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PELLEGRINI, COUNT UGO, PROCEEDINGS AGAINST
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16	Cbl AFHQ F 81582	11 Aug 44	ACC for Stone	Confirm direction to release. Make clear no interference meant.
17	Ltr A/CC 250 Stone	13 Aug 44	AFHQ G-5	Count Pellegrini released, but point out may have serious reper- cussions, politically.
18	Ltr A/CC 250 Stone	21 Aug 44	AFHQ G-5	Arrest & Release, Pellegrini. Possible political repercussions.
19	Ltr A/CC 250 Stone	21 Aug 44	Hq AAI	Resume of case & position. Incl:
20	Ltr A/CC 250 Stone	22 Aug 44	AFHQ G-5	Principles on removal of Ital officials in responsible positions re Allied war effort, & policy.
21	Ltr AAI 1456/104 GSI(b)	28 Aug 44	ACC	Thanks for info. Suggest care to insure justice in judgement
22	Memo A/CC 250	31 Aug 44	VI Admin Sec	Ltr AAI 28 Aug for ackn & action
23	Ltr A/CC 250 Stone	5 Sep 44	AAI	Review of charges, Pellegrini
24	Ltr CA Sec Upjohn	23 Oct 44	A/CC	Charges against Pellegrini drop- ped & he is acquitted. Epuration procedures now apply.
25	Ltr Stone DE/3.7/CA	29 Dec 44	Bonomi	Must ask case be cleared up within 10 days from date.
26	Ltr Bonomi, N.6	5 Jan 45	Stone	Have given orders case be solve without delay.
27	CC 551/9 VP Mtg	22 Feb 45		VP, CAS, reported P. epurated.
28	D.172.64.CS, Scudder	26 Mar 45	VP Ca Sec	Brig Buchanan lodges strong pro- test against manner of P. epuration

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1	Ltr Cerabona	17 May 44	ACC	Pls investigate facts of charges against Pellegrini
2	Ltr Stone	20 May 44	Cerabona	Tnx your ltr. Rpt will be made
2a	Ltr DCC 250 Stone	20 May 44	RC & MG Sec	Pls investigate Pellegrini
3	Ltr AAI/1456/104/ CSI(b) AAI	22 Jun 44	G-2 PBS	Value of Pellegrini
3a	Ltr Sec Br ACC 1st Ind	30 Jun 44		Cerabona feels Pellegrini should be removed. Incl: report
4	Ltr SB/140.H. SecB	1 Jul 44	A/CC	Reports on Pellegrini. Recommend he should not be removed.
5	Ltr A/CC 250 Stone	4 Jul 44	Cerabona	Recommend Pellegrini should not be removed because of his value
6	Ltr A/CC 250 Stone	11 Jul 44	AFHQ G-5	Case of Pellegrini. Request for decision whether he should be removed if It Govt calls him to trial
7	Cbl AFHQ F 72649	15 Jul 44	ACC	Case under discussion. Keeps us informed
8	Cbl S-295 Stone	17 Jul 44	AFHQ	It comm may call Pellegrini
9	Ltr Gen Tully	18 Jul 44	Stone	Pls refrain from encouraging removal of Pellegrini
10	Ltr A/CC 250 Stone	21 Jul 44	Tully	We are following this policy
11	Cbl S-300 Stone	26 Jul 44	AFHQ	Pellegrini suspended by Spuratin Comm, recommend no interference
12	Ltr Admin Sec GRU	29 Jul 44	A/CC	Purge decree vis-a-vis Pellegr.
13	Ltr Memo Nichols CSC AFHQ	9 Aug 44	CCS AFHQ	Fell. case. Recommend he be released from jail immediately.
14	Cbl AFHQ F 81103	9 Aug 44	ACC for Stone	Direct you have Pellegrini released from jail immediately. Rpt.
15	Ltr Reg 3 ACC	10 Aug 44	Reg Comm Reg 3	Circumstances in arrest & release of Pellegrini

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/epc

D.172.64.C8

26th March, 1945

SUBJECT: Pellegrini Epuration Case
TO: V.P. Civil Affairs Section

1. You will remember that many months ago Admiral Stone assured representatives of A.F.H.Q. that the A.C. would do everything in its power to insure that Pellegrini be given a prompt and fair trial.
2. The failure to have his case handled promptly cannot be attributed to any lack of effort on the part of A.C.
3. Brigadier W.C. Buchanan called on me on March 24th, 1945 and presented a very strong protest against the manner in which the Epuration Commission had handled Pellegrini's case. I understand that Major Palmieri has already given you a report on the subject and that you are investigating and will, if your investigation warrants such action, make a strong complaint to the Italian Government.
4. This Memo. is to inform you that I told Brigadier Buchanan that you were investigating the matter and that he could rest assured that if the proceedings of the Epuration Commission were proved to have been irregular or if it were to the Allied interests to do so, suitable corrective action would be taken.

