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AUG. 1946 - JAN. 1947

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203	Cbl 0 118 M.13Cps	28 Sep 46	EC	Vacating of CCRR Barracks MESTRE

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AFHQ NORTHERN DETACHMENT.
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SUBJECT IS LIST OF DETAINEES HELD AT DISPOSITION OF FS/CIC BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. CONTINUE INTERROGATION OF MELAMED ZIVITA, MENADIC PIBICA AND REPORT RESULTS.

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THE FOLLOWING ARE TO BE TURNED OVER TO A BRANCH GHQ FOR DISPOSAL AS PV COLON HOSFELS HEINTICH, HANSHEHT JOSEF, ROTTMAN KURT, LUTS EMIL SAABOFF FREDERICK, KOSTA WILLIE, VON ZIESTERMAN; SCHULZE GERHARD, ROSNER (ROSNET) PAUL, MINZ OTTO, FIEBER ALFRED, PAULI TARLE (CARLE), MAIR PETER, MARSCHOWIT FRANZ.

FRIEDMAN GEORG TO BE HELD PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS. MORELS GEORGES; KRAST IVAN, ARZIM ISMAIL, AND SLANY JOSEPH SHOULD BE HANDED OVER TO ITALIAN AUTHORITIES FOR DISPOSAL.

1306 YOUR GSI/250 OF 11 DECEMBER REFERS.
FOR ALCOM; YOUR SD/600 OF 11 JANUARY ON MARSCHOWIT REFERS.

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INFO ACT: SECURITY.

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Ref: 2214/344/EC23 January, 1947

Dear Doctor Smolaka,

I refer to your letter No. Pov. Br. 108/47 dated 20th 220
January, 1947, addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander
containing further complaints against the Chetniks.

I am directed to inform you that your letter has been
forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters where the allegations
are being investigated.

Yours very truly,

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Dr. Sloven J. Smolaka,
Yugoslav Representative
Advisory Council for Italy,
ROME.

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ecRef: 2214/343/EC23 January, 1947

SUBJECT: Attached letter from Dr. Smolaka.

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

119 Reference is made to this Commission's letter No. 2214/EC dated 8 January 1947 enclosing a complaint against Chetniks in NAPLES Area.

A further letter No. Pov. Br. 108/47 dated 20th January, 1947 on this subject from Dr. Smolaka to the Supreme Allied Commander, is forwarded.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. H. H. H.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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DELEGATION OF THE FEDERAL PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Pov. Br. 108/47

20 January 1947

TO : The Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre.

THROUGH: The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

With reference to my protest against the insults of the Chetniks in Naples, ref. Pov.br.15/47 of 7 January, 1947, and to the Executive Commissioner's Office, A.C., letter, No. 2214/340/EC dated 16 January 1947, about the same subject, I have the honour to state:

On January 6th and 7th, 1947, (the days of the Orthodox Christ-Mass) the same Chetniks who had demonstrated before the Consulate General of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia in Naples on January 1st, 1947, returned to our Consulate and demonstrated loudly in the street against Marshal Tito, the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia, cheered to ex-king Peter and threatened again.

In view of these new facts it is requested that steps urged in our first protest be applied most energetically and urgently.

DR. SLOVEN J. SMODLAKA,
Jugoslav Representative a.i.
Advisory Council for Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2214/100

January 1947

SUBJECT: Attached letter from Dr. Snodgrass.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

The attached letter No. POW. br. 15/47 dated 7 Jan 47
from Dr. Snodgrass to the Supreme Allied Commander is forwarded.

FOR THE GROUP COMMISSIONER:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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DELEGATION OF THE FEDERAL PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

POV. Nr. 15/47

7 January 1947

TO : The Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre.
THROUGH: The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

I have the honour to state as follows:

1. The Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia has a Consulate General in Naples, which is working with the knowledge of the Italian Government.

On January 1st, 1947, at 0200 hrs., three Chetniks, members of the "Sumadista" Division from the Eboli Camp, actually employed as guards in Naples, near to the Consulate of the F.P.R. of Yugoslavia, located in Via Pergolesi 1, came under the windows of our Consulate and demonstrated against the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia, against Marshal Tito and "Tito's Consulate in Naples", cheering to the "King of Yugoslavia" and threatening death to the Manager of our Consulate, Mr. Vicko Gluncic, shouting among other things: "You will know who are the old "Zborani" (Serbian Fascist Military Organization) "We are not sorry, but we shall kill you all one day, we shall blow up this building and you will not get out of Naples living in 1947". etc. This lasted about two hours. Later the same persons continued threatening and insulting the Manager of our Consulate Mr. Gluncic by telephone. They finished by shouting: "Now, brethren, take the grenades and we are going to the Consulate". One of the three was identified by the Manager of our Consulate as a Markovic Jovan, Serbian, and the other two as belonging to the same working group. All the three were youths of about 22 to 26 years.

