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181	Ltr AC/14602/FS	8 Jul 46	CC	Disturbances in Padova
181a	Ltr 886 De Gasp	8 Jul 46	CC	PM ltr regrets re anti allied incd
181b	Ltr 940.21 Hamblen	10 Jul 46	CC	Security - Venice Area
181c	Cbl 4126 Stone	11 Jul 46	SACMED	PM ltr regrets re anti allied incd
+182	Ltr AC/14602/17/PS	12 Jul 46	EC thru VF CA Sec	Situation in Trieste
183	Memo	12 Jul 46	CC	PM agrmt & views re pub of his ltr of regrets re anti allied incident
184	Cbl 4159 Stone	12 Jul 46	SACMED	Pub of PM ltr of regrets re anti-allied incidents
185	Ltr 648/36/EC CC	16 Jul 46	AFHQ G-5	Security - Venice Area
186	Cbl F 69290 SACM	17 Jul 46	Stone	PM ltr of regrets not to be released to press
187	Cbl H/4748 SACMED NAF 1180	17 Jul 46	CCS	PM ltr regrets re anti-allied incidents
187a	Ltr 648/EC Stone	17 Jul 46	AFHQ G-5	Security - Venice Area; Incl AIDE MEMOIRE
188	Cbl FX 69360 SACM NAF 1185	18 Jul 46	Agwar	Correction to NAF 1180
189	Ltr 940.21 Hamblen	22 Jul 46	Comnd. 13 Corps	Security in the Venice Area
190	Cbl NCL/1499	27 Jul 46	F Safety	Disturbance in Salerno 23 Jul 46
191	Ltr 3631/98/EC	27 Aug 46	AFHQ G-5	Report on Mestre disorders; Incl Report fm WO Maj Harrison
192	Ltr 3631/EC Stone	30 Aug 46	AFHQ G-5	Mestre Disorders - Suspected Communist Agitation

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172	Cbl 201950B SACM	20 May 46	CC	Reduction Italian Naval Personnel Venice
173	Cbl 3221 Stone	23 May 46	AFHQ	Reduction It Naval Personnel, Venice
174	Cbl F 66836 SACM	28 May 46	EC	Reply to ltr 923.01 of 18 May 46 requested
175	Ltr 940.21 Hamblen	2 Jun 46	HQ AC CC	Security - Venice Area
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176	Ltr AC/14191/4/PS	30 Jun 46	AFHQ G-5	Security - Venice Area
177	Ltr AC14602/17/PS	2 Jul 46	VP CA Section	Jug demonstrations agnst It Cyclst
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165	Cbl 1830 HQ Alcom	14 Mar 46	Alcom LO Palermo	Civil disturbances in Palermo
166	Memo Civ Affs Sec	15 Mar 46	CC	Andria Disturbance
167	Memo Civ Affs Sec	15 Mar 46	CC	Further on Andria Disturbance
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168	Ltr 65431 De Gasp.	31 Mar 46	CC	Sentence of Sodini; Appeal fr clem
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154	Ltr CC 3601 Stearns	17 Nov 45	Pub Saf S/C	Capt. Kastl (A) aiding in demostration Enclo: Ltr Parri to Stone
155	Ltr AC/14602/7/PS Chapman	19 Nov 45	IG MTOUSA	Statementson conduct Capt. Kastl
156	Ltr Stone	20 Nov 45	Parri	Investigation of Capt. Kastl under way
157	Cbl IB/62 AC Bari	20 Nov 45	HQ AC	Demostration in Taranto on 19 Nov
158	Cbl LB/67 AC L.O.	30 Nov 45	HQ AC	Demostrations against oil Ammasso
159	Cbl LB/68 AC LO	1 Dec 45	HQ AC	Demostrations against oil Ammasso
160	Cbl 8934 Labor S/C	3 Dec 45	All Regions	Wage agreements in the North (unrest)
160a	Memo Brady	6 Dec 45	Kirk	Withdraw AMG Lombardi and Piedmont
161	Ltr MSL	27 Dec 45	CC	"Bomb" Communist Party HQ 24 Dec 45
162	Cbl PWO/72 ALCOM Venice	29 Dec 45	Info CC	Seizure 6 Bales of Silk

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135	Cbl AC PS, 6208	28 Sep 45	AFHQ	DIsturbance at Lecce.
136	Cbl AC PS, 6272	28 Sep 45	AFHQ	Disturbance at Lecce.
137	Cbl AC LO Bari, 42 LB	28 Sep 45	AC	Additional notes, Lecce incident.
138	Cbl AC PS, 6295	29 Sep 45	AFHQ	Recapitulation of cbls on Puglie's disturbances (Lecce, Bari, Andria, etc).
139	Cbl AC LO Bari, 44 LB	29 Sep 45	AC	Communist raids, Andria & Minervino.
140	Cbl AC PS, 6336	1 Oct 45	AFHQ	Communist raids, Andria & Minervino.
141	Cbl LB/47 AC BARI	6 Oct 45	PS, CC	Arrest of Gaetano head of Bari riots
142	Cbl AC PS, 6679	6 Oct 45	AFHQ	Arrest of Gaetano head of Bari riots
143	Ltr 3629/EC	6 Oct 45	Stone	Armoured Cars used at Caesarea riot
144	Cbl 52 Area G104	7 Oct 45	AC,PS,CC	Riot of Dis Pers Santa Cesarea camp
145	Cbl AC Bari LB/46	7 Oct 45	CC	Armed Cars sent to Cesarea riot.
146	Cbl AC Bari LB/48	7 Oct 45	EC, CC	Cesarea riot greatly exaggerated.
147	Cbl AC LO DISTWO Milan	8 Oct 45	AC,All Dist	Investigation of It arms production
147a	Cbl 6709 DISPER	8 Oct 45	217 Sub area	Disturbance at Forli station
148	Ltr,n 40213/12717 Parri	14 Oct 45	Stone	Results of the operations for carrying out warrants of arrest issued against t Minervino Murge offenders; list of.
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149	Memo Chapman	26 Oct 45	V.P. C.A. Sec	Disturbance at Taranto
150	Verbal Report Chapman	28 Oct 45	Stone	Facists flag raising Rome
151	Cbl Main 13 Corps	2 Nov45	Freedom, AC	Italian Demonstration in Trieste
152	Cbl AC Milan 1564	5 Nov 45	AC TN SC	Riot Milan on cancllation Mil/PIA serv.

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119	3629/124/EC, Kemsley	30 Aug 45	AFHQ	Communist raids in Bari area.
120	3636/35/EC, Lush	30 Aug 45	AFHQ COS	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IGT.
121	Cbl 5 Army, 3835	31 Aug 45	AFHQ,2,AC	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IGT.
122	3636/49/EC, Stone	5 Sep 45	AFHQ	Memo on illegal retention of arms.
123	Cbl AFHQ, F-41127	5 Sep 45	AC	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IGT (Modena-Bologna area).
124	Cbl AC Security, 4913	6 Sep 45	LO Bologna	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IGT (Modena-Bologna area).
125	Cbl AC CAS, 4961	7 Sep 45	LO Bologna	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IGT (Modena-Bologna area).
126	Cbl AC PS, 4958	7 Sep 45	AFHQ	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IGT (Modena-Bologna area).
127	Cbl LO Bologna, L/31	8 Sep 45	AC	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IGT (Arrest of Ferrari).
128	Cbl LO Bologna, L/33	8 Sep 45	AC	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IGT (Modena-Bologna area).
129	Cbl AC PSF, 5062	10 Sep 45	AFHQ	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IGT (Modena-Bologna area).
130	3629/EC, Arnoldy	14 Sep 45	PS S/C	Communist raids at Minervino(Bari).
131	3636/EC, Aide-Memoire	20 Sep 45	(Parri)	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IGT.
131a	Cbl AC LO Bari, LB/39	24 Sep 45	AC	CC.RR combing Andria & Minervino.
132	Cbl AC PS, 5888	24 Sep 45	AFHQ	Communist raids at Minervino (Bari)
132a	Parri, 37285	24 Sep 45	Stone	Stocks of arms and civ distrub in IGT
133	3636/63/EC, Stone	25 Sep 45	COS AFHQ	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IGT.

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107	Cbl AFHQ, F-30048	30 Jul 45	AC,G-3 Ops	Communist raids at Minervino Murge & Andria.
108	4/35B/CA,Bonham-Carter	2 Aug 45	CC	Matera riots.
109 109a	3629/70/EC, Lush Parri	3 Aug 45 3 Aug 45	AFHQ Stone	Communist raids at Minervino Murge & Andria.
110	3629/71/EC, Stone	5 Aug 45	Parri	Communist raids at Minervino Murge & Andria.
11	Ltr, Parri	11 Aug 45	Stone	Communist raids at Minervino Murge & Andria.
112	Cbl LO Bari, LB/30	14 Aug 45	AC	Further disturbances expected,Taranto
113	AC/14602/10/PS, Stone	16 Aug 45	Parri	Communist raids at Minervino Murge & Andria.
114	3629/119/EC, Kemaley	19 Aug 45	AFHQ	Communist raids at Minervino Murge & Andria.
115	Ltr COS AFHQ	21 Aug 45	CC AC	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IG Territory.
116	3636/27/EC, Arnoldy	23 Aug 45	CAS	Illegal stocks of arms and civil disturbances in IG Territory.
117	Cbl AFHQ, FX-38435	25 Aug 45	5,13,2,1,3,AC	Illegal stocks of arms & ammo in civil hands.
118	Cbl AFHQ, FX-38436	25 Aug 45	5,2,AC	Arms & ammo held by civilians in Modena area.

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90	Cbl Venezie Region IXXII/JKD	6 Jul 45	Hq AC	Break into prison at Schio and murder of 43 people. Taking action.
91	Cbl AFHQ F 18113	6 Jul 45	Hq AC	Your action in 11257 supported.
92	Cbl AFHQ FX 18343	6 Jul 45	AC & 7 Dist	Garibaldi regt to Bari for security
92a	Cbl AFHQ FX 18951	7 Jul 45	RAAC	Garibaldi Regt (2000 men) to Viterb
92b	Cbl AFHQ FX 19550	9 Jul 45	7 Dist	Movement of Garibaldi Regiment
93	Ltr Stone	10 Jul 45	Parri	Please send report on Puglia disturbances, in view serious concern
94	Cbl AC 1653 Stone	11 Jul 45	AFHQ G-5	Use of troops in Bari area & action with IG re use of Garibaldi Regiment
95	Cbl AFHQ F 21330	12 Jul 45	AC	SAC seriously concerned. Expects very strong action & full reports.
96	Ltr CC 3601 Stone	13 Jul 45	Parri	Relaying SAC's concern. Action Pls.
97	Cbl AFHQ FX 22214	15 Jul 45	AC	Move of Garibaldi Regiment
98	Parri, 25530	14 Jul 45	Stone	Communist raids at Minervino Murge & Andria (Apulia).
99	Cbl AC Lab, 1942	16 Jul 45	Piemonte	Women's demonstrations in Turin.
100	PR/LA/40/184, Piemonte	18 Jul 45	AC Lab	Women's demonstrations in Turin.
101	Cbl AFHQ, F)24544	18 Jul 45	AC	Communist raids at Minervino Murge & Andria =(Apulia)
102	3629/58/EC, Norden	19 Jul 45	Amba, Polads CAS, CC	Communist raids at Minervino Murge & Andria (Apulia).
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103	Cbl AC CC, 2201	20 Jul 45	AFHQ	Communist raids at Minervino Murge & Andria (Apulia).
104	Cbl AC Lab, 2177	20 Jul 45	RCs	Women's demonstrations in Turin.
105	Parri, 25627	20 Jul 45	Stone	Communist raids at Minervino Murge & Andria (Apulia) - report on.

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78	Cbl AC PSF, 5956	23 Apr 45	Toscana Reg	Report on disturbances in Poggibonsi and San Giovanni requested.
79	Cbl AC Liguria Reg 85	19 May 45	IV,5,AC	La Spezia prefettura raid.
80	Cbl AC Liguria Reg 90	20 May 45	IV,5,AC	La Spezia prefettura raid.
81	Cbl Ven Reg 000.5(WC)	17 Jun 45	AC	Lynching at Padova Court of Assize.
82	Memo, Llewellyn	27 Jun 45		Communist raids at Minervina & Andria (Apulia).
83	Memo, Llewellyn	28 Jun 45		Communist raids at Minervina & Andria (Apulia)
84	AC/14191/PS, Lush	29 Jun 45	Ven Reg	Padova Lynching.
85	Memo, Llewellyn	29 Jun 45		Communist raids at Minervina & Andria (Apulia).
86	Cbl AFHQ, FX-14947	29 Jun 45	AC, Dist3	Communist raids at Minervina & Andria (Apulia).
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87	Memo, Bergin (C del M)	3 Jul 45	CC	Communist raids at Minervina & Andria (Apulia).
88	Memo Draft	4 Jul 45		Recommendation to IC that urgent steps be taken to prevent outbreaks INCLS 1 - Summary of events 2 - Scoccimarro's Report 3 - Rpt by Prefect of Bari 4 - Civ Cons Gp Report
88a	Cbl AC 1157	4 Jul 45	G-5 AFHQ	CC.RR. dispatched to Bari.
89	Cbl AC 1157 CA Sec	4 Jul 45	AFHQ	Take serious view of sit. In taking strong measures with IC & Ambassadors

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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Ref: 3631/31.

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SUBJECT: MEETING [illegible].

TO : [illegible]
[illegible].

With reference to my letter 3631/93/31 dated 27 August 1946. (191)

During conversation with the Prime Minister on 26 August the latter told me that he believed that the Communists were behind the anti-Allied incidents and newspaper articles which have been occurring recently and mentioned particularly the disorder at [illegible] on 23rd August.

/s/ Emory W. Stone

EMORY W. STONE
Major General, USA
Chief Commissioner

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UK Embassy
Public Safety S/C.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 3631/98/XD

27 August 1946

SUBJECT: Report on Venice disorders.

TO : G-3 Section,
AFHQ.

I enclose for your information a copy of a report dated 25 August 46 from the A.C. Liaison Officer to 8C Area on the subject of VENICE disorders on the night of 23/24 August 1946.

Any further information received will be forwarded.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Allsebrook
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

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Colonel Gerard
Rome

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Officer
G5 Area C.M.F.

TO: Allied Commission
Executive Commissioner's Office
(Att. Brig. Iselt)

AOLO
25 August 1946

SUBJECT: Report on Austro disorders.

With reference to telephonic report to you today 25 August 46 at 1350 hours further enquiries (subject to confirmation) show that

(1) The disorders followed an incident on the night of 23/24 August when Italian civilians attacked a girl walking with two Coldstream Guardsmen and beat up the two Guardsmen. On the next evening 25 August the crowd started booing and provoking British troops in a cafe; this started a fight in the cafe when both sides received reinforcements, and led to the main disorder of the evening. The hostility of the crowd was greatly increased by a most unfortunate and inexcusable incident.
An Allied vehicle driving fast through Rastro during the disorders knocked and dragged a woman standing by her own doorway for about thirty yards; by a terrible coincidence the truck then knocked down her husband who further up the road; both have since died and there is no trace of driver or vehicle.

(2) The general opinion about the incident can be summed up as follows:
(A) The action of the Italian Civilians was not part of an organised Anti Allied demonstration as far as it can be judged at present.
(B) It was localised to Rastro area and has not affected Venice.
(C) It has left behind a very tense situation locally with a strong feeling of hostility against the Allied troops in the area this may cause further incidents at the slightest provocation.

(3) Rest o has been put out of bounds for troops after 1800 hours.

/S/ W.E. HARRISON
Major
Italian Officer

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NAPLES DIVISION GROUP A.F.H.Q.

M.A. 31000

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Disturbance night 3/4rd July at Palermo started by drunken polish soldier leading up to hostile demostration by crowd and shots fired by Poles one person killed and 4 seriously injured all italian civilians. No political motive involved.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

JUL 22 1946

G-5: 940.21

22 July 1946

SUBJECT: Security in the Venice Area.

TO : Comd. XIII Corps.

Reference is made to this Headquarters letter on the above subject, dated 2 June 1946.

The following is an extract from a report by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, of an interview with the Italian Prime Minister on 17 July.

> "The Prime Minister stated that following the incident which took place in Venice on 9 May, he had discussed the question as to maintenance of public order in Venice with the Minister of Interior, Romita. It was arranged that an inspector of police be sent to Venice to make a thorough investigation and report. The Prime Minister was of the opinion that the concentration of the Interior Ministry on the maintenance of law and order for the national elections may have delayed this work but he promised to go into the matter promptly to determine what overhaul, if necessary, should be made in the public security agencies in Venice."

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It appears likely that the lack of improvement in the efficiency of the Venice Police which have lately been reported has been due to the non-arrival of the promised inspector of police.

You are requested to keep in touch with the situation and to keep this Headquarters informed of the extent of any improvement resulting from the Prime Ministers latest undertaking.

A. L. HAMBLEN,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
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AGWAR WASHINGTON CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL INFO: ALCOM ROME CINC
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RESTRICTED. This is NAF 1185

(187) NAF 1180 states letter received from Prime Minister DE GASPERI on " 1 July " . This shoula have read " 11 July ". Please amend.

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Ref: 648/EC

17 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Security - Venice Area.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attention: G-5 Section.

I refer to my letter 648/30/EC of 16 July in reply to your letter 940.21 of 10 July.

1. Confirming telephone conversation with General Hamblen, I conferred with the Prime Minister on this subject today and left with him an aide memoire of which the attached is a copy.

2. The Prime Minister stated that following the incident which took place in Venice on 9 May, he had discussed the question as to maintenance of public order in Venice with the Minister of Interior, Romita. It was arranged that an inspector of police be sent to Venice to make a thorough investigation and report. The Prime Minister was of the opinion that the concentration of the Interior Ministry on the maintenance of law and order for the national elections may have delayed this work but he promised to go into the matter promptly to determine what overhaul, if necessary, should be made in the public security agencies in Venice.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Executive Commissioner -- Please remind me to trace the Prime Minister by 27 July
VP CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Chief Commissioner

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17 July 1946.

Ref: 648/37/PO.

AIDE MEMOIRE

1. The Supreme Allied Commander has recently been concerned as to the state of public order in VENICE and the ability of the Italian civil authorities to maintain law and order in that city, particularly in connection with the protection of Allied personnel and installations. For example, during the month of June there developed a definite increase in the number of strikes during which instances arose affecting public order and in which the police made little effort to enforce the law. While fully mindful of the many difficulties which beset the Italian Government in its efforts to build up an efficient police force, the Supreme Allied Commander is desirous that special attention be given to this city in the matter of security.

2. I am directed, therefore, to ask you to have the situation investigated and to state that the Supreme Allied Commander relies upon the Italian Government to take early action to remedy any difficulties brought to light, and that the security of Allied personnel and installations may be ensured.

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Chief Commissioner 30th July 1946

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AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR CCS, CABINENT OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR BCS

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RESTRICTED. (THIS IS MAF 1160)

1. FOLLOWING LETTER, RECEIVED BY CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION FROM PRIME MINISTER DE GASPERI ON 11 JULY IN CONNECTION WITH DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN ITALY, IS REPEATED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION.

"DEAR ADMIRAL, I WISH TO TELL YOU THAT I AM SORRY FOR THE DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH IN THESE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN ITALY AGAINST ALLIED OFFICERS AND TROOPS. I KNOW WELL, THE ITALIAN PEOPLE KNOW IT TOO, THAT THESE TROOPS AND THESE SOLDIERS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MORALLY UNFAIR AND POLITICALLY ERRONEOUS DECISIONS WHICH ARE BEING PREPARED IN PARIS.

"I DO NOT DOUBT THAT WITH YOUR USUAL UNDERSTANDING YOU WILL ATTRIBUTE THESE DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH ARE AFTER ALL SPORADIC, TO THE GENERAL ATMOSPHERE OF ANXIETY, PERTURBATION, AND DISAPPOINTMENT WHICH SUCH DECISIONS HAVE CAUSED IN ITALY AND THAT YOU WILL APPRAISE THEM ACCORDINGLY.

" I WISH HOWEVER, TO LET YOU KNOW, AND TO ASK YOU TO INFORM AFHQ, THAT SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS ARE HIGHLY DEPLORED BY ME AND THAT IN THE LIMITS OF MY POWERS ISHALL DO MY BEST TO DISCOURAGE AND PREVENT THEM, BUT THAT IN ANY CASE THEY ARE SURE INDICATION OF THE FELLING OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE WITH REGARD TO THE SOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE PARIS CONFERENCE.

"BELIEVE ME DEAR ADMIRAL, VERY CORDIALLY YOURS (SIGNED) DE GASPERI"

2. IN RESPONSE TO AN ENQUIRY BY THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HE WAS INFORMED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE IMPLIED CRITISCISM OF THE US AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS, HE SHOULD NOT RELEASE THE LETTER TO THE PRESS, NOR ENCOURAGE THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO DO SO.

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INFO ACTION: EXEC COMMISSIONER

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER, POLAD (A), POLAD (B), CAS, FILE, SKELETON.

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In view of criticism of U S and British Governments implied in prime ministers letter , it should not be released to press by you and no encouragement should be given to Italian Government to do so.

Text of letter is being signalled to combined chiefs of staff for information.

Your 4126 of 11 July.

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See also 181 a for copy of ltr. CIM

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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16 July 1946.

Ref: 648/36/EC.

SUBJECT: Security - Venice Area.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Attention: G-5 Section.

I refer to your letter 940.21 of 10 July 1946.

1. I must express my regret for the delay in replying to your letter of 2 June 1946 with the result that implementation of SACMED's directions has not been carried out. The delay is due to a mistake made by the Executive Commissioner in transmitting my letter, which is much regretted.

2. I am now communicating SACMED's misgivings to the Italian Government and asking them to make such investigation and take such action as is deemed necessary.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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ALCOM ACSCC FROM ADMIRAL STONE 121700B JULY 1946

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MY FOUR ONE TWO SIX OF ONE ONE JULY REFERS PD

PRIME MINISTER WOULD RAISE NO OBJECTION TO PUBLICATION BUT

SEES NO PARTICULAR BENEFIT TO BE GAINED THEREBY

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222 (Sgd) M. S. LUSH, Brigadier,
for
ELLERY W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL STONE

The President of the Council has no objection to the publication of his letter addressed to Admiral Stone expressing his regrets for the incidents which took place between Italians and Allied military personnel.

In case the letter should be published, the President would be grateful to the Admiral if the text of the press communique would be previously shown to him.

Personally the President of the Council does not see the necessity of this publication as already twice previously, in writing to Admiral Stone and verbally to General Lee, the Italian Government has expressed its regrets for the abovementioned incidents.

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CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

Ref : AC/14602/17/PS

12 Jul 46

From : Bye

To : EC thru VP CA Sec

Subj : Situation in Trieste

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AFHQ FOR SACMED

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PARA TWO PD DO YOU WISH ME TO RELEASE TO PRESS HERE PROVIDED PRIME MINISTER HAS NO OBJECTION QUERY

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Chief Commissioner

ELLERY W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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TOP SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref: 940.21

10 July 1946

Subject: Security - Venice Area

To: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

1. Reference your AC/14191/4/PS above subject dated 30 June 1946. The Supreme Allied Commander is surprised to learn that his directives sent to you on 2 June 1946 has not after nearly a month's delay been implemented. An explanation is desired.

2. It is not the desire of the Supreme Allied Commander to enter into a detailed discussion of particular events. He has misgivings as to the ability of the Italian civil authorities in Venice to maintain law and order in a city of great interest to him. He wishes to convey that feeling to the Italian Government so that it may make such investigations and take such actions as, in the opinion of that Government, are deemed necessary.

3. It is desired therefore that you, with the least practicable delay, comply with the instructions issued to you on 2 June 1946.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

/s/ F.G.A. PARSONS, Colonel,
/t/ for A.L. HAMBLEN,
Colonel GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

EC Dist - 11 July

Action - E.C.
Info - C.A. Sec (P.S. S/C)

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

No. 886 Segr. Pol. Rome, 6 July 1946.

Dear Admiral,

I wish to tell you that I am sorry for the demonstrations which in these last days have taken place in Italy against Allied officers and troops. I know well, and the Italian people know it too, that these troops and these soldiers have nothing to do with the morally unfair and politically erroneous decisions which are being prepared in Paris.

I do not doubt that with your usual understanding you will attribute these demonstrations, which are after all sporadic, to the general atmosphere of anxiety, perturbation and disappointment which such decisions have caused in Italy and that you will appraise them accordingly.

I wish, however, to let you know, and to ask you to inform A.F.H.Q., that such demonstrations are highly deplored by me and that in the limits of my powers I shall do my best to discourage and prevent them, but that in any case they are a sure indication of the feelings of the Italian people with regard to the solutions adopted by the Paris conference.

Believe me, dear Admiral, very cordially yours,

/s/ DE GASPERI

1311 Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

N°. 886 Segr. Pol.

Roma, 8 LUG. 1946

Caro Ammiraglio,

tengo a dirLe che sono dolente delle manifestazioni avvenute in Italia in questi ultimi giorni contro ufficiali e truppe alleate. So bene, e il popolo italiano sa con me, che queste truppe e questi soldati non hanno niente a che fare con le decisioni, moralmente ingiuste e politicamente sbagliate, che sono in corso di elaborazione a Parigi.

