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MOCHI

JAN. - JUN 1944

SUBJECT: Treatment of Italians Repatriating from Spain and Portugal

ref memo 4890 of 24 June

29 June 1944

I spoke to Prunas today about his complaint of the way in which certain Italian officials from Spain had been interrogated and in certain cases detained on their way back to Italy.

As regards Mochi, Prunas said that he was perfectly well aware that Mochi had been in touch with the Germans in Tangiers after the Armistice. He had met Mochi in Lisbon when the latter was on his way from Tangiers to the North of Italy. After Prunas had given him a good talking to, Mochi had admitted that he had been entirely in the wrong, had abandoned any intention of going to the North of Italy and in fact had asked to be sent for such services as might be possible with the Royal Government in the South of Italy.

Prunas used this instance to say that we must believe that the Italians knew far more about their own personnel than we were likely to do. What is more, the Italians would treat such cases far more hardly than we for it was the intention of the Italian Foreign Service above all to rid itself of all doubtful elements. I said that such statements would be more readily accepted by Allied Authorities if there had been more apparent vigour shown over the whole question of defascistization. If Prunas could give me a list showing what action had been taken, this would be helpful, providing that the list was itself satisfactory. Prunas promised to do this.

He then said that from his own enquiries from the personnel who had arrived in Italy after interrogation, he must observe that the questions asked by our intelligence services were "not very profound". The same questions had been asked in Algiers as had already been put to the Italians in Spain and Portugal and, for instance, those coming from Lisbon had been asked what they thought about D'Ajete. Interrogations had taken place in some cases for only an hour at a time with several weeks interlude between each. What useful Allied purpose was served by this? The unshot could only be to make it very difficult to persuade any Italian official abroad for fear of being submitted to this ordeal by boredom and discomfort if no worse.

I asked him to give me a reasoned statement about the case of Mochi and about the whole procedure at Algiers including any observations he might like to make on the type of questions asked. I made no commitment to use any such statement but said that facts on these lines were of much more interest to me than complaints from diplomats of having to live under canvas. In this Year of Grace they were lucky indeed to have been so well cared for. Prunas took this point.

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*Meanwhile Vol 302 of June 19
below followed should be cancelled.
Prunas 1944 - Robert 1944*

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AFFARI ESTERI

MEMORANDUM

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From that moment nothing has been heard about Vice Consul Mochi by the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs or by any other Italian authorities, in spite of repeated inquiries.

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Arrived on 24/4

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The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs wishes to submit that each member of the group, held by Allied authorities at Algiers on their way back to Italy, left Spain with a regular passport visa issued by the British Embassy there. Before being granted such visa, all Italian officials were submitted to lengthy interrogations by members of the Intelligence Service at the British Embassy. Interrogations dealt with every conceivable detail concerning their life, opinions, activities up to the present time. After such a thorough investigation British Authorities appeared satisfied and issued to each member of the Italian group a visa "... for Gibraltar direct transit to Southern Italy", giving implicitly to understand that the repatriating party would not be troubled again on its way home.

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The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to inform that the news of what has occurred to the Italian repatriating officials has already reached Spain creating a feeling of surprise and of apprehension among the loyal Italian officials living there. Also on this account the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs feels that, in view of what has occurred it will be extremely difficult to continue to give instructions to their personnel abroad to return to Italy, unless the Allied Authorities will find it possible to avoid the repetition of similar causes of serious concern.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall be grateful to the A.C.C. if they will be so good as to draw the earnest attention of the competent Allied Authorities on the above considerations, and, in the meanwhile, to make it possible for Vice Consul Mochi and Signor Cattani to proceed on their way to liberated Italy, where, if found necessary, they will be available for further interrogation by the Allied Officials.

R. 13518

Salerno, June 24, 1944.



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R. 4533



Salerno, June 24th, 1944.

Capt. Pearson.

Would you ask the Foreign Office if they have a list of those repatriated from Spain on the last ship which, I understand, reached Taranto on April 28th.

In particular did Mochi arrive on this ship?

Political Section,
H.Q. A.C.C.-
3.5.44.

Mr. Caccia

I understand that only women and children arrived on this ship; all the men were detained in Algiers for further questioning.

Political Section,
Salerno
5.5.44.

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Capt
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Translation of tel. held up

(attached)

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ROYAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

outgoing telegram

No. coll: 743

Subject: Personnel ~~XXXXX~~ Repatriation

Date : June 19, 1944

Means : By Courier

Directed to: Italian Royal Embassy--Madrid

Text : (Original)

No. 372--June 19. Ministerial Telegram No. 298 of May 31st.
During the Algiers stop, the personnel recently repatriated was detained for 17 days in the Concentration Camp where Gattai is ~~xxxxxxbeingdetained~~ presumably still being held.

