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Copy to:
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N.P.
 Major B. Denny,
 Captain, AGO.,
 Deputy Adjutant.

H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/1/9/32

15 October 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Release of Italian Prisoners of War in SICILY.

- 1/. With reference to the release of 65,000 Italians in Sicily from Prisoner of War Status. It has now been decided that if you so desire you may publish this fact.
- 2/. In order that there shall not be any misunderstanding regarding the general position of release of Prisoners of War the announcement should be made on the following lines:

"Some 65,000 Italian soldiers in SICILY who were never held in custody as Prisoners of War by the Allied forces, but who for many months past have been working on their own lands and farms without restriction under a parole given to their own officers, have received confirmation from the Allied authorities that they are not considered as Prisoners of War."

The announcement should be made through the official press channels.

J.A. Campbell

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Director WMD & IPW Sub. Coms.

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Political Section
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INFORM MEMPHIS TO MEMPHIS CABLE EX-31216, DATED 10 AUGUST. LAST PARAGRAPH OF ABOVE
MENTIONED CABLE IS IN ERROR, AS THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN POW UNITS ARE PRESENTLY IN
SICILY: 7625 TRUCK COMPANY; 1 PLATOON, 7627 QM BATTERY COMPANY; 7626 QM SERVICE COMPANY.
THE ABOVE UNITS ARE ATTACHED TO UNITED STATES NAVY AND WILL REMAIN STRICTLY UNRECORDED

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HEADQUARTERS
11 AUG 1944
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ROUTINE

CITE: NAGAP FHCOS

PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS SAC THE FOLLOWING RESUME IS MADE OF CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING UP TO THE RELEASE OF ITALIAN POW'S PAROLED IN SICILY; BY CABLE NAF 712 30TH MAY 44 A MESSAGE WAS DESPATCHED TO COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFFS STATING APPROXIMATELY 62,000 USA CAPTURES AND 3350 BRITISH CAPTURES HAS BEEN PAROLED IN SICILY. MOST OF THEM SICILIAN AND THEN ENGAGED AGRICULTURAL WORK. IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE COMBINED COS BY SAC THAT THEY BE RELEASED BECAUSE OF THEIR DOUBTFUL ASSISTANCE TO THE WAR EFFORT AS POW OR AS PAROLES IN THAT THEY HAD NEVER BEEN ORGANIZED INTO WORK UNITS NOR HAD THEY EVER HAD ANY STATUS IN FACT EXCEPT AS POW. IN ADDITION NUMEROUS AND CONTINUOUS CASES WERE ARISING AS TO THEIR STATUS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DRAFT INTO THE ITALIAN ARMY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRIAL OF CASUAL CRIMES AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ECONOMIC CONDITION AND MEDICAL SERVICES. SO LONG AS THE TRANSFERRING (?) FROM BASE SECTION WAS IN EXISTENCE THESE PROBLEMS WERE MET BY THE LOCAL COMMANDER OR INDEFINITE CASES REFERRED ALLIED FORCE HQ FOR DECISION. IN BOTH INSTANCES IT WAS WASTEFUL OF ADMINISTRATIVE TIME AND EFFORT. BY CABLE FAN 369 COMBINED COS'S RENDERED AN AMDT AUTHORIZING ACTION TO MAKE RELEASE AS PRESENTED TO YOU IN OUR FX 70649 10TH JULY. ACTUALLY NONE THIS PERSONNEL HAD EVER BEEN REPORTED TO THE PROTECTIVE POWER AND THE INTER-NATIONAL RED CROSS AS POW. THEIR PAROLE WAS GIVEN TO THEIR OWN ITALIAN OFFICERS AND THEY WERE FURNISHED WITH SLIPS OF PAPER SHOWING THAT THEY WERE PAROLED

