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CARABINIERI REGION OF PALERMO
Internal Group.

To: 6th Brigade CC.RR. Palermo.

22 Aug. +5.

The English citizen BARCROFT Anthony, director of the Refugee Section of the U.N.R.R.A., located in Via Bari 8 Palermo, has been transferred to Rome and has left about 10 days ago.

During the time he stayed in this city he had lodged at the "Grande Hotel des Palmes" and was kept under observation, but it was not found that he had been involved in politics neither had he taken part in meetings of separatist.

The Major Commanding
/s/ Alfredo Angrisani.

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Al:- Comando Militare Territoriale
Ufficio Operazioni.

11 British Liaison Unit.

Telef 18372 PALERMO

✓ P A L E R M O

7 Agosto 1946.

Oggetto:- Trasmissione telegramma.

Pregasi volere trasmettere alla M.M.I.A. - G.S.O.1 -
Allied Commission ROMA; il qui escluso testo di telegramma.
Particolarmente grati se detto telegramma potesse essere
trasmeso oggi.

Per Catalano Vic
S.E. SHERZUN,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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Destinatario:-

M.M.I.A. G.S.O.1 ALLIED COMMISSION

Destinazione

ROMA.

Testo:

CORR/I/1 . FIGHTING AT CACCAMO MAP REF. B 7226 TERMINATED
061900 HRS (.) DEMONSTRATION BY PEASANTS AGAINST COLLECTION
OF GRAIN BY UPSEA (.) ACTION STARTED BY AMBUSHING OF UPSEA
AND FORTY CARABINIERI ESCORT 4 K.M. SOUTH OF CACCAMO D 7424(.)
MOBILE BN CALLED OUT PLUS REINFORCEMENTS (.) APPROX THOUSAND
CARABINIERI EMPLOYED (.) PEASANT STRENGTH ESTIMATED SEVEN
HUNDRED (.) FIGHTING ALL THROUGH NIGHT OF 5/6 HOLDING HIGH
GROUND (.) STACS PROVED VERY EFFECTIVE (.) APPROX FIFTY
ROUNDS CANON FIRED CAUSING CAUSALITIES AMONG PEASANTS (.)
CARABINIERI SUFFERED FOUR KILLED 15 WOUNDED (.) PEASANT
LOSSES ESTIMATED AS NUMEROUS (.) THIRTY CARABINIERI WERE
TAKEN PRISONER BUT NOW RELEASED (.) APPROX. FIFTY PEASANTS
ARRESTED (.) FROM 11 B.L.U. - - -

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Civica

CC.MR. 300103.
11. H.L.H.

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SUBJECT: Serious Crimes in Sicily.

21st March 1946.

To : C.S.O. 1.
CC.MR. Section
H.Q. M.S.I.A. -

1. I have to report for your information that on the evening of the 20th March 1946 a Brigadier of carabinieri at Partinico, Palermo Province, was shot and killed by an unknown person. He was about to enter his home at 8.30 pm. when he was shot down from behind. No arrests have been made.

2. On the 22nd March 1946 at Lentini in the Province of Enna a Vice Brigadier together with three C.I.M.R. were ambushed by two persons, who without warning opened fire with automatic weapons. The Vice Brigadier and one C.I.M.R. were killed. A second C.I.M.R. was seriously wounded and the third slightly wounded. No arrests have been made but information has been given of the identity of the assailants, search for whom is being made.

3. On the 22nd March 1946 at Messina a series of serious demonstrations were held. It commenced in the morning with a demonstration of unemployed. The demonstrators were reinforced and split up into different sections. These forcibly entered various public offices and forced the employees to leave work. Shops closed and all public transport stopped. The records of the Intendenza di Finanza, the Tax Office and the Afterwar Assistance Office were burned. The stores of the Consorzio Agrario and of MESA were entered and large quantities of goods stolen including sugar, soap powder and tinned goods. The rioters would not let the Fire Brigade function for some time. The situation got out of the control of the Police large number of them had been sent out into the country in preparation for the elections on Sunday. Unit of the Italian Army were called to assist in restoring order. An armed demonstration for several days and during which several soldiers, who afterwards

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Order was restored and road blocks were established to search persons to recover the stolen goods and to arrest participants.

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