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From Military Attache

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Rome, Italy

Date

20 April 1946

Source U.S.I.A. and Italian War Ministry

(Station)

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Area Reported On Italy

Subject Italian Development of Shaped Charges

Reference Source Control No. MILITARY 628 and U.S. Rome Report R-36-46

(Directive, correspondence, previous report, etc., if applicable)

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Subject:- Illegal Emigration2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575 (Genoa)
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13 Apr 46

To:- Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA)

1 BLU

1. Att report from AC Liaison Gp Liguria is passed to you for infm.
2. CORR det were previously on gd under the supervision of the Questura but, as can be seen in the report, these have now been withdrawn.
3. No incidents have occurred involving military or CORR personnel.
4. As there is a Bty of 155 Arty Regt, Mantova Inf Div in LA SPEZIA they have been advised to keep completely out of the area inhabited at present by the Jews.

M.P. Duffy
Major.
G II.GENOA.

FPD/KJS.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF - APO 394

REF. LOP 535

11th April 46

SUBJECT: Attempted Illegal Emigration of 1014 Jewish Subjects from La Spezia to Palestine.

TO : Director
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Allied Commission - HQ - ROME.

1. On the 4th April 1946 at 0400 hrs in La Spezia Harbour, La Spezia, a convoy of some 38 Allied vehicles arrived at the quay-side, and commenced to unload some 1014 Jewish subjects from the vehicles into the 500 Ton Italian Sailing (auxiliary motor) Schooner "FEDE".

2. Agents of the Questura, aided by Guardia di Finanza, who had received prior information of the movement, detained all concerned, including the ships crew.

3. Following a message from the Questore of La Spezia I immediately informed 85 Port Security Section, S.A. Military Police, and sent a telegram of the facts to ALCOM, 2 District, 59 Area, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission; vide telegram 1866 of the 4/4/46.

4. Resultant enquiries by FSS and SIB 2 District reveal that the movement was a well organised attempt to illegally effect entry into Palestine; in which the services of 38 vehicles of the 179 GT Coy RASC (Palestine) stationed at Capua, were utilised to convey the subjects from an unknown point in North Italy to La Spezia.

5. SIB have arrested three sergeants, in charge of the convoy and one soldier driver, and sent all the vehicles with their soldier drivers back to their depots. A very large quantity of Allied food (whether Military or UNRRA property is not yet determined) was found on board the ship; and in a magazine some hundred yards distant; also 117 drums of diesel oil of Allied origin, which was evidently destined for fuel.

6. SIB have arrested the following Italian subjects:

- (a) MUSSO Giuseppe - of Savona - Shipping Agent.
(b) MARANZANA Matteo - La Spezia - Engineer.
(c) BARGIACCHI Renzo - La Spezia - Ship Builder.

for the offences of illegal possession of Allied property, illegalities in connection with the vessel concerned, and direct responsibility in the evasion of the emigration laws.

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8. The subjects are comprised of 611 men, 400 women and 3 children, all the adults being between the ages of 18/60, and 95% being beneath 49 years; they are mainly Polish Jews.

/9. On the.....

9. On the 7th of April 1946 an attempt was made to sail the ship to Chiavari by a FN party, where the subjects would have been cared for in an excellent camp under DPS organisation; but the subjects declined any assistance stating they would refuse to proceed to any destination other than Palestine, and would mutiny and burn the ship if such an attempt was made. The attempt to place them under better conditions was therefore abandoned, and the FN party withdrawn. A telegram of this development was sent to the authorities quoted in para 3 vide telegram No 1870 of the 7th April 1946.
10. At dawn 8/4/46 the Jewish subjects commenced a hunger strike; as a weapon to cause decisive action to be taken in their case; and made it clear they will accept no other solution to their problem except the necessary authorisation to proceed to Palestine. They are not prepared to accept any assistance; and are ready to suffer any difficulties to reach their goal. Telegrams covering this phase were sent vide No. 1871 of the 8/4/46 and No. 1873 of the 9/4/46, to authorities quoted in para 3, urging immediate action.
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- 12.. Following the above discussion all police guards have been withdrawn by the Italian authorities, and the Jewish subjects are keeping good order and discipline on the ship and quay to which she is moored. Tenting and food are being provided by the American Joint Distribution Committee.
13. The enquiry by SIB/FSS will take a long time to complete, but this office will report further developments in the case, which from the Jewish subjects angle desires urgent action.

