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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

JHT/ml

ED/15

31 AUG Recd
30 August 1944

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Administrative Section for Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. Reference 317/160/CA of 25 June 44, herewith report as to the position in Sicily.
2. In Reggio Calabria a scheme to cost 90,000 for the Galleria Prison was approved by the Regional Engineer on 24 June last, and is in hand.
3. Copy of a more complete report submitted on 18 August 44 by the same officer was given to Major Wilson of Public Safety Sub-Commission on 23 Aug 44.

Copy to:
Executive Commissioner, C.A.
Branch.

J. B. Simpson Major RA
A. G. ANTOLINI
Executive Director
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 394

21 August 1944

SUBJECT : Prisons in Sicily.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission
(att. Lt.Col. V.S. Thompson).

1. After inspecting the prisons at Favignana, Augusta, Caltanissetta, Ustica and Lipari I contacted Col. Hancock to submit a copy of my report as suggested in your letter, he introduced me to Brig. Carr who is the new Regional Commissioner of Region I. Brig. Carr called in Lt.Col. Snook (RPSO) of Region I and we discussed the prisons mentioned above.

2. It was decided that the prisons at Favignana, Augusta, Caltanissetta, which are being repaired should be finished as soon as possible.

3. There is a prison at Columbaia off the coast of Trapani that we have asked the Genio Civile of Trapani to receive bids for the repair and remodeling. The plans and estimates have been finished.

4. Nothing will be done with the prison at Lipari at the present time and if the other prisons mentioned above accommodate all the prisoners it will not be used.

5. The prisons at Ustica will not be used.

6. It was decided if stockades are to be built they should be built on the mainland of Sicily and not on the islands.

7. Brig. Carr asked Lt.Col. Snook to work with Major Boyd and dott. Columbo the representative of the Minister of Grace and Justice and carry out the above plan.

N. W. HYLAND
Major Spec. Res
P.W.O.

NWH/rb

C-O-P-Y

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

29 August, 1944.

ACC/14043/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons.

TO : His Excellency, Minister of
Grace and Justice.

1. It is understood that your Ministry will become responsible for Italian Military Prisoners who are serving sentences in excess of 30 days, or who are awaiting trial over 30 days. Further, that these prisoners will be fed on the civilian scale and not on Army scale rations.
2. It is not proposed to transfer military prisoners to civil jails, as no accommodation is available. In fact, civil jails are already overcrowded.
3. Arrangements are being made to transfer certain military jails to the civil authority. The accommodation thus made available will be sufficient to house all military prisoners, including those at present in civil jails.
4. The effect of this arrangement should be, that more accommodation will be available in civil jails for civil prisoners. For example, it will enable 459 Military prisoners to be moved from BARI prison, and 285 from LEOCE prison.
5. The question of staffing the military prisons handed over, is one of some difficulty, but it is hoped that some arrangement can be made with the Minister of War.
6. Pending the completion of the above scheme, it is suggested that Prison Directors be informed that no further Military Prisoners should be accepted into civil jails.
7. The Military Mission to the Italian Army is formulating this scheme in conjunction with the Minister of War, and it is anticipated that concrete proposals will be put forward to you in the very near future.

Copy to : R.C. & M.G. Section ✓
Admin. Section
M.M.I.A.
Legal S/O.

FJS/G.

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PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Infantry
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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197, 199, 200 201

See

24 August 1944.

MEMORANDUM.

In a conference with Colonel *Hare* to day I learnt that Major Hyland has already returned to the mainland from Sicily.

It is anticipated that Major Hyland will render his reply to the newly appointed Regional Commissioner and also to the Section which instructed him to make the survey of specific prisons in Sicily and the adjacent Islands.

With regard to transport between Sicily and the adjacent Islands services do exist for the transport of essential supplies which could also be used for the transfer of prisoners.

In any event this would ultimately be the responsibility of the local authorities who would follow the normal procedure in this condition.

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

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

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Ref/317/200/CA

21 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Prisons in Sicily.

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

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1. On 5 August 1944 we sent you a letter Ref/317/199/CA in which we asked for a report from you to this Section about available transport from Sicily to the Lipari Islands, and for other pertinent data.

2. We have not yet received an answer to this enquiry.

3. It is requested that you answer this enquiry as soon as possible.

WGS/Dollard/Klg
for NORMAN E. FINE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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

Ref/317/199/O.A.

8 August 1944

SUBJECT: Prisons in Sicily.

TO: Regional Commissioner, Region I.

1. Attached is a copy of letter 5065/23/A (TS) 2 August 1944 sent to this Headquarters by Headquarters A.C.I. in which approval is expressed of use of the Lipari Islands for the establishment of civil prisons.

2. We have been informed by Colonel Young of Security Branch, recently returned from Sicily, that transport to the Lipari Islands is available.

3. We have further been informed that Major Highland of Public Works and Utility Sub-Commission is in your area supervising the construction of prisons and dealing with the prison problem.

4. The attached letter and the above cited facts are sent to you for your comment.

5. It is requested that after consultation with Major Highland that you inform R.C. & M.C. Section of this Headquarters specifically about available transport and any other pertinent data.

WAS/llh
Hgn

for NORMAN E. FISKE,
CHIEF,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Administration Section
(for Public Safety.)

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Koch
Hgn
B/A.
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TO: Major Doliard.

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7 August 1944.

1. Reference folio 197. Please see 196 which is in answer to 184 on the file.
2. I suggest you consult Col. Young of Security Branch who will probably know whether transport for the LIPARI Islands is available as he has only just come back from Sicily.
3. Personally I rather doubt if there will be any. The letter should then be passed to R.C. Sicily for comment and information.

G.W.I. Shiff

G.W.I. SHIFF,
Lieut. Col.

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SUBJECT: Military Prisons -
ITALIAN Army.

317 Civil Affairs Br 197
HQ ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY
AAI/5065/22/A
2 Aug 44.

Executive Commissioner
ACC

4 AUG Recd

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With further reference to this HQ letter, numbered as above,
dated 1 Jun 44, and to the visit of Col UPJOHN on 2 Aug 44, this
HQ has no objection to the use of the LIPARI Islands for the
establishment of civil prisons, provided that you can supply all
transport and maintenance facilities required.

CMP/JD

C.H. I abou -
Brigadier,
DAG.

Copies to: HQ 56 Area.
"Q".

See Slipp. Col Upjohn knows of this
approval. Shall inform and advise
him. Ex Com's message later to all
Pls 5/6

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

Phone:
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Ref/517/196/GA.

3 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Prisons in Sicily.

TO : Regional Commissioner Region I.

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1. Reference your RLE 013.06/PLV dated 14 July 1944.
2. The construction of a prison camp in North Africa to accommodate prisoners sentenced for violation of the grain laws is not considered advisable.
3. The completion of the prison rebuilding and repair programs in Sicily, will provide accommodation for an additional 1,152 prisoners. In addition, authority has been obtained from Hq. AAI to use USTICA and LIPARI islands as prison settlements.
4. It is anticipated that 1000 prisoners can be accommodated at USTICA, and 300 at LIPARI. Together with the rebuilding in Sicily, the above programs should provide for 2,452 prisoners. If this is insufficient, stockades could be constructed.
5. Major Hyland of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission will proceed to Sicily by air to deal with the problem. He will expedite the repair of Favignana, Augusta and Caltanissetta, inspect Ustica and Lipari, and see that work is put in hand with a view to their use at the earliest opportunity.
6. The Minister of Grace and Justice has authorized Dott. Colombo, Director of Palermo Prison, to accompany Major Hyland, and represent the Ministry during his inspection.

M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin. Section.

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R.P.M.E.

4.
Please see 4 to 12. By agreement
with Admin Sec, the attached draft
has been prepared for Region 1.

3/8/44.

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Handwritten for P.P.S.

Quick Start.

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To P.S.

①

Then make necessary recon. no. dates
see para 5. opposite

R. R. Cripps
et.

To A.P.P.

②

See No. 5.

Cripps is present then as an answer to No 3

I don't anticipate that there will be any difficulty
over the shipping as the last steady visits
by USSICA twice weekly

R. R. Cripps
et.

31. Dec.

To P.S.

③

24p47 Brig Paton was entirely sympathetic to
use of dipari + bacteria for civilians + will
let me have a definite answer as soon
as possible.

G. R. H.

Since writing above Brig Paton has my up to
say there is no objection to use of dipari +
bacteria for civilians subject to same conditions
as were laid down for its use for military purposes
or this will be confirmed in writing. G. R. H.

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ADD REGION I

HQ ADD ADMIN SEC

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SECRET
PRIORITY

ADMIN SECTION

FURTHER REPLY TO YOUR LETTER ZERO ONE THREE POINT ZERO SIX
BLANT PLY DATED ONE FOUR JULY FOUR FOUR PAUSE FROM HQ ADD
FROM ADMIN SEC TO ADD REGION ONE FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
AND MAJOR HYLAND AND COPY TO CA BRANCH BUREAU MAY HAVE GIVEN
AUTHORITY FOR USE OF USTICA AND LIPARI

Copy to CA BRANCH ✓
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

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ACC REGION I

HQ ACC FROM ADMIN SEC
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PRIORITY
Admin. Sec.

FURTHER REPLY TO YOUR LETTER ZERO ONE THREE POINT ZERO SIX
SLANT FLV DATED ONE FOUR JULY FOUR FOUR PAREN FROM HQ ACC
FROM ADMIN SEC TO ACC REGION ONE FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
CMA COPY TO CA BRANCH IAREN MAJOR HYLAND OF PUBLIC WORKS
AND UTILITIES WILL ARRIVE PALERMO BY AIR THREE OR FOUR
AUGUST TO PROVIDE EXTRA PRISON ACCOMMODATION

Copy to CA BRANCH
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMM.

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CONFIDENTIAL

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel. 478709

1 August 1944

AOC/14215/PO

SUBJECT : Prisons - Sicily.

TO : Director Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission.