2. We have also been informed that a Chetnik Lieutenant KOSTICARJ Stanko, Slovene national, employed in Naples, has organized a group of 5 Chetniks with the purpose to attack the Consulate General of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia in Naples. The members of that group ~~which are in possession of~~ belong to the "Drinski puk", a Chetnik unit, and are on work at the railway station in Naples. They plot to attack our Consulate and to kill the Manager by hand grenades, which they are already in possession of.

3. Considering that the persons mentioned under 1. and 2. are Surrendered Enemy Persons under the jurisdiction and Command of the Allied authorities, I protest herewith against their being allowed to insult in public the President of the Yugoslav Government Marshal Tito, the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia, their authorities and our

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Consulate General and to threaten to our Manager of the Consulate that they will kill him.

4. It is requested herewith that both above mentioned cases be investigated urgently in order to prevent the attempt against the Manager of our Consulate and against the Consulate, which is threatening.

It is furthermore necessary that measures be taken in order to avoid repeating of similar cases in future.

It is requested that the responsible persons be fully identified, eliminated at once from their actual duty and punished, and that I may be informed about the steps taken.

In case that the plot might be realized, the Allied Authorities would be considered to be responsible, because the a/m persons are under Allied jurisdiction and employed under the Allied Command.

I am informing my Government about the foregoing.

DR. SLOVEN J. SMOLAKA,
Yugoslav Representative a.i.
Advisory Council for Italy.

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TO : AGWAR WASHINGTON for CCS : CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL for BCS.

INFO : GHQ CMF

This is NAF _____

1. You will have seen reports on the anti-British demonstrations in PADUA during the period 10 - 12 December which were set off by a traffic accident involving a British vehicle.
2. As this subject may be brought up during the forthcoming visit of Signor DE GASPERI to WASHINGTON and Signor NENNI to LONDON, I wish to give you my views.
3. While spontaneous, local outbursts may occur immediately following such accidents the situation would soon revert to normal were it not for the activities of agitators awaiting just such opportunities to inflame the emotions of the crowd and to direct its anger against the Allies. The presence and activity of such agitators during the PADUA demonstrations was obvious.
4. There is further evidence that a plan exists for use of such accidents as a basis of disorder. On 10 - 11 - 12 - 14 December residents of MILAN were stopped on streets or telephoned and falsely told by persons unknown to them that members of their families had been killed or injured by Allied ~~1300~~ vehicles. These were apparently efforts to foment disorders in MILAN comparable to those then going on in PADUA. Due to the cooperation of the MILAN Chief of Police and the MILAN newspapers these efforts were unsuccessful.

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5. A large section of the Italian press, particularly the Communist and Socialist papers, are quick to seize on any incident or even to invent incidents which may be used to discredit the Allied forces in ITALY and inflame public opinion against them. It is impossible to believe that this campaign is not deliberate. It is certainly scurrilous and unfair. On the other hand factual statements issued on behalf of the Allied forces are given poor publicity or more often ignored. At present this campaign is mainly directed against the British.

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Executive Commissioner:

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6. While everything possible is being done to eliminate causes of friction I believe that efforts will increase to direct future public demonstrations, whatever their original cause, against the Allied forces. Political agitators will endeavour to exploit for anti-Allied purposes the present temper of the ITALIAN people who are disappointed at what they feel is the severity of the Peace Treaty, resentful at the high cost of living and the shortage of food and inevitably tired of the Allied occupation.

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Ref: AG/14030/1/ES

21 December 1946.

My Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I refer to your letter No. 11468 of 16 October 1946 regarding an incident between soldiers and Don Giuseppe Cesari which occurred at CANALECHIO of Rimini (Forlì) on 23 September last.

The matter has been referred to high authority and investigated. It transpires from the result of this investigation that some person in the parson's house fired shots first and that later the soldiers retaliated by firing some shots after which some altercation took place between the soldiers and the occupants of the house.

The soldiers concerned who have since been released from the Army were punished by their Commanding Officer for their part in this regrettable incident and it would appear that no further action can be taken.

