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ITALIAN NAVAL OFFICIALS
JAN. - AUG. 1944

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

Phone
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Ref/373/23/CA.

5 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Personnel.

TO : R.C. Region IV.

1. The attached correspondence from the Naval Sub-Commission with reference to Mr. Leopoldo Ottaviani is forwarded for action by you.
2. The attention of Capt. O.P. Lee should be drawn to the correct channels for correspondence.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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16 JUL 1944

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Tarento, Italy

Serial: 0041

11 July, 1944.

TOP SECRET

TOP SECRET

From: Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.
To : Regional Control and Military Government Section, ACC.
Subject: Demonstrations - Italian Navy.

1. The Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission is cognizant of the political situation and demonstrations referred to in your letter Ref. 373/20/CA of 7 July 1944. Appropriate action has been taken with Italian authorities.

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H. W. Ziroli
H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A. C. C.

Copy to:
Adm. Section.

*Capt Nader
To see*

W 7/7 2495

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 39.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 373/21/0A.

7. July 1944.

SUBJECT: Political -- Italian Navy.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region II.

1. I acknowledge receipt of your letter A/41/35 dated 3 July 44 and its enclosure.
2. I would point out that the enclosure being marked "TOP SECRET", your covering letter should have been in a similar category.

JSR/JG.

MORRIS E. FISKE,
Colonel, Deputy
Executive Commissioner.

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SECRET.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 373/20/CA.

7 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Demonstrations - Italian Navy.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

Herewith for your information copy of a report made
by Fleet Base Security Officer, TARANTO, dated 27 June 44.

JEB/JG.

¹⁸
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Deputy
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Adm Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2.

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Ref : - A/41/35

3 July 1944

SUBJECT : Political - Italian Navy

TO : HQ. ACC. MAIN for R.C. & M.G.S. ✓

18 per also 17

The attached copy report from the Fleet Base Security Officer (Lt. Orr) Taranto, is forwarded in connection with previous correspondence on this subject.



John T. Zellars
JOHN T. ZELLARS,
Col. Inf.,
Regional Commissioner 2192

See 20 + 21. ✓

TOP SECRET.

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Discontent and Demonstrations. Italian Royal Navy.

From information gleaned it would appear that deputation headed by Capitano di Fregata Feccia Di Cossato and other Italian Royal Navy Officers mostly from motor Siluranti among whom were Capitano di Corvetta Raverra of "Ardimentoso" Capitano di Corvetta Barbaro of "Fortunale" Capitano di Corvetta Conti of "Libera" Capitano di Corvetta Ramperti of "Calliope" presented themselves to the General Secretary to the Minister Admiral Brivonosi in order to hand in their resignations as Naval Officers. Their reason being that in view of the fact that the Minister of Marine De Courten had not sworn allegiance to the King under the new Government and that therefore they were not prepared to accept orders signed by the Minister, particularly in view of the fact that shortly after the Armistice De Courten in a speech to Italian Naval Officers had vehemently asserted his loyalty to the King and ended his discourse with a promise that if an attempt should be made to get rid of the King he would "tip them off" and organise a coup.

Matters came to a head when Capitano di Fregata Feccia di Cossato of "Aliseo" refused to obey the Minister of Marines sailing orders on Sunday night 25th June 1944. Feccia Di Cossato was relieved of his Command and placed under close arrest.

These facts are freely talked about and it would appear the above named are among the most popular of the younger Italian Naval Officers and have done excellent work for us on Special Operations.

Feccia Di Cossato at the time of the Armistice was at Bastia and he escaped with his ship sinking eight German Landing Craft and one Auxiliary Vessel on the way to Malta.

This morning "Viva Feccia Di Cossato" has been written on the Dockyard walls.

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Yesterday I happened to be in the Liaison Office to the Italian C. in C. when I heard a commotion and shouting outside. On going out I found the Via Due Mari lined with sailors and people. At approximately 1730 the "Ardimentoso" passed through the Canal on the Italian Port Signal Station "sounding off" the entire crew shouted in organised cheerin "Viva il Re" "Viva il Re" etc. The "Libera" passed through shortly afterwards and exactly the same scene took place. The "Populace" on the Canal banks took up the cry and cheered lustily. After the passage of these two Vessels the crowd dispersed in an orderly manner.

27 June 44

COPY.

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

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Ref: 2141/INFO.

27th February 1944.

