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For information

I wish to discuss with

Cl Young M 16/4/44

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Ex Comm

Po. NZA Punishment.

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Capt Harvey, report on the 8 Italians sent
to Padula Camp for internment. (file ~~231-235~~ 27-31)

2. Col Fiske has seen - no comments.

3. You will see from the last para that
the release of 1 out of the 8 has been
recommended.

4. The whole report discloses a poor
state of affairs. Do you wish a Court
of Enquiry held?

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No Court of Enquiry.

A sorry story due to political enthusiasm

without administrative common sense

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21 APR 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH

147 : 56/30.5

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees at Padula, ex Potenza.

TO: Col. A. E. Young.

13th April, 1944.

1. As directed in the course of my duties in reviewing the cases of internees at Padula, I made a special investigation of eight men interned by orders of Provincial Commissioner, ACC, Potenza. It may here be stated that these men are the only ones at Padula who were interned by AMG, the others having been dealt with in the more normal manner by CIC or FSS. Authority is given however in Proclamation No. 2, Article 7, Section 2, for the S.C.A.O. to detain any person whom he believes to be either an actual or potential danger to military security. A proviso is added that a full report is to be submitted to the Chief Legal Officer for his consideration, approval or otherwise. There is no delegation of this authority by the S.C.A.O. and the responsibility remains his alone, subject to confirmation by G.I.O. It will be observed that this power only relates to detention (and this for a period of three months, not internment for the duration as ordered in these cases).

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3. The Committee of Public Safety divided the people whom they reviewed into the following categories:-

- (a) Those who introduced Fascism, and practised it violently with Fascist protection until the fall of Fascism.
- (b) Squadristi who were good executives for members of the first category and who carried out their orders with resort, if necessary, to violence.
- (c) These people who profited from their position in the Fascist Party, but who vacillated on many occasions.

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In speaking of the decisions of the Committee the infliction of "punishment" was repeatedly mentioned in the correspondence in existence in Region. For instance, those people in Category (a) above were to be "punished by immediate imprisonment followed by investigation and subsequent confinement". Category (b) people "should be punished by removal from office and 'ammonizione', Category (c) were to receive a 'diffida'. Confinement either took the form of detention in a P.O.W. Camp or being put into "confino" i.e. being sent from the Province under rigid movement restrictions, or in other words, banishment. "ammonizione" is movement rigidly restricted and regular reports must be made to the police. "Diffida" is in effect a warning.

4. During the course of their activity the Committee considered numerous cases and the final figures were:-

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Ammonizione	55
Diffida	49
Removed from office	53
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The system of "confino" and "ammonizione" was purely a Fascist instrument and it is to be regretted that A.M.G. lent itself so readily to such practices. The committees possessed no powers of actual decision and the responsibility for such decisions as were made above must rest with the S.G.A.Os concerned. Where the power to impose "confino" came from is not apparent to me, but it is argued by Region that if the S.G.A.O. had power to detain people he could also impose the lesser evils.

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6; Changes were made from time to time in the construction of the Committee of Public Safety. In December 1943 Major Nicholls became S.C.A.O. in place of Capt. Mills; Lt. O'Neill was transferred, but his successor, Lt. Anderson, had no dealings with the Committee at all; Avv. Reale severed his connections with the work soon after its inception and indeed he is now Minister of the Interior for the Badoglio Government. Capt. Howell frequently did not attend the meetings owing to other duties and this left Capt. Paty as the sole A.M.G. representative, assisted by the Prefect, Questore, Av. Rotunno and Di Napoli.

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Capt. Paty after a period of sickness has left the country and is not in a position to give an account of the workings of the Committee which was suspended in February 1944, following enquiries by the Regional Legal Officer, Lt. Col. Cousins, who wt once realised the damage being done generally by its activities. His predecessor, Major Howe, was not of the same opinion and had been kept informed throughout of the work being done.

7. I have searched the files in possession of Lt. Col. Cousins and Major Nicholls and have also interviewed Avv. Rotunno, Scognamiglio and Pignatelli, all anti-Fascists lawyers in Potenza in an endeavour to obtain solid evidence which would justify the continued internment of the eight persons in detention. Both the Committee and Major Nicholls had recommended as recently as 6th April, 1944, that in their opinion the only one of the eight who should be released was one, BENVIGNATI Guido. I am sure this arose out of a confused idea of the reasons for detention, as when such is judged from the standard of "danger to military security", little objection can be found to the release of most of the others. For instance, crimes committed in the early Fascist days, acts of fraud or other enrichment, in more recent years suspected "black market operatives", the reaction by the rest of Potenza etc., were all given as reasons for continued internment, whereas the only point now at issue is "will he be a danger to military security if he is released now?". With Potenza much in the rear of Army area and with so little military traffic through the town it is difficult to appreciate how some of these men could be construed as potential military dangers now. Admittedly they might not be wanted in Potenza, but such does not justify continued detention, and any crimes committed by them as Fascists or war criminals, can and should be dealt with elsewhere.

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8. Enquiries revealed that the strongest personality on the Committee was Av. Rotunno and there is no doubt in my mind that although he was "implicitly trusted" by Capt. Levy this was an ill advised trust. He had so little grasp of what ought to have been the real functions of the Committee that he talked to me of many personal and Fascist habits of the internees, and of the necessity for continued detention as "punishment". It seems that he has used the Committee solely as an instrument against Fascists for offences for occurrences which happened many years ago. He is a most dominating man and I can well understand how, given a little authority, he would soon usurp far greater powers in a manner difficult to counter by anyone who does not retain an absolutely firm intention to exercise an independent judgment. This may be entirely due to honest motives, but trickery and vendetta form such a greater portion of the minds of some Italians that, whatever the motives, no Allied officer should allow himself to place implicit faith in their judgment where Allied interests are at stake. Lt. Col. Cousins and other officers have also formed this opinion of Rotunno, while Di Napoli is placed in the same, if not less reliable, category.

