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Ref: 3617/59/EG

4 September 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The report of an alleged interview with Signor SCOCIMARRO which appeared in the newspaper "L'Unita" of August 24 has been brought to the attention of the Supreme Allied Commander. While appreciating the difficulties with which the Italian Government is faced, General Morgan has directed me to represent to you that he cannot but take a serious view of these statements, many of which are inaccurate, and of the charge of bad faith which has apparently been levelled at Allied Military Government by one of the Ministers of the Italian Government.

Whereas in the article the Minister of Finance is reported to have inferred that Allied Military Government is responsible for illegal distribution of arms, from preliminary enquiries made by AMG it appears that personnel of the Italian Army may have been engaged in this distribution. It has in fact been reported to me by the Provincial Commissioner of UDINE that on August 17 an Italian military vehicle was found to be carrying arms allegedly having been sent by Italian Territorial Command V, Commissione Ricupero 22 to the Carabinieri Station at TORVISOCA. This matter has been taken up by the local Allied authorities with the Italian Command at UDINE and also by the Director of the Land Forces Sub-Commission with the Ministry of War, and General Morgan feels sure that you will order an immediate and thorough enquiry into the matter and let him have early information of the facts, and if the facts disclosed so require, of the action that the Italian Government proposes to take in order to prevent a recurrence in the future.

The article in "L'Unita" suggests that the Minister of Finance had information of unlawful activities being carried out in the territory under the jurisdiction of the Allied Military Government. If this is so the Supreme Allied Commander is certain that you and Signor SCOCIMARRO himself will agree that it would have been preferable for a Minister of the Italian Government to communicate such information to the Allied Military Government authorities in order to enable them to investigate the facts instead of publishing information as he did with damaging criticisms against the Allied Military Government. The Supreme Allied Commander trusts that you will agree with him that the action taken by Signor SCOCIMARRO is most regrettable and quite contrary to the spirit which has governed relations between the Italian Government and the Allied Military authorities since the Armistice.

I am to ask you to communicate to me in future any evidence ^{307a} of illegal activities in Allied Military Government territory which may be in the possession of your Ministers or Officers of the Italian Government in order that an investigation can be made.

The Supreme Allied Commander feels assured that you are not unmindful of the considerable work expended in the past by Allied Military Government and by the Allied military forces in collecting weapons illegally held by the Italian civilian population. Finally General Morgan instructs me to say that he leaves to yourself and Signor SUCCIMARRO the question of publishing a suitable withdrawal of these implications against Allied Military Government in UDINE.

Very truly yours,

MILLET W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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FOR ACTION REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS FIDELITY HOOKER CMA LOUISIANA REGION

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15 Nov 45

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39	Ltr Stone	24 Jun 46	Prunas	Request fr info re ltr of 27 May
40	Ltr PC/25 Bright	22 Aug 46	EC	Report on Illegal Movement of Arms
40a	Ltr PC/84 Bright	22 Aug 46	EC	Visit of Scoccimarro to Udine
41	Ltr 3617/EC Stone	27 Aug 46	AFHQ G-5	Illegal Movement of Arms; Incl interview with Scoccimarro
41a	Ltr 3617/59/EC	4 Sep 46	De Gasperi	Request withdrwl of Anti-AMG allegations (interview with Scoccimarro)
42	Ltr 9/28/CA Stone	6 Sep 46	AFHQ G-5	Manuf. of small arms
42a	Ltr D.O. 800/127/EC	12 Sep 46	Bright	It Fin Min (Scoccimarro) visit to Udine
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43a	Cbl G-5 902.30-2	20 Sept. 46	CC	Req info on movm of arms and ammo
44	Ltr 3617/63/EC CC	21 Sep 46	De Gasperi	CC RR outpost in AMG territory
				Request reply to ltr of 4 Sep 46 re alleged interview with Scoccimarro
45	Cbl S158 PSO AMG Udine	25 Sep 46	Econ Sec	301*
46	Cbl 5104	3 Oct 46	G-2 CEM GHQ	Disposal of ammo of Fr origin
47	Cbl S/164	5 Oct 46	Ex Comm	French mil miss Udine inst sell ammo
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37	Cbl C 25926 MFOUSA	27 Feb 46	ALCOM	Salvage of Abandoned Ammunition

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16	Ltr Talbot 1008/2/CCS	6 Nov 44	DCCS CA Section	Pilferage of Ammunition at Bari.
17	Dbl Legal 6245	9 Nov 44	AFHQ	Propose instill Allied courts to try for pilferage of ammunition.
18	Ltr Stone AC/4173/PS	9 Nov 44	Bonomi	Discarding of civilians; stricter methods must be taken.
19	GML AFHQ EV50022	10 Nov 44	AC	Agree you instill Allied courts to try for pilferage of ammo.
20	Ltr Stone AC/4173/L	12 Nov 44	Bonomi	AC will try cases of pilferage of ammunition in the Bari area.
21	Ltr Bonomi 23136/19.10	29 Dec 44	Stone	Pilferage of ammunition at Bari—military tribunals therefor.
22	Ltr AC/4173/L Stone	22 Jan 45	Bonomi	Military courts set up at Bari must stay because of inefficiency of Italian courts

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3	Cbl Freedom 49856	10 Feb 44	Fargo (MacFarlane)	Change of policy re shortage of stocks Ital arms ammunition equipment for spec oper purposes
4	Cbl Fargo 877	11 Feb 44	Freedom	Re defence of Vis suggest 1 battalion with ancillary troops - Equipment & psychology not suited for defence
5	Cbl Fargo 878	11 Feb 44	Freedom MGS	Ref 49856 Political repercussion deplorable suggest change present policy without consultation
6	Ltr Maj Doe SG(Misc)	18 Apr 44	War Mat Disp Sub-Com	French Material Found in this Territory
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8	Min Grace & Justice		ACC Leg Sub-Com	Weapons & Ammunition seized in proceedings decided by Allied Military Courts
9	Ltr Fiske 360/10	9 Aug 44	See Dist	Disposal of War Material
10	Ltr Lush 360/11	10 Aug 44	See Dist	Italian War Material
11	Ltr A/CC 471 Stone	19 Sep 44	Admin Sec	Disarming of Patriots INCL: Ltr 7380 Bonomi to Stone
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13	Ltr Capt Stone	25 Sep 44	Bonomi	Disarming civilians newly occupied Provinces

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Para 1. Your letter 5012/305 EC of 30 November was replied to by letter G-5 :945 point 20 of 11 December. Rear 5816 dated disapproving proposed sale of military arms to the public. Copy of letter follows by post.

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ALCOM HQ ACPST

16 DECEMBER 1946

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SUBJECT IS FIREARMS PD

PARA ONE PD. MAY WE BE FAVOURED WITH REPLY TO OUR LETTER
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ROUTINE

Public Safety Div.

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F. G. GREEN, Lt. Col.

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Maj. AGD

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Ref. : 3617/107/30

5 December 1946

SUBJECT: Illegal Movement of Arms.

TO : ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS,
Attention: G-5 Section.

1. Further reference is made to your G-5 : 940.30-1 of 31 August 1946 and to this Commission's letter 3617/30/30 of 13 October 1946 on the subject of the alleged illegal movement of arms in UDINE Province.
2. The proceedings of the reopened Italian inquiry into the particular case of the alleged illegal movement of arms by personnel of the Italian Army on 17 August 1946 have been reviewed by this Commission.

The findings of this fresh investigation are the same as those of the first inquiry, that is, that the despatch of the consignment of arms to the OMER Station at TORRE VIGONZA was due to a misunderstanding of orders issued.

Throughout the proceedings any suggestion that the Allied authorities had knowledge of the movement of these arms is denied or else attributed to rumour.

The Italian authorities propose as a result of this inquiry that two officers - one Colonel and one Lieutenant Colonel - should be reprimanded for not ensuring that clear instructions were given to their subordinates.

The findings of the inquiry have been accepted by the Ministry of War and presumably by the Italian Government.

I consider that no good purpose will be served by pursuing this particular case further and that the explanation given and disciplinary action indicated should be accepted.

I do not propose to forward the proceedings of the inquiry to your Headquarters but this can be done if desired.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces S/C

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DEC 2 1946

30 November, 1946

Ref.: 5012/305/70

SUBJECT: Firearms.

TO : A.F.H.C.,
G-5 Section.

I refer to your letters G-5 948-20 of 24th September and G-5 945-21 of 15th November, 1946.

1. Your rulings on this matter have been noted and the Ministry of War have been informed accordingly.

2. They now ask whether they may sell to civilian arms firms "carbines and rifles of the ordinary type cal. 7.5 mm. which have been set aside for sale as now no longer used by the Army".

3. It is assumed that although these are definitely military arms, they may, being obsolete and of a smaller calibre than 7.5, be regarded as "non-military" arms and that there is no objection to their sale.

4. Will you please confirm that there is no objection to the sale of these arms.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

/s/ H. CARR.

H. CARR, Esq.,
Executive Commissioner.

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NOV 21 1946

19 November 1946

Ref. : 3617/105/30

SUBJECT: Illegal Movement of Arms.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.



Reference is made to your letter no. G-51202, K-2 dated 12 Nov. 1946 on this subject.

A further report completed by Gen. Amellini, Commanding 5 Territorial Region, has recently been received by the Land Forces Sub-Commission of this Commission from the Italian Ministry of War.

This report is under consideration at the present time and you will be advised of the result in due course.

FOR THE CHINESE COMMISSIONER:

16/ M. CARR.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Land Forces S/O

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 902.30-2

12 November 46

SUBJECT: Illegal Movement of Arms

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794

Reference your 3617/82/EC of the 18th October 1946. 48

Can you please say what the position with regard to the report now is.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A.I. HAMLEN
Colonel, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

NOV 7 1946

Ref: 5012/292/22

7 November 1946.

SUBJECT: Manufacturing of Arms

TO : ALLIED FORCES INFORMATION,

Attention: G-2 Section.

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1. Reference is made to your letter G-5:915.20 of 24 September 1946.

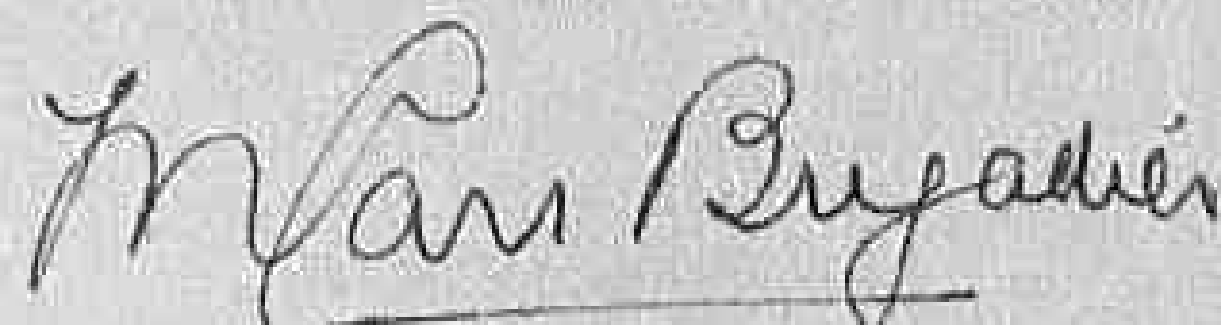
2. The decision that the supervision of the manufacture of non-military small arms of less than 7.5 mm calibre may provisionally be left to the Italian Government was communicated to the Ministry of War and the Ministry of the Interior. *Encl.*

3. A reply dated 29th October was received from the Ministry of the Interior, (a copy of which is attached) in which reasons are advanced why pistols of calibre 7.65mm should be considered non-military weapons.