For Chief Liaison Officer:

J. KANE, Major.
Public Safety Liaison Officer
AC. Liguria.

Copy: C.L.O.
2 District
59 Area
D.P. Section
British Consul General
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FROM : 11 HHS
TO : HQ 5 DISTRICT (CMB)
INFO : G-2 RAC - CMO 1 IN HHS
REF : 4/59

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1 (.) RE: THE 10 VESSEL RE: 4/52 DATED 1 APRIL (.) SITUATION
MONTREAL RE: AND BELL ON AMPD RE: (.) TOLL
CASHIERS & CC IN MONTREAL (.)
2 (.) SISTER OF GIULIANO ARRESTED (.) THIS POLICE
ARREST OF GIULIANO'S MOTHER AND ANOTHER SISTER 5 DATE
RE:

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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28 March 1946.

Subject :- Situation in Sicily - Signals on.

To :- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
C.M.W. (For G.S.O.I.).

SD

Folio 16.

Ref. your Signal SD.3163 dated 21 Mar.46.

1. Attached are the required Signals. — 19B.
2. Fulllest information re Sicilian situation will be included in our next Progress Report.

R.E. Hector

R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

REH/ep

Col. G3	
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N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY

ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGE

DATE 27 MARCH 1946

FROM: 11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

ORIGINATOR:

ACTION:

RELEASED BY: 681st R.2. Hector Major

3 DISTRICT

C.E.F.

PRECEDENCE:

IMMEDIATE

INFO:

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G.2. ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
G.2.O.I. M.O. B.M.I.A.

DT/GR

PAL/I/2. 500 PEOPLE AWAITED THE ARRIVAL OF PINOCCHIARO APRILE
AT PALERMO AIRPORT 11.30 HRS TODAY. CROWDS WORE SEPARATIST
ROSETTES AND THERE WERE NUMEROUS SEPARATIST FLAGS IN EVIDENCE.
SLIGHT DEMONSTRATION STAGED AND NUMBER OF SEPARATIST LEAFLETS
THROWN ABOUT WITH THE FOLLOWING ON THEM - "V PINOCCHIARO APRILE -
V L'INDIPENDENZA SICILIANA - V PINOCCHIARO APRILE MADAMA RESTUCCIA -
LA SICILIA AI SICILIANI".

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N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY
ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGE

DATE 1500 23 MAR. 46.

FROM: 11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

ORIGINATOR :

ACTION: H.Q. 3 DISTRICT
(for G.S.O. 1b)

RELEASED BY :

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

INFO:
G.I. HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

DT/GR

G/50. 1 (ONE) VICE - BRIGADIERE OF CG.RR. ARRESTED AND KILLED
AT PATRINCO NIGHT OF 20 JANUARY 46. NO ARREST MADE. ACK.

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N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY
ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGE

DATE 1500 23 Mar. 46

FROM: 11 British Liaison Unit.

ORIGINATOR:

ACTION:

RELEASED BY: Sgd. R. E. Hector
Major

H.Q. 3 DISTRICT
(for G.S.C. 1b)

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

INFO:

G. 2. ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND.

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

DT/GR

G/49. 4 (FOUR) G.C.R.R. & AMBUSHED BY BANDITS WITH AUTOMATIC
WEAPONS AT CENTURIO PROVINCE OF ENNA EVENING OF 22 MAR. 46.
AMBUSHERS WERE KNOWN BANDITS. CASUALTIES 1 (ONE) VICE -
BRIGADIERE AND 1 (ONE) G.C.R.R. KILLED. (1 (ONE) G.C.R.R.
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. FOURTH G.C.R.R. SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. NO
ARRESTS. ACK.

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FROM: 11 British Liaison Unit

ORIGINATOR :

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RELEASED BY: SSG. R. E. Hector 18361

ACTION:

U.C. 3 DISTRICT
(for G.S.O. 1 b)

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

INFO:

G.I. HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
G.O. BRITISH TROOPS SICILY.

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

DT/GR

G/48. FURTHER TO MY SIGNAL G/47 OF TODAY. SITUATION IN
MESSINA QUIETER. A NUMBER OF ROYAL NAVY TRUCKS ATTACKED
AND WINDSCREENS SHATTERED. ALSO ONE BELONGING TO U.S. BRITISH
TROOPS SIGHTED. STRIMERS ALSO ATTACKED PART OF QUESTURA
BUILDING. WILL REPORT FURTHER IF SITUATION SHOULD GET WORSE.
ACK.

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N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY
ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGE

DATE 12 March 1946

FROM: 11 British Liaison Unit

ORIGINATOR:

ACTION: H.O. 3 DISTRICT
(for G.S.I.b.)

RELEASED BY: *sgt. R.C. Hector*
Major

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

INFO: G.2. Rome Area Allied Command
G.S.O.I. H.Q. M.H.I.A.
O.C. British Troops, Sicily.

CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED

DT/GR

G/40. IMMEDIATE. Strike now complete RICT. Records at the Tax office burnt by rioters. Also attempt made to enter and burn Records and Ration-Cards at the "UFFICIO ATTORARIO" to the MUNICIPIO. POLICE fired on the rioters inflicting a number of casualties. Four killed. Will report further. ACK.

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N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY

ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGE

DATE 1500 hrs. 13 Mar. 46.

FROM: 11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

ORIGINATOR:

RELEASED BY: Sgd. H.E. HECTOR
Major

ACTION:

H.Q., 3 DISTRICT
(for G.S.I.b.)
NAPLES

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

INFO: G.2. ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
G.S.O.I. HQ. M.M.I.A., ROME.
O.C. BRITISH TROOPS SICILY.

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

DT/GR

G/42. SITUATION QUIETER. FEW SMALLER MEETINGS OF RIOTERS STILL BEING HELD. TROOPS INCLUDING GARIBALDI REGT NOW ON GARRISON AND PATROL DUTIES WITHIN THE WHOLE OF THE TOWN OF PALERMO. IT IS BELIEVED THAT SOME OF THE SEPARATIST ELEMENTS USED THIS AS AN EXCUSE TO STAGE AN ATTACK ON THE CC.RR. CASUALTIES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF 12 MARCH WERE SIX KILLED INCLUDING ONE CC.RR. TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE WOUNDED INCLUDING ONE ITALIAN ARMY OFFICER. ALDISIO - HIGH COMMISSIONER OF SICILY IS TODAY REPORTED TO HAVE RESIGNED. ACK.

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N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY
ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGEDATE 12 March 1946

FROM: 11 British Liaison Unit

ORIGINATOR:

ACTION: H.Q. 3 DISTRICT
(for G.S.I.b.)RELEASED BY: Sgd. R.E. Hector
Major

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

INFO: G.2.-Rome Area Allied Command
G.S.O. I. M.M.I.A. Rome.
O.C. British Troops, Sicily.

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

DT/GR

G/39. SECRET. IMMEDIATE. GENERAL STRIKE COMMENCED 11 MAR. 46 IN PALERMO. SPREADING. Reaching RIOT stage. CROWDS armed with heavy sticks stopping vehicles breaking windows etc. All essential services also on strike. CC.RR. reinforced by 300 Troops. Object of strike is to obtain higher wages and a decrease in the high cost of living. High Commissioner ALDISIO left for ROME this morning. ACK.

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N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY
ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGE

DATE 2 March 1946

FROM: 11 British Liaison Unit

ORIGINATOR:

ACTION:

RELEASED BY: Sgd. R. B. Hector
Major

H.Q. 3 DISTRICT (for G.S.I.b)

PRECEDENCE: Immediate

INFO:

CLASSIFICATION: Secret

G.2. Rome Allied Area Comd.

DT/GR

G/37. SECRET. IMMEDIATE. Small Scale Bandit attack on PALERMO Radio Station approx 20.40 hrs. 1 MARCH 46. Hand-grenades and Machine Guns used. Bandits attempted to enter the Station, but were beaten off by Military Guard. No casualties sustained. Not known whether any inflicted on Bandits. Reports in todays issue of "GIORNALE DI SICILIA" alledging that large scale attacks were made on the AUTOCENTRO at PALERMO and the CC.RR. Station at BELIOLAMPO are completely FALSE and without fundation. ACK.

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N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY
ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGE

DATE 23 February 1946

FROM: 11 British Liaison Unit

ORIGINATOR:

ACTION:

RELEASED BY: Sgd. N.E. Hector
MajorH.Q. 3 District
NAPLES

PRECEDENCE: Immediate

INFO: G.2. E.A.A.C.

CLASSIFICATION: Secret

(ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND)

DT/GR

G/36. Immediate. Secret. 300 Suspected Bandits arrested 21 Feb.
46. Also two 47/32 mm. guns complete with ammunition, grenades,
and rifles and ammunition captured. CAPT. MAZOLA of E.V.I.S.
Army has been arrested. This man originally a well know Sicilian
Bandit. Montelepre Area quiet. Present operational zone is
PRIZZI S. STEFANO QUISQUINA in centre of SICILY. ACK.

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N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY
ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGE

DATE 1400 Hrs. 11. FEB. 40

FROM: 11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

ORIGINATOR:

ACTION: 3 DISTRICT FOR G.S.I. (b)

RELEASED BY :

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

INFO:

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

6.2. ROMAN AREA ALLIED COMMAND

DT/GR

G/34. PLEASE CANCEL ALL REFERENCE TO OUR SIGNAL G/32 DATED FEB. 46
REF OUR SIGNAL G/33 DATED FEB. 5. CASUALTIES 2(TWO) CO.MR. KILLED.
1(ONE) WOUNDED. ASD.

