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ARREST & RELEASE OF CIVILIANS
MAY-SEPT. 1944

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SUBJECT: Prince George Radziwill.

314 X CAB

AMG Rear Eighth Army.

ON/22

27 Sep 44.

28 SEP Recd

HQ Allied Control Commission,
Executive Commissioner's Branch.

Copy to Administrative Section, HQ ACC.

1. Reference your 314/228/CA of 9 Sep 44, neither AMG Arezzo Province nor Army GSI(b) have any knowledge of arrest of a/m.

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*For 40m w/10m
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29 Sep 1944
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Eduear
Major,
SCAFQ,
for group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG Eighth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.F.O. 394

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Ref. SB/I40 DRAGO G.

24 September 1944

Subject : DRAGO Gaetano

To : Civil Affairs Branch. ✓

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1. Reference your 314/241/CA of 23 September 1944.

2. I attached hereto a copy of a report submitted by this Branch to Colonel Fiske on 20 March 1944.

3. The case was reviewed again in April 1944 and the decision of A.A.I. I (b) was that it was not considered desirable that this internee should be released at present.

4. I have forwarded a copy of the report of Regional Commissioner Lazio Region to G.2. (C.I.) AF. HQ. to enquire whether the release of subject can now be considered.

5. Their decision will be communicated to you in due course.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

John A. McKay
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Major,
Security Branch.

Copy to:

Regional Commissioner, Lazio Region.

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Security Branch.

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Regional Commissioner, Iorio Region.

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SECURITY BRANCH
A.P.O. 394

Ref : SB/311.5/140

20 March 1944

Subject : DRAGO Gastano

To : Colonel A.E. Young

1. Enclosure 7 shows the decision of HQ. A.A.I.I. in respect of Subject.

2. The following is a summary of the history of the case:

- a. Born at St. Agata 11.4.1897;
- b. Inscribed in the P.M.F. 10.11.1923
- c. 1927 - Appointed Vice-Director of Unione Industriale Provinciale di Messina;
- d. 1931 - Appointed Director (competitive examination);
- e. 1935/43 - Appointed Member of Consiglio Prov. Corporazione di Messina (Prefectural appointment);
- f. 1929/34 - Appointed Member of Rettorato Amministrativo Prov. di Messina (Prefectural appointment);
- g. Aug 1943 - Appointed Commissario della Camera Agraria di Messina (Prefectural appointment);
- h. No definite evidence of his having been a Squadrista or member of C.V.R.A. - Field Security; No. 1 District have reason to suspect that he was both;
- i. Subject was a friend of a Fascist business clique running under the name of "Bosurgi and Co", of which the proprietrix, Signa. Bosurgi, is alleged to have been Mussolini's mistress.
- j. Subject and a certain Count Gavina alleged to have offered their services as an "advisory committee" to A.M.C., Messina, as soon as Messina fell; A.M.C., Messina were advised of suspicious background of Subject, but replied that they were satisfied by the good work Subject had done;
- k. On 4 January, 1944, G.O.C. No. 1 District ordered arrest, with a view to detention for the duration, of Subject on grounds implicit in the state of affairs existing in

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 - j. Subject and a certain Count Cavens alleged to have offered their services as an "advisory committee" to A.M.G., Messina, as soon as Messina fell; A.M.G., Messina were advised of suspicious background of Subject, but replied that they were satisfied by the good work Subject had done;
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 1. Enquiries made in February, 1944, by an officer of this Branch showed that Subject was unfit to hold any official

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posi a under allied control;

m. On 10th February, 1944, a new Commissario Prefettizio della Camera Agrumaria was appointed by Region 1;

n. About 20th February, 1944, subject was arrested by F.S.S. and his internment for the duration of hostilities was authorised by G.O.C. No. 1 District;

3. While it is obvious that the removal of Subject from any official position was advisable, it is the opinion of this Branch that there are no longer sufficient grounds for internment on the grounds of military security, having regard to the fact that Subject was not arrested until February of 1944. When this point was discussed with Lt. Col. Gibson, G.S.O.I. I(b) of A.A.I.I. and with Major Coventry, G.S.O..2 I(b) of No. 1 District, their answer was that by the time Messina was reached by our Forces, the policy as to internment had changed and that, if the policy had not changed, Subject would have been immediately interned. The reason for the delay in arrested was stated to be that it was hoped to persuade A.V.G. that Subject was not a fit person to hold office; this does not justify his present detention. When it was pointed out that Subject could no longer hold any official position while A.C.C. was in existence, the reply was that in the opinion of the Security Officers of No. 1 District, the background and associations of Subject were such that his release and return to Messina would be likely to prejudice the security situation in that area, through the un official influence he might be in a position to exercise.

JOHN A. McEAY, Capt.
Security Branch.

Ist. Ind

To: Col. M.E. Fiske.

For information. The return of this file is requested.

L.R. DAINES, Lt. Col.
Asst. Director of Security.

20 March. 1944

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ED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.P.O. 394

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Ref : SB/140 DRAGO G.

26 September 1944

27 SEP Recd

Subject : DRAGO Gastano

To : G-2 (CI) A.F.H.Q.

1. I transmit herewith an appeal supported by Regional Commissioner Lasio Region, for the release of the above named who has been interned at 371 P.W. Camp.

2. A.A.I.'s decision in the matter in April 1944 was that it is therefore not considered desirable that this internee should be released at present, "as" it was felt that his release and return to Messina would be likely to prejudice the security situation in that area, vide AAI/1479/1/G(Ib) of 22 April 44.

