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ENEMY AGENTS
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref: 292/60/CA

12th August 1944

SUBJECT : Sentences imposed on enemy agents.

TO : Hq Allied Forces in Italy.

1. Reference your letter AAI/1460/3/GSI (b) dated 22 Jul 44 and 292/52/CA of 6 Aug 44.

2. Since writing to you on 6 August 1944, I am advised that the cases of RABINOVICH Carlo and SPERA Gino have been received in the Legal Sub-Commission for review. The accused were both convicted of espionage and received sentences of 20 and 15 years respectively. These sentences are being confirmed.

3. While the court did not set forth its reasons for imposing sentences of imprisonment instead of death, the Acting Chief Legal Officer advised me that in his opinion the court acted quite properly inasmuch as each accused before confessing was definitely told by the investigating agent (the agent so stated himself) that if the truth were told attempts would be made to help the accused to get a light sentence.

4. In order to get valuable information it may be thought necessary for agents to make some such inducement, but when confessions are obtained without warning to the accused or by threat, force or other inducement, a court may most properly take such matters into consideration both in giving effect, if any, to the confession and in imposing the sentence.

M. S. HERR
M. S. HERR,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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TRANSFERRING,
ALLIED ARMY COMMISSION,
APO 39,
R.O. & R.O. BROTH.

11th August 1944.

Ref: 292/59/CA

SUBJECT: Sentences Imposed on Enemy Agents.

TO : Admin Sec
(Attn: Legal Sub-Com).

1. I refer to your AXC/ACB/35/L dated 2 Aug 44 and your confirmation of the sentences imposed on CARLO PARNELLI and OLGA SPERA is noted.

2. I am strongly of the opinion that in spy cases and all cases where the death sentence has been asked for, the Court should give a detailed reason for not imposing the maximum sentence.

Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
APO 394

RSP/292/58/CA.

6 August 1944.

SUBJECT : Sentences imposed on Enemy Agents.
TO : HQ Allied Armies in Italy.

Reference AAI/4460/5/CSI(b) of 22 July 1944.

1. The facts set out in para 1 of your letter are appreciated.
2. I can assure you that the officers sitting on Allied Military Courts are well aware that the normal sentence on a person convicted of espionage is one of death; and a conference of Legal Officers held here on 1 August was made the occasion of re-stating this proposition.
3. However, the imposition of sentence in any particular case is a matter of judicial discretion for the Court, with which it is undesirable and indeed improper to interfere.
4. In this connection I would add that each of the cases to which you refer was carefully reviewed by the Chief Legal Officer at this Headquarters and he informs me that in his opinion in these particular cases (with one possible exception) the court properly exercised its judicial discretion in each case (for one reason or another) in imposing a sentence of imprisonment rather than one of death.

M. G. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For A/ Chief Commissioner.

Copy to : Admin Sec. (Ref. your AAI/4460/L of 6 August 44).

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P.S. - I agreed a death sentence yesterday

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Administrative Section
APO 394.

6 August 1944.

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SUBJECT : Sentences imposed on Enemy Agents.

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section.

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1. Reference your letter Ref/292/45/CA dated 24 July 1944.

... 2. Herewith suggested form of reply to letter received from HQ, AAI, in connection with the above, for approval and signature by the Executive Commissioner.

G. R. Upjohn
Colonel.
A/Head, Adm. Sec.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
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6 August 1944.

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M. S. LUSH,
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Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & R.G. SECTION
APO 194

Ref 222/55/01

4 August 1944

SUBJECT: Sentences imposed on convicted enemy agents.

TO : Admin. Section.

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For your information is sent copy of letter from AFHQ dated 27 July 44 addressed to A.C. of H., G-5. This demonstrates clearly the strong deterrent effect created by the publicity given through leaflets to the execution of convicted enemy agents.

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WYMAN E. PIERCE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Inter-Office Buck slip

Aug 2 1944
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To/ R. Brown

(through box 200 bags)

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	Capt.	GALE L.V.	
	Capt.	GEACH F.G.	
	Lt.	HACKETT E.B.	
	Lt.	KERR C.E.	
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

REF-5/4

B-389.701-B

27 July, 1946

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SUBJECT: Leaflets, Enemy agents

TO : A.C. of S., G-5, AFHQ.
Copy to FWS, AFHQ

1. In order to discourage the recruitment of Italians by the enemy secret services for espionage and sabotage, leaflets have been printed and dropped over selected sites. These leaflets contained the photographs and personal details of enemy agents who have been arrested, condemned to death and executed, with a warning of a like fate to all who take part in such covert activities against us.

2. Since the Allied occupation of Rome, a number of statements have been made by captured enemy agents when under interrogation concerning these leaflets pointing to their having had some very considerable psychological and deterrent effect. A captured document also bears this out.