1. Prisons of Sicily are overcrowded, and on 28 June 1944 arrangements were made by your Sub-Commission for the repair and rebuilding of:-

1st Priority:- PAVIGRANA - Penal. Region I.
Closed on 26/8/43 because of poor hygienic conditions and war damage. To make quickly available, work can be done in two stages.
a) Undamaged premises renovated using labor of convicted masons. This can be done in 1 month and provide accommodation for 400.
b) Repair work on Sections 4 and 5. This can be done in 3 months and provide accommodation for 150.

2nd Priority:- ARBUZZA - Penal - Region I.
Has been requisitioned until recently. Requires a) Repair of several sections of collapsed roofs. b) General inspection of roofing. c) Repair of locks and gates. Time to be taken 2 months. Accommodation for 500.

3rd Priority:- CAITANISSETTA. - Judicial. Region I.
Repair 44 cells and 15 Dormitories. Time to be taken 3 months. Accommodation for 102.

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Completion of this building and repair programme will provide accommodation for a further 1,152 prisoners.

2. On 14 July 44 Col. A. HANCOCK Regional Commissioner, Sicily, wrote to Executive Commissioner pointing out the serious prison overcrowding that would arise as a result of enforcement of the grain laws in the island. A special drive is being made against farmers who are not surrendering grain with the result that up to 28 July, 2000 had been denounced. These offenders will be firmly dealt with at Court, and the necessary extra prison accommodation does not exist on the island. The main prisons taken together are already holding 1000 more prisoners than their normal capacity.

3. Colonel Hancock suggested the construction of a prison camp in North Africa but this is not approved.

4. Two islands - Ustica and Lipari - situated north of Sicily could be used as penal settlements.

5. Ustica was used for prisons purposes by the Italian authorities until our occupation in September 43. The Colony consists of 31 stone buildings, and also a number of houses with window gratings, and barred doors with pallocks. One stone building is in use by G.C.M., and four are occupied as an RAF store. The remaining 26 buildings provide accommodation for 600. One hundred specially adapted houses are available giving accommodation for 400. Total accommodation available 1000.

6. Almost all the premises are in fair condition and do not need substantial repairs. However, whitewashing, painting and repairs to doors and windows, adjustment of hydraulic and sanitary plants are needed.

7. The hydraulic plant is served by a cistern placed about 50 metres above sea level with a capacity of 20 tons into which is pumped water carried by steamers in

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service between Palermo and Catania. Another pump can carry the water from the first well to another large well situated on the highest point on the island with a capacity of 2000 tons.

8. If a prison is set up in the island, the steamer service now twice weekly (Tuesday and Thursday) will need to be increased to 3 or 4 trips weekly. The water reserve in the large well will have to be built up.

9. Kitchen facilities available could cater for a 1500 meal capacity.

10. The existing buildings at LIPARI are used as a school. They are in good repair and could hold at least 300 prisoners. Electric lights is available and they meet hygiene requirements. The local water system is insufficient, and water is brought from Messina. Other camps could be constructed on the island on the stocks principle using prison labour.

11. The use of USTICA and LIPARI will be cleared with AAI, and a cable forwarded to Col. Hancock when this has been done.

12. As a result of a conference with Col. Jenny at *Hyland* 11.30 am., 1st August it is understood that Major ~~Higham~~ of your Sub-Commission will proceed to Sicily to arrange

- (a) The repair of Favignana, Augusta and Caltanissetta at the earliest opportunity.
- (b) Inspection of USTICA and LIPARI with a view to their use as prison settlements, at the earliest opportunity.

13. Col. Hancock and Lt. Col. Snook (RMSO) are at Palermo and will give every assistance to your representative.

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14. The Minister of Grace and Justice has been spoken to, and he has appointed Dott. Columbo at present at Palermo to represent the Italian Authorities in this matter. A letter of authority to Dott. Columbo from the Minister is attached.

PAUL G. NICK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

RJV/ngd

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ACC REGION I

HQ ACC FROM ADMIN SEC

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ROUTINE

ADMIN SEC.

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INTERIM REPLY TO YOU LETTER ZERO ONE THREE POINT ZERO SIX SLANT FLV DATED ONE
FOUR JULY FOUR FOUR PAKEN FROM HQ ACC FROM ADMIN SEC TO ACC REGION ONE FOR RE-
GIONAL COMMISSIONER CMA COPY TO CA BRANCH PAKEN NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN APPRO-
VAL FOR EVACUATION TO NORTH AFRICA PD WHOLE MATTER BEING FURTHER INVESTIGATED
PD WILL WRITE FULL REPLY WITH RECOMMENDATIONS SATURDAY LATEST PD

COPY TO CA BRANCH ✓

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SUBJECT : Prisons - Sicily

Tel. 489081-Ext. 502

26 July, 1944

TO : Adm. Sec.

1. Reference letter from R.C.I. dated 14 July 44 suggesting that a concentration camp be set up in North Africa to detain prisoners sentenced for violation of the grain collection decree.

2. While it may be necessary to set up a camp to deal with the large number of prisoners involved, such a camp should be in Sicily, or in a small island such as Ustica, or one of the Lipari islands. The idea of a camp in North Africa is not favoured.

Out of the question

3. On 28 June 44, R.C.I. was informed that arrangements have been made for the rebuilding and repair of the following prisons:-

- FAVIGNANA - accommodation for 550 within 3 months.
- AUGUSTA - accommodation for 500 within 2 months.
- CAITANISSETTA - accommodation for 102 within 3 months.

The completion of this building and repair program will provide accommodation for a further 1,152 prisoners.

4. The island of Ustica was used for prison purposes by the Italian authorities until our occupation in September 43. The Colony consists of 31 stone buildings, and also a number of houses with window gratings, and barred doors with padlocks. One stone building is in use by C.O.R.R., and four are occupied as an RAF Store. The remaining 26 buildings provide accommodation for 600. One hundred specially adapted houses are available giving accommodation for 400. Total accommodation available 1000.

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6. The hydraulic plant is served by a cistern placed about 50 metres above sea level with a capacity of 90 tons into which is pumped water carried by steamers in service between Palermo and Ustica. Another pump can carry the water from the first well to another large well situated on the highest point on the island with a capacity of 2000 tons.

7. If a prison is set up in the island, the steamer service now twice weekly (Tuesday and Thursday) will need to be increased to 3 or 4 trips weekly. The water reserve in the large well will have to be built up.

8. Kitchen facilities available could cater for a 1500 meal capacity.

9. The existing buildings at LIPARI are used as a school. They are in good repair and could hold at least 300 prisoners. Electric lights is available and they meet hygiene requirements. The local water system is insufficient, and water is brought from Messina. Other camps could be constructed on the island on the stockade principle using prison labour.

10. On 1st June 44, AAI gave authority for the use of the LIPARI islands for Italian Military Prisoners but it is not now proposed to use the Islands for this purpose. The use of USTICA for civil prisoners will need to be cleared with AAI.

11. It is recommended that LIPARI and USTICA be used for civil prisoners. They would provide accommodation for 1300 prisoners. The rebuilding program is for 1,152 prisoners.

Total 2,452

If this is found to be insufficient, stockades could be constructed as suggested in para 9.

12. A Prison Inspector for Sicily will be appointed by the Ministry of Grace and Justice in the next few days. Steps will be taken to expedite his travel to Sicily, in order that he can co-operate with ACC Officers in dealing with this problem of prison accommodation.

Paul G. Kirk

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

FJW/hgd

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10: Admin. Section

24 July 1944.

Prisons in SICILY.

1. Reference letter from Region I, I have discussed this point with Col. Wilcox and Major Wilson.
2. I think that there is no doubt that Col. Hancock will have a large number of delinquents to deal with due to his harvesting drive. The sitrep for the third week in July stated there were some 1600 awaiting trial, some of whom will of course be acquitted.
3. Major Wilson says that there is a building programme in progress which will alleviate the situation, but this does not in my opinion entirely cover the problem. The use of the island of Ustica for the more serious cases was put forward and if you are of the opinion that this should be followed up, ^{and also} with a definite recommendation to that effect, I will take it up with Hq. AMI.
4. The suggestion of course of a concentration camp in North Africa is out of the question.
5. Would you please obtain the comments of the Public Safety Sub-Commission to Col. Hancock's letter and to the very tentative arrangements talked over between Major Wilson and myself so that a reply can be sent to Region I.

G. W. I. Shipp

G. W. I. SHIPP,
Lieut. Col.
Civil Affairs Branch.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

19 JUL 1944

*Copy sent to
Adm. Sec.
for Col. Sec. Staff*

They have in hand

Bu. 24/7

14th July 1944

File RLE 013.06/FLV

SUBJECT : Prisons in Sicily

TO : Executive Commissioner - A.C.C. Headquarters.
R.C.M.G.

1. This office has from time to time been informed that the prisons in Sicily are extremely overcrowded and the handling of future prisoners will become most difficult if not almost impossible. The Regional Legal Officer has stressed this situation in his monthly reports of May and June to this Regional Headquarters and to the Legal Sub-Commission, Headquarters A.C.C. To date no remedial measures have been taken either by the responsible Italian Authorities nor by A.C.C. Headquarters. The continuance of such prison conditions not only interferes with the functions of the necessary prison activities, but is also fast becoming a dangerous health menace.

2. It is anticipated that a large number of persons will be apprehended and convicted for violation of the grain collection decree, and this will necessitate prison space in which to house those convicted. The number of arrests up to July 1st was 759 and it can be safely assumed that that figure has now surpassed the thousand mark. The prisons will not be able to accommodate these additional prisoners and it is therefore suggested that a concentration camp be set up, preferably somewhere in North Africa or elsewhere outside of Italy. This plan would serve two purposes, first it would be a temporary solution of the prison situation and secondly it would serve as a deterrent to future offenders because the fear of being sent to a concentration camp in North Africa would go far to destroy any desire to blackmarket their grain. The Regional Legal Officer has discussed this plan with the Procuratore Generale del Regno of Palermo, who has expressed his approval, but the plan must first be approved by the Minister of Justice.