4. In this connection it has been pointed out that, should the present decision stand, it would necessitate the withdrawal of all such pistols now in the lawful possession of private persons held for personal protection, also from all Municipal, Forest and sworn guards, none of whom are permitted to be in possession of military weapons.

5. While the reasons put forward in para 3 of your letter are appreciated, in view of the foregoing, it is recommended that the conditions laid down in para 4 of your letter of 24 September, be modified to enable the manufacture of non-military small arms of less than 7.7 mm calibre to be left provisionally to the Italian Government. 3073

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:



A. GARD,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl. (as above).

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
Public Safety Division.
L.F.S.C. (MIA)

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

No. 10.16311/10179

25 October 1946

SUBJECT: Manufacturing of arms, automatic pistols, cal. 7.65

TO : Public Safety S/C A.C.

In answer to your letter n. 9/28/CA dated 9/10/46.

Your Commission has expressed the desire that the control over the manufacturing of arms inferior to cal. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$, should be left to the Italian Government as they are considered non military.

Thus, while the manufacturing of pistols calibre 6.35 would also be authorised to the Beretta Firm, the production of those calibre 7.65 would still be left suspended.

On the subject, though, it cannot but be observed, according to the ruling laws in force in Italy:

1. that the manufacturing and sale of pistols calibre 7.65 has always been allowed and authorised by all the other manufacturing firms;
2. that for such arms, regular licenses for carrying arms, for self defence, have been issued;
3. that pistols calibre 7.65 are now considered surpassed by the armed forces, they having generally used pistols of a superior calibre.

Considering the above and the reasons given in the letter n. 10.15188/10179 of the 28th August 1946, and moreover, bearing in mind that the pistols calibre 7.65 represents the arm mostly used for purposes of self defence by private citizens and which bodies in charge of private surveillances and municipal and forest guards are mainly armed with, the writer is again obliged to insist that the Allied Commission revoke the ruling prohibition of the manufacturing of pistols calibre 7.65.

Furthermore, considering the slight difference in calibre 7.62 millimetres, we kindly ask you to re-submit this question to the Superior Command, also prospecting the necessity of not causing further unemployment to a considerable number of workers and also putting the Corps of municipal police in a condition to profitably carry out its duties of order and protection particularly difficult at this moment.

For the Minister
/s/ Ferrari

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Ref. : 3617/82/30

18 October 1946

SUBJECT: Illegal Movement of Arms.

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

1. Reference is made to your letter G-5:940.30-1 of 31 August 1946 on the subject of illegal movement of arms in UDINE Province.

2. I am now forwarding officially a translated copy of the Prime Minister's letter of 26 September 1946. An advanced rough translation of this letter was left at your Headquarters by Brigadier LUSH during his visit on 3 October 1946.

The present situation is that because of this Commission's dissatisfaction with the report on this matter which the Land Forces Sub-Commission received directly from the Ministry of War, the Minister of War has agreed to re-open the inquiry.

In view of the unsatisfactory and involved nature of the original report and the possibility of its cancellation as the result of the reopening of the inquiry, I am not transmitting copies to your Headquarters.

In my opinion, we should await the result of the fresh inquiry which should have commenced on or about 7 October 1946 before determining our attitude to the Prime Minister's reply of the 26 September 1946.

3. Your Headquarters will be notified as soon as the new report has been received and considered by this Commission.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces S/C

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TranslationUrgent

President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

Rome, 26 September 1946

My dear Admiral,

I have received your letter ref. 3617/59/M dated 4 Sept, enclosing a copy of the "L'UNITA'" of the 24 August.

Regarding the transport of arms in the area of Udine to which you refer, the Minister of War has ordered a strict enquiry to be carried out by the Military Territorial Commandant of Udine, General Amellini, in order to ascertain if and where responsibility lies for the declared abuse of authority. Assurances of this were given to the Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (M.M.I.A.) in Rome.

General Amellini now informs me that investigations show that the a/m transport of arms was not in any way illegal although carried out through a series of misunderstandings.

In fact the arms transported by the truck, stopped by the Civil Street Police, were taken from the usual dumps of the area and destined for the Artillery Section of Udine.

The written report which I enclose will show you that the a/m arms were taken instead to the Carabinieri Station of Torre Viscoza entirely due to a mistake of the NEO charged with their removal to whom the verbal orders had been imperfectly transmitted. The Military Commandant of Udine has proposed to the Ministry of War that disciplinary action be taken against the two officers responsible for the said orders. 3070

As regards the publication of the interview of Minister Soccimarro printed in the newspaper "L'UNITA'", I greatly regret the displeasure it has caused to the Supreme Allied Command; I have however reason to believe that the words used by the Minister were not correctly reported by the interviewer and that in any case they must not be taken to mean that he had any intention of including the Allied Command in the responsibility for the regretted inconvenience. This idea I feel must be excluded.

I beg you Admiral to express my most sincere regret to General Morgan together with my earnest desire and certainty that this incident will not affect the relations existing between the Italian Government and the Allied Military Authorities whose good wishes in helping the work of material disarmament is greatly appreciated by the Government.

Please accept Admiral my most cordial good wishes,

(Signature)

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Executive Commissioner

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JOHN R. HAYES
Major AGD
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PSC AMG UDINE

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Subject is ammunition of French origin. Can French Mil Mission be induced to dispose of their ammunition locally please. Udine has 3 firms breaking down AMN and this work would help keep down unemployment figures. Also quite uneconomical to move this AMN outside this area.

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Ref. : 3617/63/EC

31 September 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Referring to my letter No. 3617/59/EC dated 4 September 46 regarding the report of an alleged interview with Signor Sotodimaro, the Supreme Allied Commander would appreciate an early reply.

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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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5 902.30-2

20 September 1946

SUBJECT: Control of Illegal Movement of Arms and Munitions.
in AMG Territory.TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794EC. DIST. 27-9-46
Action: Land Forces S/C
Info : C.C. _____
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C.A. Section
P.Safety S/C

1. In order to prohibit illegal possession and traffic in unauthorized arms and munitions in military government territory, the Allied military authorities carry out a systematic system of checks and control. In the territory in which this action, in the interests of public safety, takes place, there are stationed elements of the Italian armed forces including the CC.RR. In order that there should be no doubt in the minds of the military authorities as to when genuine despatches of arms and ammunition are being made by the Italian Government to outlying CC.RR. posts or elsewhere in the critical area both while the items are in movement or when dumped, it is necessary that timely information be made available.
2. It is desired that you explain to the Italian Government the necessity for the action herein directed, and request that the following information be furnished in respect of Udine Province:
 - a. Quantities and location of all arms and ammunition now held by Italian army including the CC.RR.
 - b. Full particulars of any future movement of arms and ammunition into the subject area.
3. The desired information should be furnished to Headquarters XIII Corps, with copy to AMG Headquarters, Udine Province. Any movements into, out of or within the area should be notified at least one week prior to implementation. In as much as periodic spot checks will be made of movements it is most desirable that those making authorized shipments shall be possessed of properly authenticated documents to prevent interference by the Allied military authorities.
4. You will ascertain the approximate date when the report of present holdings will be forthcoming, and will inform AMHQ thereon.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

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OSOPFO Partisan Group

17 Sept. 1946

This letter is in a sealed envelope in the Field Safe and
is to be given only to Adm Stone or Chief Doran as it is
SECRET and PERSONAL for Adm Stone..

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Ref. : D.O. 800/127/80

12 September 1946.

[A]

The Executive Commissioner has asked me to acknowledge your Letter No. PU/64 dated 22 Aug 46 regarding Sig. Scocimarro's recent visit to your Province.

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* The question raised in your last paragraph has been taken up with the Italian Government.

Yours

A. W. Kinsely.

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Lt. Colonel H.W. BRIGHT, MBE
Provincial Commissioner,
AND UDIKE

CC Mail 3063
on 17/9/46

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
AFO 794

Ref. : 9/28/CA

6 September 1945

SUBJECT: Manufacture of small arms.

TO : C-5 Section,
AFHQ.

1. I have received numerous requests from various departments of the Italian Government as well as from certain private firms, for permission to manufacture or repair and to sell to State Departments, Commercial undertakings or private individuals, certain types of arms and ammunition.
2. The only direction which I appear to have received from you on this matter is contained in your AG 388/3/087 GAO/O of 2 August 1945 copy of which is attached for easy reference. This Directive, which was written before the conclusion of the war in the East and which consequently lays stress on our war effort, is quite clear as far as "Armaments and ammunition or implements of war" are concerned. It does not, however, define these items or state whether the manufacture of such weapons as sporting shot guns, small practice rifles or pistols of small calibre is to be restricted. Further, as this directive pre-supposed the signing of a peace treaty within a comparatively short space of time after the end of the war, it did not allow for the circumstances which have arisen in Italy during the past 12 months and which may continue for some time.
3. In fact (see my letter 501/143/EC of the 22 November 1945) positive control of manufacture of war material has not been complete owing to the absence of qualified technical staff, the only control existing being through the service Sub-commissions and their respective Ministries, leaving the manufacture by private firms without direct control.
4. As a result of this situation I am receiving the requests referred to in para 1 above, together with frequent complaints on the injustices due to a system (or rather, a lack of system) by which certain small firms are able to make and sell various weapons without any control, whereas the large and reputable firms who are under contract

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with Service Ministries are still waiting for authority to enable them to execute similar orders.

5. I therefore recommend that two decisions be taken: -

- (a) that the term War like material should be defined and that weapons which need not be considered essentially war-like, e.g. shot guns, sporting rifles and pistols or revolvers below 3 mm should be excluded from the definition.

and

- (b) that the control of manufacture, repair and distribution of weapons other than those considered as war-like, should be left entirely to the Italian Government, who may however, be required to give us such information regarding their system of control as we may require.

