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RELATIONS WITH ITALIANS
MAR. - AUG. 1944

JOINT COMMUNIQUE
AMERICAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS

The President and the Prime Minister held further discussions Monday and Tuesday, September 18th and 19th at Hyde Park on subjects dealing with postwar policies in Europe. The result of these discussions cannot be disclosed at this time for strategic military reasons and pending their consideration by our other Allies. The present problems in Italy also came under discussion and on this subject the President and the Prime Minister issued the following statement:

"The Italian people freed of their Fascist and Nazi overlords have in these last twelve months demonstrated their will to be free to fight on the side of the democracies and to take a place among the United Nations devoted to principles of peace and justice. We believe we should give encouragement to those Italians who are standing for a political rebirth in Italy and are completing the destruction of the evil Fascist system. We wish to afford the Italians a greater opportunity to aid in the defeat of our common enemies. The American and the British people are of course horrified by the recent mob action in Rome but feel that a greater responsibility placed on the Italian people and on their own government will most readily prevent a recurrence of such acts. An increasing measure of control will be gradually handed over to the Italian administration subject of course to that administration's proving that it can maintain law and order and the regular administration of justice. To mark this change the Allied Control Commission will be renamed the Allied Commission. The British High Commissioner in Italy will assume the additional title of Ambassador. The United States Representative in Rome already holds that rank. The Italian Government will be invited to appoint direct representatives to Washington and London. First and immediate considerations in Italy are the relief of hunger and sickness and fear. To this end we instructed our representatives at the UNRRA conference to declare for the sending of medical aids and other essential supplies to Italy. We are happy to know that this view commended itself to other members of the UNRRA Council. At the same time first steps should be taken toward the reconstruction of an Italian economy. An economy laid low under the years of the misrule of Mussolini and ravished by the German policy of vengeful destruction. These steps should be taken primarily as military aims to put the full resources of Italy and the Italian people into the struggle to defeat Germany and Japan. For military reasons we should assist the Italians in the restoration of such power systems, their railways, motor transport roads and other communications as enter into the war situation and for a short time send engineers, technicians and industrial experts into Italy to help them in their own rehabilitation. The application to Italy of the Trading With The Enemy Acts should be modified so as to enable business contacts between Italy and the outside world to be resumed for the benefit of the Italian people. We all wish to speed the day when the last vestiges of Fascism in Italy will have been wiped out and when the last German will have left Italian soil and when there will be no need of any Allied troops to remain, the day when free elections can be held throughout Italy and when Italy can earn her proper place in the great family of free nations."

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Headquarters ACC
29 September 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Memo

SUBJECT : Alleged Third Degree Methods.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

24 Aug 44
24 AUG Recd

Reference your 388/65/CA dated 21 Aug 44. In view of the fact the only positive evidence points to the conclusion that physical force was administered by a member of the U.S. Forces; it would I think be unwise to pursue this case further.

On the other hand I will most certainly take up the general matter in the appropriate quarter.

G. R. Upjohn
G.R. UPJOHN, Col
A/Head Admin Sec.

Ext. 525
GRU/mt

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

22nd August 1944

SUBJECT: Mancini Incident

TO : Col. Denamore

1. Folios 17, 19, 20A, 22, 46, 47, 48 and 66 this file refer.
The Acting Chief Commissioner might be interested to see that Minister
MANCINI does not wish to pursue any further the incident which occurred
near NAPLES when the car in which he was travelling was stopped by a
Military Policeman, who is stated to have struck the Minister's son.

G. W. I. Shipp to Col

G. W. I. SHIPP
Lt. Colonel

Spoke Col Denamore

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22/8.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478708

17 August, 1944.

21 AUG Recd

ACC/14101/PS

SUBJECT : Incident of Minister Mancini
TO : R.C. & M.G. Section.
(Deputy Executive Commissioner)

With reference to your letter Ref. 388/48/CA dated 8 August 1944, addressed to Administrative Section, an Officer of this Sub-Commission has interviewed the Minister Mancini and informed him the result of enquiries.

The Minister stated that he did not wish to pursue the matter any further nor would his son, who is out of town and could not be interviewed.

Paul G. Kirk

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

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EP/G.

See and what.

19. Aug. 44.

R. H. Gifford
at.
C.O. Adm. Sec.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 08-01-01 BY 60322 UCBAW
Regional Control and Military Government Section

Ref: WV/65/0A

21st August 1944

SUBJECT: Alleged third degree methods.

TO : V.R., Administrative Section.

- 54 64
1. I forward a report from Regional Commissioner, Region III. I am horrified but not surprised to learn that physical force is used by Italian Police Agents to extract admission or evidence.
 2. Can I be told what steps (a) were taken in this case; (b) will be taken in future to prevent the recurrence of the vice.

WEL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

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17 Aug 54-64

sent up to Adm Sec

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

Ref: 388/53/CA

15th August 1944.

SUBJECT: Alleged Third Degree Methods.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region III.

49 to 51 refer

I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to ask you to send as soon as possible a detailed report on the enclosed article in which it is alleged that information from persons awaiting trial is extracted by third degree methods.

(Sgt). A. J. Stewart

MA to Executive Commissioner
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pk 1578

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NOTIZIE NAZIONALI UNITE

ROMA, 11 AGOSTO 1994

NNU n.

ITALIA LIBERATA

Severe condanne a carico di falsari.

NAPOLI, 11 agosto (NNU) - Mercoledì u.s. dinanzi alla Corte Generale Militare Alleata, ha avuto termine un grave processo a carico di nove individui accusati di falsificazione mediante processo zincografico di banconote del Governo Militare Alleato.

Sei degli accusati, la reità dei quali è stata provata, sono stati condannati a pene detentive varianti dai 6 ai 12 anni, mentre ~~tre~~ altri sono stati assolti due per non aver commesso il fatto e l'altro per insufficienza ~~di~~ prove.

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Le pene sono state così distribuite: De Murtas Domenico e Pirozzi Francesco, 12 anni ciascuno; Messina Armando e Ortega Mario 9 anni ciascuno; Bucarelli Umberto 7 anni e Palumbo Francesco 6 anni. Navach Mario e Germano Raffaele sono stati

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(SIN) 11/8/44 - ore 10.30 - PREMOLI - lp.

(NNU 11/8/44)

Executive Commissioner.