3. It is recommended that in view of the present *625?* overcrowded prison conditions that representations be made to the

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Italian Government through the Minister of Justice to the effect that plans be formulated for the establishment of concentration camps somewhere in North Africa for those convicted of violations of the grain collection decree.

A.N. Hancock
A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

js.

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317 2 182
Memo: Prisons.

TO : A/CLO

4 AUG Recd

I am directed by the A/CC to say that with a view to providing more prison space in Sicily for offenders against the ammassi laws you may proceed to a further review of cases in AMG Courts in that island. Such review may be left to the discretion of the RC Region I and should aim at the immediate release only of offenders of previously good character who, because of the military conditions prevailing at the time, received sentences out of proportion to the nature of their crimes, but who have at the date of their release served a reasonable and proper sentence.

ADMIN Sec
3 Aug 44.

G.R. Upjohn
G.R. UPJOHN, Col
A/Head, Adm Section.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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ACC NUMBER 1

RE ACC AMIN 000

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3/3/44

SECRET
PRIORITY 3 PM Recd
ADMIN DIVISION

012 06/12/44 of 14 July

FURTHER ADVISE TO YOUR BUREAU THAT THE UNITED STATES AIR
CLANT HAS DATED THE FORM JULY FOUR FOUR RECEIVED JULY TWO
THREE AMIN 000 TO AM BUREAU FOR THE NATIONAL COMMISSION
AND MAJOR EXAMINE THE COPY TO CA BRANCH BUREAU BAI HAVE GIVEN
AUTHORITY FOR THE OF OFFICE AND REPAIR

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 354

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Ref: 347/180/CA

29 July 44

Subject: Prisons

TO: Regional Commissioner, Region II

1. Attached are copies of AAI 5065/4/A(PB) of 17 July and 347/179/ of 29 July for information of yourself and your RPSO.

2. I do not know if the incident is correctly reported but if so you will no doubt consider it desirable to point out to the officer concerned the inadvisability of tendering advice on a matter before higher authority or which affects matters outside his own territory. The extra accommodation is of course badly needed to relieve overcrowding elsewhere.

S
Norman E. Pisco
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to P.S. Sub-Commission.

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

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Ref: 317/179/CA

29 July 44

Subject: Prisons

To: HQ. A.C.

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Reference your AAI 5063/1/A(PB) of 17 July.

1. I regret that the A.C. officer who stated that a 75% evacuation of Toronto prison was sufficient, was wrong, and I would appreciate it if you will clear the whole prison, as arranged.
2. I am most grateful to you for drawing attention to this error.

h
H.S. Lush
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to P.S. Sub-Commission

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In Admin

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1. It is essential that Taranto Prison be returned to the Italian authorities. If, in fact, local AEE did state that they were satisfied with 45% of the accommodation, then this was done without the consent of R.P.S.O. 2. who is well aware of the overcrowding problem in his area.

2. The following are June figures for Region 2 Prisons.

Total Population	4,139
Total Capacity	<u>3,080</u>
Overcrowding	<u>1,059</u>

3. As a result of the requisitioning of Bandidi Prison, all prisoners are sent to here which has given rise to the following position.

here Population	997
here Capacity	<u>610</u>
Overcrowding	<u>387</u>

With increased facilities at Taranto, some of the here prisoners could be transferred.

4. At BARI the position is as follows.

Bari Population	1704
Bari Capacity	<u>805</u>
Overcrowding	<u>899</u>

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5- Colonel D'Ambrasio, the Procuratore del Rei at Taranto is well aware of the overcrowding difficulty in Puglia, and on 18th June '44 he visited Bari H/O A.C.C. with a view to getting Taranto prison de-requisitioned and thus alleviating the position at hereee.

W. J. P. D. K. N. 177.
F. J. P. G. K. N. 177.
C. P. S.

20 July 44
Tel. 478709.

Rcmg

Please see draft reply at 170.

Adm
22 JUL 1944

W. J. P. D. K. N. 177.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/317/176/GA

25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Prisons

TO : R.C. Region II

1. Attached are copies of AAI/5063/A/A(PB) of 17 July and 317/175/GA of 25 July for information of yourself and your RPSO.

2. I do not know if the incident is correctly reported but if so you will no doubt consider it desirable to point out to the officer concerned the inadvisability of tendering advice on a matter before higher authority or which affects matters outside his own territory. The extra accommodation is of course badly needed to relieve overcrowding elsewhere.

NORMAN E. PIERCE ✓
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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

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Ref/317/175/0A

25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Prisons.

TO : HQ AAI

1. Reference your AAI 5063/4/A(PB) of 17 July 44.
2. This HQ. would not be satisfied with a surrender of only 75% of the accommodation at TARANTO, and would appreciate your clearing the whole prison as arranged.
3. I thank you for drawing attention to this error.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For A/Chief Commissioner

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

Ref/XL7/174/CA

24 July 1944

SUBJECT: Prisons.

TO : D.A.C. HQ. AAL.

1. To alleviate overcrowding of Civil Prisons, it is proposed to establish labour camps for short term prisoners.

2. A site has been found on the Naples-Capua road about 4 miles NORTH of Aversa. Water supply is the Lagni River, but the water is fairly good and can be used with a pump and water purifying plant.

3. This proposal is in the nature of an experiment, and, if successful, other camps will be established in other parts of Italy.

4. Before going further with arrangements, we be informed please if material can be supplied to build a British Field Punishment Camp to hold 500, or an American Disciplinary Training Stockade.

5. A water pump and purifying plant would also be necessary.

6. You will remember that certain number of ~~military~~ prisons are at present occupied by military personnel.

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M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

Admin. Section (your ACC/11215/H of 18 July refers.)

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Administrative Section

APO 394

18th July, 1944

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons. Overcrowding.

TO : Executive Commissioner. ✓

1. On 5th May, 1944 a meeting was held at Rear HQ ACC to discuss proposals for the improvement of the prison situation. One of the proposals adopted was the forming of Labour Battalions, for civil prisoners.
2. It was thought that the scheme should be tried in Region 3. Regional Commissioner Region III was seen, and the suggestion made to him that prisoners serving short sentences be attached to labour Battalions and housed in camps. It was agreed to form a camp of 500 prisoners.
3. A suitable site has now been found on the Naples - Capua road about 4 miles NORTH of Aversa. It is situated in an agricultural area so that employment for prisoners can be found on the scene. If successful, the idea could be extended to other sites.
4. Water Supply is the LAGNI river, but the water is fairly good and can be used with a pump and water purifying plant. Other camps have been set up in this area in the past, and there is an American Disciplinary Training Stockade within 6 miles. Army water pumps and purifiers are said to be located in this Area.

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5. Can HQ. AAI be asked please, if they can supply the material to erect a camp of this type. That is, a British Field Punishment Camp to hold 500, or an American Disciplinary Training Stockade.

6. A draft letter to HQ. AAI is enclosed.

Gerald R. Upjohn

GERALD R. UPJOHN
Colonel,
Acting Head,
Administrative Section.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. and M.G. Section
APO 394

19th July, 1944.

SUBJECT : Prisons.

TO : D.A.G. Headquarters, A.A.I.

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A water pump and purifying plant would also be necessary.

M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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*Copy to Admin Section (Yours acc 14215/PS of 18th July
referred)*

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

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SUBJECT : Prisons.

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SUBJECT : Prisons.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region II.

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SUBJECT:- TA TO Prison.

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AAI/5063/4/A(PS)

HQ, Allied Control Commission,
RC & 1st Section
APO 394.

17 Jul 44
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1. HQ, No.2 District state that the local ACC and ITALIAN Authorities have informed 52 Area that they are satisfied with 75% of the accommodation at TARANTO prison. This is stated to have been handed over and that they are content that the Polish SUS numbering 50-60 should continue to occupy the balance of the accommodation.
2. In view of our previous correspondence on release of civilian prisoners, it is felt that you may not ~~have~~ be in agreement with this representation.
3. Will you therefore please state whether the above is correct or not. If it is not steps will be taken to implement our promise to clear the prison.

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HD/HM
v/c

Admiral
Major
Brigadier,
D.A.G.

Copy to:- 'g' - your 2035/2/02 of 14 Jul 44 refers.

18 JUL 1944
A.C.C.
Admiral Sent
What do P.S.
Say?
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Executive Commissioner.

28 June 1944. 168

Overcrowding of Prisons - Italian Military

1. Reference folios 137 and 138.
2. Folio 137 sets out the serious position which has arisen at BARI Prison. A large number of the population there are Italian military prisoners. MEMA directed that Italian prisoners serving sentences over 30 days would become a civilian responsibility. Therefore all prisoners over 30 days could not be placed in TUTURANO Camp.
3. MEMA in their letter (folio 135) indicates that such members of the Italian Forces are struck off the effective strength of the Armed Forces for maintenance on Army scale and after a period of 30 days are only entitled to civilian scale rations. There is an implied suggestion that these men are no longer members of the Italian Armed Forces as they go on in their letter to state that on completion of their sentence or release from custody they may be reinstated as effective members of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army scale.
4. Legal have stated that a wrong interpretation has been placed on this letter. These men even while in prison are still members of the Armed Forces until properly discharged and MEMA cannot get rid of their responsibilities simply because these men are serving more than 30 days. It would appear that it had been decided that such soldiers were a civilian responsibility.
5. These soldiers are serving a military sentence imposed by the Italian authorities and housed in civilian gaols for purposes of convenience. If it is correct, and I believe it to be so, that these soldiers are by Italian law a Military responsibility whatever length of sentence, whether housed in civilian prisons or not, then MEMA should not be allowed to assume and act as if they were a civilian responsibility. This is the crux of the whole situation, and the matter should be put before the Chief Commissioner for his ruling.
6. If the Chief Commissioner rules on the advice of Legal that they are a military responsibility, then MEMA should be asked to remove these soldiers from civilian prisons to Tuteurano and provide guards necessary for their custody. If these people can be got out of civilian prisons the prison situation would be considerably eased.
7. If the Italian Army do not require the services of these men they should be properly discharged at the expiration of their sentence and they should not be allowed simply to wash their hands of them and say that because they are on civilian rations after a period of 30 days while in a civilian prison they are a civilian responsibility.

