAH

PARA TWO PD OPERATIONS IN AMBRIA AND MINERVINO HAD EXCELLENT EFFECT
PD POPULATION QUIET PD PLANS IN HAND FOR CAPTURE OF ARMED BAND
TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO WHO ESCAPED TO COUNTRY WEST OF MINERVINO PD
PARA THREE PD SITUATION LOCUS NORMAL PD

INT. DIST :

Chief Commissioner
Exec. Commissioner
Civil Affairs Sec.

From: Public Safety S/O

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(CMT BRYAN)

WORTHINGTON MAJ.

G.J. LEONE
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant.

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23 September 45

ROUTINE

SECRET PD

OCT - 1 1945

DURING SEPTEMBER DURING THE PERIOD RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC AREA
AS FOLLOWS

FROM 2 5 FIVE AM TO FROM ALONG WITH ASSET PAPER

SEPTEMBER TWO FIVE PD FROM LO HANI NUMBER FOX BLANT NINE ONE FOUR
ZERO PD ORDER OF SEVEN THOUSAND APPROXIMATE OUTSIDE PERPETUA LEON
IN SHOTS THE FIRE, RESULTING IN THREE CASUALTIES PD

SEPTEMBER TWO SIX PD THE HARBORING COMMAND CONFIRMED THE LEON
INCIDENT BUT ENLARGED BY STATING TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE DEMONSTRATED
IN LEON ONE STORMED THE PERPETUA AND DISARMED GUARDS PD POLICE
IS BUILDING UPON OVER HEADS OF CROWD PD IN ATTEMPT TO DISARM A

GUARD ONE HE FIRED HIS RIFLE AND THREE DEATHS RESULTED PD NO THOSE
WERE KILLED PD

SEPTEMBER TWO EIGHT PD FROM LO HANI NUMBER FOX BLANT NINE NINE TWO
NIGHT PD ALL QUIET LEON THROUGH TWO SEVEN PD PERMANENT FROM PLACE

P.T.O.

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WITHOUT INCIDENT PD FEELING WILL TAKE BUT POPULATION VERY
ORDERLY PD ADVISOR RECEIVED OF ONE AND THROPE PD
FOR NINE THREE SEVEN TWO OF TWO EIGHT SEPTEMBER 10 BARI ADDITIONAL
NOTES

TROUBLE ON TWO FOUR THREE WITH STRIKE OF MALAYS UNION IN PROTEST AT
COST OF LIVING PD GAMBA DEL LAYING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS IN WHICH
JOINED WORKERS OF TOBACCO FACTORY AND WERE SALVAGE DEPOT AND BARE
CLOSED PD

DEMANDS MADE TO PERFECT NEW FIRST DOUBLE BREAD AND OIL RATION SECOND
TOTAL STOCKING OF WINE EXPORT TO EXPORT MICHIGAN FOR FOODSTUFFS AND
GOODS FROM NORTH THIRD BAKING TO BE REQUISITIONED AND MANAGED BY
WORKERS COOPERATIVE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST BLACK MARKET
EXERCISE PD PRESENT LATER HAS INFORMED MINISTRY OF INTERIOR THAT
COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN REQUESTS VISIT OF POLITICAL PERSONALITY TO
INVESTIGATE PD NO TRUCK IN MINDS OF DISORDERS BARI PD
PARA NO CARLOS FROM WATERA ON MINISTERS DEPART DURING SEPTEMBER PD

DIST : Chief Commissioner
Exec Commr
POLAD A
POLAD B

SA Sect
Room 800

Public Safety S/O
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S.J. LORNE
CFO USA
Asst Adjutant

F.T. MORISONER MAJ.

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AICOM LO HANI

TO: HQ ALOOM FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER JPTD CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION PUBLIC SAFETY SUB
COMMISSION, 52 AREA INFO 52 AREA

INFO

RESTRICTED.

Situation INFO normal.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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10 SEP 1945
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ROUTINE
OCT - 1 1945

ALCOM LO EARI

ACTION BY ALCOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER RPTD PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMISSION. 52
AREA INFO 54 AREA

INFO

SECRET.