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N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY
ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGE

DATE 1800 hrs. 1 Feb. 46

FROM: 11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

ORIGINATOR:

ACTION:

RELEASED BY: H. E. Hector
Major

W. 3 DISTRICT (for G.S. ID)

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

INFO:

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

6.2. ROUE AREA AT DHD COMMAND

DT/GR

G/31. General Situation quieter. One or two small attacks made on CC.RR. in CALTAGIRONE. One CC.RR. wounded. Baron LA MOTTA ardent separatist has been arrested.

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FROM 11 B.L.U.

CLASSIFICATION SECRET.

ACTION H.Q., M.M.I.A. (for Maj Hector)

PRECEDENCE

INFO

ORIGINATOR

RELEASED BY

1400 hrs 28.Jan.46. (phoned to Sig Office MMIA)

Small party of Bandits/Separatists armed with grenades and small arms attacked garrison at MONTE LEPRE about 1900 hrs 26.Jan.46. Two small groups with similar arms carried out attacks on PALERMO RADIO STATION and C.I.P. PETROL POINT about 0300 hrs 27.Jan.46. All attacks were repulsed by CC.RR. No casualties. Have not informed DISTHREE or G.2.

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SNo. 415

OUTGOING DISPATCH

COMNAVNAV

FROM 11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

CLASSIFICATION SECRET.

ACTION HQ. 3 DISTRICT FOR G.S.I.(b)

PRECEDENCE

INFO G.S. ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND.

ORIGINATOR

RELEASED BY

1730 hrs. 25.JAN.46.

2/29. Train attacked by 40(forty) bandits afternoon Jan 23 at SPATANORE. No casualties. Bandits stole approx 1,000,000 (one million) lire and other valuables from passengers. 1(one) British officer on board not attacked. Confirmed this not work of E.V.I.S. or Separatist. Now confirmed that SALOMON MOSCIA is chief of Jewish Elements in Sicily. Lives at VIA TRIPOLI, PALERMO. Ref previous signals concerning E.V.I.S. at MONTE LEPRE. 43(forty three) Separatists arrested. Also BARONE LA MOTTA who is one of the Separatists E.V.I.S. leaders and financiers. From today no communications can be made by this unit through N.O.B. PALERMO. Please advise on possibilities of a direct line being made from 11 B.L.U. to DISTHREE. ACK.

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OUTGOING DISPATCH

N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY
ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGE

DATE 1100 hrs. 22 Jan. 46

FROM: 11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

ORIGINATOR:

ACTION:

3 DISTRICT FOR G.S. 1. (b)

RELEASED BY:

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

INFO:

G.2. ROYAL AREA ALLIED COMMAND

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

DT/GR

G/30. Night 21 Jan. 46. CO.RR. attacked by bandits at BOCCADIPALCO. 1 (one) CO.RR. wounded. BOCCADIPALCO four to five kilometres from PALEMO. ACK.

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COMNAVNAW

FROM 11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

CLASSIFICATION SECRET.

ACTION HQ. DISTANCE for G.S.I.(b)

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE.

INFO G.2. HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND. ORIGINATOR

RELEASED BY

1900 hrs 18.Jan.46.

G/26. Army truck attacked by Separatists U.V.I.S. bandits on Coast Road near S.CATALDO north of PARTINICO. Casualties 3 (three) dead several wounded. It is thought that this vehicle which was burnt was an ambulance. Will report further. ACK.

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OUTGOING DISPATCH

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COMNAVNAV

FROM 11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

CLASSIFICATION TOP SECRET.

ACTION HQ. DISTANCE for C.S.I.(b)

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE.

INFO 2. ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND.

ORIGINATOR

RELEASED BY

1800 HRS 18.JAN.46.

G/25. Battle with E.V.I.S. Separatists at MONTE LEPRE which commenced night 9/10 Jan finished on 16.Jan. Final casualties 9 (nine) CC.RR and army personnel dead. Approx 35 (thirty five) wounded. A number of prisoners are said to have been taken. JEWS definitely identified as taking part. Some JEWS taken prisoner and am endeavouring to obtain names. The brother of GIULIANO leader of the BANDA GIULIANO has been arrested. Four coys of 139 INF REGT now in MONTE LEPRE as grn tps. Ref your GI/242 dated 16.Jan. I will forward a final report as soon as I have ascertained names of JEWS arrested. Now confirmed that PRINCE TASCA is financing the E.V.I.S. assisted by his two brothers. TASCA family wealthy Sicilian and Italian landowners. Arrest of TASCA brothers pending probably in next few days. There appears to be a movement on the part of the communists to get rid of the present High Commissioner. I will report on this in due course when I have more facts. Leader of communist party is GIROLAMO LICAUSI. Deputy chief is MONTABANO. ACK.

