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ITALIAN GARRISON, SICILY
SEPT. - DEC. 1944

Col.

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13 arrived today before your draft letter and telegram were typed. You may now wish to amend before sending, or even not to send at all.

Col. agreed not to send.

Il 25/10

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Chief Commissioner.

1. At 13 AFHQ have replied to our letter of 2 Oct (folio 10) 22 days later. No acknowledgement has ever been received to our letter of 25 Sept (folio 6). It apparently took a riot to produce 13.
2. The situation does now seem to be receiving belated attention and on the whole 13 is satisfactory.

26 Oct 44.

MSL
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

To CofS

Noted

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24/10/44

*Ministero delle Corporazioni*DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SEGRETARIATO
DEL CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE CORPORAZIONI
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

AFHQ.

On Sept 25 I protested in my telegram
3862 to my letter 823/6/619 against
removal of Italian Troops from Sicily.

On Oct 2 in my 823/10/6A I referred
to the same question & stated that it would
be unwise to reduce the military garrison in Sicily
as proposed by AAI.

To none of these communications has I
received any reply. The battalion of troops
removed from Sicily has not been replaced
& I have seen no instructions directing that
I should be consulted before I S. *Italy*

Troops are moved. When my Chief of Staff visited ^{GS} AFHQ recently he was told that this was a matter for some other branch (G. ORG) from whom he received no assurance whatever.

In the meantime a serious clash has arisen in Sicily & the High Commissioners have rightly asked for more troops.

I think it essential when dealing with internal security in an island such as Sicily where the forces of order & disorder are evenly matched that the recommendations made by ~~the Italian Govt & myself~~ ^{the Italian Govt} are those responsible for maintaining law & order (Italian Govt) be ~~not~~ fulfilled if possible, & in any case answered without delay so that dispositions may be made. M/C AHC



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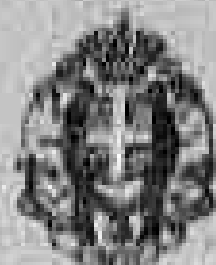
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AFHQ G-3

MHI
Aug 11
C.A.S.
30/11/43Td

On September 25 I requested
by telegram 3802 & letter 823/6/CA
that Italian troops in Sicily should
not be reduced. I repeated this by letter
823/10/CA
— Oct 2nd — Then received no reply to
any communication & one battalion removed
from Sicily without reference to me has not
yet been replaced. In meantime
incident of ^{State that} ~~Palermo~~ has made Italian Govt
even more concerned about law & order in

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DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SEGRETARIATO
DEL CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE CORPORAZIONI
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

in the interest for which they are
responsible. Request urgent decision
and if possible immediate return —
battalion ~~to~~ from Calabria to
Sicily

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AFHQ

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18 Dec 44

SEE PRIORITY

~~SECRET~~ PD

ONE PD INTERNAL SECURITY POSITION IN SICILY IS WEAKENED BY TWO BATTALIONS OF THE TWO ITEM SUGAR DIVISIONS IN SICILY BEING EMPLOYED ON THE MAINLAND PAREN CALABRIA PAREN FOR GUARD DUTIES PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALCOM FROM LUSH PAREN

TWO PD THE PROBLEM OF ITEM SUGAR TROOPS FOR THE MAINLAND CMA SARDEGNA AND SICILY WAS PASSED TO YOU FOR A DECISION BY HEADQUARTERS ABLE ABLE ITEM IN THEIR LETTER ONE SIX ZERO FIVE SLANT THREE ZERO SLANT ONE SLANT GEORGE PAREN SUGAR DOG ONE PAREN OF TWO FOUR SEPTEMBER ONE NINE FOUR FOUR PD
THREE PD IN YOUR SIGNAL FOX XRAY FOUR THREE SEVEN ONE THREE OF TWO FIVE OCTOBER YOU ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF TROOPS CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN SARDEGNA WHICH WAS ANSWERED BY OUR FIVE EIGHT TWO TWO OF TWO NOVEMBER PD —
FOUR PD IN VIEW OF RECENT DISTURBANCES IN CATANIA I AGAIN RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT TWO EIGHTEEN FULL ITEM SUGAR DIVISIONS ARE MINIMUM PRESENT GARRISON REQUIRED FOR SICILY AND THAT MOVE OF TROOPS TO ACHIEVE THIS BE UNDERTAKEN EARLIEST

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Civil Affairs Sec for Public Health Sub-Comm

Office of Chief of Staff

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G. W. I. SHIPP

H. W. BRADSHAW
Major, AGO
ADJUTANT

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AFHQ SIGNED SAC FROM G-3

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Oct 25 1741

PRIORITY 26 OCT Recd
CITE PHOCT

~~SECRET~~ Reference conversation LUSH-NATKIR. 1. Internal security commitments of ITALY, SICILY, and SARDINIA at present under revision. It is desired to withdraw from SARDINIA for duties on the mainland all personnel of the CALABRIA division not required for security purposes in the island. 2. Request you confirm number of troops you consider should remain in SARDINIA.