3. It is the opinion of this Branch that there are no longer sufficient grounds for internment on grounds of military security hostilities having moved so far away from Sicily.

4. It is requested that you give this case further consideration and that we be informed of the result.

John A. McKay, Major,
Security Branch.

Copy to:
Civil Affairs Branch
Regional Commissioner
Lasio Region

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGN LV
APO 394

R/2388

20 September 1944

Subject: Avv. Gaetano DRAGO

To : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

1. This is an appeal on behalf of Gaetano Drago of Messina, Sicily.
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4. Investigations made by the Messina AMG officers disclosed no grounds necessitating imprisonment of Drago. The matter was submitted to AMG H Headquarters and it failed to understand why the imprisonment was necessary.
5. In all events Drago has been in an internment Camp at Padula in the Province of Salerno for 7 or 8 months. It is believed that his case merits investigation and reconsideration at this time. Has justice been done?
6. Attached is a copy of a petition of the wife of Drago.

S/ Charles Poletti
t/ Charles Poletti
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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Petition: Mrs Drago.

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGN IV
APO 394

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

Ref: 314/247/CA

26 September 1944.

We refer again to your letter of 7 August 1944, Ref: G.2.(a) BM/5681
(G.A.2.)

As the attached copy of the letter of 19 September 1944 Ref: L/3029
from the Regional Legal Officer of the Region in which Francesco Barbati
was sentenced will make clear, it is not possible to change the sentence.
As you will also see the original petition of Mrs. Barbati to His Majesty
the King does not represent the facts of the case.

We have not yet received an answer to our enquiry about the second petition
petition which you forwarded with your letter.

Signed M.S. Lush
M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,

Incl: 1.

Senior Commander P.S. Stenon,
The War Office, (G.A.2.)
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue
London W.C.2.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. AND H.C. SECTION
ATO 394

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Ref: 314/245/CA

24 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Ex-Prefect Stanislas Gaboni.

TO : Interior Sub-Commission.

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We refer to your letter of 12 June 1944, Ref: ACC/5/20/INT.
2. As the copy of the letter from P.W. Camp 571 of 19 September 1944, Ref: 371/1400/AC indicates Mr. Gaboni was released from internment on 29 August 1944.

Wm. J. S. BOLLARD, C.M.G.

J. NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Incl: 1.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL DIVISION
APO 394, U.S. Army

L/3029

19 September 44

Subject: Sentence of Francesco BARBATI by A.M.G. Court. 25 SEP Recd

To : Colonel N.E. Fiske, Deputy Executive Commissioner, A.C.C., R.C. and M.G. Section, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your communication 314/232/CA, 12 September 1944, relative to the above subject.

2. Subject was tried and convicted on 21 January 1944 before Colonel John W. Chapman together with FIORE Antonio for the crime of stealing from the United States mails. At the time of the arrest of subject he had in his possession the property listed in the attached instrument. However, he was not charged with the crime of illegal possession of Allied property.

3. The conviction was reviewed by the Chief Legal Officer, A.C.C., and affirmed. Thereafter a petition for pardon was filed on behalf of subject, which said petition was denied by the C.L.O., A.C.C.

4. The facts set forth in the attached instrument do not represent the true facts in the case.

See also

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F.L. Dawson by E.T. Hays
L.F. DAWSON,
Lt.Col., C.L.,
Regional Legal Officer. 312

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Naples

29 May 1944.

To His Majesty George VI
King of England,
London.

Your Majesty,

The victorious Allied troops are advancing on Rome!

All Italians are anxiously watching the glorious march for the liberation of Italy from Nazi-Fascism, which has wrought so much evil on all of us forced to submit to it.

Now Rome - which for us signifies Italy - is about to be liberated, thanks to the heroism of your troops, to which Your Majesty has indicated the way.

First and foremost, it is Your will which is being fulfilled.

Thinking of Your strong, iron will, before which all must bow, it occurred to me to solicit you to perform yet another act of liberation an act of no importance for the world, but ranking, for a mother, on a par with the liberation of Rome.

I am speaking Your Majesty of my son Francesco Barbati, son of the late Alberto, who was working in November, 1943, at an Allied Post Office in Bagnoli, Naples.

One day, the Captain in charge of the Office noticed that one of the employees - whom he could not for the moment identify - had been trying to tamper with a parcel.

A search was made of all those present, and my son was found in possession of 17 cigarettes and two cakes of soap.

He was taken to prison, and on 21st January 1944, a trial was held before the Allied Tribunal in Naples, in the course of which the Captain appeared as a witness, and stated that it was not Barbati who had tampered with the parcel; he identified the real culprit amongst the other accused.

The "Pubblico Ministero" in fact withdrew the charge in respect to Barbati, but the Judge sentenced him to two years' imprisonment.

A revision of the trial was asked for, but the competent office to which the application was sent, together with a recommendation from the Magistrates of the Allied Command, rejected it on 15.3.1944, and confirmed the sentence.

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Such are the facts of the trial.

It must be borne in mind, Your Majesty, that at the time when my son was arrested, the whole of Naples were smoking Anglo-American cigarettes and washing with their soap, as there had been an absolute dearth of these articles in Italy. One had only to stop the first person in the street, and he would be sure to be carrying something provided by the generosity of the Allies.

