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Ack. Mr. [unclear] Done at 12 8/24

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27 April 1946.

Many thanks for your letter CBI/DO/63/46 dated
19 April 1946, and the remedial and helpful action taken.

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Colonel C. R. Taft,
G-2 Section,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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19 April 1946

Colonel C.R. TUFF,
G-2 Section,
A.F.H.Q.

APR 24 1946

Dear Brigadier,

1. Many thanks for your 8281/EC of 16 April 1946. I agree that the summaries in question should be limited in distribution to G-2, AFHQ, where they are required by CI as a check on other sources of information.

2. I have therefore written to this effect to MMIA with a copy to you for information.

Yours sincerely

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C.R. Tuff

Brigadier M. LUSH, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 394, US Army.

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APO 512, US Army

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18 April 1946

SUBJECT: Intelligence Reports.

APR 24 1946

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA),
Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 504, US Army.

1. Attention has been drawn to the contents and the distribution of the monthly intelligence summary issued by MMIA.
2. The primary purpose of this summary when it was originally instituted was to provide a check on information received from other Italian sources concerning the Italian army.
3. The material included in this summary should therefore be confined to such intelligence as has a direct bearing on the Italian army and should not include political subjects unless they affect the morale or security of the Italian armed forces.
4. Since the information included in these summaries can only be uncollated information, no distribution of the summary other than to G-2, AFHQ, should be made.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2:

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C.R. TUFF
Colonel General Staff
D./A.C. of S., G-2

Copy to:
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I enclose copy of letter which I have addressed to the Land Forces Sub-Commission on the subject of the Intelligence Summaries emanating from them. The issue of Intelligence Summaries to external formations by a Sub-division of a IFA, which is itself responsible for a comprehensive report, transgresses in my opinion all the axioms of the distribution of information.

The Allied Commission produces a monthly report which covers all the political aspects and non-military subjects covered in these Intelligence Summaries produced by the Land Forces Sub-Commission. They should not, therefore, in my opinion be called upon to produce intelligence other than that which is of direct bearing on the Italian Army.

As a result of my letter I have been informed by Col. Kerr that these Summaries have been produced at the request of G-2 AFHQ who wish to use them as a check on information provided through other channels by 808 CS Bn. If this is so, then this should be clearly stated in the heading of the Summaries and the distribution should be confined to G-2 AFHQ who, presumably, wish to check the information. There should be no external distribution and above all, no distribution to the War Office and the US Embassy. We cannot have reports from Sub-Commissions being given external distribution when they may very well conflict with the views of the Allied Commission as a whole.

I should be most grateful if you would give orders that these Summaries are no longer to be called "Intelligence Summaries" but called exactly what they are, which is presumably a cross-check of other information; that the source should be definitely described and that it should be made quite plain that they are not intelligence reports of the Allied Commission. I should also be grateful if you would give directions that the distribution of these reports is limited to G-2 AFHQ.

M. S. LUSH

Colonel C.R. Tuff,
G-2 Section,
ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS.

Copy to: Land Forces S/C (MIA) -
ref this office letter
8281/EC dated 12 Apr 46.

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12 April 1946

SUBJECT: Reports.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Comm (MILIA).

1. My attention has been drawn to Intelligence Summary No.3 (Int/207/1 dated 15 Mar 46) issued by your Sub-Commission.

2. This summary contains reports or headings on Politics, Public Security, Fascist Activity, and the activity of some (but not all) Political Parties, Political Friction, Illegal Immigration, which have only an indirect bearing on the Italian Army. Such reports which have a wide external distribution should be included in the monthly report of the Allied Commission and should not emanate from a Sub-Commission. It may well be, for instance, that the reports of the MIU's are at variance with those of the Chief Liaison Officers. It is important that we should collate all the information possible but that we should coordinate such information before dissemination.

3. I should be glad, therefore, if you would confine the reports in your summary to matters affecting the Italian Army, e.g., Political Activity among Troops, Relations between Troops and Civilians, Morale, Frontier Activity, and would pass to the Executive Committee our reports received from MIU's on other subjects of general interest, e.g., Activity of Political Parties, Political Friction, Illegal Immigration, Public Security, for inclusion in the main report of the Allied Commission.

4. I note that a copy is sent direct to War Office, London but not to War Department Washington, and to US Embassy Rome but not to the British Embassy. Finally, no copy is sent to any section of your parent body the Allied Commission. This seems anomalous.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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LAND FORCES SUP-COM, AO (MILIA)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 3

APR 12 1946

Based on periodical reports from BLUs att to
ITALIAN Territorial Region HQs up to 28 Feb 46.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY(a) Politics

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(b) Relations between tps and civilians

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Poor conditions of service continue to lower morale. Where new clothing and weapons are issued morale shows an immediate uplift.

