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SUBJECT : Intelligence Organisation of the Interim Army

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC. (MMIA)

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8 Nov 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. You are requested to furnish to this HQ your proposals, in general terms, for the Intelligence Organisation of the Interim Army.

2. Your proposals should show :

(a) The functions and limitations of the Intelligence Branch, i.e. specifically what subjects are NOT the responsibility of Army Intelligence, as well as the subjects for which they are responsible.

(b) The detailed layout proposed for e.g. the ⁷¹¹² general staff, Territorial Comd Hqs, Internal security Div and Regt Hqs, Inf Div etc.

(c) The numbers, by ranks and appts, involved.

(d) Whether or not you consider that all or part or none of these duties should be carried out by CC RR, as opposed to personnel drawn from other arms of the service and trained for the purpose.

(e) What units are at present working for the Allies in this field, and their strength.

Your proposals should distinguish between your actual future requirements for the Interim Army and such assistance as is at present being given to the Allies (e.g. 808 ORG Bn).

A. H. Smith
Major General,
MMIA.

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War Diary (two)

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FROM MAIN EIGHTH ARMY 291215

TO AFHQ

INFO MMIA

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CL 851 CONFIDENTIAL (() YOUR FX83607 OF 28 AND
F74444 OF 12 MAY (.) COLQUHOUN WILL ARRIVE IN ROME
NT 4 JUNE TO SEE LT-COL INGLEDEW(.) REGRET DELAY IN
REPLYING DUE TO UNCERTAINTY COLQUHOUNS COMMITMENTS
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TO : MAIN 8 ARMY
INFO: AFHQ
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FROM AFHQ 281335Z

TO MAIN EIGHT ARMY

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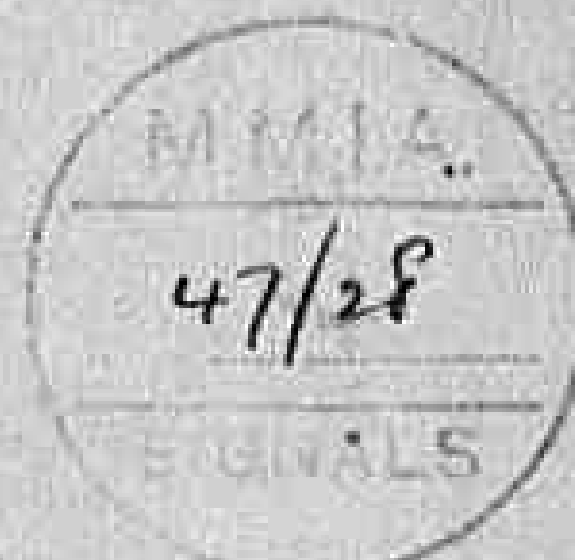
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To Colonel Pataky
H.M.I.A.
Lee
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Gift to file
MP

Ref: 49/PAT.
19th Sept., 44.

MINUTES OF A MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION
OF SCREENING AGENTS AND RECRUITING OF PATRIOTS.

Present:

General BERNARDI - Chief of Staff of the Italian
Army.

Col. FALLAVICINI
Col. PAVA
Lt. Col. SAMPO
Lt. Col. BARNABO
Major CANALE
Major STURCHIO
Lt. VILLA.

Major Sir P. MAGNUS - Patriots Branch
Col. PIGSBY - "MOLA"
Major BOWMAN - "
Capt. SMLEY - "
Lt. Col. JARZEN - Patriots Branch.
Lt. DI LORETO - "

1. Major Magnus opened the meeting by asking
Lt. Di Loreto to give details of the present
situation as regards the areas south of the arales.
2. Lt. Di Loreto explained that the

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General BERARDI - Chief of Staff of the Italian Army.

Col. Dave

Lt. Col. BARNARD

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COL. PROPERTY

Capt. J. E. B. Smith

It. DI LORENTO

2. Lt. Di Loreto explained that the screening agents working in this area had produced a negligible number of recruits for the Italian Army.

3. Maj. Magnus pointed out that in his opinion the reason for this failure was largely a lack of transcript.

4. General Berardi stated that in his opinion the lack of recruits was due also to : -

- (a) The necessary rations and clothing not being forthcoming.
- (b) Too much time being allowed to elapse between the arrival of the allied armies and the calling in of recruits.
- (c) *In agreement with Major Magnus in his lack of*
He added that Patriot enthusiasm could not be allowed to die down. If they were dissolved and allowed to go home it was difficult to recall them. He suggested that they could be recruited as soon as the allied armies arrived and immediately put into camps on army rations.

5. Major Magnus asked General Berardi whether, in view of the fact that transport and suitable rations were now available, he approved a further effort being made to collect recruits in the areas South of the araise, despite the lapse of time.

6. General Berardi gave his full approval to this but stated that the Lazio area should be left out, as an ordinary call-up was in operation there, *during his period of recruit and movement.*

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- (1) - That the three screening agents for the back areas should come to Rome as receive the new instructions as soon as possible.
 - (ii) - That the areas should be taken in turn using all the cars in one area at one time. *This is consideration of lack of transport*
 - (iii) - That the first area should be AVERSA.
- Major Magnus agreed.