6. It is very desirable that some such ruling should be given at the earliest possible moment.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Chief Commissioner —
Ex. Commissioner
Land Forces S/C
Navy S/C
Air Forces S/C
Econ. Section
CA Section

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4 September 1946

Ref: 3617/59/EG

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The report of an alleged interview with Signor SCOCCIMARRO which appeared in the newspaper "L'Unita'" of August 24 has been brought to the attention of the Supreme Allied Commander. While appreciating the difficulties with which the Italian Government is faced, General Morgan has directed me to represent to you that he cannot but take a serious view of these statements, many of which are inaccurate, and of the charge of bad faith which has apparently been levelled at Allied Military Government by one of the Ministers of the Italian Government.

Whereas in the article the Minister of Finance is reported to have inferred that Allied Military Government is responsible for illegal distribution of arms, from preliminary enquiries made by AMG it appears that personnel of the Italian Army may have been engaged in this distribution. It has in fact been reported to me by the Provincial Commissioner of UDINE that on August 17 an Italian military vehicle was found to be carrying arms allegedly having been sent by Italian Territorial Command V, Commissione Ricupero 22 to the Carabinieri Station at TORVISCOSA. This matter has been taken up by the local Allied authorities with the Italian Command at UDINE and also by the Director of the Land Forces Sub-Commission with the Ministry of War, and General Morgan feels sure that you will order an immediate and thorough enquiry into the matter and let him have early information of the facts, and if the facts disclosed so require, of the action that the Italian Government proposes to take in order to prevent a recurrence in the future.

The article in "L'Unita'" suggests that the Minister of Finance had information of unlawful activities being carried out in the territory under the jurisdiction of the Allied Military Government. If this is so the Supreme Allied Commander is certain that you and Signor SCOCCIMARRO himself will agree that it would have been preferable for a Minister of the Italian Government to communicate such information to the Allied Military Government authorities in order to enable them to investigate the facts instead of publishing information as he did with damaging criticisms against the Allied Military Government. The Supreme Allied Commander trusts that you will agree with him that the action taken by Signor SCOCCIMARRO is most regrettable and quite contrary to the spirit which has governed relations between the Italian Government and the Allied Military authorities since the Armistice.

I am to ask you to communicate to me in future any evidence of illegal activities in Allied Military Government territory which may be in the possession of your Ministers or Officers of the Italian Government in order that an investigation can be made.

The Supreme Allied Commander feels assured that you are not unmindful of the considerable work expended in the past by Allied Military Government and by the Allied military forces in collecting weapons illegally held by the Italian civilian population. Finally General Morgan instructs me to say that he leaves to yourself and Signor SCOCCEBARRO the question of publishing a suitable withdrawal of these implications against Allied Military Government in UDINE.

Very truly yours,

MILNEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A P O 794

28 AUG 1946
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27 August 1946.

Ref: 3617/AC.

SUBJECT: Illegal Movement of Arms.

TO : ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS,
Attention: G-5 Section.

1. I forward herewith translation of a reported interview with Minister SCOCIMARRO which appeared in 'Unità' on 24 August and from which the article in the 'New American' on Sunday, 25 August, was taken.

2. In this connection I received yesterday the enclosed report from Provincial Commissioner, UDINE Province. I have instructed Director, Land Forces S/C to direct his PCU with 5 Italian Territorial Command to cause an immediate investigation to be made by that Command and to arrange with the Ministry of War to give orders to General ARSIZINI, the Commander, to carry out the investigation with directions that if this investigation shows that personnel of his command were involved, he is to take vigorous disciplinary measures. The 5 Italian Territorial Command comes under the Ministry of War for administration and discipline pursuant to AG 091.711 G(AD)-C dated 2 Nov 1945.

3. The PROSPERINO incident mentioned in para 5 of the Provincial Commissioner's letter refers to a recent AG trial in which members of the GEOPPO Group charged with illegal possession of arms successfully pleaded that they had understood from Allied Intelligence Officers that possession of arms was not frowned upon by the Allies, and were consequently acquitted. Authorization for making such a statement by Allied officers is unknown to this HQ. HQ 13 Corps are aware of all the facts of the case which was tried in open court.

4. While the investigation referred to in para 2 may prove nothing against the Italian Territorial Commander and while I would not consider it inconsistent with Communist Party policy for the Commandants to have "arranged" the whole affair in order later to expose it, the possibility of which is suggested in paras 16-19 of the Public Safety Division report attached to the Provincial Commissioner's report, there is no doubt that illegal movement of arms took place.

5. Nothing, of course, can excuse Minister SCOCIMARRO drawing public attention to this incident before making any representation through official channels. Had he done so he would have been informed of the investigations already put in hand by the Allied Military Government and Allied Intelligence Units in UDINE Province and the decision taken by me in UDINE on 22 August to take the corrective action set forth in para 2.

6. I await your instructions as to the action I should take, with respect to Scocimarro's interview.

Copy to: C. Commissioner ✓
HQ 13 Corps
PC UDINE Province
Land Forces S/C
PRG. CA Section

W. Ellery W. Stone
Major General, USAR
Chief Commissioner

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UNITA' Saturday August 24, 1946.

"FRIULI" A CENTRE OF PROVOCATION AND A SERIOUS MENACE AGAINST PEACE. NATIONALISTS AND FASCISTS ARE FOSTERING AMONG THE PEOPLE A STATE OF PERMANENT ALARM, AND ARE WORKING TO PREVENT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE VENEZIA GIULIA QUESTION.

Our Interview with comrade MAURO SCOCCIMARRO

Yesterday we asked comrade Scoccimarro who lately returned from Udine to frame for us the situation in Friuli and to tell us what are the repercussions of the internal and international situation of Venezia Giulia in this province.

"It had been two and a half months that I had been away from Udine"- comrade Scoccimarro told us - "and now that I have returned there I found the situation very much changed".

In the People to whom one talks today in Udine there is a very particular way of thinking, as if they were living with apprehension of serious events which might at occur any moment. There is a kind of state of perpetual emergency of seriousness to each event or new fact. For instance, the news of the arrival of a British division in Friuli coming shortly after the removal of Italian troops from the region, has been enough to cause a serious and particular alarm. This state of alarm is so much more felt, by the fact that the people feel there are no Authorities to whom they might apply for protection or defense as the organs of the Allied Military Government are out of access to the classes of the common people."

FASCIST LEAFLETS

"On this psychological ground it is easy to notice every where, and ³⁰⁵mostly among wealthy people, an unconscious penetration of nationalism which is not so easily noticed in the other Italian provinces. These first impressions that I had while talking to persons of different classes and which clearly show the reactions of the

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people in Friuli about the uncertain situation in Venezia Giulia, become even more clear to me after I had roamed about the city and stopped to read some of the posters stuck on the walls. One of these, an illegal leaflet of evident Fascist content, bitterly attacked the Italian Democratic Government charging it with being guilty and responsible for the loss of Fiume, Zara, Spalato, etc.....

A little further come other posters framed in black (mourning) expressed a violent nationalist spirit which clearly reveals a future action of unredeemed character to be carried out immediately against the foreseen decisions of the Paris conference. There are also against Yugoslavia which resent the fact that the Italians had caused damage to the Yugoslavs and which assert that the damage which the Yugoslavs charge the Fascists to have caused, was in fact done by the Yugoslavs themselves during their home struggles.

These leaflets explain the general way of thinking of the people as they clearly prove the existence of underground organized forces in that province."

DISTRIBUTION OF WEAPONS

-But why on earth the Allied Military Government does not interfere in so evident case of Fascist provocation?.

"It seems that the Allied Military Government officially ignores the activity of the underground forces in Friuli which are gathered around the so called "Fronte Bianco" (White Front) and around the illegal newspaper "Il Tricolore". But there is more. What happens in Friuli is the opposite of what the Italian Government tries to do elsewhere: instead of collecting the weapons held by citizens, it distributed others. No one seems to know exactly by whose order or on account of whom. Naturally these weapons get into Fascist or Nationalist hands or are sent to Gorizia, Trieste and the high valley of Natissone. 305 asserted that only from July 6th to July 11th, more than one thousand rifles, forty heavy machine-

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guns and several cases of hand grenades and ammunition arrived in these regions. Other considerable stocks have also been sent there on July 18th, August 13th and August 14th. This is why there are always incidents of violence recalling spreading the "antemarcia" period when the Fascist squadrons were terror in the region.

It is doubtlessly strange that such things should happen in spite of the Allied Military Government which controls, up to the smallest things and even more than in any other province, all the activities in the area".

How are the organized parties reacting against such a situation?

"It is easy to perceive that in such a situation the ICP is the very one, against which the nationalistic and reactionary forces are struggling with the greatest violence. This anti-communist offensive is manifesting itself through a campaign of lies, defamation, calumny which have nothing to do with political struggle. To the anti-communist campaign there is added a particular action against the partisans, inspired by a defamatory spirit toward the partisan struggle, and this in a region that has paid a tribute of sacrifices and of men killed for the partisan struggle higher than any other region of Italy. Instead of throwing light, appraising and exalting all that is noble and patriotic in this movement, they are looking for all disagreeable episodes, errors and blamable actions which are inevitable in any armed struggle, for the purpose of shedding light on them, of causing arrests and in general discrediting men and movements who have given the greatest tribute to the partisan struggle. This struggle against partisans is all one with the campaign against the ICP, the very party that gave the greatest tribute to the war of liberation."

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Attitudes of Christian Democracy.

" Christian Democracy has won a distinction in this anti-communist activity. It is, as a matter of fact the party in which influences of a nationalistic character are most easily setting in; the party at the head of reactionary forces, serving as a screen for all nationalist and fascist manoeuvres that are taking place in that zone. It is difficult to say to what extent the local leaders of Christian Democracy are conscious of such an action, all the more so because a number of them whom I know personally, are men of sincere democratic feelings. But it is a fact that in the Friuli region, Christian Democracy is carrying on the struggle against the ICP, and all means are good for this purpose, falsehood and defamation alike.

Once, on occasion of the appearance of fascist placards, four parties, the Communist, Socialist, Actionist and Republican, sent a joint letter of protest to the Prefect. It is characteristic, however, that on that occasion the Christian Democracy refused to join the other parties. It sent alone, an open letter for the purpose of taking a different stand from the other four, without pronouncing a word of condemnation, but instead making manifestations in favour of nationalism.

What does the ICP propose to do in order to move the Friuli region delivered of such an abnormal and critical situation?

"We must remember that the situation as it exists in Friuli is the consequence of three factors: the expansion of fascist and nationalist activities under a pretext of anti-Slav struggle; the impossibility of the Italian government acting, because Friuli is subject to the Allied Military Government and; at last, the large unemployment, which is causing misery and demoralization

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Follows from this the necessity of reaching a quick solution of the Venezia Giulia issue, so as to put an end to all fascist and nationalistic manifestations of causing the AMG government to cease and Friuli to pass under the authority of Italian Government, and of promptly starting public works so as to relieve the situation caused by unemployment and to improve the economy of that region.

The passage of the region under control of the Italian government does not depend of course on the parties, but they can and must do very much to favor the return to normality and to a peaceful status, in order to eliminate all pretext for the existence of a foreign government. In this manner will cease in the Friuli region all fascist activities and provocations that are today in progress. As for the struggle against unemployment there is reason to hope that within a few weeks important public works will be started.