The following are examples of the above:-

a. Ugo D'ESPOSITO, a SD W/T "stay-behind" agent arrested by Eighth Army at Foggia confessed that he had smashed his W/T set in a moment of panic when he read the leaflets and recognized the photographs of the executed persons as those of his colleagues who were engaged by the enemy secret service for espionage missions.

b. Giorgio ANTONUCCI, a SD agent, stated that he was informed by one Luciano PERUZZO, a Guardia di Finanza of Rome, that the latter had picked up a leaflet bearing the photographs of six young men who had been tried, convicted and shot as German spies. One of these six was Franco ASCIARI, a mutual friend of ANTONUCCI and PERUZZO. ANTONUCCI confessed that this had a deterrent effect on him as regards action on behalf of the Germans.

c. Luigi TORZI, an Abwehr W/T stay-behind agent wrote a statement, translation of which is as follows:-

" Your leaflet dropped by Allied aircraft on the
" city of Florence made a great impression on me and
" upon all my companions whom I know to be agents. The
" successful delivery of this leaflet made me understand
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" espions school known to your service. I said to myself: 'Why were these leaflets dropped particularly in the city of Florence?' I understood from henceforth that our connection with the Germans was known, and the entire affair compromised, therefore, from that day, I lost interest in the prospect of the mission which was to be assigned to me. In reading the leaflet, the effect was tremendous, especially because the six photographs contained therein were those of two people whom I knew, Enrico VERICOGGI and Marino CANTILLI. My idea from that day on was not to fulfill my mission, and I acted accordingly."

d. A document was found in the vacated office of Colonel KAPLER, head of SU in Rome, concerning the publicity accompanying the first set of leaflets. The document is an inter-office memorandum sent to KAPLER, by Captain MEYER, one of his assistants, attaching two clippings concerning the execution of the six German spies and saboteurs contained in the first leaflet issued.

The memorandum translated from the German is as follows:-

" 1.5.44

" Memorandum for Obersturmbannführer E.

" Contents: A.E. 2-Men VERICOGGI and CANTILLI and 1-Man ASCHIERI shot on order of ALEXANDER.

" The noon press today publishes the accompanying reports from which "IL MESSAGGERO" also reiterated the names of those condemned to death by the Allied Military Tribunal.

" Of the group attached to Einheit Keiser on 5.1. (VERLANI, CANTILLI, VERICOGGI and ASCHIERI) only VERLANI does not appear on the list of those shot. This latter went as an Italian, the first three with material as 2-Men. ASCHIERI's parents know nothing of their son's mission. The mother, about 14 days ago, came to Sturmbannführer Dr. HARR, and received from us the reassuring information that her son had a special type of employment in Northern Italy, and that all was going well with him.

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" Conclusions: Unfavourable effects on the 1- and 2-men who have not yet come to the point of undertaking missions may be expected psychologically and

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3. The above shows the important deterrent effect that the execution of convicted spies has on others intending to commit espionage and sabotage missions against us. The necessity for the stern carrying-out of the death penalty after the conviction of such persons cannot be too strongly emphasized.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

/s/ S. S. Hill-Dillon

S. S. HILL-DILLON.
Colonel, G.S.
G-2(CI)Section.

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Subject:- Sentences imposed on
convicted enemy agents

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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H.Q. A.O.C.

HEADQUARTERS
1 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

With further reference to this H.Q. letter of even number dated 22 Jul 44 on the above subject.

1. We have been directed by A.F.H.Q. to bring to your attention the attached memorandum.
2. This demonstrates clearly the strong deterrent effect created by the publicity given through leaflets to the execution of convicted enemy agents.

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Lt-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS,
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

W-339,701-3

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Copy to PWS., AFHQ.

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S.S. HILL-DILLON.
Colonel, G.S.
G-2(CI)Section.

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 TO SECURITY FOR FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS. PLEASE NOTIFY THIS HQ
 ESTIMATED DATES OF TRIALS DUE IN YOUR COMMAND.

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

Ref/232/A6/CA

27 July 1944

SUBJECT: Sentences imposed on Convicted Enemy Agents.

TO : Hq. A.A.L.

Your letter AI/1460/5/CHI(b) of 22 July has been received. Very careful consideration is being given to the points you raise and a reply will be forwarded shortly.

SV
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For A/Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

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Ref/292/45/CA.

24 July 1944

SUBJECT: Sentences on Spies.

TO : Admin. Section.

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1. I forward copy of a letter received today from General Lemnitzer at HQ. AAI.
2. Would you please comment on this letter, especially on the points raised in paras. 3 and 4, so that an early reply may be given as requested.

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NORMAN B. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Subject:- Sentences imposed on
convicted enemy agents

HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

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AM/1460/5/GSI(b)

H.A. A.C.C.