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26 OCT 1944

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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By Authority of
SACM
Initials
Date 26 October 1944

AG 370.6/151 GCT-O

SUBJECT: Italian Garrison in SICILY.

25 OCT 1944

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your 823.10.CA of 2 October 1944, requesting clarification of the principle involved in deciding the responsibility relating to the Internal Security of portions of Italy as a whole.

2. It is agreed that the responsibility for Internal Security is shared between the Military Commander of any district of Italy, and yourself, but it is not agreed that the Internal Security problem in SICILY rests entirely with the Italian Government. As with the rest of Italy, it is one to be decided between the District Commander and yourself.

3. Following the recent disturbances in SICILY, the Internal Security of the Island is again under consideration, in order to meet your request to return the one battalion of the AOSTA Division, at present guarding the SILAN Power Station, to SICILY to rejoin the division. At the same time the possibility of sending two Battalions of the Calabria Division from Sardinia to Calabria for guard duties is being studied.

4. You will be notified as soon as these arrangements are completed, and in future, any alterations regarding the disposition of troops relating to the Internal Security, within Italy as a whole, will be discussed with your Commission before implementation.

By command of General WILSON:



H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General

cc to:
C-in-C, AAI
President, MMIA

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OCT
Office of the Chief of Staff.

Ref : 2306/14/COS.

5 October, 1944

SUBJECT : Granai del Popolo, Sicily.

TO : Economic Section.

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file 2306/14/COS

1. I refer to Sicily Region Headquarters letter No. RO/433 of the 28th of September.

2. With regard to proposals made by Brigadier Carr in para 12 of his letter the points with regard to Italian Army dispositions have been taken up with AFHQ in two recent letters in which it was asked that any proposed alternations in the military garrison of Sicily should be referred to this Headquarters before implementation and that the military garrison in Sicily should not be reduced below two Italian internal security battalions.

3. Would you please in consultation with the Civil Affairs Section produce a letter to the Prime Minister setting out the main facts of the case as reported by Brigadier Carr, the weaknesses as they appear to this Commission and any remedies which you recommend to be taken.

su
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Civil Affairs Section.

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Acting Chief Commissioner

Pl. see p. 8.

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

The file gives you the necessary brief for discussion. *VAC HQ*

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Ref: 823/10/CA.

2nd October 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Garrison in SICILY.

TO: Allied Forces Headquarters.

1. HA AAI's letter 1605/30/1/G (RDI) dated 24th September 1944, para 4, raises a question of principle.
2. Commander-in-Chief states that the responsibility for internal security in SICILY rests with Commander, 3rd District who has so far expressed to AAI no dissatisfaction with the reduction of the garrison.
3. In my letter of 25th September, I pointed out that the responsibility for internal security is shared between the Military Commander and myself. I should have added that in SICILY the problem of internal security rests with the Italian Government.
4. I think it would be as well if the responsibilities of District Commanders in territory handed back to the Italian Government with regard to internal security or perhaps a further definition of the meaning of "internal security" were made clear.
5. On behalf of the Italian Government who have made several representations on this point, I would reiterate that from the point of view of internal security it would be unwise to reduce the military garrison as proposed.

MILNEY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Copy to HQ AAI.
RMA
A/OC (2).

Executive Commissioner.

27 Sep. 44

Sicily Garrison

1. Please see ⁷ and ⁸.

2. Para. 7 states that decision in this matter is with AFHQ and in para. 6 that even if it is decided to withdraw 2 Bns from SARDINIA to fill the gap, it is considered this move can be delayed due to backlog of personnel awaiting shipment from SARDINIA.

3. I have telephoned Col. Lewin-Harris and asked him to see that no decision contrary to your views - which I know - be taken before your return, and to tie this letter up with the signal that you sent.

E. Talbot
E. TALBOT,
Major.

SUBJECT: Italian Arm of SICILY

130 MILLION ARMED IN ITALY.

Ref: FILFOT 23.