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COPY TO

EXTERNAL

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OUTGOING DISPATCH

N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY
ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGE

DATE 1700 hrs. 14. JAN. 46

FROM: 16 B.L.U.

ORIGINATOR:

ACTION:

RELEASED BY: Sgd. R. E. Major

H.Q. 3 DISTRICT for G.S.I.(b)

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

INFO:

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

G.P. TOLR AREA ALLIED COMMAND

DT/GR

6/22/ Further bandit attack made on bn of 6th Inf Regt plus 10
CC.RR. proceeding to MONTE LEPRE as gpn tps on night 13/14 Jan. 46.
2 (two) CC.RR. killed. 5(five) CC.RR. and tps wounded. Fighting
continuing both at MONTE LEPRE (PROVINCE PALERMO) and CALCAFISSETTA
(PROVINCE CATANIA). ACK.

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N. O. B., PALERMO, SICILY
ORIGINATOR'S MESSAGE

DATE 11. 1900

FROM: 11 D.L.U.

ORIGINATOR:

RELEASED BY:

Sgt. R. E. Hector
Major

ACTION:

Hq. 3 DISTRICT for (G.S.I.(b))

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

INFO:

G.S. SECTION, ROME AREA ALLIED
COMMAND

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET (SEND IN CIPHER)

DT/GR

G/20. IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Further to my G/18 dated 9 Jan. 46.
Battle finished night of 9/10. Casualties CC.RR. dead two.
Wounded 13. Also in same zone bandits attacked CC.RR. truck
containing 3 CC.RR. One killed. Two wounded. Some bandits
were members of R.V.V.I.S. It is believed that these bandits are
aided by ANTI-TITO YUGOSLAVES and by certain Jewish elements. ACK.

TOR CODING ROOM

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TRANSLATION

3rd BRIGADE CC.RR. FLORENCE
Comm. Office

COPY

No 15/1 di prot. Ris. Pers.

SUBJECT: Public order in the MARCHE

Ancona, 17 March 1946

The result of the first days of the Administrative Elections in the MARCHE was the prevalence of the left parties. That was to be foreseen as everybody knows the tendency of the population for such parties, specially in the provinces of PESARO and ANCONA.

The latter town is also remembered for the disturbances happened in the year 1914, which the "Red Week" got the name from, and for the revolution of 1920 which during the infantry barracks were assaulted and a PS officer, two agents of PS, a Marshall and a Carabinieri were dead. The guns of the Navy and the arrival of 2000 "Guardie Regie" urgently sent, put an end to the disturbances.

The proclivity of this region for the communism is due also to the nearness of the Yugoslavy where, as the last events test, there is a movement of expansion and not only ideological.

Some Russian officer appeared in the province of PESARO under the pretence of helping their compatriots (not existing in that place). We have got the founded opinion that emissary of the opposite coast are making in the four provinces a bolshevist propaganda. It is our opinion the purpose of this activity to be the preparation of a fixed plan, and this may be proved by the fact that, just in the last days, the regional leaders of the communist party and of the partisans, communist the latter too, are rather interested on the entity and arm equipment of the police (Carabinieri and PS), their location, also in the minor centers, besides the name of the commanding officers of every unit.

Nevertheless the region of the MARCHE showed, in the last times, its wisdom and prudence about what is concerning the public order which has not been disturbed at all. Also the activity of the delinquency was not excessive and the "Arma" has been successful in refraining it much more than in the other regions.

We must, now, formulate question, considering the precedent events, the diffuse political opinion, the tumultuous character of the population, and the differences maybe greater than in other regions for war reasons, whether this privileged situation should be attributed to the wisdom and prudence of the population or to other motives.

Looking at the situation of the region from the liberation to the present times either about what is regarding the political and the military conditions, we can not exclude the public order being influenced by the presence of the Polish Corps which is located, as it is known, either in the center and in the outskirts, and by the permanence of the always vigilant Allied Military Branches.

The press campaign against the Polish Corps, particularly hard in the communist papers, could constitute a confirmation to the afore made hypothesis.