JSR/RAC.

J.S. REAKES,
Major.

Public Safety are writing no further on this.

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Admin have written direct to C.C. on this.

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Held pending receipt of JLR 6/7

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Ex. Commissioner

Prison Accn.

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but if you did not
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

400/14215/PS

4 July 44

SUBJECT: Prisons, overcrowding (Italian Military).

TO: Acting Chief Commissioner.

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- 1 Reference previous report on this subject addressed to the Executive Commissioner, dated 8 Jun 44, enclosure "A".
- 2 The decision that "Italian Military Prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days, or awaiting trial over 30 days are a civil responsibility, and must be confined in civil jails", continues to cause extreme difficulty in prison administration.
- 3 When the above policy is fully understood by the Italian Military authorities, it will result in the transfer from Military Prisons to Civil Prisons, of all soldiers serving sentences of over 30 days. This point is raised in MIA letter ref. G/11/1 dated 28 Jun 44, addressed to the Italian Army General Staff. (Encl. "B"). At the present time, no span, accommodation exists in civil jails. In fact, the latest figures show that the jails are overcrowded by 2,463; of this number 1,784 are Italian military prisoners.
- 4 Attention is called to a cable dated 22 Jun 44 from MIA to the Minister of War and Public Safety Sub-Commission (Encl. "C"). This states that Italian Army personnel picked up as a result of the advance of the Allied Armies, will not be considered members of the Active Italian Army until screened and returned to an active unit of the Italian Army. Those not returned to full duty become civilians, and if they are to be confined for trial, they must be confined in Civil Prisons.
- 5 The advice of the Chief Legal Officer, Colonel G.H. DUTTON has been taken, and the following opinion expressed by him.
"A soldier does NOT cease to be a soldier merely because he is serving a sentence in excess of 30 days.
The Ministry of War may have issued some ministerial decree which effects their position, but this Sub-Commission has no knowledge of such.
A soldier serving a sentence even in excess of 30 days should do so in a military establishment, see Art 26 Military Penal Code of Peace."
- 6 The new policy regarding Italian Military Prisoners was brought into being without any prior reference to the Ministry of Grace and Justice, Legal Sub-Commission or Public Safety Sub-Commission. If this had been done, the present position would have been made clear, and the effect on civil prisoners.

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- 7 It is thought that the policy came into being by a misunderstanding. It arose as a result of the necessity of reducing the quantity of food being imported for Italian Military rations. To accomplish this, MIA are cutting down the number of ineffective rations carried on the ration strength. Accordingly, military prisoners (if over 30 days) were made non-effective and thus fed on the civilian scale. This ration reduction was discussed by the interested parties, but the point at issue was the supply of food. The policy as at present stated and underlined by MIA, changes the actual status of the soldier and makes him a civilian. This is bad in law.
- 8 Arrangements were in hand by the Minister of War to form, two Labor Battalions of Italian Army Prisoners. On 1 Jun 44, MIA gave assent to the establishment of an Italian Military Prison in the LIPAD Islands. These arrangements have been cancelled, by the present policy regarding Military Prisoners.

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10 I propose to raise this matter at the next VP's meeting.

J. R. W. L.
G. R. W. L., Colonel,
Acting Head, Administrative Section,
Army Air Corps, Washington, D. C.

* Various measurements are under consideration related not only to the strength and ductility of aluminum and plasticity but also to the

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

8 June 1944

AOC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Prisons (Italian Military).

TO : Executive Commissioner, (Through V.P. Admin. Section).

1. A serious overcrowding problem has arisen at BARI PRISON. The capacity of the prison is 706; present population 1710, of whom 457 are Italian Military Prisoners.
2. Arrangements were being made to move these military prisoners to Turenano Camp, where accommodation had been offered for 500 prisoners by Col. Findlay of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. It then became known that an instruction had been issued by Army Sub-Commission, Main HQ (MMA), LEQUILLE, directing that all Italian prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days, or awaiting trial over 30 days, would be confined in civil prisons and become a civil responsibility. As a result, any military prisoner serving a term of more than 30 days could not be removed from BARI Prison and placed in Turenano Camp. All the prisoners concerned are in the "over 30 days" category. It was also stated that TURENANO Camp is at the disposal of the Italian Army in exchange for TAPPA, Brindisi.
3. This new policy arose from a letter Ref. AQ/8 dated 23 May 44 from Main HQ (MMA) to the Minister of War. (Copy attached). Particulars of this letter were obtained, and as the subject matter appeared to be concerned with the feeding of Italian Military Prisoners, it was thought by this Sub-Commission that a misunderstanding had arisen. It was agreed that after 30 days imprisonment, Italian Military Prisoners would be fed on the civilian scale, but this in itself did not make military prisoners a civil responsibility.
4. Accordingly, on 2 June 44, a cable was sent to HQ MMA (copy attached) explaining the position at BARI, asking for agreement to the transfer of the prisoners to TURENANO, and the provision there of an Italian Army Guard. On 3 June 44 a reply was received (copy attached) pointing out that these prisoners were now a civil responsibility.
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or move to an island settlement.

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A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Enclosures

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Reply MIA ACC Rear.

Cable ACC Rear MIA 4/6/44.

Reply MIA ACC Rear 6/6/44.

June 9, 1944

TO: Executive Commission

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Snolodare!

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Strength and Ration State

ARMY Sub-Commission, AGC.
Main HQ (MILAN)
LEGATION (LONDON)
G/11/1
28th June 1944.

S.M.R.E.

1. A new method of rendering the strength state of the Italian Army has become necessary and with effect from 25 July it will be rendered in revised form.
2. A new proforma, specimen at Appendix "A" will be used which will incorporate both the strength state and the ration state.
3. The state will be forwarded to this HQ on the 5th, 15th, 25th of each month showing the position as at the preceding 25th, 15th, 5th.
4. The following points are noted for emphasis and clarification;
 - a) Every Italian officer and man of the Italian Army must be assigned to a formed unit.
 - b) Personnel in process of being assigned to a formed unit will be carried under the heading "Unassigned attached" in the depot or transit camp in which they are situated. Strengths of Depot and Camp staffs must not include these "Unassigned attached" which will be shown on a separate line immediately below the entry showing the strength of the Depot or transit camp.
 - c) The columns for vehicles and animals shown on the old state, are no longer required.
 - d) The order of units and the subdivision into 5 parts, will be the same as in the old states.
 - e) The total of the Italian Army is obtained from Columns 1 and 2.
 - f) The total of Columns 3 to 14 inclusive will equal the total of columns 1 and 2.
 - g) Personnel sick in hospital will not be included in the strength of the hospital staff but shown on a separate line, headed "Patients" immediately below the entry showing the strength of the hospital staff and entered only in Columns 15 and 16. The total should agree with Columns 3 and 4. (Refer to our AG/2 of 23 June).
 - h) Personnel temporarily in Transit camps and authorized rations will not be included in the strength of the Transit camp staff or in the strength of the "unassigned attached" since they are already accounted for under the unit to which they are assigned. These personnel will be shown on a separate line, headed "Attached for rations" below the entry "unassigned attached" and only in columns 15 and 16. Personnel on leave are not entitled to rations until they rejoin their assigned unit and will therefore only appear in the state under the heading of their unit.

4. The following points are notes on the organization and classification:

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- i) Personnel absent without leave for more than 30 days are struck off the strength of the Army. They will not be shown as entitled to rations during such absence.
- j) Personnel in military prisons, either serving a sentence, or awaiting trial, for more than 30 days, are struck off the strength and will NOT appear in any column. Such personnel will be transferred to civil prisons and draw civil rations. (Ref. our HQ/3 of 13 May and 27 May)
- k) Personnel in military prisons less than 30 days will not be included in the strength of the prison staff but shown on a separate line under heading "prisoners" immediately below the entry showing the strength of the prison staff and only entered in Columns 15 and 16.
- l) Part 5 of the State will only contain units which are available to the Allies for the Allied programme, including those formed and awaiting movement, and those in

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FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

1. Any former member of the Italian Army picked up as result of the advance of the Allied armies will not be considered a member of the Active Italian Army until he has been screened by Italian Army Screening Agency, and found fully qualified for and returned to duty with an active unit of the Italian Army.
2. Any individual not returned to full duty is not, RPT, not to be considered as a member of the active Italian Army and will not, RPT not be picked up on Italian Army strength returns for any purpose EWA and therefore remains in same status as civilian.
3. If any of individuals mentioned in ⁽²⁾ second are to be confined for trial for any crime committed they must be confined in Civil Prisons.
4. Italian Army stockades are for confinement of members of active Army only.
5. No Italian Army Stockades will be established in Rome Area except by Commanders of Italian troops under Allied Command and then only for confinement of Soldiers who are assigned members of such units.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
H.Q. & H.C. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/317/163/CA

5 July 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation -- Civil Prisons.

TO : Admin. Sect. (for Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

1. There is forwarded to you for information and action copy letter from AAI (AAI/5065/1/A(PS) of 26 June 44.

2. Copy letter from AAI of 8 June 44 is also forwarded for your information and for filing.

[Signature]

NORMAN P. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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[Signature]
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SUBJECT:-

- 2 JUL 1944

Evacuation - Civil Prisons.

CA Br. 4-377d62

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2-LUG 1944
A. C. C.

H.Q., ALLIED ARMYERS IN ITALY.

AAZ/5065/1/A(PS).

30 Jun 44.

Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. Box 594.

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Reference your 347/108/CA dated 27 May 44 and further to this H.Q. letters of even number dated 14 May and 8 Jun 44 respectively.

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1. S. MARIA CAPUA VERDE. This can now be given up with the exception of one cell block which is required by P.B.S. for civilians. Please deal direct with P.B.S. over this.
2. SAN SEVERO. This prison cannot be given up as it is the only prison available to A.A.V.S.C.
3. CARANO. Instructions have been issued to No. 2 District to evacuate this prison. This is expected to be done by mid July.