It seems to me that this is a matter of general principle which you should decide. Legal sub. commissioner seem to take the view that this degree is quite common and that it is not their business, beyond seeing that evidence founded upon it is not considered. If however it is true that this degree methods are used, and the report of them can get as far as it did in this case, it is fairly certain that before long the Italian press will smell it out and we shall get accusations. As Naples is still AME it might perhaps be wise to make an enquiry.

August 13.

Comptroller.
Sarg. DPR.

Major Fielden.

P.R.O.

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I discussed this case with Col. Wilmer. He agrees with me that all possible steps should be taken to prevent publication, not only for the adverse effect of such publicity, but also because all future criminals will come into court with the same story!

He agrees that it would be well for you to get into touch with Col. Chapman.

11 Aug. 1944

W. Chapman
A.D.C.
2889

Colonel Wilmer.

Legal. & C.

Should we allow this report to be released?
I do not myself think that we should
release reports about fluid degree methods
(even if the Court rules out the consequent
testimony) At any rate we ought to know
exactly what happened and whether such
methods have been stopped. Some enquiry
seems to be called for. 2888
The report comes from the PLTB.

August 11.

L. A. Hilden.
Major. D. R. R.

Decided to expurgate para 3.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.G. & M.C. SECTION
APO 39A

Ref 388/48/OA

8th August 1944

SUBJECT: Incident of MANGINI

TO : Admin. Section

1. I refer to an affair which was originally reported early last month in which some Military Police are alleged to have struck the son of Minister MANGINI.

2. This incident was reported to HQ No. 3 District for a report. A reply was received yesterday in which it was stated that long inquiries produced no results. It was suggested that an identity parade should be held in order to recognise the individual concerned.

3. Would you please inform me whether you wish this matter pursued further and if so, whether the son of Minister MANGINI would be able to recognise his alleged assailant.

G. W. I. SHIFF
Lt. Colonel
For Deputy Executive Commissioner

Subject: Discipline.

HQ Allied Control Commission,
(RC & MG Section).

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Ed *C A Bv 47*
3 District.

Ext 17.

146/4A

4 Aug 44

6 AUG Recd

4.6
Reference your 388/46/OA dated 19 Jul 44, paras 3 and 4.

1. Enquiries have been made, but have produced no result.
2. Would the persons concerned in this alleged assault be able to recognise the Military Police concerned; if so an identity parade could be held.

HBT/APR



J. Lami *CI*
Maj Gen
Comd

su 48
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
E.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/388/46/CA

19 July 1944

SUBJECT: Discipline.

TO : Hq. No. 3 District.

1. Your letter M46/4 A of 3 July 1944 is acknowledged.
2. It is noted that there is a discrepancy between the statements by Dr. Dondena and Opl. Hse as to the number of cigarettes found. Dr. Dondena says "about a dozen" whereas Opl. Hse says "300".
3. Since this case was first raised a more serious case has arisen concerning another Minister, namely Minister Pietro Mancini. For your perusal there is attached a copy of a letter from the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 5 July 1944. It is stated in the letter that "the Corporal of the M.P. struck repeatedly young Mancini and Signor Mole with the butt of his pistol".
4. It is requested that an investigation be made into the matter and this Headquarters informed of the result so that a reply may be made to the letter.
5. In spite of the incident of Dr. Dondena, however, it is considered that Ministers of the Italian Government should not normally be the subjects of search, but that a special pass should be issued to them instead. This matter was discussed at a meeting at this Headquarters today at which a representative of C.S.I. (b) HQ. A.A.I. was present and it was decided to issue a special pass to Italian Ministers and certain other important Italian persons. This pass would state who they were, give them permission to travel anywhere south of the Army Control line and ask that every facility and courtesy should be extended to them. This would not entitle them to immunity from search, but they should not normally be stopped and searched unless there is reason to suspect any irregularity. Special instructions on this subject will shortly be issued.

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NORMAN P. FISHER
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:

Acting Chief Commissioner (Your A/OC CL.13 of 3 July refers)

See any further action

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

LDD/hjp

A/CG 014.13

8 July 1944

SUBJECT: Searching of Italian Ministers by Military Police

TO : Executive Commissioner, Hq ACC

1. References:

a. File of nine pages relative to the case of Minister of Justice Tupino.

b. Copy of letter N. 5428 dated 5 July from Minister Prunas to the Acting Chief Commissioner relative to the searching of Minister Pietro Mancini's car and the striking of young Mancini and a Signor Mele.

2. Relative to the Tupino case, at page 5 of the attached file, the Acting Chief Commissioner requested "that the strongest representations be made to the Military authorities". Reply of Dep Exec Comm at page 9 does not indicate whether or not this was done.

3. There appears to be a great discrepancy in the statements made by Dr. Dondona (page 1) and Cpl Hue (page 7) as to the number of cigarettes found. Dr. Dondona says "about a dozen" whereas Cpl Hue reports "800".

4. The file does not indicate that question asked by 3 District (page 8) has been answered.

5. The case of Minister Mancini is much more serious. Here it is stated, "the corporal of the M.P. struck repeatedly Young Mancini and Signor Mele with the butt of his pistol".

6. The Acting Chief Commissioner requests that an investigation be caused to be made in this matter and that the request be presented at a high military level and that information be provided upon which a reply to reference 1 b can be based.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

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

Ref/388/24/CA

5 July 1944

SUBJECT: Searching of Minister of Justice by Military Police.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

Reference your A/CC 014.13 of 30 June 44 there is forwarded to you copy letter from No. 3 District addressed to this Hq. dated 3 July 44 with copy RAF Military Police report attached.

J. Stewart Reakes, Major
for
NORMAN R. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Subject: Discipline

HQ Allied Control Commission
RC & MG Section

3 District
Tel Ext 18
146/4a

3 July 44.

A AAI
214 Gp RAF

Ref your 388/18/CA dated 28 Jun 44.

1. The attached report from the RAF Military Police who stopped the Minister's car is forwarded.
2. Ref para 4 of your letter, as 800 American and British cigarettes were found in the luggage do you still consider special passes should be issued exempting "High Italian Officials" and their families or friends from these snap checks for contraband?

HBT/MH.