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H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel,
D/Director.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
(Thru' Executive Commissioner)

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(Copy retained by E.C.)

CC 551/9

22 February 1945

VP MEETING - EXTRACT

9. amputation

The Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, reported that Sig. Pellegrini had been executed (Pellegrini: High official in the Naples telephone system for whose retention AFHQ have in the past made strenuous efforts).

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

n. 6

Rome, 5 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

In reference to your letter December 1944, I communicate to you that I have immediately given the necessary orders to the High Commissioner for expunction for the position of Mr. Pellegrini to be examined and solved without delay.

I will be able to send you more informations before long.

Truly yours,

G. I. Ronosi

Admiral Hilary A. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Ref: DF/3.7/CK

29 Dec 44.

My dear Mr Prime Minister,

I am very disturbed about the position as to Mr Pellegrini. As you are aware, Mr Pellegrini is an expert whose services may be of great use to the Allies. I agreed to his case going before an Epuration Commission provided it would be dealt with quickly but there has been much delay, as to which my staff has made many representations. It is understood that all the papers relating to the case are in Rome and that there is no legal objection to his case being dealt with by the Epuration Commission sitting in Rome.

This case is one which I consider affects Allied interests and I must ask you to see that this case is definitely brought to a conclusion within 10 days. It is important that we shall know promptly whether or not we are going to be able to rely on Mr Pellegrini's services. The matter has been allowed to drag on too long and the present indeterminate position cannot be allowed to continue.

Yours very truly,

H. Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref:- DP/3.1/QA

23 Oct '44

To:- A/CC.

SUBJECT:- Pellegrini

1. I have to inform you that the very serious charges against Pellegrini for collaborating with the Germans against the Allies in September '43 pending ~~the fall of~~ ^{before} the military tribunal at Naples, have been disposed of by the instructional judge, and he has been acquitted of all charges.

2. These charges were as you will recall brought under certain sections of the military penal code of war and have no connection with the epuration decree of the 27th July, '44.

3. While these charges were pending against him, epuration procedures under Part II of the epuration decree which deals merely with dismissal were quite properly suspended, but I have this day agreed with the Italian Government that these epuration proceedings shall now continue; they will be given a high priority and the Deputy High Commissioner for Epuration has undertaken that they will be brought to a conclusion one way or another as soon as possible.

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G. R. Upjohn

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Sec.
Dep. C.O.S.

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A/CC 250

5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Count Ugo Pellegrini

TO : Advanced Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy

Reference your 1456/104 G-5 I b, of 28 Aug 44

1. Your headquarters will be kept informed.

2. I have asked for a copy of the charges. It is understood that it is alleged that Count Pellegrini voluntarily initiated, organized and controlled an air raid alarm system to detect and warn the Germans of the approach of Allied aircraft and thereby caused the loss of Allied aircraft and life and prevented Allied raids from being as effective against German positions and personnel as they might otherwise have been.

3. It would appear that the assistance he afforded was different from that given by those who merely continued their administrative functions in that he originated and took an active part in actual operations and thereby supported the enemies of the Italian government. In view of the fact that the prosecution is being undertaken by the "Avvocato dello Stato" and is not in any sense a private prosecution I think it is undesirable to interfere further at this stage. The findings and sentence will be considered by this headquarters.

4. The policy which is recommended by this headquarters, and which is being followed pending a reply from AFHQ is shown in A/CC 250 of 22 August 44 to G-5-AFHQ, a copy of which is enclosed. The Italian Government has at all times been scrupulous to inform us of persons in Allied employment whom it suggested should be suspended because of fascism. It has now also been asked to inform us when it becomes desirable to arrest such a person because of his alleged commission of a crime.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
as in para 4 above.

(Drafted by Admin Section)

c.c. Admin Section.