In general it is necessary to find a basis of common action among parties for the reconstruction of Friuli. It is imperative to sweep out all troublesome activities that are remaining in the Friuli region, in order that the hope and confidence in a moral economic and political revival of that region may arise.

These are the aims of the ICP, which is tending to mobilize all progressive democratic forces of the various parties, toward the realizations of the objectives.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

File No. PC/84

22 August, 1946.

Subject:- Visit of the Finance Minister to Udine.

To:- HQ Allied Commission
(for Executive Commissioner)
Rome.

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1. The Prefect has reported to me that on Saturday 17th inst., the Minister of Finance, Signor Scoccimarro, went to his office at the Prefettura, interrupting an important interview, in company with two other Communists of this Province Baltrame and Lizzero alias Andrea.

2. The Minister, who had given no warning to the Prefect or this Headquarters of his intended arrival, kept the Prefect in conversation in the presence of Baltrame and Lizzero over a range of subjects, none of which were connected with Finance, throughout the morning.

3/ The subjects discussed were:-

- a) The situation of Public Works and emigration, which were well-known to the responsible Ministries.
- b) Public order in relation to the local pressure, which he said was being exercised on his comrades and especially on Lizzero.

NOTE A right wing press campaign has recently been directed against Lizzero for his alleged activities amongst the Partisans, prior to the arrival of AMG. This became so heated and so personal that some three weeks ago I suggested to the editors that such personal attacks were unseemly and that if the necessary evidence was available, it would be better to have recourse to the law courts, since when this campaign has ceased.

- c) The question of certain posters being displayed in Udine, copies of which I think were shown to the Executive Commissioner on his recent visit and were shown to GSI 13 Corps and referred to B.G.S.
- d) Alleged distribution of Arms.

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e) Communist policy towards the Slavs in relation to the Boundary question.

4. During this conversation, telephone calls were made by Scoccimarro to the Vice Presidency of the Council of Ministers and to the Ministry of Public Works and other calls in connection with his air passage.

5. Again on Sunday Scoccimarro went to the Prefettura to make another phone call, and on this occasion mentioned that on the previous day a Brigadiere of Questura Service had stopped a load of arms destined for the Carabinieri Station at Torviscosa.
NOTE At this time this incident had not been previously reported to the Prefect, Questura, or the Public Safety Division of this Province. (This Office letter No. PC/25 dated 22 August, 1946 refers.)
 Scoccimarro left for Rome from Treviso at 5 P.M. on the 18th.

6. These facts are reported for the following reasons:-

a) It has been the usual practice for Ministers visiting this Province to notify the Prefect in advance of their wish, when every facility has been afforded them to meet their supporters.

b) It is considered that Scoccimarro's action in interrupting the Prefect without warning on the 17th inst., (in company with two members of the Communist party), and occupying his time from approx. 9 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. was not in accordance with etiquette.

c) The subjects discussed with the Prefect, in the presence of two other Communists, did not concern his Ministry and in any case should not have been raised with the Prefect by the Minister in the presence others of his party.

d) The Minister does not seem to appreciate that this Province is under Allied Military Government and that the Prefect has a direct responsibility to this H.Q. and to the Minister of the Interior only through your H.Q.

In consequence the Prefect was placed in a difficult position which he handled with tact and reserve.

7. I would emphasize again that every facility will always be accorded any Minister wishing to visit this Province, where he will be entertained, provided notice is given of his arrival, - but the somewhat strange behaviour of this Minister is neither welcome nor desirable.

8. I shall be glad to have the cooperation of your H.Q., in assuring that Ministers of the Italian Government invariably give

notice of their intention, when they wish to visit the Province
and do not concern themselves with administrative or political
questions outside the scope of their Ministry, except with the
knowledge of this HQ.

(s) Bright.
H.B. BRIGHT, Lt. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner.

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Copy to: HQ 13 CORPS.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
Office of the Provincial Commissioner

22 August 1946.

File No: PQ/23

SUBJECT: Attached Report

TO: H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
(For Executive Commissioner)

1. I attach copy of a report prepared by the Public Safety Division of this HQ, relative to the movement of a quantity of arms from the 5 Italian Territorial Command to a Carabinieri Station at Torviscosa in this Province.
2. As stated, I have seen Lt Col Wathen, O.C. 5 BLU and asked him if he would carry out an independent investigation, in the 5 Territorial Command, into the allegations made in this report.
3. It should be appreciated that no officers of that Command have been interrogated by the Public Safety Division of this Province, and that the report is based entirely on information supplied by Carabinieri and Questura agents.
4. As soon as I receive a report from Col. Wathen I will forward it to you.
5. At no time has this HQ contemplated any such distribution of arms to any Carabinieri station, nor is any such incident known to the Public Safety Division of this Province, except in the Prestento incident which was fully reported to your HQ.
6. Pending the report of O.C. 5 BLU and further investigations which are being carried out by the P.S. Division in this Province, it is suggested that Minister Scoccia might be assured that a searching inquiry is being conducted into this case, and pending the result of this, it might be premature to release any information he may have to the Press.

/s/ H.N. BRIGHT, Lt Col.,
Provincial Commissioner

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Copy to: P.S.S.O. O.C. B.L.U. GAI 13 Corps.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF UDINE
(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

To:- Col. E.J. BYE, Acting Director, Public Safety Subcommittee.
R.C. Allied Commission.

Subject:- Arms - Alleged illegal movement

Ref:- PDS/14/B

Date:- 21 August 1946.

1. On 17 Aug 1946, at about 1000 hours, traffic police of the local Questura stopped an Italian military vehicle carrying arms and ammunition on the Viale Palmanova - Route 56 - a short distance from Udine.
2. The vehicle was driven by an individual in civilian clothes and escorted by a certain "Aiutante di Battaglia" DE STEFANI.
3. The vehicle was examined by Brig. di P.S. MEROTTA Pasquale, in charge of the Traffic Police section concerned, and was found to be laden with arms and ammunition, but neither driver nor escort possessed any documents authorizing the transport.
4. Questioned by Merotta, De Stefani stated that the arms were being sent by the Comando Militare Territoriale V - Commissione Ricupero 22' to the Carabinieri station at Torviscosa.
5. Immediate steps were taken to communicate with the Comando Territoriale and a certain Col. Olivieri replied that the statement of DE STEFANI was correct, but that the latter had omitted to obtain the necessary documents.
6. Brig. Merotta then conducted the truck and load to the "Comando II Reggimento Fanteria" where a list of the arms concerned was prepared signed by De Stefani for Ten.Col. A. FIGALIO (See copy attached marked "A").
7. The vehicle was then allowed to proceed to Torviscosa where the load was deposited at the Carabinieri station.
8. This HQ was first supplied with brief details of the incident by Carabinieri letter dated 18 Aug 46 and received 19 Aug 46 (see copy translated attached marked "B").
9. Further and more detailed information was received the same day from the Questura (see copy attached marked "C").
10. Capt. Hopkins, Public Safety Officer, visited Torviscosa on 19 Aug 46, and as the result of enquiries came to the conclusion that both the Maresciallo in charge of the station and Tenente Mancini of the Palmanova Tenenza had been

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expecting the delivery of arms for some time, and from their remarks firmly believed that these were for delivery to local partisans of the 'Osoppo' division - right wing elements - for possible future use against Communist and pro-Slav sympathisers in the event of disturbances.

11. A report by Capt. Hopkins is attached marked 'B'.

12. Both Major ARZICO, Comandante del Gruppo di Udine and the Questore Dott. DURANTE have been questioned by the writer. The former stated that he had no knowledge of the matter until informed by the Tenente di Palamona of the arrival of the arms at Torviscosa. He had since been informed, after enquiry at the Comando Territoriale that the arms were for use by an Italian Army Unit for firing practice in the vicinity. Similarly, the Questore stated that he was unaware of the affair until asked for a report by the Prefetto.

13. From preliminary enquiries it seems clear that Italian military personnel attached to Comando Militare Territoriale V are involved and this aspect of the matter has been referred by the Provincial Commissioner to CC, 5 BHU.

14. However, it also appears that an attempt is being made to use Carabinieri for the illegal distribution of arms and further enquiries are being made.

15. Strict instructions have meanwhile been given to the Carabinieri as to safeguarding the arms in question, and as to the action to be taken in any future attempt to deposit arms at stations.

16. A further point of considerable interest is that the incident coincided with a visit by SCOCIMARRO, Finance Minister.

17. It has been previously quite unknown for the Traffic Police to stop any military vehicles, Italian or Allied, and it is at least curious that this particular vehicle was stopped at this particular time by Police, mostly Auxiliaries and partially composed of "Communist-Partisan" elements.

18. Further that the visiting minister should learn of the affair before the Questore himself was informed, and particularly as prior to his visit Scocimarro stated that his intention was to investigate allegations (made by the Communists) that arms were being distributed to former members of the 'Osoppo' partisan division in this area.

19. While in fact no such distribution did take place, the transport of a large quantity of arms under somewhat peculiar circumstances to a small isolated Carabinieri station would lend colour to such allegations.

20. As stated above, further enquiries are in hand and a complete report will be submitted in due course.

21. Reference is also made to a similar instance reported by this office re corres. PSI/11/F dated 9/8/46 Subject: Newspaper Articles.

(Sgd) Andrew G.F. WAT,
Major,
MPPCO UMBRE PROVINCE.

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Uzine, 17 Aug 1946.

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List of material destined to the Carabinieri station of Torviscosa.

50 Rifles.
 50 submachine
 10020 cartridges for same
 4 heavy machine guns with spare barrel
 40 loaders for same
 6400 cartridges for same
 10 sub-machine rifles with spare barrel
 9860 cartridges for same
 10 "Mitra"
 24 magazines for same
 14000 cartridges for "Mitra"
 720 hand-bombs
 4 "Very" pistols
 240 signalling cartridges

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE (V)
 COMMISSIONE RECUPERO 22
 UFFICIO GENERALE RECUPERO

for the Lieut. Colonel commanding
 (A. FIZALLO).

De-Stefani signed.

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The Capo Gabinetto

(Dr. Cecchi Giovanni).

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REGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI DI PADOVA.
Gruppo Udine.

Udine, 13 August 1946.

No. 55/12.

SUBJECT: Secret association "Fratelli d'Italia" Report.

TO : SPFSO UDINE Province.

On the afternoon of 17/3/46 in the outskirts of Udine the Traffic Police agents controlled a military vehicle loaded with various firearms including 10 sub-machine guns, 10 "Mitra" 720 hand bombs and ammunition, which was heading for the Carabinieri station of Torviscosa.

By order of the "22 Commissioni Recupero" the a/m arms are to be held at the disposal of the a/m "Commissioni".