Operations in ARNOLA and MINWINFO had excellent effect. Population quiet.
Plans in hand for capture of armed band 200 strong who escaped to country west
of MINERVING.

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PARA ONE PD THE FOLLOWING SIGNAL WAS RECEIVED FROM ALCON LO BARI PD
PARER TO AFHQ DENSE FIVE FROM ALCON SITE AFHQ PARER PD
PARA TWO PD ALL QUIET LUCK THROUGH TWO SEVEN PD
PARA THREE PD FUNERALS TOOK PLACE WITHOUT INCIDENT PD FEELING
STILL THESE BUT POPULATION VERY ORDERLY PD ADEQUATE RESERVES OF
GUNS AND TROOPS PD

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION

~~Chief Commissioner~~
~~Ex Commissioner~~ ✓
~~SA Section~~

Public Safety s/s

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F.V. HORSCHER Maj.

G.J. LORNE
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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5 FIVE AMHQ

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23 September 45

PRIORITY

6 SEP 1945

SECRET PD

THE FOLLOWING IS THE GIST OF A VERBAL REPORT MADE BY THE PREFECT
 ST LUCIA TO AG 10 DARI AND PROVIDED BY THIS COMMISSION BY GAMES
 LOVE HADN STANT 7000 ONE OF SEPTEMBER TWO SEVEN PD
PAREN TO 5 FIVE AMHQ FROM ALONG SIDE ADONE PAREN
 ON TWO FOUR SEPTEMBER FIVE AMHQ SEND ZERO PEOPLE FORMED PROCESSION
 IN MARCH AT HIGH COST OF LIVING PD ON ARRIVAL AT PREFECTURE
 PREFECTURE GIVEN NAME OF JERUSALEM INTERVIEW PREFECT PD NOT FOR
 BEEN THROUGH MARCH AND MARCH MARCH AND MARCH ONE OFFICER
 SOME MARCH MARCH NAME TO PREFECTURE PD CHIEF MARCH NAME FIRST
 INCREASE YOUR RATION MARCH INCREASE OIL MARCH THIRD ESTABLISHMENT
 OF MARCH MARCH WITH MARCH ITALY INCREASE OF PAYMENTS IN CASE FOR
 REPORTS FROM MARCH PD
 PREFECT NAME RATION CONCERNED AND ORDER DISPERSED PD
 FOLLOWING DAY TWO FIVE HOUR TWO FIVE GROUP MOTIVATED SEVEN TO TEN
 PROCESSION FORMED PROCESSION PD ON ARRIVAL OUTSIDE PREFECTURE
 SUGGESTED IN DISARMING ONE MARCH MARCH MARCH AND ABOUT FIVE MARCH
 THOM THEY AND AWAY PD THEY THEN TRIED REMOVE LIGHT AUTOMATIC FROM
 QUAD TWO LOST FIVE AND SPARED FIVE KILLING THREE CIVILIANS PD

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P.T.O.

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NUMBER OF BOMBERS AND IMPROVED UNKNOWN DELIVERED SMALL PD
 OVER AIRCRAFTS WHICH WERE VIEWED OVER HEADS OF CROWD PD
 ON TWO AIR JETTISONED NO INCIDENTS PD
 FUNERAL TAKES PLACE TODAY INCIDENTS HEARD PD
 REINFORCEMENTS OF GARR AND FIRST BATTALION SAN MARCO DEUT WEST LEGGE
 PD VIRTUALLY ALL BOMBERS AND BOMBS DROPPED SINCE TWO FOUR PD
 AGITATION IN SAMATEA DEUT PROVINCE BUT NO INCIDENTS PD
 PARADES REPORT MADE PD
 NEW SUBJECT CMA THE POLICE ARE IN OVERSEAS CONTACTS OF LOVE BAKER
 LATER FROM ONE OF BOMBERS TWO SEVEN
 ALL (WIT) REMIND PD DURING OF ONE FIVE BOMB BAKER CLAREN OWING
 HIGH COST LIVING PARADOX BAKING BAKER CLOSE THREE TWO FIVE PD
 PERFECT PARADOX FEARS FURTHER INCIDENTS PD THOMAS IS ACTIVELY
 ECONOMIC OWING BAKING AND BAKING FEARS OF UNCONTROLLED FOODSTUFFS
 PD BOMBERS CLAREN CANNOT BUY SUFFICIENT ALL VEGETABLES MEAT OR
 WINE PD

Int. Dist. Chief Commissioner
 Executive Commissioner ✓
 C.I. Section
 Economic Section.