Very truly yours,

[S/ Henry V. Stone]

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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GHQ CMF- FROM GENERAL HARDING
TROOPERS - AFBQ G-3 ADV ADC TO GOC IN C CMF (LUINO) = ALCOM

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- 1°) Subject is anti-British disturbances in Padua on 10 and 11 December.
Following is factual report.
- 2°) About 101230 a British Staff car swerving to avoid pedestrian knocked TFC policeman off his feet. In centre of town. Circumstances of accident are being investigated: crowd quickly gathered and assualted Dvr of vehicle, and British officer and Dvr following in Jeep. CMP rescued all British participants but Dvr of Staff car was injured, not seriously.
- 3°) Mobs of hooligans collected, and one party broke into a married families Hotel and pulled down Union Jack.
They were ejected by CMP and Officer residents.
- 4°) Mobs then moved round town stoning vehicles, and assualting isolated Tps walking along streets. One car utility was set on fire near married families Hotel and total of ten vehicles were overturned or damaged.
- 5°) At 101630 mob converged on GHQ, stoning lower floor windows and ~~flam~~ shouting abuse. 100 Tps from 3 FD Regt acting in a Police role were called for to clear area, but before their arrival Italian Police had restored order.
- 6°) Italian Authorities did not regain full control until elsewhere.
- 7°) As a precaution to avoid minor incidents and provocation Tps not on duty were confined to barracks wef 101600 and on 11 December.
- 8°) Trouble began again on 11 Dec. at 17,30 hrs after a quit day and result of action of about 100 men of 795 (GHQ) car coy who left barracks contrary to orders intending to make a protest to a Senior Officer at GHQ

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GHQ CMF -FROM GENERAL HARDING
TROOPERS -AFHQ(G-39)

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against hooliganism on 10 December which resulted in injuries to their comrades.

9) As car coy tps moved through Town to GHQ scuffles took place in which some windows were broken. Men arrived at GHQ followed by mob who were stone throwing. Tps who on arrival were orderly were collected in nearby building and addressed by BGS. They were then returned to Bks in TPT.

10) Meanwhile mobs had collected and attacked an Offrs Mess; not the same as that mentioned in third above. They were ejected without difficulty. Another mob demonstrated outside the M11 Feeding Holt at RLY STA.

11) Total 34 windows broken many at Offrs Mess. Share for which Tps responsible probably small. Investigation proceeding. Total 14 Brit vehs damaged mainly with windows cracked by stone throwing. 1 Brit

112130A for tn hosp and several suffering from minor abrasions.

12) Considerable Italian Police rfts were draft into Town and situation was in hand by 112130A.

13) Full investigation is being made and more detailed reports follow.

14) Rowdy elements 10 December mainly vagabond type and students assisted British. Secondary school students noisier 11 December and orderly procession marched through town 1000 hrs 12 December when the schools declared holiday.

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I Police suspect communist instigators and Camera del Lavoro deboting calling symbolical General strike.

15. 800 Police and 500 Carabinieri now station in Padua. Prefect and Chief Police warned to take measures to prevent repetitions and satisfactory liaison established with CMP and 8 FD Regt.

16. For Troopers. Grateful if BBC be asked to refrain from repeated inaccurate and sensational statements put out by notoriously incorrect and anti Allied Rome press.

17. Will send immediate reports of all further incidents involving Brit Tps.

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12 Dec.

DEPUTATO DOTT. MARIO SAGGIN

ASSEMBLEA COSTITUENTE ROMA

I SHOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE YOU BUT NOT ON THE BASIS OF YOUR STATEMENT
OF FACTS WHICH DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO THE VERSIONS GIVEN BY QUESTURA
ROME STOP THIS IS NOT TO MINIMIZE MY REGRET AT THE UNFORTUNATE
INCIDENTS AT PADUA WHICH ARE DEPLORED BY ALL CONCERNED STOP MY
OFFICE WILL BE GLAD TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT AT MUTUAL CONVENIENCE

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ADMIRAL STONE

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Mittente: Admiral Stone, Alcom, Rome.

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Ricevuto il 19 ore 14
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Per circuito N. 14



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ROMA

8/3/1944

TRANSLATIONMEETING BETWEEN DE GASPERI AND ADMIRAL STONE.

Referring to the incidents that happened in Padua, the President of the Council of Ministers, On. De Gasperi, yesterday had a long interview with the Head of the Allied Commission.

Admiral Stone recalling the precedent dispositions given to the Allied Troops regarding the rules of vehicle circulation, has promised to rivet the instructions themselves.

Another meeting between De Gasperi and Admiral Stone is foreseen for this morning.

From; "IL MESSAGGERO" 12 Dec. '46

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*Chair of Italian management
of meeting with*

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Please file both
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1370 Incident in Padua
Killing of two men and a woman

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

- Ufficio Stampa -

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L'Ufficio Stampa della Presidenza del Consiglio

comunica:

La notizia, apparsa su qualche giornale del mattino, secondo la quale l'On. De Gasperi avrebbe conferito ieri mattina con l'Am. Ellery Stone a proposito degli incidenti di Padova, è destituita di fondamento.

Si precisa anzi che nessun colloquio in merito a tali avvenimenti ha avuto luogo tra il Presidente del Consiglio e il Capo della Commissione alleata.

Roma, 12 dicembre 1946- Ore 12,45

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venimenti ha avuto luogo tra il Presidente del Consiglio e il
Capo della Commissione alleata.