After his arrival at Gibraltar, there has been no news of the Vice Consul Mochi which would appear to indicate that he was stopped there by British Authorities.

While it is insisted with the ACC that the personnel be allowed to reach National Liberated Territory, we appeal to you so that the incident be reported to the British and American Embassies. In fact, the above mentioned were provided with ~~regular~~ visas which were granted after interrogations and personal investigations as well as prolonged and exhaustive exchanges of communication between Allied and Italian Organs during the course of which no exceptions, reservations or conditions were brought out ~~xxxxxx~~ such as would explain the above mentioned incident. The provisions adopted are much too severe inasmuch as we are dealing also with officials provided with regular diplomatic passports and they are in complete contrast with those used by the same Allies as regards the diplomatic personnel of other countries ~~and~~ with which they are in the state of open hostility.

Make known also that the treatment accorded to the above mentioned affects the sentiments of loyalty to the R. Government on the part of ~~the~~ citizens and Italian officials abroad, ~~xxxxxx~~ furnishing additional efficacious ~~xxx~~ argument for Fascist Republican propaganda speculations.

Before proceeding with further transferred personnel departures request assurance that during voyage, repatriates will not be seized and subjected to particular humiliating treatment. If necessary, interrogations can be made and sanctions adopted in Italy in full agreement and collaboration with Allied Authorities. 2926
Please give assurance. Transmit this telegram to Lisbon and for information to Tangiers.

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R. MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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Telegramma in PARTENZA

No. coll: 743

Oggetto: RIMPATRIO PERSONALE

Data: 19.6.44

Tramite: PER CORRIERE

Diretto a: R. AMBASCIATA ITALIANA - MADRID

Testo: (originale)

No. 372 - Giugno 19. Telegramma Ministeriale n.298 del 31 maggio.

Risulta che personale recentemente rimpatriato e stato durante sosta Algeri trattenuto per 17 giorni in Campo Concentramento dove Cattani tratterrebbero ancora.

Inoltre dal suo arrivo a Gibilterra non si hanno più notizie Vice Console Mochi, che sembrerebbe essere stato colà fermato da autorità Britanniche.

Mentre si insiste presso Commissione Alleata Controllo perché predetti vengano posti in grado raggiungere Territorio Nazionale Liberato, prego rappresentare quanto precede a Codeste Ambasciate Britannica e Americana. I predetti erano infatti muniti di regolari visti concessi a seguito di interrogatori, accertamenti personali nonché prolungati ed esaurienti scambi di comunicazione fra competenti Organi Alleati ed Italiani, nel corso dei quali non furono mai sollevate eccezioni o fatte riserve o condizioni tali da spiegare quanto si è verificato. Provvedimenti adottati sono tanto più duri in quanto si tratta anche di funzionari muniti di regolare passaporto diplomatico, e sono in aperto contrasto con quelli usati dagli stessi Alleati nei confronti Personale diplomatico di altri paesi con cui si trovano in stato di aperta ostilità.

Faccia anche presente che trattamento riservato predetti, incide su sentimenti di lealtà al R. Governo dei cittadini e Funzionari Italiani all'Estero, fornendo altresì efficace argomento per speculazioni propaganda Repubblicano Fascista.

Prima procedere ulteriori partenze personale trasferito chiede assicurazione che durante viaggio rimpatriandi non verranno sequestrati e sottoposti particolare trattamento umiliante. Se del caso interrogatori potranno essere fatti e sanzioni adottate in Italia in pieno accordo e collaborazione con Autorità Alleate. Prego assicurare. Trasmetta presente telegramma Lisbona e per conoscenza Tangeri.

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Telegramma in PARTENZA

N° coll: 743

Oggetto: RINVIATO PER UNO

Data: 15.6.14

Tramite: PER UNO

Diretto a: N. AMBASCIATA ITALIANA - ALGERIA

Testo: (originale)

N° 372

15. Giugno 19. Telegramma Ministeriale n. 298 del 31 maggio. Alcolta che persona recentemente rimpatriato è stato durante sosta Algeri trattato per 17 giorni in campo concentramento dove cattivi tratterebbero ancora.

Inoltre dal suo arrivo a Libia non si hanno più notizie Vice Console Rodini, che sembrerebbe essere stato colà fermato da autorità britanniche.