It is believed that these arms are to be used by the well known association "Fratelli d'Italia" of the "Gioglio" Division.

The local Communist Party, informed the Minister SODDISFATTO, who was in Udine, as soon as it became aware of the fact.

The latter thinking that it was a question of illegal traffic of arms, for a clandestine organization, asked the local Prefettura to give details.

IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE
(Angelo Antico)
SIGNED.

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QUESTURA OF UDINECOPY

Udine, 19 Aug 1946.

No. 010546

SUBJECT:

TO : P.P.S.O. - AMS Udine Province.

On 17/8/46 at about 100 hours in Viale Palmanova - main road 56 - the P.S. "Brigadiere" MEROTTA Pasquale, depending on the Traffic and Economic Police section of Udine, stopped, for the usual control of papers, the military truck type FIAT 626 - Army - driven by a person wearing civilians clothes.

The truck immediately stopped and the adjutant DE STEFANI who was on escort duty, got out and when the a/m Brigadiere requested his papers, he answered that he was not in possession of any paper authorizing the transportation and that the load consisted of arms and ammo was heading for the Carabinieri station of Torviscosa on account of the Comando Militare Territoriale - V - Commissions Recupero 22.

MEROTTA then invited the adjutant to follow him to the Police section in via Mariage, where the commanding MCO RENZI Gino, called the "Comando Militare Territoriale" by phone in order to make him sure about the veracity of the adjutant's statement and the legitimation of the trip.

Col. OLIVIERI of the a/m Comando Territoriale assured Renzi that the transportation was regular and that the personnel entrusted with the delivery of a/m material had forgotten to withdraw the papers justifying and authorizing the load and its transport, from their Command.

Brigadiere Merotta then escorted the truck to the Comando II Reggimento Fanteria where the Adjutant before him, drew up the attached list and signed it for Lt Col A. FIGALLO.

The truck was then given permission to proceed.

In the afternoon, in order to ascertain for himself the destination of the load, Merotta went to Torviscosa and, by the Carabinieri MCO commanding that station, he received assurance that the load of arms and ammo had arrived and was deposited in the premises of the station.

THE QUESTORE.
(Dr G. Durante).
SIGNED.

G/C.

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CONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION

PROSECUTION OF WAR CRIMES

(Public Safety Division)

To: Major A.C.C. MAY, S.P.S.O., -Windsor

Subject: Arms - Alleged illegal movement

Ref: MEM/14/3

Date: 24th August, 1946.

1. On 19.8.46 I went to the offices of Generalissimo, VERONA to investigate the alleged illegal delivery of arms and ammunition at that General on 17.8.46.

2. I interviewed Maresciallo MARINI, who is in charge of the Station, who stated that at about 1300 hrs. on Saturday, during his absence, an Italian military truck in charge of a Maresciallo MARINI had called at there and delivered a quantity of arms and ammunition. The person in charge stating that they had been sent from the Generalissimo's Committee 7, Generalissimo 22. A list of the arms and ammunition delivered was left at the General's office by a Maresciallo MARINI for General. A. MARINI. As soon as he was aware of the delivery of the arms he communicated the fact immediately to his superior officer at VERONA.

3. I questioned him further if he knew the reason why the arms had been sent to his Station and for what purpose they were to be used. He replied that about 6 weeks previous a certain Giorgio PALL, of Al Bistone, Florence, an Italian Communist of the Local Communist Party had mentioned to him that arms and ammunition would be delivered at his Station at some future date, for eventual distribution among the Communist Partisans in the Generalissimo and S. Giorgio districts, as a counter against a Communist air pro-gram. On Friday, 16.8.46, he spoke to PALL who told him that the arms would be delivered the following day. On Sunday, 19.8.46, PALL and his son called at the General's and they collected the arms.

4. I personally inspected the arms which consisted mostly of rifles, machine guns, ammunition and hand grenades and charged the Maresciallo MARINI to keep them in a secure place and not to dispose of them except under instructions from this Office.

5. I later spoke to M. MARINI, Generalissimo's Maresciallo at Palermo, who also stated that he knew of the expected delivery of arms and ammunition at VERONA for eventual distribution to Communist Partisans. He stated further that the Allied authorities were not aware of the fact.

6. On 21.8.46, I interviewed Giorgio PALL, he declined to volunteer a statement as to his knowledge of the movement of the arms, he would not admit or deny the interest he had shown in the delivery and eventual distribution of them. In my opinion he was fully aware of the whole operation and

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1. On 19.8.46 I went to the houses of Garibaldi, Mazzini to investigate the alleged illegal delivery of arms and ammunition at that location on 17.8.46.

2. I interviewed Marcello Benini, HM in charge of the Station, who stated that at about 1100 hrs. on Saturday, during his absence, an Italian military truck in charge of a Marcello Benini had called at there and delivered a quantity of arms and ammunition. The person in charge stating that they had been sent from the German Military Forces V. Garibaldi as Monzero 22. A list of the arms and ammunition delivered was left at the house signed by a DE MARCO for Benini. I noted. As soon as he was aware of the delivery of the arms he communicated the fact immediately to his superior officer at the station.

3. I questioned him further if he knew the reason why the arms had been sent to his Station and for what purpose they were to be used. He replied that about 6 weeks previous a certain Giorgio PALLI, of Al Fiume, Monzero, at the command of the local German Partisans had returned to him that arms and ammunition would be delivered at his Station at some future date. For eventual distribution among the German Partisans in the Garibaldi area and S. Giorgio districts, as a counter against a counter-attack by the Allies. On Friday, 16.8.46, he spoke to PALLI who told him that the arms would be delivered the following day. On Sunday, 19.8.46, PALLI and his men called at the German and I noted the arms.

4. I personally inspected the arms which consisted mostly of machine guns, ammunition and hand grenades and charged the Benini to keep them in a secure place and not to dispose of them except under my supervision from this office.

5. I later spoke to Lt. Benini, Commander Garibaldi at Palermo, who also stated that he knew of the expected delivery of arms and ammunition as forewarned for eventual distribution to German Partisans, he stated however that the Allied authorities were not aware of the fact.

6. On 21.8.46, I interviewed Giorgio PALLI, he declined to volunteer a statement as to his knowledge of the movement of the arms, he would not admit or deny the interest he had shown in the delivery and eventual distribution of them. In my opinion he was fully aware of the whole operation and the eventual distribution of the arms would have been made through him. PALLI has a very fine record as Commander of the German Partisans, he is in possession of letters signed by High ranking Allied Generals of appreciation for the work he did during the struggle for liberation.

7. I am fully of the opinion that Lt. Benini, Marcello Benini and PALLI had full knowledge of the movement of the arms and had been assisting their delivery for a long time.

(sig) D.J. Benini
Captain
F.I.C.C. - Italian Army.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
APO 794

24 June 1946

Dear Dr. Prunas,

I am in receipt of your letter of 27 May ⁽³⁸⁾ 1946 regarding the furnishing of shell cases and artillery shells by Ansaldo to the Turkish Government.

As you are aware, under the Armistice terms no manufacture of warlike stores can take place in Italy without the consent of the Allied Forces. Shell cases and artillery shells come within the scope of warlike stores. Therefore I request further information. It will be necessary for me to know the quantities and calibres in question, and on receipt of this information the question can be reviewed.

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In the meantime I must request that Ansaldo be instructed to take no further steps with regard to the contract.

Yours very truly,

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

Dr. Renato Prunas
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
The Secretary General

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
The Secretary General

27 May 1946.

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Dear Admiral,

The firm "Ansaldo" of Genoa has been requested to furnish possibly a supply of shellcases and artillery shells for Turkey. We suppose that the ammunition is needed for some material which the Turkish Government purchased several years ago in Italy.

While informing this Ministry of such request, the firm has stated that it could eventually carry out this order only as far as shellcases are concerned, as their fabrication could be undertaken by the aluminium department which at the present time is not working to its full capacity. They would also thus occupy a number of workers who are jobless.

I thought it advisable, dear Admiral, to inform you of this so that you may know, for every eventuality, that the order does not refer to explosives or to real ammunition, but simply to products which any factory of aluminium utensils can manufacture.

Yours very cordially

/s/ R. Prunier

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

E.C. DIST - 6 June

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Land forces

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INFO: ALLIED COMMISSION RAC FOR ALCOM AND NMIA

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IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THIS HEADQUARTERS BY ALCOM, THAT CERTAIN CIVILIAN FIRMS ENGAGED IN SALVAGE OF ABANDONED AMMUNITION, ARE NOT FULFILLING OBLIGATIONS:

- (A) MUCH OF THE SALVAGE MATERIAL IS GOING INTO ILLEGAL OUTLETS.
 - (B) ONLY THAT MATERIAL FROM WHICH A SUBSTANTIAL PROFIT CAN BE REALIZED WITH A MINIMUM EFFORT IS BEING DEMILITARIZED.
 - (C) ITEMS WHICH ARE NOT WITHIN THE TERMS OF THEIR CONTRACTS ARE BEING SALVAGED.
- COMPLAINTS FROM THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ALLIED AGENCIES HAVE RESULTED.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE IT IS DIRECTED THAT ALL CONTRACTS AUTHORIZING CIVILIAN BATTLEFIELD SALVAGE BE CANCELLED EFFECTIVE 28 FEBRUARY 1946/ NO FURTHER CONTRACTS WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH CIVILIAN FIRMS.

BATTLEFIELD SALVAGE CONTRACTS IN THE FUTURE WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY THROUGH NMIA OR MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782 U.S. ARMY

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Chief Comm

FEB 25 1946

MAR 11 1946

AG 400.93 BPCDS

SUBJECT: Collection of Abandoned U S Ammunition and Ammunition Scrap
Components.

TO: Polverifici Giovanni Stacchini
256 Via Cavour
Rome, Italy

1. Reference is made to Letter, AG 400.93 BPCDS, Headquarters,
Peninsular Base Section, dated 13 December 1945, subject as above. So
much of paragraph 5 as reads:

" Unless sooner terminated, the authority granted by this letter
is valid from date of acceptance to include 28 February 1946,
and all ammunition or components collected must be demilitarized
by 31 March 1946."

is rescinded, and the following substituted therefor:

" Unless sooner terminated, the authority granted by this letter
is valid from date of acceptance to include 30 June 1946, and
all ammunition or components collected must be demilitarized by
31 July 1946."

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

G. W. GILLIAM
Captain, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

Copies to:
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (1)
Provost Marshal, PBS (1)
Provost Marshal, PBS (Southern District) (1)
Ordnance Officer, PBS (1)
File (1)

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Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

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HQ ALCOM

19 February 1946.

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AFHQ, G-5

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TWO PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED A FURTHER PERIOD IN WHICH TO
COMPLETE ITS REPORT ON THE ITALIAN ARMAMENTS INDUSTRY TO ALLOW ITS
COORDINATION WITH THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES CONCERNED PD
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REASONABLE PD
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Executive Commissioner

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Translation

The Minister of the Interior

Rome, 27 January 1946

Dear Admiral,

from informations received during the last few days, I heard that the Allied Military Authorities were withdrawing weapons which, according to the well known agreements in force, should on the contrary go to the Police Forces.

