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PETITIONS
JUNE - SEPT. 1944

REMARKS
ALLY CENTER DIVISION
R. AND M.C. SHERRY
AND 384

26 September 1944.

Ref: 166/111/11

SUBJECT: Letter of Complaint - Edward Cardell.

To : C-5 Section, A.P.H.Q.

1. We refer to your letter of 9 September 1944, Ref: C-5; 201 - Cardell, Edward (Civ).

2. Attached is a copy of a reply from the Regional Executive Officer, Region I, a letter dated 20 Sept. 44, Ref: REI/014.50.

3. Despite the fact that Capt. Plummer is no longer in Region I, it would appear that a very good case has been made against the allegations.

4. Cardell had every means at his disposal for adjustment of any legitimate complaint, instead of importuning the President of the United States with a request for action on dubious claims, that could easily become a precedent to by-pass the authorities constituted to deal with such matters.

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Signed by S. Lush

S. LUSH,
Inspector,
Executive Commission.

Encl: 1.

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HEADQUARTERS, REGION I, AGC, APO 394 20 September 1944
TO: Executive Commissioner, R.C. & M.G. Section, AGC, APO 394

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1. In compliance with your direction, such investigation into matters complained of in basic document, has been made.
2. The firm of Domenico Trains is a very old established concern in Palermo. At present he supplies the Italian Army and the Italian Military Hospital with wine, fruit and vegetables. He has a letter dated July 6th from 1st Lt. Jay Baron, GMC, PAC Officer, IBS, testifying to his honesty and efficiency in dealing with U.S. Armed Forces. Trains denies any dealings with German Army. He had had many contracts with IBS for wine, fruits and vegetables. On Purchase Order W-IBS-GM-266, for instance, he supplied 3370 liters white wine, 16% alcohol, good quality, at 11 liras per liter. This P.O. was signed by Lt. Baron. According to our information, this was a very reasonable price. Checking Trains's record at the Questura, we find he was not a member of the Fascist Party, but took an outstanding part in Fascist philanthropic undertakings, such as collections for war orphans, and was reputed to be "obediently co-operative" with the Party. He has no police record. On file was a recent letter written by the Questura to the Prefect of Palermo highly recommending him, after investigation of character upon Prefect's request.
3. Emanuel Cardella, according to police records, was fined 106 liras by the Prefecture of Palermo on July 10, 1935, for selling wine without marking the alcoholic content, and on December 7, 1938, he was arrested on charge of fraud, but records do not show whether he was convicted. Cardella's pre-war records as an American citizen are not available here as the American Consulate is not in possession of its pre-war files: they do inform us, however, that he has not applied for confirmation of his American citizenship, although the Consulate has been receiving such applications since February, 1944. Cardella claims he offered Capt. Plummer a white wine of 17% alcoholic content at 11 liras per liter, and was capable of supplying all Quartermaster requirements, which were approximately 1000 liters per day; Capt. Plummer agreed that the quality was good and the price fair, but put him off for some time until the business was given to Trains. He declares Trains sold to the German troops; he offers no proof, saying it is generally known among wine merchants. He claims Trains was a Fascist Party member. Cardella is now engaged in selling Vermouth and Marsala wine to the U.S. Navy Enlisted Men's Club in Palermo, about 10 liters per day, and says he sold quite a bit of wine to the Navy earlier in the Occupation when port activity was greater.
4. Island Base Section is no longer on the Island and it is presumed that Capt. Plummer and Lt. Baron have also left. It is therefore not possible to interview them or any others who have personal knowledge of the transaction.

HEADQUARTERS
For the REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:
22 SEP 1944
A. C. G.

William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel, GAC
Regional Executive Officer

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. AND M.C. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref: 166/6/CA

13 September 1944

SUBJECT: Complaint of alleged discrimination against American citizen.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I.

1. Attached are:
(a) letter dated 9 September 44, from G-5 AFHQ to A.C.C. on the subject of a complaint of alleged discrimination in wine selling against an American citizen;
(b) copy of a letter dated 19 June 44, addressed by Mr. Cardella to the President of the United States.
2. Would you please ask for an investigation of these allegations and would you please inform R.C. & M.C. Section of the results so that we may communicate them to G-5, AFHQ.

WAS Dollard
Major
for NORMAN E. FISHER
Colonel.
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Incl: 2.