Io non dubito ch'Ella vorrà inquadrare con la Sua abituale comprensione, queste manifestazioni, del resto sporadiche, nell'atmosfera generale di ansietà, di turbamento, di delusione che tali decisioni hanno provocato in Italia e valutarle in conseguenza.

Tengo comunque a far sapere a Lei ed a pregarLa di far sapere al Quartier Generale, che tali manifestazioni

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Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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sono da me vivamente deplorate e ch'io cerchero' nei limiti delle mie possibilità di prevenirle e impedirle, ma che esse sono comunque un indice certo dello stato d'animo del popolo italiano di fronte alle soluzioni adottate dalla Conferenza di Parigi.

Mi creda, caro Ammiraglio, molto cordialmente

Segani

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 794.

Tel : 47827

AC/14602/PS. 8 July 1946.

SUBJECT : Disturbances.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
thru. VP. CA. Section.

1. The following information was received by 'phone from the Public Safety Officer, Venezia Liaison Group on 8th July 1946.

2. "During the evening of Saturday 6th July 1946, a number of students from the Padova University went to the British Officers Club in Padova and demonstrated against the decision of the Foreign Ministers in Paris regarding Trieste. They broke some windows in the Club and later entered, they hauled down the British and hoisted the Italian flag. The local Police arrived on the scene and quickly restored order.

Italian girls who were with Allied Officers in the Club were escorted to the Questura for their own safety and were later sent home.

3. It is reported that all the students who were formerly partisans and who are in possession of "Alexander Certificates" intend to return them to the Allied Authorities as a protest against the Paris decision.

4. The Prefect, Questore and the Director of the Padova University are meeting the Area Commander, 86 Area to-day, to discuss the situation.

5. At the present time public order is normal.

6. Public order normal in other districts. Slight disturbances in Rome during evening of 6th July, but details not yet to hand.

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E. J. Byé, Lieut. Colonel,
Acting Director.

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AIGOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITE AC9CC 6 July 1946. 1300

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CONSEQUENT ON THE DEMOSTRATIONS IN ROME ON SATURDAY SIXTH JULY PROTESTING AGAINST THE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF FOUR IN PARIS, MINOR INCIDENTS OCCURRED OF ANTI-ALLIED NATURE IN THE PIAZZA VENEZIA. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTS SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS OF ANTI-ALLIED SENTIMENT IN PADUA.

IN VIEW OF THE GENERAL SENSE OF DISILLUSIONMENT WHICH IS THE RESULT OF THE REPORTED DECISIONS IN PARIS WE MUST EXPECT THESE SPORADIC ACTS.

I HAVE ALREADY SENT WORD TO THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO THEIR UTMOST TO STOP THEM A COURSE WHICH I AM SURE DE GASPERI WILL WILLINGLY FOLLOW. I DO NOT YET REGARD THEM AS SERIOUS

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EDWARD J. BERN, Lt (j.g.) USNR M. PIOMBINO

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NSC/5243
5 July 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : A.C. of S. G-5, Allied Force Headquarters,
A.P.O. 512, % U.S. Army.

Subject: Anti-Allied Demonstrations.

1. With reference to your letter G-5: 943.44 dated 3rd July 1946 addressed to the Chief Commissioner and to telephonic conversation of today, it is confirmed that on the 6th of June 1946, the following message was sent to the Naval Liaison Officer to SACMED:

" Reduction of personnel at Venice has taken place as follows:- Base complement from 1800 to 1192 unattached personnel 1500 to 396 total reduction 1712 and further reduction in progress. This is however partially off set by the opening of the Petty Officers' Training Establishment resulting in an influx of 640 undergoing courses and 165 instructing and regulating staff".

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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6 JUL 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14602/17/PS 3 July 46.

SUBJECT : Public Order.

TO : VP. CA. Section.

1. The following message received from Colonel Bye Trieste at 10.30am Wednesday 3rd July 46.

" General Strike continues - Public order quiet. No incidents".

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Harold Dickson n Tel.

E.J. BYE Colonel
Acting Director.

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Copy to : Chief Commissioner.
Executive Commissioner.
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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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AC/14602/17/PS

2 July 46.

ALLIED COMMISSION — SECTION 9316 — HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT : Public Order.

TO : VG. CA. Section.

1. The following information received from Col. Bye, TRIESTE at 9.45am 2nd July 1946:-

"On Sunday 30th June 1946 demonstrations took place in Trieste. Approval had been given by AMG 13 Corps for Italian cyclists competing in the Round Italy road race to enter Venezia Giulia on Sunday 30th June 46. When near Monfalcone barrels were rolled into the road against the cyclists by Jugo-Slavs. The race was abandoned.

In Trieste thousands of people had lined the main streets to cheer on the competitors. When it became known that the race had been interfered with, rioting broke out between the Italian and Jugo-Slav elements. When the demonstrations were at their height Military Police were called upon to assist the V.G. Police Force. At one stage a Red Devil was rolled under a Jeep carrying American soldiers and exploded, slightly wounding 2 officers. 2 enlisted men were also wounded, one serious one slight.

Police Casualties

British M.P.	1 Serious	1 Slight
American M.P.	-	1 Slight
V.G. Police	2 Inspectors	3 P.C.s slightly injured.

Civilian Casualties

2 Dead	1 Serious	20 Slight

10 Arrests have been made.

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2. During the late evening of Monday 1st July 1946, 2 V.G. Police were fired upon. 1 dead, 1 seriously injured.

3. A general strike commenced on 1st July 1946 but is not expected to last for many days.

4. Public Order quiet this morning Tuesday 2 July 46.

E.J. BYE Colonel
Acting Director

Copy to :
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Executive Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: AC/14191/4/FS.

30 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Security - Venice Area.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Attn: G-5 Section.

I refer to your letter G-5: 940.21 of 2 June 46.

1. I feel sure that if I represent to the Prime Minister the doubts felt by the Commander, 13 Corps, as to the ability of the Italian civil authorities in VENICE to maintain order he will ask for concrete examples of neglect to protect Allied personnel and installations in order that he may bring them to the notice of the local authorities. He would be following the custom of all Headquarters when general complaints are made regarding subordinate formations.

2. He may also refer to the incident in St.Mark's Square on 9th May and ask perhaps with reason that the Allied military authorities exercise greater tact in the display in Italian territory of Allied national flags.

3. May I have details of concrete examples.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Executive Commissioner

12 June 46

AFHQ, G-5

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CLO REPORTS DISORDER IN NAPLES ONE EIGHT ZERO ZERO HOURS JUNE ONE ONE WHEN CROWD OF MONARCHIST SUPPORTERS OBJECTED TO DISPLAY OF COMMUNIST FLAG AT COMMUNIST HQ PD. DISORDER CONTINUED UNTIL TWO THREE ZERO ZERO DURING WHICH HAND GRENADES WERE THROWN BY CROWD AND SHOTS FIRED BY POLICE PD SEVEN CIVILIANS KILLED SEVENTY FIVE WOUNDED INCLUDING TWENTY FIVE POLICE PD PUBLIC ORDER NORMAL MORNING JUNE ONE TWO PD REPORTS FROM ROME MILAN BOLOGNA TREVISO TURIN GENOA UDINE AND BOLZANO SHOW THAT PUBLIC ORDER THESE AREAS MAINTAINED COLON IN MILAN AND ROME VERY LARGE REPUBLICAN DEMONSTRATIONS PASSED OFF WITHOUT INCIDENT ON JUNE ONE ONE PD CLO MILAN REPORTS DELAY IN PUBLISHING DECISIVE RESULTS REFERENDUM IS CAUSING SOME DISMAY AND TENSION PD

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

M. S. LUSH

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 940.21

2 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Security - Venice Area.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Att: Chief Commissioner)
APO 794.

1. The Commander XIII Corps has expressed doubts as to the ability of the Italian civil authorities in Venice to maintain law and order in the city, particularly in connection with the protection of Allied personnel and installations. He reports that, from his observation, the training, administration and equipment of the police leave much to be desired.

2. While fully mindful of the many difficulties which beset the Italian Government in its efforts to build up a sufficient and efficient police body, the Supreme Allied Commander, because of the particular interest which the Allies have in Venice, is desirous that special attention be given to that city in the matter of security. He desires therefore that the Italian Prime Minister be informed by you of his concern, that he urges the Italian Government to investigate the situation, and that he relies upon it to take early action to remedy any defects brought to light in the Venice police agencies, to the end that security of Allied personnel and installations may be ensured.

3. Please report the outcome of your discussion with the Prime Minister.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

(s) A.L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Comd XIII Corps.

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Reply required ~~ASAP~~ ref our letter G-5 : 923.01 of 18 May 1[illegible] as a matter of urgency.

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YOUR UNNUMBERED TWO ZERO ONE NINE FIVE ZERO BAKER CITE FROSG PD 20195OB

MINISTER OF MARINE ASSURED CINCAMED AND CHIEF NAVY SUBCOMMISSION PERSONALLY YESTERDAY THAT MEASURES TO REDUCE ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL IN VENICE ARE BEING TAKEN PD

PARA TWO PD OWING TO ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT PRESENT TO QUOTE FACTS AND FIGURES BUT MINISTER HAS PROMISED FULL DETAILS BY JUNE SECOND ONE NINE FOUR SIX PD

PARA THREE PD WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFHQ

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Message Centre No: H/3181

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 22 0910

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FWDEC

TO : ALCOM ROME

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REFERENCE 13 CORPS G-417 AND OUR FX 66492 OF TODAY. PLEASE KINDLY FIND OUT REDUCTIONS BEING MADE IN THE NUMBERS OF ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL IN VENICE AND PROGRAMME FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES (PROMITED) BY MINISTER OF MARINE AND KEEP THIS HEADQUARTERS INFORMED. REALISE ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES HOWEVER AND DO NOT WISH TO HUSTLE MINISTER OF MARINE AT THIS STAGE.

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ACTION: CHIEF COMMR.

I NFO: EX CO AIR

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ACTION: CHIEF COMMR.

I NFO: EX COMMR
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notified Navy S/c to have draft reply ready by Friday 25 for Sept. Conf.

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HQ ALCOM ACSCC FROM ADMIRAL STONE

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YOUR FOX XRAY SIX SIX ZERO SEVEN NINE CITE FHGEG OF ELEVEN MAY AND OUR CONVERSATIONS

IN ROME REFER PD

PARA ONE PD FOLLOWING IS COPY OF SIGNAL SENT BY MINISTER OF MARINE TO CINCMED THROUGH FOUR THIRTEEN MAY COLON QUOTE I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT ON THE NINTH INSTANT DURING AN ALLIED MILITARY CEREMONY AT VENICE CMA DEPLORABLE MANIFESTATIONS MADE BY A GROUP OF PEOPLE IN WHICH ALSO SAILORS OF THE ROYAL NAVY WERE INCLUDED TOOK PLACE PD I KNOW THAT THE ADMIRAL IN COMMAND HAS ALREADY PRESENTED TO ADMIRAL KINAHAN HIS APOLOGIES FOR THIS PART TAKEN IN THE INCIDENT BY THE PERSONNEL UNDER HIS COMMAND PD I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY DEEP REGRET FOR THE UNPLEASANT INCIDENT WHICH DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO THE FEELINGS OF THE ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY PERSONNEL TOWARDS THE ALLIES IN GENERAL AND THE PERSONNEL OF THE BRITISH ROYAL NAVY IN PARTICULAR PD I WISH ALSO TO ASSURE YOU THAT I HAVE ISSUED STRICT ORDERS FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE CMA ALSO IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE REPETITION OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS PD I BEG YOU TO ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF MY BEST FEELINGS PD SIGNED DUCOURTEN UNQUOTE PARA TWO PD MINISTER STATES HE ONLY HAS FIFTEEN HUNDRED NAVAL RATINGS AT VENICE WHO ARE NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND INSTALLATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATION OF SHIPYARD WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY KEPT OPEN BY AMG TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT PD

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ELLERY W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HE STATES THAT SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THESE RATINGS ARE FROM VENEZIA GIULIA AND HAVE BEEN IRKED BY SEPARATION FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND TROUBLED OVER POLITICAL SITUATION GENERALLY PD IN VIEW OF INCIDENT HE INTENDS TO DISPERSE THEM TO OTHER STATIONS PD PARA THREE PD HE WAS MOST CONCERNED OVER INCIDENT AND SINCERELY REGRETFUL OF THIS AFFRONT TO MOGER MAN AND ALLIED FORCES

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ELLERY W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USN
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TRANSLATION

THE MINISTER OF NAVY

Rome, 13 May 1946.

I have been informed that on the 9th instant, during an Allied military ceremony at Venice, deplorable manifestations made by a group of people in which also sailors of the R. Navy were included, took place stop. I know that the Flag Officer in Charge has already presented to Admiral Kinahan his apologies for the part taken in the incident by the personnel under his command - stop. I wish to express to you my deep regret for the unpleasant incident which does not correspond to the feelings of the Royal Navy personnel towards the Allies in general and the personnel of the British Royal Navy in particular - stop. I wish also to assure you that I have issued strict orders for the punishment of those responsible, also in order to prevent the repetition of similar incidents - stop. I beg you to accept the expression of my best feelings.

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Admiral R.N. Algemon WILLIS

Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean

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IL MINISTRO DELLA MARINA

Roma, 13 Maggio 1946

Sono stato informato che il giorno 9 corrente, durante una cerimonia militare alleata a Venezia, sono avvenute deplorevoli manifestazioni da parte di un gruppo di persone nel quale erano compresi anche militari della R.Marina (stop) So che l'Ammiraglio Comandante Militare Marittimo ha già presentato all'Ammiraglio KINAHAN le sue scuse per la parte avuta dal personale da lui dipendente (stop) Desidero esprimerLe il mio vivissimo rammarico per lo sgradevole incidente che non risponde ai sentimenti del personale della R.Marina verso gli Alleati in generale ed in particolare verso il personale della Marina Britannica (stop) Desidero anche assicurarLe che ho dato severe disposizioni affinchè i responsabili siano puniti e sia impedito in ogni modo il ripetersi di simili incidenti (stop) La prego gradire l'espressione dei miei migliori sentimenti.

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Comandante in Capo del Mediterraneo

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TRANSLATION

RESTRICTED PERSONAL

MILITARY MARITIME AUTONOMOUS
COMMAND OF THE ADRIATIC (NORTH)

Venice, 9 May 1946.

Filee Nr 18803

SUBJECT: Demonstration against the Allies.

TO : Navy, Rome.

1. To-day between 19.30 and 20.30 hours in occasion of the military ceremony which took place in St. Mark's Square by the units of the British Royal Marines from the cruiser "ORION", just arrived in this port for a short stay as a relief for the cruiser "SUPERB" which left to-day, some civilian groups including several sailors made a hostile demonstration against the Allies. This demonstration lasted during the whole ceremony at which Military and Naval British authorities as well as the local Prefect and myself were present.

The British military authorities were represented by Rear Admiral MINAHAN with a staff of officers from the "ORION", by Gen. Sir JOHN HARDING, Commanding the 13th Corps and by Brig Gen EVE, Commanding the 86th Area, the latters accompanied by their wives.

The police service was supervised by the Chief of the Police and numerous police forces.

At the end of the ceremony, the crowd together with groups of sailors, notwithstanding the efforts of the police, broke the cordons and rushed towards the enclosure of the Authorities surrounding them, carrying national flags and cheering for Italy, Triest, Fiume and the Italian Navy.

The British authorities left under the protection of the police without any further incident.

I remained there and invited the crowd to keep calm and to disband drawing their attention to the fact that any action causing incidents would be deplorable and would ~~cause~~ make our situation worse.

My words were received by the applause and the consent of the whole crowd.

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2. The demonstration has been originated by the following elements:

a) The general excitement caused in the town by the news about the conditions which would be imposed on Italy by the peace treaty, and particularly that regarding the Italian fleet.

b) A few minor incidents which took place on the two preceding days between Italian sailors and civilians and British soldiers.

c) The fact that the ceremony included the formal pulling down of the British flag which had been previously hoisted on the central mast of the three planted in St. Mark's Square.

Before the start of the ceremony, the sailors hoisted two Italian flags on the side masts (which was not provided for by the program of the ceremony agreed by the British authorities with the local Italian police), while other flags were displayed by civilians and sailors from the balconies overlooking the square, drawing cheers from the crowd.

Before the crowd left the square, the Italian flags on the side masts were pulled down in my presence among a religious silence of the crowd.

3. After the demonstration, while I was returning to the Arsenal, following an invitation received through two British officers, I went to see Brig. Gen EVE who expressed to me the deep regret of the military British authorities for the incident asking me to take steps that further happenings of the kind caused by sailors under my command should be avoided, as they consider that the incident was mainly due to them. He also informed me that should the situation not improve, Gen. Harding had the intention of prospecting the necessity of putting the town again under the control of Allied Military authorities and of removing the whole Italian Navy from Venice.

I replied that I was sorry for what happened, but that I was not of his opinion with regard to my sailors being more responsible for the incident than the civilians, to whom according to me a considerable responsibility is to be ascribed for reasons originating from the present political situation.

4. I wish to inform the Ministry that, in the occasion of a meeting of officers which I held on the 8th instant in order to give them instructions to follow in the near future in occasion of the Referendum, of the elections and of the period thereafter, I have drawn their attention to the absolute necessity of avoiding during this period any incident which might somehow cause disorders bringing prejudice to the whole Nation.

1230 Besides, this morning, in consideration of the minor incidents which took place yesterday and the day before, as mentioned above, I called a meeting of all the commanding officers with personnel under them instructing them to assemble their men before shore leave and to recommend to them again to keep calm. I also issued orders to all Commanders and officers from other units to be today in St. Mark's Square and proximity in order to intervene in case of necessity with the sailors. These orders have been carried out and have helped me a lot to avoid that the demonstration might degenerate into much more serious incidents.

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5. I wish to make it clear that if sailors under my command have participated to the demonstration, they were a great minority among the civilians and that in any case I am absolutely convinced that the cause of the happenings cannot be ascribed to the Navy.

Besides, it must be considered that the present excitement caused by the political situation and by the news from the peace conference, is particularly felt in this town owing to its proximity to Venezia Giulia and to the presence in it of numerous elements who have fled from the disputed region or other refugees from Istria and Dalmatia.

THE ADMIRAL IN COMMAND:

/s/ Amedeo NOMIS DI POLLONE

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COMANDO MILITARE MARITTIMO AUTONOMO
DELL'ALTO ADRIATICO

Venezia, 9 maggio 1946

Prot.N. 18803

M A R I N A
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ARGOMENTO: Dimostrazione contro gli Alleati.

RISERVATA PERSONALE

Oggi 9 corr. mese dalle ore 19,30 alle 20,30 in occasione di cerimonia militare eseguita in Piazza S. Marco da reparti di Fanteria di Marina inglese appartenenti all'incrociatore "HORION" qui giunto oggi stesso per breve sosta in parte rilevando l'incrociatore inglese "SUPERB" partito in data odierna, è stata inscenata da parte di gruppi di civili cui erano frammisti vari marinai una dimostrazione ostile agli alleati, dimostrazione che è durata per tutta la cerimonia alla quale assistevano Autorità Militari e Navali Inglesi nonchè il Prefetto ed il sottoscritto.

Le Autorità Militari Inglesi era rappresenta dal C.A. KINAHAN con un gruppo di Ufficiali dell'"ORION", dal Gen. Sir JOHN HARDING Comandante della 13ª Zona e dal Brig. Gen. EVE Comandante della 36ª Area, questi ultimi con le relative consorti.

Presiedevano all'ordine pubblico il Questore e numerose forze di Polizia.

Alla fine della cerimonia la folla assieme a gruppi di marinai [illegible]

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Presiedevano all'ordine pubblico il Questore e numerose forze di Polizia.

Alla fine della cerimonia la folla assieme a gruppi di marinai malgrado i tentativi delle forze di Polizia ha rotto i cordoni e si è diretta verso il recinto delle Autorità facendo ressa, preceduta da bandiere nazionali ed inneggiando all'Italia, a Trieste, a Fiume ed alla Marina.

Le Autorità Inglesi si sono allontanate protette dalle forze di polizia senza che si verificasse alcun incidente.

Il sottoscritto rimasto sul posto ha incitato gli astanti alla calma invitandoli a sciogliersi e facendo loro presente che qualsia si atto che desse luogo ad incidenti sarebbe stato deplorevole ed avrebbe provocato un peggioramento della nostra situazione.

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Le parole del sottoscritto sono state accolte dall'applauso e dal consenso di tutta la folla.

2°) - La dimostrazione è stata originata dai seguenti elementi:

a) - L'eccitazione generale prodotta in città dalle notizie circa le condizioni che sarebbero poste all'Italia per il trattato di pace, non ultima tra le quali quella riguardante la sorte delle navi italiane.

b) - Alcuni incidenti di lieve entità avvenuti nei due giorni precedenti fra civili e marinai italiani e militari inglesi.

c) - Il fatto che la cerimonia odierna comprendeva l'ammainata della bandiera inglese preventivamente issata al pennone centrale ai tre pennoni posti in piazza S. Marco.

Prima dell'inizio della cerimonia per opera dei marinai sono state alzate due bandiere nazionali ai pennoni laterali (alzata di bandiere non prevista dal programma della cerimonia stabilita dalle Autorità Inglesi con le Autorità di P.S. locali) ed altre bandiere sono state esposte da civili e da marinai sui balconi prospicienti, accolta dall'applauso della folla.

Prima che la folla lasciasse la Piazza, le bandiere nazionali alzate nei pennoni sono state ammainate alla presenza del sottoscritto della folla in religioso silenzio.

3°) - Ultimata la dimostrazione, mentre mi allontanavo per far ritorno in Arsenale, in seguito ad invito fattomi comunicare da due Ufficiali inglesi, mi recavo a confefire col Brig. Gen. EVE il qua

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c) - Il fatto che la cerimonia ufficiale [illegible]
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3°) - Ultimata la dimostrazione, mentre mi allontanavo per far ri= torno in Arsenale, in seguito ad invito fattomi comunicare da due Ufficiali inglesi, mi recavo a conferire col Brig. Gen. EVE il qua le mi comunicava il vivo rincrescimento delle autorità militari in glesi per l'accaduto invitandomi a provvedere perchè fossero evita ti ulteriori incidenti da parte dei marinai dipendenti cui esse at tribuiscono in parte preminente l'accaduto, informandomi che qualora la situazione non dovesse migliorare, il Gen. HARDING avrebbe inten zione di prospettare la necessità di porre nuovamente la città sot to il controllo delle Autorità Militari Alleate e di far allontana re da Venezia tutta la Marina Italiana.

Ho risposto che ero spiacente dell'accaduto ma che non conve nivo nella supposizione circa la maggiore responsabilità dei mari= mai rispetto ai civili cui, a mia opinione, devesi attribuire note misi

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vole responsabilità per motivi inerenti alla situazione politica contingente.

4°) - Faccio noto a codesto Ministero che in occasione di riunione di tutti gli Ufficiali e Sottufficiali della sede da me tenuta l'8 corrente mese per dettare le direttive da seguire nel prossimo futuro in occasione del Referendum e delle elezioni e periodo successivo, ho appositamente per far presente l'assoluta necessità che nell'attuale periodo sia evitato ogni incidente che possa comunque causare disordine pregiudizievole per la Nazione tutta.

Inoltre, stamane, in considerazione dei lievi incidenti avvenuti ieri ed avanti ieri, e sopra accennati, ho riunito i titolari degli Enti che hanno il governo di personale ordinando di riunire la gente prima della franchigia per raccomandare nuovamente la calma, disponendo inoltre che Comandanti ed Ufficiali di altri Enti si recassero oggi stesso in Piazza S. Marco ed adiacenza per intervenire presso i marinai in caso di necessità. Ciò è stato attuato e mi ha dato notevole ausilio per evitare che la dimostrazione degenerasse in incidenti ben più gravi.

5°) - Devo far presente che se alla dimostrazione odierna hanno partecipato marinai dipendenti essi erano ben modesta cosa in confronto dei civili e che comunque è mia assoluta convinzione che alla Marina non sia attribuibile l'origine dei fatti.

Occorre inoltre considerare che l'attuale tensione di spiriti, causata dalla situazione politica e dalle notizie sulle trattative di pace, è particolarmente forte in questa città per la sua prossimità alla Venezia Giulia e per la presenza sul posto di numerosissi

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IL COMANDANTE N.M. A.
AMMIRAGLIO DI DIVISIONE
F/to Amedeo NONIS DI POLLONE

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MAY 9 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Ref 3046/EC. 9 May, 1946

SUBJECT: Distribution of Medical Supplies.

TO: Chief Commissioner.

1. With reference to progress in the matter of the distribution of medical supplies which was raised at your Conference this morning, the following is the present situation:

2. On May 6, the Director of Public Health Sub-Commission held a meeting with the Head of Endimea.

Endimea do not agree with the High Commissioner for Public Health that their organization is not capable of carrying out deliveries of supplies. They contend that if adequate directions and co-ordinated plans were received they could carry out such plans quickly and efficiently. About 1st May the Head of Endimea had conferred with representatives of the High Commissioner for Public Health and the Treasury, and it was agreed that a credit of Lire 200,000,000 would be established to enable hospitals in poor financial condition to buy supplies. A special Committee is to be appointed to decide which are the most needy hospitals.