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9. It must have been a difficult position for Major Nicholls to take over a Province with such a Committee functioning, apparently with the approval of the Regional higher officers, but looking back, it is a pity he did not enquire thoroughly into its activities and more particularly into the powers conferred upon him by Proclamation No. 2. His precarious position would soon have been apparent to him.

10. Following these enquiries Col. Young visited Potenza on 11th April, 1944, and in conjunction with Lt. Col. Cousins, Capt. Geymsin (Provincial Legal Officer) and Capt. Howell, considered the cases where the Committee had previously given decisions. In the first place it was decided to remove all restrictions of "confinio" and "ammonizione". Major Nicholls had reported two cases where he considered, if such measures were taken, the persons should be interned, but the evidence in these cases was so slight that their internment could not be justified at this late stage. The records and results of interviews regarding the eight internees were placed before the officers and it was decided as under:-

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2. ZAPPACOSTA	Silla	Review in normal way by A.C.C. Officers at Padula, as early as possible.
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6. TAGELLA	Carminie	Review early, bearing in mind stronger Fascist record.
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| 8. CARRIERO | Nicola | -do- |

11. On 12th April, 1944, I, together with Lieut. Ellis of A.C.C., reviewed cases Nos. 1 to 4 and in no case could continued internment be justified, a recommendation was made accordingly to the Camp Commandant who will arrange their release at an early date. 13/8

12. Enquiries are proceeding regarding No. 5 and the remaining cases who were more active Fascists will be considered in due course. All the details and documents available are at No. 371 P.O.W. Camp.

13. As regards the activities of the Committee the only criticism I have to make is that more trust was not placed in the Public Safety Division, who, apart from Lt. O'Neill, in its early stages have not been represented on the Committee. Capt. Eady, the Legal Officer, seems to have taken upon himself the complete duties of Public Safety and I fail to see how he came into the picture at all as the internment of suspected dangers to security is essentially a matter for

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Public Safety Division working with F.S.S. or C.I.O. It has been said that there were no F.S.S. available but I notice in each case an F.S.S. officer actually delivered the internee into the camp. Had the matter been referred to them, as had been done in every other Province, much less onus would have devolved upon AGC/ANG.

14. However, I think local feeling, which is directed more against Italian informers than the Allies, will simmer down and no hitch is anticipated in the reviewal of the interned cases in the normal course of events.

G. J. Harvey

G. J. HARVEY. Capt.

A.C.C. (Security Branch).

15. The enquiries into case No. 5 revealed that of the five witnesses whose names were given to me by Av. Rotunno as being in a position to give evidence of Angelini indicating to the Germans a petrol dump, four could only repeat hearsay evidence. The fifth stated that Angelini had snouted down from a balcony to him to tell the Germans to go up the road where there was petrol. The Germans at this time were breaking open garages and shops on the opposite side of the road and the informant says it was obvious that Angelini was in a panicky state and that his statement was made to get the Germans away from his immediate vicinity. Two days later he apologised for his cowardly behaviour. The informant says he told all this to the Committee of Public Safety, but it is difficult to see how they admitted this evidence and that of four people who were not present, as to be so damning as to cause his internment months later.

16. Release was recommended in this case as in fact in all the others except No. 8, where the man was a Federal Secretary, a Lt. Col. in the Italian Army, and (I am strongly of this opinion) still a potential danger to us.

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17. The position now is, therefore, that seven releases have been recommended and I anticipate these being put into effect at an early date.

16 Apr. 44.

G.J. Harvey
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A.C.C. (Security Branch).

Submitted to the President's Commission

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16 Apr 44.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACO/600.6/15

TO : H.H. the Minister of Interior
Italian Government.

EX Civilian Prisoners, Padula Camp.

I have to inform your Excellency that the release of the undermentioned 47 persons at present detained at Padula is approved.

To be allowed to proceed to the Province of Chieti. 26.

1	BALIKRINO	Mario	di Rocca	Lanciano	contadino
2	BRASIOLE	Alberto	di Rocca	"	studente
3	BRUSIGNANI	Cino	fu Giovanni	Tornareccio	falegname
4	BORSALINI	Teresio	fu Luigi	"	impiegato
5	CAFFONE	Carlo	fu Nicola	Ortona	commerciante
6	GILLI	Augusteo	di Antonio	Ortona	contadino
7	COLASANTI	Aquilino	fu Innocenzo	Creschio	"
8	CIATTONE	Germine	fu Nicola	Ateesa	regioniera
9	LOVIANI	Guido	di Aseseo	Ortona	brecciente
10	DE LUCA	Tomaso	fu Vincenzo	Palinoli	manuale
11	DI PADO	Domenico	di Francesco	Ortona	brecciente
12	PI PIERRO	Mario	di Cesare	Palinoli	studente
13	DE MARINIS	Vincenzo	fu Andrea	Ortona	minatore
14	TONATONE	Nicola	fu Nicola	Ateesa	operaio
15	D'ORAZIO	Antonio	di Camillo	Acceselegna	contadino
16	D'ANGELO	Giuseppe	fu Giuseppe	Lanciano	contratt. edile
17	ELLEGONO	Vincenzo	di Ugo	Ateesa	calcolatore
18	GAROFALO	Orazio	fu Antonio	Gissi	studente
19	GIAMALDI	Gespare	di Attilio	G. Vito Chistino	pescatore
20	MASTIOLI	Costantino	fu Sebastiano	Villa S. Maria	minatore
21	MASTIOLI	Luigi fu	Germine	Ateesa	contadino
22	MASTIOLI	Ferdinando	fu Santo	Villa S. Maria	minatore
23	MASTIOLI	Carlo	di Giorato	Acceselegna	contadino
24	MASTIOLI	Mario	di Ernesto	Opelino	manovale
25	MASTIOLI	Alfonso	di Francesco	Acceselegna	contadino
26	MASTIOLI	Antonio	di Domenico	Creschio	impiegato
27	MASTIOLI	Pasquale	fu Giovannettista	Lanciano	impiegato
			fu Gianerisotono	forino di Sangro	minatore

