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(NOV. 1943); JAN. - JUN. 1944

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Dr. Bruce MENTASTI

Sgt. Francesco C. HELLI

Sgt Enrico BAL-ESTRA

	TO	DATE	TO	DATE	TO	DATE
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CONTAINS PAPERS

FROM

JAN 64

TO

JUNE 64

CATALOGUE-

42/47

No

Precis

REMARKS

to report to SCAG 3th Army
 To SCAG 3th Army dated 14 Mar. 44 enclosing copy of No 24
 To Reg. Secy to Region III AOS dated 21 Mar. 44
 acknowledging report in regard to Carlo SALMERIA and informing
 him that no action would have been taken until his report had
 been received.
 To H.C.I. dated 21 Mar 44 asking whether Enrico SALMERIA was the
 same individual as CARLO SALMERIA.
 From Dep. Ex. Com. SCAG 3th Army dated 27 Mar. asking that REPORT
 should report to P.3. CHIARI. Previous request cancelled.
 To SCAG 3th Army dated 29 Mar 44 stating that H.C.I. has been
 requested to order P.3. CHIARI to report direct to P.3. CHIARI
 SCAG 3th Army.
 To H.C.I. dated 29 March 44 requesting that Dr. CHIARI report
 re in No 37.
 From H.C.I. dated 31 March 44 stating that there is no connection
 between the two names mentioned in No 30.
 Enclosing information re. CHIARI Francesco.
 To Ex. Com. SCAG 3th Army dated 4 April 44 stating that H.C.I. has submitted
 name of ENRICO SALMERIA as alias of RICHARD SAMUELSON and asking
 that steps be taken to have him "Sprengt". Asking also in view of
 interval of time whether a Sintono is still necessary.
 From H.C.I. dated 2 April 44 sending information re. SCAG 3th Army.
 From Region VI dated 1 April 44 stating that report re. No 37
 will be expedited.
 From Region II dated 6 April 44 stating that little information
 available re. CHIARI. No objection from Field Security.
 Cable from Region II stating "No objectionable information from
 Field Security Officer."
 Confirmation of No 40.
 To SCAG 3th Army dated 24 Mar. 44 from Regional Security Officer.
 Re. ENRICO SALMERIA. Son of Luigi and Elvira SALMERIA, and was
 born at Arellano on 17 Feb. 1922. No profession, entered army
 at 19 and continued until 52. Regular. No adverse information.
 Stated seems to be honest, any suggested appointment should not
 be made.
 From SCAG 3th Army dated 27 May 44 enclosing No 45.
 Asking what action we take. (This is addressed to SCAG Region V and
 sent for our information.)
 From SCAG 3th Army dated 7 June 44, stating that the current Sintono of Rionero
 Samitino is functioning satisfactorily.
 The Minister of Interior, 9 June, 44 conveying the contents of 42
 and suggesting that the name of SALMERIA be added to the Pool of
 Sintonos; also the name of CHIARI Francesco.

ACTION BY REG.
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REPLY

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requested to order Dr. MIRPASTI to report direct to S.T. CHIARI
PROVINCE.

To M.C.I. dated 29 March 44 requesting that Dr. MIRPASTI report
as in No 11.

From M.C.I. dated 31 March 44 stating that there is no connection
between the two names mentioned in No 30.

Enclosing information re. GILII Francesco.

To Ex-Comandante 4 April, 44 stating that M.C.I. has submitted
name of ENRICO BALISERA as Sindaco of SICHIERO SUMININGO and asking
that steps be taken to have him "Solved". Asking also in view of
interval of time whether a Sindaco is still necessary.

From M.C.I. dated 2 April, 44 sending information re. Colonel.
From Region VI dated 1 April 44 stating that report re. No 31
will be expedited.

From Region II dated 6 April, 44 stating that little information
available re. CHIARI. Non objection from Field Security.
Cable from Region VI stating "No objectionable information from
Field Security Officer."

Confirmation of No 43.

To M.C.I. dated 25 May, 44 from Regional Security Officer.
Re. ENRICO BALISERA. Son of Luigi and Maria BALISERA. and was
born at Arellano on 17 Feb. 1902. No graduation, entered Army
at 19 and continued until 32. Regular. No adverse information.
Stated seems to be nervous; why suggested appointment should not
be made.

From M.C.I. dated 27 May, 44 enclosing No 45.

Asking what action to take. (This is addressed to R3 Region V and
sent for our information.)

From M.C.I. dated 27 June 44, stating that the present Sindaco of Riunero
Sanctio is functioning satisfactorily.

The Minister of Interior, 3 June, 44 conveying the contents of 47
and suggesting that the name of BALISERA be added to the pool of
Sindaci; also the name of GILII Francesco.

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REPLY

A33/4/11/5/INT. MONTASTI Bruno, Ghelli Francesco, Balestra, Enrico, 23 Jan. 44

No.

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REMARKS

- 1 To Liaison Officer (Maj McSweeney) dated 23 Jan. 44 asking that this Sub Commission be informed of the name and career of the Sindaco selected by the It. Govt. for Castelfrentano. Reply from L.C. to No. 1 dated giving the names of above "as probable".
- 2 From Under Secretary of State It. Govt. to L.C. dated 2nd Feb. 44 containing the names of he above for Sindaco of Castelfrentano and Pionero Sanitico.
- 3 From Under Secretary It. Govt. to 15th Army Group dated 31 Jan. 44 pointing out the prefects generally selected Sindaco but to comply with request names will be submitted.
- 4 From Regional Liaison Officer (ACC- APULIA) to A-3. HQ. A-3, dated 4 Feb. enclosing copy of letters from It. Govt. putting forward above names.
- 5 To Operations Security and Intelligence dated 13 Feb. 44 requesting to be supplied with any information regarding each of the above.
- 6 NOTE:- stated that the above request for information had also been sent to Region III in re erende to Balestra only.
- 7 To R.C. Region III dated 13 Feb. 44 asking for information in re - ference only to Balestra.
- 8 Reply from Operation and Security Intelligence dated 14 Feb. 44 to No. 8 stating "know nothing against the above named persons.
- 9 To Executive Commissioner, RC & WS Sec. (CA Branch) dated 21 Feb. sign. by Lord Stensgate stating that Int. Sub. Com. has received copies of all relevant correspondence and are taking the necessary steps to satisfy themselves regarding proposed appointees.
- 10 Recommendation for each appointment will be out forward. Note by Lt. Lewis dated 24 Feb. 44 of interview with It. Grotanelli - :- Balestra - Lt. Col. aged 52 living neighbour- hoods of Naples. It. Govt. endeavouring to get other infor. required Montasti on a/c of age and conditions of Area strongly re- commended for Castelfrentano.
- 11 Re. RICHARD SAUTINCO It. Govt. suggest that Prefect make appointment. If present's nomination acceptable content with one of the above.
- 12 Reply to No 9 dated 22 Feb. asking for additional info. re. BALESTRA.
- 13 To Lt. Com. 3rd MG (CA Branch) dated 26 Feb. 44 stating that interview not yet in a position to advise regarding BALESTRA but will do so as soon as possible
- 14 Considered that this should not hold up appointment of CASTELFRENTANO Int. that Italian Govt strongly recommend MONTASTI, Security Branch know nothing against MONTASTI.