Maj. Gen.
Comd

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COPY

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Officer i/o
Mobile Check Post.
No. 3 District,

Sir, I have to report that at about 0900 hrs. 22 June 44. I was on duty in company with Cpl. Nott, E.R.A.F. Police on the Scafati - Salerno Road, when in the course of our duty we had occasion to stop a civilian car containing three men and a lady.

Inside the car were several suitcases, and the driver seemed very reluctant over allowing them to be examined, stating that one of the passengers was a Minister of the Italian Government and that neither he nor any of his passengers were in possession of contraband or any Allied property. However on examination of the cases by Cpl Nott and myself we found that one of them contained about 800 American and British cigarettes, concealed underneath garments of clothing.

Each passenger was questioned in turn but none would accept ownership, they were accordingly confiscated.

During the examination of the vehicle the utmost respect and consideration was shown by Cpl Nott and myself towards the persons concerned. The attitude towards us however was not becoming, and they doubted our authority although we were correctly dressed in duty order and wearing arm-bands.

Field
24 June 44

(Sgd) T. M. Hue Cpl
919362
R.A.F. Police

Sir,

I have read over the above report and corroborate.

Field
24 June 44.

(Sgd) E Nott. Cpl.
905128
R.A.F. Police

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

Ref/388/CA/20

2 July 1944

SUBJECT: Searching of Minister of Justice by Military Police.

TO : Actg. Chief Commissioner.

1. Reference your ACC/014.13 of 30 June 44 this matter was taken up with 3 District by phone on 22 June. Legal Sub-Commission were also asked to forward a report on the matter.
2. The report was forwarded by this Branch to No. 3 District copy of letter attached.
3. The result of the enquiry by No. 3 District is still awaited.

JSR/JR

J. S. Reakes, Maj
for
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Searching of Minister of Justice
by Military Police

A/CC 014.13

30 June 1944

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

1. Reference is made to attached,
 - a. Ltr. Admin Sec HQ ACC. ACC/4018/L. dated 27 Jun 44.
 - b. Ltr. Legal Sub-Com, HQ ACC. ACC/4018/L. 27 Jun 44.
 - c. Ltr. Ministry of Justice, dated 22 Jun 44 (translation).
2. The Acting Chief Commissioner requests that the strongest representations be made to the Military authorities requesting that appropriate instructions be issued to prevent future occurrences of this nature.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner,

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
PA to A/CC

cc: Admin Section

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

Ref/288/18/CA

28 June 1944

SUBJECT: Searching of Minister of Justice by Military Police.

TO : No. 3 District.

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation by Major Reakes with your "A" Branch on the 22nd June 1944.

2. For your use is sent copy report by the Minister of Justice H.E. Tuppino setting out the facts of the case.

3. It is understood that the Minister's car bore the official markings and that both he and his Secretary were in possession of regular passes and identification papers.

4. It is suggested that instructions be given to the Military Police to use particular care when dealing with high Italian officials. It may be that you consider the need for the issue of special form of pass to high Italian officials.

5. May this Hq. be informed of the result of your enquiry in the incident.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:

Legal Sub-Comm. (Your 4018/L of 27 June refers)
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/4018/L

SUBJECT: Searching of Minister of Justice by Military Police.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

- 1 The attached reports are forwarded for your information.
- 2 The suggestions by the Chief Legal Officer, contained in para 4 of his letter addressed to you are strongly endorsed. It is considered that Ministers should be excluded from searches of this kind and should be free to use all highways.

(sgd) R. R. CRIPPS, Col.
for
STANEGATE,
VP Adm Sec.
(Sgd in absence on duty)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

27 June 1944.

REFERENCE : ACC/4018/L.

SUBJECT : Searching of Minister of Justice by Military Police.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner (thru V.P. Admin Sec).

1. Attached for your information is a report from the Minister of Justice, His Excellency Tuppino, concerning the searching of his own and his secretary's person as well as his car and official documents and private papers by members of the Allied Military Police on 22 June.

2. On learning of this incident on the afternoon of the same day, I telephoned to the R.C. & M.G. Section at ACC HQ., asking them to take the matter up immediately with No. 3 District. The result of the enquiry is awaited.

3. I understand that the Minister's car bore the official markings and that both he and his Secretary were in possession of regular passes and identification papers.

4. It is suggested that as any repetition of such incidents would be likely to have most unfortunate repercussions at a high level, instructions be given with all due speed to the Military Police to use particular care when dealing with high Italian officials, and that furthermore some form of special pass be established for such persons which will entitle them to free passage and exemption from such formalities.

/s/ Gerald R. Upjohn
GERALD R. UPJOHN.
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

Encl, 1 copy report.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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TRANSLATION

Rome 22.6.44

Ministry of Pardon and Justice.

To the Allied Control Subcommittee.

SUBJECT: Report on incident involving His Excellency the Minister.

On 22 June 44 at about 8 or 8.15 A.M. the car of His Excellency Tupini, Minister of Justice, was stopped at the police block in the outskirts of Pompei on the Naples autostrada. His Excellency was travelling from Salerno to Naples on official business for the purpose of attending a meeting with the other Ministers of the Cabinet of S.A.R. il Luogotenente del Regno.

In spite of the fact that the status of His Excellency appeared on the paper fixed to the wind-screen of the car and in spite of the fact that this status was declared orally and set out in his personal papers, the soldiers of the Allied Military Police having stopped the car proceeded to search everything in it, and even searched the person of H.E. Tupini, of his private Secretary Dr. Dondona and the driver. In the process of this search about a dozen "Old Gold" cigarettes were confiscated from Dr. Dondona, which he had in his pocket and also an empty petrol tin kept in the luggage "boot". The official papers and the private correspondence of the Minister and of those who were with him were examined.

Only after strong remonstrances and having stopped the car for about a quarter of an hour did the soldiers of the Allied Police allow His Excellency the Minister to proceed to Naples.

For your information and such action as may be fit.

Obediently

Dr. Dondona

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Private Secretary to H.E. the Minister
for Pardon and Justice.