To be allowed to proceed to the Province of Benevento or Isernia.

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77 persons at present detained at Ascoli is approved.

To be allowed to proceed to the Province of Chieti, 26.

1	MARINO	Mario	di Puccia	Lanciano	contadino
2	MARINO	Alberto	di Puccia	"	studente
3	MARINO	Cino	fu Giovanni	Pomarscoglio	falegname
4	MARINO	Teresio	fu Luigi	"	impieg
5	MARINO	Carlo	fu Nicola	Ortona	commerciale
6	MARINO	Augusteo	di Antonio	Brescia	contadino
7	MARINO	Aquilino	fu Innocenzo	Atessa	"
8	MARINO	Carmine	fu Nicola	Ortona	regioniera
9	MARINO	Guido	di Amedeo	Palmoli	bracciale
10	MARINO	Tommaso	fu Vincenzo	Ortona	annuale
11	MARINO	Domenico	di Francesco	Palmoli	bracciale
12	MARINO	Mario	di Cesare	Ortona	studente
13	MARINO	Vincenzo	fu Andrea	Atessa	minatore
14	MARINO	Nicola	fu Nicola	"	operaio
15	MARINO	Antonio	di Camillo	Roccasele	contadino
16	MARINO	Euglio	fu Giuseppe	Lanciano	costruttore
17	MARINO	Vincenzo	di Ugo	Atessa	calcolatore
18	MARINO	Orsola	fu Antonio	Gissi	studente
19	MARINO	Giuseppe	di Attilio	S. Vito Chietino	pesatore
20	MARINO	Costantino	fu Sabatino	Villa M. Maria	minatore
21	MARINO	Luigi fu	Carmine	Atessa	contadino
22	MARINO	Ferdinando	fu Antonio	Villa S. Maria	minatore
23	MARINO	Mario	di Oronzo	Roccasele	contadino
24	MARINO	Mario	di Ernesto	Opello	manovale
25	MARINO	Alfonso	di Francesco	Roccasele	contadino
26	MARINO	Antonio	di Domenico	Ortona	impiegato
27	MARINO	Pasquale	fu Giovanni	Lanciano	impiegato

To be allowed to proceed to the Provinces of Benevento or Campobasso 21.

1	AROLDI	Costantino	di Pasquale	meccanico
2	AROLDI	Luigi	di Agostino	professore
3	AROLDI	Michela	di Giuseppe	Comm. P. S.
4	AROLDI	V. tale	fu Pietro	impiegato
5	AROLDI	Nunzio	di Francesco	medico
6	AROLDI	Vittorio	"	maresciallo
7	AROLDI	Alessandro	fu Stefano	mil.
8	AROLDI	Amedeo	fu Stefano	agricoltore
9	AROLDI	Amedeo	"	farmacista
10	AROLDI	Nicola	"	avvocato
11	AROLDI	Giovanni	"	impiegato
12	AROLDI	Salvatore	"	Comm. P. S.
13	AROLDI	Antonio	"	"
14	AROLDI	Pietro	"	Regioniera

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18	DE MICHEL	✓	Mario	di Giovanni	minatore
19	FRATELLI	✓	Lt Vincenzo	fu Nicola	preside Int. Sec.
20	MARCOVEGGIO	✓	Yelice	di Marco	guardia com. la.
21	POTTONI	✓	Alfredo		geometra
23	SALVATORE	✓	Angelo	fu Teodoro	regist. com. la.
24	SPINO	✓	Carmine		comm. P.S.
27	TAMBORINI	✓	Antonio	fu Salvatore	seg. pollai.

The cases of the remaining ten persons in your list are still under consideration.

[Signature]
The Right Hon. The Viscount, STANSBATE,
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

COPY to: ~~ACM~~
Public Safety Sub Commission.
Interior Sub Comm refce 50/9/INT
Lt. Grotanelli, Liaison Officer.
HQ AGC Salerno Province, attn Major Green.

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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
AES 574

15 April 1944

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SUBJECT: Released Civilian Internees - Return to CAMPUSANO

TO : 20 A 140 2000-1

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1. A message to this HQ has been sent by letter to you,
No. 6/44 dated 13th April.

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2. Will you please let me have copies of the two letters referred
to in the HQ Army's para 2?

R. R. Temple, Capt.
for

Capt. F. J. ...

R. G. E. WISER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

pl.

Ring ...