each of the above.
 NOTE:- stated that the above request for information had also been sent to Region III in reference to Balestra only.
 To R.C. Region III dated 13 Feb. 44 asking for information in reference only to Balestra.
 Reply from Operation and Security Intelligence dated 14 Feb. 44 to No. 3 stating "know nothing against the above named person".
 To Executive Commissioner, NC & NC Sec. (CA Branch) dated 21 Feb. 44 by Lord Stansgate stating that Int. Sub. Com. has received copies of all relevant correspondence and are taking the necessary steps to satisfy themselves regarding proposed appointments.
 Recommendation for each appointment will be put forward.
 Note by Lt. Lewis dated 24 Feb. 44 of interview with Lt. Orotanelli - :- Balestra - Lt. Col. aged 52 living in neighbourhood of Naples. Lt. Govt. endeavouring to get other information required.
 Mentasti on a/c of age and conditions of Area strongly recommended for Castelfrentano.
 Re. SIGNORO SANTITTO. Lt. Govt. suggests that Prefect make appointment. If prefect's nomination acceptable consistent with one of the above.
 Reply to No 9 dated 22 Feb. 44 asking for additional info. re. BALESTRA.
 To Lt. Govt. via NC (CA Branch) dated 26 Feb. 44 stating that Interior not yet in a position to advise regarding BALESTRA but will do so as soon as possible.
 Considered that this should not hold up appointment of CASTELFRENTANO.
 Info. that Italian Govt strongly recommend MENTASTI. Security Branch know nothing against MENTASTI.
 If approve state to whom MENTASTI should report. Signed by VP.
 Reply to No 16 approving Dr. Mentasti for CASTELFRENTANO and asking that M.C.I. be instructed to request MENTASTI to report.
 BAC to Army and to advise BAC accordingly.
 To V.C.I. asking that Mentasti report to BAC 30th Army (10 Mar 44).
 To BAC 30th Army by VP dated 10 Mar 44 that MENTASTI approved.
 To NC Region II dated 17 Mar 44 stating that it is necessary that info in his possession regarding MENTASTI be forwarded.
 To NC Region further to No 17 sending further info re. BALESTRA and asking for reply as soon as possible (17 Mar 44).
 From M.C.I. dated 15 Mar 44 stating that he has informed MENTASTI

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MINUTE SHEET No. 1.

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DATE

March 10. V.P.

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Minutes informed accordingly, see 18.
 Letter for your signature to ICAO 8.
 Being attached, 19.

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John

letter signed Richard & dispo.

J. P. Hopp

June

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Amable to this of last

The following attached report has been recd.
 from Region 2. There is no need therefore
 proceed with question of commercial of business.
 3. suggests therefore that this name be
 added to "pool" of business who are
 subsequently required for forward newly
 liberated areas.

4. If you agree, I understand you
 consideration, he should be so named to
 stand by.

June 7
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To Sir. Draft herewith B
~~John P. Hopp~~ waiting for

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 594

ACC/4/1/Int

9 June 1944

3. 3507: Sindaco of Ronero Sarnitico

TO : His Excellency, Signor S. Aldisio, Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. The Regional Commissioner of Region V has reported that the present Sindaco, Luigi di Lestro, is functioning satisfactorily.
2. There is no need now to proceed with the question of nomination of a Sindaco.
3. It is suggested therefore, that the name of Signor Enrico ALBERTA be added to the "Pool" of Sindaci, who may be required subsequently for forward newly liberated areas.
4. If you approve, I suggest for your consideration that he be so warned to "stand by" to move, if called for, at 48 hours notice.
5. The same should apply to Signor Francesco Ghelli.
6. Please confirm that you agree and that necessary action to inform both these gentlemen is being taken by you.

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R. S. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

*Reply to this letter is on file 4/14 page 9
No. 1466.*

Mailed on file 4/14 1944

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

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8 JUN 1944

Ref/357/83/CA

7 June 1944

SUBJECT: Sindaco of Rionero Sannitico.

TO : Interior Sub-Commission. (40)

Ref. your AOC/42/7/Int of 4 April
44. Region V have informed this Headquarters
that the present Sindaco Luigi di Lastro is
functioning satisfactory.

Planned Reading, Italy

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 354

Ref/357/71/CA.

27 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Sindaco of Rionero Sannitico.

TO : R.C. Region V.

1. Reference your 35/514/17 of 28 April 44.
2. Attached for your information is a copy of a report received from Region III respecting the proposed Sindaco.
3. Kindly let me know what action you take.

*no action until RC Reg. II letter
sent
1944*

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to:

Interior Sub-Commission (your AGO/42/7/INT
of 4 April 44 refers).

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

Ref: G-2/Balestra/374

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Sig. Enrico BALESTRA
Nomination as Sindaco for the Comune of
RICHIO MANNIFICO in the Province of CAMBRASSO.

TO : R.O. & H.O. Section,
Headquarters A.C.C.,
(Att: Office of the Deputy Executive Commissioner)

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 1 May 1944 regarding Subject.

2. The following information has been obtained:-

"Sig. Enrico BALESTRA is the son of Luigi and Elvira MAZZARELLA and was born at Avellino on 17 February 1892. He lives temporarily at 48 Via Concessionaria a Montecalvario. Subject lived previously in Caserta. In 1925, Subject joined the Fascist Party and 1941, was assigned to the Command of the Naples Military Zone. He is also Cavaliere of the Crown of Italy and served in the war in Libya in 1912 and in the World War No. 1.

"He has no particular profession as he entered the army when he was 18 years old, continuing until he was 52 as a regular."

3. No adverse information has been received to date. Apart from the fact that Subject was a member of the Fascist Party since 1925, he does not appear to have carried out any political activity.

4. In view of the above, there seems to be no reason why the suggested appointment should not be made.

For the Regional Commissioner

/s/ A.E. Heath,
A.E. HEATH,
Capt., I.O.,
Regional Security Officer.

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Adjt

Sir,

No reply to P. 40

Reminder. ?

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Lieut Lewis asked
what action. "nil"

19/5/44

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See note by RKT on
P. 40

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13 APR 1944

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A.C.C. H.Q. - SALERNO

FOR SPICER STOP REF ACC/42/7/INT FRANCESCO GHELLI STOP
LITTLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE STOP NO OBJECTIONABLE INFORMATION
FROM FIELD SECURITY OR CC.RR.

HQ. A.C.C. REGION 2

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Confirmation

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MESSAGE

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STC/HELLY INC.

I/C NO :

CLASS: NOT GIVEN

REF NO : RT351

PRIC : NOT GIVEN

FILED : APR 061130B

FROM : REGION 2

REC'D : APR 061515B
Via Teletype

Via Teletype

TO : FATIMA REAR FOR SPICER

P. 21

Ref ACC/47 Int. Francesco Ghelli. Little information available.

No objectionable information from Field Security Officer CCHM

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - AG File
1 - DSG Info
1 - DCC
1 - Interior ACTION

So can Quot an neti give us as further information concerning GHELLI.
What is he doing now? How employed?
Exact address? How our background?