C O P Y

ROYAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Salerno, 5 July 1944

No. 5428

Dear Admiral,

I have been asked to report to you the following regrettable incident which took place on June 22 at the check-post of Pompei. On that day, and precisely at 12.45, Minister Pietro Mancini's car was stopped by the M.P. on duty and the Minister, his wife, his son and their friend Signor Gaetano Mele, were peremptorily ordered out of the car. Notwithstanding that the Minister produced his identification card, he was searched and then ordered to take down his travelling bags from the top of the car. Having complied, they were opened and having found in them a few packets of American cigarettes which were presented in Rome by Allied Officers to His Excellency Mancini's son and to signor Mele, the corporal of the M.P. struck repeatedly young Mancini and signor Mele with the butt of his pistol; he then emptied the contents of the bags on the road kicking them about. After which, the M.P. allowed the party to proceed on their way.

Signor Mancini was naturally very much surprised and pained at the treatment he was submitted to, all the more so as he was that very day returning from Rome where he had been to fetch his son and friend who, during these trying months, had been actively taking part in the underground activities of the patriots' movement.

I know it is needless for me to stress with you how very unfortunate similar occurrences are. I feel sure you will with your usual helpful understanding, cause the matter to be investigated and the necessary instructions to be given in order to avoid their repetition. I am also wondering whether it would not be possible to furnish Cabinet Ministers a special identification card issued by the A.C.C. I should be most grateful if you would take into consideration this suggestion, letting me know in due course your decision in the matter.

Thanking you in advance for your kind interest, I remain,

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Very sincerely yours,

/s/ R. Prunas

Rear Admiral
Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
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7 Jul 44

SUBJECT: Searching of Minister of Justice by Military Police

TO : R C & M O Sec

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1. Reference your 388B/CA of 5 Jul 44.
2. While the account given by the Minister differs from that of the Military Police as to the number of cigarettes involved in this particular incident, it looks as if circumstances will render any further difficulties improbable after the next few days. Despite the possibility that a few cigarettes, etc., may be carried along in official cars it would seem better that searches of passenger cars of ministers should not be made. Nothing much is gained from a law enforcement standpoint. On the other hand undesirable friction does result.

*See 388B/CA of 5 Jul 44
action in this case
should be taken
immediately
necessary to
prevent a
disturbance
in the future*

*CA B
Agreed that searches of Ministers
should not be made.
arrange with necessary
VPs*

Richard H. Williams
RICHARD H. WILLIAMS
Colonel, *South*
Acting Chief Legal Officer.

VPs met on 20/7

388 - 6 JUL 1944
REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

4th July, 1944

ACC/14408/PS

SUBJECT : Searching of Minister of Justice by
Military Police.

TO : RC & MG Section. ✓ 18

1. Reference your 398/18/CA dated 28 June addressed to No. 3
District copy to Legal and Public Safety Sub-Commission.

2. The recent correspondence in connection with this incident
is as under and copies are attached. 32.

FJS/MIP dated 12 May to Italian Liaison Section.
Rear HQ ACC from Deputy Chief Commissioner.

Memo from Italian Liaison Section dated 26 April
to Capt. Slaughter. 31.

Translation of letter File No. 4422 dated 5th May
to ACC from undersecretary of State.

Memo DCC 200.2 dated 17th May to Executive Commissioner
from Deputy Chief Commissioner. 29.

Letter Ref/429/6/CA dated 20th May to III District (for
57 and 94 Sub-Area). RC Region III, P.B.S. and Public
Safety Sub-Comm. from RC & MG Section. 28.

Memo RSLED/WEH dated 10 June to RC & MG Sec. from APM,
57 Area. 27.

Letter Ref. 429/9/CA dated 14 June to Adm. Sec. (for
Public Safety Sub-Comm.) dated 14th June from Deputy
Executive Commission. 26.

Letter ACC/14408/PS dated 17 June to RC & MG Sec. (through
V.P. Adm. Sec.) from C.P.S. 25.

3. Legal Sub-Comm. has been advised of the situation and 2870
Italian Liaison Section has been asked to verify the fact
that the placards are being used.

Copy to: Legal Sub-Comm.

GHLM/hgd

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PK 47
PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.



REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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FJS/mip

12 May 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Italian Liaison Section, Rear Hq. ACC.

Subject: Display of Identification Placards by Members of the
Italian Government.

The display of the attached placards by members of the
Royal family and ministers of the Italian Government are approved.

Instructions should be given that the placard will be
displayed only when the vehicle is occupied by a person or persons author-
ized to display the sign.

Notification of the above is being furnished to 94
Area, PBS and 57 Area with request that any assistance possible to facil-
itate their movement be given.

ELIERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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LIAISON OFFICE TO A.C.C. REAR H.Q.

MEMORANDUM for Captain SLAUGHTER

Following members of Royal House would be entitled to display on their cars, when on board, crown insignia:

H.M.	THE	King
H.M.	"	Queen
H.R.H.	"	Crown Prince
H.R.H.	"	Duke of Genova
H.R.H.	"	Duchess of Genova
H.R.H.	"	Duke of Aosta
H.R.H.	"	Duchess of Aosta (Mother)

Following High Officials would be entitled to display on their cars, when on board, yellow and red insignia:

Ministers and their Chiefs of Cabinet
Undersecretaries of State and their Chiefs of Cabinet
Secretary General of Foreign Affairs and his Chief of Cabinet
High Commissioners and their 1st Secretaries

April 26 1944

/s/P. Apostolo
/t/P. APOSTOLO LT, RNR.
Liaison Officer A.C.C. Rear H.Q.

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TRANSLATION

Presidency of the Council of Ministers.
Cabinet.

File No. 4422

Salerno 5 May 1944

Subject: Insignia for automobiles of the Members of the Government.

To ; Allied Control Commission,
Salerno.

We wish to confirm the adoption of the attached insignia, already approved by the Commission, for the cars of Ministers, Under Secretaries of State, Cabinet Heads of the Ministers and High Commissioners.

The Under-Secretary of State

/a/ (illegible)

Translation No. 398 - DSG - 10 May 44 - Sgt Sorisi/ ajp

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DCC 200.2

17 May 1944.

MEMO TO: Executive Commissioner

SUBJECT: Display of Identification Placards by
Members of the Italian Government.

1. The display of the attached placards has been approved by the Commission and by the Italian Government. See attached copy of letter No. 4422, dated 5 May 1944, from the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

2. A copy of the formal notification to the Italian Liaison Section is attached.

3. It is desired that PBS, 57 and 94 Sub-Areas be informed in substance as follows:

"The attached identification placards have been authorized by the Allied Control Commission for use of, and have been accepted by the Italian Government.