This morning the Prefect of Brescia informed me that the British Military Command in Milan, ordered, through the channel of that of Verona, the withdrawing from the 'Beretta' manufacture of Gardone Valtrompia, of all arms in working conditions to be found there, which, according to permissions which are being approved, have already been allocated to the Carabinieri and to the Police Corps.

Such weapons were loaded on trucks that proceeded to Verona and will then go to Modena.

You know, my dear Admiral, the serious deficiency of the armament of the Police Corps and its considerable repercussions on public order and public safety, and therefore I trust in your kind intervention so that the arms in question may be handed back and such withdrawals from the contingents allocated to the police avoided in future, if possible.

I thank you, my dear Admiral, and waiting for your answer, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

G. Romita

Admiral Henry W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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AND VERMONT REGION FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

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6 DECEMBER 1945

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CC: Executive Commissioner

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L.D. BENTON
COL., S.A.G.J. LORNE
CWO, USA
ASST. ADJUTANT

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RE VENEZIA REGION AMG

RE ALCON

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Reference your 9067 cite AGE00 of 061930. Careful and confidential discussion with all provincial commissioners and prefects indicates that no such manufactures at present being carried on in region.

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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AMG LOMBARDIA REGION FROM HQ ALCOM

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7 December 1945

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT IS ITALIAN MUNITIONS PRODUCTION PD

PAREN TO AMG LOMBARDIA REGION FROM HQ ALCOM CITE AERCO PAREN

REFERENCE YOUR LETTER OF TWO ZERO NOVEMBER TO BERETTA COMPANY REQUESTING
MEETING ON THEIR PRODUCTION OF WARLIKE STORES PD. NO RPT NO REPORT ON
RESULTS OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN RECEIVED HERE PD. REQUEST DISPATCH OF
SUCH REPORT PD. CONVERSATION COLONELS DENSMORE DASH HANCOCK ON ONE
DECEMBER REFERS.

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Copy to: Executive Commissioner

(33) Economic Section

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L.D. Densmore
Colonel, FA

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AMG PIEDMONT REGION FROM HQ ALCON

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7 December 1945

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT IS ITALIAN MUNITIONS PRODUCTION PD

PARSH TO AMG PIEDMONT REGION FROM HQ ALCON CITE ACIGO PARSH

REFERENCE YOUR PATER TWO TWO SIX UNDATED NUMBER RECEIVED HERE TWO ONE
NUMBER PD. YOUR PROMISED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED
PD. PLEASE EXPEDITE OR TRACK.

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Copy to: Executive Commissioner

Economic Section

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L. D. Bensmore
Colonel, FA

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A.M.G.LIGURIA REGION
ALCOM HQ CITE ACXEC

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REFERENCE CABLE 8436 OF 15 NOVEMBER.

SUBJECT ITALIAN MUNITION PRODUCTION

I°) IT IS NOT POSSIBLE WITH AVAILABLE STAFF TO CARRY OUT AFHQ
DIRECTIVE IN THIS REGION.

II°) SUGGEST INSPECTORS BE APPOINTED FROM MILITARY UNITS FOR
THE PURPOSE.

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INFO - C.COMMISSIONER

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HQ PIEMONTE REGION
ACTION ALCOM CITE ACEXC

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1. Reference your 8435 and 8436 of 15th November.
 2. A survey of factories likely to be manufacturing arms was made in October and result is being forwarded to you.
 3. Industry officer and RPSO Piemonte Region investigating possibilities of control of production and other points raised but obvious now no technical Allied personnel available.
 4. Report follows investigation.
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INFO : Chief Commissioner
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ROUTINE

HQ ALCOM MILAN INDUSTRY B/C

HQ ALCOM ROMB

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Subject is illegal manufacture of arms

1. Personal survey by this HQ impossible because of inadequate officer and civilian personnel
2. Subject report will be delayed awaiting information to arrive from regions
3. Personal inspection by this office in several arms plants shows sporting guns are being manufactured by knowledge of provincial commissioners there are stores of warlike arms in various plants with parts to assemble more weapons a detailed survey necessitates inspection by a force of armed military personnel qualified to ascertain control of such manufacture which may be on authorized basis and impound such other equipment and stocks of materials which would be construed as necessary only for warlike manufacturing
4. Military guards placed in some arms plants are inadequate for security of arms leaving premises and arms were seen leave those unguarded entrances often no guard was visible anywhere for hours at a time.

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 INFO : Chief Commissioner
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NOV 17 1945

FOR ACTION REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS PIEMONTE REGION CIA LOMBARDIA REGION
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15 Nov 45

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PARA ONE PD DISTWO IN MESSAGE GEORGE OSCAR OBLIQUE THREE NINE FIVE SIX OF SEVENTEEN
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 THOUSAND MACHINE PISTOLS AND FABRICA NATIONAL FACTORY BRESCIA HOLDS THIRTEEN THOUSAND
 RIFLES THAT BOTH ARE ASSEMBLING MORE MACHINE PISTOLS PD IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT IN
 MILAN MINIATURE SUBMARINES AND A MILITARY AIRCRAFT ARE BEING MADE PD STATEMENT MADE
 THAT ONE CASE SUSPECTED CLANDESTINE ARMS MANUFACTURE TURNED PD

PARSED TO FOR ACTION REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS PIEMONTE REGION CIA LOMBARDIA REGION
RPTD FOR INFO DISTWO FOR ALCON LO FROM HQ ALCON CITE ABOVE PARAGRAPH

PARA TWO PD DISTWO STATES FURTHER INVESTIGATION WITH AMG ASSISTANCE NOW BEING MADE PD

PARA THREE PD REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPORT RELATIVE TO RESULT OF AMG INVESTIGATION

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F. H. McCLEARY

Copy to:

Econ Sec

Land Forces S/C

Navy S/C

Air Forces

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FOR ACTION REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS LIGURIA CIA PIEMONTE CIA LOMBARDIA CIA
VENETIE REGIONS

8436

15 Nov 45

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SUBJECT IS ITALIAN MUNITION PRODUCTION PD

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CIA MUNITIONS OR OTHER IMPLEMENTS OF WAR ONLY TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THE ALLIED ARMED
FORCES AND MERCHANT MARINE SERVICES PD THE OUTPUT OF ITALIAN ARMS OR MUNITIONS PLANTS
WILL NOT BE FURNISHED TO THE ITALIAN NAVY WITHOUT THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE COMMANDER IN
CHIEF CIA MEDITERRANEAN PD

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PAREN BASK PAREN MAKE A SURVEY OF ITALIAN WARLIKE STORES IN ANENALLS CMA FACTORIES CMA
 DEPOTS CMA DREDS CMA AND IN THE HANDS OF THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES PD
 PAREN TWO PD IN VIEW OF LARGE NUMBER OF ARMS FACTORIES IN NORTH ITALY AND GRAVE SECURITY
 MENACE IF NOT CONTROLLED REQUEST YOU STATE WHETHER YOU CAN CARRY OUT ARHQ DIRECTIVE IN YOUR
 REGION AND IF NOT WHAT ALTERNATIVE YOU PROPOSE

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FOR ACTION REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS LIGURIA CMA PIEMONTE CMA LOMBARDIA CMA
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 FOR INFO AND VENETIA GIULIA REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Ref No. 8435

Date: 15 Nov 45

Precedence: PRIORITY

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PARA ONE PD BY THE ARMISTICE TERMS THE MANUFACTURE BY ITALY OF WARLIKE STORES IS
 FORBIDDEN EXCEPT AS DIRECTED BY ALLIED AUTHORITY PD

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ALCON CITY AGING PAREN

PARA TWO PD ANY MANUFACTURE OF WARLIKE STORES WHICH IS DISCOVERED OR REPORTED TO YOU WILL
 BE INVESTIGATED BY YOU PD IF THE MANUFACTURE CONCERNED IS TAKING PLACE BY WRITTEN
 PERMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OR BRITISH ARMED FORCES OR PAREN IN THE CASE OF PRODUCTION
 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES PAREN BY WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE NAVAL CMA LAND OR AIR
 SUB COMMISSIONS OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION IT WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE AND YOU WILL MAKE
 REPORT ALL FACTS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS PD IF THE MANUFACTURE IS NOT AUTHORIZED IN WRITING
 BY ONE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED AUTHORITIES YOU WILL IN ANY TERRITORY CAUSE THE MANUFACTURE
 TO CEASE IMMEDIATELY AND REPORT THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO THIS HEADQUARTERS PD IN ITALIAN
 GOVERNMENT TERRITORY YOU WILL REPORT THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY QUICKEST
 MEANS

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F. H. McCLEARY

Copy to: Gen Sec
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/S/ E. M. WHITS

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A/CSO.

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/S/ E. M. WHITE

Captain,
A/GSO.3929
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Ref: 5012/108/EC.

30 October 1945

SUBJECT: Manufacture of Warlike Stores.

TO : Economic Section (2)
Navy Subcommittee
Air Forces Subcommittee
Land Forces Subcommittee (MIA)
Civil Affairs Section

1. The Executive Commissioner would appreciate it if you would submit your comments on the two attached directives which it is proposed to issue in order to implement AFHQ directives on the control of the manufacture of warlike stores.
2. The latest AFHQ instructions are contained in signal FK45604, 20 October, copy attached.
3. The responsibility for the coordination of the survey of warlike stores was originally assigned to the Industry Subcommittee with the Services Subcommittees furnishing the information (ref: 5012/17/EC, 16 April 45), on 25 July 45 this responsibility was transferred to War Materials Disposal Subcommittee in letter 5012/17 EC.

E. M. WHITE

Chief Staff Officer
To the Executive Commissioner

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OCT 25 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5012/EC

X-October 1945

From:
Mr. Chief Commissioner

1. I refer to attached signal FX 49604 of 21 Oct 45. This was discussed at the Executive Commissioner's meeting of 23 Oct. Colonel Pidsley, representing Land Forces Subcommittee, agreed that the question of the output of armament factories in Italy was one for that Subcommittee. He and my Chief Staff Officer are now going into the matter in detail and by tomorrow should have got out some definite instructions for the information and action of all concerned, also a reply to the attached AFHQ signal.

→ MSL
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Where is the ref. letter of AFHQ
of 2 August?

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Ref cc's minute above. Please see Folio 49
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Ref our letter AG388.3/087 GEG-0 August 2.

