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C.A. BRANEN

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YOUR FOX EIGHT SEVEN ONE FOUR FOUR OF TWO FOUR AUGUST
LETTER CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
AND GEORGE FIVE ON SUBJECT OF GENERAL PRESTI WAS SENT TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS
YESTERDAY BY PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION ED BAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE
FROM ACC HQ BAREN WE UNDERSTAND THIS LETTER TO BE YOUR INQUIRY ABOUT BASIC DOCUMENT
ED PRESTI WAS FORMERLY CHIEF OF ITALIAN AFRICAN POLICE

Copy to Admin. Section
(for Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

L.P. MONTAGNE
1st LT. AND
ADJUTANT.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 994

Tel : 478708

5 September, 1944.

ACC/14628/PS

SUBJECT : Brigade General Umberto PRESTI.

TO : A.F.H.Q. (G-5)
(Attention : Colonel Jackson).

With reference to telephone conversation - Col. Jackson - Col. Kirk - the following information concerning Brigade General Umberto PRESTI is forwarded. The source of information is chiefly the Royal Carabinieri.

PRESTI was formerly on the staff of the Italian Army, and for some time prior to July 1943, was Commandant or Inspector General of the Polizia Africa Italiana (P.A.I.) in Libya and then in Tunisia, until the evacuation of those countries by the Italians.

He returned to Italy on sick leave, and rejoined for duty in April 1943, as Chief of Personnel of the Corps.

At the beginning of July, 1943, Presti commanded three motorised battalions of the P.A.I., in Abruzzi, but these were called into Rome towards the end of that month, and were at the disposal of the Army Command of Rome. Later the command of all armed Police Forces of Rome passed to the Commanding General of the P.A.I., and when that officer was arrested by the Germans, Presti was appointed by the Germans in his stead. (October 1943).

During the German occupation, the P.A.I. were involved in assisting the disbandment of the Royal Carabinieri, in collecting men for forced labour, and as execution squads.

Presti is said to have been known for his very Fascist sentiments, and to have attained the position he did by political means rather than by his professional competence.

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While there is no doubt that he collaborated with the Germans, when it became apparent that the Germans were likely to have to evacuate, he began to show a favourable disposition to the Patriots, no doubt with a view to his own advantage when the Allies entered the City.

With the occupation of Rome by the Allies, the P.A.I. was at once disbanded. On the 15 June, 1944, Presti was arrested on the orders of 5th Army, A.M.G., and on the 14th July, 1944, was transferred to the P.O.W. Camp, Aversa.

Translations of four reports from independent Italian sources are forwarded for your information.

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

HF/G.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC FOR ACTION

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED

REFERENCE No: 487144

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG 24 1811B OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: FHGEC 47084 OF 4 JULY

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 1/25

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY 4 SEP Recd

YOUR 2084 OF 4 JUL.

CONFIRMATION REQUESTED THAT GENERAL PRESTI IN QUESTION WAS FORMERLY CHIEF OF
ITALIAN AFRICAN POLICE. REQUEST INFORMATION REGARDING BASIC DOCUMENT NOT
FORWARDED THROUGH THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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ROUTINE
Adjutant Dept.

OUR TWO TWO FOUR NINE DATED TWO FIVE AUGUST REFERS PAREN TO AFHQ
CITE FHGEG FROM ACC HQ SIGNED STONE PAREN PLEASE REPEAT YOUR FOUR
SEVEN ZERO EIGHT FOUR DATED FOUR JULY REFERRED TO IN YOUR FOX DASH
EIGHT SEVEN ONE FOUR FOUR DATED TWO FOUR AUGUST IN ORDER THAT ACTION
MAY BE TAKEN

Nicholas Plambino
GWO, U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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Subject - Police General

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C.A. Br.