Mentre si insiste presso Commissione Alleata Controllo perché predetti vengano posti in grado di viaggiare Territorio Nazionale Libero, prego rappresentare quanto precede a Odente Ambasciata Britannica e Americana. I predetti erano infatti muniti di regolari visti, concessi a seguito di interrogatorio, e avevano personalità nonché proluceati et esaurienti sommi di comunicazione tra competenti organi Alleati et italiani, nel corso del quale non furono mai sollevate eccezioni o fatte riserve o condizioni tali da spiegare quanto si è verificato. Provvedimenti adottati sono tanto più curi in quanto si tratta anche di funzionari muniti di regolare passaporto diplomatico, e sono in aperto contrasto con quelli usati dagli stessi Alleati nei confronti personale diplomatico di altri paesi con cui si trovano in stato di aperta ostilità.

Facola anche presente che trattamento riservato predetti, anche su sentimenti di lealtà al N. Governo del cittadino e funzionario 23.5.14. ni all'Estero, fornendo altresì efficace argomento per speculazioni pro-paganda Repubblica Fascista.

Consegnato a N. Ambasciata Italiana Algeri. Si procederà a tutti i provvedimenti per il personale trasferito chiedo assicurazione che durante viaggio rimpatriandi non verranno sequestrati e sottoposti particolare trattamento umiliante. Se del caso interrogare e sottoporre a tutti i provvedimenti adottati in Italia in pieno accordo con le autorità britanniche.

Oggetto: Rimpatrio Egitto
Data: 19.6.70
Tramite: via Consolato

Diretto a: A. Ambasciata Italiana - Addis

Testo: (originale)

N° 372 - Giama 19. Telegramma Ministeriale n. 296 del 31 maggio.
Risulta che personale recentemente rimpatriato è stato durante
notte Algeri trattenuto per 17 giorni in campo concentramento dove
cattivi trattamenti erano.

Inoltre dal mio arrivo a Zaffarata non si hanno più notizie Vice
Consolo locali, che ne dovrebbe conoscere tutto ciò che è avvenuto da autorità
Britanniche.

Contro al trattato presso Consolato Alleanza Controllo perché
predetti vengono posti in grado di lasciare Territorio Nazionale Libe-
rate, prego rappresentare quanto processo a cadute Ambasciate Britanni-
ca e Americana. I predetti erano infatti uniti di regolari viet. con-
corsi a seguito di interrogatorio. Le estensioni personali nonché prola-
cati et esautorati scatti di comunicazione tra competenti Organi Allean-
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fatte riserve e condizioni tali da spiegare quanto si è verificato.
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di funzionari uniti di regolare passaporto diplomatico, e sono in spe-
to confronto con quelli uniti dagli stessi alleati nel con venti per-
sonale diplomatico da altri paesi con cui si trovano in stato di aper-
ta ostilità.

Faccia anche presente che trattamento riservato predetti, anche
su sentimenti di lealtà al Governo del Libano e funzionari
ni all'etero, fornendo ulteriori efficace argomento per speculazioni pro-
teggendo Repubblica Libano fascista.

Consegnato a: procedere ulteriori partenze personale trasferito chiedo
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cordo e collaborazione con autorità alleate. Prego assicurare. Transat-
ta presente telegramma Libano e per conoscenza Tangori.