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Endimea has been in communication with the Prefects of Piemonte, Lombardia and Venezia regarding the distribution of supplies to the north, and the Head of Endimea is proceeding north shortly to supervise negotiations. The supplies will go to hospitals and not pharmacies.

Endimea pointed out that they advise the Office of the High Commissioner for Public Health when perishable supplies are near their expiration date, but rarely receive instructions concerning their release.

3. The matter was further discussed after your meeting with the Director of Public Health Sub-Commission, Colonel Walton and Colonel Legg of UNRRA.

In order to stimulate further action, it was decided that Colonel Legg would take the initiative in arranging an early meeting between representatives of the High Commissioner for Public Health, the Treasury and Endimea. The Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission and Colonel Walton will attend this meeting after which it should be possible to prepare a comprehensive aide-memoire on the position.

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M. CARR, Brigadier.
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Rome, 31 March 1946

The President of the Council of Ministers

Dear Admiral:

As you will probably know, the English Military Court in Afragola (Napoli) sentenced to death on March the 5th the Carabiniere Marinello Sodini, accused of killing an Allied prisoner of war. The man has appealed to higher authorities against the sentence.

As I am receiving letters from all parts begging me to intervene in favor of Sodini, I am bringing the case to your attention so that with your high sense of justice and impartiality you might be willing to consider the action of Sodini as an action that went beyond his intentions, and that his behavior was determined by a subjective, even if wrong, interpretation of the intentions of the prisoner towards him.

Believe me,

/s/ DE GASPERI

To Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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15 Mar 46.

FURTHER NOTE FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

From information in possession the casualties in the recent ANDRIA disturbance were:-

Police agencies	2 killed 5 wounded
Civilians	3 killed Several slightly injured. Number not available because some are supposed to be in hiding.

It is not known whether the above include the two women. As regards the women on 8th March a certain DE VITTORIO, who is believed to be the local head of the Camera del Lavoro, arrived in Andria.

While he was addressing a crowd gathered in the PIAZZA MUNICIPIO inviting them to respect the law, people hidden inside houses are alleged to have fired some shots.

Some persons unknown - probably those referred to in the Press as an action squad - entered the suspected house and dragged out and ill-treated two women who were suspected as being responsible for the shots and also because hand grenades had been found in the house. The two women were taken to hospital in serious condition.

It is presumed that the two women died in hospital. The authors of the crime have not yet been traced.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

15 Mar 46.

NOTE FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

Reference article in paper "Ricostruzione" of 13/3 which commenting on the disturbances at ANDRIA states "thus Fascism began".

The article points out that after the last war there was widespread discontent throughout the country particularly against landowners and among share-croppers and farmworkers and it was the resulting tumult and bloodshed that gave birth to Fascism.

The article also draws attention to action squads which were employed by certain elements during the disturbances at ANDRIA and states that they bore a resemblance to similar Fascist squads.

The following comments are made:

May they not also lead to Communism?

Conditions similar to or even worse than those which prevailed after the last war and which led eventually to Fascism may prevail in Italy to-day. The troubles at ANDRIA are symptomatic of those conditions. It is to be hoped that after its recent experiences the country will not resort again to Fascism as a solution to its troubles.

The recent disturbances at ANDRIA in which there were casualties with some killed including two women, were mainly due to general unemployment, especially among farm workers since ANDRIA is an agricultural district.

Demonstrations were held against the lack of speed with which a special organisation set up for the purpose, was finding work for the unemployed. Numbers of unemployed had been increased recently by returning POW's. The situation got out of hand when some of the demonstrators used fire arms.

Please explain — particularly the death of the two women.

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HQ ALCOM

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ALCOM TO PALERMO

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UOMO QUALUNQUE

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Rome, March 13, 1946.

To:- Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

For your information, I am transcribing the copies of two telegrams which reached our offices around 10 March, date of the opening of the Administrative Elections in Italy.

1st. Telegram:

"Almost all Communes have Communists organizing acts of violence against 'Qualunquisti'. The Socialist Mayor, Ascoli Satriano, after having agreed yesterday to free elections, stirred up women and ar armed subversive elements this morning, which resulted in the devastation of the head office of the 'Qualunquisti'. How long will the 'Qualunquisti maintain their calm? What do you suggest? CAIONE."

2nd. Telegram:

"Communist Antonio Lanciano confessed throwing bomb and killing peaceful citizens. His accomplishes have been freed. Communists threaten armed reaction. Population deplore and invoke Government provision.

Condello."

LA SEGRETARIA GENERALE
(General Secretary's Office)

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER HQ ALCOM ,INFO: ALCOM CITE ACFBF

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A telegram has been received this Office from CCRR Imperia,that at 7 30 hours 13 February 46,1000 demostrators,protesting against the high cost of living ,demostrated in the centre of city.A few shops were looted with extensive damage.Following intervention of President CLN and Secretary Communist Party,CCRR restored order after 1 hour.A few arrests have been made,and CCRR are investigating responsibility of incident.A telegram received at 1200 hours 14 February 46 states the situation is now tranquil,but there is much discontent with population owing to the action of Italian authority in not having settled the stike of Government employees which has brought public business to a standstill.The local Italian authorities urge immediate Italian Government action in the matter owing to present Italian/French situation.

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(IN PAGARI) MILAN

UNCLASSIFIED:

THIEVES BROKE IN TO MAG /RD STOLE 6 BALES OF SILK. CAN YOU NEGOTIATE

FOR SHIPMENT BEFORE THEY STEAL THE OTHER 194. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Will you show to Brambrosio?

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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27th December 1945.

Chief Commissioner.

1. Brigadier Low told me this morning that according to his information the bomb burst at the Communist Party HQ at 17.40 hours on 24 December was a "plant". It appears that a tear gas bomb was placed on the stairs outside the room in which a meeting of the Communist Party was being held (Togliatti present), a window was carefully left open for the tear gas to escape and no one was hurt.

2. In spite of the fact that all the printing presses had closed down by that time, L'Unita carried the story in their edition and no other paper.

3. Immediately after the explosion armed Communists appeared on guard at the HQ and prevented access even to members of the Italian police forces.

4. It is understood that yesterday the Communist Party protested violently against the inertia of the police and their inability to find the perpetrators of the outrage and have pressed strongly to the Minister of Interior that Rome police should be augmented by strong guards of partiagani.

5. Brigadier Low regards the incident as sinister but is not alarmed. Nor am I.

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4. It is understood that yesterday the Communist Party protested violently against the inertia of the police and their inability to find the perpetrators of the outrage and have pressed strongly to the Minister of Interior that Rome police should be augmented by strong guards of partiagani.

5. Brigadier Low regards the incident as sinister but is not alarmed. Nor am I.

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Copy to: CA Section.

Chief Commissioner

I have told Bombassei who passed on therefore to de Gasperi. The latter does not altogether agree because he feels that ~~it~~ such action would be childish on the part of the Comunists. But he told Bombassei that possibly the foreign Governments might be concerned [illegible]

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Dear Ellery:-

Could you let me know favorably just how much there is to this? If you wish, you can ascribe the inquiry to me but I want to keep Gen. Brady out of it.

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6 December 1945

MEMORANDUM TO THE AMBASSADOR:

From information received from reliable and well-informed sources it is believed that there will be widespread disorder verging on anarchy in the Lombardi and Piedmont areas if the AMG government and Allied troups are withdrewn prior to:

a. Disarmament of Partigiani and/or bandit groups operating under the guise of patriotic organizations.

b. Increase in the strength of the Carabinieri and their proper armament equipment and development of local police forces without Partigiani or Communist affiliations.

It is suggested that action be taken without delay to:

a. Secure issuance of order declaring all Allied arms and German equipment in the hands of civilians to be illegal and requiring turn-over to Carabinieri or Allied forces without delay.

b. Strengthening the Carabinieri in the Lombardi area and issuance of equipment and transportation adequate to successfully cope with armed bandits in the areas.

c. Development of local police forces, especially in Milano and Turino without delay.

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FRANCIS M. BRADY
Brig. General USA
Military Attache

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LIGURIA REGION - LOMBARDIA REGION - PIEMONTE REGION - VENEZIA REGION

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UNCLASSIFIED FD

PARA ONE FD SUBJECT IS UNREST AMONG WORKERS OF PETROL DISTRIBUTION UNDERTAKINGS CIP AND AGIP DUE TO DELAY IN OPERATING WAGE AGREEMENT FOR NORTHERN REGIONS FD PAREN TO LIGURIA REGION CMA GENOVA CMA ATTENTION COLONEL JORDAN CMA TO CHIEF ECONOMIC COMMISSIONER MILAN CMA REGIONAL COMMISSIONER LOMBARDIA REGION CMA REGIONAL COMMISSIONER PIEMONTE REGION CMA REGIONAL COMMISSIONER VENEZIA REGION CMA FROM ALCOM HEADQUARTERS CITE ACLAB PAREN

PARA TWO FD IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE NOW GIVEN APPROVAL TO TERMS OF GENERAL WAGE AGREEMENT FOR CENTER AND SOUTH AND SEPARATE WAGE AGREEMENT FOR NORTH AND THAT ON THIS UNDERSTANDING WORK IS BEING RESUMED IN CENTER AND SOUTH WHILE THREATENED STOPPAGE IN NORTH WILL BE AVOIDED FD

PARA THREE FD REPRESENTATIVES OF UNDERTAKINGS CONCERNED AND WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE ADVISED ACCORDINGLY THAT AMG WILL APPROVE FORMALLY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WAGE AGREEMENT WHICH IS CONFIRMED IN ROME FD

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G. J. LEONE
CWO USA
ADJT ASSISTANT

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AICOM LO BARI FOR BARLETTA READ BISCEGLIE

ACTION: HQ AICOM INFO: CASEC, ECONOMIC SECTION, PUBLIC SAFETY S/C, 52 AREA, 54 AREA

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SECRET.

Reference our signal LB/67 subject demonstrations against oil amasso.

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ACTION: PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMM
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52 AREA. 54 AREA.

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Demostrators against OIL AMMASSO set fire to UCSEA Offices BARLETTA and MOLFETTA (BARI province) on 28th November. No casualties. On 29th November similar demonstration ad CANOSA (BARI) with burning of documents in offices of UCSEA and UFFICIO REGISTER. 25 CCRR barricaded themselves in telephone substation. Firefight developed. Demostrators used hand granades. Casualties one Questura agent killed two CCRR wounded 1 CR missing. 40 arrests 6 automatic pistols with ammunition seized.

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Demostration in TARANTO on the 19th November as protest for the murder of an Italian communist at MASSAFRA on the 18 November believed to have been murdered by Italian Royalist. Crowd numbers apprex 10000 50% lookers and 50% communists. Workers of arsenal marched out apprex 1000 hrs. 52 Area emergency platoons standing by if required. Demostration appears to be under control. Communist crowd burned down the Hq of the Uomo Qualunque. Details are not yet at hand will signal you later information.

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20 November 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister :

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I have received and read with interest your letter of 12 November, 1945, and the accompanying statement of Andria Vetrone and Giovanni Perillo relating to the incident at Caiazzo Commune.

This incident had heretofore, under date of 8 November, 1945, been reported to the officers of Public Safety of Allied Commission who took immediate steps to investigate the connection of the American officer with the affair.

You may rest assured that appropriate action will be taken by the American Military authorities.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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Prof. Ferruccio PARRI
President of the Council of Ministers
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

19 November 45.

AG/14602/7/PS

SUBJECT : Alleged Misconduct of American Officer.

TO : Inspector General, MTOUSA,
APO 512, US Army

1. Attached herewith is a copy of the statement of two Italian citizens which indicates misconduct on the part of a certain Captain F.S. Kastl said to be Military Police stationed at Santa Maria C.V.

2. Forwarded for such action as may be necessary.

3. May this Headquarters be advised of the action taken.

JOHN T. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

Copy to : Chief Commissioner.

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PS S/c will send to IG
copy of PM's ltr

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TRANSLATION COPY

STATEMENT

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After he had thus pledged himself, I enlisted one by one fifty seven people including twelve repatriated prisoners, who said they were willing to follow me, when the time came, to carry out the punishing expedition against the local communist cell, after receiving the approval of the American Captain and being given weapons by him.

Last Sunday, on October 28th, I went to see the American Captain in S. Maria C.V. and told him I had 57 men in readiness. The Captain told me it would be a good thing to enlist more of them. I went back to Caiazzo and enlisted more men, so that they finally amounted to 240. In the afternoon of October 31st I again went to S. Maria C.V. and reported to the Captain the number of the men I had enlisted and who were willing to carry out what had been decided. The Captain promised me that in the evening or on the next morning he would bring the weapons to Caiazzo. In fact, at about 21.30 hrs, the American Captain came personally, with two soldiers, to my house in Santa Lucia and gave me 24 rifles, twelve of which were machine rifles, one "mitra" various handbombs and four machine guns.

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Early in the morning of November the 1st, helped by Perillo Giovanni, I collected on the Pontiere road all the people I had enlisted and distributed the weapons to them, after giving them the necessary instructions; we reached the said village at about 11, and I proceeded to the seat of the communist party with about 11 men, after occupying the opening of the various streets and roads giving access to the village. In the communist seat, we found S. Giovanni Paolo, the porter Mancini Stefano and one "O figlio do Patanaro". Myself, Perillo and one Friello Andrea, of

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After that, I threw him out of the premises, and didn't see whether anyone of my companions beat him. After that, some other among my companions, who were about twenty, threw down in the street what little furniture and papers there were in the premises and set fire to them. In the confusion, a few shots were fired, however, I couldn't make out who had fired them.

Going back, and passing in front of the seat of the socialist party, we noticed a board bearing the sickle and hammer emblem, and thinking the premises belonged to the c m munist party, I fired two shots to break the door open, and taking what furniture there was, we burst them in the street.

Yesterday evening, I collected all the weapons and gave them back to the American Captain who came on purpose, the only weapon missing was a rifle sequestered by the carabineers.

I, Perillo, confirms the statement made by Vetrone Andrea, but for what concerns the meetings he had with the American Captain.

We sign the above mentioned statement.

Caiazzo, 2 November 1945

S. Vetrone Andrea
Petrillo Giovanni

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ALL'ILL.MO AMMIRAGLIO STONE, CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA IN ITALIA

I sottoscritti,AMICO Vito,cittadino americano,ODDO Filippo e Cocco Luigi, domiciliati in Trapani,ed elettivamente,agli effetti della presente istanza,in Roma,presso il prof.avv.Domenico Rubino,Piazza Adriana 10,si permettono di esporre alla S.V.Ill.ma quanto segue.

Nel 1943,occupando la Sicilia,gli Alleati rinvennero e catturarono,mentre si trovava in istato di affondamento presso la costa di S.Vito(Trapani),il relitto del motoveliero Marisa;e successivamente,in persona del tenente TAYLOR,lo vendettero ai sottoscritti,che riuscirono,con gravi spese,a ripararlo e a trasportarlo a Trapani.I sottoscritti sono in possesso della ricevuta del prezzo,rilasciata dal ten.Taylor,per L.25.000.Copia di tale ricevuta hanno depositato persso la Commissione Alleata.A richiesta dei sottoscritti,la Sottocommissione legale dell'A.C.ha scritto al colonnello Thomas,comandante il reparto cui apparteneva il ten.Taylor,per chiedergli informazioni su questa vendita.Il COl;Thomas ha risposto dicendo che si ricordava perfettamente di questa vendita,che fu autorizzata da lui personalmente,e che sarebbe molto ingiusto che ora i compratori venissero privati del loro acquisto.Tale lettera trovasi attualmente presso la Sottocommissione legale dell'A.C..

Senonchè ora l'originario proprietario del motoveliero,l'armatore Delfino(che è poi un fascista già epurato) e il Ministero italiano della Marina sostengono che la vendita fatta dagli Alleati è priva di valore giuridico,in quanto la cattura del motoveliero Marisa non è stata convalidata,ed hanno iniziato contro i sottoscritti una causa,che è pendente innanzi il Tribunale di Trapani.

Ora sarebbe evidentemente molto ingiusto che i sottoscritti,dopo avere avuto venduto il motoveliero dagli Alleati,se lo vedessero togliere per la ragione che tale vendita non è regolare;e che d'altra parte perdessero anche il denaro pagato agli Alleati come prezzo di vendita.

Pertanto i sottoscritti chiedno che la S.V.Ill.ma si compiaccia:

I) In primo luogo,di iniziare il procedimento per la convalida della cattura. Certo questo procedimento richede non poco tempo.Ma cio' non è un ostacolo. E,agli effetti del procedimento innanzi il Tribunale di Trabunale di Trapani, basterebbe che intanto la A.C.comunicasse a tale Tribunale che è stato ini-

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ziato il giudizio di convalida,e che quindi la caus innanzi il Tribunale di
Trpani deve essere sospesa finchè pronunciata la convalida.

2) Se non si ritenesse di compiere la convalida,comunicare al Tribunale di
Trapani che la vendita compita dal ten.Taylor è pienamente regolare,e che
quindi i sottoscritti non debbono più essere disturbati nella loro proprie_
tà e nel loro possesso della nave.

3) In linea ancora più subordinato,se non si ritenesse opportuno neanche di
compiere questo passo,e se il Tribunale di Trapani desse torto ai sottos_
critti,togliendo a loro la nave,si chiede che l'autorità alleata rimborsi
ai sottoscritti il prezzo della vendita,cioè L.25.000x,più i danni e gli
interessi.

Se codesta Commissione ritiene di fare al riguardo delle comunicazioni
ai sottoscritti,si prega di farle a Roma,presso il loro avvocato Domenico
Rubino,Piazza Adriana IC.

La Sottocommissione legale,al quale i sotoscritti si sono già rivolti,
è del medesimo parere di essi,e trova che hanno ragione.Presso tale sotto_
commissione trovasi anche tutta la relativa pratica

(35) Roma 11 marzo 1944 Amico Vito Michele Fulco Coco Luigi

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Chief Commissioner: 16/11/45

On your approval, will turn over the attached letter from Parri to Col. Chapman for immediate investigation from the AC standpoint.

Since Capt. KASTL is neither assigned or attached to the Commission the case should also be referred to IG-MTOUSA.

Caiazzo is near Beneventa.

15th Col. S Frazier

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CC 3601 17 November 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel Chapman
Public Safety Subcommission

1. The Chief Commissioner requests that you immediately investigate from the AC standpoint the matter referred to in Signor Parri's letter attached.

2. Since Captain Kastl is neither assigned nor attached to the Commission, copies of this letter should be referred to the Inspector General, MTOUSA, for appropriate action.

3. Will you kindly draft as soon as possible an appropriate reply to the Prime Minister for the CC's signature?

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L. W. STEARNS
Lt Col, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

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-Ltr fr Parri, ref
45351, 12 Nov 45 &
incl thereto ('Statement')

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

45351 Rome, 12 November 1945

My dear Admiral,

On the 1st inst., the seats of the Socialist and Communist party of the Quezzo Comune were broken in and looted by a group of demonstrants.

From the investigations which were made, it appears, according to the statement of the people who are materially responsible for the offence, VETRONE Andrea and PERILLO Giovanni, that this action has been facilitated by Capt. F.S. KASTL, of the American Police, residing in S. Maria Capua Vetere.

According to what the above mentioned persons stated, it seems that Capt. KASTL, after agreeing with Vetrone about the action which, in fact, took place on the evening of October 31st, and in the company of two soldiers, handed over to Vetrone 24 rifles, one submachine-gun, hand-bombs, and 4 machine guns.

Immediately after the action, such weapons were all returned except for one U.S. Rifle, M. 1933416, sequestered by the carabineers on the spot.

I issued orders for legal action to be taken against the Italians, who were materially responsible for the looting.

For what concerns Capt. F.S. KASTL, I deemed it advisable to draw your attention on the above mentioned facts, for whatever action you may deem it fit to take.

I enclose a copy of the above mentioned Vetrone and Perillo.

Very truly yours,

S. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Hilery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
ROME

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Caiazzo, 2 November 1945

s. Vetrone Andrea

Petrillo Giovanni

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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
MINISTRO DELL'INTERNO

Roma, 12 novembre 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

il primo corrente mese, ad opera di alcuni dimostranti, furono invase e saccheggiate le sedi del partito socialista e del partito comunista del Comune di Caiazzo.

Dalle indagini esperite è fra l'altro, risultato, per dichiarazione dei maggiori responsabili ed autori materiali, VETRONE Andrea e PERILLO Giovanni, che l'azione stessa sarebbe stata agevolata dal Capitano della polizia americana F.S. KASTL, residente a S.Maria Capua Vetere.

Sempre secondo quanto hanno riferito i suddetti, il Capitano KASTL, dopo aver concordato col Vetrone l'azione poi effettivamente compiuta, la sera del 31 ottobre decorso, in compagnia di altri due militari, avrebbe consegnato al Vetrone stesso 24 moschetti, un mitra, bombe a mano e 4 mitragliatrici.

Tali armi, subito dopo l'azione, furono tutte riconsegnate, ad eccezione di un moschetto U.S. Rifle M.1933418, sequestrato sul posto dai carabinieri.

Per gli italiani, esecutori materiali del saccheggio, ho disposto che sia provveduto, a norma di legge, nei loro confronti.

Per quanto riguarda, invece, il Capitano F.S. KASTL ho ritenuto opportuno di segnalarLe quanto sopra per quel seguito che, nella

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Unisco copia della dichiarazione resa dai sunnominati Vetrone e Perillo.

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Molto cordialmente,

Fernando Lami

Ammiraglio Ellery W STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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D I C H I A R A Z I O N E

I sottoscritti VETRONE Andrea fi Ferdinando e di Marcucci Teresa, nato il I4/I0/I92I ad Amorosi e residente a Caiazzo, contadino, e PERILLO Giovanni, di Giuseppe e di Perrone Maria, nato il I9/I0/I922 a Caiazzo, ivi residente, contadino, dichiarano quanto segue:

Io VETRONE nel mese di Agosto u.s. parlando con un capitano della Polizia Americana, addetto alla "Fagianeria" di Piana di Caiazzo, il quale conosceva la lingua italiana, mi lamentai delle sofferenze subite durante il ventennio del regime fascista ed in seguito alla deportazione da parte dei tedeschi (dato che sono stato prigioniero degli stessi dall'8 settembre al I° ottobre I943) e che altre sofferenze ancora avremmo dovuto subire, noialtri italiani, in quanto in Italia stava prendendo piede il comunismo e se ciò si fosse avverato certamente in Italia si sarebbe instaurato il regime russo. Il Capitano mi rispose se io fossi stato capace di organizzare una squadra per abbattere e distruggere la sezione comunista di Caiazzo, avrebbe egli al momento opportuno fornite le armi per armare gli organizzati.

Avuta tale assicurazione, organizzai, alla spicciolata, cinquantasette individui, tra cui dodici reduci, i quali si dichiaravano disposti a seguirmi al momento opportuno per effettuare, [illegible] il consenso del capitano americano, e dopo avute da que- [illegible] della sezione

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st'ultimo le armi, la spedizione punitiva ai danni della sezione
comunista locale.

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Domenica scorsa, 28 ottobre, mi recai dal capitano americano
in S.Maria C.V. e lo informai di aver preparato 57 uomini. Detto
ufficiale mi disse che sarebbe stato opportuno reclutarne altri.
Ritornato in Caiazzo reclutai altri uomini, raggiungendo il nu-
mero di 240. Nel pomeriggio del 31 ottobre mi recai nuovamente
a S.Maria C.V. e riferito al capitano il numero degli uomini orga-
nizzati e che ero pronto ad attuare quanto era stato preordinato,
l'ufficiale mi assicurò che nella stessa sera o il mattino succes-

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sivo mi avrebbe portato le armi a Caiazzo. Difatti, verso le ore 21,30 dello stesso giorno 31 il capitano americano personalmente, in compagnia di altri due militari, venne a casa mia sita in contrada Santa Lucia e mi consegnò 24 moschetti di cui 12 automatici, un mitra, diverse bombe a mano e quattro mitragliatrici.

Nelle prime ore del mattino successivo, primo novembre, coadiuvato dal Perillo Giovanni, provvidi a riunire sullo stradale in contrada Pontiere, tutti gli organizzati, ai quali ho distribuite le armi. Verso le ore dieci, di ieri partimmo dalla predetta contrada, dopo avere impartito le istruzioni necessarie, raggiungendo questo centro abitato verso le ore undici circa, recandomi io, con circa 50 uomini alla sede del partito comunista, dopo avere collocato i servizi ai vari sbocchi dei vicoli e delle strade di accesso al paese. Nel circolo comunista trovammo S.Giovanni Paolo, il bidello Mancini Stefano e tale "O figlio do Patanaro". Entrammo per primi nella sede, io, il Perillo suddetto e certo Friello Andrea di Salvatore. Io chiesi al Sangiovanni la tessera del partito comunista che mi esibì subito.

Dopo di ciò lo cacciai fuori dalla sede e non vidi se fosse stato schiaffeggiato da qualche mio compagno. Dopo, gli altri miei compagni in numero di venti circa, buttarono sulla strada i pochi mobili e carteggio esistente nella sede e vi diedero fuoco. Nel trambusto furono esplosi alcuni colpi di arma da fuoco che io però non posso precisare da chi sparati.

