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APPT. OF SINDACO OF FANO, PESARO PROVINCE
SEPT. - NOV. 1944

MINUTE SHEET No. 1.

PAGE

DATE

Sept 4.

Division

Plenum see # 6 - action already taken at #201-7 have
drafted a letter for typewriting, acknowledging Nuntius letter
& saying that you are communicating with the AMO authority immediately.

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Director:

1. SEVERI was here today. I told him
that AMO in Pesaro had informed us that
they were satisfied with the present local
Sindaco of Fano. (R.9 see)
2. Formal reply to Min. of Int. Letter (p.4)
for your signature, please. (Signed by me in RRT)
3. I sounded out SEVERI, pursuant to
your request, regarding the possibility of his
being Sindaco of Bologna or any other large
northern city. He said he was known through-
out Pesaro Province only and was disin-
clined to go anywhere else.

R.R.T.

Division

Oct 30

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Ref. no. 11 - Camerone called me this morning about this.
I told him to send the Prime Minister's message to us
& we would cable it to AMO. Camerone said the RRT
was personally asking for this to be done. Action taken
accordingly by signal at no. 12. C. G. L.

RRT
31 Oct.

Capt. Williams

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Nov. 11

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③ R.R.T.
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 was personally asking for this to be done. Action later
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 RRT
 31 Oct.

Cap. Williams ④
 Notified Dr. Camera accordingly (Ref) Dec

Oct 30

Nov. 11

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DATE 4/1/92 BY SP-1/92

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: HQ ACC
FROM: AMG MAIN EIGHT ARMY
REFERENCE No: M 678
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 10 1555A OFFICE OF ORIGIN:
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N86/10
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT
11 NOV 1944

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CLAUDIA MONTEVERDI 20 ROME.

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AMC NIGHT ARMY FOR ACTION

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Local Government 3/0

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PARA ONE PD ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER PERSONALLY REQUESTS TRANSMISSION OF FOLLOWING
MESSAGE TO CONSIGLIERE DI STATO SEVERI CSM LEONARDO LIVING AT PARO QUOTE PLEASE ASK
SEVERI WILL HE ACCEPT POST OF COMMISSARIO ENTE ESPOSIZIONE UNIVERSALE UNQUOTE PD
PARO TO AMC NIGHT ARMY FOR ACTION FROM HE ALLIED COMMISSION FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT
SIGNED STONE PARO

PARA TWO PD PLEASE SIGNAL ANSWER OF SEVERI TO THIS HQ

H. W. DRACKETT
MAJOR, AGO
Adjutant

RRT
31 Oct

CGRW.

4/1/92

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Ministero dell'Interno

GABINETTO

UFFICIO DEL TELEGAFO E DELLA CIFRA

Mod. 842

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Telegramma N.

Roma, 30 ottobre 1944

Commissione Alleata

Sottocommissione Governo Locale

Nº 11250

R O M A

PREGASI CONFIDARSI FARE INTERPELLARE CONSIGLIERE STATO
LEONARDO SEVERI RESIDENTE FANO (PESARO) SE ACCETTA
INCARICO COMMISSARIO ENTE ESPOSIZIONE UNIVERSALE

PRESIDENTE CONSIGLIO MINISTRI
MINISTRO INTERNO

BONOMI

Roma, 30 ottobre 1944

Commissione Alleata

Sottocommissione Governo Locale

No 11250

R O M A

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PRESIDENTE CONSIGLIO MINISTRI
MINISTRO INTERNO

BONOLI

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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ACC/4/1/92/Int

20 September 1944

SUBJECT : Dr. Leonardo SEVERI

TO : His Excellency , the Minister of Interior

Your Excellency,

1. I refer to your letter No. 6284 dated 1 September 1944 and my letter of 5 September 1944. (File: No. 4/1/92 Int.).

2. I have been informed by the appropriate AMG authority in the area that a local man is at present satisfactorily carrying out the functions of Sindaco at Fano (Pesaro).

3. Although no fault has been found with Dr. Severi, I regret that under the circumstances indicated in para 2 , he cannot be considered for the already occupied post of Sindaco of Fano.

R. C. B. Spicer

for

R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub Commission

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SUBJECT: Italian Officials.

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AMG Rear Eighth Army.

OA/109

12 Sep 44.

HQ Allied Control Commission,
Executive Commissioner's Branch.