And then, Your Majesty, to deprive a poor boy of work, to prevent him from supporting the family, for a mere matter of 17 cigarettes and two cakes of soap, surely this is excessive in times so critical for Naples.

Whilst not having the slightest intention of criticising the work of the Allied Tribunal, I should like to point out that an act of clemency on your part would not mean conniving at a crime.

Therefore I, an old woman, in poor health, appeal to Your kindness and goodness of heart, so well-known throughout the world, with the request that you will liberate my son, who has already lived six months in prison, so that, when freed, he may return to his work, and again support his mother.

Confident that Your Majesty, who has liberated the world from Nazi-Fascism, will also liberate my son, I presume to write to You, and shall await from you a letter which will put my mind at rest, and assure me that this favour has been granted.

To Your Majesty I wish all good and happiness, and to the brave Allied troops complete and final victory.

signed: Anna Barbati.

Via Campanile ai Miracoli 22.
Naples. (Italy).

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SUBJECT: GABONI Stanislas. Civilian Internee.

23 SEP Recd

3/I P.W.CAMP. C.R.P.

3/I/1400/AC.

19 sept 44.

To Deputy Executive Commissioner,
R.C. and M.G. Section. APO 354.
Ref. 314/233/CA. 233

1. The a/n Civilian Internee was released from this camp,
on the 29 Aug 44.
2. Forwarded for your information.

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F. G. Geach.

(F.G. GEACH)

Capt.

Security Branch A.C.C. attached 3/I P.W.Camp.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
E.C. AND M.C. SECTORS
AIO 394

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Ref: 314/24/CA

23 September 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest of Costanzo Drago

TO : Security Branch, A.C.C.

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1. Attached are:
 - (a) a letter dated 20 Sept. 44, Ref: B/2300 from the Regional Commissioner, Region IV on behalf of Costanzo Drago of Messina, Sicily, a former official appointed by the Regional Commissioner and now in an internment camp at Isola province of Salerno;
 - (b) a petition from Mrs. Drago for her husband.
2. Could you please investigate the case of Mr. Drago to discover, as the Regional Commissioner, Region IV requests, whether justice has been done and whether Mr. Drago could be released.
3. May we please have your recommendations on this case so that we may inform the Regional Commissioner, Region IV.

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W. S. Joffe
Major

for HENRY E. FINE,
Colonel.
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to E.C. Region IV.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 394

20 September 1944.

R/2388

SUBJECT: Avv. Gaetano DRAGO

TO : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

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Signed: CHARLES POZZI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

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Petition of Mrs. Drago.

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Io sottoscritta Alba Maria DRAGO mi onoro esporre a V.S. quanto segue.

Mio marito, Avv. Gaetano DRAGO fu Giuseppe e di Palmira Maraci, nato a S. Agata di Militello (Prov. di Messina) il 10 Aprile 1897, è stato fermato al proprio domicilio in Messina il 13 Gennaio 1944 e, successivamente, il 13 di Febbraio trasferito al Campo di concentramento.

Da allora ho atteso che gli fossero fatti conoscere i motivi per i quali è stato arrestato.

Legittima speranza, io credo, perché un uomo, che è stato privato della libertà personale, ha il diritto di conoscere le ragioni per le quali tale libertà gli è stata tolta, di documentare la propria condotta, di chiarire gli eventuali errori. In una parola di difendermi.

Se la certezza che mio marito, ove gliene fosse stata data la possibilità, avrebbe assai facilmente dimostrato la perfetta bontà del suo operato sotto ogni riguardo, e sarebbe stato altrettanto rapidamente restituito alla propria libertà e alla propria famiglia.

Ma otto mesi sono passati senza che ciò si sia verificato.

Perciò, pur non conoscendo le accuse specifiche che gli sono messe, ma conoscendo perfettamente il suo operato ed il suo passato politico, desidero fare noto ciò che in piena coscienza posso affermare di lui.

E' noto che mio marito non ha mai avuto cariche politiche di nessun genere. Ne ha mai svolto alcuna attività politica. Se ciò fosse da alcun contestato, LO SAREBBE IN TUTTA E SOLTANTO MANIFESTA e comunque gli sarebbe facile dimostrare il contrario.

Egli è stato dal 1934 fino all'occupazione Alleata, Direttore dell'Unione Industriali di Messina, impiego di carattere tecnico-amministrativo, che ha ottenuto per regolare concorso nazionale. Successivamente, in data 4 Agosto 1943, ebbe, dal Governo Badoglio, la nomina a Commissario per la Camera Agricola della Sicilia, carica che gli fu riconfermata dal Sig. Col. TOLETTI, in seguito ad attento ed accurato esame del suo passato politico.

E' indubbio che egli ha goduto in Messina, fin dai primi anni della sua attività di lavoro, larga influenza negli ambienti cittadini. E' però incontestabile da chiunque che ciò è derivato non già dalla sua posizione politica, che non è mai stata al di sopra di quella di un comune tesseraio, ma piuttosto e unicamente dalla sua posizione personale, dal cospicuo rango sociale della famiglia e, mi sia consentito dirlo, nella misura maggiore del suo notevole prestigio personale, frutto di singolari doti di carattere, di generosità, di signorile equilibrio.

Mi risulta tuttavia che di tale influenza mi rende a fargli un addebito.