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Public Safety Sub-Comm.

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F.P. ROEBUCKER Maj.

G. J. LEONE
CWO USA

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SEP 29 1945

ALCOM LO BARI

RE ALCOM FOR EXCO COMM RPTD CIV AFFAIRS SECT SCOM SECT P SAFETY SC
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Additional notes LEGCE Incident.

1. Trouble on 24 began with strike of masons union in protest at cost of living. Camera del Lavoro organized procession in which joined workers of Tobacco factory and Mil Salvage Depot and bank clerks.
2. Demands made to Prefect were first double bread and oil ration second total blocking of wine export to effect exchange for foodstuffs and goods from north third bonuses to be regulated and managed by workers cooperative fourth intensified action against black market.
3. Prefect LEGCE has informed Ministry of Interior that Committee of Liberation requests visit of political personality to investigate.
4. No truth in rumour of disorders BARI.

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SEP 29 1945

From: *1000 10 10 11*

To : 1. AS ADJUTANT GENERAL COMMISSIONER HPTD CIVIC AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC
SAFETY IN 53 AREA INFO 54 AREA.

SUBJECT.

All quiet *THUR* through 27.

Funerals took place without incident. Feeling still tense.

Was population very orderly. Adequate reserves of *CPA* and troops.

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ACTION IN SAFETY 80
INFO *WHEAT* *WHEAT* *WHEAT*
BY *UNDERSTANDING* 2
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From 104 1000 10 11
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HEADQUARTERS
28 SEP 1945
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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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UNIT 2 MARK 20115 IMMEDIATE

FROM SGT MARK 201237A

TO SGT MARK

20115

SVC 3/23 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF YR SV 100 (.) FOR ATTENTION

CHIEF COMMISSIONER ALON SOON (.) MESSAGE REQUEST OFFICE 2132

REF/26TH 19TH 26TH (.) DELAY CAUSED BY OFFICE 2013

AT 1942

SENT ON 20115 AT 1912A ACH AT K

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Thank you

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25 SEP 1945

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IMMEDIATE

FROM ALCOM LO BARI

HQ ALCOM FOR EXEC COMH NPTD CIVIL AFFAIRS 3 SSOT ECON SEC F SAFETY SC
52 AREA INFO 54 AREA BY HAND

SECRET

Following is gist of verbal report from Prefect of LECCE to
L/O BARI.

On 24 September 5000 people formed procession in protest at
high cost of living. On arrival at Prefecture permission given send
up deputation interview Prefect. But mob broke through cordon and
entered courtyard and Prefect's own offices. Some wanton damage done
to furniture. Chief demands were first increase flour ration second
increase oil ration third establishment of BARTER system with North
ITALY instead of payments in cash for exports from south.

Prefect made ration concessions and crowd dispersed.

Following day (25th & 25th) crowd estimated 7 to 10 thousand
formed procession. On arrival outside Prefecture succeeded in disarm-
ing one Carabinieri officer and about 5 guards whom they led away.
They then tried remove light automobile from guard who lost wits and
opened fire killing 3 civilians. Number of wounded and injured
unknown believed small.

CC/RE armoured vehicle then fired over heads of crowd.

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On 26th September no incidents;

Funeral takes place today incidents feared.

Reinforcements of CC/RR and 1 Battalion SAN MARCO Regt sent LECCE. Virtually all business and shops closed since 24th. Agitation in GALATINA (LECCE Province) but no incidents.

Prefect's report ends.

All quiet BRINDISI. Strike of 150 bank clerks owing high cost living TARANTO caused banks close there 25th. Prefect TARANTO fears further incidents. Trouble is entirely economic owing scarcity and great price of uncontrolled foodstuffs. Poorer classes cannot buy sufficient oil vegetables meat or wine.