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Acting Chief Commissioner

EMS/dfc *SH 39*

Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.

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Date Time *1 Sep 44 1:00*

Via *mail*

Initials *AKA*

A/CC 250

Count Ugo PELLEGRINI

Vice President, Administrative Section

31 August

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1. Reference attached:

a. Letter 1456/104/CSI(b) of 28 Aug 44 from Hq AAI, relative "Count Ugo Pellegrini."

b. Copy A/CC 250 of 21 Aug 44, "Arrest & Release - Count Ugo Pellegrini."

2. Reference 1a is forwarded to your section for acknowledgment and appropriate action.

Stone.

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SUBJECT:- Count Ugo PELLEGRINI

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT ADV 2

1456/104/GSI(b)

28 Aug 44

HQ, A.C.C.

Copy to: C.S.O.

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1. Your A/CC 250 dated 21 Aug is acknowledged with thanks, and we should be glad if you would keep this HQ informed of developments in this case.
2. We should be interested to know the particulars of the charges preferred against PELLEGRINI in respect of his alleged assistance to the enemy.
3. Count PELLEGRINI's case, as you know, was investigated from the security angle by this Headquarters some time ago. While there is no doubt that he assisted the enemy by continuing to function in his official capacity under the Germans, it is suggested that many other Italian officials, who have not been arrested on capital charges, may have done the same.

It would seem advisable therefore to make enquiries in order to ensure that he is not merely the object of intrigue by ill-disposed persons and that his case is handled properly and justly. No doubt you have already taken steps with this object in view.

4. Will you please inform this HQ of the policy which is now being followed respecting the right of the Italian authorities to arrest persons working for the Allies.

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C. E. R. Hirsch
EGS (1) for Lieut. General,
Chief of General Staff

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28 Aug

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/CO-290.

22 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: Expiration of Italian Officials.

TO : AFHQ. Attention: I-5 Section.

Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
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Date-Time 23 Aug 1944
Via *115*
Initials *SKR*

- 1 I acknowledge your letter of the 3 Aug 44 on the above mentioned subject matter.
- 2 The Italian Authorities concerned are of course entirely sympathetic to the attitude of the Allied Authorities in this matter and I have arranged that the appropriate Sub-Commission shall be informed of the intention of the Italian Government to suspend any technicians holding an important position directly assisting the military effort and that no such suspension shall become effective until a replacement acceptable to the Allied Control Commission is made available.
- 3 The question of retaining indefinitely those whose services are unique (referred to in para 3 (b) (i) of your letter) has been fully discussed with my technical Sub-Commissions. It was felt to be out of the question to lay down a category of such officials because it would be impossible to define in practical terms and because the total number would be so small that the matter was essentially one to be worked out on an individual basis.
- 4 However, the Sub-Commissions most recently concerned (Transportation, Communications and Public Utilities) each expressed the opinion that no one who was presently employed really came within your classification in para 3 (b) (i) and they would not feel justified in putting forward any names for defendant trial proceedings during the continuance of hostilities.
- 5 In these circumstances I suggest that the matter can safely be left to the discretion of my Sub-Commissions.
- 6 It is submitted that there is no real difference of principle but only of a degree between the cases set out in your para 3 (b) (i) and (ii); it is a practical question in each case, namely can a suitable replacement be found and if not suspension will not be carried into effect until a suitable successor is made available.

WALTER W. STONE
Capt GRC
Acting Chief Commissioner

Prepared by G.R. URBAN, Col
Admin Section

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A/CC 250

21 August 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest and Release - Count Ugo Pellegrini

TO : Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy, C. M. F.

1. Attached for your information are copies of correspondence and orders passing between Allied Force Headquarters and this headquarters.

2. The position briefly is as follows:

a. Count Pellegrini was suspended from his office as Manager of S.R.F. at Naples by the AMG Eparation Committee at the end of July with the leave of Allied Force Headquarters.

b. On 9 August 1944 he was arrested and it was apparently understood by Allied Force Headquarters that such arrest was in connection with the Eparation proceedings and his immediate release was directed (see their signal F 81103).

c. A report was called for by this headquarters as to the circumstances of his arrest and a copy thereof was supplied to Allied Force Headquarters on the 10 August 1944. This report disclosed the fact that the arrest was not connected with the Eparation proceedings but was in connection with a criminal charge of giving help to the enemy.

d. Allied Force Headquarters considered this report, but telephoned a confirmation of the order for release and again confirmed the order in their signal F 81582.

e. Count Pellegrini was release on 11 August and this was confirmed in my letter A/CC 250 dated 13 August 1944.