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ROUTINE

CITE: NAGAP FHCOS

POW. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN IN THIS PAPER US FOR YEARS (?) TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES THEY ARE CIVILIANS PURSUING THEIR NORMAL CIVILIANS CONNECTION AND CONSTITUTING NO MEAN ENEMY POPULATION. THESE PAROLED PRISONERS WERE RELEASED 31 JULY. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE YOUR OWN JUDGEMENT WHETHER YOU REPORT THE RELEASE TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT NOW OR LATER. ALL ITALIAN POW SERVICE UNITS IN SICILY HAVE BEEN MOVED OR ARE IN PROCESS MOVEMENT OUT OF SICILY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE TIME AND EFFORT. BY CABLE PAR 369 COMBINED FOR'S
RENDERED A DECISION AUTHORIZING ACTION TO MAKE RELEASE AS PRESENTED
TO YOU IN CDR TX 70549 10TH JULY. ACTUALLY SOME THIS PERSONNEL HAD
EVEN BEEN REPORTED TO THE PROTECTIVE FORCE AND THE INTER - NATIONAL
RED CROSS AS POW. THEIR PAROLE WAS GIVEN TO THEM OUR ITALIAN OFFICERS
AND THEY WERE FURNISHED WITH SHEETS OF PAPER SHOWING THAT THEY WERE
PAROLED POW. THEY HAVE NOW BEEN IN THIS STATUS FOR YEARS, TO ALL
INTERESTS AND PURPOSES THEY ARE CIVILIANS PURSUING THEIR NORMAL
CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS.

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PLEASE SUBMIT FOR ORIGINAL REVIEW WITHIN 90 DAYS

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TO YOU IN OUR PX 70649 10TH JULY. ACTUALLY NONE THIS PERSONNEL HAD
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 AND THEY WERE FURNISHED WITH SLIPS OF PAPER SHOWING THAT THEY WERE
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 CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS.

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 PLEASE SUBMIT THE NON ORIGINAL VERSION WHICH WAS
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FM AGO INFO TO MAIN AAI RPT AAI TO LT COL CAMPBELL

AFER SIGNED SIGNED FROM BRIGADIER ELWORTHY

FX 77386

JULY 31/1611

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PRIORITY

CITE: FIELD



REFERENCE YOUR 1072 OF 28 JULY. SUBJECT DISCUSSED AT POLITICAL SUB COMMITTEE.
 DECISION REACHED THAT RELEASE NOT PROCEED ON 31 JULY. INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SUBJECT
 OF CONVEYING TO ITALIAN AUTHORITIES THE FACT THAT RELEASE HAS TAKEN PLACE WILL BE
 ISSUED TO YOU AFTER SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDERS POLITICAL COMMITTEE HAS CONSIDERED
 THE MATTER

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JULY 31/2145

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TO : ATHQ (ACTION) AAI (INFO)

FROM : HQ ACC SIGNED CAMPBELL

CLASSIFICATION : SECRET

REFERENCE NO: ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO

PRECEDENCE : IMMEDIATE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: ^{July} 281400 BOFFICE OF ORIGIN: *WAR MATERIALS Disposal*

REF OUR SEVEN THREE NINE OF TWENTY JULY AND MEETING WITH BRIGADIER
ELSWORTHY AT FILPOT PD AS EXPLAINED TO BRIGADIER ELSWORTHY NO
SATISFACT^{ory} SCHEME COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO
RELEASE P3 IN LABOUR UNITS AND STILL RETAIN THEM AS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED
PD BRIGADIER ELSWORTHY AGREED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND DEFERRING FOR
THE PRESENT RELEASE OF SICILIAN PAROLED PRISONERS OF WAR NOW AT THEIR
HOMES PD PLEASE TELEGRAPH IMMEDIATELY IF RELEASE IS TO TAKE PLACE
AS ORIGINALLY INSTRUCTED IN PX SEVEN ZERO SIX FOUR NINE DATED TEN
JULY