Al ritorno passando davanti la sede la sezione del partito

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Al ritorno passando davanti la sede la sezione del partito socialista notato che sulla tabella vi era l'emblema con falce e martello e ritenendo che fosse circolo dello stesso partito comunista, scassinammo la porta con due colpi di moschetto esplosi da me e presi le proprie suppellettili ivi esistenti le bruciammo sulla pubblica via.

. Ieri sera, raccolsi tutte le armi e le restituì al capitano americano vendo espressamente a ritirarle,ad eccezione del moschetto sequestrato dai carabinieri.

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Io PERILLO, confermo la dichiarazione resa da VETRONE Andrea, tranne i colloqui avuti col capitano americano.

In fede di quanto sopra ci sottoscriviamo.

Caiazzo, lì 8 novembre 1945.

F/to Vetrone Andrea

Perillo Giovanni

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RPSO AMG VENEZIE REGION
ALCOM P S SUB COMMISSION

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NOV. 170345A
ROUTINE

UNRESTRICTED.

RXII/PS/17. A serious prison disturbance occurred Udine jail November eleventh. Order was restored and no prisoners escaped. Absolutely imperative a live prison director be found for this prison at once. Strong influence brought to bear on ministry will be appreciated. Report follows.

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ACTION : P.Safety Co/c
INFO : Chief Commissioner
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IMMEDIATE

"R" INTERNEE CAMP

ACTION: G-2 AFHQ INFO: HQ 61 AREA, HQ 3 DISTRICT. SECURITY DIV. ALLIED COMMISSION.

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Information received interneen attempting mass demonstration 8/9 November. Help expected from local partisans for similar demonstrations outside the camp. Italian Carrebinnieri standing by to deal with partisan demonstration.

LIST

INFO ACTION: SECURITY DIVISION

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXECUTIVE COMMISIONER
C A SECTION
PUBLIC SAFETY S/C
PUBLIC RELATION BRANCH
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1564

Message Centre No: 0/2077

Date/Time of Origin: NOV 051100A

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 051330A

Precedence: MOST IMMEDIATE

FROM: ACTFT MILAN SIGNED HARRIS FOR FISKE

TO : AIGOM CITF ACTFT ROME CMA D.M.R.S. ROME CMA ISR ROME CMA MIS MILAN CMA IRS MILAN CMA TRANSPORTATION TO TWO DISTRICT CMA REG TN OFFICE R LOMBARDIA REG CMA OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE CHIEF COMMR FOR FISKE

Owing to the cancellation of the local MILAN PIACENZA Service rioting has occurred amongst the 10000 workers who used this service and further much more serious trouble might ensue.

The cancellation of this service is absolutely unnecessary as I am assured by Engineer BIANCHI that this service can be run without interference with any curtailment ordered. In order to prevent further rioting I have instructed Engineer BIANCHI to reinstitute forthwith the service MILAN PIACENZA and vice versa. Instructions to cancel this service were issued by D.M.R.S. notwithstanding the advice given by local M.R.S.

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I.S.R. Rome
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FREEDOM INFO ALCOM

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Subject is Italian demonstration in TRIESTE 3 November and probable Jugoslav counter measures on anniversary of Italian entry into TRIESTE 1918.

1. Italian CLN have been granted permission to hold demonstration AM 3 November in main square. Indications are attendance will be large and OSOPPO supporters together with students from VENICE and PADUA are believed arriving TRIESTE. CLN have well organised plan to protect demonstrators and Italian flags with squads armed with sticks and knuckle dusters and have informed AMG if intention to with stand all agression by pro Jugoslavs. Have however forbidden supporters to display Savoy crest or sing provocative songs. In view of recent Yugoslav action at CAPODISTRIA where several thousand Partisans from hills attacked demonstrating Italians killing 3 CLN fears similar actio TRIESTE and supporters may consequently carry some arms.

2. Leading pro Jugoslavs have made three visits of protest to AMG on usual anti Fascist lines. Claim demonstration is provocative and that they cannot control reaction of indignant populace. 1291 Have also asked permission for counter demonstration 200,000 strong on 4 November. Comment figure appears gross optimism.

3. Conclusion. Italians determined to hold demonstration d pite possible opposition for which they are preparing to meet force

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with force. It is reliably reported that pro Jugoslav and Communist Committee considers complete negation of their work to date if demonstration is a success. Consider that attempt to break up demonstration is therefore possible and there are indications that steps to do so are in hand. Some bloodshed may result and extent will depend on pro Jugoslav determination to prevent demonstration and ability to do so before Italions congregate.

4. Police and military precautions have been taken and the leaders of both sides warned against provocation and violence. Additional steps have been taken to prevent influx of agitators partisans etc but limitations of frontier control allow inevitable leakage.

All informed.

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Verbal Report received from Col Chapman, Public Safety Sub Commission

SUNDAY 1145 hours.

To day being the anniversary of the march on Rome, the following incident has taken place:-

New Facists placed a Flag on the Militia Tower in via Nationale. In order that it should not be taken down, two mines were placed at the entrance to the Tower. There were also notices and posters displayed including one which said "Attention Anti Tank Mines".

Fire Brigade was called and the Mines removed without incident. The Italian Artillery are in charge of the situation at present and there is nothing furhter to report.

The incident was reported to Col Chapman at 1115 hrs and he is making the necessary investigations.

J.P. Carlisle. J.Comd

Duty Officer. Office of Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

M E M O R A N D U M

26 October 1945

TO : V.P. C.A. Section.

Report from CC.RR. Hqs states that at Laterza (Taranto) on the morning of 24 October, 1945, a crowd of about 6000 persons surrounded the CC.RR. caserma demanding the release of 9 prisoners who were detained by order of the procuratore Regno charged with unauthorized occupation of private lands, and that serious disorders threaten. Reinforcements have been sent from Bari.

No report from Allied sources.

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers.
Minister of the Interior
n. 10213/12717

Rome, 11 October 1944

Dear Admiral,

In my letter of September 24th, I stated the intention of the Government which I preside to give the greatest possible development to the disarmament of the population and the reestablishment of public safety by taking whatever action is compatible with the few available forces and means. I was waiting for the results of the action which was taken in this sense in Puglie to answer your note dated 15 July, II/3001, in relation with the well known facts which took place last June and July in the area of Minervino Murge, Andria and Corato, in the Bari province, and which very justly attracted the attention of the Allied Authorities because of their importance.

Thanks to the report which I have just received from the prefect of Bari, I am now able to tell you the results of the operations for the carrying out of the warrants of arrest issued against the offenders.

Such operations which had to be carried out with particular precautions to avoid such perturbing of public order as might have been caused by local political interferences, started at the same time at Minervino and Andria, early in the morning on September 20th, and ended on the 2,th at Corato.

76 individuals have been arrested, among whom 29 are at the disposal of the procuratore del Regno and investigating magistrate of the Trani Court, on the charge of murder, attempted murder, robbery, violence, cooperation with armed bands and looting; 6 are at the disposal of the same authority for unlawful retention of weapons and military clothes; 30 are at the disposal of the Bari, Lecce and Taranto courtsfor unlawful retention of arms and ammunitions and for deserting; 11 others were arrested on various warrants of arrest and for police apprehensions.

Fifteen stragglers, against whom no warrants of arrest had been issued were arrested and brought before the Military District of Barletta.

Weapons and ammunitions have also been sequestered, and operations go on for further mopping up and also to catch 6 absconders denounced for being unlawfully in possession of weapons and military material, and also for other offences. Besides, 9 people have been denounced for being unable to justify how they happened to be in possession of allied material.

I enclose a report on the operations which took place.

Believe me,

Truly yours,

E.C. DIST. HEADQUARTERS
Prefect Ex Comm.
Mil. Gov. Comm.
Barletta

G. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief Commissioner - Allied Commission
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Translation

List of the people denounced and arrested in the Commune of Minervino Murge, Andria, and Corato during the police operations which started on September 20th, 1946

A) - At the disposal of the examining Magistrate and the Procuratore del Re to the Trani Court, under the charge of manslaughter, attempted manslaughter, robbery, damages, cooperation with armed bands, violence, looting, etc..

1. - MARTOCCIA Angelo, of the late Giuseppe, 1909 class, charged with continual robbery with aggravating circumstances -, receiving - unlawful holding and carrying of fire-arms.

2. - MARTINELLI Giuseppe, of Gavino, class 1909, cooperated in the following offences robbery with aggravating circumstances, house-breaking with aggravating circumstances, unlawful holding and carrying of fire arms, cooperation with armed bands, participation in continual robbery with aggravating circumstances, violation of rationing regulations.

3. - MAZZARO Giuseppe, of the late Gavino, class 1909, for cooperation with armed bands, continual robbery with aggravating circumstances.

4. - MELLINI Giuseppe, of the late Francesco, class 1920.

5. - DE PINTO Giuseppe, of the late Michele, class 1898.

6. - MALCARNE Nicola, of Lorenzo, class 1904.

7. - MENGA Francesco, of the late Giuseppe, class 1878.

8. - FRONTINI Domenico, of M.N. class 1906

9. - COLLAZZO Michele, of the late Francesco, class 1903.

10. - PANTONE Pietro, of Domenico, class 1923

11. - VENTOLA Vincenzo, of Francesco, class 1925

12. - GUGLIELMI Vincenzo, of the late Francesco, class 1906.

13. - SPINETTO Antonio of the late Antonio, class 1904.

All arrested because they were charged with robbery and with forming armed bands in May and June 1946, according to report n. 369/26 of July 25th, 1946 of the CC.RR. of Barletta.

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4. - BELLINI Giuseppe, of the late Francesco, class 1920.

5. - DE PINTO Giuseppe, of the late Michele, class 1898.

6. - MALCARNE Nicola, of Lorenzo, class 1904.

7. - RENNA Francesco, of the late Giuseppe, class 1878.

8. - FRONTINI Domenico, of M.N. class 1906

9. - COLLACCO Michele, of the late Francesco, class 1903.

10. - PANTONI Pietro, of Domenico, class 1923

11. - VENTOLA Vincenzo, of Francesco, class 1925

12. - GUGLIELMI Vincenzo, of the late Francesco, class 1906.

13. - SPINETTO Antonio of the late Antonio, class 1904.

All arrested because they were charged with robbery and with forming armed bands in May and June 1940, according to report n. 565/26 of July 26th, 1940 of the CC.RR. of Barletta.

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14. - NORTE Luigi of M.N. class 1900, arrested for threat committed with arms against the Carabinieri and participation in the revolt of June 1940.

15. - CARBONE Francesco, of the late Michele, aged 42.

16. - SERRA Michele, of the late Riccardo, aged 35.

Both are charged with the following offences and a warrant of arrest was issued against them by the investigating magistrate of Trani, on September 7th, 1945. murder of the Carabiniere MARIO Rocco, voluntary injury to the Carabiniere SARNELLI Edoardo, the Carabiniere BELLINI Eugenio, and the Carabiniere BOCCAVERO Felice; violence to an official, unlawful holding and carrying of fire-arms, murder of DE PRO Francesco and DE PRO Addolorata; voluntary injury to DE PRO Lorenzo and LAVARELLO Francesca, attempt at setting on fire the house of DE PRO Francesco.

17. - ROSCHETTA Giuseppe of the late Antonio, aged 61, charged with participating with other people in the following offences: voluntary injury to BELLINI Giuseppe; unlawful holding and carrying of a military gun; violation of police

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4. - BELLINI Giuseppe, of the late Francesco, class 1920.

5. - DE PINTO Giuseppe, of the late Michele, class 1898.

6. - MALACRNA Nicola, of Lorenzo, class 1904.

7. - RENNA Francesco, of the late Giuseppe, class 1878.

8. - TRONTINI Domenico, of N.N. class 1906

9. - COLLACCO Michele, of the late Francesco, class 1903.

10. - PANTONI Pietro, of Domenico, class 1923

11. - VANNOLA Vincenzo, of Francesco, class 1925

12. - GUGLIELMI Vincenzo, of the late Francesco, class 1906.

13. - SPINETTO Antonio of the late Antonio, class 1904.

All arrested because they were charged with robbery and with forming armed bands in May and June 1943, according to report n. 365/26 of July 25th, 1944 of the CC.RR. of Barletta.

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14. - SORTE Luigi of N.N. class 1900, arrested for threat committed with arms against the Carabinieri and participation in the revolt of June 1943.

15. - CARBONE Francesco, of the late Michele, aged 42.

16. - MERRA Michele, of the late Riccardo, aged 55.

both are charged with the following offences and a warrant of arrest was issued against them by the investigating magistrate of Trani, on September 7th, 1944. murder of the Carabiniere MARINO Rocco, voluntary injury to the Carabiniere SANTELLI EMANUELE, the Carabiniere BELLINI Eugenio, and the Carabiniere BOCCAVERO police; violence to an official, unlawful holding and carrying of fire-arms, murder of DE PAS Francesco and DE PAS Addolorata; voluntary injury to DE PAS Lorenzo and LAVARELLO Francesco, attempt at setting on fire the house of DE PAS Francesco.

17. - MOSCHETTA Giuseppe of the late Antonio, aged 61, charged with participating with other people in the following offences; voluntary injury to ANELLI Giuseppe; unlawful holding and carrying of a military gun; violation of police

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regulations on admonition (warrant of arrest, September 7th, 1945, Investigating Magistrate Trani).

18. - SCAMARCIO Giuseppe of the late Riccardo, aged 26, arrested for evading from the district prison in Andria, during the disturbance in June 1918.

19. - MOSCA Michele, of the late Antonio, class 1893.

20. - MOSCA Antonio of Michele, class 1932.

21. AVELLA Felice of Francesco, class 1884.

22. - DIAFERIA Francesco of Leonardo, class 1926.

23. - BALDUCCI Giuseppe of Catoldo class 1926.

24. - MANGIONE Luigi of Giuseppe, class 1915.

25. - SCARINGELLA Catoldo of Isidoro, class 1903.

26. - BALDUCCI Giuseppe of the late Francesco, class 1906

All arrested for warrants of arrest were issued against them on September 7th 1945 by the Trani Court, for being responsible of the following offences: violence against an official, looting, cooperating with armed bands, and for what concerns MOSCA, private violence for threatening the Carabinieri MARINO Michele with arms and obliging him to open his kit bag.

27. - SIMEO Giuseppe, of the late Antonio, class 1892.

28. - MARROCCA Giuseppe, of Luigi, class 1910.

29. - MARROCCA Pasquale, of Michele, class 1897.

They are all in jail and a warrant of arrest was issued against them on September 7th, 1945, for participating in the armed attack against the barracks of the Carabinieri of Corato, 28/6/945.

B) - At the disposition of the Trani Tribunal on the charge of unlawful holding of arms and military clothes

1. - DI CHIO Martino, of the late Riccardo, class 1913 (Minervino Murge)

2. - MARINELLO Francesco, of the late Gaetano, class 1895 " "

3. - IEVA Savino, of the late Michele aged 37 (Andria)

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26. - BALDUCCI Giuseppe of the late Francesco, class 1906

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2. - MARDIELLO Francesco, of the late Gaetano, class 1895 " "

3. - IEVA Savino, of the late Michele aged 57 (Andria)

4. - GIORGIO Pasquale of Ferdinando, aged 47 (Andria)

5. - GIURA Giuseppe of Domenico, aged 63 (Andria)

6. - RUGGIERO Pasquale of the late Giuseppe, aged 66 (Andria)

C) -At the disposition of the Military Court of Bari, Lecce and Taranto for unlawful holding of military arms and ammunition and for desertion.

1. - MALACARNE Luigi of Antonio, class 1914, soldier

2. - FAMIGLIETTI Giuseppe, of the late Giuseppe, class 1913, soldier.

3. - SCIASCIA Nicola of Giuseppe, class 1921, soldier.

All arrested according to the warrant of arrest n. 1114, dated November 16th, 1946, of the Procuratore Militare to the Bari Court Martial.

4. - SELFINO Pasquale, of Antonio, class 1923.

5. - TARULLO Nicola of the late Angelo, class 1923.

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6. - CHIAPPARINI Michele, of N.N. class 1893.

7. - COLIA Savino, of Giuseppe, class 1923.

8. - COLIA Antonio, class 1927.

All arrested for unlawful Holding of arms and ammunitions.

9. - GIORGIO Nicola, of Vincenzo, class 1 20, warrant of arrest issued by the Procuratore Militare del Regno fo Bari on 19.2.1945, n. 19807/44 for desertion.

10. - CASTINO Salvatore, of Carlo, class 1913, warrant of arrest issued by the Procuratore Militare of Bari on 4/3/1945, n. 22239/44 for desertion.

11. - CONVERSANO Savino, of the late Francesco, class 1920 warrant of arrest issued by the Procuratore Militare of Bari, on 8/1/1945, n. 22274/44 for desertion.

12. - ALBORE Giovanni, of Vincenzo, class 1921 warrant of arrest of the Procuratore Militare of Taranto, dated 14/12/1944, n. 11938 for desertion.

13. - MATARRESE Domenico, of Giovanni, class 1921, warrant of arrest issued by the Procuratore Militare of Bari, on 1/3/1945, n. 20527 for desertion.

14. - CIOCE Benedetto of Vincenzo, class 1924, warrant of arrest issued by the Procuratore of Lecce on 27/7/1944, n. 11516/44 for desertion

15. - CRISTIANI Alfonso, of the late Giovanni, class 1921, warrant of arrest issued by the Procuratore Militare of Bari on 23/6/945, n. 9927/45 for desertion.

16. - ABBRUZZESE Riccardo of N.N. class 1918, warrant of arrest issued by the Procuratore Militare of Bari, 3/1/1945, n. 17678 as draft delinquent.

17. - SCAMARCIA Francesco, of the late Riccardo, class 1921, soldier, for absence without leave.

18. - LA MIANDRA Giuseppe of Felice, class 1924.

19. - QUATELA Giuseppe, of the late Cataldo, class 1919.

20. - GRECO Giuseppe, of Francesco, class 1918.

21. - LEONE Cataldo, of the late Saverio, class 1923.

22. - MAINO Cataldo, of Vito, class 1918

1243 - TARANTINI Antonio, of the late Domenico, class 1922.

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13. - MATARRESE Domenico, of Giovanni, class 1921, warrant of arrest issued by the Procuratore Militare of Bari, on 1/3/1945, n. 26527 for desertion.

14. - CIOCE Benedetto of Vincenzo, class 1924, warrant of arrest issued by the Procuratore of Lecce on 27/7/1944, n. 11516/44 for desertion

15. - CRISTIANI Alfonso, of the late Giovanni, class 1921, warrant of arrest issued by the Procuratore Militare of Bari on 23/6/945, n. 9927/45 for desertion.

16. - ABBRUZZESE Riccardo of N.N. class 1918, warrant of arrest issued by the Procuratore Militare of Bari, 9/1/1945, n. 17678 as draft delinquent.

17. - SCARAMOLA Francesco, of the late Riccardo, class 1921, soldier, for absence without leave.

18. - LA MANDRA Giuseppe of Felice, class 1924.

19. - QUATELA Giuseppe, of the late Cataldo, class 1919.

20. - GRECO Giuseppe, of Francesco, class 1918.

21. - LEONE Cataldo, of the late Saverio, class 1923.

22. - RAINO Cataldo, of Vito, class 1918

1243 - TARANTINI Antonio, of the late Domenico, class 1922.

24. - MOSCA Francesco, of Cataldo, class 1924

25. - COLAIENO Francesco, ofthe late Gaetano, class 1916.

26. - MAICANDI Savino, of Matteo, class 1918.

27. - MARROCCA Vito of Luigi, class 1919.

28. - SPERPENDINO Severino, of Cataldo, class 1919.

29. - LEO Luigi, of Giovanni, class 1918.

30. - LEONE Saverio, of the late Cataldo, class 1903.

Warrants of arrest were issued against all of them for desertion; they were arrested in Corato.

b) - People arrested because of various warrants of arrest and for ascertainments to be made by judicial police.

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1. - PAGLIALUNGA Savino, of the late Savino, class 1898.

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2. - GIUSTI Michele, of the late Salvatore, class 1898.

3. - DI BIASIO Savino, of the late Giuseppe, class 1907.

4. - PALLADINO Maria Luigia, of the late Nicola, class 1890

All arrested for ascertainment of judicial police and still in the district prisons of Sansevino Murge.

5. - FESTA Carolina, of the late Giovanni, aged 47, warrant of arrest n. 239 of July 6th, 1940 issued by the Procuratore del Regno of Trani (condemned to 3 months imprisonment for manufacturing alcool clandestinely).

6. - STALLONE Francesco, of the late,Giuseppe, aged 39, warrant of arrest n. 208, dated February 20th, 1940 issued by the pretore of Andria, charged with the murder of the agents CAPUTO Domenico, CARULLO Matteo, and TORSIANI Antonio.

7. - TARRACCARO Raffaele, of the late Antonio, aged 49, warrant of arrest n. 628, of September 20th, for robbery with aggravating circumstances.

8. - BASILE Giacomo of Saverio, aged 21, warrant of arrest issued by the Procuratore del Regno of Trani, 11/7/1940, for he was condemned to 20 days imprisonment for violating rationing regulations on oil.

9. - PANUNZELLI Francesco of Vincenzo, aged 21, warrant of arrest, n. 137, dated 5/6/1940, issued by the Procuratore del Regno of Trani, condemned to one month imprisonment for unlawful trading of oil.

10. - BRUNETTA Giuseppe, of the late Riccardo, aged 60, arrested for violating police instructions on admonition.

11. - DISARIO Giuseppe, of the late Riccardo, aged 26, arrested for evading from the Andria district prisons.

Total of the people arrested (29 at the disposal of the Trani Court for murder, injury, robbery, etc.)

6 at the disposal of the Trani Court for unlawful holding of arms;

30 at the disposal of the Bari, Lecce and Taranto Court Martial;

65 unarrested on various warrants of arrest.

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del Regno of Trani, 11/7/1945, for he was condemned to 20 days imprisonment for violating rationing regulations on oil.

9. - PETRUZELLI Francesco of Vincenzo, aged 21, warrant of arrest, n. 137, dated 9/6/1945, issued by the Procuratore del Regno of Trani, condemned to one month emprisonment for unlawful trading of oil.

10. - [illegible]BERETTA Giuseppe, of the late Riccardo, aged 60, arrested for violating police instructions on ammunition.

11. - [illegible]MARONE Giuseppe, of the late Riccardo, aged 20, arrested for evading from the Andria district prison.

Total of the people arrested (2) at the disposal of the Trani Court for murder, injury, robbery, etc.)

6 at the disposal of the Trani Court for unlawful holding of arms;

30 at the disposal of the Bari, Lecce and Taranto Court Martial;

1248 [illegible]arrested on various warrants of arrest.

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b) - List of soldiers taken before the Carlot a Military District as stragglers against whom no warrant of arrest was issued.

1. - GUGLIELMI Germino, of the late Francesco, class 1920

2. - PIERRO Giuseppe, of Paolo, class 1923.

3. - POMA Paolo of Paolo, class 1922.

4. - SUPERNO Francesco, of the late Luigi, class 1921.

5. - GIANNONE, Francesco, of the late Michele, class 1919

(148) 6. - GRAMIGNA Giuseppe of N.N., class 1919

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7. - TRANCHINA Giuseppe, of Gi seppe, class 1919.

8. - RUBINO Pasquale, of Vincenzo, class 1919.

9. - INVERNI Pasquale, of Felice, class 1923

10. - FIORE Luigi of Nicola, class 1918.

11. - FIORE Nicola of Vincenzo, class 1920.

12. - PAGLIARUNGA Angelo, of Gennaro, class 1923.

13. - AC AVIVA Nicola di Vito, class 1919.

14. - D'ANGELA Giuseppe, of the late Felice, class 1924.

15. - NOBILE, Francesco of Pasquale, class 1924.

F) - List of the fugitives against who warrants of arrest have been issued, or denounced because they were fugitive, for unlawful holding of arms, and various other offences.

1. - MARTINELLI Sabatina, of Raffaele, class 1909 (Minervino)

2. - PANARELLI Luciano, of Vincenzo, class 1918 (Minervino)

3. - VENTOLA Gaetano, of Francesco, class 1915 (Minervino)

4. - MATONE Vincenzo of Giuseppe, class 1912, (Minervino)

5. - DE LISO Nicoletta, of Vincenzo, class 1928 (Minervino)

6. - CARDONE Riccardo of Antonio, class 1915 (Minervino)

7. - CASTELLA Luigi, of the late Michele, class 1923 (Corato)

8. - RUCCI Domenico of the late Giuseppe, class 1912 (Corato)

G) - List of persons denounced for unjustified holding of military material, all from Minervino.

1. - DI CONSOLO Gennaro of Saverio, class 1908

2. - DI CATALDO Giovino of Raffaele, class 1902

3. - DI CHIO Nicoletta of Carlo, class 1918

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F) - List of the fugitives against [illegible] because they were fugitive, for unlawful holding of arms, and various other offences.