3. As this matter has been dealt with direct between Allied Force Headquarters and this headquarters, it is thought proper that you should be informed of the foregoing facts.

ELMRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR

Acting Chief Commissioner

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Encl 1 - Sig. AFHQ No. 81103

2 - Sig. AFHQ No. 81582

3 - Memo fr CSO, Maj Gen.
Nicholls, dtd 9 Aug 44.

4 - Ltr Hq ACC, dtd 21 44

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A/CG 250

21 August 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest and Release - Count Ugo Pellegrini

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
(Attn: G-5 Section)

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1. In accordance with the instructions contained in your two signals Y 81103 and Z 81582 of the 9 and 11 August, Count Pellegrini has been released.

2. I desire to place on record the fact that Count Pellegrini was arrested because he was alleged to have committed the serious offense of aiding and abetting the Germans. His arrest had no connection with the Espionage proceedings which are pending against him.

3. My view which has already been expressed to you by phone is, that the release of the man may have very serious political and industrial consequences. Furthermore in view of the fact that the charges against him involve the death penalty his re-arrest may not be easy.

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

S.G.O. Admin. Section.

Hq ACC - Sec'y Gen.
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Date - Time 21 Aug 1945
Via Hq.
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13 August 1944

SUBJECT: Count Pellegrini

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(Att: G-5 Section)

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ELLMY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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ACC FOR STONE

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11 AUG 1944
A.C.C.HQ ACC. APO 394
361 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 11 Aug 1730
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THIS IS TO CONFIRM DIRECTION CONTAINED OUR F 81103 OF 9 AUGUST THAT YOU ARE TO ARRANGE WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE PELLEGRINI. FACTS PRODUCED IN DISCUSSION TENTH AS TO NATURE OF PRESENT CHARGES HAVE BEEN GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT IN ARRANGING FOR RELEASE WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO DISPOSITION TO INTERFERE WITH TRIAL OF PELLEGRINI ON ANY CHARGES WHICH MAY BE BROUGHT AGAINST HIM. IN VIEW, HOWEVER, OF HIS VALUE AS A CONSULTANT TO THE MILITARY ON COMMUNICATIONS MATTERS IT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT HE BE NOT CONFINED. WHEN HE IS REQUIRED FOR TRIAL HE WILL BE PRODUCED

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest of Ugo PELLEGRINI and others.

TO : Acting Regional Commissioner, Region III.

1. On instructions from Col. Chapman, Acting Regional Commissioner, Region III, ACC, I have made enquiries into the arrest of Ugo PELLEGRINI and others by S.I.M. on 8 August 1944.

2. As a result, I went with Col. Del Monte, Italian Army Liaison Officer with this Regional HQ., to the Tribunale Militare, Via Monte di Dio, Naples and there saw Col. Pacella Bernardo, Procuratore Militare, prosecuting officer in any case that may eventually be brought against Pellegrini and the others in this Court.

3. I explained the reason for my enquiry, and was informed by Col. Pacella, as under.

4. During May 1944, investigations were made by S.I.M. into the activities of the 'Corpo di Polizia Aerea', and as a result two men, PRINZIVALLI Igino and DELLA FELBA Mauro, 'Console' and 'Centurione' of the Corps were arrested.

5. This body was formed during the German occupation of Naples (1-30 September 1943) solely to assist the enemy.

6. In consequence of the interrogation of Prinzivalli and Della Felba, it appeared that other persons were equally implicated, and the office of the Procura Militare directed that further enquiry be made to find out the exact activities of the Corps and in what ways assistance may have been given to the Germans.

7. On 30 July 1944, S.I.M. reported that

- a. the 'Corpo della Polizia Aerea' had the same functions as the 'DICAT', that is, to obtain information and warning of forthcoming enemy air raids, and give the alarm.
- b. as a result of a., anti-aircraft defences were got ready and if possible, fighter planes sent out, and the public air raid warning sounded.

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8. As it was shown that this body appeared to have been of value to the enemy, and that those six persons recently arrested, namely, Pellegrini, Soprano, Beato, Andreoli, Erba and Molinari, were the principal officers, warrants of arrest were issued by the office of the Procura Militare.

