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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14215/PS

5 October 1944

SUBJECT : Labour Camps.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, APO 512.

1. In reply to your letter ref. G-5000 6-1 29 Sept 1944, the need for this camp does not exist at the present time but as conditions of Penal institutions in the North are now known-at this time there may be a need at some future date. *213*

2. Requisitioning of Penal institutions by Army formations has caused over crowding in Civil prisons and may we ask your cooperation in keeping these requisitions to the minimum.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Interior ✓

Public Safety ✓

Public Health

Legal

Education

Arts & ...

Patriot Branch

Displaced Persons
and Repatriation

Comments :

I am instructed to
pass these old CA Branch
files to you for keeping
any necessary action
therein

Frederick G.
Civil Affairs Sec
4/10.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 000.6-1

29 September 1944

30 SEP Recd

SUBJECT: Labour Camps

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

1. This section has received from HQ AAI a copy of your 317/174/CA of 24 July addressed to AAI on the subject of labour camps. In sending it AAI stated that as the area in which it was proposed to establish the experimental camp was not now within the operational zone they considered that AFHQ should deal with your letter.

2. Staff sections here to whom the matter has been referred have enquired whether the position has changed since your letter was written to AAI and whether it is still desired to erect the labour camp as originally proposed. Will you please let this section have your comments?

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



T. B. Jackman
Lt. Colonel

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

C.A. Section

Will you pl. reply direct to AFHQ
on this matter -

For Staff Lt Col

2.10.44.

C. So.
Chief of Staff Office.
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Ind for 317/207/CA Letters
Attached herewith.

Administrative Section, Hq. AXC: APO 394. 9 Sept 1944.

9 SEP 1944

TO : P.C.M.C. Sec. ✓

Your attention is invited to Public Safety Letter AXC/14215/PB dated 4 Sept 44 to RA30 Sicily subject Prisons copy of which was forwarded directly to you; and to Legal's letter AXC 4129/11/L dated 2 Sept 44 subject Serving of Sentences Outside of Italy also in your possession. Both Public Safety and Legal are convinced that it is neither desirable nor necessary to use the LIPARI Islands as a site for prisons. It is therefore recommended that no further action on the subject be taken.

H. H. Cripps
H. H. CRIPPS Col,
CSC Admin Section

Ext: 608
RSC/347

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1. Educator - for information
2. Public Safety - for info. you are, comment.

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Admin.
4 SEP 1944

3. Adm. Sec.

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Attached copy report dated 4 Sept Ref
AEE/14215/PS was forwarded to R.P.S.O.
and R.P.M.E. Sec.

Handy Wilson M.H.T.
for 20PS.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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ACC/4129/11/L.

RHW/ap
2 Sept 44

SUBJECT : Serving of Sentences outside Italy.

TO : To Executive Commissioner (thru VP Adm Sec).

1. Since receipt of your 283/113/CA of 26 Aug 1944 I have had a report on the accommodation available for prisoners on island establishments.

2. The only islands where accommodation might be found are :-

LIPARI. This island is not suitable for a prison establishment. Fresh water does not exist on the island and has to be transported from the mainland. In addition the only accommodation available consists of 4 groups of buildings, of which 2 require much structural alteration and the other 2 have recently been developed under AMG inspiration into fine educational institutions. A very bad impression would be created if these were taken over for prison use.

USTICA This island was used for "confine" of political prisoners. The buildings are not suitable for the accommodation of criminals.

COLOMBAIA This island, off Trapani, is in use as a prison, but the accommodation is limited to 200. Pending the completion of a building programme it is unlikely to be of much use for our requirements.

TREMITI These islands are in use as a prison, but have been taken over by the Italian Naval authorities for their offenders. It is considered that no useful purpose would be served by suggesting

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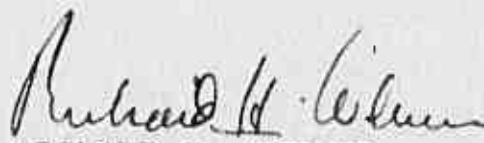
a re-transfer to the civil authorities.