Aug Recd 8 am

08/18/72

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31 Aug 72
2 SEP Recd

Para 9 of this HQ Directive No 72 dated
30 Aug 72 refers.
Not attached to original letter

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Acc. Exec Commissioner Branch.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT EIGHTH ARMY

To the Italian Civil Police Agencies.

1. In order to preserve law and order and to provide for the safety and welfare both of the Allied troops and the people of Italy, Military Government is established and certain offences declared.
2. Directions as to the establishing of Military Government and particulars of the declared offences are communicated to the people in Proclamations, General Orders and Notices which, as you will see, are posted in public places.
3. IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL AGENCIES IN THE ITALIAN CIVIL POLICE SYSTEM TO ENSURE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF PROCLAMATIONS, GENERAL ORDERS AND NOTICES ARE OBEYED BY THE PEOPLE.
4. IT IS EQUALLY THEIR DUTY TO ARREST IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT WAITING TO BE TOLD TO DO SO, ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO OBEY THOSE PROVISIONS OR COMMITS ANY OF THE DECLARED OFFENCES.
5. It is not sufficient for them merely to arrest offenders who are brought to their attention, but they must themselves take active steps to ensure that the Allied Military Law and the Italian Law is not being broken.
6. In order that these provisions may be made thoroughly familiar and frequently studied, a copy of all Proclamations, General Orders and Notices will be posted inside each Caserma or other Station occupied by all Agencies in the Civil Police system.
7. Officers and non-commissioned Officers will be held responsible at all times for ensuring that their subordinates are familiar with the provisions of the Proclamations, General Orders and Notices, and conscientiously perform their duties.
8. Neglect of duty on the part of any member of the Civil Police Agencies is a serious disciplinary offence and must be dealt with accordingly.

C. E. BENSON, D.S.O.

Group Captain
Officer Commanding
A.M.G., Eighth Army 69412

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GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO OTTAVA ARMATA

Alle Forze di Polizia Civile Italiana.

1. Allo scopo di conservare la legge e l'ordine pubblico e di provvedere alla sicurezza ed al benessere sia delle truppe alleate che del popolo italiano è istituito un Governo Militare e certe azioni sono dichiarate reato.
2. Le direttive riguardanti l'istituzione del Governo Militare ed i particolari delle azioni dichiarate reato sono comunicati al popolo a mezzo di Proclami, Ordini Generali ed Avvisi, che, come vedrete, sono affissi in luoghi pubblici.
3. E' IL DOVERE DI TUTTE LE FORZE DEL SISTEMA DI POLIZIA CIVILE ITALIANA DI FAR SI' CHE LE PRESCRIZIONI DEI PROCLAMI, ORDINI GENERALI ED AVVISI SIANO OBBEDITI DAL POPOLO.
4. E' UGUALMENTE LORO DOVERE DI ARRESTARE IMMEDIATAMENTE SENZA ATTENDERE ORDINE SPECIFICO DI FARLO, QUALUNQUE PERSONA CHE NON OBBEDISCE A QUESTE PRESCRIZIONI O CHE COMMETTE QUALCUNA DELLE AZIONI DICHIARATE REATO.
5. Non è sufficiente che essi arrestino i contravventori che vengono denunziati a loro, ma essi stessi devono prendere provvedimenti attivi per assicurare obbedienza alla legge militare alleata ed alla legge italiana.
6. Affinche' queste prescrizioni possano essere bene assimilate e studiate frequentemente, una copia di ogni Proclama, Ordine Generale ed Avviso sarà affissa nell'interno di ogni caserma o stazione occupata da forze della polizia civile italiana.
7. Gli Ufficiali e Sottufficiali sono in ogni tempo responsabili che i loro subordinati abbiano buona conoscenza delle prescrizioni dei Proclami, Ordini Generali ed Avvisi e che facciano conscienziosamente il loro dovere.
8. Trascurarsi dei doveri da parte di qualsiasi membro delle forze di polizia civile costituisce un grave reato disciplinare e deve essere trattato come tale.