1605/30/12/6(SDM).

Sep 44.

JMW (5)

Copy to: HQ 3 District
 CO (Orig LHM)
 G (Orig)
 GSI(b)
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130 SEP Head

Ref attached LHM 31/05 of 15 04.

1. The present arm of CALABRIA consists of units of PUGNO and CALABRIA Divs which are required in mid Oct for reorganisation in the fifth and sixth Gruppi. A recent review of requirements for Italian the for 6d duties on VP's and allied installations shows that the 22 bns arranged will be fully committed in Armies, FBs and Districts. No uncommitted troops are available on the mainland to relieve units in Calabria. The commitment in CALABRIA amounts to two or more bns. 3 District have not yet reported if additional tps are required.

2. As a result of the above, orders were issued in 1605/50/12/4(SDM) of 7 Sep for SABATIA Div in SICILY (strength 10000) to take over the CALABRIA commitment, and it was the view of A.I. that the greater risk of disturbance in SICILY should be accepted.

3. On 24 Sep a verbal message was received from ~~212 LHM~~ ACC, that the Chief Commissioner was opposed, for reasons of security, to any reduction in the arm of SICILY.

4. The responsibility for Internal Security in SICILY rests with Comd 3 District who has so far expressed to A.I. no dissatisfaction with the reduction of the arm.

5. The alternatives are:-

either (a) The orders issued by A.I. in 1605/50/12/6(SDM) of 7 Sep 44

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1. The present staff of Carabinieri consists of units of PICOZO and LINTOVI, five which are required in the Oct for reorganisation in the fifth and sixth Groups. A recent review of requirements for Italian troops for garrisons on VP's and allied installations shows that the 22 units arranged will be fully committed in armies, PIS and Districts. No uncommitted troops are available on the mainland to relieve units in Calabria. The commitment in Calabria amounts to two or zero units. 3 District have not yet reported if additional troops are required.

2. as a result of the above, orders were issued in 1805/50/12/2/204) of 7 Sep for SACHS Div in SICILY (strength 10000) to take over the CARACALAN commitment, and it was the view of A.I. that the greater risk of disturbance in SICILY should be accepted.

On 24 Sep a verbal message was received from ~~THIS UNIT~~, NYC, that the Chief Commissioner was opposed, for reasons of security, to any publication in the gen of SIGINT.

The responsibility for Internal Security in 317TH rests with Comd 3 District. He has to far expressed to all no dissatisfaction with the execution of the plan.

The statistics are...

either (a) The order issued by L.I. in 1955/50/12/6(ODA) of 7 **1137**
or (b) Grn of 1.12.1955 is reduced from five thousand by two ones (1600)
or more; these two or more ones to be moved to 4.12.1955.

6. If alternative (b) is accepted, in view of (1) the need for reorganisation of staff to commence work by Oct 1961, (ii) the considerable backlog of personnel awaiting shipment from Australia, it is considered that the arrangements already made for the relief of the AMOVs and PLMOs should remain unchanged, and the shipment of the two or three men from Australia be deferred, providing always AMOs are prepared to accept the risks involved in the temporary reduction in the arm of sight.

7. The decision as to which alternative is accepted rests with JCS. Should it be decided to remove the Gen of SMCAL, I will allot the Gns an appropriate priority on List 7.

General,
Commander in Chief,

COPISUBJECT: SICILY

SECRET
Military Mission Italian Army.
ROME.

SD/25.
19 Sept. 44.

H.Q. MAI (2)

1. The Italian Ministry of War are anxious about SICILY. They say that conditions there are unsettled and trouble may come from Communists, Separatists etc.,
2. As you know, SALINZA Division in SICILY is being reorganised and split into two "standard I.S. Divisions," which will be named SALINZA and MOSCA.
3. I understand that the idea is to transfer two bns from SICILY to replace two bns of SALINZA Division when the latter are concentrated for training and formation into a Combat Group.
4. I suggest that it may be better if two bns of GALILEI, standard I.S. Division (earmarked for partition of SALINZA) were transferred to replace the two bns of MOSCA. This would leave SALINZA and MOSCA intact and the I.S. problem in SALINZA is far less than that in SICILY.
5. I do not know whether you are dealing with all this now or whether it is an AFHQ responsibility. But I send this letter to you as a suggestion for onward transmission, with your remarks if necessary, to AFHQ.

tvs. LB.
S.O.

(signed) L. DRAMING.
Major General.
A.A.I....

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copy to : H.Q. No. 3 District.