P. H. Polne
Brigadier,
D.A.C.

JEP/AMK.

Cop to:- P.B.S.
No. 2 District.
G.I.(U.S.).
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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
Administrative Section.
SPO 394

420/14316/07

28th June, 1944

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO: Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference your 317/159/2A dated 29th June, 1944.
2. The Ministry of Grace and Justice, and Regional Commissions, e.g. I, II, III, VII have been informed of the procedure for provision of places in accordance with Economic Section letter of 13 May, 1944.

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[Signature]

V.P. Adm. Sec. 6232

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

Ref/317/160/CA

25 June 1944

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Ref. your ES/15 of 13 May and ES/15 of 30 May there is sent herewith copy letter from Admin. Section with list and location of prisons attached in priority as requested.

2. There is also forwarded letter from Region III Public Safety Officer dated 27 May for your information.

NORMAN R. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
Admin. Sect. (Your ACC/14215/PS of 20 June refers.)

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

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Ref/317/159/CA

25 June 1944

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

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TO : Admin. Section. (For Public Safety SC)
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Ref. this Hq. letter 317/74/CA of 14 May 44 and your 14215/PS of 20 June 44. It is presumed that the provision of finance for repair of the prisons has been made in accordance with Economic Section Letter of 13 May 44 forwarded to you.

J.H.

NORMAN E. FIERKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

JHR/JR

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ACTION

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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CAB. #150
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20th, June, 1944

ASC/14215/22

SUBJECT : Prison Accommodation

TO : Executive Commissioner (through V. J. M. Sec.)
22 JUN 1944

1. Reference your 317/125/CA of 5th June 1944 and 317/74/CA of 14 May, 1944.
2. Attached are lists and locations of prisons to be given extended accommodation. Priorities and particulars of the additional number of prisoners to be provided for in each prison are shown.
3. Special mention is made of the unfinished Reformatory at BARI. This is at the rear of the Judicial Prison, where 1700 prisoners are confined in buildings with normal capacity for 700. The Reformatory could be completed in two months and provide accommodation for 400 prisoners. Certain Italian military stores are kept in the building. The Italian War Minister has been approached by the Minister of Grace and Justice with a view to the removal of the stores.
4. The completion of this building and repair program would provide accommodation for a further 1,538 prisoners.

HEADQUARTERS
23 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

for Paul G. Hill, NAT.
Paul G. Hill,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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

Ref/317/150/CA

18 June 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Civil Prisons.

TO : Admin. Sect. (for Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

The attached copy letter from AAI to this Headquarters dated 8 June 44 is forwarded for your information.

J.K.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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FOUO NO: 58424
16 JUNE 44.

FROM: DISTWO.

TO: AMPS NFO INFO XV AFSC FILPOT.

TOG: 1930H.15.
TOR: 2220H.16.

DETS NO: Q 63.

CITE R-26-P.

REF. ADJUT. GENERAL COMMISSION DESIRE THAT WHEREVER POSSIBLE
CIVIL PRISON WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER FOR MILITARY PURPOSES
SHOULD BE RETURNED TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES FOR IMPRISONMENT CIVIL
OFFENDERS.

ADJUT. GENERAL ASKED THIS HQ ON 25 APRIL TO CONSIDER DEREGULATION
OF CIVIL PRISON WHICH IS INSIDE ALLIED AIR FORCE ENCL. 6227
THING. THEN HQ ASKED XV AFSC WHETHER PRISON COULD BE HANDED
DOWN TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES.

FOURTH. AMPS NFO REPLIED AS ALREADY INDICATED IN MY Q18.
FIFTH. AS AMPS NFO UNDER YOUR COMMAND REQUEST YOU TAKE ACTION ON
MAY 24 1944 AND REFER TO FILPOT IF FURTHER CLARIFICATION
NECESSARY.

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FOLIO NO: 58424.

SIXTH. FOR XV AFSC AND FILLOT. THIS IS REPLY TO REQUEST FOR
CLARIFICATION NY Q38 OF WHICH COPY WAS SENT TO YOU

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

Ref/317/147/CA

17 June 1944

SUBJECT: Prisons Overcrowding.

TO : Admin. Sect. (for Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

1. With reference to your AGC/14215/PS of 6 June 44, there is forwarded to you for information copy letter from AAI (Ref. AAI/5065/6/A(PS) of 15 June 1944.

2. From the above letter it would be seen that the second building can be released and this should be arranged with No. 3 District.

[Signature]
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

JSR/JR

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SUBJECT: Accommodation - Civil Prisoners.

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HQ, ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY.

AAI/5055/5/A(13).
15 Jun 44.

Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

Reference your 317/125/CA dated 2 Jun 44.

1. One out of two buildings forming the old Italian Military Prison at PIETRABONICO is used as an Italian Military Prison. This building was dilapidated when taken over, and much work has been carried out to make it fit for its purpose. It is regretted that it is not possible to give up this building.
2. The second building can be relinquished. Please arrange direct with 5 District.
3. It is understood that this question has already been taken up with 5 District by the Army Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.

AM/CC.

Copies to: A 5 District;

C. M. Palmer
Brigadier,
AAI.

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Major D-W

Ref the attached file and correspondence I spoke to the Regional P.S. Officer at Region 3 and he stated that work on the three prisons was proceeding in the order stated but slowly. He said there was a shortage of materials and asked if we could help. I told him we would but first he would have to let me have a note of those materials in short supply. He agreed to do this but indicated that he would first of all exhaust Region channels first. The Ex. Commr. probably should see this report.

15th June.

J.R.

Exec. Commr.

You will wish to see Reg III report on
Prisons. for. 4. (pp 12374)

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REF ID: A66117

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

TO:

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

14 June 1944

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation

TO : Executive Commissioner (through VP. Adm. Sec.) 14 JUN 1944

1. Reference your 317/125/CA of 5th June 1944 and 317/74/CA of 14 May 1944.

2. The lists and locations of the prisons that are to be given extended accommodation, with priorities and particulars of the additional number of prisoners to be provided for each place, are in course of preparation. It is hoped that the complete lists will be ready within the next few days.

3. Information as to damaged and unfinished prisons was not available in the Ministry of Grace and Justice. Accordingly, the necessary particulars have had to be obtained through Regional Commissioners, and this accounts for the delay.

Paul G. Kirk
PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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11 June 1944

Charles Pollett

CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS

13 JUN 1944

A. C. C.

~~Wright to have~~
Ex. Comm. Wright like to see
Jesse, wife.

7. Major Reuben

Can you find out from
Reg III what has been decided
or ordered on para 5 of report.

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I changed her & they stated as ordered
 attention was being given that
 they were in the better designed shortage of materials from
 they would & they said they would consider they were
 going to & might have to come to us for help but would
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Subject: Military Prisoners

To Sx Comr.

Please see 137 & 136 from Col. Young.
You spoke yesterday with Maj. Wilson (P.S.)
and Col. Piddley. Latter told me you were
considering a letter papers may help.

S. 10/6.

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10 JUN Recd

CAB 139
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SUBJECT:- Assassination - Civil Prisons.

HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/5065/1/A(33).
5 Jun 44.

Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 324.

108.

Reference your 317/108/CA dated 27 May 44, and further to this HQ letter of even number dated 14 May 44.

1. The following is the present situation at the civil prisons specified:-

- (a) AVELLANO. This is being given up at once. 2 District have been ordered to arrange direct.
- (b) BOGGIORRALE. This is used for holding soldiers awaiting trial and cannot be given up at present. The situation will be reviewed when circumstances change.
- (c) SAN SEVERINO. This is being used as a Detention Barracks etc and cannot be given up at present. The situation will be reviewed when circumstances change.
- (d) S. MARIA CAPUA VERDE. Occupied by U.S. Forces. A definite answer will be given shortly.
- (e) PORTICI. It is understood that this was not a civil prison. It is now being used as a military prison and much work has been carried out to make it secure. There is no prospect of this being given up.
- (f) NEBIDA. This is being used as a military prison and there is no prospect of it being given up.
- (g) SAN SEVERO. Occupied by U.S. Forces. A definite answer will be given shortly.

2. BRISIGNONE Prison has already been evacuated. It is hoped that TARANTO Prison will have been completely evacuated in about a month.

HEADQUARTERS
10 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

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C. M. P. L. W.
Brigadier,
DAG.

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Subject: Military Prisoners

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

9 JUN Recd
JES.
8 June 1944.

ACC/14215/78

SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Prisons (Italian Military).

TO : Executive Commissioner, (Through V.P. Admin. Section).

1. A serious overcrowding problem has arisen at BARI PRISON. The capacity of the prison is 705; present population 1719, of whom 1467 are Italian Military Prisoners.
2. Arrangements were being made to move these military prisoners to Tuterano Camp, where accommodation had been offered for 500 prisoners by Col. Findley of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. It then became known that an instruction had been issued by Army Sub-Commission, Main HQ (MMA), INQUIRE, directing that all Italian prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days, or awaiting trial over 30 days, would be confined in civil prisons and become a civil responsibility. As a result, any military prisoner serving a term of more than 30 days could not be removed from BARI Prison and placed in Tuterano Camp. All the prisoners concerned are in the "over 30 days" category. It was also stated that TUTERANO Camp is at the disposal of the Italian Army in exchange for TAPPA, Brindisi.
3. This new policy arose from a letter Ref. AQ/B dated 23 May 44 from Main HQ (MMA) to the Minister of War. (Copy attached). Particulars of this letter were obtained, and as the subject matter appeared to be concerned with the feeding of Italian Military Prisoners, it was thought by this Sub-Commission that a misunderstanding had arisen. It was agreed that after 30 days imprisonment, Italian Military Prisoners would be fed on the civilian scale, but this in itself did not make military prisoners a civil responsibility.
4. Accordingly, on 2 June 44, a cable was sent to HQ MMA (copy attached) explaining the position at BARI, asking for agreement to the transfer of the prisoners to TUTERANO, and the provision there of an Italian Army Guard. On 3 June 44 a reply was received (copy attached) pointing out that these prisoners were now a civil responsibility.
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9. I ask that this question of the civil responsibility for all Italian Military Prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days, be taken up with the Chief Commissioner.