Roma, 12 dicembre 1946 - Ore 12,45

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Chief Commissioner.

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Attached is submitted for your ^{approval} ~~signature~~ information

is expected from Maj. Mackenzie of Public Safety with 86 Area. *A further report*
McComby
8/12 EC

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Allied Commission
Liaison Office
86 Area, CNF.

ACIO 14

H.Q. Allied Commission, APO 794. 11 December 46

SUBJECT : Anti-British Disturbances
- PADUA

Yesterday 10 December 1946 during the afternoon and evening a series of Anti-British demonstrations and disorders took place in the town of PADUA.

The trouble started when an Allied vehicle with British driver trying to avoid a Jay Walker knocked down an Italian policeman on traffic duty in the middle of the town at midday. The vehicle then collided with two motor-cyclists waiting to cross.

Another Italian policeman jumped on the running board to stop the vehicle, which ended up against the wall of the Pedrocchi Officers Club, scattering pedestrians right and left. The policeman had seized the wheel.

The large crowd, which had gathered, swelled by students of PADUA University, then reacted violently and dragged out the British driver who was roughly handled until rescued by a British police Jeep from the angry and hostile mob. Another police Jeep was soon surrounded and threatened and another vehicle trying to pass was overturned and damaged. Attacks were made on any other allied vehicle in the vicinity.

Later a false rumour spread that two civilians had died as the result of the original accident. This is believed to have caused further disturbances and anti-British incidents throughout the afternoon and evening.

A mob tried to enter the STORIONE G.H.Q. married families hotel, and drag down the Union Jack from the balcony, but they were only successful in removing a piece of the flag. Reinforcements of British and Italian police had arrived on the scene. Some of

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A mob tried to enter the STORIONE G.M.Q. married families hotel, and drag down the Union Jack from the balcony, but they were only successful in removing a piece of the flag. Reinforcements of British and Italian police had arrived on the scene. Some of these were injured in encounters with the crowd. In another part of the town two Allied vehicles were burnt, policemen were stoned and injured.

Disturbances continued throughout the early evening and an unconfirmed report states that shots were fired from an Allied vehicle near the station, which was being stopped by a group of people. Three of the latter are said to be wounded, one very seriously.

Reinforcements of police arrived during the afternoon from MESTRE and VICENZA.

According to an Italian report the number of wounded and hurt as a result of the days events number about twenty, while as many as 50 Allied vehicles are said to be damaged or burnt. But at the moment there is no confirmation of these figures.

All the political parties have issued an order of the day condemning the action of the crowd as unworthy of the people of PADUA and at the same time exhorting them to beware of those, who will try to make capital out of the disorders in the interests of neo fascism.

W.M. HARRISON, Major,
Liaison Officer.

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TRANSLATIONPRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.No. 1081

Rome, 11 December, 1946.

The Ministry of the Interior announces:-

In Padua yesterday at 12.15 hours an Allied jeep, while trying to cross a cross-roads in the central zone of the town, despite the policeman on duty, was, in order to avoid collision with two cyclists, compelled to turn suddenly, ending up on the pavement and injuring two watchmen and some civilians.

The population ill-treated the driver of the vehicle whom agents of the Pubblica Sicurezza succeeded in drawing away from the crowd and taking to the nearest hospital.

Some thousands of persons who had rapidly gathered there tried to reach the Storione Hotel which is requisitioned by the Allies.

Groups of police agents who immediately arrived on the spot avoided the invasion of the premises of the hotel and succeeded in clearing the neighbouring streets.

Demonstrators rushed through the streets of the town damaging seven Allied vehicles. One of them was set on fire, and one seriously, and two severely wounded persons of the Italian civilian population are to be deplored. Following these incidents seven more persons were slightly wounded.

Public order was re-established and the rest of the night was quiet.

Several persons who seemed suspicious were arrested and are denounced to the Judicial Authorities.

All political parties have, unanimously, published a notice therein deploring the too frequent repetition of car-accidents on the part of Allied Military Personnel, and urging the population to keep calm.

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Ufficio Stampa

N. 1081

Il Ministero dell'Interno comunica;

Ieri a Padova alle ore 12,15 una "Jeep" alleata, in una zona centrale mentre tentava di attraversare un incrocio stradale contro il divieto di passaggio segnalato dal vigile di servizio, per evitare l'investimento di due ciclisti che incrociavano nel senso consentito, sterzava improvvisamente e finiva sul marciapiede causando il ferimento di due vigili urbana e di alcuni civili.

La popolazione malmenava il conducente dell'automezzo che agenti di F.S. riuscivano a sottrarre alla folla e a condurre all'ospedale.

Alcune migliaia di persone, riunitesi rapidamente, tentavano di raggiungere l'Albergo Storione requisito dagli alleati per alloggio e mensa ufficiali.