"The attached list shows those who are currently authorized to display the placard.

"This identification placard does not in any way entitle the user to any special privileges other than those ordinarily rendered to members of the Italian Government, but serves as a ready means of identification, and it is requested that all assistance possible be given to facilitate the movement of a car displaying this sign."

ELIERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

4 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Ltr Council of Ministers #4422, 5 May 1944
- Incl 2 - Ltr DCC 200.2, 12 May 44 to Italian Liaison Section
- Incl 3 - List of Officials entitled to placards
- Incl 4 - Designs for placards.

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

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Ref/429/6/CA.

20 May 1944.

SUBJECT : Display of Identification Placards by
Members of the Italian Government.

TO : III District (for 57 and 94 Areas)
R.O. Region III
P.B.S.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. The display on automobiles of placards as attached has been approved
by the Allied Control Commission and by the Italian Government as follows:

Crown Insignia

H.M.	The King
H.M.	" Queen
H.R.H.	" Crown Prince
H.R.H.	" Duke of Genova
H.R.H.	" Duchessa of Genova
H.R.H.	" Duke of Aosta
H.R.H.	" Duchessa of Aosta (Mother)

Yellow and Red RGI Insignia

Ministers and their Chiefs of Cabinet.
Undersecretaries of State and their Chief of Cabinet.
Secretary General of Foreign Affairs and his Chief of Cabinet.
High Commissioners and their 1st Secretaries.

2. Instructions have been given that the placard will be displayed only
when the vehicle is occupied by the person or persons authorized to display the
sign.

3. The identification placard does not in any way entitle the user to
any special privileges other than those ordinarily rendered to members of the
Italian Government, but serves as a ready means of identification, and it is
requested that all assistance possible be given to facilitate the movement of
a car displaying this sign.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to:

Deputy Chief Commissioner (ref. your AGC/200.2 of 17 May 1944)

SUBJECT: RGI and Crown Insignia.

RC & MG Sec.
A.O.C. APO 394

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May this office please be supplied with copy of your 429/6/CA dated 20 May 1944, together with 6 specimens of the RGI and Crown Insignia for issue to Military Police units under command.

10 June 1944.

Major,
Assistant Provost Marshal
Headquarters 57 Area.

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

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Ref/429/9/CA

14 June 1944.

SUBJECT : RGI and Crown Insigna.

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

Reference the attached copy letter from AMP 57 Area dated 10 June 1944, can you forward a few more copies of placards for the use of the APM.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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

17 June, 1944.

ACG/14408/PS.

SUBJECT : R.G.I. and Crown Insignia.

TO : RC & MG Section (through V.P. Admin. Section)

1. Reference your letter 429/9/CA, dated 14 June, 1944.
2. Forwarded herewith are six (6) specimens of the Crown and R.G.I. placards for issue to APM, 57 Area.

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

Enclosure:

Six specimen Crown cards.
Six specimen R.G.I. cards.

Copy:

Italian Liaison Section.

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

Ref/388/21/CA

5 July 1944

SUBJECT: Searching of Minister of Justice by Military Police.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner. *A*

Reference your A/CC 014.13 of 30 June 44 there is forwarded to you copy letter from No. 3 District addressed to this Hq. dated 3 July 44 with copy RAF Military Police report attached.

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P.H.
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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

Ref /388/23/CA

5 July 1944

SUBJECT: Searching of Minister of Justice by Military Police.

TO : Admin. Sect. (for Legal Sub-Comm.)

Reference your AGC/ACLB/L of 27 June 44 which is forwarded to you copy letter from Hon. 3 District addressed to this Hq. dated 3 July 44 with copy RAF Military Police report attached. A copy is being forwarded to the Acting Chief Commissioner.
may we have your comments please.

J.M.
NORMAN R. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Subject:- Discipline

→ HQ Allied Control Commission
(RC and MG Sec)

A AAI
214 Gp RAF

Ref your 388/18/CA dated 28 Jun 44.

1. The attached report from the RAF Military Police who stopped the Minister's car is forwarded.
2. Ref para 4 of your letter, as 800 American and British cigarettes were found in the luggage do you still consider special passes should be issued exempting "High Italian Officials" and their families or friends from these snap checks for contraband?

HBT/MH.

Maj Gen
Comd



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COPY

Officer i/c
Mobile Check Post.
No 3 District.

Sir,
I have to report that at about 0900 hrs. 22 June 44. I was on duty in company with Cpl. Nott. E. R.A.F. Police on the Scafati - Salerno Road, when in the course of our duty we had occasion to stop a civilian car containing three men and a lady.

Inside the car were several suitcases, and the driver seemed very reluctant over allowing them to be examined, stating that one of the passengers was a Minister of the Italian Government and that neither he nor any of his passengers were in possession of contraband or any Allied property. However on examination of the cases by Cpl Nott and myself we found that one of them contained about 800 American and British cigarettes, concealed underneath garments of clothing.

Each passenger was questioned in turn but none would accept ownership, they were accordingly confiscated.

During the examination of the vehicle the utmost respect and consideration was shown by Cpl Nott and myself towards the persons concerned. The attitude towards us however was not becoming, and they doubted our authority although we were correctly dressed in duty order and wearing arm-bands.

Field
24 June 44

(Sgd) T M Hue Cpl
919362
R.A.F. Police.

Sir,
I have read over the above report and corroborate.

Field
24 June 44

(Sgd) E Nott. Cpl.
905128
R.A.F. Police.

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

Ref/388/CA/20

2 July 1944

SUBJECT: Searching of Minister of Justice by Military Police
TO : Actg. Chief Commissioner.

1. Reference your ACC/ OLA.13 of 30 June 44 this matter was taken up with 3 District by phone on 22 June. Legal Sub-Commission were also asked to forward a report on the matter.
2. The report was forwarded by this Branch to No. 3 District copy of letter attached.
3. The result of the enquiry by No. 3 District is still awaited.