1 SEP 1944

Copy to Administrative Section, HQ ACC.

- P.I.
1. Reference your ACC/4/1/92 Int dated 1 Sep 44. There is already a good local Sindaco at Pagno.
 2. Attached is a report on Severi Leonardo obtained locally.
 3. Severi Leonardo is not at present at Pagno.



P.C. Benta Tan,
Lt. Col. RA,
S.O.1,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG Eighth Army.

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AL GOVERNATORE MILITARE ALLEATO DELLA CITTA' DI

F A K C

Rispondo alla Sua richiesta di informazioni, sulla figura morale, politica e civile del Dott. Leonardo Severi di Fano.

Conosco il Dott. Severi, come concittadino da circa vent'anni, ma ho iniziato rapporti personali con lui solo dieci o dodici anni fa, quando io ero già noto come antifascista, per essere ^{stato} arrestato ed aver subito un provvedimento di polizia per ragioni politiche.

Mentre per parecchi anni moltissimi, ad eccezione delle persone di provata fede antifascista e di civile coraggio, tenevano di conto prometttersi, frequentando la mia compagnia, il Severi, che era **Consigliere** di Stato, nelle brevi permanenze a Fano, non si faceva scrupolo di palesare pubblicamente una certa confidenza e stima verso di me. Poi, i nostri rapporti personali si sono fatti più stretti, sicché sono in grado di affermare che il Severi nutriva profondi sentimenti antifascisti. Questi sentimenti esprimeva anche in pubblico, criticando obiettivamente e con buoni argomenti logici tutta la impostazione della politica del fascismo, specialmente della politica estera.

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Negli ultimi tempi del fascismo, faceva parte dei circoli antifascisti di Roma, ed è stato nominato Ministro nel Gabinetto Badoglio, dopo il colpo di stato del 25 luglio. Insieme al Ministro del Lavoro

partecipò al governo nel nuovo Governo per il suo fermo

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Quando i partiti antifascisti - e soprattutto quello Comunista - organizzavano con scioperi, manifestazioni di piazza e con la stampa, la pace immediata con le Nazioni Unite e la guerra al nazi-fascismo, il Severi ebbe più volte a dirmi che questo era anche il suo punto di vista.

Dopo d'allora, non ci siamo più incontrati, perché il Severi si è dovuto occultare, essendo ricercato dalla polizia fascista. 3421

A quanto mi consta il Severi in regime fascista, non ha mai ricoperto cariche politiche, ma solo amministrative e giudiziarie: da parecchi faceva parte del Consiglio di Stato.

Data la differenza di età, non conosco il comportamento del Severi nell'epoca piuttosto lontana (i primi anni del regime fascista)

in cui è stato un altissimo funzionario del Ministero dell'Educazione Nazionale: mi si dice assumesse allora atteggiamenti dittatoriali, si dà essere inviso a gran parte degli insegnanti, con influenza sfavorevole nell'opinione pubblica cittadina.

La stampa repubblicana fascista (specialmente *Il Giornale d'Italia*) nell'ottobre o novembre del 1942, gli ha ricordato e rimproverato un suo discorso ultrafascista che avrebbe tenuto a Fano, mi sembra, nel 1926.

Dal punto di vista morale, gli si possono rimproverare solo, per quello che io so, delle recenti frivolezze con donne maritate.

I pettegoli lo accusano di essersi fatto restaurare il palazzo di sua proprietà in Fano a spese dello Stato, approfittando della sua posizione e delle sue relazioni: la verità è che essendo il suo palazzo di interesse storico ed artistico (Palazzo del Casero), egli ha ricevuto dallo Stato, per il restauro, il sussidio che era previsto dalla Legge.

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Fano 7 settembre 1944

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TRANSLATION No. 213 - INTERIOR -

I wish to reply to your request for the information regarding the moral, political and civil nature of Dr. Leonardo SEVERI of Fano.

I have known Dr. Severi as a citizen of my town for approximately twenty years, but I have had personal relations with him only since ten or twelve years ago when I was already well known as an antifascist for having been arrested and subjected to a police measure for political reasons.

While, for a long time many persons feared that they would expose themselves to risk by showing themselves too often in my company, with the exception of a few with moral courage and strong antifascist faith, Severi, who was State Councillor, in his brief visit to Fano, made no attempt to hide a certain confidence and admiration toward me. Our personal relations then became closer, and I can definitely assure you that Severi had deep anti-fascist sentiments.