This is consideration of his lack of transport
./.

(c) Col. Pidsley said that M.M.I.A. had wired I District giving authority to Col. Sampo to enlist up to 1000 recruits in one batch for the Italian Army and to utilize oil transport to move these recruits to VAIANO.

(d) Major Magnus stated that in Florence, Adv. HQ. Patriot Branch had 20 to 30 cars available for hire provided the Italian Government was prepared to pay 300-400 lire a day each for the hire. In addition to this, the AMG were allowing the drivers one meal a day. General Berardi said that he agreed to the hire of these cars by the Italian Government.

(e) The question of transport for camps was raised. It was decided to postpone any discussion on patriot camps until next meeting at 1700 hours that afternoon.

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Col. Pidsley added that the 1000 must be got to the railhead before 23rd Sept. as after that date there might be no trains available.

11. Major Magnus stated that plans for handling recruits in the Rome areas covered the period 25th September to 25th October. After this, the situation would again be reviewed. General Derardi approved this.

12. SUMMARY.

It was agreed that:

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- (1) Patriots in ~~FLORENCE~~ ^{and of Siena} should be recruited into the Italian Army on the spot.
- (11) Cars were to be hired at the expense of the Italian Government and screening agents would cover the areas of AREZZANO and VITERBO for recruits.
- (111) 20 to 30 cars were to be hired in Florence at the expense of the Italian Government to be used by screening agents in that area.

P. N. Magnus

Sir P. N. Magnus
Major.

13. General Berardi stated:
Two points have been decided.
1. The immediate recruiting of patriots ²¹¹⁹⁰ in Florence and Siena.
 2. Arrangements to be made for recruiting of patriots in Arezzo and Viterbo ~~and~~ to be held ready upon call.

I concur with the above and added remarks.
(Signed) General Berardi.

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20/9/44.

Note: Additions in ink
made by General Berardi.

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SUBJECT: Patriots - Italian Army
Screening Agencies

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Army Sub Commission (NSIA)
H. G. A.C.C.
R O M E
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✓ Sept 44

NSIA LO 8 Army

Copy to: NSIA LO 5 Army
NSIA LO 1 Dist
ACC Patriot Branch

1. Col Fildley and Capt Selby attended a meeting at the Patriot Branch, ACC on 10 Sept 44 at which the general opinion was expressed that the NSIA (NSIA) agencies for screening and enlisting patriot volunteers laid down in letter (of 23 Jul) were not working properly.

2. The following particular points were made.

(a) para 2 (a) The agency sent to 8 Army had been returned to Rome and was idle.

(b) para 2 (b) The agencies generally tended to put obstacles in the way of certain patriot volunteers, to be ignorant of conditions laid down and that they had political partialities.

(c) para 2 (c) The agencies for back areas had completely failed in their duties.

It was decided that Patriot Branch would take up the points, would redouble its efforts to get the show running.

2. It must be clearly understood that screening agencies in Army areas operate under the control of Army AGC officers and that the evacuation of volunteers, the administration of staging camps and the feeding of personnel are a Patriot responsibility. NSIA LO's are not in any way responsible for Patriots. Furthermore no mutual arrangements will be made nor will any agreements be reached by NSIA LO's and the Patriot Branch ACC.

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Army Sub Commission (MIA)

H.Q. A.C.C.

R.O.M.E.

22/8/49

12 Sep 44

SUBJECT: Screening Detachments

War Ministry

Copy to: HQ EIGHTH ARMY

Detriets Branch A.C.C.

MALA LO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

MALA LO 1 District

Ref our letter 4/19 of 23 Jul 44, not to all, instructing you to send three Italian Army detachments to the combat zone for screening and enrolling suitable Italian patriot volunteers into the Italian Army.

1. On or after 15 Sep 44 (date will be agreed by EIGHTH ARMY), Lieut DE LORNETO U.S. Army of Detriets's Branch A.C.C. will accompany Col SANTUCCI's det from HOME to Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY (MALA LO 1st Col MOUNTAIN) to re-consume work in EIGHTH ARMY area.

2. Please alert the det and its tyt to be ready as from 15 Sep 44 to report to HQ A.C.C., pick up Lieut DE LORNETO and move to Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

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for
Major General

Army Sub Commission MIA

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.

ROME.

1/112

6 Sept 44.

My Dear

I send you the attached correspondence because quite frankly I do not know what to do with it !

I have no dealings whatever with SIM. The only way I have been at all concerned with SIM was to find out what its organisation was from the point of view of the ration strength of the Italian Army.

The operative part of SIM is under EGS (1) H.Q.AAI, and I suggest you deal with the matter through him.

Yours,

L.B.

Colonel B. TOZER,
Sigs I, G-2 Section,
A.F.H.Q.
C.M.F.

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Date Recd	19/7/44

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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Copy to B-369.506/70

25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Forward Counter Intelligence, CMF.