NORMAN E. FINE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION 20H
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Searching of Minister of Justice by
Military Police

FILE No. A/CC 014.13

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

30 June 1944
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1. Reference is made to attached:
 - a. Letter, Admin Sec Hq ACC, ACC/4018/L, dated 27 June 44.
 - b. Letter, Legal Sub-Commission, Hq ACC, ACC/4018/L, 27 June 44.
 - c. Letter, Ministry of Justice, dated 22 June 44 (translation).
2. The Acting Chief Commissioner requests that the strongest representations be made to the Military authorities requesting that appropriate instructions be issued to prevent future occurrences of this nature.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

cc: Admin Section

L. D. Densmore 2856
L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
PA to A/CC

Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Searching of Minister of Justice by
Military Police

R.O. & M.O. Section, Hq ACC

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DSN 415
30 JUN 1944

A/CC 014.13

30 June

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cc: Admin Section

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
PA to A/CC

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

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RAF/303/18/MA.

28 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Searching of Minister of Justice by Military Police.

TO : No. 3 District.

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation by Major Reeken with your "A" Branch on the 22nd June 1944.
2. For your use is sent copy report by the Minister of Justice H.E. Tuppino setting out the facts of the case.
3. It is understood that the Minister's car bore the official markings and that both he and his Secretary were in possession of regular passes and identification papers.
4. It is suggested that instructions be given to the Military Police to use particular care when dealing with high Italian Officials. It may be that you may consider the need for the issue of special form of pass to high Italian Officials.
5. May this HQ be informed of the result of your enquiry into the incident.

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[Signature]

NORMAN R. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

JAR/RAC.

Copy to: Legal Sub-Commission (Your 4022/L of 27 June refers)
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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Copy for Deputy Executive Commissioner

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
ACG 394.

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27 June 1944.

REFERENCE : ACG/4018/L.

SUBJECT : Searching of Minister of Justice by Military Police.

TO : Acting Deputy Chief Commissioner (thru V.P. Admin Sec).

1. Attached for your information is a report from the Minister of Justice, His Excellency Tuppins, concerning the searching of his own and his secretary's person as well as his car and official documents and private papers by members of the Allied Military Police on 22 June.

2. On learning of this incident on the afternoon of the same day, I telephoned to the R.O. & M.O. Section at ACG HQ., asking them to take the matter up immediately with No. 3 District. The result of the enquiry is awaited.

3. I understand that the Minister's car bore the official markings and that both he and his Secretary were in possession of regular passes and identification papers.

4. It is suggested that as any repetition of such incidents would be likely to have most unfortunate repercussions at a high level, instructions be given with all due speed to the Military Police to use particular care when dealing with high Italian officials, and that furthermore some form of special pass be established for such persons which will entitle them to free passage and exemption from such formalities.

Question for P.S. to take up!

Encl : 1 copy report.

Gerald R. Upton

GERALD R. UPTON,

Colonel,

Chief of Staff.

Copy to : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

→ Deputy Executive Commissioner (where 388/13/CA
of 23 Jun refers.)

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TRANSLATION

Rome 22.6.44

Ministry of Pardon and Justice.

To the Allied Central Subcommission.

SUBJECT: Report on incident involving His Excellency the Minister.

On 22 June 44 at about 8 or 8.15 A.M. the car of His Excellency Tupini, Minister of Justice, was stopped at the police block in the outskirts of Napoli on the Naples autostrada. His Excellency was travelling from Salerno to Naples on official business for the purpose of attending a meeting with the other Ministers of the Cabinet of S.A.R. II. Luogotenente del Regno.

In spite of the fact that the status of His Excellency appeared on the paper fixed to the wind-screen of the car and in spite of the fact that this status was declared orally and set out in his personal papers, the soldiers of the Allied Military Police having stopped the car proceeded to search everything in it, and even searched the person of H.E. Tupini, of his private Secretary Dr. Dondora and the driver. In the process of this search about a dozen "Old Gold" cigarettes were confiscated from Dr. Dondora, which he had in his pocket and also an empty petrol tin kept in the luggage "boot". The official papers and the private correspondence of the Minister and of those who were with him were examined.

Only after strong remonstrance and having stopped the car for about a quarter of an hour did the soldiers of the Allied Police allow His Excellency the Minister to proceed to Naples.

For your information and such action as may be fit.

Obediently

Dr. Dondora

Private Secretary to H.E. the Minister
for Pardon and Justice.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED AIR FORCE AREA COMMAND
APO 650

G-DDD/ccj

19 June, 1944

AREA BULLETIN)
NUMBER12)

OFFICIAL

1. SABOTAGE:- On the 17 June, about 1900 hours, the Foggia power line was cut just outside of town. There is evidence that the break was caused by someone who fired shots from a .45 cal automatic weapon through the wires. The culprit was most probably a member of the Allied Armed Forces. As a result of the break, operations of many establishments were cut out for about 15 hours over a considerable area and work slowed down all over the affected area.

It is requested that anyone having knowledge of that act of sabotage so inform the Provost Marshal of this Headquarters.

It is further requested that anyone witnessing or having knowledge of indiscriminate firing in the area, especially where electricity, water, or other utilities or installations might be damaged either attempt to apprehend the parties or report the incident to the Provost Marshal.

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2. RELATIONS WITH ITALIANS:- The following information was received from Allied Armies in Italy, and is brought to the attention of all units in this area.

"A considerable number of cases have occurred where troops of the Allied Forces have come into conflict with the Italian Carabinieri. In several instances the Carabinieri have used their arms, with fatal results.

It should be very clearly understood by all ranks that cases of this nature will be judged strictly upon their merits. The Carabinieri have important responsibilities. If Allied soldiers molest them, or interfere with them in the course of their duties, they should not expect any different treatment from that which they would receive if they gave similar trouble to Military Police of the Allied Forces.

On the whole, the Italian Carabinieri have behaved well and constitute an important factor in the maintenance of order among the civil population. So long as they carry out their responsibilities in a correct manner, the Commander-in-Chief wishes them to be given support, and he directs that suitable punishment should be meted out to any ill-disciplined soldiers who misbehave towards them".

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Copy To Legal

Tell him
at next
Conference.
8/23/6

See Staff
Lt Col. H. W. W. W.
Lt. 23/6 P/A.

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R E S T R I C T E D

Area Bulletin No 12 (Cont'd)

3. TRIP TICKETS:- All units are reminded that gasoline supply points including British operated petrol points have been instructed to require a properly issued trip-ticket or work ticket before refueling any vehicle.