He even expressed his opinions in public, directly criticizing and with good logical arguments the whole fascist policy, especially the foreign policy.

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During the last days of fascism, he was a member in the antifascist circles in Rome, and was appointed Minister in the Badoglio Cabinet after the "coup d'état" on 25th July. Together with Piccardi, the Minister of Labour, he soon distinguished himself in the new Government for his firm antifascist attitude and will to bury fascism. A few significant acts of his are known, as for example, his proud letter to Prof. Giovanni Gentile.

When the antifascism parties - and especially the Communist - called for peace with the United Nations and war against Nazi-fascism with strikes, public manifestations and press propaganda, Severi mentioned on various occasions that that was also his opinion.

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Since then we have not met, because Severi had to conceal himself, being wanted by the fascist police.

As far as I know, Severi never held political offices during the fascist regime, but only administration and judicial. He was a member of the State Council for some time.

Owing to our difference of age, I do not know Severi's activities during the early years of fascism when he was a high official of National Education.

The fascist republican press reprimanded him for an ultrafascist speech he was supposed to have made in 1926.

There is some talk of recent relations he has had with married women and he is accused of having repaired his dwelling with government money. The truth is that the building being of historic and artistic value he received from the State the amount provided by law for the repairs.

The only thing he could be reproached for is the fact that, despite his liberal policy, he supported during the first years of fascism, a party which even then showed anti-liberal principles.

These particulars are quite true and impartial, but more thorough enquiries would have to be made for a complet and precis report an Dr. Severi.

Fazio, 7 September 1944

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Fa-no, 7 September 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/4/1/32/Int

6 September 1944

SUBJECT: Sindaco of PANO - PERRARO Province

TO : BGAG 8th Army

1. Reference your CA/109 dated 4 September and our ACC/4/1/42 dated 1 September, this is to confirm that the town mentioned in our letter is PANO in the province of PERRARO.
2. Please send us the information which was asked for when it is available.

RGH/jgt

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R. G. D. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
APO 394

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SEP 1944

Ref. : SB/I40.I00

5th September 1944

SUBJECT : Sindaco of FANNO
Dr. Leonardo SEVERI

TO : Colonel Young.

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In accordance with your instructions I have screened
Dr. Leonardo Severi, the proposed Sindaco of Fanno, and have
found him acceptable from a security standpoint.

Carl E. Fehr Lt.
CARL E. FEHR
Lieutenant
Security Branch

1st Ind.

Ref. : SB/I40.I00

5th September 1944

HQ. A.C.C. Security Branch, A.P.O. 394

To : Interior Sub-Commission A.C.C.

I. No security objection.

FOR THE DIRECTOR :

John A. McKay
JOHN A. MCKAY
Major
Security Branch

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SUBJECT: Italian officials.

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Interior S/C

AGC War Eighth Army.

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4 Sep 44.

HQ Allied Control Commission,
Executive Commissioner's Branch. ✓

10 SEP 1944

Copy to: Administrative Section, HQ AGC.

P.1.

1. Reference your AGC/4/1/92/IT dated 1 Sep 44 the subject is not clear.
2. Your above-quoted letter refers to a sindaco for PIANO, Province of PESCARA. This province is not under AG Eighth Army but is in Region V.
3. There is however a town called PIANO in the Province of PESCARA-TERAMO which is still in Eighth Army area. As this town has only just been captured it is too early to state whether or not a suitable name is available.
4. If you will confirm that the town mentioned in para 3 is the subject of your letter this HQ will be in a position to reply within, say, a week.

P. Benta Tan

Lt. Col. RA,
S.O.L.,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AG Eighth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 594

ACC/4/1/92/Int

5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Dr. Leonardo SEVERI

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency:

I have received your letter no. 6268 dated 1 September and have communicated with the appropriate A.M.C. authority as to Dr. SEVERI's request.

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CCV/JEG

R. G. B. BRIGGS
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION No. 228

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

ROME, 1 September 1944

File No. 6348

SUBJECT: State Councillor Dr. Leonardo SEVERI

TO : A.C.C.
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
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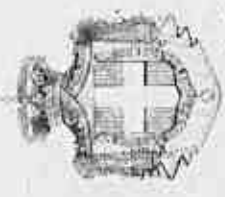
State Councillor Dr. Leonardo Severi, former Minister in the first Badoglio Cabinet, wishes to be considered for the eventual appointment of a mayor of the Comune of Fano (Pesaro) as he is an expert in the administrative field.