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Info - Chief Commissioner

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M/C Note

Lt Col TALLBOT informed of this message at 272030A.

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From: AGON TO BARI

10. NO ACTION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONERS REPTD CIVIL AFFAIRS AND UNLAW
 SAFETY BC 52 AREA INFO 4 AREA.

SEP 27 1945

Section 4

Verbal report received from GS/RS BANI that crowd of 7000 assembled outside Prefecture 1800H today.

Shells were fired resulting in 3 casualties.

Confirmation with more detail to follow when available.

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ACTION FOR SAFETY
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMMISSIONER 2
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Ly. Bonciani
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PRIORITY
SEP 26 1945

Re: AICOM BARI LG
ACTION: HQ AICOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION, PUBLIC
SAFETY SUB COM, 52 AREA INFO: 54 AREA BY HAND

SECRET.

Systematic combing by Carabinieri in ANCONA and MESSINA continuing without
serious incidents. Public order calm

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ACTION : PUBLIC SAFETY SC
INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER (C)
CA SEC
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26 SEP 1945
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AFHQ CITE SACMED

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24 September 45

IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT IS OPERATIONS IN ANDRIA MINERVINO AREA PDPAREN TO AFHQ CITE SACMED FROM ALCOM CITE ACPSE PAREN

REPORTING ON ACTIVITIES IN BARI AREA RESULTING FROM OUR RECENT REPRESENTATIONS TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTING ACTION BY THEM CMA LO BARI SIGNALS QUOTE FOLLOWING IS RESULT TO DATE OF LARGE SCALE CARABINIERI OPERATIONS IN ANDRIA AND MINERVINO PAREN BARI PROVINCE PAREN WHICH BEGAN TWO ZERO SEPTEMBER AND ARE STILL CONTINUING PD INTENTION ARREST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN JUNE AND MAKE WIDESPREAD SEARCH FOR ARMS PD FOUR SEVEN ARRESTS PD EIGHT SEVEN WEAPONS MOSTLY SPORTING GUNS AND PISTOLS PD MANY PERSONS FLED TO COUNTRY AND FORMING ARMED GANGS PD FIVE ZERO ZERO CARABINIERI INVOLVED PD SAMMARCO REGT IN RESERVE PD NO CASUALTIES AMONG CHARLIE CHARLIE ROGER ROGER DESPITE SHOTS FIRED AT CARABINIERI BARRACKS MINERVINO PD NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS PD ACCIDENT TO TRUCK CARRYING CARABINIERI RESERVES RESULTED ONE DEAD ONE SIX INJURED PD UNQUOTE PD

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Chief Commissioner
 Ex Commissioner (2)
 Public Safety S/C

CA Sec
 POLAD (A)

POLAD (B)

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
 CWO USA
 Asst Adjutant

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN Col.

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SEPT 23/0730A

24 SEP 1945

IMMEDIATE

From: ALCON 12 BAIT

To: HQ ALCON FOR INFO COMBAT ICHER RPTD CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COM
SE AREA INFO: SE AREA

SECRET.

Following is result to date of large scale carabinieri operations in
 ANDRIA and MINTERVINO (BARI Province) which began 20 September and are still
 continuing. Intention arrest those responsible for the civil disturbances in
 June and make widespread search for arms. 47 arrests. 37 weapons mostly
 sporting guns and pistols. Many persons fled to country and forming armed
 gangs. 500 carabinieri involved. 120000 men in reserve. No casualties
 among co/ys despite shots fired at carabinieri barracks MINTERVINO. No serious
 incidents. Accident to truck carrying carabinieri reserves resulted 1 dead 14
 injured

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ACTION: PUBLIC SAFETY SC

INFO: CHIEF COMBAT ICHER
 HQ COMBAT ICHER (2)
 CA 500
 POLAD (A)
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(Rue Konyak)

Ref: 3636/10.