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4. PURCHASE OF MILITARY VEHICLES:- All military personnel are warned that all British Motorcycles in this theater, like other forms of military transport, are government property and are not legally available for sale to individuals. Purchase of such motorcycles or other motor vehicles is nearly certain to result in monetary loss upon confiscation of the vehicle and may also result in disciplinary action under Articles of War 83 and 84.

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5. RESTRICTED AREA:- No vehicles of units within the Allied Air Force Area are permitted on the Gargano Peninsula from APRICENA to PRESCHICI, without a special permit issued by the British Garrison Commander. This includes all the towns and roads between APRICENA and PRESCHICI.

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6. TAXI SERVICE:- Civilian carriages for hire in Foggia are not permitted to transport military personnel outside the city of Foggia without a special trip permit obtained from the military police station on Corso Vittorio Emanuele. Carriages are limited to three passengers and the driver. A new fare schedule has been issued which the driver is required to produce for passengers on demand.

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7. CIVILIANS RIDING GOVERNMENT VEHICLES:- Civilian passengers in military vehicles can be authorized only by the officer controlling the transportation who will indorse on the trip ticket a specific permit showing name of driver, names of civilian passengers, and points between which they are to be carried. When work crews are transported the authorization will show the name of the foreman and number of workers under his control.

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8. ICE CREAM MANUFACTURE FROM POWDERED EGGS:- A potential danger exists in the use of dehydrated eggs in an unheated condition in cold ice cream mixes.

Units using powdered eggs in the manufacture of ice cream mixes will heat the eggs to 155°F for thirty (30) minutes before adding to the mix, which should then be immediately frozen.

In order to prevent coagulation of the eggs, approximately one quart of water or milk should be added to each pound of powdered eggs and the resultant mix stirred constantly during the half-hour of heating.

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Area Bulletin No 12 (L A'd)

9. MEDICAL LECTURES:- All Medical Officers from units within this area are requested to attend lectures on Malaria Control, Treatment of Malaria, and Joint Diseases. These lectures will be given at the 61st Station Hospital, 21 June 1944, at 1930 hours.

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10. POTATOES:- By proclamation of Provincial Commissioner, AMG, for Allied Control Commission, the sale by civilians of new potatoes to units, individuals and messes of the Allied Military Forces is forbidden. The purchase by the military is accordingly declared illegal until further notice.

The reason for stopping the sale of potatoes is that, although the price of this item had been set at 10 Lira per kilo, some Army units have been offering 25 to 40 Lira per kilo, thereby tempting the farmers to lift their crops before they are mature, cutting down production. If this practice were to continue a serious shortage will occur later making it impossible to secure fresh potatoes through any sources.

By order of the Area Commander:

Donald E. Devar
DONALD E. DEVAR,
Captain, AGD.,
Adjutant General.

I N F O R M A T I O N

1. MALARIA CONTROL:- Malarialogist No 2 District has reported that an area (2½) miles Westward and (2½) miles inland from Peschici is highly malarious.

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DISTRIBUTION: "A" plus RAF Units.

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

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Ref/388/13/GA.

23 June 1944.

SUBJECT: C.M.P. Activities.

TO : Admin Section (For Legal Sub-Commission).

Reference telephone conversation (Col. Upjohn - Major Reakes speaking) the incident has been reported to No. 3 District. "A" Branch ask for a fuller report of the incident in which a Minister of Justice was searched at 0830 hrs on 22 June 1944 in POMPHRI by a C.M.P. despite the fact that he was carrying an official pass. More details such as description of the C.M.P., witnesses etc are required.

[Signature]

JER/RAC.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Ex Comm:

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CC. made no comment
on this directive.
In view of ^{final} pers, the
method of circulation of
this order presents a
problem.

I suggest we send
to ~~the~~ Commission
and R C and ask
them to tell their
officers.

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As amended

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See folios
9 to 11

It was ~~revised~~ as ~~discussed~~ 17/6

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

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref/388/11/OA.

17 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Relations with Italians.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII & Rome.
SCAO's 5th and 8th Armies.
V.P.'s Admin. & Economic Sections.

1. A copy of a directive from C.-in-C. on the subject of relations with Italians was forwarded to you on 14 June 1944.
2. You are requested to ensure that all officers serving under you are informed of the contents of this letter. As stated in the last para of the directive it should not be circulated below addressees to whom this letter is sent.

GWIS/RAC.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Executive Commission

There are for 9.
You will wish to show this to
Chief Commissioner.

In view of last para. will you
instruct on circulation.

Suggest Regions & Sections
Independent Lab. Commissions may be
considered as "equivalent H.Q."

cc
Dep. cc
V. Ps.
Regional Commissioners
S & B Armies

to Dipinto White
Major Gen.
13 JUN.

} sent 14/6
M 13/6/44

Delivered
14/6

cc. Make 20 copies for 9.

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14/6

11/6

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C A B

Subject :- Relations With Italians.

CG FIFTH ARMY
EIGHTH ARMY {Main}
EIGHTH ARMY {Rear}
5 Corps
1 District
2 District
3 District

CONFIDENTIAL

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
C.M.F.
5063/3/A(PS).

11 Jun. 44.

When Allied troops invaded ITALY in September 43, I issued a directive (15 Army Group signal MGAL40 of 28 Sep. 43), regarding their behaviour towards the Italians. In brief, I said that their attitude should be correct but not familiar, as befitted the soldiers of a victorious Army entering a conquered country.

The time has come when I consider it desirable to modify this directive.

During the past eight months we have had valuable and sincere co-operation from the Italian armed forces and population in occupied ITALY. The people have had a hard time and have borne their lot well. Their combat troops have acquitted themselves well in the line, others have done good work in our bases and ports. Their Navy and Air Force have given important assistance.

ITALY has not yet been accorded the status of ally. It is not the policy of the Allied Governments that this status should be given to her yet. It is not, therefore, my wish that we should treat with the Italians on those terms of cordiality and familiarity which obtain between allies.

On the other hand I do consider that we should show sympathy for their difficulties and consideration for their legitimate needs. I have in mind, for example, such questions as the requisitioning of accommodation, in which our attitude in the past may perhaps, in some cases, have been dictated more by consideration of convenience than of military necessity. I also feel strongly that their troops who are fighting by the side of our own should be treated fairly in all things and given encouragement.

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In brief, while the Italian Government, troops and people co-operate with us in the defeat of Germany, I consider it to be proper and expedient that we should show them good-will without familiarity and consideration without weakness.