C. E. BENSON, D.S.O.
Ufficiale Comandante,
G.M.A., Ottava Armata.

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

Ref:318/15/CA

25
2 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Police General.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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1. Attached is a copy of a letter dated 30 August 1944 Ref:CA/S/2 sent to R.C. & M.G. Section from A.M.G. 5th Army.

2. This is sent to you for information.

W. G. S. Dollen
Major
for ROBERT E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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2 SEP 1944

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W.D.

REFERENCE YOUR 2522.

MOBILIZATION AND SUPPLY HAVE MOBILE FORCE OF 24: NO OTHER GOVT ATTACHED
5TH ARMY. CITE OUR 282.

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SUBJECT: Police General.

AUT Rear Eighth Army.

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30 AUG 44.

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Copy to: HQ Allied Control Commission,
Executive Commissioner's Branch.
Administrative Section.

1. Italian Civilian Police Agencies are either neglecting or are not thoroughly conversant with their duty in the prevention, detection and prosecution of offences against proclamations, General Orders, Notices etc.

2. This is particularly apparent in the case of the Carabinieri, which body by virtue of tradition, scope of duty and training should be an example to other Agencies.

3. The neglect of duty is most marked in connection with offences against such provisions as the control of civilian movement, curfew etc.

4. An unnecessary burden is thus thrown on Allied Military personnel especially in their duties of ensuring Army Security and facilitating the movement of Military personnel and equipment.

5. Commencing forthwith Eighth Army CAOs and Provincial CAOs in Eighth Army Area will, in their respective jurisdictions, direct the additional posting of one set of proclamations, general orders, notices etc. in stations of CC.RR., Guardia di Finanza, Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza and Guardia Municipali (or Vigili Urbani).

6. Responsibility for keeping the proclamations up to date in respect of conditions and deletions will rest with the CAO having jurisdiction in the district.

7. Provincial Commissioners will direct Chief Officers of the Civil Police Agencies that they must ensure all ranks under their command are fully conversant with the provisions of proclamations etc. and vigorously apply themselves to the detection, arrest and prosecution of offenders.

8. A pamphlet has been prepared, directed to the Os i/c stations of the Civil Police Agencies drawing their attention to the provisions of the proclamations and their duties in connection therewith.

9. Supplies of this pamphlet, copy of which is attached, will be carried

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4. An unnecessary burden is thus thrown on Allied Military personnel especially in their duties of ensuring Army Security and facilitating the movement of Military personnel and equipment.

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8. A pamphlet has been prepared, directed to the CS i/c stations of the Civil Police Agencies drawing their attention to the provisions of the proclamations and their duties in connection therewith.

9. Supplies of this pamphlet; copy of which is attached, will be carried by Eighth Army CAO's who will hand copies to the Senior Officer of each Civil Police Agency in command as they are occupied.

10. This letter will be placed on CAO's Directive File and numbered 72.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
8th Eighth Army.

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REGIONS II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX AND SCADS FIVE AND EIGHT ARMIES.

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ADMIN SEC.

SECRET PRESS STATEMENTS INDICATING DISSOLUTION OF ITALIAN POLICE FORCES CAN BE
OFFICIALLY DENIED CMA SUBJECT IS NOT BEING ACCURATELY REPORTED PD FOLLOWING
INFORMATION IS FOR YOU ONLY PD PARM TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS REGIONS TWO CMA
THREE CMA FOUR CMA FIVE CMA SIX CMA EIGHT CMA NINE CMA AND SCADS FIVE AND EIGHT
ARMIES CMA COPY TO REGIONS ONE AND SEVEN CMA HOME AND PUBLIC SAFETY FROM HQ ACC
ADMIN SEC PARM SOME REORGANISATION OF PRESENT POLICE AGENCIES IS UNDER CONSIDERATION
MAIN PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO ELIMINATE UNDESIRABLES WHO ENTERED THE FORCES UNDER
FASCISMO PD YOU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS PD IMMEDIATE
PROHIBITION OF A DEGREE NOT CONTEMPLATED