Reparti di agenti, immediatamente accorsi, hanno evitato l'invasione dello stabile riuscendo a sgomberare sollecitamente il tratto di via antistante.

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L'ordine pubblico è stato completamente ristabilito e la notte è trascorsa tranquilla.

Si è proceduto a vari arresti tra le persone indiziate come facinorose e delle quali è in corso la denuncia all'Autorità giudiziaria.

Tutti i partiti politici hanno pubblicato, d'intesa, un manifesto col quale pur deplorando il troppo frequente ripetersi di incidenti automobilistici da parte del personale adetto alle Forze Armate alleate, hanno incitato la popolazione alla calma. Roma, 11 dicembre 1946, ore 12.

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Subject is Italian Police-Mestre.

Para 1.- Ref.your 4814 of 31 August. In para 4 of that signal you stated that 500 public security agents were immediately available for duty in Venezia but no accommodation was available.

Para2.- On 4 October 1946 such accommodation with capacity for 600 was handed over to Italian Ministry of Interior for use of police.

Para 3.- At present only 50 public security agents 100 Carabinieri and 60 finance guards. Totalling 210 have arrived.

Para 4. - Understand that Italian authorities propose to move in a further 100 Carabinieri and 150 public security agents bring total to 460 however ~~in spite of repeated reminders from British Military Authority in area these extra police have failed to materialize.~~ in spite of repeated reminders from British Military Authority in area these extra police have failed to materialize.

Para5.- In view of your previous assurance that 500 police ~~xxxxxx~~ were available and that the Venice area still requires these additional 1872 police you are requested to press the Italian Government to make good their promise and provide this total number ie (500)
6. Please send copy to General HQ and inform this HQ on which date they will arrive in Venice

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

1st November 1946

My Dear Admiral,

We have been in close touch by telephone, but I ought to have written to you before to thank you for your very kind manuscript letter of yesterday. I am sorry that I was not there to receive you when you called at the Embassy, but I had gone over to one of our out buildings to have the quiet to compose a report to London.

1371 It was most kind of you to offer us assistance, and we deeply appreciate it. As I told you, we are trying for the moment to carry on where we are, but we may be very glad to avail ourselves of your generous offer. Sir Noel Charles, I have just learned, is returning to Rome

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this afternoon for a short visit, and no doubt he will take the necessary decisions about the future.

Thank you again for so kindly furnishing me with your unofficial opinion on the position of the Allied Commission, which I received by the hand of Brigadier Carr. I have sent it to the Foreign Office with appropriate explanations and saying that Mr. Key and I personally share your view.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely
and gratefully,

J.G. Ward

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TRANSLATION

DU-31-46

TWO BOMBS AGAINST THE BRITISH EMBASSY.

The explosion which occurred at 0835 hours this morning caused the front of the building to collapse. One man seriously wounded. Sign of warning. Statement of the Carabinieri who was on duty.

This morning at 0835 hours a violent explosion occurred in Via IX Settembre, before the main entrance to the British Embassy. The explosion was heard in the farthest points of the city, and caused such alarm to the population, especially in the Muro quarter, and to the Publica Sicurezza who arrived on the spot a few minutes later. A striking scene met the eye. Through a thick mist which the rain was unable to clear, the front of the British Embassy in Via IX Settembre had almost entirely collapsed, while the first floor of the building had collapsed entirely, and the building opposite was seriously damaged.

From the rubble a Nicolino Palitto, of twenty-five years of age, who was passing near the Embassy at the moment of the explosion, was extracted. His condition was extremely serious, and he was declared dying at the Policlinico.

Soon after the Carabinieri, the Fire Brigade arrived, followed by the Italian Police and by the Allied Military Police.

From the statements made by the Carabinieri who was on duty at the Embassy, Domenico Piovantini belonging to the police station of Via IX Settembre, the suitcases which were tied together had been placed on the ground in front of the main entrance. This he saw with his own eyes.

The Carabinieri ran to get help. Almost immediately the Ambassador's car arrived. It was around 0840 hours. The Carabinieri informed a certain 'Jack' of what he had seen. The latter rushed to the spot to take the two suitcases away, but was stopped in time by the Carabinieri and other two men belonging to the Embassy who were with him.

On the suitcases were a sign: "Beware-Lines". The group returned towards Via Palestro in order to consider the case and take some decision but a violent explosion threw them off their feet. The central part of the front of the Embassy was collapsing in an enormous cloud of dust, and all around were heard the terrorized screams of the inhabitants of the neighbouring houses.

As soon as the Fire Brigade and the Police arrived the above-mentioned passer-by was extracted from the rubble. But the Carabinieri declared that he

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was surprised to find a man there, since until then he hadn't seen anybody in the street.