TO : HQ, A.A.I.
Allied Control Commission, Rear HQ.
A.C. of S, G-2 SOS Natoussa
HQ, No. 1 District
HQ, No. 2 District
HQ, No. 3 District
Forward Counter Intelligence, CMF

1. This office letter dated 7 January 1944, reference as above, subject "Advanced G-2 (C.I.) A.F.H.Q." (Not to all addressees) is hereby cancelled.
2. All functions previously performed by Forward Counter-Intelligence (the advanced Section in Italy of G-2 (C.I.) Section, A.F.H.Q.) will in future be carried out by G-2 (C.I.) Section, A.F.H.Q., with the exception noted in Paragraph 3 below.
3. Forward Counter-Intelligence will remain at Bari, and will continue to supervise the control of refugees, and escapees crossing the Adriatic to Italian sea and air ports as heretofore and will keep this Section informed. All correspondence on this subject should be addressed to Forward Counter-Intelligence.
4. Applications for Military Travel Authorisations will be forwarded to G-2 (C.I.) Section, A.F.H.Q. and not to Forward Counter-Intelligence as laid down in G-5, A.F.H.Q. Instruction MGS 300.4-4 dated 11 January 1944, as amended by the instruction of the same reference dated 29 February 1944. All reference to Forward Counter-Intelligence in the latter instruction should be deleted and G-2 (C.I.) Section, A.F.H.Q. substituted therefor. Applications for Military Travel Authorisations which are made in Bari and are of an urgent nature may be made, however, to Forward Counter-Intelligence.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

S. S. Hill-Dillon
S. S. HILL-DILLON
Colonel, General Staff
G-2 (C.I.) Section

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M.I.5 (The War Office)
Office of the U.S. Political Advisor
Office of the British Resident Minister
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Rome
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Bari.
Air Force Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Bari.
"Z" Military Mission
G.S.I.(b) Admn. Echelon EQ, S.O.(M), C.M.F.
Allied Censorship Control Office, Main Post Office Bldg., Bari.
S.I.L.O.
C.S.D.I.C.(East)
Military Mission, Italian Army, Lecce.
F.B.S.O.(Med.).
F.B.S.O.(Adriatic Coast)
F.B.S.O.(Taranto)
F.B.S.O.(Naples)
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SUBJECT: Control of Movement - Italian Air Force Personnel

File 34
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEQUIL (LEUCE)
1/112

29 June 44

Col. STIMONS MIA LO SARDINIA

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Copy to: Air Forces Sub Commission ACC BARI (Your AFSC/313/2/ORG of 19 June refers)

1. Air Forces Sub Commission have proposed that this HQ might authorize MIA representatives in Sardinia to frank passes for Italian Air Force personnel.

This HQ agrees to the above proposal.

2. The duties of Army Sub Commission Representatives would be to counter-sign on behalf of Air Forces Sub Commission the official travel or leave passes issued by the Italian Air Force authorities.

A copy of the control of movement regulations is attached.

3. It is requested that you keep a list of personnel for whom passes have been counter-signed and forward a copy once a month to this HQ.

CGL.

[Signature]
Colonel
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
RAC.

TO : Headquarters (Main)
Army Sub-Commission, (ACSA),
100 RUE, Lecce.

DATE : 27th June 1944.

REF : AMSC/513/2/ORG.

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Control of Movement - Italian Air Force Personnel

Receipt is acknowledged of Headquarters, Army
Sub-Commission letter 1/112 dated 25th June 1944.

2. Italian Air Force personnel travelling from Bari to
will be issued with official leave or travel passes by the
Italian Air Force authorities in Bari. These passes must
bear a counter-signature on behalf of this Sub-Commission
authorizing the journey.

3. It would be appreciated if information could be given
as to the difference between the Control of Movement Orders
issued by the Army Sub-Commission, affecting the Italian Army
and the orders issued by this Sub-Commission affecting the
Italian Air Force.

4. This Sub-Commission has often been approached by the
Italian Air Force that its regulations were much more severe
than those in force for the Italian Army.

5. All regulations drafted here have been done in conjunction
with C.E.F. II No. 2 District and A.F.R. 2. Forward Counter
Intelligence.

In all correspondence with
this Headquarters use full
address: AIR FORCES
SUB-COMMISSION.

J. W. S. S. h
J. WATSON, QUARTERMASTER LEADER,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Control of Movement of Italian
Air Force Personnel

File
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEQUIL (LECCE)
I/112
25 June 44

Air Force Sub Commission A.C.C. BARI

Reference your AFSC/313/2/ORG of 19 June.

1. It is not clear from para 2 of ACC letter HQ/2128 of 12 June addressed to you exactly what is required of Army Sub Commission Representatives in SARDINIA regarding the authorization of passes for Italian Air Force personnel.
2. As your control of movement Regulations for the Air Force differ from those covering the Italian Army will you please state exactly what responsibilities you wish our representatives in SARDINIA to assume so that they may be notified.

CGL.

W. Selby Capt
for Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Army Sub Com
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20 June 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 594

Ref/266/20/CA

SUBJECT: Political Meetings.

TO : R.C.'s Regions II, IV, V, VIII and Rome.
S.C.A.O.'s 5 & 8 Armies.