Copy to G-5, A.P.H.Q.
(your Ref: G-5: 201-CARDWELL. Emanuel (Civ))

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 201-CARDILL, Emanuel (Civ)

9 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Letter of Complaint - EMANUEL CARDILL.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter dated 19 June addressed by Emanuel Cardell of Palermo to the President of the United States which has been passed to this Section by General Millring. It will be seen that copies of the letter were sent direct by the writer to AGC officers at Palermo.

2. Will you please let this Section have a report in order that General Millring may be advised.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

Incl:
as above

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From a U.S.A. Diplomat
General Cardella
Via Venezia No. 4
Rome

June 19th, 1944.

To the Honorable: FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT - PRESIDENT - of U.S.A.

and for knowledge to:

Mr. NICHOLAS H. LEAHY - MAJOR - of N.Y. CITY.

The AMERICAN Consul of ROME

MAJOR FRANK CARDCELLA MAJOR OFFICER OF ITALIAN

CAPTAIN D. BROAD of the I.C.S. of ITALY.

The undersigned General Cardella, MAJOR OFFICER

since 1929 (certificate of naturalization No. 2901467) who at the

present has two daughters living at No. 1115 - 77th Street Brooklyn

N.Y. as to say as follows:

The year of 1937 came to Italy to cure the illness of his deceased wife, and then because the writer got sick too up to 1940 when he made a regular petition for issuance of immigration visa, regularly signed by the Vice Consul Francis M. Withy, payed regular fee of 10.50 (fee No. 1630) and when the 21st day of May 1940 the passport was ready, for the cause of the war it was impossible for him to start back.

Now since the year 1940 the writer started a whole-
sale business of : wine, marsala and vermouth, during the past Fascist regime, because he was a AMERICAN CITIZEN was always impossible for him to obtain any contract to supply any wine for the troops of the Italian Government.

Now with big surprise and regrets, I see that the men who gets the preference to sell to the American and Allied troops are only the ex Fascists, who were and are at all times against the Allied Government.

On June the 7th 1944 I made a regular written offer followed with a sample of wine, which was declared to be of the best quality and of a low price, to Captain Plummer of the I.C.S. of the I. S. S. of Palermo, but after several days of waiting for the contract, Captain Plummer himself tell me that even that my prices were lower and the quality was better, it was impossible for me to get the contract, because the man who supplies the wine at the moment he has many friends and recommendations, I am, please asking you to consider it this is justice, the man's name who is supplying the wine is Domenico Trina via 1000 di Bari, a Fascist from the first hour, who worked very well for the Germans and Fascist troops, and at the present sells to Captain Plummer for about 20 Italian centesimi more for every litre of wine, and gives a lower quality than that I offered.

Why should the American Government pay more ? why should the Fascist be helped ? we all know that the Fascist will always be against the American Government because of the invasion; I am sure that you will have someone to investigate this case, and you will provide that this and other work will be given to the proper American citizen who at all times will defend the cause of America, and not the Fascist who at all times will ruin

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The undersigned Emmanuel Cardella, 1445 - 77th Street Brooklyn
since 1929 (certificate of naturalization No. 2901487) who at the
present has two daughters living at No. 1445 - 77th Street Brooklyn
N.Y. as to say as follows:

The year of 1937 came to Italy to cure the illness of
his deceased wife, and then because the writer got sick too up to 1940
when he made a regular petition for issuance of immigration visa, re-
gularly signed by the Vice Consul Francis H. Withney, payed regular
fee of 10.50 (fee No. 1600) and when the 21st day of May 1940 the pas-
port was ready, for the cause of the war it was impossible for him to
start back.

Now since the year 1940 the writer started a wine-
salebusiness of : wine, marmala and vermouth, during the past fascist
regime, because he was a MURILAN CIVILIAN was always impossible for
him to obtain any contract to supply any wine for the troops of the
Italian Government.

Now with big surprise and regrets, I see that the men
who gets the preference to sell to the American and Allied troops are only
the ex fascists, who were and are at all times against the Allied Government.

On June the 7th 1944 I made a regular written offer followed
with a sample of wine, which was declared to be of the best quality and of
a low price, to Captain Plummer of the Q.M. of the I. B. S. of Palermo,
but after several days of waiting for the contract, Captain Plummer himself
tells me that even that my prices were lower and the quality was better, it
was impossible for me to get the contract, because the man who supplies the
wine at the moment he had many friends and recommendations, I am, please
asking you to consider if this is justice, the man's name who is supplying
the wine is Domenico Zaina via Sorbo di Gauri, a fascist from the first 1931
hour, who worked very well for the German and fascist troops, and at the
moment sells to Captain Plummer for about 20 Italian centimes more for every
litre of wine, and gives a lower quality than that I offered.