One of the suppositions made is this: that the passer-by was attracted by the two suit-cases, and approached them in order to take them. But he touched the detonator which was probably attached to the two suit-cases and it exploded.

Another sign with the words in red: "Beware-Lines", has been found near Porta Pia, in one of the branching streets leading to the Piazza.

The damages are considerable in Via Palestro where all the buildings from No. 1 to No. 5 have been damaged, while in Via XX Settembre, No. 26 has its main entrance almost collapsed, and the whole building is seriously damaged.

From "IL MESSAGGERO" of 31 October, 1943.

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Questa notte alle ore 2,43 due bombe sono scoppiate nell'edificio dell'Ambasciata inglese a Porta Pia provocando danni notevoli all'edificio. Non vi sono vittime ed una prima inchiesta condotta sul posto dal Ministro degli Esteri, Pietro Nenni, dal Capo della Polizia, dal Questore di Roma e dai Funzionari della polizia politica investigativa accertava che due valigie contenenti esplosivo, molto probabilmente bombe a ritardo, erano state collocate sui gradini esterni del portone d'ingresso dell'Ambasciata con cartello portante l'iscrizione: "Attenzione Miny" con un drappo rosso ordinariamente usato dai camion con esplosivi a bordo.

Cartelli identici sono stati collocati a due lati dell'edificio verso Porta Pia e verso via Bezzecca.

Il primo allarme avanti lo scoppio fu dato da un passante ad un autista dell'Ambasciata. Questi, a sua volta, ha informato il carabiniere di servizio e quest'ultimo, visti le due valigie e i cartelli con iscrizione a mano, si è allontanato per dare l'allarme e in quel momento è avvenuto lo scoppio.

E' stato rinvenuto a pochi passi dall'esplosione un ferito in stato di choc nervoso.

Il Ministro Nenni ha espresso all'Incaricato d'Affari, Sig. Ward, il rammarico del Governo per l'attentato.

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AT ABOUT ZERO TWO THREE FIVE HOURS THREE ONE OCTOBER THREE SECURITY GUARDS
ATTACHED THE BRITISH EMBASSY VIA XX SEPTEMBER WHO WERE OFF DUTY SAW A BOARD
PLACED NEAR THE DOOR OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE EMBASSY PD ON THIS BOARD
WAS MARKED QUOTATION MARKS ATTENZIONE MINE QUOTATION MARKS PD BEHIND THIS
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THE GUARDS LISTENED BUT COULD DETECT NO SOUND COMING FROM THE CASES PD THEY
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Chief Commissioner's Office

John R. HAYES,
Maj, AGD
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ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY TALIAN GOVERNMENT QUOTE EARLY THIS MORNING AT 0243 HOURS TWO BOMBS HAVE EXPLODED IN THE BUILDING OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY AT PORTA PIA CAUSING SERIOUS DAMAGES PD THERE ARE NO DEATH CASUALTIES AND A PRIMARY INVESTIGATION DIRECTED ON THE SPOT BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PIERO NENNI THE CHIEF OF POLICE THE QUESTORE OF ROME AND THE FUNCTIONARIES OF THE POLITICAL RESEARCH POLICE HAS ASCERTAINED THAT TWO SUITCASES CONTAINING EXPLOSIVES PROBABLY TIME-BOMBS HAD BEEN PLACED ON THE EXTERNAL STEPS OF THE FRONT DOOR OF THE EMBASSY WITH A SIGN BEARING THE WORDS QUOTE ATTENZIONE MINY UNQUOTE WITH A RED CLOTH SUCH AS ARE ORDINARILY USED BY TRUCKS TRANSPORTING EXPLOSIVES PD IDENTICAL SIGNS HAD BEEN PLACED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BUILDING TOWARDS PORTA PIA AND VIA REZZECCA PD

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MINISTER NENHI HAS EXPRESSED TO THE BRITISH CHARGE d'AFFAIRES MR WARD
THE REGRETS OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ~~MINUTE~~
THE INVESTIGATION PROCEEDS PD UNQUOTE

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Chief Commissioner's office

for ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

JOHN R. HAYES, MAJ, AGO
Adjutant

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Following communique issued by Italian Government

Quote Early this morning, at 0243 hours, two bombs have exploded in the building of the British Embassy at Porta Pia causing serious damages. There are ^{death} casualties and a primary investigation directed, on the spot, by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pietro Nenni, the Chief of Police, the Questore of Rome, and the Functionaries of the Political Research Police, has ascertained that two suitcases containing explosives, probably time-bombs, had been placed on the external steps of the front door of the Embassy with a sign bearing the words: "Atenzione Miny" with a red cloth such as are ordinarily used by trucks transporting explosives.

Identical signs had been placed on both sides of the Building towards Porta Pia and Via Bezzecca.