24 JUL 1944

22 Jul 44

A. C. C.

1. During the past month eight enemy agents have been brought to trial before an Allied General Military Court on espionage charges. All were convicted of such charges, but only two were sentenced to death, the remainder being awarded terms of imprisonment.
2. The military and security situation calls for the strongest possible measures to defeat the enemy's intense and widespread espionage activities, and it is feared that any leniency which may be shown in this direction may well have the most adverse effect on the security and success of our operations. Thus, although such leniency may spare the life of an Italian spy, it may lead to greater loss of life among Allied troops.
3. To illustrate this point it may be mentioned that we recently examined a letter written to his sister by RENZO GIOVANNI, a convicted enemy agent now serving a term of twenty years imprisonment. In this letter he stated that he did NOT expect to remain in prison for long, as he would presumably be released at the end of the war. It seems probable that this presumption may well prove correct, and that this factor is a source of encouragement to enemy agents and others who may be considering whether to accept missions on behalf of the Germans.
4. Although it is appreciated that each case must be treated on its merits by the court, it is considered that the death sentence should be the normal penalty awarded in respect of persons convicted of espionage and sabotage offences, and that only in very exceptional cases should this be commuted to imprisonment.
5. Will you please give this matter your urgent consideration, and take such steps as you may deem possible, within the bounds of legal procedure and proper justice, to ensure that future cases of this nature are handled with due regard to their vital bearing on the military situation.

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L. L. Lemminger
Maj. Gen., USA
for Lt. General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY.

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7 July 1944.
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SUBJECT: Menecchelli Giovanni.

TO : H.Q. AAI (GSI(b)).

1. Reference your letters AAI/1456/42/GSI(b) dated 6th and 8th June 1944 and letter from H.Q. A.C.C. (R.C. & M.G. Section) Ref. 292/32/CA dated 13th June addressed to you with copy to us.

2. The conviction of the above-named Menecchelli Giovanni and the sentence of life imprisonment imposed on him by General Military Court have been confirmed by the Reviewing authority.

3. Appropriate arrangements can therefore be made for his transfer from S. Maria Gaol to Procida prison as previously agreed. It is understood that these will be handled by the Prisons Officer Region III, to whom any special directions should be sent.

For the Commanding General:

E B M
F.B. MAYNE.,
Colonel, UDF.,
Chief of Staff,
AMG Fifth Army.

Copy to : H.Q. A.C.C. (R.C. & M.G. Section)
R.C. Region III (Att: Prisons Officer).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
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Ref/752/222/Ca

13 June 1954

SUBJECT: Clattino, Michele.

TO : Security Branch,
Admin. Section (for Public Safety
Sub-Commission)

The attached copy letter from GHI(b) Hq. AAI
to AGC of 11 June and Arrest Report are forwarded
to you for information.

MURRAY E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Subject:- GIATTINO Michele.

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A.C.C. Executive Commissioner.

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Herewith copy of the arrest report on the above-mentioned
who is a captured enemy agent. He is being interned in 371
P.W. Camp for the duration of the War.

D Murray Capt
Brigadier.
B.C.S.(I).

Copy to:- G-2, Fifth Army.

PK 13/6

see

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ARREST REPORT.

Name:- GIATTINO Michele.
Son of Vincenzo and Elena SCARANO.

Italian nationality.

Address:- c/o GIATTINO Francesco (his aunt),
Via Botteghele 32,
AGRIGENTO, Sicily.

Arrested: 21 May 44 in the region of LEROLA by the French Expeditionary Corps, on suspicion of being an enemy agent. Subject confessed contact with enemy intelligence but he was not brought up for trial owing to fact that he was not thought to have intended to carry out his mission.

In view of his contact with the enemy I Service, however, he must be interned for the duration in 371 P.W. Camp.

11 Jun 44.

Murray Capt
Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).
A.A.I.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/232/109/CA

12 June 1944

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees.

TO : Security Branch,
Admin. Section (for Public Safety Sub-Commission)

The attached copy letter from GHI(b) Hq. AAI to 372
P.V. Camp dated 9 June 44 and relative case histories are
forwarded for your information.


NORMAN E. FICK
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

JEF/UR

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Subject: Civilian Internees

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AAI/1456/31/OSI(b)

9 June 44

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Comdt, 371 PW Camp

1. The attached case histories are those of two Italians who were sent over by the Germans on an espionage mission.
2. Evidence was insufficient to justify bringing them before a Court of Justice, so it has been decided that, in view of their previous contact with the enemy intelligence service and the secret information they hold, they must be interned for the duration of the war, on the authority of these Headquarters.
3. These two prisoners have already been despatched through channels and will eventually arrive at 371 PW Camp.
4. It is not deemed necessary that you should be in full possession of the facts of their case, as the question of review will not arise and as the complete dossier is already held by this Headquarters.