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How/over

~~Director~~ Concepts above to 8th 1500 in Linker's
absence 8/4/44 N. 12/4/44 - Howard Baker in
his report.

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LITTLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE STOP NO OBJECTIONABLE

INFORMATION FROM FIELD SECURITY (OR) CC RR =

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Received 6/4/40

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FATEVI CORRENTISTI POSTALI - PAGAMENTI E RISCOSSIONI IN TUTTE LE LOCALITÀ DEL REGNO - FRA CORRENTISTI I P

MENTE LE RISCOSSIONI MEDIANTE POSTAGIRO SONO ESEGUITI SENZA LIMITAZIONE DI SOMMA ED IN ESENZIONE DA QUALSIASI TA

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Emissore *193*
Ricevente
Per circuito N. *112*



Le ore si contano sul meridiano corrispondente a l'Europa centrale, e nei telegrammi interni e con variazioni da una mezzanotte all'altra.
Nei telegrammi impressi in caratteri romani, il primo rappresenta il nome del luogo d'origine, rappresenta quello del telegramma, il secondo quello della parità, gli altri la data, l'ora e i minuti della presentazione.



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				Giorno e mese	Ora e minuti	

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AGENTI POSTALI - PAGAMENTI E DISCUSSIONI IN TUTTE LE LOCALITÀ DEL REGNO - FRA CORRENTISTI I PACA-
SSIONI MEMANTE POSTAGIRO SONO ESEGUITI SENZA LIMITAZIONE DI SOMMA ED IN ESENZIONE DA QUALSIASI TASSA

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TELEGRAMMA

N. 9 di recapito - Rimesso al fattorino ad ore

Nella e dovuto al fattorino per recapito. Il latore rimette una ricevuta a stampa quando e incaricato di una riscossione.

I A C C H P SALERNO =



HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

42/7/41
APR REC'D

1 April 1941

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Ref: A 135
TO : - Hq. A.C.C.
Interior Sub-Commission

Ref. your letter AOC/12/7/INT of 2 Mar. telegram
has been sent requesting that this report be expedited.
For the R.C.

W. Drummond-Young, Capt. 5454
Asst. Executive Officer
Region 2

42/7/40

PEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
ADD 394

ACG/42/7/Int

4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Signor Enrico Balestra

TO : Executive Commissioner, RC & MG Section, Civil Affairs

1. In February of this year, there was a communication between the Regional Liaison Officer of ACG, Apulia, and the then Under-Secretary of State of the Interior, in regard to the appointment of the sindaco for the comune of Rionero Sannitico in the province of Campobasso.

2. After considerable delay and misunderstanding, the Minister has submitted the name of Signor Enrico Balestra. I attach particulars of this individual.

3. I would emphasize that this Signor Enrico Balestra is, according to the report of the Minister, not the same man at all as Carlo Balestra.

4. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would take the necessary steps to have Enrico Balestra screened by the responsible officers of the Naples Province, as regarding his suitability for this post and secondly, would you inform me whether, after this interval, a sindaco is still required for Sannitico.

IMMEDIATE
ACTION

Encl: as in 2, above

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

May 27 - call from Capt Baker, RC & MG. Set that the matter came up today. He referred to his file and saw a letter dated May 1944 from RC III stating that a sindaco was needed. Baker wanted to know whether we had further data. I told him we had - that we had a letter from May 1944 letter and he ought to act on that one. He'll take care of matter and inform us.

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27 May 1944 HCTamp

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Ministry of Interior.
Cabinet.
No. 1500.

Reply to the letter
of March 29th. 1944.

Subject:

Appointment of the Sindaco
(Mayor) of Castelfrentano.

42/7/39
Salerno, March 31th. 1944.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

APQ 394.

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Referring to the letter mentioned above I beg to
inform you that I have given notice to the Dr. MENTASTI. I have
asked him about the questions^{written} in your letter and I am awaiting his
reply.

no action. Await.

For the Minister
Signature.

Cant.



Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

N. 1500

Risposta alla lettera

N. del 29=3=44

OGGETTO

Nomina del Sindaco di
Castelfrentano -

Salerno, 31=3=1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

APO 394

Con riferimento al foglio sopradescrit
to, si comunica di aver dato notizia al dott.
Mentasti di quanto richiesto nel foglio al
quale si risponde.

PER IL MINISTRO

Laparra

Cant.

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Ministry of Interior.
No.1542/Gab.

Salerno, April 2nd 1944.

42/7/37

Subject:

749 Appointment to Sindaco.
(Mayor).

To the Allied Control Commission,
Interior Sub Commission,
Lt.Col.R.G.B.Spicer,

Salerno.

Referring to our letter of March 31st. 1944, after having
got the necessary informations, we can give you now the informations
wanted by you about the Colonel Enrico (Henry) BALESTRA:

Indications: BALESTRA Enrico (Henry), son of the deceased Luigi
(Louis) and of the deceased Elvira Mazzearelli,
born at Avellino on Febr.17th. 1892.

Education: College (Scuola Liceale). Regular Courses at Modena.

Profession: No particular profession because he has entered
the army with 18 years until 52 years as Officer of
career;

Civil State: Married to Mrs. Giulia Dentice di Accadia.
Sons: Luigi (Louis) 22 years old, Student in the 4th.
year of medicine; Carlo (Charles) 18 years old, Student
in the 1st. year of medicine; Luciana 4 years old.

Identity Card: Being in continued Activity of Service the Railway
Identity Card was sufficient until to-day, but he has
made the request at the Comune of Naples for issuing
~~32~~ an individual Identity Card. However he is in
possession of the Identity Card of the U.N.U.C.I.
(Tessera di riconoscimento) No.16164 issued June 8th.
1942 by the Section of Naples.

Domicile: Via Concezione a Montecalvario No.48, Naples.

The Minister

Signed: R e a l e .

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Ministero dell'Interno

Salerno, li 2 Aprile 1944

42/7/36

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Risposta alla lettera

N. del

OGGETTO

Romina Sindeco.

Alla

COMMISSIONE ALLIATA DI CONTROLLO

- Sotto Commissione Interdi -

Lt. Colonel R. G. H. SPICER

S A L E R N O

A seguito della nostra lettera del 31 Marzo, avendo avuto le necessarie informazioni, possiamo ora darvi le indicazioni da voi richieste sul Colonnello Enrico D'ALESTRA:

- Generalità : D'ALESTRA Enrico, del fu Luigi e della fu Elvira Mazzarelli, nato ad Avellino il 17 Febbraio 1892.

- Titolo di studio : Frequenza della III liceale. Ha frequentato i corsi regolari di Nocera.

- Professione : nessuna particolare, avendo fatto parte dell'Esercito dall'età di anni 18, a quella di 32, come ufficiale di carriera.

- Stato civile : coniugato con la Sig.ra Giulia Dentice di Accadia, figli: Luigi di anni 22, studente 4° anno di medicina; Carlo di anni 16, studente primo anno di medicina; Luciana di anni 4.