The first warning before the explosion was given by a passer-by to an Embassy driver. The latter, in his turn, informed the Carabinieri on duty, who, after having seen the two suitcases and the handwritten signs, went to give warning, and at that very moment the explosion occurred.

A wounded man in a condition of nervous shock was found a few steps away from the place of the explosion.

Minister Nenni has expressed to the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Ward, the regrets of the Italian Government.

The investigation proceeds.

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Ref: 3631/143/EC

29 October, 1946.

SUBJECT: Disorders in MESTRE.

TO : G.H.Q., C.M.F.

Reference is made to previous correspondence on this subject.

2-09 Quoted for your information is an extract from letter dated 20 October 1946 from the Italian Government to this Commission on this subject:

"With reference to your kind communications, made with notes 24 September and 7 October 1946 under No. 3631/EC with regard to the derequisition by the Allied Military Command of some barracks in Mestre, I am pleased to assure you that instructions have been given at once to the Prefect of Venice for the occupation of said Barracks for the accommodation of active police forces already in Mestre and who were accommodated in emergency premises.

Said forces amount to 200 Carabinieri and 100 P.S. Guards and are certainly considered sufficient for the maintenance of public order in the city.

Besides, in case of necessity and at a simple telephone request other Police forces detached in Padua can be sent to Mestre."

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Hely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Allied Commission Liaison Officer
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THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

Rome, 20 October 1946.

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Besides, in case of necessity and at a simple telephone request other Police forces detached in Padua can be sent to Mestre.

Renewing my thanks for your kind interest in the matter, I remain with best regards,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ De Gasperi

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Jugoslavs-Ancona group.

Investigation and early report required on following.

Reported A. An incident between Croat DPS Fermo and Italian
civilians on October 6th which called for Police intervention.
Reported B. Arms being obtained in this area from Polish military
by DPS and Jesi and being sold to Italians.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

No. 11468

Rome, 16 October 1946.

Dear Admiral,

I have been informed that in Casalecchio of Rimini (Forli) towards 6.30 hours of 23 September last, two Scotch soldiers who presumably belong to the concentration camp of Miramare of Rimini (Forli), seeing the impossibility of entering, for not yet ascertained reasons, in the personage of Don Giuseppe Cesari, smashed a first entrance door and then fired several shots against one of the windows of the house causing damages to the window frames and panes.

The person, believing that they were thieves, gave the alarm and fired pistol shots in order to intimidate them.

One of the Scotch soldiers remained then to guard the house and the other went away on a bicycle and returned shortly afterwards with two Allied Police agents mounted on motorcycles.

The person opened at the request of the police the door and while one of the agents inspected the house, without finding anything, one of the two Scotch soldiers, getting hold of the person's pistol, rushed upon him beating him with his fists and kicking him, and producing a lacerated and confused wound as well as various contusions which have been diagnosed to require 7 days for healing except complications.

I report this therefore to you begging you kindly to let me have informations about the above incident and particularly about the reasons that have caused it.

Sincerely yours

/s/ De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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SUBJECT IS PD CIVIL DISTURBANCES PD

PARA ONE PD DURING MORNING OF NINE OCTOBER ABOUT 20,000 PERSONS DEMONSTRATED
OUTSIDE OFFICES OF PUBLIC WORKS PIAZZA PORTA PIA ROME AGAINST DISMISSAL OF A
NUMBER OF WORKMEN PD

PARA TWO PD LATER CROWD MOVED TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AT VIMINALE WHERE ABOUT
50 PERSONS BROKE INTO MINISTRY AND DAMAGED FURNITURE AND PAPERS PD

PARA THREE PD CROWD ARMED WITH STICKS STONES AND SOME FIREARMS PD FIRING
COMMENCED AT ABOUT 1130 AM PD NOT KNOWN WHETHER FIRST SHOTS FIRED BY POLICE
OR DEMONSTRATORS PD POLICE FIRED IN THE AIR PD

PARA FOUR PD CASUALTIES - CIVILIANS TWO DEAD - EIGHT ONE WOUNDED/POLICE PD

FIVE NINE WOUNDED PD COMPLETE ORDER RESTORED AT 2 PM PD

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Public Safety 3/C

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M. CARR Brigadier

JUAN R. HAYES
Major AGO
Adjutant

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Chief Comandanteur, A.C.

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Chief Commissioner, A.C.

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Subject is Italian army barracks Padua Verona road.

1. GHQ CMF require above mentioned barracks to house an infantry battalion.
2. It is understood barracks now controlled by Minister of Post War rehabilitation and occupied by Italian refugees.
3. Please expedite representations to Italian Government and advise take over date.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

Ref: 3631/135/EO

7 October 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I acknowledge with thanks your unnumbered letter dated 16 Sept 46 on the subject of accommodation for the Police Agencies in the Mestre Area.