20 September 1945.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. The Supreme Allied Commander has directed me to convey to you his grave concern at the state of public security throughout Italy, particularly with regard to illegal retention of arms. It is and has been the policy of the Supreme Allied Commander to recommend that the Italian Government take the strongest possible steps to deal with civil disturbances within their own territory. To this end he has also given instructions with regard to the clothing and equipment of the Carabinieri in order that they may be raised to a standard of efficiency. The Carabinieri, however, cannot be expected to take effective action in dealing with disturbances unless they receive guidance and support from the Italian Government and from the local Prefects, who must be prepared to call for military assistance if they consider such a course necessary. To this end the Prefects themselves should receive from the Italian Government clear and definite directives on their duties and responsibilities.
2. The collection of illegal stores of arms held by civilians is considered one of primary importance and is a matter which can only be brought about by properly planned and coordinated action between the local governments, the police agencies and the military authorities. In the territories under Military Government much has been done by such coordination and in spite of the known quantity of arms still in the hands of civilians marked progress is being made in their surrender. The Supreme Allied Commander urges that the same coordination should be effected in territory under Italian Government control where, in spite of the long period that has elapsed since the liberation, it is known that a great number of arms are illegally retained.
3. The present situation is viewed with gravity, as it is considered that further deterioration is likely to have serious consequences. In this connection the Italian Government must realize that their ability to maintain law and order must inevitably be an important factor in any decision of the Allied Governments in regard to the releasing of further territory to Italian control.
4. The Supreme Allied Commander is moved to instruct me to make these representations not only on account of the general situation but particularly because it was apparent to him that whatever measures were taken by the Italian Government to deal with the disturbances in the Ancona and Sinigaglia areas in June last were inadequate and did not prevent renewed

P.A. Answer on file 3656
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incidents occurring in the Bari area on 2 August. Present reports from Allied Officers, which are being transmitted to your Minister of the Interior, point to the possibility of a recurrence of disturbances in this area in the near future.

5. In this connection despite repeated requests I still await a reply to my original letter CC 3604 dated 13 July 1945 addressed to you, in which on instructions from the Supreme Allied Commander I asked for specific information as to the action taken by the Italian Government following on these disturbances.

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Ref: 3629/AC

14 September 1945

SUBJECT: Civil Disturbances

TO : Public Safety Subcommittee

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Would you please remind the Italian Prime Minister that no reply has yet been received to letter AC/14602/10/P2 dated 16 August 1945 on the above subject.

A. B. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref Y629/EC

September 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Information received by the Allied Commission from various sources indicates that there is considerable risk of disturbances in the Bari Area.

This Commission takes a most serious view of the conditions in that area and desires to impress upon the Italian Government the importance which it attaches to the maintenance of law and order and in this connection I desire to draw your very serious attention to the views of the Supreme Allied Commander which were conveyed to you in my letter CC. Y601 of the 13 Jul.

This Commission wishes to draw the attention of the Italian Government to the desirability of making at once such dispositions and of sending at once such re-inforcements into the area as will clearly indicate to those concerned the unwisdom of their intentions, and of issuing to all concerned any instructions which may be necessary to emphasize the importance of their taking prompt and effective action at the first sign of disturbance before it has time to gather momentum and to assure them that their acts will be supported.

I am sure you will agree that it would be most unfortunate if Bari had to be declared a Military Zone due to the inability of the Italian Government to maintain order.

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I am sure you will agree that it would be most unfortunate if Bari had to be declared a Military Zone due to the inability of the Italian Government to maintain order.

Very truly Yours

MILBY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief of Station

Professor Ferruccio PARZI
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
R O M E

[Copy to PS]

Tel: 478603

30 August 1945.

Ref: 3629/124/EC.

SUBJECT: Civil Disturbances.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
Attn: G-3 Ops.

1. With reference to the disturbances which took place in the MATERA area on 1 and 2 August 1945, the Allied Commission Liaison Officer at BARI has reported the following.

2. The Prefect and Carabinieri have taken a strong line and arrested the following men:

LOISEDO Domenico

- Secretary of the Communist Party at FERRANDINA.

SPINOLONE Domenico

- Communist leader at FERRANDINA.

RIGGIARELLI Giuseppe

PESTRONE Vincenzo

PAIOTTA Pasquale

} alleged to be concerned in the murder of CAPUTI Vincenzo at FERRANDINA.

and 27 men responsible for the disturbances.

