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FLORENCE

Ref. CC.RR./1

Florence, 29 April 1945

SUBJECT: Interference by F.S.S. Officer into the
internal affairs of the Carabinieri.TO : MR. M.H.I.S. (attention CC.RR. Sect.)FROM : 7 B.L.U. Florence

Reference your CC.RR./C/7 of 17 April 1945

1. The F.S.O. concerned is Capt FRANCIS 417 F.S.S.
2. The CC.RR. officers are Capt. MINO and Capt. NELS.
3. I understand from Lt. Col. WATERS A.C. Chief Liaison Officer, Bologna, that the facts were fully reported to Public Safety Sub Commission, (Ref. A.C.-L.C./P.S./12/7 of 18 April '46) and that the matter has been taken up with Hq. 2 District by local Area Commander.
4. I was not able to see the Legion Commander personally, but I have since received a report from him (copy attached - Appx "A") from which it will be seen that he states he has not acted on any suggestion of Capt. FRANCIS, and that neither of the CC.RR. officers involved were transferred as a direct consequence of any complaint made by the F.S.O.
5. It is possible that the Legion Commander was swayed in his decisions to transfer the officers as soon as possible in view of all the circumstances, in particular the anonymous letters which were passed to him by the F.S.O., but I understand that Capt. MINO had previously submitted a request for transfer to Padova, and the reasons for Capt. NELS's transfer are stated to be the necessity of obtaining suitable quarters for CC.RR. officer and his family.
6. However, it is suggested that this incident would not have arisen if the A.C. Liaison Officer, or the local B.L.U. had been contacted by the F.S.O. in the first place.

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