As you will have seen from my letter no. 3631/132/EO dated 3 Oct. the Carabinieri Barracks in Mestre are being made available and I trust that this will assist your local authorities in the policing of that area.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Doctor Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Ref.: 3631/132/EC

3 October 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I refer to my letter no. 3631/126/EC dated 24 September 46 regarding accommodation for additional Police in MESTRE.

I have now been advised that the Carabinieri barracks referred to will be available from 7 October 46 and your local authorities are being asked to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours very truly,

[s] Ellery W. Stone,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Aloide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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Further to this HQs signal O 945 dated 12 September. *111 Da*

Estimated that CORR barracks MESTRE will be available for Civil Police from VICENZA with effect from 7 October. Suggest 86 Area makes necessary arrangements with local civil authority through Public Safety Liaison Officer. All informed.

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Ref. 3631/126/EG

24 September 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to the recent disturbances in the MESTRE Area, the Allied Authorities are still not satisfied with the Public Safety in this Area.

It appears that the chief difficulty in arranging for Police reinforcement to be sent to MESTRE was the lack of available accommodation but I am now able to inform you that the Carabinieri barracks in MESTRE with a capacity for 500 have been earmarked for this number of civil police now located in VICENZA.

These Barracks will be available as soon as they are vacated by the Polish troops now in occupation. These troops are expected to leave shortly and I will inform you as soon as the Barracks are available.

Yours very truly,

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

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government,
Rome.

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TOP SECRETUNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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September 19, 1946

FOR THE INFORMATION OF ADMIRAL STONE.

At the request of the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, the United States and British Political Advisers approached the Department of State and Foreign Office in order to inquire whether there existed any way in which Russian activities in the area around Venice could be curtailed by diplomatic means. The Deputy Political Adviser pointed out to the Department of State that General Harding has been increasingly concerned over recent demonstrations and civil disorders that have taken place in the Venice-Mestre area, the latest of which involved an assault by a woman on the local Italian Chief of Police who, later in the day, because of agitation by demonstrators, released the woman and 13 other persons also arrested.

AFHQ is requesting the Allied Commission to urge the Prime Minister to increase the effectiveness of Italian police forces in the Venice-Mestre area, and it is expected that an additional 500 CCRR will be sent there. It is also hoped that the Italian Government may be persuaded to accept a small police mission to the area. According to General Harding there is a Russian Consulate in Venice, as well as a large Russian film delegation which is known to have had frequent contact with Communist elements in neighboring districts. Gen. Harding considers that withdrawal of this Russian Mission is an important factor in maintaining law and order in the Venice-Mestre area, which he considers vital from a military point of view. The War Office has already queried AFHQ regarding the continued presence in Italy of a Russian repatriation mission which also has a branch in Venice, and AFHQ has replied that circumstances no longer justify this mission's existence and they would be glad to see it go as soon as possible.

When consulted at AFHQ, the Deputy U. S. Political Adviser pointed out that the presence of both a Russian Consulate and a Mission in Venice presumably was agreed to by the Italian Government. He did not see any grounds on which the United States Government could request the

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Italian Government to order the withdrawal of this Russian Mission unless misconduct could be proved, or possibly such action could be justified because of expulsion by the Soviets of an American trade or similar mission from Eastern Europe because of Russian pressure on the local Government.

The Department of State informed the Deputy U.S. Political Adviser, AFHQ, that it agreed with his position concerning the Soviet Consulate and Mission in Venice and that it presumes that in discussions with the Italian Government regarding the increased effectiveness of police forces in that area, the Allied Commissioner will bring out the factor of Soviet activities as disturbing elements.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

Rome, 18 September 1946.

Dear Admiral,

With reference to our conversation regarding the situation which has arisen in Mestre in consequence of the unpleasant incidents that unfortunately took place in these last weeks, I confirm to you that, owing also to pressures made by the Allied Subcommission, steps have at once been taken to increase adequately the Police Forces stationed there by sending 220 men, partly carabinieri and partly guards.

Besides, it has been arranged that another congruous number of men be kept in readiness in Padua in order to be sent to Mestre as soon as requested by telephone.

The difficulties for the maintenance of permanent larger police forces in Mestre are due to the lack of accommodation facilities. In fact, it has so far not been possible to obtain from the Ministry of War the use of the "Manin" barracks in Venice - where at present are the premises of the Military District which previously always resided in Mestre - because the clearance of the barracks is subordinated to the release, by Allied Authorities, of the former premises of the Mestre District.

I submit therefore to your particular consideration such state of affairs, so that you may kindly examine the possibility of obtaining from the Allied Authorities the release of the premises they occupy in Mestre, in order to allow the permanent accommodation of the police forces, as requested by the Allied Subcommission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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