1. - MARTINELLI Sabatina, of Raffaele, class 1903 (Minervino)

2. - PANARELLI Luciano, of Vincenzo, class 1911 (Minervino)

3. - VENTOLA Gaetano, of Francesco, class 1919 (Minervino)

4. - MATONE Vincenzo of Giuseppe, class 1912, (Minervino)

5. - DE LISO Nicoletta, of Vincenzo, class 1928 (Minervino)

6. - CARLONE Riccardo of Antonio, class 1915 (Minervino)

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8. - RUCCI Domenico of the late Giuseppe, class 1912 (Corato)

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3. - DI CHIO Nicoletta of Carlo, class 1918

4. - ROSA Li Pasquale, of the late Savino, class 1883

5. - LABATE Giuseppina, of Michele, class 1907

6. - BRACUTO Sabatina, of the late Salvatore, class 1889

7. -DELFINO Sabatina of Michele, class 1920

8. - CASSI Alfonso of Gennaro, class 1901

9. - BALICE Pietro of the late Gaetano, class 1910

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FOR ACTION TWO ONE SEVEN SUB AREA FOR EASY GROUP DISPER

6709 8 October 1945 ROUTINE

RESTRICTED FD

PARA ONE FD PLEASE EXPEDITE REPORT REGARDING A DISTURBANCE WHICH OCCURRED AT FORLI STATION ON TWO NINE SEPTEMBER CMA IN WHICH REFUGEES TRAVELLING FROM MODENA TO LECCE WERE INVOLVED WITH A GROUP OF POLISH SOLDIERS FD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION TWO ONE SEVEN SUB AREA FOR EASY GROUP DISPER FROM AICOM GTT ACDFR PAREN

PARA TWO FD THERE ARE TWO BRITISH RED CROSS SISTERS IN YOUR GROUP WHO KNOW THE FACTS OF THIS INCIDENT

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G 371
OCT 8/1600A

OCT 8/1030A

OF PRIORITY

AC LO DISTWO MILAN SIGNED BARKLEY

ACTION: ALCOM ROME ALCOS MILAN INFO: HC LOMBARDIA LIGURIA PIEMONTE VENEZIE

GIULIA GOC DISTWO HSI DISTWO

SECRET

SECRET.

Considered probable that success of raids on hidden arms in northern ITALY is being more than offset by illegal production and clandestine distribution of arms and spare parts from factories still in operation. This is causing grave concern to GOC DISTWO who has requested immediate investigation and report with reference to AFHQ letter AG 380.3/OSI GSO/o dated 2 August 1945. Suggest attention all regional commissioners be called to above AFHQ letter and directive therein contained and requested make immediate investigation and report on all arms factories stating which are in production. Quantity and type of arms and parts produced and what steps are being taken to implement the directive and that regional commissioners may be instructed to furnish GOC DISTWO with copy of their report with all possible speed.

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ACTION : ALCOM SEC (3)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER (2)
CA SEC
PUBLIC SAFETY
FILE (2)
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SECRET

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ALCOM HQ FOR EXECUTIVE COMMR EPTB-CIVIL AFFAIRS SECT, DISPL PERSONS AND REFUGEES SC P SAFETY SC 52 AREA INFO 54 AREA

SECRET

Incident UNRRA Refugee camp SANTA CESAREA Q805690 much exaggerated. Brawl between Greek and Polish Jews. 5 pistol shots fired. No killed 2 wounded. No hostility to Allied personnel. Troops withdrawn. Recommend transfer 65 Greeks elsewhere. Camp commandant agrees.

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Action - Disper
Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec Commr 2
CA Sec
P Safety SC
File

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SECRET

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OCT 7/0945A

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ALCOM LO BARI

HA ALCOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER INFO: CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC, DISPLACED PERSONS AND REFUGEES SUB COM, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB 54 AREA

SECRET.

52 Area report serious riot occurred UNRRA camp CESAREA LECCA 2000 hours 5 October. As lives of Allied personnel reported in danger light armd vehs despatched from TARANTO. Details follow when available

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ACTION : PUBLIC SAFETY SC

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
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OCT 6/1710A

G 269
OCT 7/1030A
IMPORTANT

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DISTHREE ALCOM FOR DISPER ALCOM BARI INFO: 80 TOW MAJOR

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Subject is riot at AC Camp for displaced persons SANTA CESAREA on 5 October. For some time the inmates of this camp of several nationalities have been dividing themselves into rival factions. A clothing parade yesterday provided suitable opportunity for start of dispute. Fighting broke out fists and stones mostly being used but a few shots were fired. Riot ceased 2200 hours. 3 people hospitalised this morning camp was searched byour coln for arms with no result. Lt ARMD CS withdrawn 1600 hours today. Cond of camp apprehensive lest one of the injured should die and further riots break out. Believe he has requested AC to provide Tps as temporary grn for camp

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ACTION : PUBLIC SAFETY

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER (2)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

3629/EC

6th October, 1945

To: Chief Commissioner.

An UNRRA camp with an A.C. Welfare Officer in charge ??

Colonel Hartley Aclo Bari reports that last night a riot broke out in the UNRRA refugee camp at Caesarea. 52 Area asked permission to use troops to quell the riot as Allied lives were endangered. AFHQ refused permission to use local troops who were Poles and so Armoured Cars were sent from Taranto. They have not yet returned.

Further information will follow.

Displaced Persons report that Caesarea Camp is mostly Jewish but there may be some Yugoslavs. (Theran 6).

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Executive Commissioner

Copy to: C.A.S.
D.P & R S/C
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OCT 8 [illegible]

G FIVE AFHQ

6679 6 October 45 ROUTINE

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RESTRICTED PD

THE FOLLOWING CABLE RECEIVED FROM ALCOM TO BARI

PAREN TO G FIVE AFHQ FROM ALCOM CITE ACFSF PAREN

DI GAETANO RING LEADER JUNE RIOTS ANDRIA MINERVINO PAREN BARI PAREN

ARRESTED PD

DIST : Chief Commissioner
Ex Commissioner
CA Sec

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN Col.

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CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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OCT 061100A

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OCT 061630A

ROUTINE

ALCOM LO BARI

FM ALCOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER RITE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION, PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMISSION, 52 AREA INFO 54 AREA

RESTRICTED.

DI GAETANO ring leader June riots ANDRIA-MINERVINO (BARI) arrested.

DIST

ACTION: Pub Safety 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Ex Commissioner 2
CA Sec
File 2
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TOP SECRET

AMG LC BOLOGNA FROM HQ AFCOM CITE ACSEC

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TOP SECRET FD

SUBJECT IS UPRISINGS ARCUND BOLOGNA PE

PAREN TO AMG LC BOLOGNA FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACSEC PAREN

PARA ONE PD THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF FIFTH ARMY BABLE TO AFHQ CMA REPEATED TO THIS HQ FOR INFORMATION CMA READS COLAN REPORTED PD LEADERS IN BOLOGNA AREA ARE GRANDI ALBERTI AND A CERTAIN GIANNI LEADER IN MODENA AREA IS DIDIMO FERRARI CMA WHOSE GANG IS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR NUMEROUS ROBBERIES CMA KILLINGS AND BLACKMAIL AND INTIMIDATIONS PD RECOMMEND FERRARI BE APPREHENDED AS A THREAT TO SECURITY PD

PARA TWO WILL YOU ENQUIRE FROM DISTRICT CONCERNED IF FERRARI HAS IN FACT BEEN ARRESTED AND REPLY URGENTLY PD

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AFHQ G FIVE

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SECRET PD

PARA ONE PD THE FOLLOWING SIGNAL WAS RECEIVED FROM ALCOM TO BARI PD

PAREN TO AFHQ G FIVE FROM ALCOM CITE ACSF PAREN

PARA TWO PD OPERATIONS IN ANDRIA AND MINERVINO HAD EXCELLENT EFFECT PD POPULATION QUIET PD PLANS IN HAND FOR CAPTURE OF ARMED BAND TWO ZERO ZERO STRONG WHO ESCAPED TO COUNTRY WEST OF MINERVINO PD

PARA THREE PD SITUATION LECCE NORMAL PD

INT. DIST :

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Exec. Commissioner
Civil Affairs Sec.

Public Safety S/C

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E.C. Should be routed to E-5 SMS C

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ROUTINE

ALCOM LO BARI

ACTION RQ ALCOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER RUTT PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMISSION, 52 AREA INFO 54 AREA

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SECRET.

Operations in ANDRIA and MINERVINO had excellent effect. Population quiet. Plans in hand for capture of armed band 200 strong who escaped to country west of MINERVINO.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
Ex Commissioner 2
EA Sec
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G FIVE AETO

6295 29 September 45 RESTRICTED

SECRET PD

DURING SEPTEMBER CARIBOO WERE RECEIVED RELATIVE TO THE PUGLIA AREA

AS FOLLOWS

PARET TO G FIVE AETO FROM ALCOM SITE ACERF PAREN

SEPTEMBER TWO FIVE PD FROM LO BARI NUMBER FOX SLANT NINE ONE FOUR

ZERO PD QUOTE OF SEVEN THOUSAND ASSEMBLED OUTSIDE PROPETTURA ENDQT

TO SHOTS WERE FIRED RESULTING IN THREE CASUALTIES PD

SEPTEMBER TWO SIX PD UNC CARABINIERY COMMAND CONFIRMED THE LARGE

INCIDENT BUT ENLARGED BY STATING TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE DEMONSTRATED

IN LARGE AREA SURROUNDED THE PREFETTURA AND DISARMED GUARDS AS POLICE

IN BUILDING SHOT OVER HEADS OF CROWD AS IN ATTEMPT TO DISARM A

GUARD ONE MAN FIRED HIS RIFLE AND THREE DEATHS RESULTED AS NO TROOPS

WERE USED PD

SEPTEMBER TWO EIGHT PD FROM LO BARI NUMBER FOX SLANT NINE THREE TWO

PARET TO AFHQ QUOTE ENDQT THROUGH TWO SEVEN PD FUNERALS TOOK PLACE

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WITHOUT INCIDENT FD FEELING STILL TENSE BUT POPULATION VERY
ORDERLY FD ADEQUATE RESERVES OF CORN AND TROOPS FD
FOR HIS TRIBE SEVEN PFC OF TWO BIGHT SEPTEMBER LO BARI ADDITIONAL
NOTES
TROUBLE ON TWO FOOD RIOTS TIRE STRIKE OF MASONS UNION IN PROTEST AT
COST OF LIVING FD CAMERA DEL LAVORO ORGANIZED PROCESSION IN WHICH
JOINED WORKERS OF TOBACCO FACTORY AND MIL SALVAGE DEPOT AND BANK
CLERKS FD
DEMANDS MADE TO PREFECT VERY FIRST DOUBLE BREAD AND OIL RATION SECOND
TOTAL BLOCKING OF WINE EXPORT TO RETAIN SUPPLIES FOR FOODSTUFFS AND
FOOD FROM NORTH FIELD BARRIERS TO BE REQUESTIONED AND MANAGED BY
WORKERS COOPERATIVE POLICE ENTERED ACTION AGAINST BLACK MARKET FD
PREFECT LEGGE HAS INFORMED MINISTRY OF INTERIOR THAT CONDITION OF
LEGISLATION REQUIRES VISIT OF POLITICAL PERSONALITY TO INVESTIGATE FD
NO TRUTH IN RUMOUR OF RESIGNATION BARI FD
PARA NO CABLES FROM MATERA OR MINERVINO MURGE DURING SEPTEMBER FD

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CMO SEA

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SEP 290900A
IMMEDIATE

ALCOM LO BARI
HQ ALCOM PCH EXEC COMMR RPTD CIV AFFAIRS SECT ALCOM SECT P SAFETY SC LABOUR SC 52 ANGLO-AC DI ISON OFFICER NAPLES INFO HQ 54 ARGA

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Additional notes LECCE incident.

1. Trouble on 24 began with strike of masons union in protest at cost of living. Camera del Lavoro organised procession in which joined workers of Tobacco Factory and Mil Salvage Depot and bank clerks.

2. Demands made to Prefect were first double bread and oil ration second total blocking of wine export to effect exchange for foodstuffs and goods from north third bakeries to be requisitioned and managed by workers cooperative fourth intensified action against black market.

3. Prefect LECCE has informed Ministry of Interior that Committee of Liberation requests visit of political personality to investigate.

4. No truth in rumour of disorders B/RI.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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29 Sept 45

AFHQ G-5

6272 28 SEPT 45 PRIORITY

SECRET FD

PARA ONE FD THE FOLLOWING SIGNAL WAS RECEIVED FROM ALCOM TO BARI FD

PARET TO AFHQ GEORGE FIVE FROM ALCOM CITE ACPBT PAREN FD

PARA TWO FD ALL QUIET LECCE THROUGHIT TWO SEVEN FD

PARA THREE FD FUNERALS TOOK PLACE WITHOUT INCIDENT FD FEELING STILL TENSE BUT POPULATION VERY ORDERLY FD ADEQUATE RESERVES OF CCRR AND TROOPS FD

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION

Chief Commissioner
~~Dep Commissioner~~
~~CA Section~~

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29 Sept 45

SEP 30 1945

G FIVE AFMG

6208 28 September 45 PRIORITY

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE GIST OF A VERBAL REPORT MADE BY THE PREFECT OF LEGUE TO AC IC BARI AND RECEIVED AT THIS COMMISSION BY CABLE LOVE BALEW SLANT FOUR ONE OF SEPTEMBER TWO SEVEN PD

FARM TO 4 KIVS AFIQ FROM AIOCM SITE AOTSF FARCM

ON TWO FOUR SEPTEMBER FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO PEOPLE FORMED PROCESSION IN PROTEST AT HIGH COST OF LIVING PD ON ARRIVAL AT PREFECTURE PERMISSION GIVEN SMALL DEPUTATION INTERVIEW PREFECT PD. BUT MOB BROKE THROUGH GORDON AND ENTERED COURTYARD AND PELTEOTS ON OFFICES IN SOME MANNER TAKEN DUMA TO FORMATION PD CHIEF DEMANDS WERE FIRST INCREASE FLOUR RATION SECOND INCREASE OIL RATION THIRD ESTABLISHMENT OF BAKERY SYSTEM WITH ROME ITALY INSTEAD OF PATRONES IN CASU FOR RECORDS FROM SOUTH PD

PREFECT MADE RATION CONCESSIONS AND CROWD DISPERSED PD

FOLLOWING DAY TWO FIVE NOGEN TWO FIVE CROWD ESTIMATED SEVEN TO TEN THOUSAND FORMED PROCESSION PD ON ARRIVAL OUTSIDE PREFECTURE SUCCEEDED IN DISARMING ONE CARABINIERI OFFICER AND ABOUT FIVE GUARDS WHOM THEY LED AWAY PD THEY THEN TRIED REMOVE LIGHT AUTOMATIC FROM CAMION WHO LOST NITE AND OPENED FIRE KILLING THREE CIVILIANS PD

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NUMBER OF WOUNDED AND INJURED UNKNOWN BELIEVED SMALL PD
CORR ARMOURED VEHICLE SEEM FIRE OVER HEADS OF CROWD PD
ON TWO SIX SEPTEMBER NO INCIDENTS PD
FUNERAL TAKES PLACE TODAY INCIDENTS ENDED PD
REINFORCEMENTS OF CORR AND FIRST BATTALION SAN MARCO LEFT VERT LECCE
PD VIRTUALLY ALL BUSINESS AND SHOPS CLOSED SINCE TWO FOUR PD
AGITATION IN GALATINA LECCE PROVINCE BUT NO INCIDENTS PD
PREFECTS REPORT ENDS PD
NEW SUBJECT USA TEN FOLLOWING IS FURTHER CONTENTS OF LOVE NAPLES
SLANT FOUR ONE OF SEPTEMBER TWO SEVEN
ALL QUIET BRINDISI PD STRIKE OF ONE FIVE ZERO BANK CLERKS OVING
HIGH COST LIVING TARANTO CAUSED BANKS CLOSE FROM TWO FIVE PD
PREFECT TARANTO FEARS FURTHER INCIDENTS PD PROVINCE IS ENTIRELY
ECONOMIC OVING SCARCITY AND GREAT PRICE OF UNCONTROLLED FOODSTUFFS
PD POORER CLASSES CANNOT BUY SUFFICIENT OIL VEGETABLES MEAT OR
WINE PD

Int. Dist: Chief Commissioner
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G.A. Section
Economic Section.

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OUT 27 NFT

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SEP 27 0030A
IMMEDIATE

FROM ECOM ROME
TO ALCOM FOR EXEC COMMR AFHQ CIVIL AFF I/C SECT ACON SEC F SAFETY SC
52 MAAK INFO 54 AREA BY HAND

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Following is gist of verbal report from Prefect of LECCE to L/O BARI.

On 24 September 5000 people formed procession in protest at high cost of living. On arrival at Prefecture permission given send up deputation interview Prefect. But mob broke through cordon and entered courtyard and Prefect's own offices. Some wanton damage done to furniture. Chief demands were first increase flour ration second increase oil ration third establishment of BARTER system with North ITALY instead of payments in cash for exports from south.

Prefect made ration concessions and crowd dispersed.

Following day (25th & 25th) crowd estimated 7 to 10 thousand formed procession. On arrival outside Prefecture succeeded in disarming one Carabinieri officer and about 5 guards whom they led away. They then tried remove light automatic from guard who lost wits and opened fired killing 3 civilians. Number of wounded and injured unknown believed small.

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CC/RR armoured vehicle then fired over heads of crowd.

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On 26th September no incidents;

Funeral takes place today incidents feared.

Reinforcements of CC/RR and 1 Battalion SAN MARCO Regt sent LECCE. Virtually all business and shops closed since 24th. Agitation in GALATINA (LECCE Province) but no incidents.

Prefect's report ends.

All quiet BRINDISI. Strike of 150 bank clerks owing high cost living TARANTO caused banks close there 25th. Prefect TARANTO fears further incidents. Trouble is entirely economic owing scarcity and great price of uncontrolled foodstuffs. Poorer classes cannot buy sufficient oil vegetables meat or wine.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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CA Section
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M/C Note

Lt Col TALLIOT informed of this message at 272030A.

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HQ ATOMIC ENERGY EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER RPTD CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC PUBLIC SAFETY SC 52 AREA INFO 54 AREA.

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Verbal report received from CC/RR BARI that crowd of 7000 assembled outside Prefettura BARI today.

Shots were fired resulting in 3 casualties.

Confirmation with more detail to follow when available.

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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3636/63/EC. 25th September 1945.

SUBJECT: Illegal Stocks of Arms and Civil Disturbances in Italian Government Territory.

TO : Chief of Staff.
A.F.H.Q.

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My telegram 5088 of 25th September confirms the last statement.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

Copy to:
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(132) /s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,
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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

n. 57285 Rome, 24 September 1945

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Dear Admiral,

I received your memorandum n. 8056/SC of the 20th.

The situation of public safety in Italy always came, and still comes first for the Government that does not fail to take the necessary action and issue new regulations that can assure the respect of lawfulness and contribute to re-establish normality.

However, to reach this goal, it is obviously essential to have the possibility of disposing of an adequate number of forces, adequately armed and equipped, disposing of sufficient means of transport, to give them the necessary mobility, and enable them to carry out repressive operations on a large scale.

In relation with these requirements, I have already asked several times for your kind intervention to have the number of men of the C.R.R. Corps raised to 75 thousand, and, most important of all, to have them given a really efficient armament.

I have also asked for your intervention, to obtain the authorization to use troops of the Army for services of public order, in the whole of the national territory.

I deem it useful to add that, besides reinforcing the C.R.R. Corps, the Government intends also to reinforce the other police forces, and to this end, it has already established the emergency enlistment of 5000 P.S. Guard, (that could be raised to 6000) among the former members of the partisan formations, while another enlistment is shortly to be opened for about 2,00 agents destined to the railroad police. Besides, a plan for a general reorganization of the P.S. Forces is being studied, this study having already reached an advanced stage; it foresees the doubling of the present number of P.S. guards (to reach 60.000 men as a whole), by enlisting during the next few months a first new echelon of about 10.000 agents.

Without any possible doubt, the possibility of bringing a radical improvement in the conditions of order and public safety in Italy depends on the rapidity with which it will be possible to carry out this plan for the reinforcement of the P.S. forces.

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We kept the Public Safety Sub-Commission well informed about such matters.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

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As for the collecting of the weapons unlawfully retained by civilians, we must consider that the carrying out of the disarming operations, especially in Central and Southern Italy, is in great part depending on those for the repression of delinquency. The progressive taking of the unlawful owners will doubtless facilitate mopping up operations.

To this end, and in spite of the difficulties on which I drew your attentions, large scale mopping up operations are being organized. The mopping up operations for the arrest of the men who were responsible for the important trouble in Andria, Corato and Minervino Murge area already being carried out, as well as those for the repression of banditism in Calabria, in the Aspromonte zone; we hope that these operations will greatly contribute to disarm the population.

I was waiting for the final result of the operations which are taking place in Puglia, to answer with full particulars your letter of July 13th, cc/3601.

I repeat that, generally speaking, the Government intends to make the greatest possible effort to disarm the population, using premiums and and taking whatever action may be useful to this end. In Central and Southern Italy, during July, the Carabinieri Corps alone had recovered about 1,.000 rifles and muskets; over 1000 light automatic weapons, over 600 heavy ones; up to now, the results are considerably greater if we include the results obtained by the police.. As you may know, more important results still have been obtained in the regions of Northern Italy. I do not mean that I am satisfied with such results. They only represent the beginning of a task which I intend to carry out.

From all I told you, it clearly appears that among the chief aims of the Italian Government is the strict and uninterrupted repression of all unlawful activities, whoever be it that carries them out.

I am most grateful, my dear Admiral, for your constant interest and that of the Headquarters for this important problem, and I trust that your personal cooperation, which I particularly appreciate, will persuade the Allied Authorities to take the action which I have previously mentioned, and which is necessary to bring about a satisfactory situation of public order, in accordance with the wishes of the Government and the Italian nation,

Yours truly,

S. Ferruccio Parri

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SUBJECT IS OPERATIONS IN ANDRIA MINERVINO AREA FD

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RE CONTINS ON ACTIVITIES IN BARI AREA RESULTING FROM OUR RECENT REPRESENTATIONS TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTING ACTION BY TERM CMA LO BARI SIGNALS QUOTE FOLLOWING IS RESULT TO DATE OF LARGE SCALE CARABINIERI OPERATIONS IN ANDRIA AND MINERVINO PARIN BARI PROVINCE PARIN UNQUOTE BEGAN TWO ZERO SEPTEMBER AND ARE STILL CONTINUING FD INTENTION ARREST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN JUNE AND MAY INDIGENOUS SEARCH FOR ARMS TO FOUR SEVEN ARRESTS TO EIGHT SEVEN TRAINS MORTAR MACHINE GUNS AND PISTOLS FD MANY PERSONS FLED TO COUNTRY AND FORMING ARMED GANGS FD FIVE ZERO ZERO CARABINIERI INVOLVED TO CMA ARMORED CAR IN RESERVE FD NO CASUALTIES AMONG CHARLIE CHARLIE ROGER ROGER SHOTS FIRED AT CARABINIERI PARMANS MINERVINO FD NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS FD ACCIDENT TO THEIR CARRYING CARABINIERI RESERVES RESULTED ONE DEAD ONE SIX INJURED FD UNQUOTE FD

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Ex Commissioner (2)
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JOHN W. CHAPMAN Col.

NICHOLAS STORINO
CWO, WOA
Asst. Adjutant.

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ALCOM LO BARI

INFO ALCOM FOR: EXEC COMMR ICOMER RPTD CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COM
52 AREA INFO: 54 AREA

SECRET.

Following is result to date of large scale carabinieri operations in ANDRIA and MINERVINO (BARI province) which began 20 September and are still continuing. Intention arrest those responsible for the civil disturbances in June and make widespread search for arms. 47 arrests. 87 weapons mostly sporting guns and pistols. Many persons fled to country and forming armed gangs. 500 carabinieri involved. CARABARCO kept in reserve. No casualties among CC/RR despite shots fired at carabinieri barrels MINERVINO. No serious incidents. Accident to truck carrying carabinieri reserves resulted 1 dead 16 injured

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ACTION : PUBLIC SAFETY SC

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ACTION: HQ AICOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COM, 52 AREA INFO: 54 AREA BY HAND

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Systematic combing by Carabinieri in ANDRIA and MINERVINO continuing without serious incidents. Public order calm

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 3636/XC

20 September 1945

AIDE MEMOIRE

1. The Supreme Allied Commander has directed me to convey to you his grave concern at the state of public security throughout Italy, particularly with regard to illegal retention of arms. It is and has been the policy of the Supreme Allied Commander to recommend that the Italian Government take the strongest possible steps to deal with civil disturbance within their own territory. To this end he has also given instructions with regard to the clothing and equipment of the Carabinieri in order that they may be raised to a standard of efficiency. The Carabinieri, however, cannot be expected to take effective action in dealing with disturbances unless they receive guidance and support from the Italian Government and from the Local Prefects, who must be prepared to call for military assistance if they consider such a course necessary. To this end the Prefects themselves should receive from the Italian Government clear and definite directives on their duties and responsibilities.

2. The collection of illegal stocks of arms held by civilians is considered one of primary importance and is a matter which can only be brought about by properly planned and coordinated action between the local governments, the police agencies and the military authorities. In the territories under Military Government much has been done by such coordination and in spite of the known quantity of arms still in the hands of civilians marked progress is being made in their surrender. The Supreme Allied Commander urges that the same coordination should be effected in territory under Italian Government control where, in spite of the long period that has elapsed since the liberation, it is known that a great number of arms are illegally retained.

3. The present situation is viewed with gravity, as it is considered that further deterioration is likely to have serious consequences. In this connection the Italian Government must realise that their ability to maintain law and order must inevitably be an important factor in any decision of the Allied Governments in regard to the releasing of further territory to Italian control.