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cc. / These copies of letters prepared
+ remind me to speak to INT. SE
before sending

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SUBJECT:

Release of Civilian PW

HQ AMG
Rear EIGHTH ARMY

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13 Apr 44

TO: Executive Commissioner's Branch,
HQ, Allied Control Commission (Main)

1. Enclosed is copy letter from Interior Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, together with the enclosures.
2. It will be seen that all the persons named, with the exception of D'ORTONA, Enrico, were the subject of your letter 75/169/CA of 2 Apr 44 to which reply was sent on 10 Apr 44.
3. D'ORTONA is recorded as being arrested at MONTENERO, CALPOBASSO Province, on 2 Nov 43 and recommended for internment for 3 months.
4. MONTENERO is not now in EIGHTH ARMY Area.
5. Will you please reply to Interior Sub-Commission?

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Group Captain, S.C.A.P.O.
Officer Commanding,
AMG EIGHTH ARMY.

Copy to: Interior Sub-Commission, HQ Allied Control Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/50/9/Int

7 April 1944

SUBJECT: Released Civilian Internees - Return to Campobasso

TO: CAO, 8th Army

1. I enclose copy of translation of a letter from the Minister of the Interior dated 4 April, with copies of the two lists therein mentioned.

2. Please let me have your views as to whether all or any of these individuals should be allowed to return.

3. If you do approve of the return of any of these individuals to Campobasso, can the requisite permits please be forwarded.

(Sgd) .. ??????? Capt.

for R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encls: as in 1, above.

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The Minister of Interior

Subject: Arrests of Campobasso

Salerno, April 4th, 1944

To the Allied Control Commission
Interior Sub-Commission
Lt Col R. G.B. Spicer

SALERNO

Following yesterday's visit, I send you the list of the ex-Internees of Padula who want to return to their houses at Campobasso. From the second explanatory list, I beg to learn that there is principally the question of professionals and employees who all have their wives and children at home without any help.

I am trusting in your kind interest about this matter because you are in the position to procure us quickly the necessary permit to be issued by the Military Authorities of the 8th Army.

I am sorry that there was a misunderstanding yesterday in this matter, but those ex-internees arrived in the days when I was at Potenza, and in Sicily, and the arrangements for their return home were made by Lieut. CROTTANELLI at other offices of the Commission while I believed that you had dealt with it.

With the kindest regards.

THE MINISTER

/s/ Reale

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ELENCO EX INTERNATI DI PADULA DIRETTI IN PROVINCIA
DI CAMPOBASSO.

1.) CORRERA	Nicola	Avvocato
2.) SISTO	Guglielmo	Maggiore di Artiglie-
3.) DI BRINO	Arturo	" " ria,
4.) BARBATO	Nunzio	Medico Chirurgo,
5.) DI BIASE	Giovanni	Impiegato Comunale,
6.) AMATISTA	Luigi	Professore R.Liceo,
7.) FRATICELLI	Vincenzo	Preside Istituto Tecnico
8.) VAIRANO	Francesco	Ricevitore Postale,
9.) PORTONE	Alfredo	Geometra al Comune,
10.) SPROVIERI	Giuseppe	Impiegato Ufficio Registro,
11.) SAN SO'	Carmine	Commisario Publica
12.) DELL'ARIA	Salvatore	" Sicurezza,
13.) DELLA VOLPE	Antonio	" "
14.) CAMPPELLONI	Vittorio	" "
15.) BAVOTA	Ferdinando	Capo Squadra Milizia,
16.) DI NIGRIS	Pietro	Cassiere Banco Roma,
17.) D'ORTONA	Enrico	Ragioniere Amministra- zione Provinciale
18.) BARBIERI	Cesare	Titolare Uff.Telef.e
19.) MARCOVECCHIO	Felice	Consegnatario del Consorzio Agrario,
		Insegnante Elementare,
		Guardia Municipale.

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Notice

The Internees who want to return to Campobasso or to villages of the Province have been set at liberty in consequence of a decision taken by the English Authorities after an investigation accomplished with regard to each of them. They want to return home in order to provide the means of subsistence for their families and to work.

- 1) **CORRETA Nicola** - Advocate at Campobasso.
He had a mother of 74 years at Campobasso as well as his wife and two daughters. He is in the possession of his own house and office. He was decorated in the first World War. He is ill, due to bad circulation. There is nobody at home and no near relatives who can provide for the subsistence of the family. The internment proceedings with regard to him contain a eulogy by his Colonel for having saved, at the risk of his life, the material of his own regiment, having taken it away from the Germans.
- 2) **SILVE Guglielmo** - Major of the Artillery at Campobasso.
He has his mother of 79 years at Campobasso as well as his wife. He had a house. He had performed his service at the Military District Command. He is seriously ill of an inflammation of the prostate. Combatant of the World War, 1915-1918.
- 3) **DI BRINO Arturo** - Major of the Artillery at Campobasso.
He has his wife and 5 children at Campobasso. He was attached to an Anti-Aircraft unit. Combatant of the War 1915-1918 and tuberculous. He is in the possession of his own house at Campobasso.
- 4) **BARBATO Ranzio** - Doctor of surgery at Campobasso.
He has at Campobasso his wife and 2 children. He had no relatives. Combatant of the War 1915-1918. He is sick with rheumatism in the joints. He has a house and office at Campobasso.
- 5) **DI BIASI Giovanni** - Communal Employee at Campobasso.
His house, wife, and 2 children are at Campobasso.
- 6) **ANASTASI Luigi** - Professor at the R. liceo Campobasso.
His home, wife and three children are at Campobasso. He has no other relatives.
- 7) **FRATICHILI Vincenzo** - President of the Technical Institute at Campobasso.
His house, wife, and three children are at Campobasso. He has no other relatives.
- 8) **VAIRANO Francesco** - Postal Collector at Campobasso.
He has a house at Campobasso where are his mother and two sisters living at his expense. He has no relatives.