3. Of the 49 prisoners released from the MATERA prison on the 1st August 1945, 16 have been re-arrested and 7 have returned.

For the Chief Commissioner:

D. W. REMSLEY

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: G-5, AFHQ.

C.A. Sec.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
HAIKON OFFICE
RUMI

Tel. 14152

Ref : LB/65.b.

SUBJECT : Civil Disturbances.

TO : V.F., Civil Affairs Section (2 copies),
HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION,
G.M.F.

20th August, 1945

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I would like to bring to notice the considerable fact that the Prefect and Carabinieri of MATTEA have taken a strong line following the recent disturbances there, and arrested the following men:-

1. LOUISO DOMINICO - Secretary of the Communist Party at VERMUNDIA.
 2. AFRONIMOS DOMINICO - Communist leader at VERMUNDIA.
 3. NICHOLASILI CAUSEPPE } alleged to be concerned
FRANCIS VINOMOSO } in the murder of GASTON VINOMOSO
PAULOTTA PASQUALE } at VERMUNDIA.
- and 27 ^{men} ~~men~~ responsible for the disturbance.

Of the 49 prisoners released from the MATTEA prison on the 1st August, 1945, 16 have been re-arrested and 7 returned.

S. W. Miller

S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Italian Officer, A.C.,
RUMI.

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HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION,
G.M.F.

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2. ANTONIO DOMINICO - Communist leader at PUEBLO.
3. NICOLAUS (Ginsappo) alleged to be concerned in the murder of GILBERT VINCENZO
FRANCESCO VINCENZO } at PUEBLO.
FRANCESCO PASQUALE }

and 27 ~~more~~ responsible for the disturbance.

Of the 49 prisoners released from the MATRA prison on the 1st August, 1948, 16 have been re-arrested and 7 returned.

S. Miller

S. T. MILLER, Colonel,
Madison Officer, A.C.,
BARI.

Copy to: Executive Commission,
H.I. ALLIED COMMISSION,
C.M.F.

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(Mrs Kessler) PAX

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Ref: 3629/119/10

19 August 1945

SUBJECT: Disturbances in the Bari Area

TO : AFHQ -- G-3 Ops.

1. With reference to your signal # 35746 dated 15 August 1945 enclosed please find copy of a letter received 16 August 1945 from the Minister of the Interior.

2. Further, the Chief Commissioner has written a strong letter to the Prime Minister pointing out the inadequacy of the steps taken to deal with the situation. A copy of this letter is also enclosed.

3. Pressure is still being brought to bear on the Italian Government in order that they may produce the required information.

For the Chief Commissioner:

R. W. KENSLEY
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

2 Incls:
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: LB/31

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 161305B

Message Centre No: 7/4129

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 161805B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM ALCOM LG BARI

AUG 18 1945

TO : HQ ALCOM FOR BRIG LUSH (PERSONAL)

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For 114 T-116 REFER
Greases ironed out. From available reports and today's conversation with officials. Public disorder not anticipated.

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Info - Chief Commissioner

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18 AUG 1945

A. C.

(As noted for 24 comm)

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Chief Commissioner.

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Attached is submitted for your signature/approval/information.

The Office is aware of the fact

that the Commission has taken appropriate protective

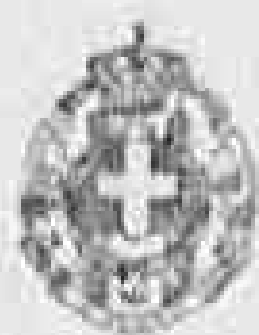
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MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI
IL CAPO DELLA SEGRETERIA
DI S. E. IL MINISTRO

14/ August 115

Dear Brigadier Lush.

This cable reached me late this afternoon. I at once telephoned to Bari and instructed Captain Toner to see that all executive & advisory action ceased. This is an example of an officer used to taking executive action failing to appreciate the duties of liaison. I had explained this before I left. As to suggesting military help in a situation that does not, and may not, exist, it is incredible. I propose to return by air 2.40 tomorrow & shall come to see you first. Yours S.W. M. C.