D. Murray Capt
Lt. Col.
G.S.I.(b)

Copy to: 5 Corps
A.C.C. Executive Commission



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Security Per + P.S.S.C. should be

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NAME : GIOVANNI ARALDO

BORN : 9 Feb 1917 at LOMBARDIA (prev. GHIFFA)

Address : Parents are believed to be still living at LOMBARDIA

Brief History : Formerly employed as a clerk in the Municipality at BERNARD, he served during the war as a W/T operator, first on the French front and later in GERMANY. In August 1941, he was transferred to the Ufficio Prigionieri at Dispersa at NAPLES where he made the acquaintance of GHIFFA. In May 1943 he volunteered for service in the paratroops and was transferred to VIMBO where he was retained - as a W/T operator - until the Armistice. In Oct 1943 he returned to BERNARD and his job at the Municipality. In Feb 1944, together with his friend GHIFFA, he accepted an offer to work for the German Intelligence Service as a means of rejoining his family in the South. On 9 Mar the pair crossed the lines into Allied occupied territory and immediately gave themselves up.

NAME : GHIFFA TUGENCIO

BORN : 2 Aug 1917 at BERNARDINO (prev. MILAN)

Address : Via San Bartolomeo 14, BERNARDINO

Brief History : Served in Italian Army during the war as R.O.C. First in ALBANIA and later in GERMANY. In July 1942 he was sent to the "Ufficio Prigionieri e Dispersi del Ministero Africa" in NAPLES where he met GIOVANNI for the first time. Early in 1943 he was transferred to BERNARD where he remained until the Armistice. In February 1944, he joined his friend GIOVANNI at BERNARD, where the pair accepted an offer to work for the German Intelligence Service as a means of getting to Allied occupied ITALY. His subsequent history was the same as GIOVANNI's.

Disposal :

In view of their contact with the German Intelligence Service, it is necessary that they be interned for the duration of the war.

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Ref/P92/32/GA

13 June 1944

SUBJECT: Marichelli Giovanni

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TO : Mr. AAI (OSI(b))

1. Reference letter AAI/1456/42/OSI(b) of 8 June 44 to S.L.O. AND 5 Army copy to us, arrangements have been made for the above named to be lodged at PROCHA Island prison.
2. He can be received on or after 15 June.
3. Capt. Daley (Prisons Officer) Region III will arrange for transport and transfer from S. Maria to PROCHA when date of transfer is fixed. Would you please communicate with him through R.C. Region III.

MB
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For Chief Commissioner

Copy to:

R.C. Region III (Att: Capt. Daley)
S.C.A.O. 5 Army AND (ATT: S.L.O.)

DM/GR

P.A.
17/6/44

Admin. Sect.

Ref. to 27 pt. see subsequent papers.

Will you have the necessary arrangements
prepared so that action can follow immediately
on confirmation of sentence.

Edmund White
Reg. 92
10 Jun

PS.

Please see your initials of 2 Jun. and 3 Jun. Will you
please have the necessary arrangements made. You will
note that there is no time to lose.

Admin.

11 JUN 1944

Admin. Sec.

Arrangements have been made through Region III for
MENICHELLI to be imprisoned at PROCEIDA Island prison.
He can be received on or after 15 JUNE 1944. When date of
transfer is known, if Capt DALEY (Prison Officer, Region III, Naples)
is communicated with direct, he will arrange transport,
and transfer the prisoner from S. MARIA to PROCEIDA.

12 JUNE 1944.

RCMG

12 JUN 1944

Please note above and you please arrange direct with R. III

Frank N. Koon NAT.
for Reg. 92, 14. 2nd
Chief Prison Officer Reg. 92.

Edmund White
for VP

SUBJECT:- MENICHELLI Giovanni

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AAI/IASG/22/101(5)

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Senior Legal Officer
AMG, Fifth Army

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Reference our letter of even number dated 6 Jun 44,
para 6.

Subject will be removed from the custody of 16 F.S.
Section and will be lodged in S. MARIA Civil Gaol w.o.f.
9 Jun 44.

The officer in charge of S. MARIA Gaol is O.C. 52
M.P. Coy (U.S.)

DMurray Capt
Brigadier,
H.Q.S.(I).

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Copy to:- Deputy Executive Commissioner,
HQ, A.C.C.

*Desist report of confirmation
of sentence - see para 5*

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Subject:- MINICHILLI Giovanni

HQ ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY

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Deputy Executive Commissioner,
A. C. C.

AAI/1456/42/GSI(b)

6 Jun 44

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See File 29

Thank you for your 292/28/GA dated 3 Jun 44.

The arrangements which you are prepared to make with regard to MINICHILLI are entirely satisfactory from our point of view, and we are most grateful for your cooperation in this matter.

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W. J. Gibson. Lt-Col

f Brigadier,
R.G.S.(I).

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Subject:- MINICHIELLI Giovanni.

HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

CONFIDENTIALAAI/1456/42/431(b).6 Jun 44Senior Legal Officer,
A.M.G., Fifth Army.