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- 9) PORTONE Alfredo - Geometer at the Comune at Campobasso.
He has at Campobasso his house, wife and three children. Combatant of the War 1915-1918. His father-in-law who provided for the family, died recently.
- 10) SPORVIERI Giuseppe - Employee of the Register-Office at Campobasso.
He had at Campobasso, his house, wife, and four children. Combatant of the War 1915-1918 on the French front.
- 11) SANSONI Carmine - Commissioner of Public Security at Campobasso.
He had at Campobasso his house, wife and two babies.
- 12) DELLA VOIPE, Antonio - Commissioner of Public Security at Campobasso.
He has at Campobasso his wife and two children as well as his mother (80 years old). He has his house there.
- 13) CAMPOLLONI Vittorio - Corporale della Milizia in permanent service at Campobasso.
He has at Campobasso his house, wife, and three children. He has asked to resume his service.
- 14) BAVOTA Ferdinando - Cashier of the Banco di Roma at Campobasso.
He has at Campobasso his house, wife, and three children. He had no other relatives. He is combatant of the war 1915-1918.
- 15) DI NIGRIS Pietro, - Accountant of the Provincial Administration at Campobasso.
He has at Campobasso his house, wife.
- 16) D'ORTONA Enrico - Chief of the Telephone Office and Depositary of the Agricultural Co-operative Association, at Montenero di Bisaccia (Campobasso).
He has at Montenero his house, wife, and two children. He is a combatant of War 1915-1918. He was wounded in that war.
- 17) BARVIERI Cesare - Elementary Teacher at Montenero di Bisaccia (Campobasso).
He had at Montenero his house, wife, and seven children. Combatant of the War 1915-1918.
- 18) MARCOVECCIO, Felice - Communal Policeman, at Agnone (Campobasso).
He had at Agnone his house and family.

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TO FATIMA FOR ACHS SECTION
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HEADQUARTERS
10 APR 1945
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REF YOUR 75/169/CA OF 2 PAR LIST B NUMBER 2 AMATET// AMATESTA.
MY REPLY TODAY SHOULD READ. QUOTE. NO OBJECTION TO HIS RELEASE AND
RETURN TO AREA. UNQUOTE. CONFIRMATION FOLLOWS
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SUBJECT: Release of Civilian PW

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HQ AMG
Rear EIGHTH ARMY

OA/22

10 Apr 44

TO: Executive Commissioner's Branch,
HQ, Allied Control Commission (Main)

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1. Reference your 75/169/CA of 2 Apr 44 and this HQ reply OA/22 today in which it is recommended that :

No. 2 on your List "B", AMATESTA, Luigi, remain interned for the duration.

2. GSI(B) now advise that in the light of fresh information from records which were not available at the time they were consulted by this HQ, they do not now object to his release and re-entry into Army Area. This authority agrees.

P.C. Bent a Four Ings RA

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG EIGHTH ARMY.

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Release of Civilian PW.

SUBJECT:

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HQ AMG
Rear EIGHTH ARMY

CA/22

TO: Executive Commissioner's Branch,
HQ Allied Control Commission (Main)

10 Apr 44

1. Reference your 75/169/CA of 2 Apr 44, received 5 Apr 44. The views of GSI(b), EIGHTH ARMY, have been sought with regard to the persons named in Lists "A" and "B" with the following result:

2. List "A"

No. 25, SALERNO, Davide, is the only person of whom there is any record. He was arrested on 26 Feb 44, evacuated to Rear Area with the recommendation that he should NOT re-enter Army Area. GSI(b) now re-affirm that recommendation and this HQ agrees.

It is not known why the remaining persons were in the PW Camp. The intended destinations of many of the persons in List "A" are in the forward operational Area. In view of your desire for early action in this matter - local enquiries have not been possible in intended destinations, but if the Security Branch of Allied Control Commission is able to say that the persons, Nos. 1 - 24 and 26 - 29 of List "A" can properly be permitted to enter Army Area, this HQ offers no objection.

3. List "B"

GSI(b), EIGHTH ARMY, have no objection, and this HQ agrees, to the following returning to Army Area:

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1. Reference your 75/169/CA of 2 Apr 44, received 5 Apr 44. The views of GSI(b), EIGHTH ARMY, have been sought with regard to the persons named in Lists "A" and "B" with the following result:

2. List "A"

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It is not known why the remaining persons were in the PW Camp. The intended destinations of many of the persons in List "A" are in the forward operational area. In view of your desire for early action in this matter - local enquiries have not been possible in intended destinations, but if the Security Branch of Allied Control Commission is able to say that the persons, Nos. 1 - 24 and 26 - 29 of List "A" can properly be permitted to enter Army Area, this HQ offers no objection.

3. List "B"

GSI(b), EIGHTH ARMY, have no objection, and this HQ agrees, to the following returning to Army Area:

3. ARACE
4. ARTESE
5. BARBATO
8. CAMPellone
9. CAPORALI, Allesandro
10. CAPORALI, Amedeo
11. CARUSO
12. CORREIA
13. DE BLASE
14. DELL'ARLA
15. DELLA VOLPE
16. DE NIGRIS
19. FRATICELLI
20. MARCOVECHIO
23. SALVATORE
27. TAMBASCIA

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on Vol. 185
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The following persons in List "B" were originally recommended for "Interment for Duration". GSI(b) still recommend, and this HQ agrees, that they remain interned for the duration:

(this man was reported an ardent Pro-German Propagandist, and is the proprietor of a newspaper.