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: LB/30
Date/Time of Origin: AUGUST 14/1132B

Message Centre No: E/3852
Date Time Rec'd: AUGUST 14/1430B
Precedence: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: ALCOM LO BARI

TO: ACTION: HQ ALCOM FOR SENIOR COMMANDER GREEN FOR COLONEL MILLER

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Further disturbances anticipated in 2 communes TARANTO Province. LATERZIA (MELODIA Parm) and GROTTAGLIE. Communists issued secret orders for occupation of public buildings and seizure of lands privately owned. No dates given for action. Major REVELEY contacted second in command Carabinieri BARI who states that 30 reinforcements have already been sent to increase establishment making total actually centralized a hundred. Total of TARANTO Province now 200. Major REVELEY recommended Col TUCCARI contacts prefect TARANTO to apply for help through Italian Military Command BARI. Also he has requested Col TUCCARI to accompany him tomorrow to places of unrest to see that all necessary precautions are taken to safeguard public and private property. Phone impossible will keep you advised on any developments.

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14 AUG 1945

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ACTION: COL MILLER(c/o G-4 (B))

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER (2)
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Ref: 3629/113/EO

18 August 1945

SUBJECT: Disturbances in the Bari Area

TO : AFHQ -- G-3 Ops.

1. With reference to your signal F 35746 dated 15 August 1945 enclosed please find copy of a letter received 16 August 1945 from the Minister of the Interior.

2. Further, the Chief Commissioner has written a strong letter to the Prime Minister pointing out the inadequacy of the steps taken to deal with the situation.

3. We are, unfortunately, unable to give a date by when the Italian Government's report may be expected.

For the Chief Commissioner:

1 Incl:
as above

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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Translation

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The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

AUG 16 1945

Rome, 11 August 1945

Dear Admiral,

referring to your letter of the 5th, 3629/74/E.C.,
I want you to know that I sent a signal to the Prefect of Bari,
asking for a detailed report containing all the indications
which might supply the Supreme Allied Command with full informa-
tions about the well known Puglia incidents.

I shall forward to you the informations you asked
for as soon as I receive them.

THE MINISTER

S. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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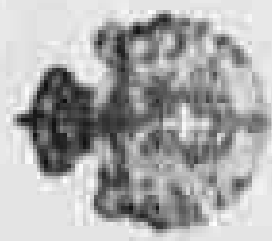
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(Nat Kensey)

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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
MINISTRO DELL'INTERNO

Roma, 11 agosto 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

in relazione alla Sua lettera 3045/11/5.0 del 5 corrente mese,
Le comunico che ho chiesto delegatamente al Prefetto di Bari
un rapporto dettagliato contenente tutte le indicazioni che possono
esaurientemente indicare il Comandante Supremo Allente in merito al
casi fatti di Puglia.

La riservo perciò di comunicarle le notizie richieste non al-
trimenti che perveniranno.

IL MINISTRO

Francesco Pini

AMMIRAGLIO ALLERY A. SPORRE
COMANDANTE CAPO DELLA
COMMISSIONE ALLIATA

in relazione alla Sua lettera 3025/VI/E.C del 3 corrente mese,
 Le comunico che ho chiesto telegraficamente al Prefetto di Bari
 un rapporto dettagliato contenente tutte le indicazioni che possono
 esaurientemente informare il Comando Supremo Alleato in merito ai
 nostri fatti di Puglia.

La riserva perciò di comunicarle le notizie richieste non ap-
 pena si perverranno.

IL MINISTRO

Enrico Ciano

Ammiraglio Eliery M. Stone
 Commissario Capo della
 Commissione Alleata

R.O.M.A

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

EXEC COM AM

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Originator's Reference: F 25745

Message Centre No: F/4023

Date/Time of Origin: 151343Z

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 160930

FROM: AMHQ SIGNED SACRED SITE PHOTO
TO: ALOR

Precedence: PRIORITY

AUG 16 1945

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Reference our F-30045 dated 30 July.

1. Request information required expedited and this Headquarters be informed when report may be expected.

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ACTION BY COMMISSIONER 5
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE 2
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AC/14602/10/PS

16 August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I would draw your attention to my letter 3629/71/EG of 5 August to which I have not received a reply.