I send you extracts from reports issued during
December and January by the Naval authorities in Brindisi.

Did you see these reports before or after their
despatch - or did the writer discuss them with you? If not,
I suggest your Provincial officers in the ports should make
close contact with the naval authorities so that their reports
can give an accurate picture.

(Sgd) M. S. LUSH.

Lieut.Colonel G.H. McCaffrey,
Regional Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
Region II,
MATERA.

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RECEIVED
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APU 394

22 APR 1944

Date

Suspense

FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Dep. Chief Commissioner	
Secy. Gen. to Chief Commissioner	
Administrative Section	
Economic Section	
HC & MG Section	
Civil Affairs Branch	
PA & Displaced Pers Sub Com	
Italian Refugees Branch	
Security Branch	
Information Branch	
Establishment Branch	
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Air Forces	
Telecommunications & Posts	
War Material Disposal	
Public Relations Officer	
Liaison Section C.M.F.	

FOR:

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Remarks Recommendation
Information
Approval/Disapproval
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Investigation & Report
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Date _____

FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Dep. Chief Commissioner	
Secy. Gen. to Chief Commissioner	
Administrative Section	
Economic Section	
HC & MC Section	
Civil Affairs Branch	✓
PA & Displaced Pers Sub Com	
Italian Refugee Branch	
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Information Branch	
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Liaison Section, H.C.M.F.	
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FOR:	
Signature	
Remarks/Recommendation	✓
Information	
Approval/Disapproval	
Appropriate action	
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REMARKS: Please see attached letters
 from TOTAL re: prisoning of Lt Col
 SARZANA about which your branch
 was enquiring recently.
[Signature]

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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HEADQUARTERS
21 APR 1944
A. C. C.

21 April 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section,
Attention Captain Hays ✓

With reference to your telephone call a few days ago,
attached herewith is complete file on the subject of Port Officials in
Sicily for your information and record.

Frank J. Slagter
FRANK J. SLAGTER
Captain, AGD
Deputy Secretary General

HEADQUARTERS
21 APR 1944
A. C. C.

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2 refs.

27 Apr 44

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PORT OFFICIALS IN SICILY.

FROM FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE 14th April, 1944.

No.T.A.1140/2.

TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

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With reference to your signal No.2594 of 8th April, copies of my letter No.T.A.1140/2 of 8th February and the Minister of Marine's letter No.1568 of 26th February are forwarded.

C. E. Morgan
(Signed) C. E. MORGAN

REAR-ADMIRAL.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,
TARANTO.

14th April, 1944.

No.T.A.1140/2.

MINISTER OF MARINE,
MARISTAT, PALAZZO RESTA,
TARANTO.

FOR OFFICIALS IN SICILY.

1
In reply to your letter No.1284 of 2nd February, I must point out to you that Sicily is territory under the control of the Allied Military Government who have made such appointments as appear to them, needful, making use of those persons who are available and appear most suited.

2. In the case of Lieutenant Colonel Barzani I am informed that he was the incumbent official when Allied troops arrived, and he was re-appointed to the same position by Allied Military Government officials.

3. I am further informed that when the time comes to return Allied Military Government territory to the Italian Government one of the conditions will be that all Allied Military Government appointments are to be recognized as valid.

4. I must therefore request that you will now issue orders recognizing the status of Allied appointed officials in Sicily.

22.
(Signed) R. McGRIGER, 86

REAR-ADMIRAL.

COPI.

From .. Ministry Marine. Cabinet.

Date .. 26th February, 1944. No. 1568.

To .. F.O.L.I.



NAVAL PERSONNEL (PORT DUTIES) IN SICILY.

Replying to your T.A. 1140/2 of the 8th instant.

1. Your communications on the subject reached us at the same time as the news of the return of Sicily to Italian Administration. The regulations established for the treatment of the Italian personnel who have been appointed by the Allied Authorities, will be scrupulously observed.

2. The question of material comes into the arrangements of the military maritime organisation of the Island, and can be quickly settled as soon as we obtain the authorisation to put into effect the organisation proposed in our aide-memoire handed to you on the 18th instant.

THE MINISTER.