- Carta d'identità : essendo stato in continua attività di servizio, si è valso, fino ad epoca recente, del libretto ferroviario. Ha in corso la richiesta presso il Comune di Napoli per il rilascio della carta individuale d'identità. Intanto è prov-

visato il possesso di riconoscimento dell'U.R.U.C.I.

A seguito della nostra lettera del 31 Marzo, avendo avuto la necessaria informazione, possiamo ora darvi le indicazioni da voi richieste sul Colonnello Enrico MATESTRA:

- Generalità : MATESTRA Enrico, del fu Luigi e della fu Silvia Mammarella, nato ad Avellino il 17 febbraio 1892.

- Titolo di studio : Frequenza della III liceale. Ha frequentato i corsi regolari di Modena.

- Professione : nessuna particolare, avendo fatto parte dell'Esercito dall'età di anni 16, a quella di 32, come ufficiale di carriera.

- Stato civile : coniugato con la Sig.ra Giulia Dentice di Accadia, figlia di anni 22, studente 4° anno di medicina; Carlo di anni 10, studente primo anno di medicina; Luciana di anni 4.

- Carta d'identità : essendo stato in continua attività di servizio, ed essendo stato in epoca recente, nel litorale ferroviario. Ha in corso la richiesta presso il Comune di Napoli per il rilascio della carta individuale d'identità. Intanto è provvisto della tessera di riconoscimento dell'U.M.C.I. n° 16134 rilasciatagli l'8 Giugno 1942 dalla Sezione di Napoli.

- Domicilio : Via Concazione a Montecalvario, 48 - Napoli.

IL MINISTRO
L. Bui
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Ministry of Interior.
No.1536/Gab.

42/7/35
Salerno, March 31th. 1944.

Subject:
Appointment to
Sindaco (Mayor).

To the Allied Control Commission,
Interior Sub-Commission,
Lt.Col.R.G.B.Spicer,

Salerno. P. 30

I refer me to your letter of March 23rd. 1944.

- 1.) About Colonel Enrico (Henry) BALESTRA we have not yet got the informations wanted by you, but we point to the fact that there is no connection with the Lieutenant Carlo (Charles) BALESTRA about whom we are informed well.
- 2.) However we have received the following informations about the other candidate whom we have offered to you:

Colonel (Artillery) of the Reserve GALLI Francesco;
Son of the deceased Alfonso and of the deceased Filomena Bergamini;
born at Bologna on March 19th. 1885;
Address: Officer commanding Depot 47^o Rgt. Art. - Copertino;
(Comandante il deposito 47^o Rgt. Art. - Copertino)
He is not furnished with an Identity Card because since 1939, at which year he has resumed his military service, he is using for the identification documents issued by the Military Authorities. (He has come back to Italy after a sojourn of 15 years in South America).

For the Minister
Signature.

42/7/34

Salerno, 11 31 Marzo 1944



Ministero dell'Interno

N. 1536 / Gab.

Risposta alla lettera

N. del
OGGETTO

Nomina di Sindaco.

Alla

COMMISSIONE ALLENATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione Interim -
E. Col. R. G. S. SPICER

S A L E R N O

Mi riferisco alla V/ Lettera del 23 c.m.

1. Sul Colonnello Enrico MALESTRA ancora non abbiamo potuto avere le informazioni da voi richieste. Escludiamo però che abbia nulla a che fare con il Tenente Carlo MALESTRA, sul quale siamo bene informati.
2. Abbiamo invece ricevuto le seguenti informazioni su l'altro nomi-
nativo che vi avevamo offerto:
 - Colonnello Artigl. riserva GABBA Francesco;
 - figlio del fu Alfonso e della fu Filomena Bergamini;
 - nato il 19 Marzo 1902 a Bologna;
 - indirizzato: comandante il deposito 47° Rgt. Art. - Copertino;
 - sprovvisto di carta d'identità poiché dal 1939, cioè da quando (rientrato in Italia dopo 12 anni di permanenza nell'America del Sud) ha ripreso servizio militare, utilizza per l'identificazione documenti rilasciati dalle autorità militari.
 - professione: ingegnere civile.

IL MINISTRO

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2. Abbiamo invece ricevuto le seguenti informazioni su l'altro nominato che vi avevamo offerto:
 - Colonnello Artig. riserva GEMELLI Francesco;
 - figlio del fu Alfonso e della fu Filomena Bergamini;
 - nato il 19 Marzo 1883 a Bologna;
 - indirizzo: comandante il deposito 47° Rgt. Art. - Copertino;
 - sprovvisto di carta d'identità poiché dal 1939, cioè da quando (rientrato in Italia dopo 15 anni di permanenza nell'America del Sud) ha ripreso servizio militare, utilizza per l'identificazione documenti rilasciati dalle autorità militari.
 - professione: insegnere civile.

IL MINISTRO

Laparte

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/42/7/Int

29 March 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Mayor of Castelfrentano

TO : His Excellency, Dr. Reale, Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency,

1. Reference our letter ACC/42/7/Int of 10 March 1944.

2. It is requested that arrangements be made for Dott. Mentasti to report direct to the Provincial Commissioner, Chieti Province, if Dott. Mentasti has not already left for his assignment. This request cancels that made in paragraph 2 of our letter of 10 March, 1944.


R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior sub-Commission

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APC 394

ACC/A2/7/Int

29 March 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Mayor of Castelfrentano

TO : SCAG: 8th ARMY, AMG (through PC & AG Section, Main HQ)

1. Reference your OA/72 of 24 March, 1944. I have to inform you that the Minister of the Interior, Italian Government, has been requested to order Dott. Mantasti to report direct to the Provincial Commissioner, Chieti Province, if Dott. Mantasti has not already left for his assignment.

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
S.O. & M.G. Section
APO 394

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Ref/350/11/CA.

27 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Mayor of CASTELPRESTANO.

TO : V.P. Admin. Section.

1. Reference our letter 350/11/CA of 7 Mar 44.
2. Will you please request the Minister of the Interior to have Dott. Montastri to report direct to P.O. CHIETI Province, if Dott. Montastri has not already left for his assignment. This request cancels that made in para.3 of our previous letter.
3. Please inform the S.C.A.O. 8th Army AEG of the action taken in this matter.

*For [Signature]
Captain [Signature]
for NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.*

Copy to: SCAC. AEG 8th Army. Ref OA/72 of
24 Mar 44.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

AOC/42/7/Int

21 March 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Sindaco

TO : His Excellency, Minister of Interior, Italian Government

Your Excellency:

1. With reference to my letter AOC/42/Int of 13 February, Your Excellency submitted the name of Signor Enrico Balestra, and subsequently, we were informed through your Liaison Officer, that the only particulars in your possession were that he was a Lieutenant Colonel, aged 52, and was living in the neighborhood of Naples.

2. I should be grateful to be informed if this (Enrico) Balestra is the same individual as Lieutenant Colonel (Carlo) Balestra di Mottola.