ELBA

It is believed that a limited amount of accommodation may prove to be available in the Elba group of islands, but complete details are not yet available.

3. It should further be pointed out that under Italian procedure sentences over 5 years can be ordered to be served in the islands; it is not, however, the judge at trial but the Ministry of Justice after conviction, who orders where the sentence is to be served. The necessary deterrent publicity can doubtless be secured, however, in cases where the Ministry does order imprisonment on an island.

4. In view, however, of present conditions it would not appear to be worth while to take any further action at least until more prison accommodation is actually available.



RICHARD H. WILMER,
Colonel, CAC.,
Chief Legal Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

4 September 1944.

4 SEP Recd

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons.

TO : R.P.S.O., Region I
(through R.C.)

1. Following the visit of Major Hyland Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission to Sicily, and consultations with Major Boyd, the following arrangements for additional Prison accommodation have been agreed.
2. Repairs to Favignana, Augusta and Caltanissetta will be completed in two months. These prisons were dealt with on the original rebuilding programme, and will provide accommodation for an additional 1,152 prisoners.
3. For technical reasons it has been decided not to use Ustica or Lipari islands.
4. The old Italian Naval Barracks at Columbaia are suitable for rebuilding as a prison. The present capacity of 200 prisoners can be increased to 1000 in 3 months. Plans and estimates have been received and bids are being received for repair and remodeling.
5. The above programme will provide additional prison accommodation for nearly 2000 prisoners. If this is insufficient, and it is decided to build stockades, it is agreed that they should be built on the mainland of Sicily and not on the islands of Ustica and Lipari.

W. A. E. YOUNG
A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to : R.C. & M.G. Section. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. AND E.C. SECTION
AFG 394

Ref: 317/207/GA

2 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Prisons in Sicily.

TO : Admin. Section (for Legal Sub-Commission and Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Attached is a copy of a letter dated 30 August 1944 Ref: RRG. 014.1. from the R.P.S.C. Sicily Region Headquarters. 206
2. This letter is an answer to our enquiry of 8 August 1944 on the possibility of establishing civil prisons on the Lipari Islands. 199
3. After having received an enquiry from the Regional Commissioner, Region 2 about the possibility of sending offenders to North Africa for prison for various reasons the Executive Commissioner wrote to Chief Legal Officer on 26 August 1944 a letter Ref: 283/113/GA suggesting Lipari instead of North Africa. 283/112
4. It was believed that the Chief Legal Officer would wish to consider a copy of the attached letter in connection with the Executive Commissioner's letter of 26 August 1944.

W. G. J. Holland
Major
H. HUGHES B. FISH.
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394.

FILE : RPS OI4.I. 30th August 44.
SUBJECT : Prisons in Sicily. 1 SEP Recd
TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner,
R.C. & M.G. Section.

Reference your Memorandum dated 8th and 21st
August 1944 (317/199-200/CA) on above subject :

1. As part of a general review of prison
accommodation in Sicily, the question of establishing
civil prisons on the Lipari Islands was recently investi-
gated by Major NYLAND of the Public Works and Utilities
Sub-Commission, and the following is a copy of his re-
port on the matter:-

Lipari.

"This plant consists of five buildings, two
of which are in excellent shape and are now being used
as school buildings. These two buildings however will
need some work before they can be used as prison bldgs,
such as the toilet windows will have to have bars
placed on them. A few openings will have to be walled
up and others cut in. These two buildings will accommo-
date approximately 200 prisoners each.

Dott Columba stated that if all five build-
ings are used that 800 can be taken care of.

There is a small jail now on the property
that can take care of 20 men and six women. There is
one prisoner in the jail at the moment.

If the two buildings that are now used for
schools are used for prisons some means should be taken
to get two more buildings for schools."

2. It is understood that transport is
available consisting of a weekly boat service between
Messina and Lipari. This would be sufficient, but one
of the main difficulties is that of fresh water supply

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3. Following this survey and having regard to other accommodation which can be made available in Sicily, however, it has been decided to hold in abeyance for the time being the question of establishing civil prisons on the Lipari Islands.

For the Regional Commissioner :

R. A. Snook
RUSSELL A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel, C.M.P.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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