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ROUTINE

FATIMA REAR

FOTALI

RE LETTER OF TWO FEBRUARY FOUR FOUR FILE TWO THREE ONE POINT EIGHT IS REFERENCE
PD PAREN TO FOTALI FROM FATIMA REAR FROM STONE SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN PLEASE
ADVISE IF ORDERS REFERRED TO HAVE BEEN ISSUED PD IF SO PLEASE FURNISH COPY
TO THIS HEADQUARTERS

AUTHENTICATED:

ELLEY W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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- 1 - Dep Chief Comm
- 2 - Dept Sec Gen

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FARGO

YOUR FARGO SIX SIX TWO PAREN TO FARGO FOR SPOFFORD FROM FATIMA FROM STONE

SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN HAVE REQUESTED TOTAL TO SECURE APPROPRIATE
ORDERS

AUTHENTICATED:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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ROUTINE

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PINEBASE (FARGO) FROM SPOFFORD

FEB 0204

FATIMA REAR FOR STONE (ACTION) IBS FOR POLETTI (INFORMATION)
OITE FARGO 662.

Subject is harbor masters in Sicily. Position of Capitano di Fregata Demuro, Maggiore Nicola Barbaro Forleo and Maggiore Nhuebbini is causing embarrassment. These officers being under orders from Minister of Marine are doubtful regarding Serzanas authority. Reference your letter to Ftali of 29 January. Most grateful if you will clarify situation by procuring from Ftali proper orders for above.

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In reply refer to:
231.8

2 February 1944

SUBJECT: Port Officials in Sicily

TO : FOTALI, Taranto

Confirming my conversation with you today, it will be appreciated if the Minister of Marine could issue orders recognizing the status of Allied appointed port officials in Sicily, as per my letter of 29 January.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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091.11 Italian Gift

2 Feb

TRAPANI HARBOUR

FROM.... FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC

DATE.... 18th January, 1944

No.T.A. 752/5

TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

With reference to your letter No. P.B.G. 4912 dated 12th January, I have to inform you that the Port Parties for working Trapani and Marsala arrived at Palermo on 13th January, to report to Commandant, Naval Operating Base, Palermo, before taking up their duties.

2. The authority of Lieut. Colonel Sarzana is not recognized by the Minister of Marine. A number of similar appointments have been made in Sicily by Allied Authorities which the Minister of Marine declines to acknowledge. The matter is being raised with Vice Admiral, Malta.

(Sgd.) A. L. Besant

For REAR-ADMIRAL.

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ROUTINE

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FBS (FARGO) CITE FARGO 206

JAN 120555A

FATIMA REAR IRS FOR SEARS FOR ROGERS FOR POLETTI

To recommence operation Trapani Harbour is desired. Can you request Foli Taranto provide complete harbour master staff to work under command Lt. Col. Serzane? Masteri registers and documents believed to be Naples being sought.

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In reply refer to:
231.8

29 January 1944

SUBJECT: Port Parties for working Trapani and Marsala
TO : FOTALLI, Taranto

With reference to your letter TA 752/5 dated 18 January regarding the Port Parties for working Trapani and Marsala, it should be noted that:

a. According to our understanding, Lt. Col. Sarzana was the incumbent official when Allied troops arrived and was reappointed for the same position by AMG officials.

b. When AMG territory is returned to the Italian Government, all AMG appointments are to be recognized as valid.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLEY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

cc: Col Spofford
Hq AMG

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(COPY)

Ref 4. . 373 5.

Spoke Dir. of Shipping S.C.
Mr Campbell. He will look
into delay and let us know.

2. Meanwhile he thinks
the matter can be cleared
up regarding the harbors
matter and will let us
have a reply on this within
the next two days.

[Signature]
22/3.

Bu. 25/3. *[Signature]* 2478

Capt Talbot to see .

Shipping Lab -
Common
(Mebba)

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One week

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CIRCULATION SLIP
Please pass file QUICKLY

FROM	OFFICER	TO
	Brig. M. S. Lush	
	Col. C. M. Spofford	
	Lt. Col. T. Farley Smith	
	Major Drifffield White	✓
	Major Van Dusen, Jr.	
	Capt. E. T. Talbot	
	Capt. Stewart	
✓	Registry	
52965	See CA	
	Multi	

REMARKS

Initial HERE and FOLIO referred.

Recon see B/u at 3

Shipping Sub-Committee
(MEDBO).

PR-125
52904

Has FOTR2 issued appropriate
orders yet, Ref 1, 2 and 3 in this
file?

St. M. C.

In Lt. Fiske
Deputy Executive Committee

15.2.44

(TALBOT)
Capt. Elliott

for D.E.C.