2. AMATESTA

6. BARBIERI
7. BASOTA
22. SAGESE
25. SISTO
28. TROTTA
29. TAVINI
30. VAIRANO

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With regard to the following persons in List "B" who were originally recommended for Internment for duration, GSI(b) recommend that their cases be reconsidered. If, after reconsideration, it is agreed to release them, they will not be permitted to re-enter Army Area :

- 17. DI BRINO
- 26. SPROVIERI

GSI(b), EIGHTH ARMY have no record of the following in List "B" :

- 1. AROLDI
- 18. DE MICHEL
- 21. PORTONE
- 24. SANZO

It is not known why these persons were in the PW Camp, and as their town of destination is not shown, local enquiries cannot be made. If, however, their intended destination is in EIGHTH ARMY Area and Security Branch at Allied Control Commission is able to say that they can properly be permitted to enter the Area, this HQ offers no objection.

- 4. With regard to the footnote to your letter, it is pointed out that parts of BENEVENTO Province, ^{and Naples} in EIGHTH ARMY Area.
- 5. It is recommended that in future, when it is intended to release from internment persons, whose destination is in Army Area, this HQ first be advised in order that (a) it can be ascertained whether from a security point of view, it would be desirable for them to proceed to destination and, if so, (b) that the local CAO may know that the person concerned has been properly released.

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 Lt. Group Captain,
 Officer Commanding, 1334
 ANG EIGHTH ARMY

Copy to: GSI(b), EIGHTH ARMY.

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1 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees from POW Camp No. 371, Padula
TO : Executive Commissioner, Main Hq ACC

1. I refer to your letter, Ref. 75/152/CA, dated 30 March and concur that the matter should be dropped unless there is a repetition of it.
2. Thank you for the prompt action taken by your office on my oral report.

W. H. Stone

WILLIAM W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
APO 39A

Ref: 75/169/OA.

2 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Civilian POWs from PUEBLA Camp.

TO : SCAG. 8th Army.

1. Confirming telephone conversation of 31 Mar 44 between Major Talbot-Capt. Talbot.
2. Attached are two lists of civilians who have been released from PUEBLA Camp and most of whom are desirous of going to destinations within the 8th Army area.
3. These persons are being held at Salerno by the Italian authorities who have been told that they cannot be allowed to move into 8th Army territory until 8th Army have vetted them from the security standpoint.
4. This H.Q. will appreciate anything you can do to make early action taken on this matter since the present accommodation of these persons at Salerno leaves very much to be desired.

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ROBERT E. FIDIG
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin. Section, Rear Hq.

R.O. Region III for SCAG SALERNO.

Please issue instructions to enable those persons on list A who are desirous of proceeding to Benevento Province, to do so. The Security Branch of this Hq is satisfied that it is in order for them to proceed.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & R.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/75/168/CA.

2 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Civilian P.O.s. from PADULA Camp.

TO : R.C. Region III.
(For SCAD Salerno Province)

1. Attached are two lists of civilians released from PADULA Camp and who are desirous of proceeding to Naples and Foggia.
2. The Security Branch of this H.C. is satisfied that it is in order for these persons to proceed and this H.C. will be obliged if you will issue the necessary instructions to enable them to do so.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Copy to: R.C. Region V (with copy of relevant list)
Admin Sect, Rear Hq.

Note: Col. Cuppi asked to hold the Foggia area
till all liaison has been cleared with
FAI HQ. *4/4.*

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Cap Talbot

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Please msg Salerno and tell them they
must keep these men until I Army CIC check
them and send lists to I Army Army asking
them to let us have a reply a.s.ap.

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U to Saigon.

Pl. See ~~108~~. You may remember I mentioned
 that in Saigon at our last Staff meeting.
 He said there was no objection to
 their return to their homes. I am
 referring it to you, however, because
 you may think Repairs concerned
 should be noted. I hardly think it
 necessary, except in the 8th Army.

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At my own Army Army it is his OK.
 before sending them to Army areas.

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C.D. Shym. I saw 8th Army Sp. R. Talbot in command of Sp. R. Base.
 He said he was certain there were civilians trying to
 enter 8th Army area with some sort of All pass or Security.
 Certificates would be re-arranged. 8th Army will insist on
 vetting these men then soldiers. I stressed in early but he
 was sure this is so. The men listed at 13004 Camp 0400.
 We must send copies of 15006 to 14th 8th Army & they will let them
 vetted. It looks as if the Italian fort will have to keep them at Salerno
 for a while to go. 3/13/59

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/000.6/AS

30 Mar 44

SUBJECT : Ex Civilian Prisoners, Padula Camp.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner, HQ ACC APO 394

1 As requested in our telephone conversation yesterday, 29 Mar 44, I attach a nominal roll of those ex Prisoners of PADULA CAMP, who are now accommodated by the Italian authorities at Salerno and await dispersal.

2 All these are desirous of proceeding to areas under AMG control and your permission for them to do so is requested. The Security Officer is satisfied that it is in order for these persons to proceed.

3 As the arrival of these persons in Salerno was at very short notice, the Italian authorities were unable to secure satisfactory accommodation and their removal from their present location is a pressing necessity. May the matter therefore be treated as urgent.

R.R. Capps
R.R. Capps
Lt. Colonel
CSO Adm Sec.

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Salerno 29 Marzo 44. **7**

Ministero dell' Interno

Uff. Assist. Profughi

Al 1° Ufficio Italiano di
Collegamento presso A.C.C.
SALERNO.

Prot No 8/1287 Allegati 34.

OGGETTO: - Trasmissione elenchi ex internati civili.