R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Reminder sent 2/4
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

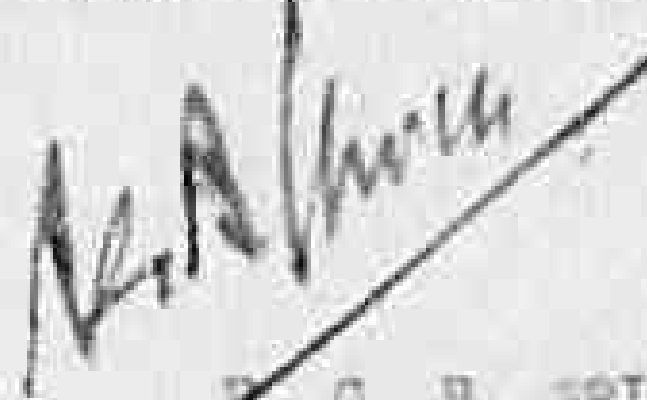
ACC/42/7/INT

21 March 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Sindaco

TO : Regional Secretary of Region III. ACC.

1. Thank you for your report of 19 March, G-2/ISC/137.
2. Thank you also for the report in regard to Carlo Balestra. No action has been taken in regard to this individual, nor would any action have been taken further in this regard, until your report had been received.



R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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

Ref:- G-2/ISC/137

19 March 1944

20. March

SUBJECT: Appointment of Sindaco,
Lt. Col. CARLO BALESTRA DI MOTTOLA.

TO: Director- Interior Sub-commission,
Rear Headquarters Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

FROM: Regional Security Officer,
Region 3, A.C.C.

1. Reference is made to our letter dated 22 February 1944, G-2/ISC/137 and your letter dated 11 March 1944, ACC/42/7/Int. — P. 22

2. It is presumed that your inquiry refers to the above named individual since no Lt. Col. ENRICO BALESTRA has so far been identified in this area.

3. CARLO BALESTRA, in a report dated 19/1/1944 (Evaluation B-3), is stated:-

To be a Gerarca collaborating with the Badoglio Government.

A one-time fascist Federal Secretary of Avellino. —

A Fascist volunteer during the Spanish Civil War,

A special envoy to the Ustachiat Zagreb.

4. He is now a Lieut. Colonel of the Bersaglieri and wears the Savoy insignia.
Politically, he is a Fascist Monarchist.

5. At the beginning of January, together with a few armed men belonging to his regiment, he threatened the Attorney DORSO of Avellino for having had "the impudence" to publish an article against the King in the newspaper "Irpina Libera".

6. The resentment of the local population for his being once again in the limelight, is reflected by ~~copy~~ a leaflet (copy attached) (original in possession of this Security Officer) which was plastered all over the Province of Avellino in the latter part of November 1943.

7. CARLO BALESTRA DI MOTTOLA, according to an independent source (Evaluation B-2) in a statement received by this Security Officer in November 1943,

Was a National councillor, and
Fascist representative in CROATIA, attached to the Pavelic Government.

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19 March 1944 - contd.

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Furthermore, he was an intimate and devoted friend of the Ciano family. Prior to the fall of Fascism, he publicly boasted that he had beaten British prisoners of war.

8. It would be appreciated if these Headquarters could be informed of any action you take in connection with Lt. Col. CARLO BALESTRA.

A. E. Heath
A. E. HEATH,
Capt., I. C.,
Regional Security Officer.

NOTE:-

Copy to- Regional Commissioner
Regional Legal Officer
Regional Public Safety Officer
Security Intelligence Branch, ACC, HQ.
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F.S.S.

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COPY OF PAMPHLET
DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE OF AVELLINO
IN NOVEMBER 1943

Il famigerato CARLO BALESTRA di MOTTOLA, legionario nella guerra di Spagna (con un premio di 50,000 lire) federale fascista d'Avellino, rappresentante del partito fascista presso il partito ustascio di Croazia, e' tornato alla ribalta in veste di condottiero di squadre che sotto lo stemma di Savoia e la divisa grigioverde pensano di rinnovare le gesta di violenza degli squadristi, minacciando uomini liberi, per le loro libere opinioni politiche.

IL CAPO INDICA QUAL SIA LA NATURA DEI GREGARI, E DEGLI SCOPI CHE ESSI PERSEGUONO.

MA CON I FASCISMI DINASTICI O MILITARI, BASTA !

IL PARTITO d'A ZIONE

Certified true copy.

A. E. Heath
A. E. HEATH,
Capt., I. C.,
Regional Security Officer.

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42/7/25

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED GERMAN COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
AM. 194.

105/12/7/1944.

15th March, 1944.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Mayor of Casselkronland.

TO : SACO, 6th Army and Headquarters, Bari.
(through AM & AS Section, Main HQ)

The attached copy letter from the Minister of Interior is forwarded for information.

V.
S. G. L. WALKER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

cc.

Encl. 1.

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Return to Admin Section

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Ministry of Interior.

No. 1121/GAB.

Reply to the letter

ACC/42/7 Int. of March 10th. 44.

SUBJECT:

Nomination of the Mayor
(Sindaco) of Castelfrentano,
Chieti - Province.

Salerno, March 15th. 1944.

42/7/24
R.G.B. Spicer,
Lt. Colonel,
Director Interior Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission,

Salerno.

Referring to the letter mentioned above I beg to inform you that I have communicated to Dott. Bruno MENTASTI, at present II. Lt. of 474 Bgt. of the coast (Costiero), Brindisi, that his nomination as Sindaco (Mayor) of Castelfrentano has been approved and that he must turn himself to B.C.A.O. 8th Army - A.M.G. by his Command at Bari.

I inform him simultaneously that his immediate leave of the army has been proposed at the Ministry of War.

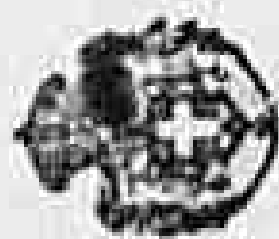
The Minister

Signed: R e a l e .

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Ministero dell'Interno

Salerno, 15 marzo 1944

N. 1121/DAB

Risposta alla lettera

P. 18

Acc/ N. 42/7 Int. del 10-3-43

OGGETTO

Nomina del Sindaco di Castellfrentano (Chieti)

R.G.B. SPICER
Lt. ColonelDirector Interior Sub Commission
Allied Control CommissionSALERNO

Con riferimento alla nota sopradistinta, la informo di avere comunicato al dott. Bruno Mentasti, attualmente S. Tente presso il 474° Regt. Costiero - Brindisi, che la sua nomina a Sindaco di Castellfrentano è stata approvata e che egli deve rivolgersi al S.C.A.O. 8th Army - A.M.G. al suo Comando a Bari.

Le comunico nel contempo che è stato richiesto al Ministero della Guerra il suo sollecito congedamento dalle armi.

IL MINISTRO

SALERNO

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Le comunico nel contempo che è stato richiesto al Ministero della Guerra il suo sollecito congedamento dalle armi.

IL MINISTRO

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACG/52/7/122

11 March 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of DiNisco

TO : HQ, Region III (for attention of Regional Security Officer)

1. Reference your letter of 22 February 1944, C-2/ISC/137, asking for additional details concerning Signor Enrico SALERNA, these are not in the possession of this sub-commission, but it has been ascertained that he is 52 years of age, held the rank of Lt Colonel, and is living in the neighborhood of Naples.