The last news make us retain as very next the leave of the Polish Corps; the strengths of the Allied Commands are decreasing every day, unofficial communications confirm that the Navy Command of ANCONA, now constituted by 200 men, is going to stop his activity; we have received no communication about the assignment in this chief place and in other place, of any troops on reinforcement of the military garrisons of the four provinces completely deprived of personnel.

We communicate what above stated, in view of a situation easily understandable for the passions not restrained until now, and which could not certainly be

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The COMMANDING COLONEL
- Umberto Dibilio -

Copy to G.S.(I) -

SUBJECT : Military Situation in FIUME Area.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

INT/209

15 Mar 46

TO : A.P.H.Q. (C-2)

Herewith for your information copy of a report on the military situation in the FIUME area, obtained from ITALIAN Intelligence sources by Air Forces Sub Commission A.C., and passed by them to MMIA.

ARCS/lb

Major General
Major General
M. K. I. A.

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SUBJECT : Military Situation in FIUM Area.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (EMIA)

INT/209

15 Mar 46

TO : Air Forces S/C, H.Q. A.C.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your AFSC/1113/5 of 12 Mar 46.

The information contained therein is of definite interest to this H.Q., and it is requested that you will be kind enough to pass on any similar information which you may receive in the future.

Atty Gen C. G.
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission, Rome.
To: Land Forces Sub Commission, M.M.I.A.
Date: 12th March, 1946.
Ref: AFSC/1113/5

G. L. L.

See 139-14

The attached report on the military situation in the Piave area has been obtained from Italian Intelligence sources.

2. May we be informed whether such information is of interest to your Sub Commission.

M.E. ROID W/CDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.

To See

Major De Thierry Ldt

Col Albert

Col Sandhu

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Time	0900
Date	14/3
	14/3
	0930

febbraio 1944

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SITUAZIONE MILITARE ZONA "B" ED OLTRE*Transilvania austriaca*

Viene segnalata nella zona di Fiume la presenza della 43^a Divisione alla quale appartenerebbero:

- una prima brigata denominata "Vladimiro Gortan"
- il battaglione "Fino Rudicic"; alcuni militari di questo battaglione (circa 70) concorrono attualmente ai lavori di sgombero dei cantieri di Fiume.

L'esercito di TITO sarebbe oggi formato da 4 Armate *23*

- 1^a armata dislocata in Serbia
- 2^a armata dislocata in Montenegro
- 3^a armata dislocata in Croazia
- 4^a armata dislocata in Slovenia-Istria (com/te Gen. Dapcevic).

E' in corso di costituzione una 5^a armata.

Alla 4^a armata appartiene la 1^a divisione con il comando a Lubiana ed i suoi reparti dislocati nei pressi della città; la divisione è su tre brigate ed ha in tutto 12 pezzi da 75/13.

Nella zona "B" e vicinanze sarebbero dislocati circa 150-200 mila uomini. In più sul confine vi sono circa 10 mila uomini appartenenti alla OZNA che svolgono la loro attività anche nella zona "A".

In tutto l'esercito jugoslavo vi sarebbero circa 300 carri armati (100 russi 200 tedeschi).

Nell'attuale esercito jugoslavo non vi sono G.U. con costituzione organica ben definita. Le unità risentono dell'organizzazione partigiana, sarebbero pertanto assolutamente inadatte a condurre operazioni contro moderne unità similari.

I quadri sono formati da gente rozza, senza nessuna cultura. Molti ufficiali sono inviati in Russia a frequentare corsi.

Viene confermata la presenza di truppe russe in Serbia; si tratterebbe però di circa 1000 uomini che sono a Belgrado con la missione militare sovietica.

In notizie attendibili, risultano inoltre:

- a Rovigno un terzo btg. della 2^a Brg. della MO. (NARODNA ARMIJA - Milizia del Popolo)
- a Pirano forze ammontanti a circa un btg. di fanteria armato con mitragliatrici tedesche e mortai da 81 italiani.
- a Boia d'Istria un presidio di circa 200 uomini, male in armese armati con fucile 81. Solo gli ufficiali vestono decentemente.
- a Vipacco e nella zona circostante distaccamenti di fanteria di non grande entità.
- a Risino - Capodistria - Villa del Revo e Postumia distaccamenti di circa 200 uomini.
- a Udine un distaccamento di circa 50 uomini.

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TRANSLATION

MILITARY SITUATION IN ZONE "B" AND BEYOND

We have been notified of the presence in Fiume of the 43rd. Division to which appear to belong:

- a first brigade known as the "Vladimiro Gortan"
- the "Pino Budicin" battalion; some troops of this battalion (70 approx) are at present assisting in the clearing of the Fiume dockyards.