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Nessuno può negare che essa sia esistita ed anzi essa è stata anche sperimentata dalle stesse Autorità Alleate, dopo l'occupazione. E' noto come mio marito ha subito sentito il dovere di collaborare nell'interesse dei propri concittadini, con tali Autorità, e ciò ha fatto, per quanto mi risulta, con notevole efficacia, con pieno apprezzamento da parte Alleata e, come sempre, con serietà, disinteresse e dignità.

Tengo a chiarire che mi riferisco alla parte avuta da mio marito nel primo periodo dell'Amministrazione Alleata di Messina unicamente per sottolineare che la collaborazione fornita agli Alleati fu da lui intesa e costituita in effetti una coerente sostituzione con l'opera svolta in precedenza nello studio e nella risoluzione dei problemi tecnico-amministrativi della Città e che pertanto gli Amministratori Alleati sono stati osservatori sereni e testimoni obiettivi, oltre che della sua capacità organizzativa, della natura della collaborazione che egli poteva fornire all'Amministrazione cittadina, e dei reali sentimenti a cui essa si ispirava.

Del resto ciò che ho sopra affermato non corrisponde soltanto alla mia personale convinzione ma, ho motivo di asserire, a quella di tutta la cittadinanza di Messina, tranne, naturalmente, quei pochi che sono in malafede.

Chiedo pertanto oggi che vogliate riesaminare la pratica riguardante mio marito, perfezionare le indagini, interrogarlo, permettergli di dissipare gli equivoci e di ristabilire la verità.

Chiedo cioè che tutto quanto lo riguarda sia portato alla luce perché ciò che noi teniamo non è la luce ma le tenebre che ancor oggi nascondono la verità e soffocano il suo diritto alla libertà.

In una parola chiedo per mio marito non un privilegio, ma un diritto che è di ogni uomo in un paese civile.

F.to Alba Maria DRAGO,
Villa Beltrandi.
Viale Anedoo.

MESSINA.

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CONFIDENTIAL. SPECIAL SITREP FROM REGION 6 DATED PENNYQUICK DATED
20 SEPTEMBER. FASCIST INSPECTOR GENERAL SARDINIA MERTINO OFFERED RELEASE FROM PRISON
AND NOW RETURNED HOME TO MURO. HIS ARRIVAL CAUSED HOSTILE INCIDENT. TWO BOMBS THROWN.
REASONS FOR RELEASE UNKNOWN

*Admin Sec. know
nothing of this but are
looking for more details
8/22/9*

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AME FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. Army

C.A. Bn. 235
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15 SEP Recd
13th September 1944.
203/17.

SUBJECT: Prince George Radziwill.
TO : C.P.S., A.M.G. Eighth Army.

The attached letter, 314/228/CA dated 9th September 1944, from R.C. and
M.G. Section, A.C.C., is forwarded for action as Arezzo is in your area.

For the Commanding General:

Walter Doherty

W. DOHERTY,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

Copy to:
R.C. & M.G. Section, A.C.C. (For info) ✓

/enp

W.D.



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SUBJECT:- Arrest of Arnaldo Ossorio

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT ADV 65

L479/3/GSI(b)

// Sep 44

14 SEP Recd

HQ. ACC

Ref your letter 314/227/CA dated 8 Sep 44.

1. It is now apparent from your letter that your previous correspondence on the above subject was with A(O) Branch, and your letter 314/223/CA dated 1 Sep 44 has been passed to that branch.
2. It is regretted that some delay has been caused, but the latter letter was passed to this branch in the absence of any indication as to the branch for which it was intended.

Quia Stewart.

Brigadier, ^{Cap}
BGS(I).

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED GUARDS COMMISSION
R.C. AND M.C. HOUSES
APO 394

Ref: 314/233/GA

15 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Ex-Prefect Stanislas Caboni

TO : Security Branch, A.C.C.

1. It would be appreciated if you could make formal enquiry about the possibility of release from internment of the ex-Prefect Stanislas Caboni.
2. Would you please inform this Section of the result of your enquiry.

W A S Dillard
Major

for HENRY E. FINE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

see 136 - 225

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

Ref: 314/233/CA

12 September 1944.

231 and File 166/2
Thank you for your letter of 7 August 44, Ref: C.2 (a) 230
HI/5604 (C.A.2) in which you forwarded copies of letters to
His Majesty the King from Intelligenza Lorenzino and Anna Mariati.
File 166/4

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.

M. S. LUSH

Lt. Col. RUSH,
Inspector,
Executive Commission.

Senior Commander P.E. Stones.
The War Office, (C.A.2)
Hotel Victoria
Northumberland Avenue
London, W.C.2.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
E.C. AND M.G. SECTION
APO 324

12 September 1944.

Ref: 341/232/CA

SUBJECT: Sentence of Francesco Barbati by A.M.G. Court.
TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, A.C.C.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter dated 29 May 1944 addressed to His Majesty King George V of England.
2. This letter was sent to A.C.C. from the War Office with a request that we find out if any action can be taken on the appeal.
3. Would you please make an enquiry about the facts of the case and let us know your recommendations so that we may communicate them to the War Office.

W.G.D. Dillard
M. G. C.
for **WYMAN E. FINE.**
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Incl:1.

Copy to Executive Commissioner.

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The War Office, (C.A.2), *231*

Hotel Victoria
Northumberland Avenue
London, W.C.2

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7th August 1944

Dear Brigadier,

314 11 SEP Recd

I am forwarding to you copies of two letters to His Majesty the King from Intelisano Domenico and Anna Barbati.