1. MINICHIELLI Giovanni was recently tried on an espionage charge, convicted and sentenced to twenty years imprisonment.
2. He is in possession of certain highly secret information regarding Allied Intelligence activities which it is essential to safeguard.
3. We therefore wrote on 26 May to Executive Commissioner, A.C.C. asking that if MINICHIELLI's sentence were confirmed arrangements should be made for him to be imprisoned under special arrangements which would safeguard the information in his possession.
4. We have now received a reply from the Executive Commissioner reference 292/28/GA dated 3 Jun to the following effect:-

"Arrangements can be made to keep MINICHIELLI in solitary confinement under the care of three specially selected prison guards. If this appears suitable to you and you will let me know when you are ready to hand MINICHIELLI over, I will have the necessary arrangements made".
5. It is not known whether his sentence has yet been confirmed, but if or when it is would you please notify this Branch or the Executive Commissioner, in order that the special arrangements may be set in train.
6. MINICHIELLI is at present in the custody of 16 P.S. Section attached to this Headquarters.

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A.C.C.

W.D. Gibson Lt Col

Brigadier 310
B.O.S.(I).

Copy to:- Deputy Executive Commissioner, E.C. A.C.C.

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

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Ref/292/28/CA

3 June 1944

SUBJECT: MANICHELLI.

TO : HQ. A.A.I.

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1. Reference your AAI/1456/42/GS1(b) of 26 May 1944.
2. Arrangements can be made to keep Manicelli in solitary confinement under the care of three specially selected prison guards.
3. If this appears suitable to you and you will let me know when you are ready to hand Manicelli over, I will have the necessary arrangements made.

H. Carl Brown

NORMAN E. FIERKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to
Admin Section. ✓

See
any further action?

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Administrative Section

Please see 27.

Will you consult P.S. & Legal

and let us have an opinion

a) on the practicability of para 4 proposal.

b) on the legality of para 5 proposal.

Any other suggestion for dealing with the problem would be appreciated.

Security Br. has been consulted and has nothing to offer but shooting!

[Signature] C. Br.
(E. Com. G.)

29 May.

Legal }
PS } For your opinion. Will PS please consult H. G. as to
practicability of paragraph 4. and Legal as to legality of 5

Admin
section

[Signature] for CSO.
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Subject: MENTICHELLI

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

SECRETAAJ/1456/A2/GSN(b)Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.26 Nov 44.

1. MENTICHELLI Giovanni, together with LADDA Orsola and IMBERA Flaminio, who had been despatched by the German Intelligence Service on an espionage mission in March, were brought to trial last week. MENTICHELLI was convicted and sentenced to twenty years imprisonment; the other two were acquitted.

2. It is known that all three are in possession of certain highly secret information regarding Allied intelligence activities - information which, if it became known to the enemy, would prejudice the success of Allied operations.

3. We therefore propose to arrange for LADDA and IMBERA to be interned overseas.

4. With regard to MENTICHELLI, it is requested that, if his sentence is confirmed, arrangements be made, if possible, for him to be incarcerated in such a place and in such a manner that he will be unable to communicate his knowledge to other prisoners who are to be released before the end of the war, and that his contact with wardens is limited to those whose integrity and discretion can be counted upon.

5. If this is found to be impossible, would it be permissible for us to arrange for his internment overseas, together with the other two, for the duration, and for him to return to ITALY after the war to serve his sentence - or part of it?

6. The former alternative, as set out in para 4 above, appears preferable to the latter.

7. We regret having to ask for special arrangements to be made and thereby cause inconvenience, but we feel compelled to do so in this case as it is one of considerable security significance.

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1. MENICHINI Giovanni, together with LEONE Orsola and IRERA Placido, who had been despatched by the German Intelligence Service on an espionage mission in March, were brought to trial last week. MENICHINI was convicted and sentenced to twenty years imprisonment; the other two were acquitted.

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4. With regard to MENICHINI, it is requested that, if his sentence is confirmed, arrangements be made, if possible, for him to be imprisoned in such a place and in such a manner that he will be unable to communicate his knowledge to other prisoners who are to be released before the end of the war, and that his contact with warders is limited to those whose integrity and discretion can be counted upon.

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W.D. Gibson. Lt Col

Brigadier,
S.G.S.(I).

Copy to:- G-2, Fifth Army.

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PAYEE (Executive Commissioner)

5 May 1944

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TROOPERS

PERSONAL FOR KIRBY FROM LUSH PD PARISH TO TROOPERS FROM LUSH PD YOUR LINE
ONE FROM LINE TWO OF TWO MAY RECEIVED HERE TODAY PD ALL SIX CASES TRIED BY ALLIED
MILITARY COURTS PARISH CIVIL APPEALS COURTS PARISH UNDER PROCLAMATION PD SENTENCES
CONFIRMED EITHER BY GENERAL ALCOCK OR BY CHIEF COMMISSIONER UNDER REGULATION PD
EXECUTION CARRIED OUT UNDER ORDERS GOD AHEAD BY SHOOTING PD SINCE FIRST JANUARY ONE FOUR
DEATH SENTENCES IN NEWGUINEA CASES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED OF WHICH EIGHT CARRIED OUT PD
ELEVEN DEATH SENTENCES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED PD IN TWO CASES COURT DECIDED TWENTY YEARS
SENTENCE PD TWO HAVE BEEN ACQUITTED AND ONE STILL SUB JUDICE PD ALL ABOVE CASES
TRIED BY ALLIED MILITARY COURTS PARISH CIVIL APPEALS COURTS PARISH PD NO CASES BEFORE
FIRST JANUARY