1. This Headquarters letter 266/12/CA of 26 May 1944 is hereby cancelled together with all previous instructions issued by AMG/AOC and AMG 15 AG relating to holding of Public Meetings, and the following is substituted.
2. Permits to hold Public Meetings in Military Government territory will be issued only in accordance with General Order No. 25. The permits will be in the form contained in Exhibit "A" attached. Proper records of all such permits issued will be maintained by P.C.'s and SCAO's.
3. Arrangements will be made for important meetings to be reliably reported in order that the trend of public opinion may be assessed. A reference to this matter will be made in the monthly reports under the heading "Political Reactions and Popular Opinion".
4. Whenever an application to hold a public meeting is refused, this Headquarters will be informed by cable without delay of:
 - I. Nature of the banned meeting.
 - II. Auspices under which it was to be held.
 - III. Date, time and place proposed.
 - IV. Brief reasons for prohibition.such cables will be followed by a full report.
5. Regional Commissioners and SCAO's will note that under these instructions any statements given to the public stating the reasons for the banning of a meeting must be issued by R.C. & M.G. Section of HQ, Allied Control Commission.

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M.S. LUSH
M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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R.C.'s Regions I and II

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Exhibit "A"

Permit to hold a Public Meeting
No. _____

+ Region _____
+ SCAO _____th Army

Date _____
Province of _____

The person or persons named below are authorized to hold a public meeting in accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 25 and the terms and conditions detailed below:

TERMS

Name of Person (or Persons) authorized to hold meeting _____

Identity Card No. _____

Address _____

+ Name of Party, Society or Group _____

Authorized date of meeting _____

Time meeting is scheduled to commence _____

Place where the meeting is to be held _____

Object of the Meeting _____ **7103**

CONDITIONS

1. The meeting shall be conducted throughout in an orderly manner, and no person shall do or say anything;

(a) Which supports, or encourages any other person to support, any of the enemies of any of the United Nations, or any of the Fascist or Nazi parties.

(b) Which leads or may lead to public disorder.

(c) Which causes or may cause

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 - (c) Which causes or may cause, or encourage or may encourage any other person to cause, any interruption of or interference with the military effort of Italy or any of the United Nations.
2. Where the meeting is held outdoors, traffic, whether pedestrian or vehicular, must not be interfered with in any manner whatsoever.
3. This permit must be returned to the Questore of the province in which the meeting is to take place within three days after the authorized date of the meeting.
4. (Insert any additional conditions required) _____

Stamp

- * Provincial Commissioner
- * Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

+strike out if not applicable.

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FROM : Air Force Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
EAPC.
TO : Army Sub-Commission,
Main Headquarters, (ACEA),
Rome, Italy.
DATE : 19th June 1944.
REF : ARMO/515/2/CB.

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Control of Movement of Italian Air Force Personnel

Enclosed herewith copy of Control of Movement Order which has been issued to the Italian Air Force, together with Amendment No. 1 thereto.

Also enclosed herewith is copy of letter HQ/2128 from Region 6 of Allied Control Commission, dated 12th June 1944. Read in conjunction, these documents are self-explanatory.

2. Would Army Sub-Commission agree to the proposal contained in Paragraph 2 of the above referred to letter.

J. H. Waller 3/4
J. H. WALLER, SQUADRON LEADER,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR TRAVEL COMMISSION

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED SERVICES COMMISSION
SECTION 6

12th June 1944

TO : Air Force Sub-Commission, A.C.S., R.M.I.

SUBJECT : Control of Movement of Italian Air Force Personnel.

REFERENCE: HQ/2128

1. With reference to your AMUC/213/2/Orig of 1st June 1944, I am quite willing to assist in this matter if necessary. It seems to me, however, that this is a matter which could be more easily handled by the Representative of the Army Sub-Commission in ^{Sardinia}.

2. The Army Sub-Commission is represented in Sardinia by a staff located at A.C.S., R.M.I. The Army Sub-Commission Representative and his staff will be more acquainted with the method of dealing with the movement of Italian Forces than staff officers at this Headquarters.

Signed, M. CAIR, BRIGGIER,
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER.

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SUBJECT: Interrogations

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HQ 2 District CMT
2022/25 GSI

12 Jun 44

Ref this HQ 2022/25 GSI of 5 Mar not to all

Please amend para (1) to read

Unauthorized persons landing in No 2 District either by unauthorized boat or plane will be immediately taken into custody as IV and sent under escort to CSBIC (East) without delay. A nominal roll will be sent by hand of the escort to Forward Counter Intelligence, 104 Corso Cavour, Pail, giving the following info:

- (i) Name and nationality of vessel.
- (ii) Where from.
- (iii) Place and date of arrival.
- (iv) Full names of persons, nationality, date and place of birth.

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Major-General
Commanding 2 District

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- 62 AA Bde
- 573 Coast Regt RA.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 266/12/CA

SUBJECT: Political Meetings.

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

26 May 1944

1. Permits to hold public meetings in occupied territory will be issued only in accordance with General Order No. 25. The permits will be in the form contained in Exhibit "A" attached. Proper records of all such permits issued will be maintained by P.C.'s. and S.C.A.O.'s.

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- ii. auspices under which it was to be held.
- iii. date, time and place proposed.
- iv. brief reasons for prohibition.