1. It has been reported to this Hq that a certain amount of uncontrolled military construction is being carried out in the North of ITALY. Construction in MILAN of a new type of military aircraft and of 1 man submarines, in TURIN of various firearms has been reported.
2. The question of the extent to which such production is to be permitted in the future is under examination in this Hq. Any manufactures of warlike stores which are discovered or reported to you will be investigated by you with a view to discovering whether they are taking place at the direction of or by permission of the U S and Br Armed Forces or (in the case of production for the Italian Armed Forces) the Naval Land and Air SCs of the ALLIED COMMISSION. If the manufacture concerned is taking place by permission of one of these authorities, it will be permitted to continue and the circumstances will be reported to this Hq together with a statement as to why the manufacture concerned is necessary. If the manufacture is not authorised in the first place by one of the above mentioned authorities, you will instruct the Italian Govt to cause the manufacture to cease immediately and will report the circumstances to this Hq.

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ACTION: ALCON INFO: AFHQ FOR CIP 028.

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Subject Italian munitions production. AFHQ letter AG/388.3/057
038-5 of 2 August refers.

1. Enquiries here tend to show that no control of production is being exercised as ordered in above quoted directive and that AMG in regions have received no instructions.

2. Investigation has shown that BERETTA factory GARDONE holds 12,000 machine pistols and FABRICA NATIONALE factory BRESCIA holds 13,000 rifles. Both are assembling more machine pistols. In MILAN are being made miniature submarines and a military aircraft. One case suspected CLANDESTINE arms manufacture TURIN. Further investigation with AMG assistance now being made.

3. In view of large numbers arms factories in north ITALY and grave security menace if not controlled request you state whether you can carry out AFHQ directive and if not what alternative you propose.

M/C NOTE:

Brig LUSH informed of this
message at 172145.

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1. Control of armament production is not controlled by ~~the~~ S/C.
2. District commanders, Public Safety S/C and Industry S/C AC should be able to exercise complete control.
3. It is correct that ~~Bretta~~ and ~~Sanchez~~ ^{Fabrica Nacional} hold stocks of arms. There have been asked for by Public Safety S/C but are still blocked by AFHQ.
4. More information should be provided regarding manufacture of further arms.
5. Suggest message is acknowledged and held pending further information from 2 Jot & AMG.

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See Mr. Jorko's ch. Industry S/C.

(23) re armament factories.

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JAN 22 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I have carefully considered your letter of the 29th December 1944 together with the Memorandum prepared by the Minister of Justice. The matters to which you refer were present to my mind at the time when I decided to establish the Allied Courts in the Bari area; I was induced, however, to take this decision for military considerations and because of the serious effect to the Allied war effort which was being produced by the large scale interference with the ammunition depots in the area.

Although my investigation persuades me that in the majority of cases the Italian Courts in Bari are doing their best, I am convinced that the volume of crime and the deficiencies of personnel make it presently impossible for the Italian Courts, however well intentioned, to cope with the situation in such manner and with such dispatch as military necessity requires.

Having in mind the contents of the Memorandum of the Minister of Justice, I feel that in all frankness I must point out the conditions as they are reported to me with respect to matters of personnel and the accumulation of cases both in the Italian Military and Civil Tribunals.

As of the 8th of January 1945, there were still lacking, the Primo Presidente, the Procuratore Generale, 3 Presidenti of Sections and 3 Counsellors of the Court of Appeal, 9 judges of the Tribunale and 3 Sostituti Procuratori del Regno at Bari; 4 judges and 1 Sostituto Procuratore del Regno at Trani; 1 judge and 1 Procuratore del Regno of the Tribunale dei Minorenni at Bari and 8 Pretori and other officials of the Pretura of the Province of Bari. In short, of a total complement of 124, no less than 34 were absent.

On the same date, 240 cases affecting Allied interests were awaiting trial before the Tribunale Militare in Bari. This congestion will inevitably increase if as recently intimated by the Ministry of War to the Tribunale Militare, its strength is to be so reduced that it may be necessary to close down one of two sections.

As of the 7th of January, 426 cases affecting Allied interests were undisposed of in the penal section of the civil courts, despite the fact that such cases had priority of disposition. The extent of the burden upon these courts and their inability promptly to dispatch their normal business is indicated by the circumstance that, as of the same date, 25,012 criminal cases not affecting the Allied interests and 7,636 civil cases were pending.

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I am sure you will appreciate the military necessity of obtaining a reduction in crimes affecting the Allied war effort and will agree that to accomplish that objective, prompt and deterrent punishment of offenders is essential. The facts which I have outlined leave inescapable the conclusion that the Italian Courts are not now equipped to dispatch such cases with the expedition which the exigencies of the occasion require.

There is every indication that the presence and operation of the Allied Military Courts have already served to diminish the incidence of crime against the Allied interests. Under all of the circumstances, I must conclude that their continuance is essential to military security and the war effort although I hope with you that this condition will not long obtain.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government

Cc: Legal S/C
Chief of Staff
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Prepared by: Lt. Col. MARC J. GROSSMAN, Chief Counsel, LEGAL Sub-Commission

Marc J. Grossman
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Lt. Col., Spec-Res.

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TranslationThe President of the Council of
Ministers

23136/19.10

Rome, December 29th 1944

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Dear Admiral,

I have given all my attention to your letter 12/11/44 of 12 November, about the institution of Allied tribunals in the Bari and Brindisi region, and I had the competent Italian authorities make thorough inquiries about the inconveniences you pointed out.

The Minister Keeper of the Seals has now transmitted to me the enclosed report which points out all the negative and unfavourable aspects inherent to this regulation, and also shows all that has been and is being done by the Italian judiciary organs to satisfy, in a true spirit of collaboration, the requirement of the Allies and give them the full, unconditional and objective help of our magistracy.

I shan't stop speaking about the technical aspects of the projected regulations, aspects which have been made sufficiently clear by the above mentioned note, but I want, my dear Admiral, to draw your particular attention on the political aspect of the question which is particularly serious.

Since last June, when I agreed to preside the Government of the country, my constant aim has been to reinforce by every means the prestige and authority of the Italian democratic State, for I am convinced that it is only through the good functioning of its traditional institutions that Italy will be able to give the democratic nations such collaboration as she is eager to give.

The work of reconstruction of the chief institutes of the State is going forward slowly but safely, so that now only, and not even in all sectors and all provinces, submitted to Italian Administration, we begin to see the first results of this difficult and delicate work.

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
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While explaining a few transitory deficiencies of organization, which are nevertheless promptly coped with, this enables us to see how much the announced regulation establishing Allied Tribunals in the Bari and Bitonto region might prejudice the efforts made in this sense by the Italian Government. This seems very serious, the more so as the prestige and authority of the State would be compromised in the very Southern regions where recent experience has proved the need for a strong and powerful State organization, to aid in the end the anti-national forces which do not help the war effort of the Allies and prejudices the contribution that the Italian nation can and must give to the common cause.

Considering this, I beg you my dear Admiral, to trust the assurances given by the Italian judicial authority in the enclosed note, and to see that the announced regulations be suspended so that the main functions of the Italian Government shouldn't be so seriously diminished.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

G. I. Bonomi

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NOTE

The decision to institute Military Tribunals in the Bari and Bitonto zone would be an obvious act of mistrust towards the work of our magistracy, and create an unfavorable impression among the population of these regions which have now been back under Italian authority for quite a long time.

On the other hand, this resolution does not seem to be justified for the Chiefs of the Appeal Court of Bari, fully conscious of the requirements of justice in this zone, have already asked for the judiciary personnel to be completed, so as to be able to proceed without delay to the definition of the penal proceedings which are still pending, for offences against the Allies.

On his side, the Minister hasn't failed to give satisfaction to the above mentioned requests by appointing new personnel, immediately substituting the magistrates who had been pensioned off, by adequate changes of seat, and by obtaining the discharge from service of some magistrates who were still under arms.

According to such regulations, the organic plan of the Appeal Court of Bari, composed of 5 Section Presidents and 19 Counsellors is now complete.

Counsellor MAGGI Amerigo only hasn't resumed his service yet, for he was under arms, but his discharge was requested last October.

The Procura Generale and the local Procura del Regno have now a complete personnel, and the Tribunale, which includes 26 magistrates has one vacancy only because of the promotion in appeal of Judge ANTONACCI Palma, who will be substituted as soon as possible.

It must also be noted that the special requirements for the administration of justice in the Bari region, and the wish of the Allies for a rapid change of the needs of the Court whom they didn't trust have found immediate comprehension in the last changes among the high ranking magistrates, including the appointment of the new First President and of the Procuratore Generale of the said Court, respectively substituting M. ST. CUOMO, discharged, and H. RZ De Santis suspended, because he is being submitted to a judgement of apuration.

To this we must add that, after the frequent requests of the Allies for a more rapid definition of the trials of the offences committed against their Army forces, the attention of the competent judiciary officials has every time been drawn on the opportunity for these trials to be dealt with first, requiring the greatest activity from the magistrates about this matter.

On the occasion of the installation of the new Chiefs of the Court which is shortly to take place, the Minister Keeper of the Seals will have to impart precise instructions for a more intense rhythm of work to be taken by the dependent offices, through a better organization of the services, so as to grant a better efficiency of the personnel and the rapid definition of the trials related with the interests of a military character, mentioned in Admiral Stone's letter.

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Fully conscious of the grave requirements of the present moment, the Italian magistrature will not fail to prove in this occasion too, its spirit of sacrifice to insure the regular functioning of justice in every field and particularly in that which is most directly related with the interests of the Allies and war needs.

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12 Nov 44

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

As you are no doubt aware, the Allied Military authorities in Bari have for many months complained of the thefts and acts of sabotage which have taken place in the various depots in that area. In particular they have repeatedly protested against the large quantities of ammunition which are either stolen or rendered unserviceable.

These complaints have been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Justice and the local judicial officials. The local courts, however, seem unable or unwilling to take a serious view of the cases which are brought before them.

The number of these offences is not decreasing in any way. The offenders are clearly guilty of acts hostile to the Allied Forces and are in fact seriously prejudicing military operations and the prosecution of the war.

I regret to inform you that I consider it necessary in these circumstances to protect the Allied interests by the establishment of Allied Military Tribunals in the area, and I am accordingly authorizing the Regional Commissioner to convene regular Allied Military Tribunals in the Bari zone for the trial of such cases of this nature as he may consider necessary.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe BONOMI
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME

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Pilferage of ammunition BARI is subject. In reply to your 6245 of 9 November and confirming our letter of 8 November same subject proposal is agreed.

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SUBJECT IS FILIPINAGE OF ASSASSINATION CASE CMA REFERENCE YOUR LETTER OF
 FIRST NOVEMBER PD PAGE 10 ADD FOR CMA ASSASSINATIVE OFFICER (ACTION)
REPEATED CMA PAGE FIVE (INFO) FROM H: AG PAGE PD THE COMMISSION HAS
 FOR MANY MONTHS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN THIS
 MATTER PD I FEEL THAT THESE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE UNPRODUCTIVE
 OF FAVORABLE RESULTS AND PROPOSE FORTHWITH TO RECALL THE ARMED MILITARY
 COURTS FOR TRIAL OF THESE CASES PD DO YOU AGREE QUOTE

Copy to: SO to A/CO.
 Chief of Staff.
 CA Section

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 NICHOLAS W. DUNSTON,
 MAJOR, A.C.D.,
 ADJUTANT.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 324
Office of the Chief of Staff

From Chief Staff Officer.