4. The Supreme Allied Commander is moved to instruct me to make these representations not only on account of the general situation but particularly because it was apparent to him that whatever measures were taken by the Italian Government to deal with the disturbances in the Andria and Minervino areas in June last were inadequate and did not prevent renewed

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incidents occurring in the Bari area on 2 August. Present reports from Allied officers, which are being transmitted to your Minister of the Interior, point to the possibility of a recurrence of disturbances in this area in the near future.

5. In this connection despite repeated requests I still await a reply to my original letter CC 3601 dated 13 July 1945 addressed to you, in which on instructions from the Supreme Allied Commander I asked for specific information as to the action taken by the Italian Government following on these disturbances.

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Delivered to:
The President of the Council of Ministers
20 September 1945

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Ref: 3629/EC

14 September 1945

SUBJECT: Civil Disturbances

TO : Public Safety Subcommission

Would you please remind the Italian Prime Minister that no reply has yet been received to letter AC/14602/10/PS dated 16 August 1945 on the above subject.

A. B. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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AFHQ CITE PHXEG

5062 10 Sept 1945 PRIORITY

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PARA ONE FD REFERENCE FOX FOUR ONE ONE TWO SEVEN TOP SECRET DATED FIVE SEPTEMBER PD LAISON OFFICE BOLOGNA REPORTS FD

PAREN TO AFHQ CITE PHXEG FROM ALCOM CITE ACFSF PAREN FD

QUOTE FD NOTHING KNOWN BY CHARLIE ITEM CHARLIE OR POLICE AGENCIES OF LAWLESS ELEMENTS COMMUNISTS OR OTHERWISE ORGANISED IN MODENA BASH BOLOGNA BASH REGGIO AREA WITH POSSIBLE OBJECT OF TAKING OVER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AT OPPORTUNE MOMENT FD SCATTERED ATTACKS HAVE TAKEN PLACE AGAINST ISOLATED LANDOWNERS EVER SINCE OCCUPATION BY ALLIES FD WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE FD STILL A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF ARMED INDIVIDUALS IN EMILIA REGION FD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY REPORT BY ABLE MISS GEORGE THAT PARTISAN FORMATIONS ARE HANDING IN ARMS SATISFACTORILY FD THERE ARE RUMOURS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION CACHES BUT NO DEFINITE LOCATIONS FD AGREED BUT "RIOTS" NOT CORRECT TERM DEMONSTRATIONS SUCH AS HAVE BEEN HELD UNDER ABLE MISS GEORGE CONTINUE FD NO SERIOUS DISORDER HAS OCCURRED TODATE FD NO EVIDENCE OF ANY CAUSE FOR ALARM OR PANIC FD AGREED CARABINIERI INSUFFICIENT AND POORLY EQUIPPED FD RECOMMENDATION FOR REINFORCEMENT GIVEN BETTER ARMS AND ADEQUATE TRANS-PORT IS ENDORSED STRONGLY FD LACK OF POL A SERIOUS MATTER FD GRANDI ALBERTI NOT KNOWN BY THAT NAME FD GIANNI IS A COMMOND NAME

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USED BY PARTISAN LEADERS AS A BATTLE NAME PD DEDINO PROBART KNOWN AS EROS WAS ARRESTED BY CHARLIE ITEM CHARLIE IN MODENA ON JULY TWO FIVE E- RELEASED ON ONE TWO AUGUST OWING LACK OF EVIDENCE PD CONDITIONS REMAIN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS UNDER ADLE MIKE GEORGE BUT THERE IS AN INCREASE OF ARMED ROBBERIES NOT NECESSARILY OF POLITICAL NATURE PD POPULATION AND OFFICIALS CALM PD ONLY RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REGARD TO CARABINIERI SEE ABOVE PD END QUOTE PD

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CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

E.J. DYE Lt Col.

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HQ ALCOM TO BOLOGNA

ACTION: HQ ALCOM SITE AOSAS

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Reference 4961 Top Secret . Nothing known by CIC or police agencies of lawless elements communists or otherwise organised in MODENA-BOLOGNA-REGGIO area with possible object of taking over local government at opportune moment. Scattered attacks have taken place against isolated landowners ever since occupation by allies. Will undoubtedly continue. Still a considerable number of armed individuals in EMILIA region. No knowledge of any report by AMG that partisan formations are handing in arms satisfactorily there are rumours of arms and ammunition caches but no definite locations.

Reference para 2. Agreed but riots not correct term demonstrations such as were held under AMG continue. No serious disorder has occurred todate. No evidence of any cause for alarm or panic. Agreed carabinieri insufficient and poorly equipped. Recommendation for reinforcement given better arms and adequate transport is endorsed strongly lack of pol a serious matter.

Reference para 3. GRADI ALBERTI not known by that name. GIANNI is a common name used by partisan leaders as a battle name. EDDINO FERRARI known as ERO was arrested by CIC in MODENA on July 25 released on 12 August owing lack of evidence.

Reference para 4. Conditions remain substantially the same as under AMG but there is an increase of armed robberies not necessarily of political nature. Population and

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officials calm. Only recommendations with regard to carabinieri see above

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AICOM LO BOLOGNA

ACTION: HQ AICOM CITE ACSEC

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Reference your 4913 top secret. para 2.

DIDMO FERRARI arrested 28 July 1945. Released 12 August 1945 the terms uprisings

arcung BOLOGNA in your original not understood

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REUR FOX FOUR ONE ONE TWO SEVEN OF FIVE SEPTEMBER PD

PAREN TO AFHQ CITE FHGEG FROM ALCOM CITE ACPOF PAREN

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR PARA TWO PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NEITH
ARMS NOR TRANSPORT PD RECOMMEND THAT YOU MAKE AVAILABLE TO CARABINIER:
ARMS AND AMMUNITION FROM CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL STOCKS PD
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ONE HEAVY TRUCKS CMA SEVEN MOTORCYCLES SOLO CMA TWO FOUR MOTORCYCLES
WITH SIDECAR CMA ONE TWO ARMOURED CARS CMA ONE ZERO AMMUNITION CARRIERS
THREE WHEELED PD TRANSPORT HERETOFORE LOANED TO CARABINIERI HAS
CONSISTED OF CLASS FIVE VEHICLES PD TANKS ARE BEING FURNISHED TO
MOBILE BATTALIONS BUT ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR POLICE RATIONS PD
PARA THREE PD ARMS REQUIRED ARE ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO MUSKETS CMA
ONE SEVEN FOUR SIX THREE PISTOLS CMA THREE SIX FOUR THREE NINE PISTOL
MAGAZINES CMA FOUR FOUR ZERO ZERO ZERO AUTOMATIC MUSKETS CAL NINE CMA
ONE ZERO SIX NINE THREE AUTOMATIC RIFLES CMA CAL SIX POINT FIVE AND
AMMUNITION FOR THE FOREGOING PD

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AGCM LIAISON OFFICER BOLOGNA

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PARA ONE FD DO YOU CONCUR FOLLOWING FROM FIVE ARMY CABLE TO AFHQ AS DESCRIPTION SECURITY CONDITIONS EMILIA COLON QUOTE REPORT OF EIGHT EIGHT DIVISION SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT FD LAWLESS ELEMENTS NOT NECESSARILY COMMUNISTS ORGANISED IN THE MODENA DASH BOLOGNA DASH REGGIO AREA WITH POSSIBLE OBJECT OF TAKING OVER LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT OPPORTUNE MOMENT FD SCATTERED ATTACKS HAVE OCCURRED AGAINST ISOLATED LANDOWNERS FD THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF ARMED INDIVIDUALS IN MODENA AREA ALTHOUGH ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT REPORTS PARTISANS FORMATIONS IN AREAS BOLOGNA AND MODENA ARE HANDING IN ARMS SATISFACTORILY FD RUMOURS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION CACHES BUT NO DEFINITE LOCATIONS FD

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4961 7 Sep 45 PRIORITY

PARA THREE FD REPORTED LEADERS IN BOLOGNA AREA ARE GIANNI ALBERTI AND A CERTAIN QUOTE GIANT UNQUOTE FD LEADER IN MODENA AREA IS DIDIMO FERRARI WHOSE GANG IS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR NUMEROUS ROBBERIES CMA KILLINGS CMA BLACKMAIL AND INTIMIDATIONS FD UNQUOTE

PASS TO ALCOA LIAISON OFFICER BOLOGNA FROM ALCOA CITE ACCAS PARA

PARA FOUR FD HAVE YOU ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS THEREON

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Executive Commissioner.

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Paraphrase of 5TH ARMY cable 6029 in reply to our PX 58346 is reproduced for information. Paraphrase begins.

1. Report of 88 DIVISION substantially correct. Lawless elements not necessarily communists organized in the MODENA - BOLOGNA - REGGIO Area with possible object of taking over local government at opportune moment. Scattered attacks have occurred against isolated landowners. There a considerable number of armed individuals in MODENA Area although AMG reports Partisans formations in areas BOLOGNA and MODENA are handing in arms satisfactorily. Rumors of arms and ammunition caches but no definite locations.

2. Small local riots and acts of banditry may be expected but no evidence of large scale uprisings in September. Carbinieri considered insufficient and poorly equipped. Recommend they be reinforced, given better arms, and partially motorized.

3. Reported leaders in BOLOGNA Area are GRANDI ALBERTI and a certain "GIANNI". Leader in MODENA Area is DIDIMO FERRARI whose gang is believed responsible for numerous robberies killings blackmail and intimidations. Recommend FERRARI be apprehended as a threat to security.

4. VEGONA Area is relatively quiet and stable. End of paraphrase.

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Ref: 3636/49/EC. 5th Sept. 45.

Subject: Illegal Retention of Arms.

To: G-5,
AFHQ.

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I enclose a copy of a memorandum prepared by my Executive Commissioner on the above subject, with which I entirely agree.

I would draw your particular attention to para: 9 with the suggestion that the action therein indicated should be taken as soon as possible.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

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

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ROUTINE

FIFTH ARMY

ACTION: AFHQ INFO: DISTWO AICOM

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1. All intelligence agencies have been instructed to increase activity to determine location of arms, arms dumps and ammunition in army area with particular attention directed to VERONA-MODEAN Area. Ref AFHQ FX 38435 of 25 August cite FHGCT. Separate report follows on result of investigation in this area as directed by AFHQ FX 38436 of 25 August cite FHCCT.

2. DISTWO has issued instructions to 217 Area reference search for arms in army area. In view of turn-over of FIFTH ARMY Area to DISTWO at 310001B this action considered desirable to insure continuity of policy.

3. Since provinces of BOLOGNA, MODENA and REGGIO have been released to control of Italian Govern as of 4 August 1945 assume by para 3 of AFHQ radio FX 38435 that Italian Government will take necessary action other than investigation directed in FX 38436 in these areas

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Ref: 5636/35/S2. 30 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Illegal Stocks of Arms and Civil Disturbances in Italian Government Territory.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: Office of Chief of Staff.

Receipt is acknowledged of the letter dated 21 August 1945 instructing the Chief Commissioner to approach the Italian Government in regard to measures to be taken for dealing with civil disturbances and for the collection of illegal stores of arms.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUCAS

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: CA Section.

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Tel: 478603

Ref: 3629/124/HC. 30 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Civil Disturbances.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
Attn: G-3 Ops.

1. With reference to the disturbances which took place in the MATERA area on 1 and 2 August 1945, the Allied Commission Liaison Officer at BARI has reported the following.

2. The Prefect and Carabinieri have taken a strong line and arrested the following men:

LOIZZO Domenico	- Secretary of the Communist Party at FERRANDINA.
ARPACIONTE Domenico	- Communist leader at FERRANDINA.
RICCIARDELLI Giuseppe PETRONE Vincenzo PALIOTTA Pasquale	alleged to be concerned in the murder of CAPUTI Vincenzo at FERRANDINA.

and 27 men responsible for the disturbance.

3. Of the 49 prisoners released from the MATERA prison on the 1st August 1945, 16 have been re-arrested and 7 have returned.

For the Chief Commissioner:

R. W. KEIGHLEY
Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: G-5, AFHQ.

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ACTION : FIFTH ARMY INFO: DISTWO ALCOM

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ROUTINE

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5 ARMY 13 CORPS DISTWO INFO DISTONE DISTHREE PENBASE RAAC

TOP SECRET

1. Numerous reports have been received of considerable quantities of arms and ammunition in illegal possession of civilians all over ITALY. Attempts may be made by extremist elements to take advantage of withdrawal of Allied Forces and grave economic position of ITALY to seize power by force.

2. 5 ARMY 13 CORPS DISTWO will immediately institute methodical searching operations with the objects of seizing all illegally held arms and bringing their owners to justice using such troops as are available for this purpose.

3. ALCOM have already been instructed by this Hq to press Italian Govt to take energetic measures to collect illegally held arms in territory under their control.

(Message routed to ALCOM although ALCOM not in addressees in view of contents considered advisable to deliver for info. British Military Ciphers ALCOM.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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3636/EC.
Ref: 3626/EC.

29th August 1945.

RETURN TO E.C.

Chief Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM ON THE ILLEGAL RETENTION OF ARMS.

1. The state of a country which has been beset by war and civil war in which all parties have deliberately or through defeat allowed enormous quantities of arms and munitions to pass into the hands of individuals presents a difficult problem of public security.

2. Italy has suffered war and civil war. Every party has poured arms and munitions into the countryside or has left enormous depots ripe for spoliation by the civilian population. The people have been ruled by force for a generation and have seen that only victory by force of arms has defeated the tyrannical form of government to which they have been subjected. . Moreover, they have no confidence as yet in the government which has taken its place nor the machinery which that government uses to enforce law and order. The protection of the individual has become a matter for the individual, for they distrust the competency and honesty of purpose of their rulers. Individuals therefore become their own armed policemen.

3. Until confidence in the government and its organs of law and order is restored, this will continue. Laws and decrees forbidding retention of arms will be ignored: for a civil population will respect no law which does not itself give the individual protection. Purges and witch hunts for arms will have little effect for where a population remains armed and lacks confidence, no information will be given leading to the seizure of arms from any particular individual or group.

4. Of course there are those who take advantage of this state of affairs and with anarchical ideas maintain hidden arsenals and depots which in due time they use or hope to use either for political or criminal purposes. Even against these little or no information will be laid unless and until confidence in the forces of law and order, in the government, and in the future, has returned to the population. Such being the case, purges and raids for arms are not likely to achieve success - rather may they add to general dislocation and lack of confidence which is natural after battle.

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5. For the success of any action taken by the forces of law and order against illegal retention of arms - whether those forces be indigenous or occupational - depends on the information supplied as to where arms and munitions are to be found. Even if a specific area, e.g., Route 9, West of MODENA, be suspected to contain arms, a successful raid for arms depends on local information as to their whereabouts. A house to house, and field to field search is unthinkable, however large the force employed. Unless information is forthcoming, raids will be generally unsuccessful. Lack of success will increase the boldness of the anarchists and reduce the confidence of the general public and of the local forces of law and order.

6. What then is the solution? I submit that the harvesting of illegally retained arms is a long term process which, unless success is achieved in the first few days and weeks of occupation, must be treated, notwithstanding the distaste for lawbreaking and the risk of disorder, as a long term policy. Where information is forthcoming a short sharp raid should follow and, if successful, immediate and vigorous justice should be applied. But generally the policy should be not to institute general arms-hunts which are wasteful of men and barren of result, but to use the same allied military organisations to assist, train and supplement the local indigenous forces of law and order and, by giving them confidence in themselves, provoke mutual confidence from the public who will not be slow to realise real assistance given to the Italian police forces and to add their individual assistance.

7. A great example of such assistance is shown in the efforts being made by Brigadier Graham, OC, AGRA, TURIN, to assist, re-equip, train and rehabilitate the CC.RR in the area under his command. He is already achieving success and is content to limit his efforts to the first objective of creating an efficient police force before enforcing the law which it must protect, realising that this must be a prerequisite to the recovery of illegally possessed arms and munitions.

8. There are sufficient Allied troops in Northern Italy to make it possible to repeat throughout the territory this attempt of Brigadier Graham to make the CC.RR a confident, dependable and efficient force. Without it, no orders to recover arms can be expected to succeed.

9. It is therefore suggested that AFHQ signal FX 38435 of 25 Aug 45 be followed by an instruction to the addressees that as a preliminary step they do everything in their power, in consultation with AMG, to assist the CC.RR and local police agencies and help them materially and by advice and training to become a force respected by themselves and the public, and effective. Without them, Allied troops will be useless: so trained and encouraged the CC.RR and police forces could so establish confidence that they could do more than Allied troops themselves to restore stability and order in the matter of illegal retention of arms.

10. I have written the above in the light of experiences of precisely the same sort in three other countries liberated by Allied troops in which arms have been previously freely distributed by Allies and enemy alike.

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Land Forces, SAC
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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Col. Fitzsimmons Record

Ext 451

AUG 25 REC'D
CC 1710

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Ref: 3636/27/SC

25 August 45

SUBJECT: Illegal Stocks of Arms and Civil Disturbances in Italian Government Territory

TO : Civil Affairs Section

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1. Enclosed is copy of a letter received from AFHQ, Office of the Chief of Staff, with reference to the above subject.

2. The Executive Commissioner directs that a letter be drafted for the Chief Commissioner's signature to the Italian Government embodying the terms outlined by Lt. Gen. Morgan; also that a letter be drafted acknowledging General Morgan's letter.

/s/ AB Arnoldy

A/Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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This should be in accordance with our conversation

Yes
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No - This was killed following our conversation, Caserta taken to ascertain

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From (117) + 118 to
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Ed. Wise + Sgt. Sipe
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No - This was killed following our conversation, and action taken to ascertain present position of carabinieri equipment. This should be available today.

7. Noted by CC

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Section 117 + 118 + cc with AFHQ ltr 2 Sept 43 to Exec Comm

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

21 August 1945

SUBJECT: Illegal Stocks of Arms and Civil Disturbances in Italian Government Territory

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. The large quantities of illegal arms held by civilians in Italian Government territory and the failure of the Italian authorities to take adequate steps for their collection has been brought to the notice of this Headquarters by Commander, 3 District. The latter, moreover, has been officially informed by the Commander of the Naples Division of the Carabinieri that in present circumstances he is of the opinion that the forces under his command are insufficient and inadequately equipped to maintain order should any emergency arise.

2. The suggestion that the Carabinieri are inadequately armed emphasizes the necessity for their receiving proper support from the Italian Army and the local Italian authorities, notably the Prefects, and also points to the vital importance of collecting at once all illegal arms held by civilians.

3. You are directed to approach the Italian Government and place the following before them:

a. It is and has been the policy of the Supreme Allied Commander to recommend that the Italian Government take the strongest possible steps to deal with civil disturbances within their own territory. It appears, however, that the Carabinieri cannot take effective action in dealing with distrubances of any magnitude unless the receive proper guidance and support from the local Prefects, who must be prepared to call for military assistance, if they consider such a course necessary. To this end, the Prefects themselves should receive from the Italian Government clear and definite directions as to their duties and responsibilities.

b. The collection of illegal stores of arms held by civilians is considered as one of prime importance and as a matter which can only be brought about by properly planned and coordinated action between the Prefects, the Carabinieri and the Italian Army.

c. The present situation is viewed with gravity as it is considered that any further deterioration in it is likely to have the most serious consequences. In this connection, the Italian Government must realize that their ability to maintain law and order must inevitably be an important factor affecting any decision of the Allied Governments in regard to the return of further territory to Italian control.

At the same time you should point out that, despite repeated requests, specific information as to the action taken by the Italian Government, following on the disturbances in the Andrea and Minervino areas in June last, is still awaited. In this connection, whatever these measures were, it is apparent that they were inadequate as they did not prevent renewed incidents occurring in the Bari area on 2 August. You should reiterate the serious view which the Supreme Allied Commander takes of these disturbances.

it should also be stated to the Italian Government that,

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4. A report is required on the reactions of the Italian Government to your approach in accordance with the foregoing instructions.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

/s/ W. D. Morgan
W. D. MORGAN
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

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AUG 20 REC'D

Ref: 3629/119/AC

19 August 1945

SUBJECT: Disturbances in the Bari Area

TO : AMMG --- G-3 Ops.

1. With reference to your signal P 35746 dated 15 August 1945 enclosed please find copy of a letter received 16 August 1945 from the Minister of the Interior.

2. Further, the Chief Commissioner has written a strong letter to the Prime Minister pointing out the inadequacy of the steps taken to deal with the situation. A copy of this letter is also enclosed.

3. Pressure is still being brought to bear on the Italian Government in order that they may produce the required information.

For the Chief Commissioner:

R. W. KEMSLEY

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

2 Incls:
as above

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AC/14602/10/PS

16 August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I would draw your attention to my letter 3629/71/EC of 5 August to which I have not received a reply.

I have now had the opportunity of considering your letter of 3 August with great care. It is with regret that I must inform you that this Commission cannot feel that adequate steps have been taken to deal with the situation at Minervino Murge.

That there is a dangerous atmosphere in the area is only too apparent and further evidence to that effect has been provided by the more recent outbreaks at Matera.

This is, without doubt, a direct challenge to the authority of Your Government and calls for stern measures. In these circumstances it cannot be agreed that to rely on the voluntary surrender of arms is satisfactory, and you are urged to make full use of the forces at your disposal in order to search out and confiscate all illegally held arms. I must also urge you to take severe and prompt action against the ring-leaders.

The Supreme Allied Commander has been taking personal interest in this whole affair and has expressed strong views at what he regards as inadequate steps so far taken.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

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Professor Ferruccio PARRI
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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ACTION : HQ ALCOM FOR SENIOR COMMANDER GREEN FOR COLONEL MILLER

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Further disturbances anticipated in 2 communes TARANTO Province. LATERZA (METODIA Farm) and GROTTAGLIE. Communists issued secret orders for occupation of public buildings and seizure of lands privately owned. No dates given for action. Major REVELEY contacted second in command Carabinieri BARI who states that 30 reinforcements have already been sent to increase establishment making total actually centralised a hundred. Total of TARANTO Province now 200. Major REVELY recommended Col TUCCARI contacts prefect TARANTO to apply for help through Italian Military Command BARI. Also he has requested Col TUCCARI to accompany him tomorrow to places of unrest to see that all necessary precautions are taken to safeguard public and private property. Phone impossible will keep you advised on any developments

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ACTION : COL MILLER(c/o G-4 (B))

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER (2)
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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

Rome, 11 August 1945

Dear Admiral,

referring to your letter of the 5th, 3629/71/C.O., I want you to know that I sent a signal to the Prefect of Bari, asking for a detailed report containing all the indications which might supply the Supreme Allied Command with full informations about the well known Puglia incidents.

I shall forward to you the informations you asked for as soon as I receive them.

THE MINISTER

s. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Ref: 3629/72/50.

5 August 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your letter 4.26527 of 20 July 1945, the Supreme Allied Commander has observed that it does not contain sufficient detail to give him the information which he desires.

For example, in paragraph 2 of your letter it is stated "the Government issued various regulations"; in paragraph 3, "Squadron services ..... proceeded to arrest numerous people". The Supreme Allied Commander wishes to know, in detail, what regulations and orders were issued, the names of the people who were arrested, of what were they accused and what punishment was meted out. Furthermore, he wishes to know if all the instigators of the disorders have been arrested and if not what are the steps being taken to bring them to justice.

I shall be grateful, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if you will provide the information required at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

Rome, 3 August 1945

Dear Admiral,

following the informations I already gave you in my letters of July 11th and 20th, I communicate what follows:

1) The Government, realizing that the incidents which took place in the Bari province have deeper and more serious causes than it was at first thought, i.e. the ever-increasing misery, and the widely spread unemployment, not only in the Bari Province, but also in the Puglie zone, ordered the Ministry of Public Works to start at once the carrying out of a plan of urgent public utility works, which would make it possible to employ without delay the greatest possible number of unqualified manpower. A similar action is being taken by local organisms with landowners to absorb the greatest possible number of agricultural manpower.

The situation of repatriated prisoners and ex-combatants is taken in particular consideration to use and employ them for the above mentioned works; I issued orders to have them assisted.

2) For what concerns the situation of public order, there is no doubt that it has been improving lately. Disarmament is taking place methodically, though with slowness and difficulty because of the extreme reluctance of the persons concerned spontaneously to hand over the arms in their possession. The total amount of the arms handed over for all the Bari zone is of about 1700. Mopping up and combing actions are still being carried out by special squadron services, the functioning of which has greatly improved, thanks to the use of the vehicles which have lately been put at their disposal by the Allied Authorities and which have considerably contributed to improve the safety conditions of part of the region.

3) I can assure you that the Government is carefully following the situation and takes care gradually to eliminate all the motives which might bring about further trouble and delay the complete normalization of the situation.

THE MINISTER
e. Ferruccio Parri

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Tel: 478603

Ref: 3629/70/20.

3 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Disturbances in the Bari Area.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
Attn: G3 Ops.

1. With reference to your signal F.30048, time of origin July 30/2025B, the Italian Government is being asked for supplementary information on this subject.

2. As soon as the information is to hand it will be forwarded to you.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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AUG 2 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 4/35E/CA 2 August 45

SUBJECT : Situation in Matera

TO : CC / Econ Sec MMIA
Ex. C. Pub Saf.

Following message from Col MILLER was received this morning:

"Matera Quiet last night. Large crowds tried to seize all mills and grain stores. Demands are abolition of ration and free permission to buy and sell own grain.