(d) Frontier activity

Illegal crossing of all frontiers is prevalent.

(e) Public Security

No decrease in amount of crime.
Slight increase in CC.FR activity to cope with the situation.

(f) Traffic in arms

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3. Communist Activity
Nothing to report.
4. Left Wing Activity
Nothing to report.
5. Political Activity of Centre
Nothing to report.

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6. Political Friction

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- In the valleys of NOVARA Slav elements are in close touch with ITALIANS of the extreme left parties, and illegal wireless transmission is going on in the area.

In the VAL DI AOSTA active propaganda pro annexation to FRANCE continues. Dissatisfaction caused by the food problem, inefficiency of public services, high taxes and bad economical conditions are exploited. There are twelve known propaganda agents in the VAL DI AOSTA.

The pro-independence party, Union Valdostain, has posted proclamations in the VAL D'AOSTA calling the people of the valley to make a last effort to obtain an international guarantee of their rights.

BOULOGNE

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ROME

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- Very little political activity is evident. Attempts made to provide an equivalent of AEC are having a good effect. No outward signs of subversive elements.

MILAN

- Politics begin to find hearing among tps, but it is chiefly the 1921 and 22 classes who listen to accusations against the Ministry of War and their subordinates, voiced by the extremist left wing elements who attempt to undermine the confidence of the tps in their own. These attempts have recently been successful and only the release of the above classes will rectify the situation.

The daily "UNITA" uses any incident to abuse officers and war minister in its attempts to upset the confidence of the soldier in his superiors. An unknown party called a demonstration on 3 May in MILAN to protest against call-up.

BOLZANO

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BOLZANO - CC.RR popular and respected by majority of population.

TOLEDO - The population is not conscious that any Army exists as the recent governments have done nothing to change the opinion of the people that the Army is a lawless organization, and poorly equipped. The Chief of REGGIO EMILIA was surprised that a disciplined body of soldiers such as the Granatieri Paracadutisti in his town. The poor bearing and discipline of the ex-Guardia, forming 6 Inf Regt, has given the CC.RR the impression that the Army lacks the solidarity to make it reliable in civil disturbances.

FLORINCE

- The de-requisitioning of civilian property by the Italian Army has removed the only source of friction between the Army and the population. Relations between the POLCOSS Div and the civilians have steadily improved.

ROME

- Unchanged.

BARI

- A spectator who loudly made insulting remarks about the Army during a ceremonial march of the 3/9 Inf Regt through BARI was arrested by order of the bn comd and handed over to the OC.RR. The local paper reported the incident as "displeasing behavior" on the part of the spectator. During a football match at WAMI civilians seated near two ITALIAN soldiers made loud derogatory remarks about them. The two soldiers of the 1/9 Inf Regt beat up two of the civilians and anti-Army talk ceased. On neither occasion did the crowd support the individuals causing the incidents and they continue to be friendly with the Gps.

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- Minor disturbances in the SAN REMO and IMPERIA areas where FRENCH flags have been displayed. Protests made at a small pro-FRENCH demonstration showed that the incidents were caused by students who were ignorant of the party they represented and its policy. In the said areas subversive propaganda tries to prove that if the areas were under FRENCH control the ports of SAN REMO and IMPERIA would be in full operation with employment for all. A Royal Navy flotilla engaged in anti-aircrafting in this locality has upset the propaganda. The Paper "IL LAVORO NUOVO" of GENOVA reports that the inhabitants of VENTIMILLA desire to be under FRANCE. A report states that FRENCH officers of the Repatriation Gp were stopped on the ITALIAN side of the frontier and their vehicles and baggage searched.

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BOLZANO - Secret crossing of the frontier continues; many arrests have been made, and organization of Pisanco Guards is improving.

11. Illegal Immigration

Nothing to report.

12. Public Security

TURIN - Crime is still increasing in PIEMONTE. Another armed robbery has been carried out by auxiliary police agents and public security will never be assured in this region until these bad elements, mostly undesirable ruffians, are removed. The population fears disturbances at the future elections. Two well-known gangsters, arrested for concealing arms dumps in the BACCINO area and now released on parole, are reported to be in the VALLE ANTIGORIO area. An ex leader of the Action Party and a card of a Communist Pdo have also arrived in the same area.

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- Illegal traffic in arms continues in the NOVARA area, particularly in the VIL SASSARA, VAL GRANDE, PIERRE DEL CONTE, PIEMONTE and VOGHERA, and in those localities without ties or police.

13. Illegal Arms

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