I would be very grateful if you can do anything about either of them. I am so sorry to bother you about these small matters but I thought there might be some action that could be taken.

Yours sincerely

P.R. STONES

Brigadier M.S. LUSH, C.B.E., M.S.,
Executive Commissioner,
Regional Control & Military Government Section
Main H.Q.,
Allied Control Commission for Italy,
A.P.O. 394.

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COPY

Naples

20th May 1944.

To His Majesty George V,
King of England,
London.

Your Majesty,

The victorious Allied troops are advancing on Rome!

All Italians are anxiously watching the glorious march for the liberation of Italy from Nazi-Fascism, which has wrought so much evil on all of us forced to submit to it.

Now Rome - which for us signifies Italy - is about to be liberated, thanks to the heroism of your troops, to which your Majesty has indicated the way.

First and foremost, it is your will which is being fulfilled.

Thinking of your strong, iron will, before which all must bow, it occurred to me to solicit you to perform yet another act of liberation, an act of no importance for the world, but ranking, for a mother, on a par with the liberation of Rome.

I am speaking your Majesty of my son Francesco Barbati, son of the late Alberto, who was working in November, 1943, at an Allied Post Office in Baguelli, Naples.

One day, the Captain in charge of the Office noticed that one of the employees - whom he could not for the moment identify - had been trying to tamper with a parcel.

A search was made of all those present, and my son was found in possession of 17 cigarettes and two cakes of soap.

He was taken to prison, and on 21st January 1944, a trial was held before the Allied Tribunal in Naples, in the course of which the Captain appeared as a witness, and stated that it was not Barbati who had tampered with the parcel; he identified the real culprit amongst the other accused.

The "Pubblico Ministero" in fact withdrew the charge in respect to Barbati, but the Judge sentenced him to two years' imprisonment.

A revision of the trial was asked for, but the competent office to which the application was sent, together with a recommendation to which the application of the Allied Command, rejected it on 15.3.1944,

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Such are the facts of the trial.

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It must be borne in mind, Your Majesty, that at the time when my son was arrested, the whole of Naples were smoking Anglo-American cigarettes and washing with their soap, as there had been an absolute dearth of these articles in Italy. One had only to stop the first person in the street, and he would be sure to be carrying something provided by the generosity of the Allies.

and then, Your Majesty, to deprive a poor boy of work, to prevent him supporting the family, for a mere matter of 17

from

/cigarettes

cigarettes and two cakes of soap, surely this is excessive in times so critical for Naples.

Whilst not having the slightest intention of criticising the work of the Allied Tribunal, I should like to point out that an act of clemency on Your part would not mean conniving at a crime.

Therefore I, an old woman, in poor health, appeal to Your kindness and goodness of heart, so well-known throughout the world, with the request that you will liberate my son, who has already lived six months in prison, so that, when freed, he may return to his work, and again support his mother.

Confident that Your Majesty, who has liberated the world from Nazi-Fascism, will also liberate my son, I presume to write to you, and shall await from you a letter which will put my mind at rest, and assure me that this favour has been granted.

To Your Majesty I wish all good and happiness, and to the brave Allied troops complete and final victory.

Signed: Anna Barbati.

Via Campanile al Miracoli 22,
Naples (Italy).

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

9 September 1944.

Ref/314/228/CA.

SUBJECT: Prince George RADZIWILL.

TO : S.C.A.O. AND Fifth Army.

1. An enquiry has been received at this H.Q. regarding the circumstances of the arrest by the British Police on 29 August 44 at Arsenal of Prince George RADZIWILL.

2. The Vice President, Political Section, is given to understand that this man has pro-Allied sympathies and that his family are well known in England and have done good work for the Allies in London since 1940.

3. I shall be obliged if you will investigate the matter and report to this H.Q.

SW
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to Political Section.

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RADZIWILL

Le Prince Georges Radziewicz
 second fils du T^e & Leon, age de
 23 ans, a passe 14 mois a l'A-
 merica pour raison de santé et
 d'économie. Venant a Rome, il
 a été arrêté a Arezzo le 29 août,
 par la Police Secrete Anglaise.
 Nous l'avons vu par les Dames
 Polonaises, avec lesquelles il était
 passé l'hiver a l'America -
 Elles ignorent le motif de l'arresta-
 tion - Son frère aîné, le T^e & An-
 toine et son oncle le T^e & Charles Rad-
 ziwil sont a Londres depuis 1940
 au service des Alliés -

(Le Général Carton de Wiart con-
 naît très bien toute la famille -

Tous les Radzivils sont de sentiments
 alliophiles -

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
P.O. AND M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 314/227/CA

8 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Arrest of Arnaldo Gasorio Mayor of S. Iovine Nuovo.

TO : Headquarters A.A.I.

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1. We refer to your letter of 5 September 1944 Ref: 1479/3/GHI(b).

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2. As you requested we are supplying you again a copy of our letter of 15 August 1944 Ref: 314/203/CA sent to Headquarters A.A.I.

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3. It is surprising that you have no knowledge of the matter under reference because the original request was made to us by Headquarters A.A.I. in a letter dated 11 August 1944 Ref: A.A.I./3974/24/A(0). Attached you will find a copy of this letter from your Headquarters.

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4. As we said in our letter of 1 September 1944 Ref: 314/223/CA to which we attached a copy of a reply from the Public Safety Sub-Commission, the information supplied by that Sub-Commission might serve as the basis of a reply from Headquarters A.A.I. to the Commanding General Rome Allied Area Command.