Tito's forces to-day appear to be composed of 4 armies:

- 1st. Army located in Serbia
- 2nd. Army located in Montenegro
- 3rd. Army located in Croatia
- 4th. Army located in Slovenia-Istria (G.O.C. Gen. Dapcevic).

A 5th. Army is being formed.

The 1st. Division forms part of the 4th. Army with its H.Q. at Ljubliana and its units stationed in the area of the city; the division is of three brigades and has in all 12 75/13 guns.

In "B" Zone and surrounding area about 150-200 thousand men appear to be located. Also within borders there are about ten thousand men belonging to the OZNA who also carry out their activities in "A" Zone.

There appear to be about 300 tanks (100 Russian, 200 German) in the whole of the Yugoslav Army.

In the present Yugoslav Army there are no Higher Formations with well defined war (established) constitutions. The units are developed from the partisan organisation and would therefore be entirely unsuited to conduct operations against modern similar units.

Officers are of rough type and uneducated. Many officers are sent to Russia to attend courses.

The presence of Russian troops in Serbia is confirmed; these, however, are about 1000 men who are in Belgrade with the Soviet Military Mission.

From reliable information the following is also gathered:

- at Rovigno a third battalion of the 2nd. Bde. of the N.O. (NARODNA ABRAZ "Milizia del Popolo")
- at Pirano forces amounting to about an Infantry battalion armed with German M.G.s and Italian 81 Mortars.

- at Buie d'Istria a garrison of about 200 men, badly equipped, armed with Mk.91 rifles. Only the officers are decently dressed.
 - at Vipacco and surrounding area small detachments of infantry.
 - at Pisino - Capodistria - Villa del Nevosa and Postumia detachments of about 200 men.
 - at Umago a detachment of about 50 men.
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O. Danin Cpl.

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20 FEB 1946

From: Air Forces Sub Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission, ROME.

To: Chief Intelligence Officer, Air Headquarters, ITALY.
Copy to: M.I.A., G-2, H.Q. Allied Commission, ROME.

Date: 19th February, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/INT/47/I 1921

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The attached information on Yugoslavia has been obtained from a member of the Italian Air Force who returned from Yugoslavia on 13th December 1945.

M. E. Reid
M.E. REID W/CDR
for Air Vice Marshal
Director,
Air Forces Sub Commission.

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JUGOSLAVIA.Military Information.Air Force.

Operational airport at ZEMUN (Belgrade): 20 - 30 aircraft, half of which are of Allied manufacture.

Operational airport at SCOPJE (Macedonia): 20 or under twin-engined aircraft, all of Russian manufacture.

Airport at HRADIVO (Serbia): Pilots training school.

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The flying personnel appear to be insufficiently trained; as a few of the old stalwarts of the Yugoslavian Air Force joined the British and others Mihailovic's forces; others presented themselves as ordinary army soldiers.

Army.

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- Divisional Command
- 3 Brigades
- 1 Artillery Brigade

The brigade consists of:

- one Brigade Command
- 3 Battalions.

The Divisional and Brigade Commands have at their disposal: 400
 - 1 Company composed of 70 - 80 men armed with hand grenades and Russian machine guns.

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The Battalion is composed of:

- 1 Infantry Co.
- 1 Mechanised Co.
- 1 Mortar Co.

Officers holding University Degrees are rare; the greater number are Montenegrins and hate the Italians.

They are practically devoid of kit, and at the end of December 1945 there were soldiers who were without trousers, tunics and boots.

Location of Units.

The 4th Army is located at the Italo-Yugoslav border, and its H.Q. is partly in the barracks near the railway station of Iubiana and partly in the hotels in front of the station.

There are many partisans of the 4th Army at POSTUMIA, and it is here that documents of those intending to cross the frontier are examined.

5th Army forces are located on the Greco-Macedonian frontier with H.Q. at SKOPLJE. Frequent frontier skirmishes take place between Tito's partisans and Greek soldiers.

Acts of sabotage are carried out by various nationalist Macedonian bands in Macedonia. The Partisans continually scout numerous districts in order to clear the area of this band.

Bands of Cetnics exist in Serbia who very often ransack villages.

5th Army.

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21st "
22nd "
24th "
48th "

2nd PROLETARIJ Division.

The second division is composed of:

- A Divisional Command
- 2 "PROLETARIJ" Brigades
- 4th "
- 3rd normal "

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Miscellaneous.

The morale of the people is not very high, in fact half of the population hopes for an overthrow of the present regime.

Jugoslavia still harbours some thousands of Italians, some of whom belong to the displaced persons category and some of whom are in concentration camps. There have been cases of ex-prisoners returning from Germany who have been kept in Yugoslavia without apparent motive and of others who have been made prisoners again by the partisans of Tito. Their morale and their condition are pitiful.

