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ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION
JULY-OCT. 1946

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to be confirmed.
There are 27929 forms
info. I believe EC has seen 27.
I mean 30/9 18.11.10 MD

15.

Ex Comm. Please see folio 13 for info. (folio 11 refers)
 PS. Have been awaiting reply to folio 11
 before taking action

28.10.70 M. 27/8.

16.

Ex Comm.

C.S.O. see 11-13 & 14

This question is being dealt with
 in RS file AC/14384/PS and is now being
 pursued thru V.P. C.H.S. to Ex Comm.

27.8.46.

Ex Comm. Colman
 J. W. W. W.

Ex Comm

18.

Ex Comm. Please see folio 17 for info.

28.10.70 M. 28/8. R.D.C. 29/8.

19.

When & how have the Station Gilt been requested

We have not, so far as I know, yet taken action

504

P.A. 18.10.70 M. 28/8. R.D.C. 29/8.

on 13.

in P/S file AC/14384/P8 and is now being
processed thru V.P. C.H.S. to Ex Comm.

27.8.46.

E. J. Byrne Calamity
H. W. M. C. W.

Ex Comm

18.

etc. Please see folio 17 for info.

L. M. C. M. 28/8. N. D. C. 29/8.

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When I show him the Station but been requested

we have and, so far as I know, yet taken action

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P. A. 13/10/46
13/10/46

on 13.

Ex Comm

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Please see folios 20, 21 & 22 for info.
Previous action taken on P/S file 14384.

Ex Comm

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We have to refer reply of Station. Sub: 4-11

Should be followed up. 11/10/46

Minute No. 8Executive Commissioner.

Submitted herewith as requested letter to G-5 AFHQ for Executive Commissioner's approval and signature.

It is considered that matters concerning illegal movement are the concern of Public Safety Sub-Commission who should take up such questions with the Italian Government. This Sub-Commission is responsible for the more mundane organized moves.

For the Director:

(R)

12 August 1946

C.F. FOTHERGILL,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director, D.P.R.S.C.

Tel. Ext. 392

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Ex Comm.

Ref letter opposite submitted for signature.
This matter arose as a result of the
signal at 41. See suggested draft
at 44 and in's 5, 7 and 8.

Letter should have come in as a
final draft for approval, but I am
passing it through. J.H. 12/8.

As amended. AS / 13/8

503

12 August 1946

Tel. Ext. 392

For the Director:

(11)

C.F. ROTHERGILL,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director, D.P.R.S.C.

9.

Ex Comm.

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signal at 4. See suggested draft
at 4 and in's 5, 7 and 8.
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final draft for approval, but I am
forwarding it through. H.S. 12/8.

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As amended. H.S. 13/8

Ensign H.C.

Letter opposite returned for disposal. H.C.'s copy
has already been placed in the file.

H.S.

Minute No. 5.

Executive Commission.

1. This Sub-Commission suggests para 3 should read as follows:-

" I consider that if this Commission is to make representations or pass information to the Italian Government on this matter, such action should be through the present normal channels AMHQ - G2Q, M2P, and AC - BMA Tripolitania on questions of actual movement ex-Italy to Tripolitania. Cases of illegal immigration ex-Italy will be dealt with by Public Safety Sub-Commission and the Italian Government."

2. Considerable advantage exists in our being permitted to deal direct with BMA Tripolitania on movement questions.

For the Director:

(Holleryill)

C.P. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director D.P.R.S.C.

3 August 1946

Tel. Ext. 392.

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600. Please see m. 5. m. 3 & 5. refer. J. mpc m. 6/3

V.P. C.A.S.

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Your draft at 4 & 4 was passed to Diester for necessary action.

Do you agree with their amendment at m 5? If so I will have second draft made for approval of C.C.

*Target
Subject
submitted*

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3 August 1946
Tel. Ext. 392.

For the Director:

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C. J. O'NEILL
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director D.P.R.S.C.

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Place see m. 5. ³ 4 5 ⁵⁰¹
m. ⁴ 4 ^{refer}
J. McW. 6/3

V.P. C.A.S.

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to Dispen for necessary action.

Do you agree with their amendment
at m 5? If so I will have second
amendment draft made for approval of C.C.

Target is
subject to
amendment
supplied
mm. S. McW. C.A.S.

68. 2. B. M. S. Smith
Lt. Col.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

OCT - 8 1946

8 October 1946

W/AS/10

W/AS/10 : Illegal Emigration from Sicily to Tripolitania.

W/AS/10 : 1.7.46, 0-5.

