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DISTURBANCES IN RAGUSA
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JAN 09NYT**SECRET**C/729/
JAN 101520A
IMMEDIATE

HQ MAF 860

AIR FORCES SUBCOMMISSION REPORTED HQ ALLIED COMMISSION, AFHQ, 3 DISTRICT
F.O. SICILY REGION, HQ BALKAN AIR FORCE

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Last sentence of second addressee's signal 9454 January 8th is not repeat not understood. This HQ has not been consulted or given approval for the employment of any report any Italian aircraft in connection with Sicilian disturbances. If the Italian authorities wish to make a case for the use of Italian aircraft for such purposes as reconnaissance or supply dropping that case should be put up by Air Ministry through AVM MASCAREL. It will be considered here and, if approved in consultation with AFHQ, ACC BALKAN Air Force, under whose operational control the IAF squadrons are, will be authorized to make appropriate arrangements through you to release the aircraft required, for employment under Italian Command and on Italian responsibility in SICILY. In no circumstances are any orders or requests to be accepted except through this channel and no repeat no aircraft are to move without approval as above. It is most unlikely that the use of fighter aircraft will be authorized in connection with present disturbances for which on present information they appear to be entirely unsuited.

2). It is understood that some 579 may already have moved to CATANIA. If this is so

(a) You are to report by whom and to whom was this order issued, and

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under whose orders they are now, and

(b) Immediate instructions should be issued that they are in no repeat no circumstances to be employed on anything but reconnaissance, supply dropping or transportation.

(Note: This message received from RMAC (Cecyphering).)

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ACTION: Air Forces S/O
 INFO: A/President
 Chief Commissioner
 C.O.S.
 C.S. Sec
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 PR Br
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 Political Sec
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PARA TWO DISTURB FOR ACTION RETD AFHQ IC SICILY REGION FROM HQ ALCOM FROM
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PARA TWO PD AFTER CONSULTATION WITH AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION ITALIAN PROCE
AIRCRAFT ARE NOW TO OPERATE IN AFFECTED AREA

AS DISTRIBUTION:

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Hon Alexander Kirk.
Sir Noel Charles.

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NICHOLAS PLOWBINO,
CWO, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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DISTURBANCE ACTION RPTD AFHQ INFO RC SICILY REGION INFO

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PARA ONE ID SERIOUS DISTURBANCE REPORTED RAGUSA PROVINCE OCCASIONED BY
ENFORCEMENT OF GALL UP ID COMMUNICATIONS ARE DIFFICULT BUT THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN
REPORTED ID

PARA TWO DISTURBANCE ACTION RPTD AFHQ INFO RC SICILY REGION INFO FROM HQ ALCOM FROM
CIVIL AFFAIRS PARIN

PARA TWO ID TOWN COMISO SEIZED BY RIOTERS CMA TELEPHONE LINE RAGUSA TO COMISO CUT
CMA ARTILLERY UNIT SENT TO SCENE FEARED DISARMED CMA TWO HUNDRED INFANTRY LEFT
SYRACUSE SIX JANUARY MET OPPOSITION GIARRATANO AND FAILED TO REACH COMISO CMA SIX
OCCR AND FOUR SOLDIERS KILLED THIS PROBABLY EXAGGERATED ID

PARA THREE ID GENERAL RONCA LEFT CATANIA FOR RAGUSA WITH FORTY CARABINIERI TO TAKE
COMMAND ID

PARA FOUR ID COLONEL LEONARDA PROCEEDING WITH ONLY AVAILABLE ^{TO} ~~WALK~~ ^{TRACE} ARTILLERY
UNIT ID SIX FIGHTER AIRCRAFT ELACED DISPOSAL GENERAL RONCA

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