Crowd broke into the prison and released some 50 prisoners some of whom have already returned. Others refused release.

150 CCRR re-inforcements are already in the area. Italian Government have authorised 2 Companies to move from TRANI to MATERA to-day. They are fully armed and situation is believed to be in hand.

There has been no shooting or bloodshed."

A.D. Bunham-Carter

A.D. BUNHAM-CARTER
Lt Colonel,
for VP CA Section

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AUG 2 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref A/35B/CA

2 August 45

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TO : CC / Econ Sec MEDIA
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Lt Colonel,
for VP CA Section

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ACTION: G-3 OPS INFO ALCOM

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1. Report forwarded under reference 3629/65/EC of 24 July does not provide specific information desired by the Supreme Allied Commander as indicated in our F 21330 of 12 July. This information is desired earliest.

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ACTION: EX COMMISSIONER (5)

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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CC copy with draft:
To EC with note
to personally handle.
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B/O 5 Aug 45

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Pa for CC sig. draft to Aug file

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JUL 25 RECD
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Tel: 478201

Ref: 3623/65/AG. 24 July 1945

SUBJECT: Disturbances in the Hsuchow Area.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. Reference AFHQ signal FX1330 (also FX60T) dated 12 July 45 on the subject of civil disturbances.

2. Enclosed for your information is a copy of letter dated 13 July 45, CC 3601, from the Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister, which crossed the Prime Minister's letter 25530 dated 14 July 45 giving a report on the situation. A copy of the letter is also enclosed for your perusal.

3. The Prime Minister replied to the Chief Commissioner's letter CC 3601 of 13 July 45 by letter 26527 dated 20 July 45, a copy of which is attached.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls: 3, as stated above.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior
26527

Rome, 20 July 1945

Dear Admiral,

reference my letter of the 11th, in which I enclosed a report on the unrest in Minervino and Andria, explaining the criterions followed by the Government presided by me, to reestablish order and legality in this zone, I know answer the points of your letter of July 13th, n. 3601

1) As I havealready said in the former report, the Gove nment rejected the solutions which implied a demonstration of force, to prevent the episodes of delinquency which had caused the unrest from increasing the motives for dissatisfaction brought about by the economic, political and social situation of the zone, bringing about, in the case of a deployment of force, a reaction which might certainly have caused the unrest to increase; this was, very justly too, a cause of preoccupation for you, and ever since the beginning, the Government wanted to avoid it.

The localization of the unrest, and the quick return to normality assured in the places where the unrest took place, have proved that the system followed was the right one.

2) Further to clear up the situation, and to prevent such episodes from happening again, the Government issued various regulations, going from the police regulations now enforced to repress rural delinquency to the appeal made to the local parties to normalize the political situation, and to the execution of a plan for the immediate execution of public works, which was to help the population and fight the ever increasing unemployment.

The keeping of reinforcements of agents and carabineers on the spot and the transferbf the 'Garibaldi' regiment should help to assure peace in the zone.

3) For what concerns disarmament, up to the 19th, 1401 weapons have been spontaneously handed over, while at 4 hours on the 14th, squadron services began their action on the roads, proceeded to arrest numerous people, occupied and perquisitioned farms, identified and perquisitioned suspected persons, sequestered the first arms, ammunitions and material unlawfully retained. These services began in spite of the difficulties caused by the insufficiency and inefficiency of the means of transport, difficulties which will be gradually overcome till the operations foreseen have been completely organized.

4) I instructed the Prefect of Bari to prosecute with energy all those who are responsible for offences or acts of violence, and strongly to repress rural delinquency. I am waiting for definite news about the number of the people arrested or denounced to the judiciary authorities, and the result of the relative proceedings. Meanwhile, I have been informed that various arrests took place, and that those who were responsible for the aggression against the relatives of the sworn guard De Leo have been arrested, while a great part of those who escaped the Andria jail have been put in prison again.

THE MINISTER
s. Ferruccio Parri

To Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner - A.C.
c/o

EC DIST - 23 JULY 45
ACTION : EXCOMMR
INFO : CHIEF COMMR

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PIEMONTE REGION - VENEZIA REGION - LOMBARDIA REGION - EMILIA REGION - LIGURIA REGION

2177 20 July 1945 ROUTINE

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PARA ONE FD SUBJECT IS DISTURBANCE IN TORINO FD REFERENCE YOUR CABLE EIGHTEEN JULY PETER ROGER PLANT LOVE ABLE SLANT FOUR ZERO SLANT ONE EIGHT FOUR REGARDING DEMONSTRATION ORGANISED BY UNIONE DONNE ITALIANE FD

REPEAT TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER PIEDMTE REGION INFO LABOUR OFFICER

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REPEAT REGIONAL COMMISSIONER LIGURIA REGION INFO LABOUR OFFICER REPEAT

PARA TWO FD QUESTION HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MINISTER OF LABOUR BARBARESCHI WHO DEPLORES ACTION OF DEMONSTRATORS AND WILL RAISE WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FD

PARA THREE FD SIMILAR DISCUSSION WITH ITALIAN GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOUR FD DI VITTORIO AND LIZZADRI ALSO DEPRECATE ABNORMAL METHODS TO OBTAIN WAGE CHANGES FD WE ARE SENDING SEPARATELY MESSAGES FROM ITALIAN GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOUR FOR YOU TO TRANSMIT TO CAMERA DEL LAVORO FD INTENTION IS TO REFUSE TO RECOGNISE AGREEMENT MADE UNDER PRESSURE BY ABNORMAL MEANS AND

LABOUR SUB COMMISSION
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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO UEA

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20 July 1945

REQUEST CAMERA DEL LAVORO TO OPEN FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF REMOVAL OF DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN AS REGARDS PAYMENT OF INDEMNITIES FD FOR YOUR INFORMATION PRACTICE IN CENTRE AND SOUTH ITALY IS TO OBSERVE DIFFERENTIAL IN BASIC PAY BUT SO FAR AS POSSIBLE TO HAVE EQUAL TREATMENT AS REGARDS PAYMENT OF BONUSES FD THIS IS A QUESTION AFFECTING WHOLE OF NORTH ITALY AND CANNOT BE DECIDED LOCALLY FD RESULTS OF NEGOTIATION OF RESPECTIVE CAMERA DEL LAVORO WILL BE CONSIDERED CENTRALLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FD

PARA FOUR FD IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING SUGGEST EXTREME CAUTION IN WORDING OF OFFICIAL PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FD IT MIGHT BE UNWISE MERELY TO STATE BLUNTLY THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDUSTRIALISTS AND WOMEN'S UNION IS NULL AND VOID FD SUGGEST STATEMENT SHOULD SAY THAT OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED MACHINERY FOR NEGOTIATING WAGE CHANGES IS CONSULTATION BETWEEN CAMERA DEL LAVORO WHICH REPRESENTS WORK WORKERS AS WELL AS MEN WORKERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS' UNION REPRESENTING THE INDUSTRIES CONCERNED FD THIS MACHINERY CAN CONSIDER QUESTION OF REMOVAL OF DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN AS REGARDS BONUS PAYMENTS AND WILL FORTHWITH PROCEED TO EXAMINE QUESTION JOINTLY FD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ALLIED

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AUTHORITIES RECOGNISE THE FAR REACHING EFFECT OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS ISSUE AND WILL REQUIRE JOINTLY TO CONSIDER ITS GENERAL APPLICATION ED ACCORDINGLY WHILE ALLEGED AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNIONE DONNE ITALIANE AND INDUSTRIALISTS PROVIDES USEFUL BACKGROUND IT CANNOT BE RECOGNISED FOR GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION BEFORE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ALLIED AUTHORITIES HAVE GENERALLY CONSIDERED RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD THROUGH PROPER NEGOTIATING MACHINERY PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ITALIAN GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOUR ARE GENERALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH THESE PRINCIPLES PD

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REFERENCE YOUR FOX TWO FOUR FIVE FOUR FOUR OF ONE EIGHT JULY FD

ALTHOUGH REPLY TO MY LETTER OF ONE ZERO JULY HAS BEEN RECEIVED CMA

PAREN TO AFHQ CITE FHGOT FROM AIGOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITE ACSCC PAREN

PRIME MINISTER IS HAVING COMPLETE DETAILED INFORMATION COMPILED ON ALL POINTS

COVERED IN YOUR FOX TWO ONE THREE THREE ZERO OF ONE TWO JULY FD

PRIME MINISTER APOSTROPHE SUGAR OFFICE EXPECTS TURN OVER HIS COMPLETE REPORT

ON MONDAY CMA TWO THREE JULY FD

WILL FORWARD TO YOU IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT

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HILLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 478201

Ref: 3629/58/FC.

19 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Disturbances in the BARI Area.

TO : U.S. Ambassador.
Br. Ambassador.
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
VP Civil Affairs Section
Chief Commissioner.

1. With reference to the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Prime Minister CC 3601 dated 13 July 1945, attached for your information is translation of a letter from the Prime Minister dated 14 July, together with its enclosure.

2. Clearly this letter has crossed with the Chief Commissioner's letter of 13 July and is not therefore a direct reply thereto.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
ltr fr the President of the Council of Ministers, No.25530 dtd 14 Jul 45, with enclosures.

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Already on CC's file.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 24544
Date/Time of Origin: JULY 181757B

Message Centre No: F/242
Date Time Rec'd: JULY 182100
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT

TO : ALCOM

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Request you expedite reply to our F 21330 of 12 July.

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AMC PIEMONTE
ALCOM ATTENTION LABOUR SC

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Subject is disturbance in TORINO. Reference is made to your cable No 1942 on results of meeting between Camera Del Lavoro and Unione Industriale regarding the demonstration organised by the Unione Donne Italiane.

2. FIORIO Industrial representative signed agreement conceeding equal treatment to women in respect of CARO VITA indemnity. FIORIO signed under pressure of disorderly demonstration and in that he was told by Italian authorities present that he would be responsible for any eventual disorders that might ensue if his signature was not forthcoming.

3. Regional Commissioner has been informed of situation and your LSC/413 dated 14 July 45 has been brought to his notice. It is intended to take a stand over this issue and an official press statement now being prepared to declare the agreement null and void and to make it known that any agreement overshooting the MILAN wage celings would require Italian Government approval.

4. Detailed reports on events and action taken will follow at earliest possible time.

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AMG PIEMONTE REGION

1942 16 JULY 1 945 ROUTINE

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PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR CABLE PETER ROGER SLANT LOVE ABLE SLANT FOUR ZERO SLANT ONE SEVEN SIX PD

PAREN TO AMG PIEMONTE REGION FROM ALCOM HEADQUARTERS CITE ACLAB PAREN

PARA TWO PD PLEASE REPORT RESULT OF MEETING BETWEEN JOINT SECRETARIES OF CAMERA DEL LAVORO AND UNIONE INDUSTRIALE REGARDING THE DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZED BY THE UNIONE DONNE ITALIANE PD

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

25530

Rome, 14 July 1945

Dear Admiral,

In answer to your letter of the 10th, I enclose a report on the Andria and Minervino-Murge incidents, and on the present situation in this zone.

The above mentioned relation is followed by a brief note about the news which arrived today.

Yours truly,

s. Ferruccio Parri

Rear-Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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EC List - 16 July 45

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ACTION : CA Sec (2)
INFO : Chief Comm
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Translation

Ministry ofathe Interior

Unrest in the Bari Province

On June 25th, at about 8 hours, common offenders, mostly stragglers or deserters, made an excuse of the arrest of three communists charged with robbery and released after a short time, investigations having proved they were not guilty, and started hostilities against the barracks of the Carabineers of Minervino Murge, asking for the release of other common offenders, who acknowledged having robbed in Minervino, Grovina, Spinazzola, and Palazzo S. Gervasio.

During the trnefer of these prisoners, shots were fired at the Carabineers, but without result.

On the 25th, during the afternoon, reinforcements of Carabineers and P.S. Agents were summoned to Minervino, to unblock the soldiers of this station, but on reaching the periphery of the village, these reinforcements were welcomed with shots from rifles and automatic weapons, light and heavy, placed in favourable and commanding positions.

To avoid a violent conflict and the ensuing bloodshed, - and also on the advice of the Secretary of the Bari Communist Federation, who nevertheless demanded the arrest of ex-fascists to be submitted to the Commission for interment - the reinforcements were withdrawn. During the shooting, a civilian was shot, and a carabineer and a civilian wounded; two war rifles with the corresponding ammunition and a handbomb were sequestered.

During the night, shooting went on between the Carabineers of the Minervina barracks and the rioters.

The reinforcements withdrawn from Minervino Murge were concentrated in Andria, were other deplorable incidents were to take place.

As a matter of fact, during the afternoon of the 26th, a patrol of Carabineers was attacked in the woods with handbombs, and one soldier was killed while several others were wounded.

Then, a truck transporting Carabineers who were coming back from Minervino, was shot at at the cross roads to Andria; three carabineers were wounded.

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The other soldiers were taken to the Communist Station of Andria and later on released, on the intervention of the leader of this Communist Section, but their uniforms were taken from them.

Meanwhile, a Captain of the Corps, who had reached Minervino Murge to persuade the people, was taken as hostage and later set free, on the condition that he would express to the Authorities the desire of the Communists to obtain the release of eleven people arrested the day before, on a charge of robbery.

It was judged advisable to release the said persons who were denounced To the Legal Authorities

On the 27th, the situation in Andria got worse. After the arrest of dangerous 'squadristi' chosen in agreement with the Local Committee for Liberation, and with the Secretary of the communist party, a mass of communists, composed of men and women, proceeded to the arrest of over a hundred citizens, who were not known to be dangerous elements. Immediately after that, the armed and agitated mob proceeded to the prison, imprisoned the gaoler and freed 46 prisoners. Besides, all the vehicles were requisitioned to concentrate in Andria the communists of the neighbouring communes, who, after having been given arm, also heavy ones, were asked to defend the access to the city.

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A group of twenty rioters broke suddenly into the office of the local guards (vigili campestri), and burnt their furniture; then they broke into the premises of the P.S. office, where they tore up some files, and finally, they destroyed part of the files of the Industry office, on the first floor of the same building where the P.S. Commissariat is located. At 22.00 hours, most of the furniture and files of the Night Guards (Vigili notturni) office was burnt; the ensuing fire was spent by the Barletta Firemen.

Meanwhile, the Government ordered to send the reinforcements required - 500 carabineers and 200 agents - and instructed the Bari Prefect to try and quiet down the unrest, and to this end, ordered him to isolate incidents of delinquency from the political, social and economic factors which had added themselves to the first and made it to be feared that unrest would spread over the entire population. With this intention, the Government sent two Ministers on the spot, Barbareschi and Scoccimarro, to try persuasion to reestablish calm and avoid more excesses, and also the Deputy Chief of the Police to coordinate the action of the Authorities that were to reestablish order.

The aim was reached, for after the 28th, except for a few sporadic acts of violence which took place outside inhabited centres (fight in the open country between a group of communists and a sworn guard, believed to be an ex-fascist, in which two communists were killed) and two cases of robbery which also took place in the open land, the situation has gradually improved, and calm has definitively returned among the populations of Andria and Minervino.

To avoid new unrest, the local Authorities, in agreement with those which came from Rome, gave up the idea of using force to collect weapons and catch the offenders; this action would have presented considerable difficulties and uncertainty available means being insufficient and the nature of the places unfavourable; they started an intense work of persuasion, working personally, and through the channel of the political parties, for weapons to be voluntarily handed over.

Nevertheless, as the results obtained up to now must be considered as modest if not altogether bad, and as it is necessary to proceed without delay to the repression of the offenders who infest this area - the hypothesis of a demonstrating military operation on a large scale having been rejected for the above mentioned reasons, for it might cause repercussions and strong reaction in the inhabited centres, - strong instructions have been issued: a) for the arrest of those who are guilty of the offences which have been committed; b) for the immediate organization of fixed posts and combing operations by agents and carabineers, operations which are most adequate for the repression of rural delinquency.

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As it is well known, the transfer to Trani of the Garibaldi Regiment is now taking place, and the Government will have it employed where and when it will deem it necessary.

Agreement among the parties which was necessary for a work of pacification has been reestablished. The situation of the public spirit has greatly improved in Andria, and a rapid normalization , including the elimination of the elements responsible for disorder, is to be hoped for. Regulations have been issued to meet the requirements of the unemployed, thus eliminating one of the main causes of the unrest. I think that this will not only prevent the spreading of the unrest to the neighbouring zones, but also assure the return of calm and respect of the law within the whole zone.

I cannot help pointing out that the Government presided by me was faced in Puglie with an exceptional situation, of remote origins, and which matured only during the last few weeks: the presence of numerous weapons coming from remote regions, not under Italian control, the miserable living conditions of an important part of the population, the unemployment of part of the farm-hands, the exasperation of political passions, because of the insufficient elimination of the ex-fascists particularly compromised; ancient traditions of

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unrest; all these factors have enforced a line of conduct based on the preventive adoption of conciliating regulations, to avoid big and dangerous conflicts, and followed by repressing regulations concerning those who were guilty of violence, and especially in cases of rural delinquency; this action will be inflexibly carried on till the aim is reached.

The unrest in question is limited to a restricted zone, which, for the above mentioned reasons, has always been , unfortunately, one of the most troubled zones in Italy: such local unrest has a local importance, and I think that their importance has been exagerated by the press.

I must also point out that the Government is faced with situations of which it cannot be held responsible, authorities which haven't resumed the necessary efficiency after the collapse of fascism; insufficient public forces, not always adequate, the reconstruction of which is slow and difficult because of the scarsity of available means.

THE MINISTER

S. Torruccio Parri

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Unrest in the Bari Province

The Garibaldi regiment has reached Trani.

As I had the Bari Prefect inform the Commander of the 5th Area of the British military forces, the presence of the Regiment in this zone gives us greater security; the Government may ask for its intervention if and when it is deemed necessary.

For the moment, we only need reinforcements in vehicles, and a few armoured cars, to assure the succes of the police expeditions which are taking place; the Prefect has already obtained these means, some of which were given by the AlliedCommands.

I repeat that the Government has resolved to see through this matter; it is nevertheless chosing the most appropriate means and regulating their employment, for, at present, it does not deem it necessary to compromise the action of political disarmament, and the pacifying work of the parties by ~~with~~ military operations on a large scale, and it thinks that well planned and efficaciously carried out combing operations are at present sufficient to repress the bands of highwaymen at present entrenched in the Agro di Minervino and in the Murge.

THE MINISTER

s. Ferruccio Parri

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ALCOM INFO: 3 DISTRICTS

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1. Reference your 1653 of 11 July para 3.

2. Confirming telephone conversation General LEMNITZER-Admiral STONE on 11 July. Move of GARIBALDI Regt will be completed in accordance with instructions laid down in our FX 18943 of 6 July and FX 19530 of 9 July.

3. Reply to para 5 of ref signal will be subject of separate communication

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ACTION : CAS

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
SO TO CC
EX COMMISSIONER (2)
POLAD (A)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

U R G E N T

CC 3602.

13 July 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Supplementing my letter of 10 July on the Puglia Incidents, I have just received an urgent communication, as quoted below, from the Supreme Allied Commander, Field Marshal Sir Harold R.L.G. Alexander, which I am instructed to pass to you:

"1. I take a very serious view of the recent civil disturbances in the Andria and Minervino areas and do not consider the action taken to be adequate.

"2. It is directed that I be informed urgently what action the Italian Government has taken:

(a) To clear up the situation in the Andria and Minervino areas and to ensure there is no recurrence in the future;

(b) To hunt down, disarm, and speedily bring to justice the instigators and those who took part in these disturbances.

"3. I expect that persons convicted of taking part in the disturbances will be severely punished and I wish to be informed of the sentences meted out in each individual case."

I shall be grateful for your reply to my letter of 10 July, as supplemented by the Supreme Allied Commander's communication, at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

Delivered by hand of Pfc. Bonanno, 1615 hours, 13 July 45.

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CC 1645

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION S.O. to Chief Com

Originator's Reference: F 21330

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 12/1340B

Message Centre No: E/9350

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 12/1545B

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHECT

TO : ALCOM

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Reference our FX 14947 of 29 June and F 18113 of 5 July and your 1137 of 4 July and 1157 of 5 July. — 84

1. The Supreme Allied Commander takes a very serious view of the recent civil disturbances in the ANDRIA and MANFREDONIA Areas and does not consider the action (indicated in your cables) quoted above) to be adequate.

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SECRET FD

PAFA GRS FD SUBJECT IS MOVE OF GARIBALDI REGIMENT TO BARI FD

PARA TWO FD SEE PARA FOUR OF MY ONE ONE FIVE SEVEN OF FOUR JULY FOUR FIVE AND YOUR FWX FX-18951 OF SEVEN JULY FOUR FIVE FD ON THE ADVICE OF MY POLITICAL ADVISERS I HAVE NOT YET ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER TO USE TROOPS IN THE BARI AREA BUT I HAVE WRITTEN TO HIM ASKING FOR A FULL REPORT ON THE SITUATION AND FOR A STATEMENT OF THE STEPS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING OR INTENDS TO TAKE TO PREVENT A REPETITION FD

PARA THREE FD I AM INFORMED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS SENT A SIGNAL TO THE PREFECT OF BARI STATING THAT THE GARIBALDI REGIMENT SHOULD NOT BE RELIEVED IN THE PRESENT EMERGENCY IN THE BARI AREA FD UNOFFICIALLY I BELIEVE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS MADE PLANS FOR THE HANDLING OF THIS INCIDENT WITHOUT BEING THOUGHT FD IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND PENDING AN OFFICIAL REPLY AS TO THE PLANS MENTIONED IN PARA TWO IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE MOVE OF THE REMAINDER OF THE GARIBALDI REGIMENT TO BARI BE POSTPONED FD IN VIEW OF THE TIME FACTOR INVOLVED I HAVE TEMPORARILY POSTPONED THIS MOVE WHICH IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW PENDING YOUR

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FROM TO AFHQ GENOA LEVE SECTION FROM ALGIERS CITY ASSCO PAUKE

PARA FOUR ED NEW SUBJECT IS SECURITY IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY ED

PARA FIVE ED THE PRIME MINISTER HAS RECENTLY ASKED ME FOR GENERAL TERMS FOR

ADDITIONAL INTERNAL SECURITY TROOPS UNDER ITALIAN OPERATIONAL CONTROL FOR THE

SOUTH ED THIS WHOLE QUESTION IS BOUND UP WITH YOUR DECISION ON MY PROPOSALS IN

MY EIGHT TWO FIVE ONE SLANT ONE EIGHT ZERO SLANT EASY CHARLIE DATED SEVEN JUNE

FOUR FIVE IN WHICH I PROPOSE THE FORMATION OF ONE INTERNAL SECURITY BRIGADE FOR

ITALIAN MILITARY TERRITORIAL REGION PARE EXCLUDING SICILY PARA AND WOULD

REQUEST AN URGENT DECISION ON MY PROPOSALS AS ABOVE ED IN VIEW OF THE DARI ADVANCE

I STRONGLY URGE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MY PROPOSALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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Rome Area Allied Command.

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO,
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant.

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10 July 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Italian press accounts report a series of incidents which occurred in the Minervino-Andria-Spinazzola areas in Puglia late last month which, if correct, would appear to be cause for serious concern, particularly if the reported disturbances should spread into the Bari area where substantial Allied installations still exist.

I should be grateful, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if you could give me at the earliest possible moment an official report of these incidents, together with a statement as to what steps the Government is taking or intends to take to prevent a repetition.

Very truly yours,

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cc. Exec Commr
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HILLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Professor Ferrucio Parri,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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TO: DISTHREE DMRSI RAAC MOV ROME ROO BARI MOV LO MOV BARI MOV NAPLES MMIA

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FX 19530

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REFERENCE FX 18951 DATED 7 JULY NOT TO ALL (.)

ONE (.) GARIBALDI REGT STRENGTH 2000 ALL RANKS 150 TONS STORES WILL MOVE BY RAIL VITERBO TO TRANI IN TWO SPECIAL TRAINS UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV ROME ON 10 AND 12 JULY (.) TIMINGS AS FOLLOWS (.) VITERBO DEP 0700 10 & 12 JULY ROME ARR 1200 DEP 1400 ROCCASECCA ARR 2100 DEP 2200 CASERTA ARR 0600 DEP 0700 11 & 13 JULY BENEVENTO ARR 1130 DEP 1230 CERVARO ARR 1830 DEP 2038 TRANI ARR 0041 12 & 14 JULY (.)

TWO (.) MEALS BY TYPES UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV AREAS AT ROME 'C' ROCCASECCA 'B' BENEVENTO 'C' (.) FORTY EIGHT HOURS RATIONS WILL BE CARRIED (.)

THREE(.) ON ARRIVAL TRANI PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN IN STOCK AND DETRAIN FIRST LIGHT

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TO : RAAC S E C R E T

INFO : DISTHREE + DISTWO
NMTA + MOV ROME + WESTMOVES
5 ARMY + MOV BARI

REF : FX 18951 CITE FHGCT

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1. GARIBALDI Regiment under command 3 DISTRICT forthwith for employment in BARI area on such internal security duties as may be directed by Italian Govt.

