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DISMISSED OFFICERS, MATERA
APR. - JULY 1944

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MINUTE SHEET No. L.

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V.A.

For signature if approved

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Let sleeping dogs lie

G.R.H.

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Mime sheet No. 1

Date

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April 5

① Please see for your information the letter I am sending the con. 3+4

J.W.

V.P. has seen the letter

Adm.
5 Apr

H.W. has
for do

June 23

Lt. Hoff

③ I do not understand this. Who is Licut Videreume? If ACC - RC Region II's report appears to be incorrect, Licut V. should be called upon for his explanation.

June 23

Director

- ④
1. Lt. Frank J. Vendrame is the only officer on the staff of Major John S. Hausill, PC, Matera - or he was when I surveyed Matera on 6 May.
 2. Herewith for signature letter to RC II in accordance with request ③ above.

Aug 7

Director

- ⑤
1. Please see 13 previous correspondence.
 2. RC II have not replied. This Sub. Com. has been of use to ascertain the exact facts from them. In the result the repeated Contention of the Ministry repeated in "petitions unanswered."
 3. Are you content with this or do you wish Region to be pressed for a clear reply.

Aug 7

⑥ Not content. Press through U.D.
Re HQ. Give brief of facts in letter

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ACC/4/13/INT

DISMISSED OFFICERS MATERA

1 APRIL 44

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REMARKS

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Dr. Reale stated that the matter caused indignation in the circle of the dismissed officers.

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To M.O.I. dated 5 April 44 acknowledging No 1 and informing that the matter is being inquired into.

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To PC Region II sending copy of No 1 and asking views

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From Region II 3 April 44 "no orders originated" from this HQ prohibiting the posting of a manifesto in the Province of Salerno which is in Region III and outside our jurisdiction. To Region II 13 April 44 referring to No 5 and stating code misunderstanding has arisen here.

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Matter refers to Matera and not Salerno and asking whether any information upon the incident to which M.O.I. refers.

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From PC Region II 23 April 44 that General Biolo had a successful meeting. Meeting not banned. At a loss to understand how anybody was misled.

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To M.O.I. 1 Mar. 44 conveying contents of No 7/8.

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From M.O.I., 22 June, 44 conveying a note of the name of the Officer who did not permit the meetings to take place.

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To Reg. II 23 June, 44 sending a copy of No 10 with translation in English. As statements very regarding officer who did not permit, Lt. Verderame's explanation of the matter asked.

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACG/4/13/Int

4 July 1944

SUBJECT: Italian officer's meeting at Intern

TO : HQ, Region II

1. I refer to your letter A/36 dated 29 June.
2. In view of previous correspondence there is at present a doubt in my mind as to the exact position in this matter.
3. I had previously understood from your letter of the 2nd April, ref: A/36/43 that AG have taken no steps against the meeting in question and that the Minister's version was inaccurate.
4. I therefore wrote the Minister in definite terms based upon the facts supplied in the above-mentioned letter and enclosed a copy for your information.
5. The necessity for further correspondence in this matter is regretted but as the Minister repeats his contention and actually names an officer, you will agree that it is essential for me to know the exact position. Will you please therefore, let me have your replies to the statements made in the Minister's letter of 13th May and indicate whether the position in any way differs from that expressed in your previous correspondence.

R. G. S. Smith
Capt.

for
R. G. S. SMITH
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encl: as in l, above.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

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Ref : A/36

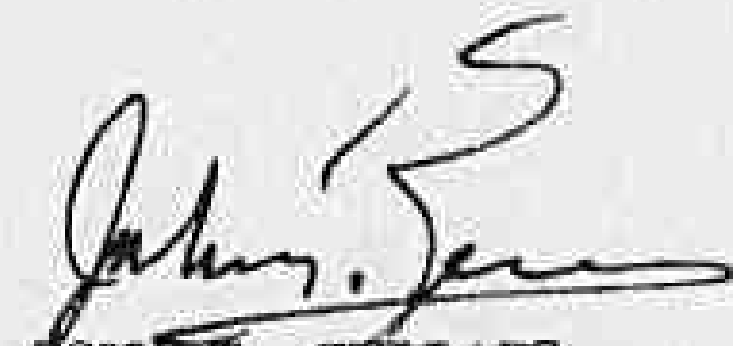
29 June 1944

SUBJECT : Italian officers' meeting at Matera.