I feel that Dr. Severi could be useful in the afore-mentioned position. Therefore, if the Sub-Commission has no objections, will it kindly keep him in mind for the purpose indicated above.

The Minister
Bonomi

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Ministro dell'Interno

GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

28

1° settembre 1944

4 SEP 1944

LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI
CONTROLLO - Sottocommissione
per l'interno ROMA

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Allegati

OCCORRENZA Consigliere di Stato dott. Leonardo SEVERI-

Il Consigliere di Stato dott. Leonardo SEVERI, ex Ministro nel primo Gabinetto Badoglio, desidera essere segnalato, quale esperto nelle discipline amministrative per l'eventuale conferimento della carica di Sindaco del Comune di Fano (prov. di Pesaro).

Ritengo che effettivamente il dr. Severi potrebbe prestare opera utile nella carica predetta, e pertanto prego codesta Sottocommissione, ove nulla osti da parte sua, di tenerlo presente, ai fini sopra indicati.

IL MINISTRO

W. J. ...

Il pugno italiano per ogni fatto di aggressione e di oppressione

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IL MINISTRO



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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 594

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AGC/4/1/92/Int

1 September 1944

SUBJECT: Sindaco of FANNO

TO : Security Branch

Dott. Leonardo SEVERI has been proposed as Sindaco of FANNO,
Pesaro Province. Will you please have him screened as expeditiously as
possible. I am enclosing Scheda Personale form duly completed.

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Encl: as above

RZ/jgt

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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ACC/4/1/92/Int

1 September 1944

SUBJECT: Sindaco of FANNO

TO : SCAG 8th Army

1. The Italian Government has submitted to me the name of Dott. Leonardo SEVERI for the post of Sindaco of FANNO, Province of PES/ARA.
2. Dr. SEVERI at present is a Consigliere di Stato and a state official, and at one time Minister of Public Instructions under the first Badoglio Government. I understand he has been a resident of FANNO for over 20 years and presently has a home and a small farm there.
3. I am enclosing a copy of his Scheda Personale for your information.
4. Please inform me as to whether another resident of FANNO is available as Sindaco and consequently if there is no need to consider anyone else. In any event we would appreciate your observations concerning Dr. SEVERI.

✓

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

Encl: as in 3

RRT/jgt

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Col. Spicer:

Will you kindly
see Severi Leonardo
who is recommended by
Italian Ministry of Interior
for service in a local
office in Region V.

Thanks

Poletti

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GR. UFF. DOTT. LEONARDO SEVERI
Consigliere di Stato

ROMA
Via Claudio Monteverdi 20
TEL. 80-815

Cunegundo

/ 15 Europa, Capt

T. U. 1915 - No. 59

Title III

Chapter IV

grounds of Ineligibility for
SINDACO

Art. 147 (W.T. Art 141) - Ineligibility to

(See art. 25 & 26)

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Specifically

May a Consigliere di Stato
be a Sindaco and still hold
the position of Consigliere with its
pay?

ANSWER Nothing in law to prevent it -
23/24 but tradition against it.

Cajal 5/0

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can handle jobs -

Public Works

Agriculture

Has ~~rank~~ ^{status} higher than Prefect because
he

was in Panama last Aug. 1943. - for a home
there - small farm - was in hiding

Was in San Pedro of San Cristobal -
(San Cristobal)

Family here in Panama -
He'll go alone.

Knows man admin - perhaps also
member of club

- Friendly with Casotta

Note from Berthel to him

Said it is possible to be an official
of the State and a Sindaco at same time

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(check with)

Berthel

Seems to be an ^{intelligent} energetic man - aware of nature of
his job - not afraid of banking -

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Tanno - 60 years.
Prov. of Reggio

Grade IV

S.F. Dr. Leonardo Severi - consigliere di Stato
 - was minster of Public Instruction under Badoglio
 fascist govt.

Gov for 2 reasons

1. Supply for food supply -
 2. Success for Tanno - lived there for
 30 years.

Commissario Profet

Not employed as Consigliere - high officials
 who advise -

Entered min of Int. -

then " Educ - first director Gen.

then Min. -

Says, good admin.

Not seeking but willing to perform
 service on behalf of his country

Says his mission will be for several
 months.

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