9. These persons have all been arrested under similar circumstances, being detained for examination and interrogation pending formation of charges.

10. Such charges are likely to be made under 'Art. 51 del Codice Penale di Guerra', namely of giving help to the enemy.

11. It is possible that some or all of the accused may be cleared during the process of examination without further trial.

12. The Tribunale Militare has jurisdiction.

A.G.P. Way

A.G.P. WAY

Major, G.L.,

Regional Police Officer.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

ACC, APO 394

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By LM

TO: ACC FOR STONE ACTION ACC

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 88/9

FROM: AFHQ SGD SACMED

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: F81103

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG092063B OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/ FHGEG

12 AUG 1944

REPORTED THAT PELLEGRINI WAS ARRESTED YESTERDAY AND IS CONFINED IN JAIL AT NAPLES. YOU ARE DIRECTED TO ARRANGE WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE PELLEGRINI PENDING TRIAL IN THE EPURATION PROCEEDINGS WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ARE NOW PENDING. WILL YOU ALSO REPORT CIRCUMSTANCES OF ARREST

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TO: ACC FOR STONE ACTION ACC

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 88/9

FROM: AFHQ SGD SACMED

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12 AUG 1944

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9 August 1944

MEMORANDUM:

FOR : Chief of Staff, AFHQ

1. Your attention is invited to the fact that Mr. Ugo PELLEGRINI, Director of SET (Souther Italy Telephone Company), was arrested yesterday afternoon about 3 O'clock at his villa in Naples, and taken to REALE Jail by Italian Military Intelligence Agents.

2. The Signal Officer, L of C Italy in Naples, and Signal Officer Peninsular Base Section, have both been trying to contact PELLEGRINI this morning, as he is being used daily in connection with our operation of communications in Italy. Informal information is that the ACC representatives in Naples and the carabinieri disclaim any knowledge of the arrest. When after three hours the Signal Officer, PBS, located the place of confinement, he was told that:

a. PELLEGRINI had been accused of cooperation with the enemy in Naples between September 9th and 29th,

b. Names of persons making charges could not be divulged, and

c. Signal Officer, PBS, could not see PELLEGRINI.

3. This particular matter was taken up on July 27 with the Chief of Staff, with Mr. Murphy, and I believe, with the British Minister, when Pellegrini was summarily suspended from his position as Director of the SET by the local Epuration Court in Naples. (See message from AAI X 0238, July 26). The matter was later taken up by the Supreme Allied Commander at his "Political Committee" conference on Tuesday, 1 August 1944, Paragraph 5 of the minutes of that meeting set up the principle that such individuals employed in the higher grades in the technical professions and in public utilities should not, in the process of epuration, be removed without prior consent of the Allied authorities. In this particular case, we do not know definitely why he has been arrested. We do know that this is a direct challenge to our efforts to provide good military communications in Italy.

4. It is recommended that:

a. PELLEGRINI be released at once and made available to assist the CSO, L of C, Italy, and Signal Officer, PBS.

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b. Prompt and firm action be taken to bring this matter in hand and to see that the individuals responsible are thoroughly informed or impressed with the seriousness of interfering with efforts to maintain our military communications in Italy on an efficient basis.

5. This whole matter is considered the more serious because of the time of the attempt at interference with our efforts. Any signs of uncertainty or delay in bringing this matter to a prompt conclusion may well permit the further uncontrolled interference of our efforts by such summary arrests of key civilian personnel.

6. Those responsible for this particular action are definitely sabotaging the military efforts of the Allies in this area and should be dealt with accordingly.

L. B. NICHOLLS,
Major General,
Chief Signal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
APO 394

12th. June, 1944.

Ref : SB/311.5/140 H.

SUBJECT : Investigation of Count Ugo PELLEGRINI,
General Director S.E.I.

TO : Colonel A.E. Young, Director, Security Branch.

1. As directed, I have made enquiries into the above named, and the information disclosed in this report is a summary of that collated by C.I.C., F.S.S., O.S.S. and Major Heath, Security Officer for Region 3, A.C.C. who is in the course of gathering still further information. The last named, under the provisions of Region 3 Administrative Order No. 3 dated 2nd June 1944, advises his Regional Commissioner upon the removal from office of former Fascists, in so far as it affects his Region.