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SEVEN THREE NINE

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION

REFERENCE YOUR FOX XRAY SEVEN ZERO SIX FOUR NINE OF ONE ZERO JULY CMA
FILPOT ABLE EIGHT SIX FOUR OF ONE TWO JULY AND YOUR FOX XRAY SEVEN TWO
ZERO SIX SIX OF ONE FOUR JULY PD I AM INFORMED THAT THERE STILL REMAIN
PAREN TO AFHQ PAREN ACTION PAREN AAI PAREN INFO PAREN PAREN IN PRISONER
OF WAR STATUS IN SICILY APPROXIMATELY TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO MEN ON PAROLE
WITHIN UNITS AND SIX FIVE ZERO IN PRISONERS OF WAR CAMPS PD THE LATTER
GROUP DID NOT VIOLATE ITALIAN LAW WHICH FORBIDS ANY CAPTURED SOLDIER TO
GIVE PAROLE ON PENALTY OF COURT MARTIAL PD IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT TO
LIBERATE THE PAROLE PRISONERS NOT IN UNITS WHO VIOLATED THE ITALIAN LAW
AND TO CONTINUE AS PRISONERS OF WAR BOTH THOSE MEN WHO DID NOT AND THOSE
WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE WAR IN LABOR UNITS WILL COMPLETELY WIPE OUT
ANY FAVOURABLE ITALIAN REACTION HOPED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE GRANTING
OF FULL LIBERTY TO ONE GROUP OF PAROLE PRISONERS PD STRONGLY RECOMMEND
THAT A UNIFORM POLICY BE ADOPTED TOWARDS ALL PRISONERS OF WAR IN SICILY PD
IT WOULD APPEAR PREFERABLE TO RELEASE ALL OF THEM FROM PRISONER OF WAR
STATUS BUT TO CONTINUE AS LABOR COMPANIES THOSE NOW IN MILITARY UNITS PD
AM CERTAIN THAT A SATISFACTORY SCHEME TO EFFECTUATE THIS CAN BE WORKED
OUT WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD PARA IF THIS IS NOT APPROVED THE ONLY
OTHER COURSE OF ACTION TO BE RECOMMENDED WOULD BE TO MAKE NO CHANGE IN
THE PRESENT STATUS OF PAROLE PRISONERS PD TO DO OTHER THAN TO FOLLOW ONE
OF THESE TWO ALTERNATIVES WOULD SEEM TO BE AN EMPTY GESTURE PD THEREFORE

RECOMMEND THAT PROPOSED RELEASE OF PAROLED PRISONERS OF WAR ONLY CMA
ON THREE ONE JULY BE DEFERRED PENDING FORMATION OF SCHEME FOR LABOR
UNITS TO BE FORWARDED BY THREE ZERO JULY PD AAI CONCURS ABOVE
RECOMMENDATIONS

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Army BG
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AUTHENTICATED BY:

1st Lt. MONTANT

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IMPORTANT

REF BY A 563 OF 12 AND FREEDOM EX 7064 OF 14 NOT TO DISTURB BUT
OBTAINATION DOWNS - UCL & REPT.

1. RELEASED BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF HELMANN ON PAROLE OTHER THAN
OBTAINATION DOWNS IS ADVISE.

2. INFORMATION OF RELEASED DOWNS HOWEVER ALSO HAVE AT LEAST
PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON GOVERNMENT WHO ARE ALSO PAROLEE CHIEF CANNIBAL
WOMEN AND I CANNOT REMEMBER TO IMMEDIATE CARD UP FOR SERVICE IN ITALIAN
ARMY. CAN REMAIN AS REPORTED IN FORM OF FREEDOM EX 7064 OF 10 BY R
HARRING OVER BOMBER ROLLS ON PAROLE FORMS TO LOCAL CIVIL GOVT AUTHORITIES.

3. REQUEST YOU EXAMINE BEST METHOD AND REPORT.

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TO: ACTION FILPOT TO FORT INFO ACC

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 42/15

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE No: FX 72066

PRECEDENCE: NONE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JULY 14/1102 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: FIGAB

REFER YOUR A864 OF 12 JULY. MAJORITY OF MEN NOW ON PAROLE IN SICILY TO BE RELEASED ON 31 JULY ARE SICILIANS CAPTURED BY AMERICANS AT START OF INVASION, AND IMMEDIATELY SENT HOME ON PAROLE, WHERE THEY HAVE REMAINED EVER SINCE. A FEW WERE BRITISH CAPTURES. NO FORMATION OF SUCH PERSONNEL INTO UNITS HAS EVER BEEN RECORDED. THEY SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH PPW CO-OPERATORS OR NON CO-OPERATORS STILL RETAINING PW STATUS WITHIN UNITS OR WITH IN PW CAMPS, WHOM IT IS NOT PROPOSED TO RELEASE