Why should the American Government pay more ? why should
the fascist be helped ? we all know that the fascist will always be against
the American Government because of the invasion, I am sure that you will have
someone to investigate this case, and you will provide that this and other
work will be given to the proper American Citizen who at all time will defend
the cause of America, and not the fascist who at all times will make
propaganda against U. S. A.

Please take note that for five months I served the Allied
Government as interpreter, and for which I have a letter of reference for my
good service.

Sure that you will help me on this case, thanking you, I
remain always a good and honest American Citizen.

/s/ Emmanuel Cardella.

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HEADQUARTERS
LIND CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. AND R.G. SECTION
APO 394

for 82166 106

Ref: 314/233/GA

12 September 1944.

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Thank you for your letter of 7 August 44, Ref: G.2 (a) 314/230
HQ/5681(G.A.E) in which you forwarded copies of letters to
His Majesty the King from Intelinno, Rosolino and Anna Barbati.

The subjects of both letters are being referred to the
proper authorities for a report. It does seem rather doubt-
ful that favourable action may be taken in either.

In view of the fact that both these Italian citizens
have open to them means for presenting their claims, it is
regretted that petitions should have been addressed to His Majesty
the King. Moreover it is likely that other Italian
citizens may view acknowledgement of personal petitions to
His Majesty as a precedent and may present more in this irre-
gular way rather than to the Allied Governmental agencies con-
stituted to deal with such requests.

H.S. BURN.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Senior Commander P.R. Stokes.
The War Office, (G.A.2)
Natal Victoria
Northumberland Avenue
London, W.C.2.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/166/99/CA.

13 Sept 54

SUBJECT : Application for relief.

TO : Southern Region.

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1. Attached is copy of letter dated 9 Sep 44 from AFHQ and its enclosure.
2. We should be glad if you would let us know the circumstances of Istituto "Don Bosco" which seems to be at Cosenza.

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EDMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM
ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSION
H.O. AND H.G. SECTION
AFC 324

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Ref: 166/6/CA

13 September 1964

SUBJECT: Complaint of alleged discrimination against American citizen.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I.

1. Attached are:
- letter dated 9 September 64, from G-5 AFM to A.C.C. on the subject of a complaint of alleged discrimination in wine selling against an American citizen;
 - copy of a letter dated 19 June 64, addressed by Mr. Cardella to the President of the United States.

2. Would you please ask for an investigation of these allegations and would you please inform H.O. & H.G. Section of the results so that we may communicate them to G-5, AFM.

W.S. Doffard
Myn
for HENRY E. FINCH
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Incl: 2.

Copy to G-5, A.F.H.Q.
(your Ref: G-5: 201-CARDILL Samuel (Civ))

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Handwritten signature and date 30/9

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. AND M.G. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref: 166/5/2A

13 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Petition of Intelinano Domenico to His Majesty
George V, King of England.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I, A.C.C.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter⁹⁹ from an Italian citizen,
Intelinano Domenico. This letter was forwarded to A.C.C. from
the War Office.

2. We have informed the War Office that there does not
seem to be much likelihood of favourable action on the petition.

3. However, will you please investigate the case and let
us have a report on it so that we may tell the War Office your
recommendations.

file 314/233

W G S Holland
Major
for HUBERT E. FINE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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G-5: 201-CARDELL, Emanuel (Civ)

9 September 1944

12 SEP Recd

SUBJECT: Letter of Complaint - EMANUEL CARDELL.

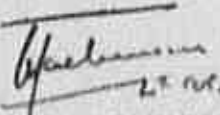
TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

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2. Will you please let this Section have a report in order that General Hildring may be advised.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:


T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

Incl:
as above

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from a U.S.A. Citizen:
Emanuel Cardella
- via Venezia No. 43

June 10th, 1944

Palermo

To the HONORABLE: FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT - PRESIDENT - of U.S.A.
and for knowledge to:

Mr. FIORELLI H. LA GUARDIA - MAYOR - of N.Y. CITY.

The AMERICAN CONSUL of PALERMO

MAJOR FRANK VESCHICHA LEGAL OFFICER OF PALERMO

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/s/ Emanuel Cardella.