2. PELLEGRINI, who is the son of Francesco and BRAGAGLIA, Maria, was born at Frosinone, Italy on 2nd July 1899. He is married to SCIUROWSKI, Maria, who is of Latvian descent, and who was born in U.S.A. He went to U.S.A. in 1910 and graduated in 1915 from Columbia University, New York City, with a degree in Architecture and engineering, with honours in the former subject. He returned to Italy during the first World War, and, as a Captain in the American Red Cross on the Italian front, was awarded a War Cross and a silver medal by them.

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5. There is no doubt that Count Pellegrini was friendly with the Fascist authorities, and was diplomatic with the Germans during their occupation. On 9th September, 1943, acting on instructions from Rome, he ordered the telephone communications between Naples and Salerno to be cut; for this he was arrested by the German command, but his period of detention lasted only for one day. This incident is claimed as "pro-Allied" by his friends, but

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is used by his detractors to prove the influence he must have had with the Germans, to obtain his release in so short a time.

6. In connection with the present War, Count Pellegrini prepared before-hand a subsidiary telephone system for the Armed Forces, and for the aircraft detection posts in Sicily and Southern Italy. It is said that during the German occupation he collaborated with the Gestapo in the drafting of young men into compulsory labour service. An order was issued by the Prefect for the obligatory presentation for the German Labour Service of youths of the 1910-25 classes, and Pellegrini signed an order from the Direzione Generale to this effect, threatening dismissal to those employees who did not comply. Negotiations were in progress with a view to exempting essential personnel, and it is said that when Pellegrini was informed of the German bad faith in this matter, he said it was impossible to refuse to comply with the German wishes, and advised all within the classes mentioned to report.

7. There is no doubt that this, and his general autocratic behaviour has made Pellegrini most violently detested by his employees, and he has aroused serious resentment by refusing to recognize their labour organization, the right to form which was granted by the Badoglio Government. He has not been sympathetic to the serious economic conditions of his workers, and has been accused of favouritism to those who enforce his harsh wishes upon the employees, with the alternative of dismissal to those who do not readily conform. The low wages have undoubtedly been a considerable factor in this discontent. It is also said by four reliable witnesses that on 9th May, 1944 Pellegrini informed them that part of the machinery needed for manufacturing telephonic material had been removed from Rome by the Germans. When questioned as to how he knew, he betrayed embarrassment. This, of course, does not necessarily mean that he was in touch with the Germans, but might be that he had heard from some confidential Allied source that this was so, and was therefore unable to explain to the workers.

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9. I have not spoken to Brigadier Buchanan, Chief Signal Officer, L of C. because he is at the moment in Rome, but I have no doubt that he would express the opinion of his staff that Pellegrini has been most useful, and that it would be hard to find a successor of equal merit.

10. The position is a most delicate one. So long as Pellegrini is providing such excellent service in maintaining telephone

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communications to the satisfaction of the Army, that is really the most important factor. The advance of the Armies beyond the territories administered telephonically by Pellegrini raises the issue as to whether he will continue to be such an asset, or whether his usefulness should be weighed now in the light of his political past. Major Heath, who is still gathering information in Region 3, is of the opinion that he should be removed from office, but I would recommend consideration be given to this after consultation with Brig. Buchanan, and after the position in Rome is fully apparent.

S. J. Harvey
S. J. HARVEY,
Major,
Security Branch.

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Subject:- Count Ugo PELLEGRINI.

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G-2, P.D.S.

22 Jun/44.

With further reference to our letter of even number dated 14 June 44 regarding Count Ugo PELLEGRINI.

1. We have now studied this case in consultation with the C.S.O. at this HQ.
2. In view of PELLEGRINI's record and background, it is felt that his integrity, from the security point of view, must be regarded as open to doubt.
3. At the same time, the C.S.O. has stated that PELLEGRINI's assistance in connection with civil telephone communications has proved of very great value, that his assistance is still required, and that no other substitute of equal competence is available.
4. Since the rapid restoration and smooth working of the civil telephone system is of the greatest importance to Allied military operations, and since the case against PELLEGRINI, as far as security is concerned, does not appear sufficiently strong to justify our insisting at all costs on his removal or internment, we propose to take no further action in this matter.
5. We have, however, asked the C.S.O. at this HQ to arrange for the Allied officers who are principally concerned with PELLEGRINI's activities to be made aware of the security implications, and to keep him under general observation, with a view to ensuring as far as possible that he takes no action which would prejudice Allied Military security.
6. Your report is returned herewith.