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L. F. HESTER, Jr.
2/Lt and
Adjutant

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TO PARCO (57 AREA PASS)

FROM TROOPERS

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SECRET. PERSONAL FOR LUSH FROM KIRK. ONE. PRESS STATEMENT ON
MAY FIRST. REPORT TRIAL BY ALLIED MILITARY COURT AND EXECUTION CONFIRMED
BY ALEXANDER OF SIX ITALIAN SPIES. TWO. IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE QUESTIONS
FURTHER DETAILS URGENTLY REQUIRED. WAS TRIAL BY COURT MARTIAL UNDER
MILITARY LAW OR IN CIVIL AFFAIRS COURT UNDER PROCLAMATION

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Leg. Sub-Commission
APO 394

23 APR Recd



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22 April 44

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ACC/4083/L

Subject : Espionage Cases.

To : H.Q. A.C.C.
HC & MG Sec.

1. As asked by Brigadier Lush, herewith a list showing death sentences in espionage cases which have been confirmed by the Chief Commissioner.

NAME	DATE OF CONFIRMATION
BERTOLI Mauro (**)	15 Jan. 44
CANCELLIERI Luigi (**)	15 Jan. 44
✓ CANTELLI Marino	3 Apr. 44
✓ MERICACCI Enrico	3 Apr. 44
✓ PALISSE Italo	18 Apr. 44.

2. Those cases followed by asterisks (**) were confirmed by General H.R. ALEXANDER.

Sec. Commr. will wish
over

MS 23/4

J. Campbell
GERALD R. UPJOHN
Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION

Ref : SB/3II.5/149

21 April 1944

SUBJECT : Prosecution of Enemy Agents.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

1. The following is a return of prosecutions in which Security Branch of this Hq. have prepared cases for trial before the Allied Military Court at S. Maria:

Persons tried	: 16	
Convicted	: 15	- One acquitted by court and interned.
Condemned to death	: 15	- One commuted to 20 years imprisonment.
Trial postponed	: 2	(Illness of prisoner)
Under investigation	: 8	

2. Capt. McKay of the Security Branch has been informed by Ib, Hq. A.A.I. that in the last twenty days no agents have been crossing the lines. This fact, combined with the hard work put in by Capt. Hare and Lt. Gale of Security Branch enables us to say that the critical period has passed.

M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Officer.

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LaCassette

In line with to see 21 before it goes
to PRO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.S. Section
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PMB 16.

11 April 1944.

Subject: Publicity.

To: HQ AAI (GSDb).

1. The Public Relations Branch AGC has been informed by Squadron Leader H.M. Jenkins, RAF, SIO AMO 5th Army, of your interest in safeguarding security in publicity that may arise out of the numerous espionage and sabotage cases in 5th Army area.

2. Information is requested as to the procedure to be adopted for release of such information to the Public Relations Branch AGC and the steps necessary to clear press releases to PWS and AFHQ PWD once the information is released. It would be appreciated if you could designate some person in your organization who is familiar with the facts of the cases in question to advise us of the correct measures to take.

(Sgd)

M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

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Capt Peyton

St Col Shields C.O. 5th Army Army
wants St Col WILLIS (B) to report
to him at CASERT A this pm.

Wishes is 5 Army Army loaned
to Region III. I cleared with
Col WEBER C.O. Reg III who agreed
to send WILLIS.

2. With you pt.

a) Show Col Shields and tell
him this is ok.

b) Clear the porting (attached)
with G.I. (Col Payroll).

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Peyton
J. P. Baker

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FROM SEARS 181315A

TO FATIMA FOR FISKE

QGX GR 54 BT

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SEARS FOR HANCOCK TO FATIMA FOR FISKE CITE RES ONE TWO EIGHT
PAREN) WAS YOUR LETTER REFERENCE TWO NINE TWO DASH FOUR DASH CHARLIE
ABLE OF ONE TWO MARCH PD MAJOR CAMPBELL RETURNED CATANIA ONE EIGHT
AND EXPECTS TO LEAVE CATANIA ONE NINE FOR CASERTA BT

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apt Peyton

Ref 4 and 15.

This cond. is in re: 74 at the disposal
of Acmf for 5th and 8th Army, and
not only for 5th Army.

5 Army can accommodate 100
major Uden and Wamph only.

2. With 40 pt. taken up with
major fixed teams - 40 Acmf
Station they can accommodate 4
ration the other two officers
and then check up with it
on the issue of the necessary
orders.