This document must not be circulated below Brigade, Regiment or equivalent H.Q., but commanders are requested to ensure that all officers serving under them are aware of my wishes and respect them.

BHR/cmb.

Copies to:-

CG MAAP
CG NATAF
FOWIT

FOTALI
CG PBS
ACC

General,
Commander-in-Chief.

H.R. Alexander

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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FILE:RC/000.73

15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship Report

TO : Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.G. Section
A. C. C.

Your 388/4/CA of 25 APR.

For your information, herewith copy of investigation
made by Public Safety Officer MESSINA.

A. Hancock
A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

Major D. White

Ref II.

- 1. I agree.*
- 2. Pl. take up tomorrow yourself.*
- 3. Answered by 2. Rub it in.*
- 4. No then p.s.*

*taken up
at Staff
meeting 25/5*

Encls- Papers re investigations made of relations with
populace - MESSINA.

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to be kept

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- 1. This is an example of the value of 28/4/44*
- 2. May. Brown might see on the case he reported at the Staff meeting.*
- 3. Info. Div. should also see if 2 is not adopted*
- 4. No other action.*

Dec

PROVINCIAL CONTROL COMMISSIONERS
PROVINCE OF MESSINA

File I273 PS
Messina.

POLICE OFFICE

Subject: — RELATIONS WITH POPULACE.

9th. MAY, 1944

To: — REGIONAL COMMISSIONER,
Region I H. Q.
A.C.C. Palermo.

Reference A.C.C. No. I Region H. Q. letter File No.
EO/000.73 dated 2 May 1944.

I have made enquiries respecting the matter shown in
attached censored letter but nothing is known of any such incident as
described, either by this office or the Military Police, or Naval Police.

The writer of the letter is an Italian soldier employed
on guard duty near the port at Messina. He was seen and questioned when
he stated that the story in his letter was untrue and that it was an
exaggeration of a slight incident that occurred near his guard post one
night when there was a quarrel between some English sailors (not soldiers)
who had been drinking, and two or three civilians and an Italian soldier.
The writer of letter was on guard duty and could hear sounds of the
quarrel and later heard a shot fired when the sailors and other persons
hurried away. No further particulars could be obtained as to the person
involved in the quarrel and there was no evidence as to any person being
wounded.

Adona Captain.
Provincial Public Safety Officer.
Messina.

Ex. O.

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Messina, Sicilia.

PAN MALEI, Sebastiano
Ula, Prov. Cagliari
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14 May 44
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Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
C.M.F.

5063/6/A(PS)

10 May 44.

C.G. FIFTH ARMY.
Main H.Q. EIGHTH ARMY
5 Corps
H.Q. 1 District
H.Q. 2 District
H.Q. 3 District

A considerable number of cases have occurred where troops of the Allied Forces have come into conflict with the Italian Carabinieri. In several instances the Carabinieri have used their arms, with fatal results.

It should be very clearly understood by all ranks that cases of this nature will be judged strictly upon their merits. The Carabinieri have important responsibilities. If Allied soldiers molest them, or interfere with them in the course of their duties, they should not expect any different treatment from that which they would receive if they gave similar trouble to Military Police of the Allied Forces.

On the whole the Italian Carabinieri have behaved well and constitute an important factor in the maintenance of order among the civil population. So long as they carry out their responsibilities in a correct manner, the Commander-in-Chief wishes them to be given support, and he directs that suitable punishment should be meted out to any ill-disciplined soldiers who misbehave towards them.

Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.-

BHR/emb.

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Copy to: - C.G. T.A.F.
C.G., P.B.S.
Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

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

Ref/388/4/GA.

25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Relations with Italians.

TO : R.C. Region I.

Attached hereto is a copy of censor report
of letter sent from Sicily to Sardinia for your
information and any action you consider necessary.

ROBERT E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: P.S. Sub-Commission. (Admin Section)

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APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 388/3/CA.

9th April 1944.

SUBJECT: British Institute in PALERMO.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region I.

1. I refer to your RFD 312 of 18th March addressed to The Secretary General, The British Council, through the Secretary General, HQ. A.C.C.

2. This raises a matter of policy which concerns your Region. As such it should be addressed to H.Q. A.C.C., or more particularly to R.C. & M.G. Section, where it would be given proper consideration.

3. You should not communicate with an organization outside this country and except in matters affecting General MacFarlane you should not communicate with the Secretary General.

4. On first impression I feel that until Italy has become an Ally it would be unwise to encourage Anglo-Italian associations.

MEL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 388/2/CA.

9th April 1944.

SUBJECT: Anglo-Italian Cultural Association.

TO : Political Section.

1. Regional Commissioner, Region I has written requesting the British Council to become interested in the formation of an Anglo-Italian Cultural Association in Sicily.

2. I consider that until Italy becomes an Ally the formation of Anglo-Italian Associations is premature and would lead to the formation of clubs and other social mixings. Do you agree?

3. I have taken up separately with the Regional Commissioner the erroneous method of addressing the British Council direct.

WSI/JC.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE:RED 312

18 March 1944

SUBJECT: British Institute in Palermo

TO : The Secretary General the British Council
8, Hanover St., London W.I.

THROUGH: The Secretary General, ACC, HQ

1. Anglo-Italian Cultural Association.

A group of Palermitan Anglophiles has formed an Association for the promotion and development of Anglo-Italian cultural relations. The Statute of this association is enclosed, together with a list of names of those forming the Central Committee (encl.Nol.). The group is at present sponsoring some English classes in Palermo.

2. Request for premises.

A request has been made by this association for premises, and it has been suggested that they might be allotted one or two rooms in the British Institute premises (Palazzo Costantino). It is considered, however, that no such arrangement should be made, until the policy of the British Council is known.

3. Custody of British Institute premises.

Since October 1943 the premises formerly occupied by the British Institute in Palermo (Piano Nobile of the Palazzo Costantino, 217 Via Maqueda) have been held in custody for the British Council by the Educational Advisor, AMGOT, and later by the Chief, Education Division, Region I. Copies of a letter to the proprietor of the building from the Chief, Education Division and of a memorandum of the Educational Subcommittee are attached (enclosures 2 and 3). The building has not been requisitioned by the Allied Forces.

4. Early advice on this matter would be appreciated.

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

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