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A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

FTW/L

Enclosures:

- Copy letter Army Sub-Com., to Minister of War.
- " Cable ACC Rear to MMIA on 2/6/44.
- " Reply MMIA ACC Rear.
- " Cable ACC Rear MMIA 4/6/44.
- " Reply MMIA ACC Rear 5/6/44.

ENDORSEMENT. I.

TO EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.

1. The above is forwarded in the absence of a reply of V.P. Adams Sec., in order that there should be no delay.
 2. I feel it is a matter that, in consultation with you, the V.P. could raise with C.C.
 3. You will see there is a very wide difference of opinion as to how these Military Prisoners should be handled.
 4. On return, later in the day, of V.P. I will show him a copy of the correspondence.
- 9 Feb. 44.

R.R. Griffith

C.D. Adams Sec.

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SUBJECT: Maintenance of the ITALIAN Armed Forces
 when serving sentences or awaiting trial in Jail

Army Sub-Commission, AGC
 Main HQ (MMA)
 BEQUIL (HECCE)
 AQ/B May 44.

TO: H.E. General ORLANDO,
 Minister of War,
 Your Excellency,

1. In continuation of the policy that the Allied Governments will maintain on Army Scale only the Italian Armed Forces who are in fact effective, it is necessary to examine the position of the Italian Armed Forces who become NON-effective through serving sentences of imprisonment in jail or through awaiting trial in jail.
2. I am directed, therefore, to inform you that no member of the Italian Armed Forces may be absent from duty, either through awaiting trial or through serving a sentence of imprisonment, for a period longer than 30 days and remain on the effective strength of those Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.
3. Any member of the Italian Armed Forces will, after absences from duty awaiting trial for 30 days or on being sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a period exceeding 30 days, be:-
 - either (A) Struck off the effective strength of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale, and no Army rations will thereafter be issued to them until they again become effective members of the Italian Armed Forces. These prisoners will then be eligible only for the Civilian Scale of rations. On completion of their sentence or release from custody, they may be re-instated as effective members of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.
 - (A) I am further directed to say that Civil prisons will be used only for non-effective Italian Armed Forces prisoners serving sentence of over 30 days or awaiting trial over 30 days.
 - (B) The remainder of Italian Armed Forces prisoners will be retained in Italian Armed Forces prisons or punishment camps to be established by you.

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5. It is requested, therefore, that you inform me at an early date of:

- (A) The orders you issue to ensure effective compliance with this instruction.
- (B) The date by which personnel of the Italian Armed Forces as in para 4 (b) will have been removed from civil prisons.

Major General,
Army Sub Com. AGC

trs. FJH.

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HQ AGC (2)

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APPROXIMATELY FOUR SEVEN ZERO MILITARY PRISONERS IN BARI JAILS CAUSING SUCH
OVERCROWDING THAT AUTHORITIES FEAR AOUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX PD COL FINDLAY DISPER
BARI HAS OFFERED ACCOMODATION AT TUTURANO CAMP WHERE ITALIAN ARMY GUARDS WILL
BE NECESSARY PD IF YOU AGREE TRANSFER PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER REGION TWO CAN
CONTACT YOUR HQ AND GIVE EVERY ASSISTANCE IN SUCH ACTION AS IS NECESSARY FOR
THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF PRISONERS FROM BARI JAILS TO TUTURANO PD TO MIA FOR
BROWNING FROM ACC REAR FROM CAMPBELL SIGNED MACFARLANE PD PLEASE SAY IF YOU
AGREE PD PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER WILL BE INSTRUCTED VISIT YOUR HQ IMMEDIATELY

AUTHENTICATED:

ROGER B DERBY
Capt, AGD
Adjutant.

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Your 2843 of 02 June Subject Prisoners in Civil Jails.

Our AQ/8 of 23 May to Minister of War with copy of HQ ACC covers situation. Members of Italian Armed Forces absent from Army for 30 days on account of being in jail are struck off the rolls of army and therefore become a civil responsibility. Army authorized to establish Army prisons to confine prisoners not to exceed 30 days. This has been fully explained to prison officer of Region 2. Army guards on civil prisons not authorized.

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REF TWO EIGHT FOUR THREE OF TWO JUNE SUBJECT PRISONERS IN CIVIL
CMA AND YOUR REPLY AS ONE TWO SEVEN ZERO TO COL CAMPBELL OF THREE
JUNE PD TO MEMA FOR MAJOR GENERAL BROWNING PAREN PERSONAL PAREN
FROM ACC REAR FROM PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOM FROM YOUNG SIGNED MACFARLANE
PD THE STATEMENT THAT MEMBERS OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES ABSENT FROM
ARMY AND THEREFORE BECOME A CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT UNDERSTOOD
PD THIS IS CONTRARY TO DECLARED POLICY OF THE COMMISSION AS AGREED
WITH ITALIAN WAR MINISTER PD IN FACT CMA ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN HAND
BY WAR MINISTER PD FORM TWO PENAL BATTALIONS FROM ITALIAN MILITARY
PRISONERS IN CIVIL JAIL PD IT IS AGREED THAT AFTER THREE ZERO
DAYS CONFINEMENT THESE PRISONERS WILL BE FED ON THE CIVILIAN
SCALE CMA BUT THIS DOES NOT MAKE MILITARY PRISONERS A CIVIL
RESPONSIBILITY PD THE MOVEMENT OF THE FOUR SEVEN ZERO MILITARY
PRISONERS FROM BARI TO FURANO AND THE PROVISION OF AN ITALIAN
MILITARY GUARD THERE IS MOST URGENT PD THE EFFECT OF THE POLICY
WHICH I UNDERSTAND YOUR COMMISSION TO REPRESENT WILL EFFECTIVELY
PREVENT THE AMELIORATION OF THE PRESENT JAIL CONGESTION BY REMOVING
THE ITALIAN MILITARY OFFENDERS WHO NUMBER APPROXIMATELY TWO ZERO
ZERO ZERO

AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. GHIOLCA 6312
CFC USA
ASST ADJ.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /MRS

SVC/RELAY NO.	M/C NO :
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FROM : MMIA FROM BROWNING	REC'D : JUNE 070845B
TO : AEC REAR FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOM	

Your 2851 of 4 June.

1. You have been misinformed.
2. My AQ8 of 23 May has been approved by Chief Commissioner and remains effective.
3. Italian Army penal battalions are not being or to be formed.
4. Italian Army feeds and guards its own prisoners sentenced to 30 days or less but will neither feed or guard longer term.
5. War Ministry (with which MMIA is the recognized channel) understands this policy completely and is putting it into effect.

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

Ref/317/129/GA.

8 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Civil Prisons.

TO : HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.

1. Reference is made to your AAI/5055/1/A(PS) of 14 May 1944 and our letter 317/108/GA of 27 May 1944.
2. Information has just been received that the Italian Military Prison at MONTEBARCHIO, Benevento Province, is being used by 57th Base Area as a Penal Establishment for Italian Troops.
3. It is desired that consideration be given with a view to the release of the prison for use by Italian Military Prisoners.

PK
Major J. S. Reakes

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

JER/RAG.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Com (Your 14215/PS of 6 June refers)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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6 June 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Prison Overcrowding.

TO : Executive Commissioner (through V.P. Admin. Section).

1. Ref. AAI/5065/1/A (PS) dated 14 May 44, addressed to Executive Commissioner.
2. A reply giving a list of Civil Prisons occupied either wholly or in part by the Army was forwarded to you on ACC/14215/PS dated 24 May 44.
3. Information has just been received from Region 3, that the Italian Military Prison at Montesarchio, Benevento Province, is now being used by 57th Base Area as a Penal Establishment for Indian troops.
4. May this information be forwarded to HQ AAI, with a view to the release of the prison for use by Italian Military Prisoners.



FJW/t

A. E. Young
A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VII

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

File Ref: RVII/PS/408/141.

Date: 2nd June, 1944.

SUBJECT: Civilian Prisons.

TO: Executive Commissioner,
Hq. Allied Control Commission.

1. Ref 317/81/CA dated 20 May, 1944.
2. The only prisons known to be damaged in this Region are:
 - a. Carceri Gindiziarie of GALLINA,
 - b. Carceri Gindiziarie of PALMIboth situated in REGGIO Province.
3. GALLINA prison has not been used since the Allied occupation, having been rendered uninhabitable by bomb damage to the roof and ceilings. Normal capacity 100 prisoners.
4. PALMI prison was originally damaged by earth-quake in 1908, and the top storey was never rebuilt. Further damage was suffered by bombing during the Allied invasion. Now houses its maximum normal capacity of 75 prisoners.
5. The question of repair has been taken up with the Reg. Public Works Officer who is making an examination and assessment of what is required to re-instate GALLINA prison. It is thought that not a great deal of labour or expense will be incurred and if this is borne out by the Public Works Officer's report, direct action will be taken accordingly.
6. The PALMI prison has not been inspected in view of the report made in April by the Prison Officer, Region II, to the effect that it is most unsatisfactory and should be closed permanently. This was mentioned in his report to Pub. Safety Sub-Commission dated 29 April, 44 and has been reiterated by the Public Safety Officer this Hq in a similar report dated 31 May, 44.
7. The overcrowding of prisons in this Region is not considerable and the question of the minor readjustments necessary is being taken up locally with the prison directors.



Copy to: R.P.S.O.
R.P.W.O.

G. G. FEASEY, Lt.-Col.
for ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD.
Colonel, FA, US Army.
Regional Commissioner.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER ACC HAS URGED C IN C TO FREE CIVIL
PRISONS IN OCCUPIED I T A L Y FOR THEIR NN// NORMAL PURPOSE
TO ASSIST HIM IN HIS TASK OF ENSURING CIVIL ORDER (.) REQUEST APPLIES
PARTICULARLY TO PRISONS AT CAPUA AND SAN SEVERO (.)
GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL RECONSIDER EARLY EVACUATION OF TROOPS FROM
THESE PRISONS

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 324

Ref/317/125/CA.