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Copy to:- C.S.O.

C HIRSCH

Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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20 May 1944

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20 May 1944

SUBJECT: Investigation of Count Pellegrini, General Director, SETC

TO : RC & MG Section, Hq ACC, APO 394

1. Reference is made to attached: (1)

a. Incl #1 - Confidential letter from the Minister of Communications, Italian Government, dated 17 May 1944, to the ACC requesting that a careful investigation be made with respect to the above named civil communication official.

b. Incl #2, a to f - Six marked copies of "Battaglie Sindacali" dated April 2, 9, 15, 30, May 7 and 14.

c. Incl #3 - Copy of acknowledgment to Minister of Communications.

2. It is requested that appropriate action be taken and report be made to the Deputy Chief Commissioner which can be used as the basis of reply to the Italian Government.

ELLERY W. STORE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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20 May 1944

Dear Sig. Cerabona:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17 May requesting investigation of Eng. Count Ugo Pellegrini, General Director of SETC. The matter is being handled and in due course a reply will be made.

Yours truly,

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Avv. Francesco Cerabona
Minister of Communications
Italian Government

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IL MINISTRO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Recently this Ministry has received from private citizens and from employees of SET (Telephone Company) of Naples several denunciations relating the person and political attitude of the present General Director of same Company, Eng. Count Ugo Pellegrini. The newspaper "Battaglia Sindacali" in its last six issues violently attacks the same person and point him out as a Fascist to be removed from his position.

As the facts reported on Count Pellegrini appear to have taken place at Naples which is still under the Allied administration, we would be grateful if the Chief Commissioner would issue an order to the effect that a most careful investigation should be made on the above mentioned person; such as to find out if there is real basis in the charges made against him.

We are at the disposal of ACC and AMG for any information that may be requested and we will, as always, cooperate in every way in this matter.

THE MINISTER

/s/ Cerabona

31 Annexed six newspapers

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17 May 44

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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29 July 1944

SUBJECT: Pellegrini.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

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31 JUL 1944

1. The purge decree will be made applicable to all Military Government Territory including Naples as soon as possible.

2. Col. Cripps is seeing RC Region III today and explaining the position, he will if possible bring back with him the records in the Pellegrini case.

3. I have this morning seen Spacciamarro (Communist) the new commissioner for Epuration under Sforza, who has only just been appointed and not yet entered his office, is going to take up the Pellegrini case as an urgent matter having absolute priority.

4. Major Souder (in the absence of Col. Henderson who is unwell) has been informed of your plan and he is anxiously looking around for a possible successor. In his view, Pellegrini's deputy would not fill the bill.

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G. R. UPJOHN,
Colonel,
A/Head Admin Sec.

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 REFERENCE YOUR FOX SEVEN TWO SIX FOUR NINE OF JULY FIFTEEN AND OUR SUGAR TWO
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I AM INFORMED PELLERINI HAS BEEN SUSPENDED BY ORDER NAPLES PURGATION COMMITTEE
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 CRITICAL LABOR AND POLITICAL SITUATION

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ELLERY W. STONE
 Captain, USNR
 Acting Chief Commissioner

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Brigadier General T. J. Tully, U. S. Army
Deputy Chief Signal Officer
Allied Force Headquarters
APO 512

Dear General Tully:

I have received your letter of 18 July reference to Count Ugo Pellegrini.

With particular reference to paragraph 4 of your letter "that ACC refrain from taking any further steps to encourage in any way the removal of this man from our services", the Allied Control Commission has taken no steps to encourage the removal of Count Pellegrini. I feel obliged, however, to point out that if, in accordance with Italian law, the Italian authorities should institute proceedings against him, an unfortunate political situation might be created by an Allied intervention or insistence upon Count Pellegrini retaining his present position.