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CIPS PRGAB

PLEASE SEE YOUR FX 70649 OF 10 REF RELEASE OF PAROLMEN IN SICILY. AM
EXAMINING IMPLICATIONS VIS A VIS LOSS OF VARIOUS PW UNITS AND WILL
COMMUNICATE RESULT. BY IMMEDIATE REACTIONS FROM BRITISH VIEW POINT
ARE THAT CERTAIN UNITS SUCH AS PIONEER AND PROVOST COYS MUST BE RETAINED
IF NECESSARY AS ITALIAN MILITARY UNITS WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY BE THE STATUS
OF PERSONNEL ON RELEASE. IN ANY CASE MOST OF UNITS WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED
IF TOTAL RELEASE EFFECTED BY CIVIL LABOR OR ITALIAN MILITARY WHICH WILL
MEAN ADJUSTMENT OF ITALIAN MAN POWER CEILING ALLOTTED. REQUEST ACC ACTION
TO PROMULGATE BE DEFERRED UNTIL SITUATION EXAMINED. CONSIDER PROMULGATION
ALSO UNDESIRABLE IN VIEW YOUR FX 70748 OF 10

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Rev. 1-64) **MESSAGE FORM** *16910* Register No. *0777*

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions	Office Date Stamp
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.				
FROM (A)	FILED	Original Date of Origin	Date-Time of Origin	
		<i>HEAVY QUARTERS</i>	<i>12 000 B</i>	
<i>For A.C.C.</i> <i>SEP 11 1944</i> <i>A.C.C.</i> <i>SEP 11 1944</i> <i>SEP 11 1944</i>				
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)			GR

Originator's No.

AGC (.) CITE HEAD (.) PLEASE SEE YOUR TX 7049 OF 10 REE PERHAPS
 OF WAGON I. SIGHT (.) AN EXAMINING INDICATIONS VIA A VTS LOSS OF VARIOUS
 IN UNITS AND I-I COMMUNICATION RESULT (.) OF I. HINDING INDICATIONS FROM BRITISH
 VIEW ONE AND THAT CERTAIN OTHER SUCH AS PIONEER AND CRVISTO COMES MOST BE
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 HAVE TO BE RELEASED IN TOTAL RELEASE REQUESTED BY CIVIL LABOUR OR ITALIAN
 MILITARY WHICH WILL LEAD ADJUSTMENT OF ITALIAN WAR POWER BEING ALLOCATED (.)
 REQUEST ACC ACTION TO RECALIBRATE BE DEFERRED UNTIL SITUATION EXAMINED (.)
 CONSIDER FURTHER INFORMATION ALSO UNDERSTANDING I. VLAH YOUR PK70740 OF 10

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except	} WIRELESS.	if liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER.	Originator's Instructions, Degree of Priority	Time	System Op.
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July 12
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FOLLOWING IS SIG FK 70649 OF 10 FROM FREDDO TO ACC. QUOTE. YOU WILL INSTRUCT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, BASED ON COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF CABLE FAN 169, SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE ONE. THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDERS INSTRUCTS ME TO INFORM YOU THAT ITALIAN NATIONAL PRISONERS OF WAR NOW ON PAROLE IN THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT OF SICILY WILL BE OFFERED COMPLETE RELEASE EFFECTIVE 31 JULY 1944. TWO. THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IS AUTHORIZED BY THE ALLIED ARMIES TO TAKE THIS ACTION FOR THE DUAL REASONS, FIRST, IN ORDER THAT THESE PEOPLE MAY BE RETURNED TO THE FULL USE OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN SICILY FOR COMPLETE ASSIMILATION IN FURTHERING THE WAR AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY, AND SECOND, AS AN EARNEST INDICATION OF THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO TAKE EVERY ACTION COMPATIBLE WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE WAR AND TO ALLEVIATE THE PERSONAL SITUATION OF ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL WHERE PRACTICABLE IN PURSUING THESE OBJECTIVES. UNQUOTE. YOU WILL TAKE CARE THAT NO REFERENCE, EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY IS MADE BY YOU CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RIGHTS OR STATUS AS A GOVERNMENT OR JURISDICTION IN THE POLITICAL AREA INVOLVED. THE DATE SET FOR RELEASE HAS BEEN INTERPRETED WITH THE CLOSING OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY ISLAND BASE SECTION IN SICILY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS RELATIVE TO RELEASE OF INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED WILL BE CHARGED TO THE RESPECTIVE BRITISH AND UNITED STATES ARMY