Ext. Direct from Italy

PK 25/7

DISTRIBUTION : - RC REGION I (ACTION)
RC REGION VII (ACTION)
PUBLIC SAFETY (ACTION)
HOME (INFO)
ADMIN

*EC. This was cleared by
Admiral. See letter as before
dated 4.*

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ACC MAIN

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4 July 1944

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ROUTINE

Civil Affairs Branch

19 July 20
YOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN TWO FIVE CHARLIE ABLE TWO OF THREE ZERO JUNE REFERS PD PAGEN TO
TROOPERS FROM ACC MAIN PAGEN GENERAL PRESTI LATE HEAD OF ITALIAN AFRICAN POLICE IS
NOT REPEAT NOT BEING EMPLOYED PD HE IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN ROME

See 1201
1204 Long

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Copy to Public Affairs 70

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ROGER B. DENNY
Capt ASD

Deputy Adjutant

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: ACC MAIN FOR SECURITY BRANCH RC AND MG SECTION FOR REAKES
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N 38/04
FROM: ACC REAR FROM KHESENED STONE CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED
REFERENCE No: NR 3038 PRECEDENCE: NONE
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 4/1110 OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

POLLOCK'S REPORT 10 JUNE STATES "FORMER PAI CHIEF GENERAL HESSTI REMOVED FROM OFFICE AND
UNDER HOUSE ARREST ON SECURITY GROUNDS"

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-4 JUL 1944
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-3 JUL 1944
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TO PABO (ADWAS PASS)
FROM TROOPERS

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30 JUNE 1900

See Folios 20-21

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FOR RE AND MG SECRETION. GIVE REQUEST INFORMATION ON FOLLOWING

LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY. TWO. IS GENERAL FREZZI LATE HEAD OF ITALIAN

AFRICAN POLICE BEING EMPLOYED A M G IN ROME

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

Ref/318/B/CA

18 May 1944

SUBJECT: Transfer of CC.RR and GG.FF Personnel.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX.
S.C.A.O.'s 5th & 8th Armies.

1. The following procedure will be adopted in future in dealing with transfers of Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza when such are required by their own Headquarters Command.

a. In Allied Military Government Territory.

1. Commissioned Officers

No CC.RR or GG.FF commissioned officer will be transferred without prior approval of the Public Safety Sub-Commission (Before approval is granted, the Public Safety Sub-Commission will obtain the agreement of the RPSO concerned).

2. NCO's

N.C.O.'s of the CC.RR and GG.FF will not be transferred without the consent of the Provincial Public Safety Officer, which will be obtained by the Group Commander of CC.RR or GG.FF. Such consent will not be withheld unless there are special circumstances making the transfer undesirable.

b. Italian Government Territory.

No transfer of Legion, Group or Company Commander of the CC.RR or GG.FF will take place without prior approval of the Public Safety Sub-Commission (The Public Safety Sub-Commission will be responsible that Regional Commissioners are informed in advance of such changes).

2. The CC.RR and GG.FF being National Services having Central Headquarters, will, subject to the above, maintain as far as possible the right to make transfers within their own organization. Regional Commissioners and Regional Public Safety officers will therefore consider sympathetically all application which may be made to them for transfer