2. Should the additional details desired by you be forthcoming, they will be forwarded immediately, but meantime, as the making of the appointment is urgent, any information you may now have, or which you may be able to gather, will be welcomed.

3. The Italian Government are not able to supply the details which you requested.


R. G. B. SMITH
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-commission

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

AGC/42/7/Int

11 March 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Sindaco of Rionero Sannitico. (Province of Campobasso)
TO : EC, Region II

1. It is necessary that a Sindaco be appointed for Rionero Sannitico.
2. The name of Signor Francesco GHILLI, Commario Tappa, Lecce, has been suggested.
3. As the making of the appointment is urgent, it will be appreciated if you will send, at your earliest, the fullest information in your possession, or which you may be able to obtain, regarding him, and especially give your opinion as to his suitability for the post of Sindaco.



R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior sub-commission

Reminder sent 26/3/44

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SUBJECT:- Rionero Sannitico (Province of Campobasso)
Appointment of Sindaco - Enrico Balestra.

MEMO for Lt. Col. Spicer.

1. On 13 FEB 44 RC Reg III asked to supply any information he had. information
2. Replied 22 FEB 44 asking certain to enable him to pursue necessary enquiries.
3. Lt. Lewis approached Liaison Officer Lt. Gvt. with the view of obtaining (2).
4. Liaison Officer undertook to procure and supply - Balestra's whereabouts were not then known.
5. On 10 MAR 44 Lt. Shanks enquired at Liaison Officer whether in a position to supply further info.
6. Liaison Offr. stated he had not yet received any further information. He then phoned Secy to Min. of Int. reminding him and asked that every endeavour be made to obtain this as soon as possible.
7. Liaison to inform this Sub Com. when info. recd.

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TES. 10 MAR. 44.

- ① Add to-day letter to Region I - give full particulars - Ask for enquiry - report on the suitability or success for Rionero in the Province of Campobasso.
- ② Also ask liaison officer again if he has any news of Balestra whereabouts.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACG/42/7/Int

10 March 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Mayor of Castelfrentano

TO : SCAG, 8th Army AMG, Headquarters, Bari
(Through SO & MI Section, Main Hq)

1. I have to inform you that the appointment of Dott. MENTASTI as Mayor of Castelfrentano has been approved.
2. The Minister of Interior has been notified of this and requested that Dott. MENTASTI be instructed to report to you.

(Sgd) Stanogate.

STANOGATE
V. P., Admin Section

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 384

MCC/42/7/Int

10 March 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Mayor of Castelfrentano

TO : His Excellency, the Minister of Interior, Italian Government

Your Excellency:

1. I have to inform you that the appointment of Dott. Bruno MENTASTI as Mayor of Castelfrentano has been approved.
2. Dott. MENTASTI should be instructed to report to SCAG, 8th Army, APO, at his Headquarters at Bari.


R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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

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Ref/350/11/CA

42/7/17
7 March 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Mayor of Castelfrentano.

TO : V. P. Administrative Section. P.16

1. Reference your letter AOC/42/7 INT., the appointment of Dott. Bruno MENTASTI as Mayor of Castelfrentano is approved.

2. It was hoped to consult Group Captain Benson, SCAD 8 Army, AMG, regarding the procedure to be adopted for his installation. This was not possible.

3. Will you please inform the Minister of Interior that the appointment is approved and request that Dott. MENTASTI be instructed to report to SCAD 8 Army, AMG, at his HQ at RARI.

4. Please advise SCAD 8 Army AMG that this has been done.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to SCAD 8 Army AMG

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

NSC/42/7/Int

26 February 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Mayor of Castelfrentano

TO : Executive Commissioner - NC & MC Section (CA Branch)

1. Reference is made to my letter of the 22 January, (returning file herein) and to the following correspondence:

ASG/632/21 dated 13 January

ASG/632/33 dated 23 January

2. Interior Sub-commission are not yet in a position to advise regarding Balestra, but will do so as soon as possible.

3. They consider, however, that this should not hold up the Castelfrentano appointment.

4. The Italian Government strongly recommended Dott. Bruno MONTASTI as Sindaco of that town, he being the most suitable of the three, having regard to his age, and qualifications and the conditions in the area under which he will have to work.

5. Security Branch know nothing against Montasti.

6. If you approve, will you please state to whom Montasti should report on arrival, e.g., the senior ACC officer of the area, or to the nearest Prefect, and authorize the Interior Sub-commission to notify the Minister of Interior accordingly.

RRC
The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stansgate
Vice President, Administrative Section

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U. S. Army

Ref:- G-2/ISC/137

22 February 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Sindaco.

TO: Allied Control Commission,
Interior Sub Commission.

1. Reference is made to your letters dated 13 and 20 February 1944. It would be appreciated if additional details concerning Sig. ENRICO BALESTRA, i.a.,

Father's and mother's names,
Date and place of birth,
Address,
Identity Card No., with date and place of issue,
Previous professional activities,

could be supplied in order that inquiries may be conducted.

A. E. Heath
A. E. HEATH,
Capt., I. C.,
Regional Security Officer.

*If Col. Capt. Sg.
Long - long to know Naples -*

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Re. Palatka

Let. G. Chaville Dupont

Palatka - 10-12-55. Living near home
 1400. ~~10-12-55~~ 10-12-55. Govt. building
 911. No other records required. He will
 work here.

Re. Chaville Dupont

Montastri on 10-12-55 + G. Chaville Dupont
 already recommended for Castel Panto
 a frontman.

Dr. Mouzo Santiago in Govt. report that
 Chaville is a man of perfect ph. will
 know suitable person. I will suggest
 he see 1 to 1000. I will see 1 to 1000
 houses.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 304

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(replace other
on file)

ACC/42/Int

22 February 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Mayors for Castelfrentano and Sannitico

TO : ^{Executive} Chief Commissioner, TC & MG Section (CA Branch)

1. Reference attached file, Interior Sub-Commission received copies of all relevant correspondence on 12th February and are taking the necessary steps to satisfy themselves regarding proposed appointees.

2. Enquiries have been made and when replies are received, Interior will convey their recommendations for each appointment.

The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stan.
Vice President
Administrative section

File 350/CA attached.

Original Forwarded to PC & MG Sec

22 Feb 44

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
No. 493 Cab.
Answer to the confidential letter dated 1/28/44.

Subject :

Mayors of the Communes of
Castelfrentano (Chieti)
and Rionero Sannitico
(Campobasso).

3537 42/7/12
Lecce , Jan 31, 1944.

To Allied Military Government Hq.
(15th Group)

Bari

through the
Chief Liaison Allied Officer
Control Commission.

regarding
about, In answer to the request made by this ^{Hq.} Allied Command Hq.
the names of the Chiefs of the Communal Administrations of Castelfrentano in province of Chieti and of Rionero Sannitico in province of Campobasso, I wish, in the first place, to thank you very heartily for the confidence shown toward the R. Government to which you have turned for the appointments of the above Chiefs.

As you know, the choice of the Chiefs of the Communal Administrations is, as a rule, made by the Prefects of the Provinces, who are in a better position to take into consideration local circumstances and the requisites necessary for the Chief of the Administration so that the Management of the Comune may proceed regularly.