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ADMINISTRATIVE CHANNELS. ANY QUESTION PROPOUNDED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT INCIDENT TO THIS WHOLESALERELEASE OF PERSONNEL WILL BE FORWARDED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR ACTION. THIS IS NOT A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE RELEASES NOR IS IT TO BE CONSTRUED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OTHER THAN AS STATED IN FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO BE DELIVERED BY YOU. NO PUBLICITY IN THIS MATTER WILL BE RELEASED EXCEPT THROUGH THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER. UNQUOTE. REQUEST YOU EXAMINE IMPLICATIONS VIS A VIS LOSS OF VARIOUS PW UNITS AND DISTRICTS. ALSO CONSIDER MACHINERY FOR RELEASE

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MESSAGE FORM

HEADQUARTERS
15 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

From: MILITARY

To: DISTRICT

Y to: IIS 101 ACC

Orig no: A 862

FOLLOWING IS SIG BY 70649 OF 10 FROM MILITARY TO ACC (.) QUOTE (.)

YOU WILL INSTRUCT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, BASED ON COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF CASES PAN 369, SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE
GATE.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO INFORM YOU THAT ITALIAN NATIONAL PRISONERS OF WAR MAY BE PAROLED IN THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT OF SICILY WILL BE OFFERED COMBINED ADVANCE INTERVIEW 31 JULY 1944.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IS AUTHORIZED BY THE ALLIED ARMIES TO TAKE THIS ACTION FOR THE DUAL REASONS, FIRST, IN ORDER THAT THESE PEOPLE MAY BE RETURNED TO THE FULL USE OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN SICILY FOR COMPLETE ASSIMILATION IN FURNISHING THE WAR AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY, AND SECOND, AS AN EARLIER INDICATION OF THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO TAKE EVERY ACTION COMPATIBLE WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE WAR AND TO ALLEVIATE THE HUMANE SITUATION OF ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL WHOSE PROSECUTIONS IN PURSUING THESE OBJECTIVES.

YOU WILL HAVE CARE THAT NO RELEASE, EITHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL, IS MADE BY YOU CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RIGHTS OR STATUS AS A COMBINED GOVERNMENT ON JURISDICTION IN THE POLITICAL AREA INVOLVED. THE DATE SET FOR RELEASE HAS BEEN INTERFERED WITH THE CLOSING OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY ISLAND BASE SITUATION IN SICILY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS RELATIVE TO RELEASE OF INDIVIDUALS COMPLETED WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE RESPECTIVE BRITISH AND UNITED STATES ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDERS. ANY QUESTION PROPOSED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WHOLESALE RELEASE OF PERSONNEL WILL BE FORWARDED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR ACTION. THIS IS NOT A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE RELEASES NOR IS IT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OTHER THAN AS STATED IN FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO BE DELIVERED BY YOU. NO PUBLICITY IN THIS MATTER WILL BE RELEASED EXCEPT THROUGH THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER (.) UNQUOTE (.)