Come da intese/ verbali, si trasmettono gli acclusi elenchi di civili ex internati al campo di concentramento di Padula, i quali devono raggiungere località che si trovano sotto l'amministrazione del Governo Alleato. Detti elenchi comprendono:

N. 39	nominativi	diretti a	Benevento e Campobasso
" 27	"	"	" provincie di Chieti
" 12	"	"	" Napoli
" 4	"	"	" Foggia

IL CAPO UFFICIO ASSISTENZA PROFUGHI

(Sgad) Morrice.

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ELENCO DEI REGIONARI ITALIANI LIBERA DAL CAMPO DI
CONCENTRAMENTO DI PADULA IL 27/3/44 - DIRETTORE PROVINCIA CHIETI

Cognome e nome	paternita'	destinazione	Mestiere
1. BALLERINO Mario	di Rocco	Lanciano	contadino
2. ELASIOLI Alberto	di Rocco	"	studente
3. BRUSEGANI Gino	fu Giovanni	Tornareccio	falegname
4. EORSALIN Teresio	" Luigi	"	impiegati
5. CRATTONI Carlo	" Nicola	Ortona	commerciante
6. CHILI Augusto	di Antonio	Crecchio	contadino
7. COLASANTI Aquilino	fu Innocenzo	Atessa	"
8. CIATTONE Carmine	" Nicola	Ortona	ragioniere
9. DARIANI Guido	di Amideo	Palmoli	bracciante
10. DE LUCA Tommaso	fu Vincenzo	Ortona	mendale
11. DI PARDO Domenico	di Francesco	Palmoli	bracciante
12. PI PIETRO Mario	di Cesare	Ortona	studente
13. DE MARTINIS Vincenzo	fu Andrea	Atessa	minatore
14. DONATONE Nicola	fu Nicola	"	operaio
15. D'ORAZIO Antonio	di Camillo	Roccascalegna	contadino
16. D'ANGELO Guglielmo	fu Giuseppe	Lanciano	costrut. edile

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Nome	Cognome	Professione	Indirizzo	Professione
5. CILLI	Augusto di Antonio	Cremona	Cremona	contadino
7. COLASANTI	Aquilino fu Innocenzo	Atessa	"	"
8. GIATTONE	Germino " Nicolo	Ortona	Ortona	regaloniere
9. DAMIANI	Guido di Amedeo	Palmoli	Palmoli	bracciante
10. DE LUCA	Tommaso fu Vincenzo	Ortona	Ortona	manuale
11. DI FARDO	Domenico di Francesco	Palmoli	Palmoli	bracciante
12. PI PIETRO	Mario di Cesare	Ortona	Ortona	studente
13. DE MARTINO	Vincenzo fu Andrea	Atessa	Atessa	minatore
14. DONATONE	Nicola fu Nicolo	"	"	operaio
15. D'ORAZIO	Antonio di Camillo	Roccascasale	Roccascasale	contadino
16. D'ANGELO	Giuseppe fu Giuseppe	Lanciano	Lanciano	costrut. edile
17. ELI EBORO	Vincenzo di Ugo	Atessa	Atessa	salvatore
18. GAROFALO	Orzoo fu Antonio	Gissi	Gissi	studente
19. GRIMALDI	Cesare di Attilio	S. Vito Chietino	S. Vito Chietino	pastore
20. MASCIOLI	Constantino fu Sabatino	Ville S. Maria	Ville S. Maria	minatore
21. FELLEGRINI	Ferdinando fu Santo	Ville S. Maria	Ville S. Maria	contadino
22. ROSSI	Carlo di Onorato	Roccascasale	Roccascasale	manovale
23. ROSIGNOLI	Mario di Ernesto	Cupello	Cupello	agricoltore
24. SALEANO	David fu Raffaele	Ortona	Ortona	contadino
25. TAMMARINI	Alfonso di Francesco	Roccascasale	Roccascasale	contadino
26. VALENTINI	Antonio di Domenico	Cremona	Cremona	minatore
27. ZORZET	Antonio fu Giovambattista	Lanciano	Lanciano	impiegato
28. PATRIZIO	Pasquale fu Gianfrancesco	Torino	Torino	minatore

NB. Fatti prigionieri nell' Isola di Pantelleria dove si trovavano per ragioni di lavoro.

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ELENCO INTERNARI ITALIANI DAL CAMPO DI CONCENTRAMENTO IN PADULA.

DIRETTI A BENEVENTO E CAMPOBASSO.

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Cognome e nome	paternità	mestiere
1 AROLDI GAETANO DI PASQUALE	✓	MECCANICO
2 AMATISTA LUIGI DI AGOSTINO	✓	PROFESSORE
3 ARACE MICHELE DI GIUSEPPE	✓	COMM. P.S.
4 ARTESE VITALE FU PIETRO	✓	INTEGATO
5 BARBATO NUNZI DI FANCESCO	✓	MEDICO
6 BARBIERI CESARE FU NICOLA		INSEGNANTE
7 BAVOIA FERDINANDO DI LUIGI		RAGIONIERE
8 CAMPOLLONI VITTORIO		MARESCIALLO MIL.
9 CAPOPALE ALESSAN DRO FU STEFANO		AGRICOLTORE
10 CAPOPALE AMEDEO FU STEFANO		"
11 CARUSO A MEDIO		FARMACISTA
12 CORRERA NICOLA		AVVOCATO
13 DE BIASE GIOVANNI		IMPIEGATO
14 DELL'ARIA SALVATORE		COMM. P.S.
15 DELLA VOLPE ANTONIO		"
16 DE NIGRIS PIETRO		RAGIONIERE