At any rate, ⁱⁿ ~~with~~ ^{compliance} ~~survey~~ with the requests of this Hq., I provided for the beginning of a ~~research~~ ^{survey} of persons capable to head the above mentioned Communes, and I will, at an early date, communicate to you the chosen names.

The Undersecretary of State
(signature)

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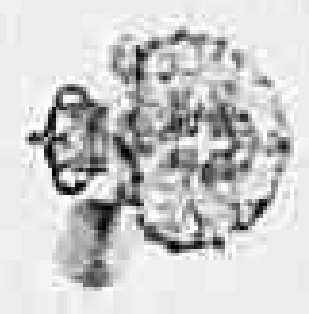
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Ministero dell'Interno

N. 493 Gab.

Risposta alla lettera

Confidens. del 28/1/44.

al QUARTIER GENERALE DEL GOVERNO
MILITARE ALLEATO (15° GRUPPO)

OGGETTO

Podestà dei Comuni di
Castelfrentano (Chieti)
e Rionero Sannitico
(Campobasso)

B A N I

per il tramite del

CHIEF LIAISON ALLIED OFFICER
CONTROL COMMISSION.

In relazione alla richiesta fatta dal Quartier Generale di codeste Comando Alleato circa i nominativi per i Capi delle Amministrazioni Comunali di Castelfrentano in prov. di Chieti e di Rionero Sannitico in prov. di Campobasso, rivolgo anzitutto i più sentiti ringraziamenti per la fiducia riposta nel R. Governo al quale avete voluto rivolgervi per la designazione dei nominativi stessi.

Come vi è noto la scelta dei Capi delle Amministrazioni Comunali viene, di norma, fatta dai Prefetti delle Provincie, i quali meglio possono tener conto delle circostanze ambientali e dei requisiti che il Capo dell'Amministrazione deve possedere affinché l'Azienda Comunale possa procedere con regolarità.

Comunque, per aderire alle richieste di codeste

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Comunque, per aderire alle richieste di codesto Quartier Generale, ho fatto iniziare delle ricerche di persone adatte all'incarico di reggere gli anzidetti Comuni e mi riservo, quanto prima, di comunicarvi i nominativi stessi.

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO



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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

42/219
42/7/10

File: ACC/42/Int

13 February 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Sindaci

TO : Operations Security Intelligence

1. It is necessary for the appointment of Sindaco to be made for each of the following Communes:

- (i) Castelfrentano, in the Province of Chieti ✓
- (ii) Rionero Sannitico, in the Province of Campobasso ++

2. The Italian Government was requested to submit names of suitable persons for the appointments and have supplied the following:

- Dr. Bruno Mentasti, 2nd Lt., 474 Coastal Bn., Brindisi ✓
- Signor Francesco Ghelli, Commando Tappa, Lecce
- Signor Enrico Balestra, F.A., Campania, Naples

3. It is requested that you will supply information you have or can obtain regarding each of these nominees, to evaluate the appointments to be made, as soon as possible.

4. The above request for information has also been made to Region III in reference to Balestra only.

R. G. B. Spicer
R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Acting Director
Interior Sub Commission

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To Acting Director
Interior Sub Commission

Known nothing against the above persons. Ref. Col. Young's telephone conversation with Lt. Col. Spicer. 14 Feb. 44

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14 Feb. 44

THE HONORABLE
 UNITED STATES COMMISSION
 INTERIOR AND COMMERCE
 WASHINGTON

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 42/7/9

File: 200/12/Int

13 February 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Sindaco

TO : Mr. Rogers III

1. It is necessary for the appointment of Sindaco to be made for each of the following Communes:
 - (1) Castelfratte, in the Province of Trieste
 - (2) Sesto San Giovanni, in the Province of Bergamo
2. The Italian Government has requested to submit names of suitable persons for the appointments and have suggested the following:
 - Mr. Bruno Martelli, 2nd Lt., 4th Cavalry Regt., Rimini
 - Signor Francesco Ghelli, Commune Targa, Lazio
 - Signor Enrico Salento, P.O., Caserta, Naples
3. Security Intelligence have been asked to supply any information available or which they can obtain regarding each nominee.
4. In addition, it is requested that you will forward any particulars you have in reference only to Trieste.

R. A. M. W.

R. A. M. W.
 Lt Colonel
 Acting Director
 Interior Sub-Commission

Reminder sent 20 2.44.

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File: MSC/12/Int

13 February 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Sindaco

TO : Operations Security Intelligence

1. It is necessary for the appointment of Sindaco to be made for each of the following communes:

- (i) Grottofrattano, in the Province of Bari
- (ii) Mottola Sanvitale, in the Province of Caserta

2. The Italian Government was requested to submit names of suitable persons for the appointments and have supplied the following:

- Mr. Bruno Santilli, 2nd Lt., 1/4 Coastal Bn., Brindisi
- Signor Francesco Gelli, Comando Trupa, Lecce
- Signor Enrico Salvestro, P.O., Caserta, Naples

3. It is requested that you will supply information you have or can obtain regarding each of these candidates, to En 206 the appointments to be made, as soon as possible.

4. The above request for information has also been made to Section III in reference to Salvestro only.

R. A. M. M.

S. G. S. WIGGS
 Lt Colonel
 Acting Director
 Exterior Sub Commission

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11 FEB 1944

REGIONAL LIAISON SECTION
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (APULIA)
 MUNICIPIO BUILDINGS, BARI.

4 FEBRUARY 1944.
 AGC/34.

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF ITALIAN
 OFFICIALS.

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

FROM: REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICER
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (APULIA)

Reference your AMG/632/21 dated 13 Jan and AMG/632/33 dated 23 Jan 1944 regarding Podestats for the towns of CASTELPRENTANO and SANNITICO respectively. I attach copies of the Under-Secretary of the Interior's replies dated 21 Jan (31 ?) and 3 Feb 1944 putting forward three names, with translations.

If you require any of these men I suggest you ask for them to be sent forward through Administrative Section H.Q. Allied Control Commission, as S.E. Resale's Ministry is now moving from APULIA.

LB Mariner

H.Q. A.C.M.F.

FROM: REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICER
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (APULIA)

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LB Martin

LT. COL.
Regional Liaison Officer.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (APULIA)

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COPIES TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, H.Q. A.C.C.
MAJOR McSWEENEY, INTERIOR SUB-COM.

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Lecce 21 gennaio 1944

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Confidenz. 28/1/44

al QUARTIERE GENERALE DEL GOVERNO
MILITARE ALLEATO (15° GRUPPO)B A R IPodestà dei comuni di
Castelfrentano (Chieti)
e Rionero Sannitico
(Campobasso)per il tramite del
CHIEF LIAISON ALLIED OFFICER
CONTROL COMMISSION

In relazione alla richiesta fatta dal Quartier Generale di codesto Comando Alleato circa i nominativi per i Capi delle Amministrazioni Comunali di Castelfrentano in prov. di Chieti e di Rionero Sannitico in prov. di Campobasso, rivolgo anzitutto i più sentiti ringraziamenti per la fiducia riposta nel R. Governo al quale avete voluto rivolgervi per la designazione dei nominativi stessi.