Sincerely,

MILBY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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cc: HQ AAI
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

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APO 512, U. S. Army
18 July 1944

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Capt. Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Hq. Allied Control Commission,
c/o Rome Area Command,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

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My dear Stone:

1. Your letter of 11 July 1944, reference Count Ugo Pellegrini, has just been brought to my attention.

2. I do not know what your source of information is in connection with this case, but from a military communications standpoint this man has been invaluable, and is so rated by every Signal Officer with whom he has been dealing. If it had not been for his whole-hearted cooperation I can assure you that our military communications over the past few months in Italy would have been very much inferior to what they actually were, and are today. He certainly has "played ball" with us as well, if not better, than a great number of high ranking officials who were fighting against us only a few months ago, but later joined our cause.

3. I am further informed that this man has been checked by both the U. S. and British military security agencies and has their approval to work for us.

4. From a strictly military operational requirement standpoint, it is requested that ACC refrain from taking any further steps to encourage in any way the removal of this man from our services. In the meantime, the matter has been presented to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, where it will be taken up on the highest level to insure that any decisions that are made in this case are made with the full knowledge that this man is considered a valuable asset to Allied communication services in Italy.

Yours truly

T. J. Tully
T. J. TULLY,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

cc to:
Mr. Murphy

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AUTHENTICATED:

L. D. DENSMORE
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 Chief Staff Officer

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18 JUL 1944

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11 July 1944

SUBJECT: Pellegrini, Count Ugo, Director General of S.E. T.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

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5. On political grounds his retention is less justifiable. There is considerable feeling against him in Naples and among the employees of the S.E.T., and recently, but for the intervention of Allied Military Police, he might have been roughly handled physically. Moreover, in accordance with our agreed policy on operation, the Italian Government might ask that he be handed over to them for trial.

6. If this request were made, I should feel compelled to suspend the man and hand him over, taking into consideration the very invidious position in which the Commission would be placed if I did otherwise.

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7. In view of the undoubted technical value of Pellegrini to the military authorities, I have thought right to bring this case to your advice and to ask you to instruct the C.S.O., A.A.I., and the C.S.O., P.B.S., to place no obstacle in the way of his surrender to the Italian Government, if such is demanded, and to abstain from employing him as a direct agent for the purpose of supervising and directing S.E.T.'s operations if the Italian Government's epuration commission took the course of removing him from his post and allowing him liberty of person.

8. I should of course insist on the Minister for Communications producing a competent substitute.

EMERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Hq. A.A.I.
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Dear Sig. Cerabona:

This is in reference to your letter of 17 May 1944, relative to investigation of Count Ugo Pellegrini. An investigation has been made, of which the following is a summary:

- a. Subject, from a security standpoint, is doubtful;
- b. He is not a sufficient threat to security to justify insistence that he be removed;
- c. No equally efficient substitute is available according to Chief Signal Officer, Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy, and to Communications Sub-Commission, but the Minister thinks otherwise.

In view of the importance of communications to the Italian Government and the military, it is suggested that Count Pellegrini should not be removed unless an equally competent person is found to take his place.

Yours very truly,

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Avv. Francesco Cerabona
Minister of Communications
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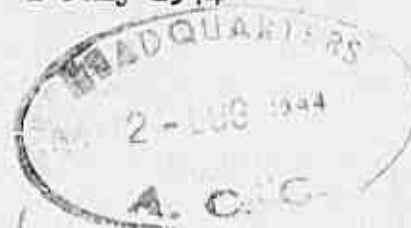
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Subject : PELLEGRINI Count Ugo.
To : Acting Chief Commissioner.



- Subject.
1. Herewith reports of this Branch and of I(b) A.A.I. respecting
 2. In summary they amount to this:
 - a. Subject, from a security standpoint is doubtful;
 - b. He is not a sufficient threat to security to justify insistence that he be removed, or interned;
 - c. No equally efficient substitute is available according to C.S.O. H.Q. A.A.I. and to Communications Sub-Commission, but the Minister thinks otherwise.
 3. My recommendation, therefore, is that while PELLEGRINI continues to show efficiency and to be of such great assistance to our military effort, he should not be removed unless the Minister can produce some equally competent person from the S.E.T. This is a matter which must, of course, be decided by the technical experts of the Communications Sub-Commission in conjunction with the Minister.

For the Director:

John A. McKay
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Hq., ACC., Security Branch.

To : Director, Security Branch.

The Minister of Communications (His Excellency Avv. Francesco Cerabona) has been seen and considers Pellegrini should be removed from his post owing to his prominent Fascist record. He states that it would not be difficult to find a substitute for Pellegrini from amongst the employees of S.E.T. as a number are equally competent.

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