REF-1008/2/COS

Tel: 386

6 November 1944

SUBJECT: Pilferage of Ammunition.

TO : Deputy Chief of Staff,
Civil Affairs Section. (15)

1. I enclose a letter from Chief Administrative Officer, Allied Force Headquarters, on the above subject.

2. Will you please take action as indicated in paragraph 4. I am directed to ask you to write a strong letter to the Italian Government since it is considered most important that this pilferage be stopped.

3. Will you also please forward in draft a reply to AFHQ for the signature of the Acting Chief Commissioner.

4. I am directed to say that the matter must be treated as urgent.

Shen
Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

Encl:

Copy to: Major Quayle. —

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COPYALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C.A.O. Office

1 November 1944

SUBJECT: Pilferage of Ammunition.
TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. This Headquarters has been informed that very considerable difficulty is being experienced in the maintenance of ammunition depots in and near Bari. Pilferage from these depots by Italian civilians has increased in recent months and losses of ammunition are such that a very serious problem has been created.

2. There has been widespread theft of ammunition, and also of parts of ammunition. In many cases the damage done to ammunition which has not been stolen has been substantial and may indicate sabotage.

3. Every effort is being made to guard and patrol the material in question. It is felt to be urgently necessary that the Italian Government cooperate in controlling this situation, particularly by means of prompt apprehension and prosecution of offenders and by judicial treatment of the offenders in accordance with the gravity of the offence.

4. It is requested that you will inform the Italian Government of the above, and that you will further advise the Italian Government that in the event of any laxity in the judicial administration it may become necessary to try persons charged with stealing War Department property before Allied Military Courts.

/s/ J. CLARK
/t/ J. G. W. CLARK
Lieutenant General
Chief Administrative Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

REF : 360/23/CA.

20 September 44

SUBJECT : Italian War Material.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I, Southern, IV, V, VI,
VIII, IX, Liguria, Piemonte, XI and XII.
S.C.A.Os. 5 & 8 Armies.

The following should be added to paragraph 2 (b) of my letter
No. 360/11/CA of 10th August 1944,

(10) " This does not however preclude the rights of Operational
Commanders to make such use of the items mentioned as may
be necessary for operational reasons. "

M S Lush
M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Rome Area Command
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 360/11/CA

SUBJECT : Italian War Material etc.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I - IX & "Z"
Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province
S.C.A.Os 5 & 8 Armies.

1. This constitutes a full authority for the Italian Armed Forces to collect all vehicles and other war material originally held on charge by them.

2. Attention is drawn to:

(a) AMIQ Circular 13 of 1 May 1944, which clearly states:

"Italian Material. All Italian material belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the armistice is considered as Italian material and, except as otherwise directed by this headquarters is reserved for the use of the Italian Army under the direction of the Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission."

(b) A.A.I. letter 2030/12/Q2 dated 1 July 1944 of which the following are extracts:

"Cases have occurred (particularly in ROME and other newly occupied localities) where property, transport and materials belonging to the Italian Forces have been removed from them without proper authority and when the operational need for such action no longer existed."

"In future no buildings, real estate, transportation or other materials belonging to the Italian Armed Forces, or in the possession of effective units of the Italian Navy, Army or Air Force, will be occupied, requisitioned, seized or made use of without prior reference to this I.Q."

"The Italian Commanders concerned have been authorized to place notices on their property indicating its ownership. These notices will be respected."

3. Every assistance should be given to the Italian Armed Forces in their efforts to maintain themselves by the salvaging and collecting into Depots of war material scattered throughout the country.

4. When ownership of any material is in dispute the matter will

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10 August 1944

Maj. L. M. L.
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TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I - IX & "Z"
 Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province
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 H.Q., A.A.I.
 Rome Area Command.
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 M.S. LUST,
 Brigadier,
 Executive Commissioner.

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Secretary General

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 360/10/CA.

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9th August 1944

SUBJECT : Disposal of War Material.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I-IX & "Z"
Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province.
S.C.A.Os 5 & 8 Armies.

1. Permission has, in certain cases, been granted by Regions, to civilians to collect material such as motor vehicles, etc., which have been abandoned at the roadside, or which have been partly destroyed in action or otherwise.

2. Your attention is drawn to AFHQ circular No. 13, dated 1 May 1944, relevant extracts of which are attached, which clearly states that all enemy material will only be disposed of on instructions of Captured Enemy Material Section, AFHQ.

3. All Italian material belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces is reserved for use of the Italian Army.

4. The War Material Disposal Sub-Commission directs the disposal of war material and will be responsible for the granting of permits to move or recover such material not collected by the Armed Forces for operational purposes.

5. Particulars of all cases where permits have been granted by Regions or SCAOs Armies to individuals, giving permission to collect or move any material will be reported to this H.Q. so that a decision may be given as to the validity of any permit which may have been issued.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
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Extracts from AFHQ Circular Number 13 dated 1 May, 1944.

The following prescribe the general procedure to be followed in the allocation and assignment of serviceable and repairable captured enemy material.

"All equipment, stores, supplies, previously belonging to all arms and services of the Ground Forces of the enemy.

The responsibility for the assignment of serviceable and repairable captured enemy material and the maintenance of necessary records pertaining to such material and supplies is placed upon a special staff - Sub-Section of the Quartermaster Section of AFHQ. The Section is known as the Captured Enemy Material Section - is an integrated section consisting of American and British Officers.

The Captured Enemy Material Section receives all demands for allocations of captured enemy material and processes such demands to C-3 (Org) for allocation instructions."

MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE
GENERAL DIRECTION CRIMINAL AFFAIRS

Salerno.

SUBJECT: Weapons and Ammunition seized in proceedings decided by Allied Military Courts

TO : ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(Legal Subcommittee)
SALERNO

DSJ 898
21 MAG 1944

At numerous R. Carabinieri stations, located in the territory restored to the Administration of the Italian Government, there are arms and ammunition which were seized during the period of Allied military administration by the Anglo-American police.

The relative proceedings, regarding violations of military regulations, were decided upon by the Allied Military Courts, which, however, did not pronounce themselves with regard to the items sequestered.

Therefore, the Allied Control Commission is requested to communicate if, in case it does not intend to retain for the Allied Courts jurisdiction over such arms and ammunition, it believes that provision could be made therefore by the Italian judicial authorities, according to Italian law, and especially under provision of Art. 240 C.P. and 622, and following C.P.P.

For the minister

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to C.C.P. to deal with.)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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DSM 638
28 APR 1944

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26 April 1944

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SUBJECT: War Material in SWITZERLAND.

TO : Comando Supremo, Ufficio affari vari, Villa Rende,
Cava de' Tirreni, Salerno.

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With reference to your letters No. 100093/AV of 10 January, 1944, No. 100654/AV of 22 January, 1944, and No. 101567/AV of 9 March 1944.

The position in regard to war material contracts in SWITZERLAND is still being examined in LONDON.

I am informed that so far diplomatic action has been conducted with the following principles in mind:-

- a. Difficulties of export at present make assignment to the Allies unlikely.
- b. Assignment to neutrals is now being considered.
- c. There appears to be little danger of the enemy obtaining the materials under discussion since agreements with the SWISS Government in regard to limitation of their exports of war materials makes such a result unlikely.
- d. In general, diplomatic action at BERNE will follow policy of realising the assets or cancelling the orders where this can be brought about without benefit to the Axis Power.
- e. The matter of the OERLIKON Company referred to in your letter No. 101567/AV of 9 March is still being investigated and a reply will be forwarded as soon as it has been received.

Col.

(Sgd) (G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

Copy to:

Deputy Chief Commissioner (for information) — ✓

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18 April 1944

Subject, French Material Found in this Territory

To, Director, War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission.

The Chief Commissioner would be glad to know whether there has been effected any classification of French material-- railway stock, trucks, lorries, etc.--found in this territory.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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18 Apr.

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FARGO 878

FARGO (GEN MACFARLANE G COMM)

11th. February, 1944.

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10050 MACFARLANE

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FREEDOM FOR M.G.S. FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL

_____ With reference your 49856. Political repercussions would be deplorable. Sincerely hope you will not change present policy without consulting me further.

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11 Feb

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10050 MACFARIANE

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FREEDOM - AFHQ for Col Mann personal from Brig Miles Adv Force 133.

_____ Very sorry just missed General Gammel at Caserta.
Hoped to explain defence of Vis about which am worried. If Vis is to be held
against determined attack essential that proper garrison be supplied minimum one ~~battalion~~
battalion with ancilliary troops. Commando was sent for offensive action. Equip-
ment and psychology not suited for defence. Will explain to Brigadier Davy who
arrives 12th I understand.

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Signal Message Center

10 February 1944

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(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : SIGNED CHNG

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Owing to shortage of stocks of captured Italian materials for issue to Partisan forces consideration is being given here to the possibility of changing the present policy. Your opinion is required as to the political repercussions of a change of policy by which small arms and various types of ammunition and equipment would be taken from Italian units and troops for special operational purposes.

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" Political Sec.

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Urgently required by Adv Hq Force 133 for special operational purposes are 1500 pistols none available from captured stocks. Request you ascertain from Italian Army authorities if this can be made available from equipment at present with Italian Army. Further requirements of Italian arms and ammunition likely to arise shortly for special operations. Captured stocks Bren Guns almost exhausted therefore request you discuss with Italian Army authorities possibility of provision from existing Italian Stocks. No reply received our 43220 of 26 January expedite.

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 OF WAR MATERIALS FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES IN SWITZERLAND CMA NO RPT NO REPLY HAS
 YET BEEN RECEIVED PD TO FREEDOM FINGERS FROM FATIMA REAR SIGNED MACFARLANE PD WE
 NOW HAVE A LETTER FROM THE COMANDO SUPREMO REQUESTING THAT THE FOLLOWING CABLE BE
 SENT TO THE ROYAL ITALIAN LEGATION IN BERN QUOTE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE MILITARY
 AUTHORITY WE AUTHORIZE YOU TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS WITH REGARD TO THE CONSIGNMENT
 OF WAR MATERIAL CMA IN ACCORD WITH THE SAID MILITARY CMA TO AVOID THEIR FALLING
 IN ENEMY HANDS PD REALIZE CMA IN CASE THE CONTRACTS ARE RESCINDED CMA THE BEST
 POSSIBLE CONDITIONS PD END QUOTE IF YOU ^{APPROVE} ~~WISH~~ REQUEST ABOVE CABLE BE SENT PD
 REQUEST NOTIFICATION WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS DONE

AUTHENTICATED;

ROBERT E. DOE
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