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Ref: ¹¹²905/6/CA
205/CA

25th September 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Garrison in SICILY.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.

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1. I refer to my telegram 3862 of 25th September. The Italian garrison in SICILY has been reduced under orders from AAI by one battalion and possibly will be reduced by a further battalion, without reference to myself.

2. I fully appreciate that the battalions are needed to relieve other battalions required for operational purposes. But the maintenance of law and order is the responsibility which I have assumed on behalf of the S.A.C. The methods adopted to maintain law and order and the numbers of Carabinieri and other police agencies employed to do so are naturally affected by the strength of the Italian garrisons in any particular area.

3. I would ask you, therefore, that in future I should be consulted when any change is contemplated in the Italian military garrisons in SICILY, SARDINIA and those parts of Italy which come under AFHQ, in order that I can advise the S.A.C. on the effect of this reduction on the general maintenance of law and order and may make my own arrangements regarding the police agencies in these areas.

Division

4. In the particular case of SICILY I would ask that the Italian garrison be not reduced below two internal security battalions, that is to say 10,000 men. The situation in Calabria is less difficult than in SICILY but if it is required to replace the two battalions of the Mantova Division about to be removed from Calabria, I would ask that they should be replaced by troops from SARDINIA and not from SICILY.

ELLERY W. STONE 135
Captain, USNR

Acting Chief Commissioner

Copy to: HQ AAI
Army Sub-Com
No. 3 District

See 10

Ref: 203/OA.

25th September, 1944.

Acting Chief Commissioner.

I discussed this memorandum with General Browning who agreed in principle especially with the last four paragraphs but pointed out that the lack of coordination in the past is really the result of the rather arbitrary manner in which AAI, who view the matter purely from the operational point of view, have disposed of the Italian Army without consultation with General Browning. I have since drafted a letter to AFHQ which will come to you for signature with General Browning's agreement and I pass this memorandum to you in case you wish to use it as an aide memoir when speaking to AFHQ.

(Sgd) M.G.L.

MEL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 324

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

SUBJECT: Italian Garrison in SICILY.

MEMORANDUM:

1. On 6th June the Chief of the Italian General Staff represented to ASIA the necessity for the transfer of a division from SARDINIA to SICILY, in order to preserve public order especially with regard to the collection of grain. Marshall Mason wrote a similar letter to the Chief Commissioner.
2. The Chief Commissioner instructed the Army Sub-Commission to take the matter up with AAI and to press for the necessary shipping facilities. General Mason Macfarlane took up the matter verbally with the GOC, AAI.
3. The Army Sub-Commission, in reply to ASIA, stated that another division from SARDINIA would only be shipped earlier than was at present planned if it was considered necessary and certainly not before the end of July. A copy of this letter was sent to AAI but no direct representation was made to AAI as instructed by the Chief Commissioner.
4. At a meeting in RAPIDS under the Chairmanship of the Acting Chief Commissioner, on 6th July, certain action for the enforcement of grain collection in SICILY was discussed.
5. It was agreed that arrangements should be made with ASIA to place the maximum number of armed forces (including GOC, RM) at the disposal of the High Commissioner to enforce the grain collection decree. Copy of this memorandum was sent to the Army Sub-Commission. Representations were subsequently made to AAI to increase the garrison in SICILY without success.
6. On 12 Sept Army Sub-Commission informed AAI that the two divisions comprising Italian security troops in SICILY would be the SARDEÑA Division (cut down to 5,000 all ranks) and the AOSTA Division (also 5,000 all ranks). I have no record that the Acting Chief Commissioner or the Regional Commissioner, SICILY, was informed of this.
7. On 19 Sept GOC ASIA in a letter to AAI stated that he understood that the idea was to transfer two battalions from SICILY to replace two battalions of the MARITIMA Division (Calabria) when the latter were concentrated for training, etc. General Browning suggested that it might be better if two battalions of Calabria standard earmarked for the garrison of SARDINIA were transferred to replace the two battalions of MARITIMA. Copy of this was sent to 3 Districts who are responsible for the military internal security in SICILY and CALABRIA but not in SARDINIA.
8. In telegram of 23 Sept Regional Commissioner, SICILY, said that he had heard indirectly that "one battalion of the Italian Army was leaving SICILY today".