W. G. S. Dollard
for M.G. UNIT
Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner

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SUBJECT: OSSORT Arnalde.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

1479/3/GSI(b)

5 Sep 44

RC and MG Section HQ ACC

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Ref your 314/223/CA dated 1 Sep 44.

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1. We have no trace of your letter 314/204/CA dated 15 Aug 44, nor any knowledge of the matter under reference.
2. May a copy of the missing letter please be supplied.

for *Thomas Major*
Brigadier,
EGS(I).

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5 September 1944.

MEMORANDUM: to Lt. Colonel Shipp.

1. The reply from Sicily Region Headquarters of letter of 31 August 1944. Ref: RHC/014.12 is one that indicates no further action on our part for the moment.
2. ~~Security Branch~~ Major MacKay of Security Branch told me that he had unofficial news that Mr. Caboni would be released.
3. When I discussed the case to-day again with Major MacKay he reaffirmed this belief but said that he had had no further news.
4. All we can do now is to await either:
(a) word from Sicily Region Headquarters that the High Commissioner has taken the action suggested in the attached letter or ;
(b) that we receive word from Security Branch that Mr. Caboni has been released.

W.D.
WILLIAM A.S. DOLLARD.
Major.
Civil Affairs Branch.

Await (a)

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Note On the Italian says Caboni is a good man
not Fascist - old and wanted to help

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY SECTION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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File: REC/G14.12

31 August 1944

2 SEP Recd

SUBJECT: Registration of Ex-Prefect Stanislas GABONT.

TO: Executive Commissioner R.C. & I.G. Section, ACC
Attention Deputy Ex. Commissioner.

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Reference your letter Ref/314/221/3A dated 28 Aug. 1944.

1. The substance of your letter, referred to above, has been communicated to the High Commissioner for Sicily.
2. No reply has been received at this time.
3. If the High Commissioner desires to have this headquarters present the request on compassionate grounds, we will do so.



William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel G.A.C.
A/Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. AND M.C. SECTION
APO 334

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Ref/344/223/CA

1 September 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest of Arnaldo Caserio Mayor of S. Lorenzo Nuovo.

TO : Headquarters A.A.I.

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1. ²²² We refer to our letter of 15 August 1944, Ref/344/224/CA.
2. The Public Safety Sub-Commission has forwarded to us a letter on the subject of the arrest of Mr. Caserio, made by the Provincial Public Safety Officer of Viterbo, forwarded by the Provincial Commissioner of Viterbo to Headquarters Region IV.
3. Attached is a copy of that report which might serve as the basis of a reply from Headquarters A.A.I. to the Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command.

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W.A. Dylla
14/9/44
for M.S. Lash.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Acting Chief Commissioner.

ENCLOSURE 1

Copy to Public Safety Sub-Commission

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TO: Director, Public Safety Sub-Comm.
A.C.C.

Allied Military Government
Viterbo Province.

Thru: Regional Public Safety Officer,
Region I.

From: Provincial Public Safety Officer,
Viterbo Province.

SUBJECT: OSCARDO Arnaldo

1. With reference to your letter dated the 19th August 1944, File No. A.C.C. /12760/63/3, regarding the arrest of Signor OSCARDO Arnaldo, formerly Sindaco of S. Lorenzo Nuovo, Viterbo Province, the following information is to hand:-
2. The subject was arrested by C.I.G. on the 25th June, 1944, and the reasons for apprehension shown on the Arrest Report, a copy of which is in this Office is as follows:-
"Podesta of San Lorenzo Nuovo under the Republican Fascist Regime, collaborated extensively with the Germans in recruiting men, finding billets, and requisitioning necessary material, arranged a banquet for 60 Italian Soldiers on the occasion of their swearing fidelity to Hitler; attended a German celebration of Hitler's birthday; continuously propagandised German and Republican Fascist Military might, is considered dangerous to Allied Security".
3. The arrest from recommends internment for the duration of hostilities in Italy.
4. From other information the information recorded above is correct, and the arrest of the subject by C.I.G. was a very necessary security measure.
5. Correspondence on this subject has already been made through a letter from the Vatican through AMG, Fifth Army, File Correspondence No. 145,1.27 of this Office, dated the 27th July 1944, when the above information was furnished. In addition the relations of the prisoner have several times been to this Office, and are well aware of the reason for his apprehension.

Date: 24/8/44.

Signed: Fano Capt.
Provincial Public Safety Officer,
Province of Viterbo.

FILE: FUS.I.24

Forwarded: signed Lt. Col.
Provincial Commander.

1st Endorsement
To Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Headquarters A.C.C. APO 394

Submitted for your information Basic pps returned as directed.

Signed: Corhead, Major
for R.P.S.O.

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

Ref/314/221/GA

26 August 1944

SUBJECT: Registration of ex-Prefect Stanislas Caboni.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 1, A.C.C.

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1. We refer to our letter of 16 August 1944 Ref/314/217/GA.

2. It is again requested that you furnish this Headquarters with the information for which we asked.

WGS Jolley
Major
FREDMAN E. FINKER.
Colonel.
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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To/

Col. Fiske

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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.P.O. 394

17 AUG Recd

Ref. : 2/140 H.

16 August 1944

Subject : PAGE George

To : Col. R.E. Fiske, Dep. Executive Commissioner

1. The case of the above named has now been finally disposed of. He has been recommended for internment for the duration of war and transferred to 371 P.W. Camp. C.F.P.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

A.H. Ellis

A. H. ELLIS
Captain,
Security Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.F.C. 394

Ref : SS/140 N.