TO : HQ A.C.C.
(Int. Sub-Commission)

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1. Reference ACC/4/13/Int, 23 June 44 forwarding a statement of the Minister of the Interior which however precise is presumably but based upon hearsay, the proposed meeting of Italian officers at Matera was brought to the attention of the Provincial Commissioner, not Lt. Verdirame, by the C.O. of CC. RR. since transferred.



JOHN T. ZELLARS,
Colonel, Infantry,
Regional Commissioner.

NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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ACC/4/13/Int

23 June 1944

SUBJECT: Italian officers' meeting at Matera

TO : RO, Region II

1. Reference your A/56/43 dated 23rd April, below is copy of the Minister of the Interior's further letter No. 3769 of 18 May together with copy of the English translation.
2. The Minister's previous statement that it was Lt. Venderano who prohibited publication of notices of the meeting is directly contrary to what is stated in your letter above-mentioned.
3. May I please be furnished with Lt Venderano's explanation of the matter?

R. G. U. Spicer

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

CCW/3gt

COPI
MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
No. 3769

Salerno 18 maggio 1944

OCCETTO: Ufficiali in congedo.

ON. COMMISSIONE ALLIATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE INTERNA
INTERNO

Con riferimento al foglio sopradistinto, si precisa che l'Ufficiale che non concesse al Segretario del gruppo Ufficiali in congedo di Matera, il beneplacito per l'affissione di un avviso di pubblicazione fu il Ten. Venderano, ritenendo che siffatta pubblicità potesse indurre la popolazione a pensare si trattasse di una manifestazione politica.

IL MINISTRO
/s/ S. Aldisio.

TRANSLATION OF ABOVE
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
No. 3769

Salerno 18 May 1944
To: ACC, Interior Sub-Commission
Salerno

SUBJECT: Discharged officers.

With reference to the above-mentioned letter, we inform you that the officer who did not permit the Secretary of the Officers on leave group at Matera to post a notice of publication, was Lt. Venderano. He considered that such kind of publicity might induce the population to imagine it was a political manifestation.

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IL MINISTRO
/s/ S. Aldisio

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Translation no. 807 - Interior - 22.6.44 - Romano
 Ministry of the Interior
 File no. 3769

V. Salerno, 18th May, 44
 to F.C.C.
 Interior Subcomm.

Reply to letter:
 no. ACC/82/Int of 1st May
 Subject: ~~Officers on leave~~ ^{Discharged officers}

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With reference to the above-named letter,
 we inform you that the officer who did not
 permit ~~allow~~ the Secretary of the ~~Matera~~ Officers-on-
 leave group at Matera to post a notice of
 publication, was Lieut. Verderame. He
 considered that such kind of publicity might
 induce the population to ~~image~~ imagine
 it a ~~photo~~ was a political manifestation.

The Minister.



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Ministero dell'Interno

N. 3769

Risposta alla lettera

N. 400/42/1 del 1 maggio

OGGETTO

Ufficiali in congedo.

UN. COLLEZIONE A. 111111 di

UN. 111111

CONTROCOMMISSIONE IMPERIALI

S. A. L. E. N. O.

Con riferimento al foglio sopradisposto, si precisa che l'Ufficiale che non concesse al segretario del gruppo Ufficiali in congedo di lettera, il benestare per l'attribuzione di un arido di pubblicazione per il sen. Vardarene, ritenendo che siffatta pubblicità potesse indurre la popolazione a pensare si trattasse di una manifestazione politica.

IL DIRETTORE

J. Albano

21 JUN 1944

Salerno, 16 maggio 1944 -

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N. 2/109

Risposta alla lettera

N. 100/42/1 del 1. maggio

OGGETTO

Ufficiali in congedo.

COMANDO

SOTTOCOMMISSIONE INTERNA

C A I D H N O

Con riferimento al foglio sovversivo, si precisa che l'ufficiale che non concesse al Segretario del gruppo Ufficiali in congedo di ritirare, il benevolere per l'affissione di un avviso di pubblicazione per il Sen. Verdame, ritenendo che si fatta pubblicità potesse indurre la popolazione a recedere si trattare di una manifestazione politica.

L E L I N T S T R O

J. H. H. H.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION
INTERNAL AND COMMISSION
APO. 394.

AGC/82/INT.

1st May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian officers' meeting at MATRY.