1. Reference is made to this Commission's letter of even reference dated 27th September 1946.

2. Further letters have been received from the Ministry of Interior in which it is stated that the Italian authorities at Syracuse have and are taking energetic action to prevent illegal emigration to Tripolitania and that they have not been negligent in this action. Small boats have been stopped and their crews arrested. However the shore at Syracuse, suitable for refugees to disembark or ashorecrafts for a distance of about 90 kilometres and insufficient patrolling craft have been available to check effectively the emigration.

3. The Ministry have now asked the Ministry of Post War Assistance and the Ministry of Merchant Marine to take the following action:-
Ministry of Post War Assistance :

- a. stop sending Libyan refugees to Refugee Camps at Syracuse;
- b. to return as early as possible of those in camps, to their places of origin;
- c. to inform such refugees that it will be impossible to reach Libya by illegal means.

Ministry of Merchant Marine :

- a. to increase surveillance over small coastal craft.
- b. to take rigorous action under Maritime Law against persons concerned in illegal emigration.
- c. to request the Italian Navy for additional Patrol boats to prevent boats illegally leaving the vicinity and for liaison work between the Maritime and Police Authorities.
- d. strong action will be taken by the Prefect of Syracuse against offending boat owners.

4. The Tripoli are still sending cables on the subject of illegal emigration direct to Public Safety & this Commission, and in view of this Commission's letter W/AS/10 dated 15th August 1946 and your signal W/AS/10 of 1st October, may this Commission be informed whether action should continue to be taken on receipt of such cables.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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McAnn Brigadier

W. McAnn, Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

(Specimen) 1/10/46

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RMAT/2628.

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~~SECRET~~

SEP 30 1946

Ed. Comm. 29

R/6896

SEP 29 1600B

ROUTINE

REMA TRIPOLI

PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION ROME, INFO MIDEAST FOR CIV AFFAIRS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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RMAT/2592 dated 25 Sep refers.

13 Men 15 Women 19 Children (total 47) - illegal immigrants, from an unknown vessel which escaped, apprehended. Landed 27 Sep west of GARGAUST.

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AC Dist

Action Public Safety (2)

Info Chief Commissioner
Exec Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS
29 SEP 1946
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(y/c mac)

See 17-30

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BMAT 2596
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IMPORTANT

BENA TRIPOLI

ALCON ROME FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

INFO MIDEAST CIVAFFAIRS

SEP 27 1945

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SECRET

Subject is Italian Illegal Immigrants from Sicily Tripoli-
tonia captured since 12 August. In the one case so far brought
to trial Captain of boat sentenced one year imprisonment plus
24000 Mal fine. Crew received 6 months each. Boat confiscated.
Other Captains and crew will receive similar sentences on
conviction. Prosecution will ask for boats to be confiscated
in each case. Information here suggests that it is believed HQ
Sicily to ask Captain and crews of captured boats are treated
leniently. Grateful you do everything possible to dispel
this view earliest.

Cipher Note: This message received corrupt, please advise
us if any check is required.

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See 29. 1730

Action: Public Safety (2)

Info: Chief Commissioner

Executive Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

URGENT

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
General Direction of Public Safety
Frontier Police and Transports Division

SEP 27 1946

No. 300/53262.24. Sect. 2

Rome, 16 September 1946.

SUBJECT: Clandestine immigration from Italy into Tripolitania

TO : Office of the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, Rome.

Receipt is acknowledge of the letters A.C.14384.P.S. dated 9 and 10 September 1946.

This Ministry has given every attention to the matters concerned.

The strict orders which had already been given before, have again been issued for the repression of clandestine expatriation in Tripolitania.

An investigation is being made about the behavior of the Authorities of Siracusa with regard to these expatriations. As soon as it is concluded, you will be informed without delay.

FOR THE MINISTER

/s/ Ferrari

EC Bert - 23/9/46

Autore P. Safety
by C.C.
E.C.

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PA 17/9/46

(CSO)

Gen M

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394 794

Ref: AC/14354/PS

23
2 September 1946

SUBJECT: Illegal Emigration to TRIPOLITANIA

TO : The Ministry of Interior,
Italian Government,
ROME.

1. During the past few months reports have reached this HQ from the British Administration, TRIPOLITANIA, of large numbers of illegal immigrants, from SIRACUSE, Sicily, landing in TRIPOLITANIA.

2. Since 1st January 1946 over 700 persons have landed in TRIPOLITANIA.

3. This Commission has invariably passed all the information received to your Ministry, including the names of the vessels, (when known), the names and addresses of the Captains and/or Owners of the vessels and particulars of other persons believed to be concerned in the illegal traffic, together with a request that strict supervision be exercised over personnel in ships leaving SIRACUSE and the vicinity.