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

Admin. Section (3)
Security Branch

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17 MAY 1944 ³¹⁸ ~~E~~ CAB

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

May 16, 1944

ACC/14601/10/PS

SUBJECT : Transfer of CC.RR and CC.FP personnel

TO : RC & MG Section (for Major Reakes) ✓ 15

1. Reference is made to your Ref/318/4/CA of 12th May 1944.

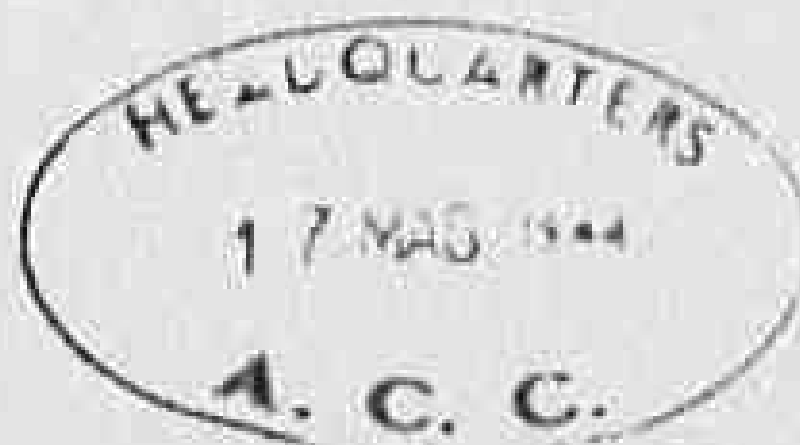
2. In accordance with our telephone conversation the letter has been redrafted for circulation to Regions.

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Handwritten signature
Major

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

Enclosure:
Draft letter to Reg. Comm.



Handwritten initials

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
EC & MM SECTION
APC 394

DRAFT

May 1944

SUBJECT : Transfer of CC.RR and GG.PP Personnel.

TO : All Regional Commissioners and SCAC's with Armies.

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2. The CC.RR and CC.PP, being National Services having Central Headquarters, will, subject to the above, maintain as far as possible the right to make transfers within their own organization. Regional Commissioners and Regional Public Safety officers will therefore consider sympathetically all application which may be made to them for transfer.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier

Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to Admin Sec (3)

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

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Ref/318/4/GA

12 May 1944

SUBJECT: Transfers of CC.RR. and CC.FF.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.
(for Major Wilcox)

1. Reference is made to your ACC/14601/10/PS of 7 May 44 and to telephone conversation (Major Reskes - Major Wilcox speaking)

2. The letter which you wish sent out to Regions is returned herewith. As recipients of the letter might have some difficulty in understanding the procedure to be followed the letter has been redrafted. The draft is sent to you for comment.

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NORMAN W. FIDGES
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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

ACC/14601/10/PB

May 7, 1944

SUBJECT : Transfer of CC.HR and GG.FV.

TO : Executive Commissioner, RC and HQ Section.

1. From time to time it is necessary for the HQ Commanders of the Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza to make changes and adjustment of personnel throughout the whole of liberated Italy.

2. In the interests of all concerned I am sure it will be wise to have a definite policy for this procedure and accordingly I ask for the publication of the attached Regional letter which is in accordance with the principles of the appointment of Italian officials and which I have agreed with the Commanding Generals of the Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza.



A. E. Young

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

*Planned PSCC on 11/5 as
bad working system &
suggesting alterations but as
they do not have the full aged
draft letter I sent them
for review at 6/2/44*

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

Ref/322/6/CA

28 April 1944

SUBJECT: Powers of Arrest - Civil Police

TO : A.F.H.Q. (for M.C.S.)

1. Reference letter MGS-250.3 of 31 March 1944, the suggestion made was very fully discussed at the recent conference of Regional Commissioners. The views of HQ, AAI have also been sought.

2. The position in Italy is that no powers of arrest of Allied military personnel are permitted to Italian Civil police, or to Carabinieri Resli.

3. It is considered that no such powers should be granted and that GHO in the terms suggested should not be made.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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

Ref/322/5/CA

12 April 1944

SUBJECT: Power of Arrest - Civil Police.

TO : AFHQ (for M.G. Section)

Ref. your letter No. MGS 250.3 of 31 March 1944.