18 AUG Recd
17 August 1944

Subject : OSSORIO Arnaldo

To : Public Safety Division HQ. A.C.C. W.D.

1. There is no record in our files of the arrest of subject nor of his arrest by 8th Army.

2. C.A. Branch have requested that an enquiry be instituted at Viterbo and San. Lorenzo.

3. As we at the moment, have no officer available to proceed there and as it is not clear whether this was, in fact, a security arrest, it is requested that you forward the papers to the local Public Safety officer for enquiry.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

John A. McKay
JOHN A. MCKAY,
Major,
Security Branch.

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Copy to C.A. Branch
(Your 314/225/GA of
15 August refers)

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

Ref/314/217/CA

16 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of ex-Prefect Stanislas Gabard.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 1, A.C.C.

1. We refer to the letter of the Regional Commissioner, Region 1, dated 26 April 1944, filed RI/014/12 on the subject of repatriating the ex-prefect Stanislas Gabard.
2. We have been informed that his repatriation is not possible on security grounds and that a renewal of an application on his behalf on compassionate grounds would have to be very strong indeed. Therefore if it is your opinion that the application should be renewed, will you please send to R.C. and M.C. Section the latest information which you have on compassionate grounds, including a medical certificate about the state of health of Mrs. Gabard.
3. It must be explained that this Headquarters is not in a position to renew the application on any grounds other than compassionate ones and that the case would have to be very convincing.

William G. J. Dillat
Major

for NORMAN E. FIERCE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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16 August 1944.

MEMORANDUM: for Colonel Pike.

1. I discussed with Major Mac Kay of Security Branch the case of the ex-Prefect Stanislas Caboni whose release was denied by G - 5 in their letter of 9 August 1944 to this Headquarters.
2. Major MacKay suggested, after having gone over the records of this case in our files, that we could not renew the appeal on compassionate grounds from the insufficient evidence thus far given. He was of the opinion that we should write the Regional Commissioner, Region 1 asking him for up to date and more specific information, as well as a medical certificate about the condition of Mrs. Caboni.
3. In the mean time Major MacKay promised to try to find, unofficially, some security information. Since G - 2 A, F, H, Q, have already ruled on security grounds his information will have to be unofficial.
4. Therefore I am sending a letter to the Regional Commissioner Region 1 for more information.

W. A. S. Dollard
WILLIAM A. S. DOLLARD.
Major.
Civil Affairs Branch.

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From: Ital. Comm. Par y

Rome Aug. 12 1944

TO THE A.C.C.
ROME

15 AUG Recd

In regard to the imprisonment of the patriot FILIPPONI
Alfredo of the late Ambrogio and Santarelli Giuseppina we
send you some testimonials proofs which bring into evidence
the figure of Filipponi and clear the ^{lack of grounds} unfoundedness of the
charges made against him.

This Hon. Commission, on the basis of this testimony will
be able to arrive at a decision which returns a patriot to
the active life because he has merited much from the Country.

Many regards

The secretary General
Togliatti

Certified true copy

S/ Comandante della Brigata N. Bonasconi

C. G. M. M.

*Spinal copy attached
to letter
Sent to
Patriot Par y
15/8/44*

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COMUNE DI CASCIA
PROVINCIA DI FROSINONE

I declare that Villipponi Alfredo never indulged in anti-British propaganda.

He assisted passing prisoners with food and shelter, sending them home and there in different parts of the Comune of Cascia.

And this from the beginning of the partisan activities up to the end of March of the G.Y.

Cascia July 7 1944

The Mayor

MACRELLI PABIAN

Certified true copy:

/s/V. Comandante della Brigata "A. GRAMSCI"
CIGLI VASO

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THE MAYOR
NAPOLI PARIA

certified true copy:

/s/V. Comandante della Brigata "A. GRAMSCI"

CIGLI VISO

Caccia July 7 1944

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Doctoresse Adriana LAZ, MONTE CASONI

Surgical Surgeon

Specialist for children

COMMITTEE

Declares to have cured and admitted into the civilian hospital of Cascia, during the winter 1946, together with other patriots, Anglo-American prisoners, and that such patients were sent to me by Villanoni Alfredo, at that time, Commandant of the Brigade : "A. Gramsci"

I also declare that the Commandant has always given to the Anglo-American refugees the same treatment as for the other patriots.

(S) Doctoresse A. Pal Monte Casoni

Certified true copy

Comandante della Brigata "A. Gramsci"

(S) Sigli Vasco

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Royal Carabinieri of Norcia Station

Statement :

This Command declares to have known during last winter, FILIPPONI Alfredo, from Terni, political Commissioner of the "Crusades" Brigade; with whom he had relations in order to maintain contacts with the patriots of the zone, and he has never suspected or verified that Filipponi who has taken the name of "Pasquale", had ever been antibritish or ^{in any way} against the Anglo-American Allies.

Although he has some extremist communist ideas, he had much common sense, and his decisions were moderate.

This Command has lost contact with Filipponi on April last; because of his operational removal in an other zone.