4. So far no tangible result has been achieved and illegal immigrants are continuing to reach TRIPOLITANIA. Some immigrants have stated they embarked at SIRACUSE with the knowledge and assisted by the local authorities. This information was passed to you vide this Commission's letter AC/14357/PS dated 26 July 1946.

5. In view of the foregoing I am directed by the Supreme Allied Commander to request that strong action be taken to stop this illegal emigration and that proceedings are instituted against persons found to be responsible or implicated in any case in which emigration is carried out or attempted contrary to Italian laws and regulations.

6. It would also be appreciated if this Commission could be informed of the measures adopted and the results obtained as urgently as possible.

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

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
Executive Commissioner.

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J. M. M.

LA 2/9/46

ALCOM

4 SEPTEMBER 1946

A.F.H.Q.

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS ILLEGAL EMIGRATION TO TRIPOLITANIA
REFERENCE YOUR CHARLIE SEVEN ONE TWO NINE SEVEN OF THREE ONE
AUGUST PD
PARA TWO PD REQUEST TO STOP ILLEGAL EMIGRATION HAS BEEN SENT TO
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR URGENT REPLY PD
PARA THREE PD AS RESULT OF PREVIOUS VERBAL DISCUSSIONS PUBLIC
SAFETY DEPT MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REPORTS THAT ONE SHIP OWNER
AND TWO COMMANDERS OF MOTOR BOATS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED PD THAT
STRICT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO PREFECT SYRACUSE TO
STOP ILLICIT TRAFFIC PD

Int. Dist:

Executive Commissioner. ✓
VP. CA Section.

PRIORITY

Public Safety S/C

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E.J. BYE Colonel

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PAUL COLE
1st Lt. Air Corps
Asst Adjutant.

(S/comm. sec)

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AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHGEG
TROOPERS LONDON INFO: CINC MELF ALCON ROME

SEP 5 1946

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Reference our FX 71148 of 28 August and your 66185MO4 of 27 Aug.
Since emigrat from Italy does not come under military control the
whole question it is submitted should be transferred to diplomatic
Channels.

AC DIST

INFO ACTION
INFO

P. SAFETY
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMR
C.A.S.
FILE
SKELETON

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HEADQUARTERS
52 SEP 1946
A. F. C.

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AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHOEN
ALCOM ROME

SEP 2 1946

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Subject illegal emigration SYRACUSE to TRIPOLITANIA.
Ref our letter G-5907. 10 of 23 August 46 and cable FX 71148
of 28 August 46.

Grateful if the reply of the Italian Government to your
request could be obtained as a matter of urgency.

AC DIST

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
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by G-22, 10/24

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FX 71148

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WAR OFFICE INFO: C IN C MEMP ALCON

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(REUR 66185MO4 OF 27 AUGUST 46 NOT TO ALCON).

SUBJECT IS ILLEGAL EMIGRATION FROM SYRACUSE TO TRIPOLITANIA.

1. AS A RESULT OF A PREVIOUS REQUEST FROM BEMA TRIPOLITANIA IN THEIR CABLE BMT/3159 OF 24 JULY 46 TO ALLIED COMMISSION HOME THE ITALIAN GOVT HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PREVENT FURTHER EMIGRATIONS. THEIR REPLY IS STILL AWAITED AND WILL BE COMMUNICATED AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

2. THESE EMIGRATIONS ARE EVIDENCE OF THE DESIRE OF THE CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS OF TRIPOLITANIANS WHO FLED TO SICILY AND OTHER PARTS OF ITALY DURING THE WESTERN DESERT CAMPAIGN TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES

AC DIST

INFO: ACTION: PUBLIC SAFETY

INFO : CHIEF COMMR

C.A.S.

FI COMMR

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USAD WASHINGTON

29 AUG 1946

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Ref. BMAT/2359 of 23
Aug. destroyed by Capt K.
Col. R. Price

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 907.10

23 August 1946

AUG 27 1946

SUBJECT: Immigration into TRIPOLITANIA.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference your DPR/3-1/EA of 15 Aug. with regard to illegal
emigration from Sicily to Tripolitania.

Will you please ask the appropriate Italian Authority to take
the necessary steps to put an end to this exigration and inform this
HQ of their reply.

When this HQ writes to REMA it will mention the questions of
channels.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A.L. Hambley
A.L. HAMBLEY
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

ACTION - DPR S/C
INFO - R.C.