1. The matter raised in your letter was referred to the Public Safety Sub-Commission for an expression of opinion.

2. We are advised by this Sub-Commission that a detailed report on the subject will shortly be submitted to this Headquarters. On receipt of this report, you will be further advised.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M.S.L.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

*Ref. R.C. (Cable Powell)
in monthly report
App. A.*

*Major Lucia James says that
Hq. AM will not agree to be
granted powers of arrest to
Italian Civil Police inc. C.C.P.
(G. phone to Capt Talbot)
10/2/44*

*24/4 BU
Again 19/4/44
with report*

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Ref: 318/ /CA.

12th April, 1944.

SUBJECT: Retirement of GA.FF Col. FIORENTINO.

TO : Major H. Ramsey,
Provincial Commissioner,
Province of MESSINA,
REGION I.

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Just before we left MESSINA you handed me
a note regarding Col. FIORENTINO. I took this matter
up with our Public Safety Sub-Commission on behalf of
the Brigadier and enclose copy of their reply.

A. J. STEWART,
Captain,
PA to Exec. Com.

AJS/JG.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

10 April 1944.

ACC/14012/PS

SUBJECT : Retirement of CG.FF. Col. FIORENTINO.

TO : Brig. Lush, Executive Commissioner. ✓

1. I received from your Capt. Stewart a note from Major Ramsey, P.C. Messina, asking for the retention of Col. FIORENTINO of the CG.FF. saying that it was intended to replace him with a Colonel who ran away when the Allies invaded Sicily.
2. Recently the Commanding General of the CG.FF. made application to this Sub-Commission to retire the above-named who had been called from retirement into temporary service by A.M.G. since his predecessor Col. Ansiello, had been transferred to the main land, before the Allies landed in Sicily. It is now desired to return Col. Ansiello to his former Command.
3. This is part of a re-grouping scheme which is being carried out by the Commanding General CG.FF. who is of the opinion that Col. FIORENTINO is too old for further service.
4. The matter was referred to RPSO Region I who replied that since this Colonel had been recalled into service in consequence of the lack of superior officers at time of occupation, there was at present little need for the retention of his services. Accordingly the Commanding General was informed that he could proceed with this matter. The policy of this Sub-Commission is to allow the Commanding General CG.FF. considerable freedom of action in matters of personnel in unoccupied territory unless there exist strong reasons to the contrary.

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for A.E. YOUNG, Major
Colonel.
D.C.P.S.

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Colonnello A. Guaschia Firenze
 Fiorentino Luigi

General bush - If possible I would
 like the above Col of the Guardia
 di Finanza to remain in
 Messina. They want to send him
 a Colonel who ran away when
 we came here.

Norman Ramsey
 Maj Finance
 PC Messina

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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9 April 1944.

ACC/14621/TS

SUBJECT: Powers of Arrest - Civil Police **b**

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section, HQ ACC.

Ref: 322/1/CA of 3 April, 44.

1. The political status of Italy as a co-belligerent means that the Italians are neither enemies, allies nor neutrals. The power to arrest members of the Allied military forces has never been conferred upon the police agencies of Italy.

2. It is recommended that the power to make such arrests be conferred at least upon the Carabinieri Reali, as a military police body.

3. A rather comprehensive report on the subject has been prepared and will be submitted to the Chief Commissioner through the Administrative Vice-President.

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

PGK/t

5 APR Recd 3:21 PM

MEMORANDUM
ALLIED CENTRAL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
AWO 394

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4 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Payment for food checks.

TO : SACO,
AWC, Eighth Army.

This refers to your conversation with Lieut-Colonel Miller of this Sub-Commission and subsequent discussion with Major Gallagher.

In view of the fact that the question of responsibility for providing security measures for the Eighth Army Zone is a borderline case, and further, in view of the fact that your organization is in a better position to make physical payments to Italian individuals hired for this purpose it is the feeling of this Sub-Commission that the charge should be borne by AWC.

It is our understanding that your organization is now making the physical disbursements and the only question involved has been whether the amounts should be charged to the Eighth Army or borne by AWC.

Because of our opinion that the charge should preferably be borne by AWC we assume that you will continue to make whatever disbursements may be necessary.

Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

CAW/rwt

This refers to your conversation with Brigadier-General Miller of this Sub-Commission and subsequent discussions with Major Callaghan.

In view of the fact that the question of responsibility for providing security measures for the Eighth Army has been a long-standing one, and further, in view of the fact that your organization is in a better position to make physical payments to Italian individuals hired for this purpose it is the feeling of this Sub-Commission that the charge should be borne by AG.

It is our understanding that your organization is now making the physical disbursements and the only question involved has been whether the amounts should be charged to the Eighth Army or borne by AG.

Because of our opinion that the charge should preferably be borne by AG, we assume that you will continue to make whatever disbursements may be necessary.

CLM/rml

Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394
Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 322/3/CA.

3rd April 1946.

SUBJECT: Power of Arrest - Civil Police.

TO : Vice President, Adm Sec.
(for Public Safety Sub-Com).

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of letter WAB-250.3 of 31. March received from A.P.H.Q., W.C. Section.
2. Will you please let this Headquarters have your comments on the subject.

copy to [unclear]
NORMAN R. FIDGE,
Colonel, Deputy
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

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MG3-250.3

31 March 1944

SUBJECT: Powers of Arrest - Civil Police

TO : HQ A.G.C.

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1. A suggestion has been made by G-1(B) that a GRC in similar terms to MATOUSA Circular No. 88, III (copy attached) should be published, and the query is posed as to what is the position in Italy.

2. Will you please report to this HQ whether in Italy arrest of Allied Military Personnel by Carabinieri is permitted or expressly prohibited and what are your views concerning the issue of a GRC in the terms suggested. In this connection, G-1(B) have stated that they would be pleased if you would liaise on the matter with HQ AAI.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

T. B. Jackman
Major

T. B. JACKMAN
Major

Incl. (1) as above.

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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

CIRCULAR)
NUMBER 88)

17 May 1943

III - ARRESTS BY CIVIL POLICE.

1. Civil Police and civil law enforcement agencies are authorized to arrest members of the allied forces for such offenses that would warrant their arrest were they civilians.

2. The persons so arrested will be delivered promptly to the appropriate military authority, British or American, with information of the circumstances causing the arrest.

3. Proper respect toward the civil police in the exercise of their duties will be observed by military personnel at all times.
(AG OIL 13/105 A-M).

By command of the Theater Commander:

E. L. FORD
Colonel, G.S.C., Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General

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Col. FULAN

FATIMA (FTHANOS SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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REF: REQUESTED URGENTLY TO LATTER HEADQUARTERS CHIEFS AND CHIEF OF STAFF
FIVE APRIL DATED (REF. SEVEN MARCH 20) FROM TO CAMPORASSO PER AIR REGISTRATION FIVE FOR
REGIONAL ACCOUNTANT FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACPARIAN FARM AND NIGHT AND ASSESSING
BUILDING ON PAYMENT OF ITALIAN CIVILIANS ON CHECK POST DUTY

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L.S. BOWMAN
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Adjutant

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RCB memo

DATE

24 March 44

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

FINANCE

FROM

TO

Col. A.P. Graffley-Smith

Col. E.H. Foley, Jr.

Col. H.G. Crowsaw

Lt-Col. C.A. Miller

Lt-Col. S.E.V. Smith

Lt-Col. G.V. Claiborne

Lt-Col. A.P. Cross

Lt-Col. A.H.F. Stephan

Lt-Col. C.C. Hayes

Commander P.G. Fraser, USCGR

Commander E.R. Feidler, USCGR

Lt.-Comdr. J.J. Lawler, USCGR

Major B.D. Nash

Major J. Cannon

Capt. L.L. Ecker-Racz

Capt. B.E.L. Timmons

Capt. A. Kamarek

Capt. R.H. Bennett

Lieut. H.J. Tascas

Ensign J.E. Hicks

SSM R.H. Angibault

✓ Capt. Teller

Economic Section

Pool of Interpreters

Message Centre

FOR:

.... Recommendations & Remarks

.... Information & Retention

.... Approval or Disapproval

.... Investigation & Report

.... Necessary Action

.... Perusal

.... Filing

.... Despatch

REMARKS:

Chief Asst, Region I has been asked to supply rather particular as to how the payments in question have been treated and their size. Remarks of the Finance Sub-Commission will be provided on receipt of the information.