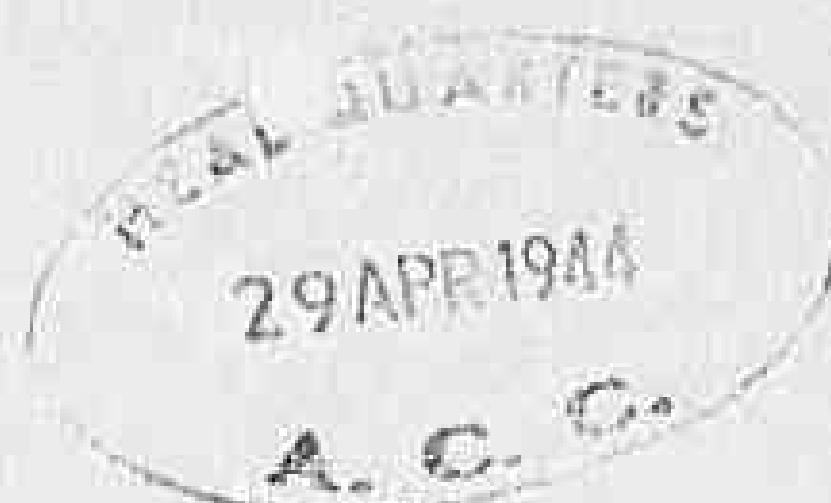


BOLOGNI

M/C NO: N8/29

FROM: MADRID

TO: ESTERI NAPLES



GV117/CJ MADRID 32 28 2300 ETAT IT ESTERI NAPLES

FIL 159 APRILE 28 ALT CASSE MIO TELESPIRESSO 561 AFFIDATE VICECONSOLI

MOCHI ET DEGIOVANNI NUOVO TELEGRAMMA 160 APRILE 28 SUO 120 QUARONI COMUNICA

CHE ANZILOTTI PARTITO 22 APRILE ALT PAULUCCI

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ACTION: ITAL GOVT

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FILE

No. 159. April 28. Annul my message 561. We may have confidence in Vice-Consuls Mochi and De Giovanni.

160. April 28. Your 120. Quaroni communicates that Anzilotti left 22 April. Paulucci.

*505 - Mochi
506 - De Giovanni
507 - Anzilotti*

POLITICAL SECTION
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 INCOMING MESSAGE

Pol. Sect
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MSG Center No : 35/16
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 To : ESTERL NAPLES

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AMERICAN CIPHER
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378 from Madrid
15 June

Yours 298. I have been waiting for news of French
to the British Govt. Yours 318. I asked news
from Swiss Govt. I have not yet received reply
from Richardson.

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Oggetto:

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Data:

5.6.44

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Diretto a:

AMBASCIATA ITALIANA - HAURID

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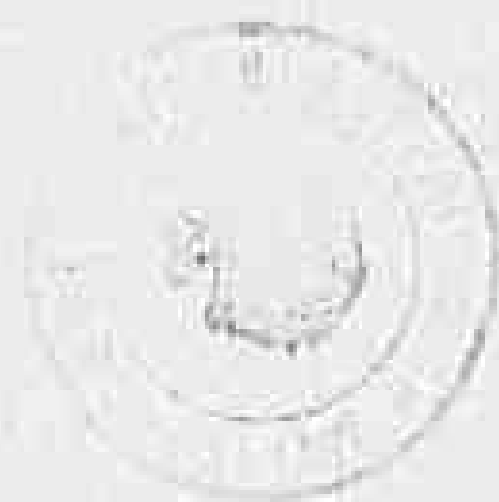
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318 - GIUGNO 5(,) PREGE URGENTE RICEVUTO MIO 228.

Telegramma in PARTENZA

N° coll.: 663

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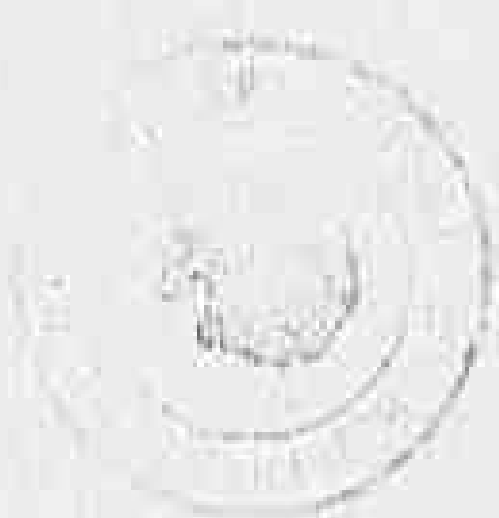
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Testo: (originale)

Nº:

343 - Gruppo 5(1) presso uscente riscontro mio 298.

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Telegramma in PARTENZA

N° coll.: 625

Oggetto:

FIORE ANTONIO MARCHI

Data:

31.3.44

Tramite:

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Diretto a:

M. AFFARI ESTERI - DIREZIONE - ROMA

Testo: (originale)

N°.

298 - Roma 31(4.) Urgente (4.) Invece telegrafare notizie
 locali che rimanda essere stato trattato di cultura al momento
 per essere elaborata con qualità 24 aprile scorso (4.)

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R. MINISTERO
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AFFARI ESTERI

N° 2458

Salerno, April 26th, 1944

Dear Captain Pearson,

May I draw your attention to your letter of March 27th ult., n. 505-MO, concerning Vice Consul Mochi ? In this connection I wonder if you could inform the competent Authorities that, as far as I know, Mochi is not married.

I believe you will agree with me that in view of the brief but forceful manner in which you describe his would be wife, it is better that he should be unmarried in the interest of everybody concerned as she would be a heavy-weight !