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28/8/46
P.A.
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See 17-15.16

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BEAT 2277
AUG 091200A

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AUG 101400H

PRIORITY

SEMA TRIPDISTRICT
ALCON PUBLIC SAFETY S/C HOME
INFO: VIDEANT FOR CIVAFFAIRS

AUG 12 1946

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SEC ST.

Subject is illegal immigration from Italy.
Approximately two hundred illegal immigrants landed night
of 7 August near Togliara. Fourteen men, one hundred and fifty
women and children so far apprehended. Name of ship unknown,
made off before immigrants discovered. Immigrants interrogated
state that originally embarked Syracuse on San Francesco Di
Paolo which was impounded by Italian authorities and master
arrested. Immigrants settled later on another ship of which
name pointed out.

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Action: P. Safety (2)

Info: U; Commr

Ex. Commr

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10 AUG 1946

C. C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: BR/3-1/NA.

15 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Immigration into TRIPOLITANIA.

TO : ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS.
Attention: G-5 Section.

1. Communications are received from time to time from the British Military Administration, TRIPOLITANIA, containing information regarding alleged illegal immigration into TRIPOLITANIA and requesting this Headquarters to pass information on to the Italian Government or to take the matter up with that Government. Attached is the latest request.

2. I should be glad if you would therefore ask the British Military Administration, TRIPOLITANIA, to pass such requests through your HQ.

For the Chief Commissioner,

M S LUSH

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Com
Ex. Com
Polad (A)
Polad (B)
Public Safety S/O

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C O P Y.

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REF : BMAT/2159
DATE : 241007Z JULY

FROM : BEMA TRIPOLI
TO : ALCOM ROME PUB. SAFETY S/C MIDEAST FOR CIVAPPANTS

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Subject illegal immigrants. Further to this HQ signal BMAT/1986 of 28 June total illegal immigrants entered Tripolitania from Siracusa since 1 Jan has now reached 200. Every indication that immigrants make arrangements and leave Siracusa old harbour openly. Almost certainly with knowledge of local authorities. Certain passengers said to have been assisted financially by local authorities. Can matter be raised with Italian authorities.

DRAFT.

SUBJECT: Immigration into Tripolitania.

TO: AFHQ. G-5

1. Communications are received from time to time from the British Military Administration, Tripolitania containing information regarding alleged illegal immigration into Tripolitania and requesting this Headquarters to pass information on to the Italian Government or to take the matter up with that Government.

2. I understand that the whole question of permission being refused to Italian subjects to return to Tripolitania may be raised by Mr. Fiorello N. La Guardia, Director General of UNRRA with the British Government.

3. *ex par. information*
I consider that if this Commission is to make representations to the Italian Government on this matter such action should be taken in conjunction with your Headquarters and that the proper channel of communication is through your Headquarters.

I shall be glad if you would arrange accordingly.

Head Tripolitania.

copies to: CC

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3.

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I shall be glad if you would arrange accordingly with

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Poland, A.

Polini B.

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

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The C.C. wants a letter from the above
 Lawrence to go to Atty Gen. I shall send you
 the policy file on this subject. I think this is
 a proper subject. Rather than P.S. C.C. will have
 to approve draft like issue.
 M.C. 327

ms. 277

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26 JULY 1946

SEA THREATENING

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CONTACT TO BUREAU IMMIGRATION

PARA ONE TO NEW YORK NINE AREA TOWN SLIGHT TWO ONE FIVE NINE DATED

TWO FIVE JULY FIVE SIX TO

PARA TWO TO THIS MATTER HAS BEEN RAISED WITH ITALIAN CONSULATES TO

INTER POLICE TO

see 113-5.

THE IMMIGRATION

- Chief Commissioner
- Civil Affairs Section
- Executive Commissioner.

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REPORT

Public Safety sub-committee

THOMAS PICKENS
CWO, USA
Post Adjutant.

Frank J. Wilson
P.J. Wilson, Lt. Colonel.

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Big Can -
 Go & say at this. I would refer to G-5.

We can't take
 orders from Tripoli

BMAT/2159
 241007Z JULY
 BEMA TRIPOLI

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ROUTINE

ALCOM ROME PUB. SAFETY S/C MIDEAST FOR CIVAFFAIRS

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Not without direction
 AC DIST from G-5

Action: Public Safety

Info: Chief Commissioner

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Public Safety informed
 let to depart any more info
 to it Govt.

Defence Corp. then
 one more info to get
 to it. Africa from SIC/

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