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COLONEL FRANCESCO MAGISTRI
DEC. 1943 - JAN. 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

18 January 1944

SUBJECT: Release of Prisoner of War

TO : D.G.C.A.G.

1. Attached hereto is a letter w/enclosures submitted for your approval and signature, to the CG. AFHQ on the subject of the request of the Italian Ministry for War for the release to their custody of Colonel Francesco Magistri.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

Reference: 201 Magistri, Francesco

18 January 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoner of War (Officer)

TO : Commanding General AFHQ

1. Forwarded herewith for your consideration is the correspondence concerning the request for transfer of custody, to the Italian Military Authorities, of Colonel Francesco Magistri, 207th Infantry, 31st Corps HQ. at Catanzaro (Italian Army). Col. Magistri is now in custody of Allied Authorities.

2. It is the recommendation of this Headquarters that Col. Magistri be released to the Italian Military Authority, in accordance with the views expressed in the enclosed Memorandum of Brigadier General Maxwell D. Taylor. — P 30

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O.

Encl: (2)

1. Letter, Ministry for War
No. 256/c, PM 107 29 December 43/in translation
2. Memorandum, HQ. ACC
201 Magistri, Francesco —

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In reply refer to:
201 - Magistri, Francesco

4 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Spofford, Deputy Chief Civil Officer
Headquarters AMG, Naples

SUBJECT : Detention of Colonel Francesco Magistri

The attached request regarding the transfer of custody of Colonel Francesco Magistri is transmitted for your consideration. The Allied Control Commission considers that in most cases of this sort it is preferable to allow the Italian Authorities to take action.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

1 Incl:
Ltr, Ministry for War
No. 256/C, P.M. 107 29 Dec 43

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TRANSLATION

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MINISTRY FOR WAR

29 December 1943

Subject: Colonel Francesco Magistri, recalled from the Restricted Reserve Cadre (A.R.Q.).

To : The Allied Control Commission, Brindisi.

The Headquarters of the 31st Army Corp has informed us that Colonel Francesco Magistri of the Bersaglieri of the 207th Infantry depot at Catanzaro has been placed in custody by the British - American authorities and is still being detained.

It seems that the arrest was motivated by the fact that the officer in question is an ex - squadrista.

This Ministry would be grateful to the Commission if it would place Colonel Magistri at the disposal of the Italian military authorities so that they may undertake the burden under the recent Decree of the Ministerial Council of the "defascistization". This Ministry would also be grateful if it were informed of every step taken with regard to this case.

/s/ Aliberti
GENERAL ALIBERTI

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N.di prot.256/G

P.M.107 29 Dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Colonnello Bersaglieri richiamato dall'A.R.Q.
MAGISTRI FRANCESCO.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO

- BRINDISI -

- S E D E -

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Questo Ministero sarebbe molto grato a codesta Commissione se volesse disporre che il Colonnello MAGISTRI sia messo a disposizione dell'Autorità Militare Italiana, per i provvedimenti da prendersi a suo carico secondo il recente Decreto del Consiglio dei Ministri riguardante la defascistizzazione, e venisse anche data comunicazione di ogni accertamento già fatto in merito.-

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