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M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Exhibit "A"

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Permit to hold a Public Meeting
No. _____

+ Region _____
+ SGAO _____th Army

Date _____
Province of _____

The person or persons named below are authorized to hold a public meeting in accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 25 and the terms and conditions detailed below:

TERMS

Name of Person (or Persons) authorized to hold meeting _____

Identity Card No. _____

Address _____

+ Name of Party, Society or Group _____

Authorized date of meeting _____

Time meeting is scheduled to commence _____

Place where the meeting is to be held _____

Object of the Meeting _____ 7007

CONDITIONS

1. The meeting shall be conducted throughout in an orderly manner, and no person shall do or say anything:

- (a) Which supports, or encourages any other person to support, any of the enemies of any of the United Nations, or any of the Fascist or Nazi parties.
- (b) Which leads or may lead to public disorder.
- (c) Which causes or may cause, or encourage or may encourage any other

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 - (c) Which causes or may cause, or encourage or may encourage any other person to cause, any interruption of or interference with the military effort of Italy or any of the United Nations.
2. Where the meeting is held outdoors, traffic, whether pedestrian or vehicular, must not be interfered with in any manner whatsoever.
3. This permit must be returned to the Questore of the province in which the meeting is to take place within three days after the authorized date of the meeting.
4. (Insert any additional conditions required)

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+ Provincial Commissioner
+ Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

+strike out if not applicable.

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SUBJECT: Security Pol' y

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
I/112
18 May 44

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Lt Col QUINSMITH
Adv Hq Army Sub Comm
SALERNO

Herewith attached for your information a copy of a letter to
2 District in reference to their 2022/6 GSI of 24 April.

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Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
I/112
2 May 44

2 District

Copy to: Naval Sub Commission A.C.C.
AAI for GSI (b)
Army Sub Comm LO 2 Dis

Reference your letter 2022/6 GSI of April 24.

1. The Italian Army Authorities have been consulted on their responsibilities with regard to the system set out in your letter on coast watching.
2. There is a good system of security check in towns and villages back from the coast carried out by the Royal Carabineers and the Guardia di Finanza but the actual coast watching is a Naval Responsibility.
3. The Military authorities are fully aware of the vulnerability of the Heel of Italy and the Manfredonia spur to possible landings by enemy agents and have warned the Carabinieri and the Guardia di Finanza to be on the alert.

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Ma1 Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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I 17/5
13 May 1944

SUBJECT: Matter forwarded - Security - Policy.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MMA)
LEQUIL (LECCE).

Submitted herewith for your consideration
is the following document:

Letter No. 2022/6GSI from HQ 2 District CMF
dated 24 April, subject: Security - Policy, to Navy
and Army Sub-Commissions, A.C.C.

The delay in forwarding this document is
due to the fact that it has just been received from
the Navy Sub-Commission.

G. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

Encl. as above.

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Action already taken
see Folio 30.5

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Subject: - Security - Policy.

Naval Sub Commission ACC.
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Copy to: - GSI (b) AAI.

HQ 2 District CMF.
2022/6 GSI

24 APR 44.
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1. With finer weather, it is expected that escape parties to Italy will land from Albania and Yugoslavia. Among these people may well be enemy Agents. The most vulnerable areas are the heel of Italy and the MANFREDONIA spur.

2. It is desired therefore to make the system of coast watching as effective as possible in these areas.

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This system is worked by Italian Naval personnel: it is divided into:-

(a) Spotting of hostile aircraft and

(b) Spotting of odd boats; some of the stations are designed to do both tasks.

List of both of these types of stations as believed to exist at Appendix 'A'.

4. The stations are linked up by telephone communication in (a) and morse in (b); some stations have both systems of communication. Stations between BRINDISI and OTRANTO inclusive report direct to Italian Naval HQ in BRINDISI; stations between OTRANTO inclusive round to GALLIPOLI report to Italian Naval HQ TARANTO. It is understood that OTRANTO is in communication with both places. The only link with LECCE is apparently through the civil exchange in OTRANTO which closes at 1800 hrs and is therefore to all intents and purposes useless.

There is a further check in the villages and towns back from the coast furnished by the Guardia DI FINANZA.

A further recce of the Manfredonia peninsula will be carried out in the next few days.

This HQ will be grateful if you will confirm with Italian Authorities that the system set out above has been correctly understood and is in fact properly manned and what steps are necessary to make it more effective.

Kindly regard this matter as urgent.

MG.

/s/
for Major General,
Commanding 2 District

Appendix "A"

SHEET 44 LECCE.