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HQ A.C.C. ECONOMIC SECTION

15 March
(Date)

From	To
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ELECTRIC POWER	
FINANCE	
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INDUSTRY & COMMERCE	
MINING DIV	
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APC 394

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REMARKS: May Finance Comments

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Sheet 1413

Subject: Payment Italian civilians on check post duty.

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Executive Commissioner,
Main H.Q., A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394

Main H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army.

04/11/1324
8 Mar 44.

1. Sometime ago the G.S.I(b) branch of Eighth Army asked this H.Qs. whether they could produce Carabinieri to work under the P.S.S. for the purpose of creating check-posts on the rear boundary and lateral and forward boundaries of Eighth Army. The matter was one which was considered an urgent operational necessity, but it was found impossible to produce Carabinieri for this purpose.
2. It was accordingly agreed that Italian civilians such as for example Podestas etc. who were not actually in employment at the time should be recorded and made up by other Italian personnel, all of whom were vetted by P.S.S. and should be handed over to them for the above mentioned purpose. It was further agreed that payment of these individuals should be done through M.M.I.A. in the Italian Army.
3. The physical payment side broke down and A.M.G. had to make the payment themselves, which they did, debiting the amounts so paid to a separate account against the Army.
4. It is impossible for the Italian Army to pay them as they are civilians and the Eighth Army have no valid authority to take on these civilians, excepting one of operational necessity. I find myself in difficulty as to whether to press the case on a higher level than this H.Qs that they should be a due of the Army, and I am certainly not disposed to impose on the province or communes a payment which is in no way connected with their ordinary duties. The whole question is really an academic one, because it does not seem to me to matter as to whether they are paid out of A.M.G. funds or Army funds, and I would prefer to let the matter stand and treat this as civilian level, for which in this case we would find the funds. I would be glad of your views on the matter.
5. For your information copy of a letter in connection with this matter addressed to G.S.I(b) 8th Army is enclosed herewith.

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Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,

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Copy sent

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

*Copy sent
Plang Col Martin P/S
and tell him what he happened
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Subject: Auxiliary Police.

Main H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army.

QA/MA/PA.
8 Mar 44.

G.S.I(b)
Main Eighth Army.

1. The present system of employing civilians as Auxiliary Police at the disposal of the P.S.P. is unsatisfactory from every point of view. They are not trained for the work and considerable difficulty is experienced in providing them with pay, food and essential clothing.
2. This H.Q. has agreed to act as paying agents but the question of providing the funds is most difficult unless your branch obtains the necessary authority for the employment of these men. This authority would enable the funds to be drawn from the Army Paymaster direct or for A.M.G. funds to be used and the amount paid debited to the Army. The latter system is at the moment being used, but it is most likely that when it comes to the notice of the A.C.C. it will be stopped unless the authority, previously mentioned is obtained. These police are regarded as necessary purely from the point of view of Military security and, therefore, there is considerable doubt as to whether they should be paid from civil funds.
3. The provision of suitable clothes and boots is rendered impossible by virtue of the fact that this H.Q. has none at its disposal. Food is in short supply and it would be difficult for a ration, consistent with the work which they are called upon to undertake, to be issued to these men from civilian sources.
4. It is therefore recommended that you endeavour to obtain a Unit of the Italian Army to undertake this work when all the difficulties detailed above, could be eliminated.
5. Every endeavour has been made to obtain Carabinieri to function in this matter but it appears that none are available or, if they are only for very limited periods.

R. J. Dolan
Major,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Mail 6285

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