5 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Admin Section - For Public Safety Sub-Com.

1. Further to my 317/74/CA of 14 May 1944.
2. Attached is copy of letter dated 30 May 1944 from Economic Section.
3. Will you please say if the information required can be supplied soon?

BU. 126/111

*Noted
J. E.*

HB/RAC.

WILLIAM E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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

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Ref/317/124/CA.

5 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Economic Section.

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1. Reference your ES/15 of 30 May 1944.
2. Copy of your ES/15 of 13 May 1944 was forwarded to Admin Section for action of Public Safety Sub-Commission.
3. I have now asked that Section when the required information may be expected.

HB/RAG.

ROBERT E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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SUBJECT:- Military Prisons - Italian Army

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ARMIES IN ITALY
AAI/5065/22/A(PB)

1 JUNE 44

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Reference your LD/2701/1/Q dated 24 May 44.

1. This HQ has no objections to the Italian Army establishing a military prison in the LIPARI Islands, provided that they can supply their own transport and maintenance. In this connection it is believed that there is an acute shortage of water in the Islands.

JDP/RAF.

[Signature]
Brigadier
DAC.

Copy to:- Executive Commissioner ACC

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 317/122/CA.

3rd June 1944.

SUBJECT: Prisons - Requisitioning.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Regions IV & V.
SCAO, AMG 5 Army.
SCAO, AMG 8 Army.

1. It is essential that prisons in areas at present occupied by the enemy be used for their proper purpose when the area is liberated.
2. Instructions have been issued to Army Commanders by HQ AAL, directing them to avoid requisitioning civil prisons except when such action is of urgent operational necessity. A list of Penal and Mandamentali Prisons in North and Central Italy has already been supplied to them by this Headquarters and a similar list has been forwarded to you under separate cover.
3. Civil Affairs Officers and Provincial Officers will appreciate the importance of this matter and remember the difficulties which have arisen in other Regions owing to the requisitioning of civil jails by the military authorities.
4. The interpretation of the phrase "operational necessity" is wide and there will be cases where military authorities will wish to requisition. Civil Affairs Officers should do their utmost to prevent this and if requisitioning is carried out contrary to the principles laid down above, or unreasonably, the strongest protest should be made in the name of this Commission and the matter reported at once to this Headquarters. In all cases of requisitioning of prisons, details should be sent to Headquarters.

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MSL
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission (2)
Regional Commissioners, Regions VIII and IX (for info) 620.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

A30/14215/P3

May 29, 1944

SUBJECT : Prisons.

TO : Executive Commissioner (thru V.P.Adm. Sec.)

1. On 26th May 44 Major Wilson of this Sub-Commission visited A.A.I. HQ., where he saw Brigadier Paton D.A.G. The question of Prisons was fully discussed, and the Brigadier proved to be most understanding and appreciative of the difficulties experienced by AMT officers in the field.

It was agreed that the requisitioning of Civil Prisons by Army authorities in the past, had contributed in no small measure, to the present overcrowding problem.

2. Brigadier Paton stated that he was taking steps to ensure the de-requisitioning of those Prisons at present held by the Army. It was explained that at San Severo, the army commander had expressed himself unable to find alternative accommodation. The Brigadier then said he would deal with the matter through General Robertson.

3. Lists of Penal and Mamentelli Prisons in North and Central Italy were supplied to the Brigadier. He promised to circulate the information to all Army Commanders, and issue a directive that the buildings mentioned were on no account to be requisitioned for Army purposes: the necessary proviso of "operational necessity" was understood. It was agreed that copies of the lists would be sent to R.C. Regions IV and V and to SCAC's 5th and 8th Army. (These copies were forwarded on 27th May 1944)

4. It can be seen that Brigadier Paton is well aware of the prison situation, and quite prepared to take strong action to help us in this matter. I feel that a directive (draft attached) should be issued to AMG R.C.'s and SCAC's 5th and 8th Army, explaining the co-operation we have received from A.A.I. HQ., and calling on them to watch the position carefully and report immediately any

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A. E. YOUNG, Colonel
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

RC. & MG. SECTION

AFO 394

SUBJECT : Prisons - Requisitioning

TO : R.C.'s Regions IV and V. SCAG's 5th and 8th Army.
 *(R.C.'s Regions VIII and IX for information.)

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2. Instructions have been issued to Army Commanders by HQ. AAI., calling on them to avoid requisitioning Civil prisons except when such action is an operational necessity. Lists of these prisons have already been supplied to them through this HQ.
3. *C.A.O.s & Prisoners Office*
~~the~~ officers must appreciate the importance of this matter, and keep in touch with the Army authorities in their areas, in order to prevent requisitioning which is not absolutely essential.
4. If, contrary to this principle, a Civil prison is requisitioned by the Army, the strongest protest should be made in the name of the Commission, and the matter reported at once to this Headquarters.
5. In future, whenever any prison is requisitioned for any purpose, the facts must be reported.

M. S. Lusk

M. S. LUSK
 Brigadier
 Executive Commissioner.

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C.A.O.s & Provincial Offices

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M. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

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* R.C.'s Rego VIII & IX for information.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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ES/15

30 May 44.

SUBJECT : Prison Accommodation.

TO : Executive Commissioner (C.A. Branch)

1. Reference your 317/70/CA dated 9 May and our reply under ref. ES/15 dated 13 May.

2. Can you please let us have a reply to para 2. of our letter which asks for lists and locations of the prisons that are to be given extended accommodation, with priorities and particulars of the additional numbers of prisoners to be provided for each place.

N. W. Hind-Smith
Capt R.A.

N. W. HIND-SMITH, Capt. R.A.
Staff Officer, Economic Section

Copy to:
Public Works & Utilities S.C.
your ACC/119/PWU dated 30 May
refers.

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

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Ref/517/118/GA

31 May 1944

SUBJECT: Prisoner Requisitioning.

TO : R.C.M. Region IV and V.
SCAD's APO 5th & 8th Armies.

1. Public Safety Sub-Commission in letter AOC/14215/12 dated 27 May 44 write as follows:

"On 26th May 1944 at AAI Hq. Brigadier Paton, DAF, was supplied with lists showing particulars of Penal and Subnormal Prisons north of the present army line.

It was agreed that steps would be taken by Brigadier Paton to ensure that Army commanders were supplied with this information, and requested to avoid requisition of the buildings concerned."

Copy list attached for your information.

 WILLIAM E. FISHER
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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

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Ref/317/117/GA

31 May 1944

SUBJECT: S. Severe Prison.

TO : R.O. Region V.

1. Reference your 51A/13 of 26 May 44 and previous correspondence regarding above named prison.

2. On 26 May 44 Major Wilson of Public Safety Sub-Commission saw Brig. Paton DAG at Hq. AAI concerning prisons generally. The question of San Severe prison was raised and the position in Foggia explained. Brig. Paton then stated he would take up this matter with the Army authorities concerned.

3. You will be notified of any development.

ROBERT E. FINKS
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
Public Safety Sub-Commission (Your AOC/14215/PS of 27 May refers.)

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

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Ref/317/116/CA

31 May 1944

SUBJECT: Prisons.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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1. Reference my 317/81/CA of 20 May 44 and your AGC/14215/PS of 15 May 44.

2. I attach copy of letter enclosing telegram received from Region I (RPS/014/1) dated 25 May 44 and correspondence from R.C. Region V regarding:

- a) Foggia prison and materials required for work purposes therein (dated 23 May 44)
- b) Further letter from Foggia Province re S. Severe prison (dated 17 May preceding your AGC/14215/PS of 27 May on the same subject.

NORMAN E. FLEKE
Colonel
Deputy Assoc.
Comm.

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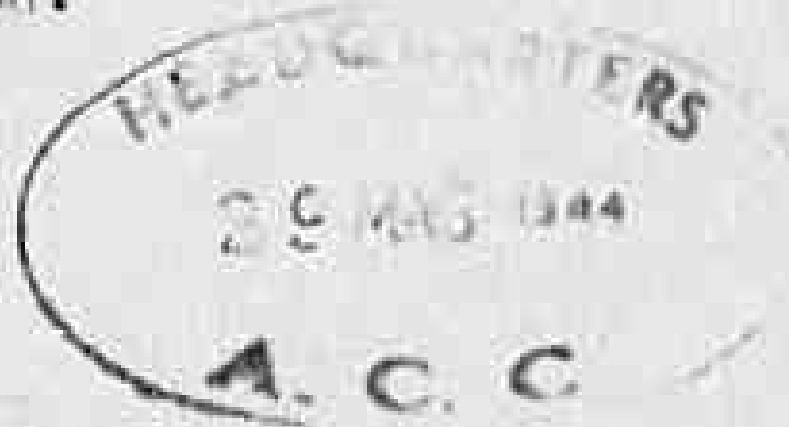
TO : HQ C RC & MG SECTION
FROM : RC REGION V
SUBJECT : OVERCROWDING OF CIVILIAN PRISONS
REF : 614/13
DATE : 26 MAY 1944

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C.A. BULLIS
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Ref your 317/B1/CA

Herewith copy of letter from Foggia Province re a/m subject, also letter from same source re the Prison at San Severo, which is at present used as a Military Prison.



F. L. WHITLEY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Regional Commissioner

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17 May 44.

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SUBJECT:- Pr ns.

TO:- HQ AMG REGION 5.

FROM:- AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE.

Reference your letter R5/514/13 of 13 May 44, and copy of this HQ letter of even No. dated 26 Apr 44, attached hereto.

A.A.F.A.C. have now replied to this HQ a/m letter to the effect that a survey of the area has failed to locate another suitable site for a Military Prison, with the result that the requisition of S. SEVERO Prison cannot be released at this time.