Italy 1:250000

List of Coast Guard Stations in the heel of Italy working S. from
BRINDISI - 3333

TORRE MATARELLE (Morse and Phone) 4227

CASALABATE (Morse and Phone) 4918

BORGO GRAPPA (Phone) 5714

SCATAIDO (Morse and Phone) 6507

TORRE S. FOCA (Phone) 7498

TORRE DI ROCCA VECCHIA (Morse and Phone) 7696

OTRANTO (Morse and Phone) 8382

Pto DI BADISCO (unattended?) 8374

S. CESAREA (Morse and Phone) 8169

CASTRO (Morse and Phone) 7865

S.M. DI LEUCA (Morse and Phone) 7442

MASS I PALI 6047 " "

UGENTO 5656 " "

M LI SPECCHI 4858 " "

GALLIPOLI 3969 " "

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SUBJECT:- "Knights of Freedom" movement

Stato Maggiore R Esercito

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

The problem with regard to the "Knights of Freedom" movement concerns the Italian Royal Government and not the SMRE. This HQ takes the more orthodox non-political line and therefore disregards all types of volunteers until such time as orders are received from the Government to enrol them. Then, only, do we take steps to turn volunteers into soldiers.

This procedure has always been adopted and is being adopted in the case in question.

signed

B. BERARDI

Chief of the General Staff

213 10 May 7091

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SUBJECT: Security Policy

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (P 1A)
LEGHRE (LXCE)
1/112

To
2 May 11

2 District

Copy to: Naval Sub Commission A.C.C.
AAI for OSI (b)
Army Sub Com 10 2 Dia

Attached
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Maj Gen,
Army Sub Com A.C.C.

Copy sent to Quinsworth

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Kindly regard this matter as urgent.

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AS Matter
Major General,
Commanding 2 District.

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Appendix "A"

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SUBJECT: "Knights of Freedom"

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (AMIA)
LEQUITE (LECCE)
1/112
27 Apr 44.

S.M.R.E.

Your Excellency,

1. I recently received a report from G.O.C. No. 1 District SICILY on a movement calling itself "Knights of Freedom", details of which are mentioned in the attached letter from General MARIOTTI, Commander XII Corps. Moreover our Island Base Section even was asked to supply food and clothing for this movement.

2. I referred the matter to the Chief Commissioner A.C.C. who has replied that:

- (a) he is taking up the matter with Marshal MESSE personally.
- (b) he is sure that you and the Minister of War share our strong disapproval of political activity of this kind within the Italian Army.

Doubtless you will be hearing from Marshal MESSE on the subject.

tvs.LB.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

(Copy to: G.O.C. No. 1 District, ref his 1553/G dated 16 Apr SECRET)

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RELATION

COMANDO DEL XII CORPO D'ARMATA
UFF. Operaz. Ordinam.

No. 11/00 prot. Secret and personal

Palermo 15th April 1944

SUBJECT:- "Knights of Freedom" - (I Cavalieri della Libertà).

TO GENERAL HEYDEMAN	- G.O.C. No 1 District	- <u>CATANIA</u>
TO COLONEL STUBBERINE	- C.O. I.B.S.	<u>PALERMO</u>
TO COLONEL HANCOCK	- A.C.C. Regional Commissioner for Sicily.	

and for information:-

TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

- PALERMO

1. The Italian Supreme Command informs me that in Sicily has lately developed a volunteer movement called "I Cavalieri della Libertà" - (The Knights of Freedom) - with the aim to enrol volunteers of any political colour wishing to fight the Germans. The organisation is headed by Lt Col PAROLI Umberto of the "Beraglieri" and has, as second in Command, Capt DI BELLA Francesco Aurelio, Air Force; so far the members of this organisation are alleged to be about 12,000 -

2. Lt Col PAROLI has recently made a report to the Italian Supreme Command alleging that the Allies have given their approval promising to supply armaments, clothing, equipment and victuals should the new move, if properly acknowledged by the Italian Government, lead to a regular contribution to the war effort.

3. The Head of the Italian Government is willing to help this organisation should the Allies approve of it and should the Allies supply whatever is needed for the equipment and armament of this mass of volunteers.

4. In view of the fact that, according to reports reaching me, the organisers contemplate to put up posters calling for volunteers to enrol I would appreciate to receive your views in this connection.

5. Unless proper approval is given from Allied quarter with an indication to what extent may be met the requirements of these volunteers I will keep in obedience the publication of the enrolment posters.

I beg, therefore, the High Commissioner for Sicily not to authorise for the time being, publication of such enrolment posters.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
Signed: Adamo MARIOTTI

Ref. CC/G220

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

FMM/rj

22nd. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Army Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT: Political Propaganda in Italian Army.

1. Your No. I/112 of 18th. April.
2. I am taking up this matter with Marshal Messe personally. You can so inform Headquarters, No.2. District.
3. In the meantime, you can inform Orlando and Berardi that we are certain that they share our strong disapproval of political activity within the army of this kind and that they will doubtless be hearing from Marshal Messe on the subject. I do not want to issue definite orders on the subject without speaking first to Marshal Messe but you can make it very clear that we disapprove extremely strongly of this type of thing.

Noel Mason MacFarlane

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: "Knights of Freedom."

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
1/112.
22 Apr 44.

H.Q., A.C.C.

Reference attached -

1. This is the first we have heard of the "Knights of Freedom" Movement.
2. I consider that no official recognition should be given to it as regards supply of food or equipment. We should have one channel (S.M.R.E.) only for getting Italian soldiers for our needs. Moreover the placing of arms in the hands and the recognition of a Movement of 12,000 Sicilians might have far reaching consequences in view of the separatist tendency in certain Sicilian quarters.
3. In view of paras 2 and 3 of General MARIOTTI's letter of 15 April I send the case to you as I do not know to what extent in fact high Italian authorities are concerned.
4. I should be glad of your ruling.

tvs.LB.