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A see 14 in file also.

Acting Open JL

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HEADQUARTERS REGION 4
Allied Military Government
APO 394 *CD*

GCSB/gd

Cy R 15

TO : HQ. ACC, R.O. & M.G. Section
FROM : HQ. Region 4, AMG
SUBJECT: Lt. Rosario A. Gaziano
REF : R4/201 (O)
DATE : 15 March 1944

1. Ref your 292/4/CA, 12 March 1944, Lt. Gaziano who is on leave will be instructed to report to Caserta immediately upon his return, scheduled 17 March 1944.

2. Attention is called to the fact that this officer was attached to Region 3 by S. O. No. 32, this HQ. dated 29 November 43. Requested that orders be issued relieving him of attachment to Region 3 and attaching him to 5 Army, in pursuance of your letter above cited.

George C.S. Benson
GEORGE C.S. BENSON
Captain, A.G.D.
Adjutant

Copy to
Region 3 AMG
5th Army

Capt Ayton
Let Col Thibault be informed of 1
Pl take up para 2 with 31
done by Capt
Payton 12/15
10/20/44

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CAB. for G. Long

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SUBJECT: Provision of Transport for Special Court

Headquarters
Allied Armies in Italy

SECRET

AAI/1460/5/G(Ib)

TO: Deputy Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.

15 Mar 44

1. Ref your letter 292/4/CA of 12 Mar.
2. It is regretted that transport is not available from this branch for the special court.
3. If transport is not available from local ACC resources, 3 District have agreed to provide one car on demand. Application should be made to the G-2 (1), Major HARARI.

Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I),
A.A.I.

Copy to: CSI, 3 District.
(ref telephone conversation Major YOUNG - Major HARARI
of 15 Mar).

HEADQUARTERS
16 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

15th March, 1944

To: B.G.S.(I), A.C.M.F.

From: Deputy Chief (OCC) P.W.B. Italy

Reference your AGMF/1460/4/GI(b) dated 8th March, arrangements have been made for the announcement in question to be broadcast on our radio network.

It will be broadcast at 12 noon, 1800 hrs and 2200 hrs on 16th, 17th and 18th March, and has been transmitted today at 1800 hrs and 2200 hrs. If it should be considered necessary to rebroadcast the message at any time in the future please let us know.

Arrangements are also in progress for the printing of posters, distribution of which will be made in the forward areas.

G. W. Edman
DEPUTY CHIEF, ITALIAN THEATRE (OCC)

Copies to: Executive Commissioner, A.C.C. (for Brig. Lush) ✓
P.W.B. Radio Section (Mr. Ravotto)

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IN REPLY TO CHICAGO FROM NEW YORK HIGHWAY PAUL

[illegible]

Internal: SAC Region III (SAC)
Internal: Public Safety Sub-Com.
Security Branch.

1. E. MONTANT, JR.
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Public Safety Sub Com. (handwritten copy)

Please explain to message center & see action is taken by CABS

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	Major Driffield-White	☒
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7 MAR 1944

SUBJECT: - Proclamation Regarding Enemy Agents.
 Headquarters
 Allied Central Mediterranean Force
 7 MAR 1944

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ADMP/1460/H/GI(b)

8 Mar 44

Executive Commissioner,
 A.C.C.

1. During recent months the enemy has sent through our lines a large number of Italian youths on espionage missions.
2. Considerable difficulty is being experienced with regard to the trial of such agents who are captured. Though they may admit, under interrogation, that they were recruited and dispatched by the enemy, they may claim in their defence that they accepted the mission merely as a means of crossing into Allied occupied Italy, and that they had no intention of carrying out the mission. In many instances it is difficult, if not impossible, for the prosecution to refute such a claim, and it is feared that a number of enemy agents may be acquitted for this reason. It is appreciated that in some cases such a defence may be genuine, but it is important that it should not secure the acquittal of those who did in fact intend to perform the mission assigned to them.
3. In order to discourage persons in enemy occupied Italy from accepting such missions, and in order to facilitate the trial and, if guilty, the conviction of such agents, it is suggested that the following announcement should be broadcast:

"Allied Military Government Proclamation 2, Article 1, Section 10 states: 'Any person who enters or is found within any place or area designated as a forbidden area either by the posting of a sign or the presence of sentries without a pass specifically authorising him to be there, shall, upon conviction by a Military Court, be liable to punishment by death or by imprisonment, or fine, or both, as the court may determine'.

"Any person who accepts an espionage or sabotage mission on behalf of the Germans and who is dispatched by them into the Allied combat or operational zone, ~~unless he gives himself up at the first opportunity and admits immediately and of his own accord that he has been sent on such a mission~~, is liable to be charged either with the above quoted offence or with that of espionage, and, if convicted, to be sentenced to death".

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 Allied Central Mediterranean Force

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P.S. Ainsley
Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).
A.C.M.F.