Matter is being investigated &
it is hoped to report within a day

OK 100.

Mr. BELL states Shipping Sub Com have
nothing to do with this. Note of this check is
submitted.
8 APR 1944

St. M. C.

for Chairman
MEDBO.

This file was forwarded from Shipping Sub Com.
on 21st March.

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Signal Corps, United States Army

Telegram

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Col. Spofford

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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) :

CG PBS FARGO FOR SPOFFORD

(INFORMATION) :

NONE

FROM :

FATIMA FROM STONE SIGNED MACFARLANE

DATE TIME SIGNED:

021700A

DATE TIME REC'D:

030319A

REFERENCE NR. :

2250

CITE :

NONE



YOUR FARGO 662. HAVE REQUESTED TOTAL TO SECURE APPROPRIATE

ORDERS.

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Acc. Insp.

(Action) Col Spofford (12)

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FARGO FOR SPOFFORD

(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : FATIMA FROM STONE SIGNED MACFARLANE

DATE TIME SIGNED: 021700A

DATE TIME REC'D.: 030319A

REFERENCE NR.: 2250

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(Action) Col Spofford (12)

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FARGO 662

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FARGO

1 FEBRUARY 1944

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10050 SPOFFORD

ROUTINE

FATIMA REAR IBS FOR POLETTI INFO

SUBJECT IS HARBOR MASTERS IN SICILY PD

PLEASE PAREN FARGO FROM SPOFFORD PAREN TO FATIMA REAR FOR STORE PD CITE
FARGO SIX SIX TWO PD POSITION OF CAPITANO DI FREMATA DE MERO CMA MAGGIORE
NICOLA BARBARO FORLEO AND MAGGIORE MINIBILI IS CAUSING REEARRANGEMENT PD
THESE OFFICERS BEING UNDER ORDERS FROM MINISTER OF MARINE ARE DOUBTFUL
REGARDING SARZANAS AUTHORITY PD REFERENCE YOUR LETTER TO FATALI OF TWO NINE
JANUARY PD MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL CLARIFY SITUATION BY PROCURING
FROM FATALI PROPER ORDERS FOR ABOVE

IBS For Poletti INFO

see 4/24

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L. F. MICHEL
Lt. Col., AGO
Adjutant General

312011A
FORM 1150

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Signal Corps, United States Army

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PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO

(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : SIGNED SEARS FOR POLETTI

DATE TIME SIGNED: 311700A

DATE TIME REC'D: 312011A

REFERENCE NR. : S-6577

CITE : REO-36

HEADQUARTERS

1 FEB 1944

AMG

POSITION OF CAPITANO DI FREGATA DE MURO AND MAGGIARE NICOLA BARBARO FORLEO BOTH AT TRAPANI, MAGGIORE GHERUBINI AT PORTO EMPEDOCLE, CAPITANO FRANCESCO GRAZIANO DESTINED FOR MARSALA. REFERENCE YOUR 569. REQUIRES CLARIFICATION IN RELATION TO COLONEL SARZANA. BEING UNDER ORDERS FROM MINISTER OF MARINE MAKES THEM UNCERTAIN REGARDING SARZANAS AUTHORITY AND CREATES EMBARRASSMENT ALL CONCERNED.

CEL SPENCER

Action - AMG-HA
Infr - Sect
C. G.
(Action) Col Spifford (2)
Rec'd HIA

Telegram

FORM 8-1005

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

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PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO
(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : SIGNED SEARS FOR POLETTI

DATE TIME SIGNED: 311700A

DATE TIME REC'D: 312011A

REFERENCE NR.: S-6577

CITE : REQ-36

HEADQUARTERS
1 FEB 1944
AMG.

POSITION OF CAPITANO DI FREGATA DE MURO AND MAGGIARE NICOLA BARBARO FORLEO BOTH AT TRAPANI, MAGGIORE GHERUBINI AT PORTO EMPEDOCLE, CAPITANO FRANCESCO GRAZIANO DESTINED FOR MARSALA. REFERENCE YOUR 569. REQUIRES CLARIFICATION IN RELATION TO COLONEL SARZANA. BEING UNDER ORDERS FROM MINISTER OF MARINE MAKES THEM UNCERTAIN REGARDING SARZANAS AUTHORITY AND CREATES EMBARRASSMENT ALL CONCERNED.

Col. STAFFORD

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(Action) Col. Stafford (2)

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