L.B.
Major General,
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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COPY.

COMANDO DEL XII CORPO D'ARMATA
Uff. Operaz. Ordinam.

No. 11/00 prot. Secret and personal.
Subject: "Knights of Freedom" - (1 Cavalieri della Libertà).
Palermo 15th April 1944.

TO GENERAL HEYDEMAN - G.O.C. No. 1 District - CATANIA
TO COLONEL STUBERLINE - C.O. I.B.S. - PALERMO
TO COLONEL HAMCOCK - A.C.C. Regional Commiss. for Sicily.

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
Signed: ADAMO MARIOTTI.

SUBJECT: Volunteer Movement "Knights of Freedom"
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Army Sub Commission,
H.M.I.A.

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
Signed: Adamo VARIOTTI.

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Army Sub Commission,
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for Major General.
Commander,
No. 1 District.

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L. Clement
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TRANSLATION

GIULIANO DEL XII CORPO D'ARMATA
UFF. Operaz. Ordinam.

No. 14/00 prot. Secret and personal

Palermo 15th April 1944

Subject: "Knights of Freedom" - (I Cavalieri della Libertà).

TO GENERAL HEIDEN
TO COLONEL STUBBERG
TO COLONEL HANCOCK

- G.O.C. No. 1 District
- C.O. I.B.S.
- A.C.C. Regional Commissioner
for Sicily

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and for information:

TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SICILY

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SUBJECT: Political Propaganda in
ITALIAN ARMY

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MNTA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
I/112
14 APR 44

HQ 2 Dist (for GSI)

Copy to: AAI (for GSI (b))

The contents of your 2012/5 GSI of 28 Mar 44 have been referred to HQ ACC for their instructions.

CGL.

K/B
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Political Propaganda in Italian Army

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MATA)
LEONILE (LEROSE)
1/112

RA ACC(2)

Copy to (less pamphlet) i. Adv. Hq. Army Sub Commission ACC SALERNO

1. Hq 2 District have referred the matter outlined in paras 2 to 5 below to this Sub Commission.
2. Gen LERICI, GOC 9 Italian Corps, BARI, last year issued instructions that Italian Army personnel would not engage in politics. Copies of these instructions are held by 2 District.
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6. Hq 2 Dist in forwarding the matter to us state that they consider it to be undesirable for Italian Senior Officers to engage in this kind of political activity.
7. The matter is now referred to you for your instructions. Will you please inform us what action you wish us to take, and what orders, if any, you wish us to pass on to the Italian Army in connection with indulging in this type of political propaganda.

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Army Sub Comd A.C.C.

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ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

To: Cowd.

I spoke to GSO I & Colonel
MORIARTY about attached
who told me to refer
it to you for your
views.

B.P.B. $\frac{12}{4}$

This case is a symptom. I feel we should not
take action till we find out from A.C.C. what
POLICY Gen. MacFarlane considers should be
adopted & issued (as an order) by Ministry of War,
Italian. The Italian Army's Politics is "big
stuff" & we should go warily. I think we
should.

- (a) present this case & send to A.C.C.
- (b) ask A.C.C. what action they wish
us to take.
- (c) meanwhile tell 2 District that
we have referred to A.C.C. for
orders

d.B.

16 Apr

SUBJECT: Political Propaganda
in Italian Army

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HQ 2 District CMT
2012/5 GSI

ACC Military Sub Commission

Copy GSI(b) AAI

28 Mar 44

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Subject:- Political Propaganda in Italian Army.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

To:- Army Sub Commission
ACC Main H.Q.

HQ 2 District CMF.
2012/5 GSI

1 Apr 44

Reference your signal 114 of 31 March. Attached
herewith is the pamphlet referred to.

MILITARY MISSION.

MG.

Date 8 Apr 44
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

AS Maltin
Major General,
Commanding 2 District.

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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM 11-17

Serial No. 3
Office Date Stamp

No. of Groups
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CALL IN
INSTRUCTIONS OUT

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

File I/112

TO DISTWO

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number

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In Reply to Number

For
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This Message must be sent AS WRITTEN BY any means except

This Message must be sent IN CODES if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands.

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

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Precised extracts from pamphlet

An open letter to CROCE and SFORZA

Excellencies,

Allow a soldier of Italy a word in defence of the King of Italy, publicly accused by you as a co-responsible for the errors of Fascism.

Accusations against the King come to nought when one realises the following:-

1. MUSSOLINI formed the Government with the consent of the Liberals, Democrats and Popular Front, with the various popular parties strongly represented in the Cabinet.
2. The House (27 Fascist deputies, 107 Popular Front, 150 Liberals) allowed MUSSOLINI (a) full powers for a 2 yr spell, (b) to form the Fascist militia.

What was the outside world's reaction to the advent of Fascism and estab of the Militia? of complete approval (France, England, USA).

In view of above can anyone still make accusations against the King?

Further facts. When the Liberal MATTEOTTI was assassinated the King was away in SPAIN.