To: His Excellency, Gen. G. Adinolfi,
Minister of the Interior.

Your Excellency,

1. I refer to your Ministry's letter No. 353 sic. dated 1st April 1944.

2. Inquiry has established that General SINORI in fact held a successful meeting of retired officers of the Italian Army at MATRY on 5th March, 1944. The Commission did not and does not have any objection to this meeting.

3. The meeting was not forbidden and no officer of the Commission did anything to prevent the posting of notices advertising it.

4. As your Ministry has been quite wrongly informed on the matter you will no doubt consider it proper to convey the true facts to those concerned.

ELH Capt
R. G. B. BUCK,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Internal Sub-Commission.

AGC/82/INT.

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Ref. A/36/43

Interior 2852
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GHM/pjh 375

1st Ind.
D. ACC, Region II, APO 394, 23 April 44.
To: Executive Commissioner, R.C. and M.G. Section,
ACC Headquarters, Naples.
(Attn: Director, Interior Sub-Commission)

1. Careful investigation in Matera reveals that General Birolì held a successful meeting of retired Army officers in Matera on 5 Mar. The meeting was not banned and nothing was done by any officer of ACC, so far as I have been able to learn, to prevent the posting of "manifestioni" advertizing the meeting in the town. In fact, it was widely known several days in advance that the meeting would take place. I am therefore at a loss to understand how anybody was led to believe that ACC had the slightest objection to the meeting.



G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.

APR 1944

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

AGC/82/Int

15 April 1944

SUBJECT: Dismissed Officers at Matera

TO : RC, Region II

1. Reference your letter of the 8th April A/35/40. I think some misunderstanding has arisen here.

2. As I read the Minister's letter, it relates to Matera and not Salerno. I shall be glad, therefore, to know if you have any information upon the incident to which he refers and which he says occurred in Matera.

R. G. P. SPICER
for R. G. P. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

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8 April 1944

Ref : A/36/40

Subject : Dismissed Officers.

To : Rear H.Q., ACC, Interior Sub-Commission.

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Reference your ACC/82/Int of 5 April, with enclosure no orders originated from this H.Q. prohibiting the posting of a manifesto in the province of Salerno, which is in Region III and outside our jurisdiction.

W. Drummond-Young
W. Drummond-Young, Capt.
Executive Officer

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/82/Int

5 April 1944

SUBJECT: Dismissed Officers

TO : RC, Region II .

1. I send you copy letter received from the Minister of the Interior.
2. I shall be glad to know the facts of the matter and your views thereon.

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WVHL/jgt

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

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/82/Int

5 April 1944

SUBJ: Dismissed Officers

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

Your Excellency:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the
1st April, 1944, and to inform you that I am inquiring into this matter.



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

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FM/ jgt

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Ministry of Interior.
Cabinet.
No. 358 Ris.

Salerno, April 1st. 1944. 82/2

Subject:
Dismissed Officers.

To the Allied Control Commission,
Salerno.

I have been informed that the Officer attached to the Allied Control Commission at Matera has prohibited the publication of a manifesto which the local group of dismissed Officers wanted to affix for inviting the dismissed interested Officers to be present at the report which the General Pirzio Biroli has intended to hold in this town on March 5th. 1944.

Motive of the prohibition. To avoid that the population will consider the manifesto for an invitation to public political demonstrations.

The matter has caused indignation in the circle of the dismissed Officers.

THE MINISTER

Signed: R e a l e .



Ministero dell'Interno

Salerno, 1-4-1944

Gabinetto

N. 358 Ris.

Risposta alla lettera

N. del

OGGETTO

On. COMMISSIONE ARREATA DI
CONTROLLO

Ufficiali in congedo

S A L E R N O

Viene segnalato che l'ufficiale addetto di co-
desto On. Commissione a Matera ha vietato la pubblica-
zione di un manifesto che il locale gruppo Ufficiali
in congedo desiderava affiggere, per invitare gli uf-
ficiali in congedo interessati ad intervenire al rap-
porto che il Generale d'Armata Pirzio Biroli doveva
tenere in quella città il 5 marzo u.s.

Motivo del veto: evitare che la popolazione ri-
tenesse il manifesto un invito a pubblica manifesta-
zione politica.

La cosa ha originato malumore nell'ambiente
degli ufficiali in congedo.

IL MINISTRO

L. Ruff

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