El Marcenello Comandante
(S) Gennaro Brutti

Certified true copy

El V. Comandante della Brigata "A. Gramsci"
(S) Cigli Vasco

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Il Maresciallo Comandante

(S) Genaro Trutti

Certified true copy

Il V. Comandante dlla Brigata "A. Gramsci"

(S) Cigli Vasco

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The U/S DON RENATO PLINI, parson of Colforcella di Cascia, declares that Sig. FILIPPONI Alfredo (Pasquale) has never shown any hostility against British Prisoners that on the contrary he was helping, and neither ^{him} he never made anti-British propaganda.

^{him} This district which has ^{up} so closely linked with the patriots, can confirm what I have declared.

In true faith,

Colforcella di Cascia 13/7/44

(S)

Don Renato Plini

Certified True Copy

Il V. Comandante della Brigata "Gomaci"

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(S) Gigli Vasco

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1, the u/s, parson of Colle S. Stefano Cascia, (Perugia) declares that ~~PIRINOWI~~ Alfredo di Terni, very well known by me, has never forbidden the stay of British prisoners, escaped from P.O.W. Camps, in the Comune of Cascia, but on the contrary, as a result of his orders they were settled in the various districts.

In fact, I am in possession of 50 certificates, among which, one from Capt. G. de. GOMIN, General Montgomery's nephew who has resided two months, as it can be seen by the pictures attached herewith.

The inhabitants of the other districts can testify the same thing.

The Parson

(s) Sac. Don Michele Arcangeli

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Il V. Comandante della Brigata "A. Gramsci"

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Il V. Comandante della Brigata "A. Cromboli"

(s) Gigli Vasco

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I undersigned MILZANI BENITO, partisan of the Brigade "A. Gramsci", declare that on January 6th FILIPPONI Alfredo gave to me the order to put myself at disposal of the English paratroopers. From the Salto del Cieco I accompanied them to Tangemini in order to execute acts of sabotage along the railroad Terni-Rome.

On January 10th, the same Filipponi Alfredo ordered me to accompany them to Alvi (Rome) and from there they continued towards Cassino; on February 13th I made the return trip.

The name of the paratrooper sergeant was Mel Paul.
In faith etc.

The Partisan

MILZANI BENITO

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/e/V. Comandante della Brigata "A. GRAMSCI"

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In faith etc.

The Partisan

MILIZIA BENITO

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/s/V. Comandante della Brigata "A. GRAMSCI"

CIGLI VASCO

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TO THE BRITISH GOVERNOR OF TRIESTE

The undersigned, BARTOLUCCI Gildo di Alfonso, 42 years old, merchant, in his capacity of Commander of the Battalion "G. MANNI" of the Brigade "ANTONIO GRAMSCI" declares:

1) During the period in which the Battalion has operated against the Germans and Fascists, he had the occasion to receive many prisoners of war from the Allied Armies and particularly

a) Lt. Walter and 7 other English ^{new} who stopped there up to the

23/12/43

b) On the 3rd of January 44, back to my house Voc. Particara (Ter- ni) Lt. DENINZ and a Pilot Captain were given in consignment to me, of whom I attached herewith a note given by them.

Both the Lt. and the Capt. have been in the camp of my Btn. from January 4th until the landing in Anzio.

c) The 15th of February 15 British O.Rs and one Lt. stopped in our camp for five days.

d) Following these, many others, some hundreds I should say, in several groups have passed through our camp.

e) Other prisoners, 1 south-African and 1 American have lived our life of partisans for several months. In action, the American of we already have sent the identity disc, has fallen as a hero. *in action*

This policy of assistance to the prisoners of war of the Allied Nations, ^{for them} the undersigned ^{has} carried it out, because in conformity with his convictions, because, in conformity with the political views of the C.di L.N. and particularly because dictated by the instructions and orders of the Commander of the Brigade "A. Gramsci" Alfredo FILIPPONI ^{under} of whom

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ander of the Brigade "A. Gramsci" Alfredo FILIPPONI ^{under} of whom
I was ~~depending~~.

For his good work of assistance to the American and British
prisoners, the undersigned ~~has~~ has received a sum of 30,000 lire
from the Allies, and sent to him through the Ecclesiastic Authority
(Vatican)

Terni 15.7.44

The Commander of the Bn. "G. MANNI"
/s/ Bartolucci Gildo

Certified true copy:

/s/ V. Comandante della Brigata "A Gramsci"

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The undersigned, manageress of the Nuova Italia Hotel in Cascia declares that sig. Alfredo FILIPPONI always paid for the meals of the partisans and English prisoners who during February and March were passing nearly every day. He never was heard to talk against the English.

In~~x~~ truth

/s/ C' RVEGNINI Amelia in RASI

Cascia 13.6.1944

Certified true copy:

/s/ V. Comandante della Brigata "A. Gramsci"

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In/ truth

/s/ C RVEGNINI Amalia in RASI

Cascia 13.6.1944

Cerified true copy:

/s/ V. Comandante della Brigata "A. Gramsci"

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TESTIMONY

The undersigned declares the following:

I remember to have spoken two or three times to Mr. Pasquale ^{in the} but by ^{another} hand, our conversations, although very rare, were ^{confidential} very hearty. My general opinion is that he was not against the British prisoners; he was trying to assist them indirectly, and if some regrettable incidents have occurred against the British (prisoners) it was against and beyond his personal will, having not been, on this matter and on others, always obeyed.

Respectfully

/s/ Father Alexander Malfatti

Rector of the Sanctuary of S. RITA

Certified true copy:

/s/ V. Comandante della Brigata "AGRANESCI"

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/s/ V. Comandante della Brigata "GRAMSCI"

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