Can one today therefore accuse the King of co-responsibility? No, certainly not, when one considers the nos. of those who joined the PNF (7,000,000 with many would-be subscribers turned away).

The King, vis-a-vis the sudden growth of Fascism, exercised a restraining influence and sometimes showed a hostile attitude, vide MUSSOLINI's speech accusing the monarchy of having concealed Anti-Fascist and against-war-with-the Allies trends.

MILITARY MISSION.

3/11/73

Date 8 April 1944

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Ufficio Affari Civili

N. di prot. 467/AC.

P.M. 107 li 4 aprile 1944

OGGETTO: Disposizione del Comando Legione CC.RR. di Bari.

Disposition of Hq. CC.RR. of Bari

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'Esercizio
della Commissione Alleata Controllo

LEQUILLE

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d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

(Col. R. Fiore-Vernazza)

F. M. M. M.

Transit for B.1 pl.
Not priority 1104-11

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COPY FROM ADV HQ. 21 MAR.

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

*S.G. 1 for
inform.*

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Ref/302/71/CA.

19 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Cooperation of Italian Forces.

TO : H.Q., A.A.I.

1. In reply to your ACMF/1402/8/G(Ib) of 29 Feb 44, it is regretted that though such has occurred, this action is contrary to instructions issued to the CC.RR or any other Italian officials in King's Italy. The correct procedure is for any order which is required to be sent from King's Italy into AMG Territory to be despatched in an open envelope through AMG channels.

2. Action is being taken by this H.Q. to prevent any recurrence, if possible, of such events, and this particular incidence is being taken up.

(Refer 112 ref)

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner. *7072*

Copy to: AMG 8 Army - Would you please say what action has been taken by you in this matter.

Public Safety Sub-Com. (thru' Admin. Section) With copy of ACMF/1402/8/G(Ib) of 29 Feb 44.

Land Forces Sub-Commission.

N.B. - This copy forwarded with reference to your letter, I/112, dated 7 Mar., to Lt. Col. Quin Smith, same subject.

COPY FROM ADV. HQ. 21 MAR.

Find under covering letter Q5151 of 24 Mar 44

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SUBJECT: Intelligence

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HQ 2 District CEF
2022/25 GSI

May 14

To ensure that investigations of persons landing in No 2 District uncorrected, ie, without any previous Security control arrangements having been made, should take place with the minimum of delay, and to prevent such persons being at large for any appreciable time, the following procedure will be adopted:-

- (1) Unauthorised persons landing in No 2 District either by unauthorised boat or plane will be immediately taken into custody as POW and held under escort to OSDIO (East) without delay.
- (2) All documents will be taken off them, bundled, labelled and forwarded with escort as is done in the case of POW.
- (3) Passage will be forwarded with the escort.
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- (6) This procedure will NOT apply to refugees who may be brought over on registered Passenger ships. These will be dealt with as before.

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END

DISTRIBUTION:-

- 52 Area
- 5 Base Sub Area
- 71 Sub Area
- 131 Sub Area
- Gen HQ FOWGLA
- 2 NZAF PS Section
- 300 76 Section
- 315 PS Section
- 107 PS Section

For Information:-

- G2 AMHQ
- OSI AFAP
- 3 District
- HQ ADJ (APO 394 for US)
- ACC Region II
- ACC Region V
- 1071
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Major-General
Commanding 2 District

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Major-General
Commanding 2 District

For information:-

C2 AFHQ
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HQ ADG (APO 324 for 325)
ACC Region II
ACC Region V
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Adv C2 CI Section AFHQ

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Adv HQ Forces 155
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205 Op RA
21. Op RA
242 Op RA
206 Wing RAF
343 Wing RAF
All Air Force USA
24 Air Force USA

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SUBJECT:- Co-operation

Lt Col G.W. Quin Smith
Adv HQ Army Sub Comm (A.C.C.)
SALERNO

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (SMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
I/112
7 Mar 44

1. Att letter from ACMF and copies of our letter to Ministry of War are fwd for you to pass on to R.C. and M.G., as it is a matter for them to deal with.
2. Will you please ask R.C. & M.G. to let us have a copy of their reply to para 3 of ACMF letter.

ABC

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C. 1
Main H.Q. (MHA)
LEWIS (LEWIS)
1/112
7 Mar 44

Ministry of War

Copy to: ACMP) Ref ACMP/1402/
REAR HIGHWAY Army 18/G(1b) of 29 Feb
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (2) Please pass to Commissioner
N° 5 Region

1. The following report has been received from ACMP

"Recent enquiries at MAFALDA (SAMPORASSO) revealed that all privately owned fire-arms which had been handed in according to A.M.C. Proclamation had been returned to their owners.

It was found that the return of these arms had been carried out following an order received from the CC.MR, BARI."

It is believed that the person responsible for the execution of this and similar orders is the Major Commanding the CC.MR at SAMPORASSO."

2. Will you please ensure that such action is NOT taken in future without consultation with the local Allied military or Civil Authority. 1050

3. In this case MAFALDA is not in KING'S ITALY and no such action should be taken without reference to the Commissioner of N° 5 Region.

ABC

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Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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