I have now had the opportunity of considering your letter of 3 August with great care. It is with regret that I must inform you that this Commission cannot feel that adequate steps have been taken to deal with the situation at Minervino Murge.

That there is a dangerous atmosphere in the area is only too apparent and further evidence to that effect has been provided by the more recent outbreaks at Matera.

This is, without doubt, a direct challenge to the authority of Your Government and calls for stern measures. In these circumstances it cannot be agreed that to rely on the voluntary surrender of arms is satisfactory, and you are urged to make full use of the forces at your disposal in order to search out and confiscate all illegally held arms. I must also urge you to take severe and prompt action against the ring-leaders.

The Supreme Allied Commander has been taking personal interest in this whole affair and has expressed strong views at what he regards as inadequate steps so far taken.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Henry W. Stone

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

Professor Ferruccio PAREI
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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AUG 14 1945

AIDOM LO BARI

ACTION : HQ AIDOM FOR SENIOR COMMANDER GREEN FOR COLONEL MILLER

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further disturbances anticipated in 2 communes TARANTO Province. LATRICA (MELORIA MAR) and GROTTAGLIE. Communists issued secret orders for occupation of public buildings and seizure of lands privately owned. No dates given for action. Major REVELLY contacted second in command carabinieri BARI who states that 30 reinforcements have already been sent to increase establishment making total actually centralized a hundred. Total of TARANTO Province now 200. Major REVELLY recommended Col TUCCARI contacts prefect TARANTO to apply for help through Italian military command BARI. Also he has requested Col TUCCARI to accompany him tomorrow to places of unrest to see that all necessary precautions are taken to safeguard public and private property. Phone impossible will keep you advised on any developments

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ACTION : COL MILLER (c/o G-4 (B))

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9 AUG 1945

REPORT received from Col. Miller, AS Liaison Officer at BARI.

Received 0900 hrs on Wednesday, 8 Aug 45.

Situation at Monte S. Angelo now normal.

Riot was against the payment of taxes.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Executive Commissioner.

Letter to: A.E.H.Q.

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REMARKS: REPLY COMMENTS
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 4/35-4/24.

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6 AUG 1945

SUBJECT: Disturbance at INTERVIEW HOUSE.

TO: Executive Commissioner

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I refer you to letter 12/15, dated 31 Jul 45 (copy to you) addressed to me by Colonel Hillier.

You will see from the letter and annexed reports that the situation in the area is serious. The Government have refused to use the Italian troops given to them and have left it to the Carabinieri in collaboration with the Communist Party to tidy the matter up.

No one has yet been arrested and only 200 of the persons concerned have turned in their arms. In other words, as usual, the Italians from Part 1 downwards have done little or nothing to remedy a serious situation, a situation which, while calm on the surface, is thought by all observers to be full of dynamite for the future. If for no other reason than the personal interest taken in this matter by S.A.C., I do not think we can let the matter rest and if I did I believe, in view of the signals that have passed, the Chief Commissioner might incur the severe displeasure of S.A.C.

However, which I have also passed to the Chief Commissioner's office and therefore I am referring the matter to you to take up again with him.

I recommend that we bring the strongest pressure to bear on Part 1 to use the troops at his disposal and to organize house to house searches for arms, to order the immediate arrest and trial of those already listed and generally to tackle the problem energetically and courageously.

G.R. WILSON, Brig..
VI CA Section.

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Report received from Col. S. V. Miller, AS Liaison Officer, Bari.

Received 0945 hrs on Tuesday 7 AUG 45.

8 AUG 1945

*Fragmentary reports received last night that unknown number of people rioted yesterday at Monte S. Angelo (Foggia Province) and set on fire the Offices of the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths and Tax Collections and surrounded the Municipio.

*First Carabinieri reinforcements already reached Monte S. Angelo.

Further particulars when known.

p.s. Monte S. Angelo is an isolated village 3,000 feet high and I cannot think such will come from this disturbance.

To: Executive Commissioner
Public Safety Sub-Commission.
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Amendment to Report from L.D. Bari received on 3 Aug 45.

Number of rioters

Instead of "200 rioters"

insert "500 rioters".

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