With the forthcoming Harvest drive, the lack of Prison accommodation is a most serious matter. May representation be made to Higher Authority for pressure to be brought to induce A.A.F.A.C. to return the Civil Prison to its proper use.

(sgd) ?????????

Lt. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

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Foggia Province in
Lucera

SUBJECT: RPSO, Region 5, AMG. Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.
FROM: AMG, Foggia Province.
TO: HQ, Region 5, AMG. (Public Safety)
REF: RS/514/12.
DATE: 25 May, 1944.

1. Alterations and repairs are now being made to certain premises in Foggia so as to convert them into a prison to replace the prison totally destroyed. When this work has been completed, the capacity of the institution will be about 100 men and 20 women. It is expected that a part of the institution will be ready for occupancy in a week's time.

2. (a) A request has been made through HQ, Region 5 for 1000 meters of hemp cloth suitable for clothing for prisoners. This material is now available and can be secured through the Hemp Control Office at Naples after the release of this material has been obtained from a Colonel Reiter with offices in the Provincia Building. We understand that the above material is not desired by the Army.

(b) An urgent request is being made for mg. (sc. Meters) 510, Mil. 30 thick, pine or chestnut; for 120 pieces of the same wood, 8 cent. sq., 4 meters long; and for 91 kilograms of nails between 5 and 6 cent. long. The wood is available and can be secured through the Forestry Division in Provincia Bldg. The material is to be used for making of cots. As far as can be ascertained, no cots are available in this vicinity of elsewhere in Italy.

3. The prisons and jails of this province have been inspected and all of the institutions have been completely renovated. They have also been classified as to their condition and as to the length of sentence to be served therein. A capacity for both men and women has been established for each institution.

4. The distribution of inmates between the different institutions is difficult due to lack of communication with jails located in isolated mountainous parts of the province and to the lack of equipment for transportation. At the present time the total estimated capacity of Lucera Prison and the 24 jails is 670 men and 159 women. The total population this date is 592 men and 49 women.

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Lt. Colonel
SPPSO Foggia Province

2. (a) A request has been made through Hq. Region 5 for 1000 meters of hemp cloth suitable for clothing for prisoners. This material is now available and can be secured through the Hemp Control Office at Naples after the release of this material has been obtained from a Colonel Reiter with offices in the Provincia Building. We understand that the above material is not desired by the Army.

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3. The prisons and jails of this province have been inspected and all of the institutions have been completely renovated. They have also been classified as to their condition and as to the length of sentence to be served therein. A capacity for both men and women has been established for each institution.

4. The distribution of inmates between the different institutions is difficult due to lack of communication with jails located in isolated mountainous parts of the province and to the lack of equipment for transportation. At the present time the total estimated capacity of Lucera Prison and the 24 jails is 870 men and 159 women. The total population this date is 592 men and 49 women.

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Lt. Colonel
SFRSO Foggia Province

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Lt. Colonel
SFRSO Foggia Province

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

28 MAY 1944

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May 27, 1944

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons - Requisitioning

TO : Executive Commissioner (thru' V.P. Adm. Sec) for
info of R.C.'s Reg. IV and V SCAO's 5th and 8th Army.

1. On 26th May 1944 at AAI HQ., Brigadier PATON, DAG, was supplied with lists showing particulars of Penal and Mando-mentali Prisons north of the present army line.
2. It was agreed that steps would be taken by Brigadier Paton to ensure that Army commanders were supplied with this information, and requested to avoid requisition of the buildings concerned.
3. Copy lists are attached for information of Regional Commissioners Regions IV and V and SCAO's 5th and 8th Army.



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A. E. YOUNG, Colonel
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

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28 MAY 1944
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May 27, 1944

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Prisons.

TO : Executive Commissioner (thru' V.P. Adm. Sec.)

1. Reference your 317/101/GA of 24 May 1944. It has been noted that P.O. Foggia Province has been unable to secure the release of San Severo Prison.
2. On 26th May 1944 Major Wilson of this Sub-Commission visited AAI HQ., and saw Brigadier Paton DAG concerning prisons generally. In the course of discussion the question of San Severo Prison was raised, this correspondence was referred to, and the position at Foggia explained. Brigadier Paton then stated he would take up this matter himself with the Army authorities concerned.

Forwarded
Seen H.D. 25.
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C.D. Adm. Sec.
Hgd 28 May 44.

W. E. Wilson WAFS.
A. E. Young, Colonel
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO. 394

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

FILE NO: RPS/014/1

DATE May 25th, 1944.

SUBJECT: Lodgings in Prisons - Island of Lipari.

TO: */* AGS. HQ. R.C. and M.G. Section.

1. Further to my Memo of 22nd May and in reply to your 317/61/CA. dated 6th May. I forward herewith a copy of a telegram received from the Questore of Messina as to the conditions of the Camp of Lipari.

For the Regional Commissioner.

B. J. Hefford
Major
for Russell A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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The following telegram received from the Questura of Messina in regard to the premises of the ex confine-colony of Lipari is transcribed,-

"Premises ex confine colony Lipari now used elementary school technical commercial Institute. Same are of masonry good state of repair can hold over 300 internees, electrically lighted and meet hygiene requirements. Rain water collected cisterns but insufficient and formerly furnished with motor-cisterns from Messina. It is possible lodge about 30 guards and offices (sic) there is not now boat service nor possibility of early activation. However there is motor-boat belonging closed P.S. Office and capable transporting about 20 persons. Barracks equipment furnished private firm in mediocre state and insufficient because partially destroyed by English Governor because used by tubercular patients".

THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

signed MODICA

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

Ref/317/408/CA.

27 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Civil Prisons.

TO : Hq. A.A.I.

1. Reference your AAL/5065/1/A(P5) of 14 May 44.

2. The following is a list of civil prisons occupied either wholly or in part by the Army, which, if evacuated, would provide accommodation for 1,400 civil prisoners:-

- (a) AVICLIANO PRISON, Potenza Province: wholly occupied by a British Army unit. Accommodation 200.
- (b) POGGIONESE PRISON, Naples: partly occupied by 20th Counters-Martial and Holding Centre. Accommodation 400.
- (c) SAN INNAMO PRISON, Naples: partly used as a British Field Punishment Camp. Accommodation 150.
- (d) S. MARIA CARIA VETERAN PRISON, Naples Province: partly occupied by American M.P. Accommodation 50.
- (e) PORTICI PRISON, Naples Province: wholly occupied by 57 Sub-Area. Accommodation 100.
- (f) MISUMI RECONVALESCENCE PRISON, Naples Province: wholly occupied by 57 Sub-Area. Accommodation 250.
- (g) SAN SEVERO PRISON, Puglia Province: wholly occupied by U.S. Army. Accommodation 50.

PORTICI PRISON, ((e) above), was originally used as a Prison Guard School. The training of new guards has become an urgent matter, and the early release of this prison would be of great assistance.

3. Major Wilson of the Public Safety Sub-Commission will be visiting Hq. A.A.I. in the near future and will then discuss this matter. He will provide lists of prisoners in areas at present occupied by the enemy.

4. Para 4 of your communication has been brought to notice.

- (a) AVIGLIANO PRISON, Potenza Province: wholly occupied by a British Army unit. Accommodation 200.
- (b) POGGIOREALE PRISON, Naples: Partly occupied by 20th Courts-Martial and Holding Centre. Accommodation 400.
- (c) SAN EPIRADIO PRISON, Naples: partly used as a British Field Punishment Camp. Accommodation 120.
- (d) S. MARIA CAVALA VERDE PRISON, Naples Province: partly occupied by American M.P. Accommodation 20.
- (e) PONTIONI PRISON, Naples Province: wholly occupied by 57 Sub-area. Accommodation 100.
- (f) PISTINA REFORMATORY, Naples Province: wholly occupied by 57 Sub-area. Accommodation 250.
- (g) SAN SEVERO PRISON, Foggia Province: wholly occupied by U.S. Army. Accommodation 20.

FOREIGN PRISON, (e) above), was originally used as a Prison Guard School. The training of new guards has become an urgent matter, and the early release of this prison would be of great assistance.

3. Major Wilson of the Public Safety Sub-Commission will be visiting Hq. A.A.I. in the near future and will then discuss this matter. He will provide lists of prisoners in areas at present occupied by the enemy.

4. Para 4 of your communication has been brought to notice.

For Executive Commissioner

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

24 May 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Prison Overcrowding.

TO : Executive Commissioner, (through V.P. Adm. Sec.).

1. Reference your 317/PO/CA dated 19 May 44, and also AAI/5065/1/A (PS) dated 14 May 44 addressed to Executive Commissioner. Para 4 of the latter has been noted.
2. The following is a list of Civil Prisons occupied either wholly or in part by the Army, which, if evacuated, would provide accommodation for 1,400 civil prisoners:-
 3. (a) AVIGLIANO PRISON, Potenza Province: wholly occupied by a British Army unit. Accommodation 200.
 - (b) POGGIOREALE PRISON, Naples: partly occupied by 20th Court-Martial and Holding Centre. Accommodation 400.
 - (c) SAN EFRAMO PRISON, Naples: partly used as a British Field Punishment Camp. Accommodation 150.
 - (d) S. MARIA CAPUA VETERE PRISON, Naples Province: partly occupied by American M.P. Accommodation 50.
 - (e) PORCICI PRISON, Naples Province: wholly occupied by 57 Sub-Area. Accommodation 100.
 - (f) NISIDA REFORMATORY, Naples Province: wholly occupied by 57 Sub-Area. Accommodation 350.
 - (g) SAN SEVERO PRISON, Foggia Province: wholly occupied by U. S. Army. Accommodation 50.
4. PORCICI PRISON, ((e) above), was originally used as a Prison Guard School. The training of new guards has become an urgent matter, and the early release of this prison would be of great assistance.
5. It has been noted that orders have already been issued for the evacuation of TARANTO and BENEVENTO Prisons.

Major Wilson of this S/C will be visiting HQ AAI in the near future and will then discuss this matter. He will provide lists of prisons in areas at present occupied by the enemy.

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A. B. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

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