Copy To:- G-2, A.F.H.Q.
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R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 39A

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Ref/250/4/CA.

12 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Trial of Enemy Agents.

TO : R.C.A.G. AND 5th Army.

1. A letter has been sent by R.C.G. AMF to the Executive Commissioner urging the necessity for setting up a Special Court to deal with spies, and requesting furthermore that the matter be treated as of great urgency.

2. It has been agreed that this Court shall be set up forthwith to work on the West of the Apennines consisting of the following members :

Major Campbell - Region I.
Major Elder - Region IV.
Major Waugh - Region IV.
Lieut. Gasiano - Region IV.

— have Gasiano 19/3 1944
at Caserta now with 5 Army
due 17/3 1944

3. Colonel Young has nominated a Security Officer to act as Prosecutor before the Court, and has stated that Capt. Hare or Lieut. Gale are now in touch with Lt. Col. Gibson.

4. The Court should be convened as a standing Court and should have its H.Q. at CASERTA. It will act under the general orders of the Chief Legal Officer 5th Army AMF, who will be responsible for ensuring that all cases of espionage are brought before the Court with the minimum of delay.

5. It is understood that Major Elder and Major Waugh are at Caserta now. It is requested that the necessary instructions be issued by Regions I and IV to ensure that Lieut. Gasiano and Major Campbell report to Caserta by Saturday, March 18th, to Chief Legal Officer, 5th Army AMF.

6. It is requested that no transport is available from this H.Q. for these officers, but a request has been addressed to OSI(b) AMF asking them to provide transport for the Court on demand.

HENRY M. FICK
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: R.C. Region I.
Col. Young, Security Branch.

R.C., AMF.
C.I. AMF.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 292/3/CA.

10th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Trial of enemy agents.

TO : Chief of General Staff,
Headquarters, A.C.M.F.

1. I discussed your ACMP/1460/5/2(1b) dated 10 March 44 with the B.R.S.

2. The Chief Commissioner entirely agrees that a special standing court is necessary to deal with the trial of alleged spies and such a court has been set up. In addition, a qualified prosecutor (British) will be appointed to the court which will normally sit at Caserta under the general direction of the Chief Legal Officer, AMZ 5 Army, Lt. Col. Shields, to whom all cases should be referred.

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MSL
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 200/2/24.

MOST SECRET.

Subject: Trial of enemy agents.

To : Civil Affairs Branch.

1. I discussed the attached letter with Brigadier Airey, R.G.S. (1). I have agreed that a standing court for the trial of espionage agents shall be set up forthwith. This court will work on the West of the Appenines and will consist of:-

Major Campbell	-	Region I.
Major Elder	-	Region IV.
Major Naugh	-	Region IV.
Lieut. Caniara	-	Region IV.

2. These officers should be brought in as soon as possible together with a security officer to be nominated by Colonel Young and who will act as prosecutor before the court.

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4. I have replied to the C.G.S. accordingly.

MSL/JG.

MSL
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Trial of enemy agents

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Headquarters,
A. C. H. E.

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TO: Allied Control Commission

1. The increasing flow of enemy agents into those parts of Italy occupied by the Allies gives cause for anxiety and suggests that the time has come to review our machinery for dealing with the problem in the light of recent experience.

2. We know that the enemy is completing plans for a wide development of his espionage system in Italy, where the situation is indeed favorable to such a project. This, moreover, is taking place at a time when it is of particular importance to conceal the grouping of our forces.

3. During the last three months our military security organization has been successful in arresting a large number of agents. Some of these have been kept for special intelligence work, five have been tried, one is now undergoing trial and eleven others are awaiting trial. Three will be ready within a few days, and a large number of cases are likely to follow. It is clearly of the utmost importance that these people are brought to trial as quickly as possible and, if found guilty and sentenced to death, shot with the minimum of delay and the maximum of publicity. While the knowledge that so large a quantity of their spies are caught must certainly embarrass the enemy's Intelligence Service, it is equally certain that the knowledge that they are promptly tried and executed will hinder the recruiting of agents, discourage those already here from passing on information, and increase the tendency, already noticeable among Italian agents, to surrender on arrival and give information leading to the arrest of their associates.

4. Everything has been done, within the limits of the existing machinery, to achieve this end, but in spite of the unwilling cooperation of the officers of the Allied Military Government, it has not yet been possible to obtain the quick results which the occasion so urgently demands.

5. It is probable that the delay is largely due to the difficulty of collecting in a short space of time the evidence which is necessary to secure conviction. This is further complicated by the tendency on the part of the agent to plead that he undertook his mission as a means of giving himself up to the Allies. Separate steps are being taken to remedy this, but it is also certain that a considerable amount of time could be saved if special standing courts were set up in the forward areas, as a temporary measure, to deal with the present

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May this matter please be given your most urgent consideration in view of the important relationship which it bears to the security of forthcoming operations?

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W. D. D.

Lieut-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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