SECRET

From: Air Forces Sub Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission, ROME.
To: Chief Intelligence Officer, Air Headquarters, ITALY.
Date: 19th January, 1946. G2 (INT) _____
Ref: AFSC/INT/2B/I 975

29 JAN 46.

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Attached herewith is a translation of a report received from Italian Intelligence sources on the political situation in Northern Italy.

D.H.G. Smith

for D.H.G. SMITH F/LT
Air Vice Marshal
Air Officer Commanding.

Copies to: S.C.I., ROME.
M.M.I.A., G2.

M.M.I.A. - 'G'

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In Milan the Communists and Christian Democrats are the strongest parties. The P.C.I. absorbs the whole of the working class in conjunction with the P.S.I. The D.C. absorbs a large part of the middle class office workers. However, the leaders of the parties of the left are to be found in intellectual circles where the communist theory has found many sympathisers. The upper industrial middle class supports the P.S.I. or D.C. The Royalist and "Uomo Qualunque" parties are weak and have few supporters. In this campaign the Christian Democrats are the largest party; it can be estimated that in Lombardy 80% are Christian Democrats. This is in general due to the clergy which is conducting a vigorous and open propaganda campaign both in private and in the exercise of their functions (for example from the pulpit. See also the Christmas address by Cardinal Schuster).

The military organisations of the parties of the left are very active. The intelligence organisation is very wide-spread and cells exist in every military unit.

In Air Force circles there is a cell which is perhaps lead by a few officers and is made up of M.C.O.'s who are kept under watch.

The cell organisation of the P.C.I. works in groups of 7-10 persons which function separately; they have been carrying out subjugation and reprisal action during disputes and strikes. It is known that at the right moment they will work in certain areas assigned to them and their first duty will be the elimination of certain persons of whom there is a list of 14,000 names. All are very well armed.

The partisan brigades of the clandestine period are still operating; but not much account is taken of their regional divisions because they are made up of individuals of little worth who are today carrying out small crime operations and when they see troubled waters tomorrow they will take good care not not to throw themselves into the fray.

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A considerable armed force belonging to the P.C.I. consists of the two battalions of auxiliary police; elements of the Communist Party, which arranged their recruiting, have infiltrated into them. The officers are convinced communists and hold propaganda meetings in their houses; they are watched by the S.I.A. which has put a few ex-Air Force officers, former Republicans, into their ranks who act as informers. The men have been recruited among elements of doubtful morality among

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The partisan brigades of the clandestine period are still operating; but not much account is taken of their regional divisions because they are made up of individuals of little worth who are today carrying out small crime operations and when they see troubled waters tomorrow they will take good care not not to throw themselves into the fray.

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A considerable armed force belonging to the P.C.I. consists of the two battalions of auxiliary police; elements of the Communist Party, which arranged their recruiting, have infiltrated into them. The officers are convinced communists and hold propaganda meetings in their houses; they are watched by the S.I.A. which has put a few ex-Air Force officers, former Republicans, into their ranks who act as informers. The men have been recruited among elements of doubtful morality among which are many who belonged to Muti, the Black Brigades, the S.S. etc. It often happens that members of these battalions are arrested among nocturnal thieves. However, because of their moral qualities, instead of committing themselves up to the hilt, they are speculating a little in order later to join the winning side.

On the other hand the other parties also possess military organisations which are manifestly of a defensive, anti-red character. The Christian Democrats are particularly well-

organised and armed and have kept on the Christian Democrat Brigades from the clandestine period. On the day of the fall of the Farri Government, foreseeing a coup d'etat, the Christian Democrat organisation is supposed to have been mobilised and ready to arrive on the scene in half an hour.

In consideration therefore of: a) the lack of trust which can be placed in members of the P.C.I.; b) the existence of definite, well-armed, defensive military organisations within the other parties; the presence of two Allied divisions in the Milan area and the avowed attitude of the Allies, the reason for the temporising attitude of the parties of the left are clearly seen.

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Many firms have exhausted their precious supplies of raw materials (if they had any) and also their capital, without any productive utility but simply in order to keep alive.

It is no exaggeration to say that today they are living from day to day. A few small industries (like the Augusta for Air Force material and the F.A.C.E. for electrical material) have already failed; now the Isotta Fraschini has nearly failed. The Savoia Marchetti and Caproni are going down hill.

Under these conditions and unless new factors come into play, many people are of the opinion that within 2-4 months many industrial firms will be obliged to close down; it is clear, however, that all the industrial firms will fight one another to the last in order to keep alive.