Sincerely yours

R. Rinaldi

Captain J.M. Pearson,
Political Section
Allied Control Commission

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FOR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADD 324

Reference #505-20

27 March 1944

The Honorable Ben Benati, French
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

In continuation of my message today informing you that your telegram No. 30 regarding the restriction of Marcello Moschi has been held up, this matter has been taken at the instance of Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers.

It is understood that the applicant's mother was German and his wife an ardent admirer of Germany and a fervent racist, and that before leaving France on 1 October 1943, he had been in constant touch with local Germans. We will keep you informed, however, regarding progress of the investigation.


J. M. PEARSON
Captain
Political Section

505-Moschi

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R. MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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Telegramma in PARTENZA

Nº. coll: 297

Oggetto: RIMPATRIO MOCHI

Data: 23.3.44

Tramite: C.A.C.

Diretto a: R. AMBASCIATA ITALIANA - MADRID

Testo: (originale)

Nº. 50 - March 23(.) Please wire whether Allied authorities have authorized repatriation Mochi(.)

PRUNAS

(traduzione)

Prego telegrafare se autorità alleate concessero nulla osta rimpatrio Mochi.

PRUNAS



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Consegnato a: C.A.C.
il: 26/3/44

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Oggetto: RIMPATRIO MOCHI

Data: 23.3.44

Tramite: C.A.C.

Diretto a: R. ABBASCIATA ITALIANA - MADRID

Testo: (originale)

N° 80 - March 23(.) Please wire whether Allied authorities have authorized repatriation Mochi(.)

PRUNAS

(traduzione)

Prego telegrafare se autorità alleate concessero nulla osta rimpatrio Mochi.

PRUNAS



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Consegnato a: C.A.C.

il: 20/3/44

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(Mochi being investigated)
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See 773.0 of 25 March 44

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

No. 505-MO

28 April 1944

Mr. Halford:

As regards Nocchi, Prunas tells me that he expects him to arrive at Taranto today with the other Italian personnel from Spain. If he does not turn up, he will no doubt have been detained at Gibraltar and Prunas will probably ask us to find out the reason for this action. Prunas does not know him well, but from what he saw of Nocchi in Lisbon, he is quite certain that this young man of 27 would, under no circumstances, be any menace to the Allied war effort if allowed to come to Southern Italy.

Political Section

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Gen. Pearson.

Mr. Secchia told me to hold up telegram No. 86 to Madrid - registration of Mochi, in view of the attached correspondence, which please return.

Will you please tell the Ministry that the telegram is held up?

Informed 29/3. *[Signature]*

L.H.
26.3.

Office of the British Resident
Minister at Allied Force H.Q.,
5, rue Professeur Carillet,
Algiers.

43/157/1.

14th February 1944.

My dear Harold,

With reference to your letter No. 505 of February 2nd, I enclose the text of a telegram from Joe Gascoigne giving his views on Marcello Kochi whose repatriation the Italian Foreign Office have asked us to arrange.

*replied to
1/11/44*

We are sending copies of this telegram to Hill-Dillon and Reinhardt. But no final decision will presumably be taken until the views of Sir. S. Hoare and the Foreign Office and Hill-Dillon's sources have also come in.

It certainly looks as if the Italians had picked a bad egg. But it may be that he will be less harmful in Italy than loose in Spain.

*John
R. H. H.*
Roger Watkins.

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Text of telegram from H.E. Consul-General Tangier, to
Resident Minister, Algiers, No. Resmin 10, dated 11th Feb.

Mercelle Kochi is looked upon here as a hedge-
sitting Fascist. His mother was German and his wife
reported to be an ardent admirer of Germany and a
fervent racist. He tried to join the local
Republican Fascist Party but was expelled by the
Fascists at their first meeting. He is trusted by
officials of the Royal Italian Consulate-General.
Before leaving Tangier on Oct. 1st 1943 he had constantly
been in touch with local Germans.

2. I should not trust him a yard.

SAC/dad

Reference 505

2 February 1944

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Now that we are in the middle of the move I am afraid that I cannot find out whether there has been any previous correspondence showing that we have something against this individual. In any case, unless it is serious, could this gentleman be given a fair wind?

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N° 404

AIDE-MEMOIRE

any reference?

The Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs
present their compliments to the Allied Control
Commission and will be grateful if the proper steps
will be taken in order to obtain that Signor Marcello
Hochi, formerly Vice Consul in Tangiers and at present
in Madrid, will be granted the necessary permission
in order to return to Southern Italy.

R.P.

BRINDISI, January 26, 1947.



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