Come vi è noto la scelta dei Capi delle Amministrazioni Comunali viene, di norma, fatta dai prefetti delle Province, i quali meglio possono tener conto delle circostanze ambientali e dei requisiti che il capo dell'Amministrazione deve possedere affinché l'Assemblea Comunale possa procedere con regolarità.

Comunque, per aderire alla richiesta di codesto Quartier Generale, ho fatto indicare delle ricerche da persone adatte all'incarico di rendere gli onidetti Comuni e di riserva, quanto prima, di comunicarvi i nominativi stessi.

Castelfrontano (Chieti)
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(Campobasso)

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

11 FEB 1944

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P.M. 151- 2 febbraio 1944

AL CAPO DELL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO
della Commissione Alleata di Controllo
BRINDISI

OGGETTO:

Podestà dei Comuni di Castel-
Jrentana e Rionero Sannitico

A seguito della mia lettera del 31 gennaio
n.493 per quanto sopra Vi posso indicare i seguenti
nominativi di funzionari di amministrazioni comunali
che abbiano disponibili per mandare nei Comuni delle
zone di guerra:

capo. Bruno MENTASTI S. Ten. 474 Batt. Costiero-Brindisi
Sig. Francesco GHELLI -Comana Tappa- Lecce-
Sig. Enrico BALESTRA -F.A. Campania -Napoli.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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*Restituire a chi ha dato
dopo che ho fatto il fascicolo
che è stato fatto
Castel Jrentana -
Chionone
For. Rionero Sannitico
Augusto Chionone
Pia Rionero Sannitico*

TRANSLATION

Lecce 31 January 1944

TO:- 15th Army Group
(through)
Chief Liaison Officer
Allied Control Commission

SUBJECT:- Podestà for the towns of Castellfrentano (Chieti) and
Rionero Sannitico (Campobasso).-

Following request from the Allied Headquarters for the appointing of the Heads of Communal Administrations of Castellfrentano, Province of Chieti and Rionero Sannitico, Province of Campobasso, I thank you for your trust in the Royal Government to which you have asked for these appointments.

As you know the appointing of Communal Administration Heads is normally done by the Prefects who are better acquainted with the local circumstances and with the requirements the Administration Head should possess so that the business of the Commune may be run smoothly.

However, to adhere to the request from your Headquarters, I have issued orders for the selection of the competent persons, and shall inform you of their names as soon as possible.

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SUBJECT:- Podestà for the towns of Castelfrentano (Chieti) and
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IL SOTTOSEGREARIO DI STATO
THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

42/7/3
42/197TRANSLATION

2 February 1944

TO:-
CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SUBJECT:- PODESTA' FOR THE TOWNS OF CASTELPRENTANO AND RIGNERO
SANNITICO.-

Following my letter No 493 of 31 January concerning the subject, I am able to give you the following names of employees of Communal Administrations whom we have available to send to towns in the war zone.

DR. BRUNO MENTASTI 2nd LT 474 Coastal RN. - Brindisi
MR. FRANCESCO GHELLI - Comando Tappa - Lecce
MR. ENRICO BALESTRA - P. A. Campania - Naples

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

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(3) 1st half of report on file 58/1 ~~42/1130~~

(c) 1. Perimeter to instructions in communication 42/7/2

from Lt. Col. Spier of 28 January - related to the

appointment of a "Sindaco" for Castel Prentano

2. Went over all correspondence in S. E. Reals

office relative to this matter, a letter dated 20/4

January addressed to the Chief Liaison Officer

contained the request to have the Local Prefetto

make the appointments or suggestions for appoint-

ments in these respective provinces - Then I

found a letter of 20 Jan. in which S. E. Reals

presented three names from which two could

be selected - one for Castel Prentano and the other

for the little city of Perno Sammitico in the

Province of Campo Tasso. The following were

the men suggested and all the information

Reals obtained is given after their names.

Reals found no information as to how these

names were arrived at. The Sub-Secretary

H. Lavett - Mr. Gullone's chief

found a letter of 26 Jan. in which S.E. Reule
 presented the names from which two could
 be selected - one for Castel Pretorio and the other
 for the little city of Pinaro Sommitico in the
 Province of Campo Tasso. The following were
 the men suggested and all the information
 Reule's obtain is given after their names.
 Reule's find no information as to how these
 names were arrived at. The Sub-Secretary
 was gone and the Secretary - Mr. Gullone's chief
 no additional information.

Dott. Bruno Mentasti = S. Ten. (2nd Lt) 474
 Battalion of Coast Artillery, Brindisi.

Sig. Franco Gelli - Commando Topografia
 Lecce

Sig. Enrico Balestra F. A. (armed force) Compagnia
 Napoli. Had experience as a
 Podestà in a small town in northern
 Italy.

These are the names suggested but so far no action
 has been taken.

I have just talked with Ex. Col. Wayne - Acting
Chief Liaison Officer here in Brundisi and he
tells me that he is sending in these three names for
selection & approval.

3. The Castelfrontano in question is in the Province
of Chieti. It is six K. from Lanciano and as near as
I can locate it geographically it is longitude 14°30' E
and about 42°15' North Latitude. I want both the
Enciclopedia Italiana and the records of the Prefetto's
office and the latest information on its population is
for the year 1936 and is as follows.

Castelfrontano - 5,146 inhabitants of whom,

1,578	are agricultural
404	" industrial
44	" in transportation services of different types.
115	" in commercial enterprises -
7	" in banking and accounting
18	" in professions - Doctors & attorneys.
68	" Public officials - teachers etc. ^{This means.}
41	" Home economist (Could not learn just what

The city and Province have had many changes in their
population. History shows that at one time it was a few
thousands larger and early in the 18th century a few thousand
smaller than at present. I can locate no one in Brundisi
who has any personal knowledge

for the year 1906 and 1907

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4 S. E. Reale - secretary informed me that S. E. Reale suggests the title for the appointment of Commissioner "Pupillio".

(D) Roda Long talk with Dott. Nicolò Lingue - Director of Finance - He discussed his appointment a "Grant". He said he was working on it but that he had feared that his fellow officials in similar offices were proceeding carefully so as not to create jealousy and party friction. He thinks it will be worked out very soon.

Respectfully submitted
 John W. Lawrence

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

File No. ~~270~~ 42

23 January 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Sindaco for Castelfrentano.

TO : Liaison Officer, Interior Sub-Commission, Italian Government,
Major John Mahoney

1. With reference your report of 22nd January, 1944, I am very glad you have brought that to my notice.
2. Let me know the name and career of the Sindaco who is selected by the Italian Government and whether he is approved by the Allied Control Commission for the appointment in question.
3. In replying, let me have full particulars of Castelfrentano, population, and exact location, and full particulars of the Sindaco so selected. Further, in his appointment to be held with the title of Podesta, Sindaco, or Commissario Prefettizio?
4. Bring this latter point to the notice of Col. Montfort, and include his answer in your reply.

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R. G. B. SPIGHE
Lt. Col
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission

P. S. : Please quote reference of Castelfrentano, as the only town that I can trace on the map or in Baedeker is Castelfranco in Mantova, and Castelfranco d'Emilia.

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