REQUEST YOU EXAMINE REPLICATIONS VIA A VIS LOSS OF VARIOUS PW UNITS AND DILIGENT (.) ALSO CONSIDER MATTER FOR RELEASE

Int Dict: G(ED)

Master File

File 3074/21/4(0)

If liable to be inter-
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NOTION

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDERS INSTRUCTS ME TO INFORM YOU THAT ITALIAN NATIONAL PRISONERS OF WAR NOT ON PAROLE IN THE POLITICAL DIVISIONS OF SICILY WILL BE OBTAINED COMPLETE RELEASE EFFECTIVE 31 JULY 1944.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IS AUTHORIZED BY THE ALLIED ARMIES TO MAKE THIS ACTION FOR THE DUAL REASONS, FIRST, IN ORDER THAT THESE PEOPLE MAY BE RETURNED TO THE FULL USE OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE EVENT FOR COMPLETE ASSIMILATION IN FURNISHING THE WAR AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY, AND SECOND, AS AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO TAKE EVERY ACTION COOPERATIVE WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUPPLEMENTARY COMMISSION OF THE WAR AND TO ALLEVIATE THE HUMILIARY SITUATION OF ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL BEING IMPRISONED IN PURSUING THESE OBJECTIVES.

YOU WILL FIND THAT THERE IS NO PRECEDENT, EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY IS MADE BY YOU CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RIGHTS OR STATUS AS A COMPELLING OR JURISDICTION IN THE POLITICAL AREA INVOLVED. THE DATE SET FOR RELEASE HAS BEEN INTERFERED WITH THE CLOSING OF THE UNITED STATES AND ISLAND BASE SECTION IN SICILY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS RELATIVE TO RELEASE OF INDIVIDUALS COMING WILL BE TURNED TO THE RESPECTIVE BRANCH AND UNITED STATES ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE CHANNELS. ANY QUESTION CONCERNING THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S INCIDENT TO THIS WHOLESALE RELEASE OF PERSONNEL WILL BE FORWARDED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR ACTION. THERE IS NOT A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE RELEASES NOR IS IT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ONLY WHEN AS SHOWN IN YOUR NOTIFICATION TO BE DELIVERED BY YOU. NO PUBLICITY IN THIS MATTER WILL BE RELEASED EXCEPT THROUGH THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER (.) UNQUOTE (.)

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REQUEST YOU EXAMINE INDICATIONS VIS A VIS LOSS OF VARIOUS PW UNITS AND DIBUTIES (.) ALSO CONSIDER MATHEMATICAL OR RELEASE

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FOR PIDSLEY. FOR CAPT STONE FROM GEN BROWNING. REF YOUR 7175 OF 6 JULY NOT TO ALL. FIRST. REFER AAI/5072/A(0) OF 25 APRIL CONCERNING PW. PW RELEASED REVERT STATUS OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS. PAROLED PW WOULD HAVE NO (NO) LEGAL STANDING AS MEMBERS OF ITALIAN ARMY. ITALIAN ARMY CANNOT (NOT) ABSORB 7,000 MEN IN DIV IN SICILY AS ARMY IS ALREADY OVER STRENGTH AND RATION POSITION FOR SABAUDA DIV IN SICILY IS SERIOUS. RATIONS FOR PRESENT STRENGTH IN SICILY WILL LAST ONLY 5 DAYS AND TRANSFERTMENT IS NECESSARY FROM MAINLAND AS SHIPS DESTINED SICILIAN PORTS HAVE NOT (NOT) ARRIVED. THEREFORE EVEN IF 7,000 (7,000) PW WERE RELEASED AND ABSORBED IN SABAUDA DIV RATIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE NOW. CONSIDER IMPROCTICABLE TO ABSORB PW IN SABAUDA ALSO FROM STANDPOINT OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES AND PROVIDING WITH ARMS. SECOND. 2 BATTNS MANTOVA DIVISION IN CALABRIA APPROXIMATELY 2,000 (2,000) STRENGTH CAN BE MADE READY IF ORDERED BY 17TH AI. THESE WOULD HAVE TO BE TRANSPORTED TO SICILY AND TRANSPORT FOR RATIONS ON BASIS 24(24) TONS FOR 1000 (1000) MEN FOR 30 (30) DAYS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE PROVIDED

ACC MAIN DIST

Action copy to CA Branch
(A.J.C.)

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Note:

Spoke Col Shipp 1100 hrs 8 Jul. He
said leave this to CA Branch,
(A.J.C.)

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