2. Move orders follow separately.

3. For 5 ARMY and 2 DISTRICT. This cancels our 17830 of 5 July. Leading Regt MANTOVA Gruppi will arrive MILAN area 9 10 and 11 July. Details follow.

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Action - P Safety SC
Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec Commr
CA Sec
Land Forces
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

SO to 6 Jul

Originator's Reference: F 18113
Date/Time of Origin: JUL 061059B

Message Centre No: E/8370
Date Time Rec'd: JUL 061615B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT

TO : ACTION ALCOM

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Reference your 1157 of 5 July.

1. Your proposed line of action is strongly supported.

2. Possibility of making GARIBALDI REGT available for internal security duties in BARI area is under urgent consideration.

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ACTION: SO to Chief Commisioner
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Ex Commissioner 2
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Land Forces S/C 2
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Confirming my verbal message this morning DUNLOP UPJOHN.

Sem first report on mass murders at prison SCHIO VICENZA PROVINCE. Approximately 15 armed men carrying automatics obtained admission to prison about midnight Friday Saturday by threats to gaoler. They segregated 73 political prisoners both men and women into 2 rooms and opened fire with automatics. 30 men and 13 women killed outright. 4 more died in hospital 26 wounded in hospital. Among killed women of 70 and girl of 17. Provincial Commissioner deputy Regional Commissioner and team experts with US Military Police have proceeded SCHIO and I await their full reports. In meantime have arranged publication local PWB papers of factual statement as above. For you confidential information some evidence as to identity criminals already hopeful. Will decide further action as to Allied Court of Inquiry at SCHIO or immediate trial of criminals if apprehended after receipt of report from Provincial Commissioner and in consultation with 5TH ARMY. Have ordered withdrawal political prisoners from small local gaols even at risk of overcrowding.

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Return to
Chief Commissioner

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ACTION: CA Sec
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Pub Safety
Legal S/C
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AFHQ CITE PHCOT

1157 4 JULY 45 PRIORITY

SECRET FD

PARA ONE FD REFERENCE YOUR FOX XRAY ONE FOUR NINE FOUR SEVEN OF TWO NINE JUNE AND SUBSEQUENT TO ALCOM ONE ONE THREE SEVEN OF FOUR JULY FD

FAILED TO AFHQ CITE PHCOT FROM ALCOM CITE ACCAS FAILED

PARA TWO FD THE RECENT DISTURBANCES IN ANDRIA ARE THE SECOND OF THEIR KIND IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR FD I TAKE A MOST SERIOUS VIEW OF THEM AND WISH TO URGE THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE VERY STRONGEST LINE OF ACTION FD

PARA THREE FD I AM DISCUSSING WITH THE AMBASSADORS THE DESIRABILITY OF MOVING ITALIAN TROOPS INTO THE AREA TO SEARCH FOR ARMS AND TAKE A VERY FIRM HAND ON THE WHOLE SITUATION FD

PARA FOUR FD I REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER REGARDING THE USE OF TROOPS AND THAT YOU CONSIDER POSTPONING THE MOVEMENT OF GARIBALDI REGIMENT NOW SCHEDULED

INT DIST:-
Chief Comm
Exec. Comm
Pub Safety S/C
Land Forces S/C
Civ Affairs Sec
POL. ADVSR (A)
POL. ADVSR (B)

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Chief Commissioner

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

NICHOLAS FIGUERINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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REFERENCE YOUR FOX KRAY ONE FOUR NINE FOUR SEVEN DATED TWO NINE JUNE FD

PARA TO O FIVE AFHQ FROM ALCOA CITE AGWF PARA

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11.30

Public Safety S/C
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W. DOHERTY, Col.

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjutant

D R A F T

M E M O R A N D U M

(This cannot be presented, of course, until the S A C has agreed to 4 (a)).

4 Jul 45

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2 It must be pointed out that this is the second occasion on which a serious disturbance has taken place in the District. The Police Forces have been subjected to large and organised attacks, have suffered casualties and indignities and have been seized and treated as hostages.

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(e) The allocation of twenty-five 2 or 3-ton trucks to the BARI CC.RR. Region for the rapid transportation of police services. If necessary civilian trucks already allocated to the Government should be used for this purpose.

5 The formation and activation of the Carabinieri Mobile Battalion for BARI should be completed at the earliest possible date. Immediate instructions should be given for the despatch to this area of 12 Italian Armed Vehicles already allocated to the CC.RR.

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SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS DURING THE CIVIL DISTURBANCE IN BARI PROVINCE - JUNE 1945

OPENING SITUATION

1 For some time past, groups of armed men have been operating in the MINERVINO - ANDRIA - SPINAZZOLA areas. Under the pretence of "Food Control" they stopped trains, looted farms, searched houses and seized goods.

2 To restore order, the police at SPINAZZOLA were reinforced in mid-June, with the result that 44 men were identified and denounced to the Judicial authorities.

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(b) A Captain of the Carabinieri was held as a hostage in MINERVINO for some hours, but was released on the condition he demanded from his superiors the release of the 11 men arrested on June 24th.

(c) A Police patrol was bombed in ANDRIA. (Result : one killed and two wounded.)

(d) A Police lorry was attacked on the road MINERVINO-ANDRIA. (Result : 2 wounded.)

(e) A second Police lorry, (sent to help the first) was attacked. (Result: 1 killed and 4 wounded.) The remainder were taken to the H.Q. of the Communist Party in ANDREA where they were disarmed and undressed and some 20 rifles, 22 pistols, 6 machine guns and the Carabinieri uniforms were taken by the Communists.

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These men were eventually released by the leader, Sig. DE GAETANO.

27 June: (a) In ANDRIA the Communists arrested over 100 people for alleged fascism. (Many unknown to the Epuration Committee as such.)

(b) The Communists forced ANDRIA jail and released 46 prisoners.

(c) The Communists occupied the Municipio, the Post Office and the Telephone Exchange.

(d) All available vehicles were seized by the Communists, including those used to convey the Police reinforcements from BARI to the town.

(e) Armed men surrounded the Carabinieri Barrecks and Police Officers and men were unable to move out of the building.

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(b) Communists disarmed the Carabinieri Detachment at CARATO.

(c) The Communist Leaders in ANDRIA guaranteed to restore order conditionally on the dismissal of certain public officials and the appointment of others nominated by them. This was done (See Appx. "A")

30 June: (a) Area reported quiet. I saw the Prefect and Questura at 1600 hrs and in their view "calm was restored".

(b) The Minister of Finance arrived from ROME to make public speeches in both ANDRIA and MINERVINO.

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APPENDIX "A" TO SUMMARY

TERMS DEMANDED BY THE COMMUNISTS

Demands were made to the Prefect of BARI as follows:-

DATE	DEMAND	RESULT
26 June 45	MINERVINO	
	1. Carabinieri reinforcements to be withdrawn to ANDRIA	Reported to Ministry and accepted.
	2. All fascists to be arrested	Accepted in principle.
	3. No disarming of rebels	Accepted.
	4. Release of 11 prisoners from TRANI Gaol (arrested 24 Jun 45.)	Referred to Ministry of Interior and accepted.
27 June 45	ANDRIA	
	5. Carabinieri reinforcements to be withdrawn from ANDRIA to their normal station.	I believe this was accepted but was unable to verify if they returned because of this ultimatum or because of the improved situation.
	6. The dismissal of the present Commissario Prefettezio to be replaced by a Communist Giunta Communale.	Accepted. (Sig. Vincenzo BARILE has been appointed Commissario Prefetezzio and the Provincial Committee of Liberation "has been urged" to suggest the names of the Sindaco and of the Giunta Communale.

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THE DISORDER IN PUGLIA
SCOCCIMARRO'S REPORT

Order has been re-established - The people of Andria are handing in all arms.

The President of the Council, Ferruccio Parri, recived Minister Scoccimarro who has just returned from an inspection in Puglia. In a talk which lasted over an hour, the Minister described the situation arisen in the Province of Bari in the town of Andria, Minervino Murge and Corato.

The Minister, questioned by news-paper reporters, made several declarations on the operations being carried out for the purpose of eliminating armed bands, disarming the population and restoring government authority and control.

"On my arrival at Andria", said Scoccimarro, "I immediately assembled all the communist heads and set out the question under a political light, stating what was needed and informing them of what I intended should be done. All gave me their consent. I then assembled the Committee of Liberation, among the members of which some dissention had arisen but may be considered overcome following the restoration of political unity and agreement. I then had the party leaders make contact with the carabinieri in order to insure the closest collaboration of all forces to restore the situation to normal. In order to restore the authority of the carabinieri I asked the Committee of National Liberation to go up to the Carabinieri Headquarters. There I spoke a few words praising the conduct of the carabinieri during the conflict, who had shown a calm determination to prevent as much violence and blood-shed as possible, and reassured them that the party representatives were prepared to give their full collaboration to re-establish order".

After speaking to the people on the main square in the town and receiving the impression that his words had removed the fear and anxiety due to the recent incident, the Minister went to Bari where he held a meeting in the Prefecture in order to examine and decide on a procedure for a gradual disarming of the people. The collaboration of all parties and even of a few of the leaders in the recent incident, was secured in order to carry out the disarmament.

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"In addition to this situation there is a kind of reaction against large farm owners, which is still more serious. I have been informed by the Prefect that there are many large land owners who have remained so unaffected by the war and have such little spirit of national solidarity that they constitute a danger to those towns in their present conditions. There are hungry people who ask for nothing more than work; people who have become conscious of their situation as a result of their sufferings and have no intention of tollerating this attitude any longer."

The Minister concluded by saying:

"The situation has returned to normal but the causes which brought about the incidents of the past few days, still exist. The causes of the recent outburst must be removed; the needs of the unemployed must be met. Law and order must be restored by political means, not by force."

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As regards the possibility of undertaking public works in order to relieve the unemployment in those districts, Scoccimarro said that plans to that effect had been discussed some time ago and the necessary funds would be sent immediately for that purpose. Measures have also been taken to carry out epuration thoroughly.

The Vice President of the Council Brosio, speaking over the radio on the serious and deplorable incidents in Puglia, said among other things that the recent rebellion will not have been in vain if "it makes everybody, without distinction of class or party, realize the absolute necessity for immediate disarmament.

The latest reports received inform that yesterday the people of Andria began to hand in their arms in accordance with orders issued.

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R. PREFECTURE OF BARI

Ref. 05468

BARI, JUNE 27.1945

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ORDER - MINERVINO MURGE AND ANDRIA
TO : COLONEL MILLER

For some time petty crimes have been taking place in the area of Minervino-Murge and Spinazzola; these incidents of common delinquency have been a cause of great alarm to the public, also because of the ascertained fact, that the thieves operated in bands equipped with modern weapons.

These criminal acts consist of stopping, under the pretext of an inspection for rationing purposes, trains on the Minervino and Spinazzola line, with stealing grain loads from the place of prediction away from the urban centers, as well as of many illegal acts such as searches, appropriation of items in general and unauthorized sequestration of merchandise, etc. This situation forced the public safety authorities to intervene and suppress the abuses in order to restore gradually liberty and safety which are greatly threatened, with the elimination of the persons responsible. Therefore, the Force of Minervino was accordingly strenghtened and measures were taken to identify the persons responsible for the crimes. Forty-four persons were identified in a short time; these had partecipated in stopping trains. They were denounced to the judicial authorities.

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Meanwhile the situation in Andria, too, threatened to become more complicated, though without any incentive, but simply because of the explicable mentality of rebellious masses. In the afternoon of the 26th a platoon of carabinieri was attached with hand grenades. One of the carabinieri was killed and two were wounded. Soon after a truck filled with carabinieri, returning from Minervino, was fired upon at a country road junction near Andria; two men were wounded. Finally, another truck which had gone to the aid of the first was again attacked with automatic weapons; one carabiniere was killed and four were wounded. The other carabinieri on the truck were taken to the communist section of Andria where they were released by the communist secretary of that section.

The above-mentioned crimes were justified by the allegation that the police had done nothing to apply the sanctions against fascists.

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It is to be pointed out on this point that this office, even before the known repressive laws were passed, had given instructions to police bodies under its control to examine without delay the position of dangerous fascists.

The Provincial Commission referred to in art 166 of the T.S. Law met almost every week and 14 fascists were sent to exile (confino), 29 were admonished and 19 more included among 150 cases which are being investigated.

The alleged slowness is due to the fact that the Commission requested an inquiry supplement for many persons, as there was not enough evidence to decide.

An order was therefore issued for the release of the men arrested, who were 11
then merely denounced.

After the arrest, fascist and other factious persons chosen during an agreement with the CL and the communist secretary of Andria which took place during the night, a large band of communists began at 8 o'clock arresting about one hundred citizens not known as dangerous fascists.

Immediately after another thousand fully armed communists went to the jail and after capturing the jail-keeper, they released 46 prisoners, 36 of whom were serving their term, 4 were being held for the Allied Authorities and 6 were waiting for trial- one of whom for murder.

The same band of communists requisitioned all the trucks in circulation, including those with which police reinforcements had been sent; these trucks were used to concentrate in Andria the communists of nearby towns who, after having been armed, even with heavy weapons were placed on guard at the entrances of the building.

At the same time armed forces of the people surrounded the CC.RR. HQ. holding the officers, the soldiers and the officials of Police gathered there.

The communist secretary Di Gaetano having been asked to cooperate in clearing this dangerous situtation declared he could do nothing to check the excited masses of people who had taken an aggressive attitude while they were asking for the replacement of the present Prefectural Commissioner with a communist whom they trusted, and who was to be assisted by a communist Communal Board (Giunta).

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Immediately after another thousand fully armed communists went to the jail and after capturing the jail-keeper, they released 46 prisoners, 36 of whom were serving their term, 4 were being held for the Allied Authorities and 6 were waiting for trial- one of whom for murder.

The same band of communists requisitioned all the trucks in ~~xxx~~ circulation, including those with which police reinforcements had been sent; these trucks were used to concentrate in Andria the communists of nearby towns who, after having been armed, even with heavy weapons were placed on guard at the entrances of the building.

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Investigations will soon be commenced in order to find the persons responsible for the violent acts committed in Minervino and Andria and for the arrest of those responsible for the theft, as soon as the judicial authorities will issue a warrant of arrest.

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Those persons who were relessed unlawfully are being sought at present.

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ROYAL PREFECTURE OF BARI

File No. 05468 BARI, 29 June 1945

SUBJECT: Andria and Minervino Murge- Public Order
TO : COLONEL MILLER
Liaison Officer
B A R I

Immediate Action

Following the report of 27 inst. we wish to inform you that we have had recent information that in Andria on the evening of 27 and on the morning of the 28th, groups of fcettbuus persons entered the offices of the Pretura, of the Commissariat of Public Safety and of Industry, and destroyed records and documents. The office of the night guards and that of the country guards were set fire to, put out by the guards of Barletta who ran to the scene. It was learned moreover that the Carabinieri mentioned in the above report, after being taken to the communist section of Andria, were deprived of the arms and uniforms which have not yet been restored to them. The arms in question are twenty rifles, twenty-two pistols and six tomy-guns. According to fragmentary news come in yesterday evening late, a group of communist who went into the country with the intention of using force against a guard, [illegible] was stopped by shots fired by the same and two of them killed. The same communists later entered the house of the guard using violence against the family; three persons were killed and one wounded. The people in Andria and nearby towns were greatly alarmed and 50 Carabinieri aresstill locked up in their barracks. Serious riots took place in Corato in which took part armed groups of persons. The Carabinieri barracks were taken by surprise last night with the intention of disarming the six soldiers occupying them. One of them was wounded. The roads in the district of Murge are still controlled by armed groups.

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LEGIONE CARABINIERI, BARI

TO: THE ALLIED COMMISSION
BARI

Fragmentary reports give the following information:

This afternoon, 28th June, communist bands arrested a "giurata" guard, probably an ex-fascist, in a field between Andria and Corato. Two communists were killed in the ensuing conflict. Serious riot has taken place in Andria and nearby towns in rebellion against fascists. Situation in Andria has become serious again and deaths have resulted from armed conflicts in Corato. Conflicts with the soldiers stationed there have been reported and a carabiniere slightly wounded. Bari and several roads in the ~~xxxx~~ north of Bari Province and held under the control of armed bands.

Lt. Col. Lucchari

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP

From: Bari
Prefettura
(Caller: Dr. DI CAPRIO)

To : Rome
Ministero Interni
(Callee: DELFINO)

Date of communication:
28 June 1945

Type mail:
Telephone
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3-LUG 1945

CLASHES BETWEEN CRIMINALS AND POLICE MEN

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During the clash one civilian was killed and another civilian and one carabinieri were wounded.

1147 Two rifles with ammunition have been seized; the reinforcements have been all sent from MINERVINO to ANDRIA.

In ANDRIA at 18:30 the Carabinieri soldier TOTARO Antonio was assaulted by unknown people with hand-grenades, and died at the Hospital. A lorry coming back from MINERVINO was fired at: three or four Carabinieri were wounded. Inquiries have been ordered immediately to find out the responsible parties. Will send you further particulars."

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP

From:
PREFETTURA
Bari, Italy
Caller: the "Capo Gabinetto"

To:
MINISTERO INTERNO
Rome, Italy
Callee: His Excellency
BENUTTI

Date of communication or post-mark if letter is un-dated:
26 June 1945

Type mail:
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Interurban

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Callee: My dear fellow....

Caller: We haven't sufficient means to take the energetic steps required. If the Allied Commission could intervene, they have already...

Callee: No, no, no.

Caller: It's impossible?

Callee: I think so.

Caller: They don't want to be bothered? They have the means to intervene with the necessary energy. Here with me are also the Carabinieri Colonel, the Chief of Police...

Callee: Wait a moment... have these people been arrested for common crime?

Caller: Yes, but there is a suspicion of robbery.

Callee: No warrant of arrest has been issued so far?

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Caller: No.
Callee: They you can denounce them without arresting them.
Caller: Very well.
Callee: But h.E. the undersecretary SPATARO is of the opinion to wait until tomorrow, because we hope the parties will intervene.
Caller: Oh, really?
Callee: Yes.
Caller: So we denounce them without arresting them.
Callee: That's it.
Caller: It would be a good thing though, if the parties would intervene, especially the Communist party, otherwise this fire my spread to the whole MURGE Region.
Callee: You should see DI DONATO and talk to him.
Caller: Yes, but he's at ANDRIA now; I shall send for him.
Callee: Have him come back urgently.
Caller: I certainly will, but it would be a good thing to let him have that same message from TOGLIATTI.
Callee: All right.

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Caller: I certainly will, but it would be a good thing to let him have that same message from ROGLIATTI.

Callee: All right.

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Scoccimarro, received by Parri, gave his account of the situation in Apulia and his actions there. To the Press Scoccimarro gave the following account. On arriving in Andria he convoked the central committee of the Communist party and explained what he expected from them. He then called together the members of the CLN among whom he successfully reestablished calm and understanding. He persuaded them to get in touch with the local Carabinieri in order to ~~xxx~~ ensure cooperation. In Bari, he said, a meeting was held in the Prefettura to attack the problem of disarming civilians. In the other centers where there had been trouble Soccimarro reported that he had followed the same procedure as in Andria....He stated that in his opinion the landowners were the main cause of the disorders.

(Giornale del Mattino)
3 July

The above is a summary of the article in G del M. The whole article is being translated at Brig. Upjohn's request and by his translater. ~~I thought~~ I believe it is for your attention this afternoon. Meanwhile I thought you might find a summary useful.

t. g. b.

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1. Following reports received this Hq on civil disorders in ANDRIA and MINERVINO.

A. On 25 June group of 35 well armed communists, attacked Carabinieri barracks in MINERVINO, disarmed and interned 80 Carabinieri in barracks, and released 7 prisoners. 500 Carabinieri sent to rescue on 26 June resulted in battle in which one civilian killed and several wounded. Interned Carabinieri released following agreement that 500 Carabinieri withdraw from area. Communists arms not confiscated.

B. 27 June communists seized ANDRIA and released 46 prisoners, including 4 Allied prisoners. All transportation and communications facilities seized and road blocks established. Fighting in ANDRIA resulted in 4 or 5 killed several wounded. On 28 June communists attacked homes of known fascists in ANDRIA, and armed conflict resulted in 3 killed 1 wounded.

114 2. Request you ascertain urgently from Italian Govt, and inform this Hq, what steps have been taken to:

A. Restore and maintain order.

B. Confiscate communist firearms.

C. Prevent similar outbreaks in other towns.

D. Recapture released prisoners.

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Telephone message from Col. MILLER,
AC LO BARI, at 1145 hrs 29 June

The line was extremely bad. The following facts were reported:

Col. MILLER ~~has~~ sent a full report by air last night. He intends to come to ROME and expects to arrive on Monday, if conditions remain fairly quiet.

Night 27/28 June. Law courts at ANDRIA were looted by Communists who took away exhibits of evidence and burnt Labour Exchange and a few other public buildings to the ground.

Night 28/29 June. Two Communists went to illegally arrest ~~two~~ alleged Fascists on the CORATO - ANDRIA road. The alleged Fascists killed both Communists. Some onlookers of the scene returned to ANDRIA and murdered the brother of the alleged Fascists and his wife and daughter.

At CORATO night 28/29 June the local Carabinieri Garrison of six men were disarmed by Communists. The Italian Pioneer reinforcements, mentioned in previous telephone message, were not in fact sent to reinforce the Carabinieri at ANDRIA.

It is reported that Dr. SCOCCIMARRO is expected in BARI today.

The above is based on a report received by Col. MILLER from the Prefect of BARI.

D. Hewetty

J.C.A.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner,
29 June 45.

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Exec Commissioner
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Ref: AG/14191/PS. 29 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Disturbance at PADOVA.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
VENEZIE REGION.

1. I have read your report of June 19th on the murder of a prisoner in PADOVA who was taken from a Court of Assizes in AMG territory.

2. I notice no comment in the report as to whether the murderer or murderers have been apprehended. I should like to be reassured that the most energetic steps are being taken to do this.

3. I notice that the Sindaco of the town took action with the public and while leaving any further action to your discretion, I would suggest that an affront such as this to AMG should be followed by strong action in order to show the people that crimes of this kind will not be tolerated in AMG territory.

For the Chief Commissioner.

W. E. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Office of Ex.Com.

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Telephone message from Colonel Miller at Bari,
1000 hours, 28 June. 1945

(See telephone message of 1515 hours, 27 June)

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Italian Pioneer reinforcements sent to ANDRIA,
1800 hours, on 27 June.

June 28:

Communists have withdrawn their patrols. The Prefect of Bari, in accordance with the Communist request, has temporarily appointed a communist member to the Municipio of ANDRIA. The Italian Minister of Labor is in Bari and intends to make a speech this afternoon at ANDRIA. Providing the situation remains quiet, the Italian Pioneer reinforcements will be withdrawn.

MINERVINO Prefect reports situation quiet.

D Hewetty
SCA.

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27th June 1945.

Telephone Message received from Colonel MILLER, from BARI at 1815 hours, 27th June 1945.

This morning the Prefect from BARI reported to Colonel MILLER that all was quiet at MINERVINA and ANDRIA. Colonel MILLER visited ANDRIA today and reports following facts:

1. Communists broke into prison this morning and released 47 prisoners.

2. Communists demanded from CC.RR the release of 11 arrested men at the prison at TRANI, (they were arrested on 5 June). The CC.RR released the 11 prisoners.

3. Communists are occupying the Municipio, Post Office and have control of the Telephone Exchange.

4. Communists sent an ultimatum to the CC.RR reserves (about 200 strong, additional to the 40 normally on duty), that unless these reserves were withdrawn tonight from ANDRIA the Communists will disarm them.

54 Area Comd has placed 3 companies, each about 160 strong, of Italian pioneers under General BOSSELLI to proceed to ANDRIA at 1800 hours. One additional company is to leave for ANDRIA at 0600 hours tomorrow, 28 June. 54 Area Comd is providing transport for these men and has given them x 1000 hand grenades and 750 rounds of ammunition for each rifle.

Col MILLER's office telephone number is BARI 14152 and Flat No. BARI 12850.

Note: During sporadic shooting in and about ANDRIA last night, two CC.RR were killed and 6 wounded. Telephone line is cut between BARI and ANDRIA. The Communists are said to be 2000 strong with machine guns and hand grenades. Col MILLER said he met with no opposition from them and that they appeared friendly to him.

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Disturbance at Special Court of ASSIZE PADOVA yesterday afternoon 16 June resulted crowd in Court lynching 1 accused. 6 others saved by military police and AMG offimr. These taken out of town last night. Situation quieted quickly. Am inclined to think outbreak spontaneous due to mass indignation at revelations in Court evidence. Precautions being taken in future cases. Fuller report follows. DUNLOP.

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Situation report No; 14. Situation in SPEZIA now quiet but no assurance that further trouble will not develope. Yesterday armed youths disarmed approx 30 police personnel. Basis for demonstration seems to be anti monorchial. No anti allied feeling. No change in other Provinces.

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Sitrep number 13.

Demonstration LA SPEZIA City Prefetture raided. 1 Carabinieri slightly injured. Reinforcements 30 Carabinieri from GENOA sent. Italian flags being torn down all over town. No Allied troops in Province. Situation uneasy but in hand at present. CLN IMPERIA made through press protest against French occupation part territory.

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AMG TOSCANA REGION Attention R.P.S.O.

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PAREN TO AMG TOSCANA REGION FROM ALCOM CITE ACFSF PAREN FD

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