9. I spoke to G.I. Mella who stated that having represented the matter to AAI, MIA could do more. He consented to telephone AAI but failed to get through.
10. I spoke to G(AD) AAI who stated that the matter was now not their concern and referred me to AFHQ.
11. G-5 AFHQ were unable to find out what Section of AFHQ dealt with this matter and referred me to No. 3 District.
12. No. 3 District confirmed that the move of the battalion had been ordered but stated they had not received MIA's letter of 19 Sept (see para 7). They added that as SARDINIA was not under their command they could do nothing about troops from that island and that the move must continue.
13. We are therefore faced with a reduction of the garrison in SICILY, which, as the Regional Commissioner points out, will effect public security and the enforcement of the grain collection. This is a serious situation and could in my opinion have been avoided if more co-ordination had been effected from the very beginning.
14. I think it essential that it should be realized by MIA, AAI, AFHQ and the military Districts concerned that the internal security of Italy is a matter of great concern to the Chief Commissioner and that in the present state of this country it is essential that he should be consulted before internal security troops are moved or their numbers reduced in any area.
15. That consultation should, in my opinion, be effected by the Army Sub-Commission who constitute, as I see it, the organization which should advise the Chief Commissioner on all aspects of the Italian Army and should represent to AAI and AFHQ the views of the Chief Commissioner as they affect the Italian Army and particularly the internal security battalions of that Army.
16. There is a growing tendency to think that the Italian Army, its growth, its location, its functions, have nothing to do with the Allied Control Commission as a whole and that units of the internal security divisions can be moved about the country without reference to the overall needs of security, both military and civil, as a whole. If this tendency is not checked, if co-ordination is not effected, the general security in this country must suffer.
17. It must, I think, be represented in the strongest possible terms that, always having regard to the paramount importance of Allied military interests, the allocation of internal security troops is very much the concern of the Italian Government and the Allied Control Commission and that they must be consulted.

MS/JS.

(Sgt) N. S. L. 131

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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 AFHQ (ACTION; TIRE DISTRICT (INFO) ACC REGION ONE (INFO)
 FROM: ACC MAIN

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25 Sept.

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~~SECRET~~ PD

UNDERSTAND TWO BATTALIONS OF ITALIAN TROOPS BEING REMOVED FROM SICILY
 TO REPLACE TWO BATTALIONS OF MANTOVA DIVISION NOW IN CALABRIA PD PAREN
TO AFHQ (ACTION REPEATED TIRE DISTRICT AND ACC REGION ONE (INFO) FROM
ACC MAIN PAREN PD REMOVAL OF TROOPS FROM SICILY AT THIS TIME WILL
 SERIOUSLY AFFECT GRAIN COLLECTION AND GENERAL INTERNAL SECURITY PD
 STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT SUGGESTION ALREADY MADE BY REGIA IN THEIR SUGAR
 DOG SLANT TWO FIVE OF ONE FIVE SEPTEMBER TO AAI REPEATED TIRE DISTRICT
 THAT TWO BATTALIONS CALABRIA STANDARD FROM SUGAR DIVISION earmarked FOR
 GARRISON OF SARDINIA BE TRANSFERRED TO CALABRIA INSTEAD OF TWO BATTALIONS
 FROM SICILY PD REQUEST THAT I BE CONSULTED IN FUTURE BEFORE MOVES OF
 INTERNAL SECURITY TROOPS ARE PLANNED IN VIEW OF THEIR VITAL CONNECTION
 WITH MAINTENANCE AND LAW AND ORDER

Copy to: A/CS
 PROSECUTOR
 AGA Sec
 REGIA

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L.T. MONTANE, Jr. 1st Lieut. AGO, Adjt.

A.J. STEWART, Major, MA to AGO.

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ALLIED COMMUNICATIONS MISSION

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~~SECRET~~. HEARD INDIRECTLY TODAY THAT ONE BATTALION ITALIAN ARMY LEAVES HERE TOMORROW ON ORDER RECEIVED THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS. ALSO THAT 1,000 CARABINIERI ALERTED TO LEAVE HERE IN APPROX 14 DAYS TIME. COLLECTING FOR GRANAI DEL POCCRO IS SLOWING DOWN TO ALARMING EXTENT. ABOVE MOVES ARE DIRECTLY OPPOSED TO POLICY AND RECOMMENDATION GIVEN IN YOUR 203/28/CA OF 6TH JULY. MOVES ALSO ARE NOT IN KEEPING WITH SECURITY ASPECT. FOR ANY ACTION POSSIBLE ALSO REQUEST THIS BE BE INFORMED OF ALL SIMILAR MOVES WHEN CONTINGUATED IN FUTURE

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