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4 ARTESE VITALE FU PIETRO
 5 BARBATO NUNZI DI FRANCESCO
 6 BARBIERI CESARE FU NICOLA
 7 SAVOLA FERDINANDO DI LUIGI
 8 CAMPANELLO VITTORIO
 9 CAFORALE ALESSANDRO FU STEFANO
 10 CAFORALE AMEDEO FU STEFANO
 11 CARUSO A MEDEO
 12 CORRERA NICOLA
 13 DE BIASI GIOVANNI
 14 DELL'ARIA SALVATORE
 15 DELLA VOLPE ANTONIO
 16 DE NIGRIS PIETRO
 17 DI BRINO ARTURO
 18 DE MICHEL MARIO DI GIOVANNI
 19 FRATELLI DR VINCENZO FU NICOLA
 20 MARCOVESCOFF FELICE DI MARCO
 21 PORTONE ALFREDO
 22 SAGGESE SALVATORE FU VINCENZO

INGEGATO
 MEDICO
 INSEGNANTE
 RAGIONIERE
 MARESCIALLO MIL.
 "

 FARMACISTA
 AVVOCATO
 INPIEGATO
 COMM. P.S.
 "

 RAGIONIERE
 INPIEGATO
 MINATORE
 PRESI DE IST. TEC.
 GUARDIA COM. LE
 GEOMETRA
 MEDICO

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NB. FERMATI ED INTERNATI NELL' OTTOBRE 1943 E RILASCIATI IL 27/3/44 IN SEGUITO A DETERMINAZIONI DEL COMANDO SUPERIORE DI AGERI NULLA ESSENDO RISULTATO A LORO CARICO.

(contin.)
 23 SALVATORE ANGELO FU TEODORO
 24 SANBO' CARMELO
 25 SISTI GIUSEPPE DI ADOLFO
 26 SPROVIERI GIUSEPPE DI ADOLFO
 27 TAMBASCIA ANTONIO FU SALVATORE
 28 TROTTA FRANCESCO FU GAETANO
 29 TAVANI NICOLA
 30 VAIRANO FRANCESCO FU AMEDEO

SECRET. COM. LE
 COMM. P.S.
 INPIEGATO
 "

 REG. FELLAMI
 MAGISTRATO
 AGENTE ASSICURATORE
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ELENCO DEI PRigionIERI LIBERATI DAL CAMPO I GOMU. DI PADULA
IL 27/5/44.

DIRETTI NELLA PROVINCIA DI FOGGIA.

1	GIRONE	GIUSEPPE	DI GUGLIELMO	MANFREDONIA	OPERATO
2	LELLI	DOMENICO	DI LUIGI	"	PESCATORE
3	PACLUCCI	ATTILIO	DI ANTONIO	"	"
4	ROSSI	GAETANO	DI LORENZO	"	"

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ELenco INTERNA CIVILI LIBERATI DAL CAMPO DI CONCENTRAMENTO
DI FABULA DIRETTI A NAPOLI

1	BELLI GIOVANNI	DI DANIELE	MARINAIO
2	BONUCELLI FRANCESCO	DI VITTORIO	"
3	COVASIO	"	MURATORE
4	CORRENTE PIETRO	DI PIETRO	FUOCISTA
5	CALZ EMILIO	FU FRANCESCO	MURATORE
6	FABISCO RENATO	FU MARIO	MOTORISTA
7	FABBRO AGOSTINO	FU GIOVANNI	MONTATORE
8	GUIRRINI ERMINIO	FU GIOVANNI	FABBRIC
9	LUBIANA GIOVANNI	FU GIOVANNI	MOTORISTA
10	SCHERIANI ANTONIO	DI GIOVANNI	MONTATORE
11	SUMBERESI EMILIO	FU MARIO	MOTORISTA
12	VASSA ILI RENZO	DI FILIBERTO	MARINAIO

N.B. Internati perche' raccolti da una Nave Inglese in seguito
ad affondamento del motosiluriero sul quale si trovavano.

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Ref: 75/5/CA.

30th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees from POW Camp No. 371, Padula.

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner.

I refer to your letter DCS 383.7 dated 28 March 44.

1. I understand from the S.C.A.O., Salerno Province, that Headquarters, No. 3 District and the Sub Area concerned have already presented their deep apologies for the untoward arrival of these refugees and have ensured that steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence.
2. HQ. No. 3 District and the Area Commander have been so helpful and generous with transport and men in connection with the Vesuvius eruption that I hesitate to take up at a high level a matter which has already been settled between the parties concerned and which I hope will not recur.
3. If you approve, therefore, I think we should let the matter drop.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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In reply refer to:
DCC 383.7

28 March 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees from POW Camp #371, Padula
TO : Executive Commissioner, Main Hq ACC, Naples

1. On the afternoon of March 27th, 100 Italian civilian refugees were brought to Salerno by truck from the POW Camp at Padula, Camp #371. No advance notice, so far as can be determined, was given to the Italian Government and only a few hours notice was given to the A.C.C.
2. Most of these people had made their way through the lines. According to Dr. Montanari, in the office of Marshal Badoglio, many of these people had been held at the camp for as long as three months presumably for screening. It is stated, however, that although many of them had not been screened, they were suddenly notified yesterday that they would be released.
3. In the group which arrived in Salerno, some bore cards permitting them to return to their homes in liberated Italy. Others, whose homes are north of the line of military operations, bore cards reading, "For disposal by A.C.C.", although no sufficient advance notice had been given to A.C.C. that these people were arriving in Salerno. There appears to be no reason why persons not living in Salerno should be sent here.
4. It is requested that the strongest representations should be made to the Commanding Officer of the POW Camp at Padula against a repetition of such procedure.

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