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BORGESE, SANTI FU VINCENZO
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letter from
Armed Forces
affirming release
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

Recd 50/12
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AMC/014.11/AD

4 January 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Civilian Internees.

TO: Commanding General, A.M.H.Q.

1. Forwarded herewith for your consideration is the correspondence concerning Mr. Margese Lanti da Vincenzo, former Fascist political Secretary of Polizzi Generosa, Sicily, who is now in Prisoner of War Camp 171.

2. This headquarters has no objection to his release in accordance with appropriate provision of G.O. No. 10, H.Q., A.M.G., dated 1 December 1943.

CHARLES M. STOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
D.C.O.A.O.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
ACTION SHEET

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Date

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C.G., A.M.C.	
C. of Staff	
D.C. of Staff for (OES)	✓
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Mil. Sec.	
Pol. Sec.	
Econ & Admin Sec.	
Communications Sec.	
Economic Director	
✓ Administrative Dir.	
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Supply Officer	
Billeting Officer	
Transportation Off.	
Hq Commandant	
Camp Commandant	
Message Center	
Sub-Commission on;	

For: Signature _____
 Recommendation ① ✓
 Information _____
 Approval or Disapproval ✓ of Draft.
 Appropriate Action _____
 Investig. & Report _____
 File _____
 Return to Cent. Files _____
 Transmission _____

Remarks:

It is suggested that the
 name given to the file be
 taken seriously. It may be
 true for one position.
 [Signature]

Admin Directorate

1. Draft approved
2. Please prepare for signature.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ACTION SHEET

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Date

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→ Internal Security, (2)	✗
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Remarks:

776. You have plan as to
the advisability of the release
of this man. R. R. Hopper
Concur 4th Ind. Forward to
destination - J. M. Evans

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4th IED

Hq, AMC, Public Safety Division
TO: AFHQ (Provost Marshal General) - thru channels.

30 December, 1943

1. From basic communication and 3rd IED it appears that Mr. Bergene was erroneously treated as a Prisoner of War or conceivably as a dangerous Fascist. His release is recommended by this office, but as an added precaution in the interests of security he should, upon being returned to Palermo, be processed in accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 10, Hq, AMC, dated 3 December, 1943, entitled 'Procedure Regarding Civilian Internees'.



PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief Public Safety Division.

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3rd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, APO 512. 16 December 1943.

TO: Special Police Section.

Ref. par. 3 of basic. The following report is submitted.

1. Sometime in July 1943, I was assigned to G-2, II Corps. At times, I was also attached to the C.I.C. as an interpreter. One day, Capt. MINER, chief of the C.I.C. and I were sent to Polizzi Genovese, a town in central Sicily, to investigate Fascist officials, and to readjust the local government so that the Combat A.M.G. Officer could take control.

2. Soon after our arrival in Polizzi Genovese, Capt. MINER was called away. I was left in charge of the town, with the added responsibility of seeing that all Fascist representatives were interrogated, and if necessary, interned. Mr. BORGESSE was the last Political Secretary of this town, and was consequently interrogated by me, and a Lieutenant from the 45th Division, who had been sent to this town for security measures.

3. This Lieutenant and I fully investigated the character and party affiliations of Mr. BORGESSE. We reached the conclusion that he was a harmless individual and could not hinder the Allied cause in any way.

4. The population of Polizzi Genovese was very hostile to the Fascists, in general. BORGESSE feared that he might be harmed, and therefore expressed the desire to be given permission to go to another town. In view of the satisfactory results noted in the interrogation of BORGESSE, the Lieutenant from the 45th Division wrote out a pass which enabled this man to travel without being molested. This pass was subject to the approval of Capt. MINER.

5. The following day Capt. MINER returned to Polizzi Genovese. I informed him of what had taken place during his absence, and also inquired as to whether he would approve the travel permit for BORGESSE. Capt. MINER refused to do this, and thereupon ordered BORGESSE to prepare his valise and come with us. He was brought to the rear echelon of one of our combat teams, camped near Patralia, and turned over to an A.P. officer.

6. I remained in the jeep; therefore, I did not hear nor see the report that Capt. MINER gave to the receiving officer when he handed over the detainee. I am ignorant as to the action taken from then on.

7. It is my personal belief that Mr. BORGESSE is a very conscientious man and that he was appointed Political Secretary through no fault of his own. I believe that he is a victim of circumstances, and if liberated that he will not be harmful to the Allied cause.

Joseph A. Deluca,
2nd Lt., CE.

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TO: Lt. Col. Charles Poletti, Chief Civil Affairs Officer of Sicily.

Palermo.

The undersigned, Borgese Agnese, respectfully submits the following:

The husband, Borgese Santi fu Vincenzo, born in Polizzi Generosa in 1903, teacher and ex-Fascist Political Secretary of Polizzi Generosa, after the occupation by the American troops, presented himself to the local command which released him. After being granted permission to visit his sister in the town of Bolognetta, he was accompanied in a car of the command to a military post in Petralia and from there to proceed by other means of transportation. Being ignorant of the English language, through an apparent error, he was sent to Northern Africa amongst military prisoners, and where he now is at the present time.

The undersigned wishes to advise in all sincerity that her husband held the position of Political Secretary only from June 1943 and that he could not refuse the position because of the nature of the employment.

During the said period he served and assisted the citizens justly and humanely, with a broad-minded political attitude, with honesty and integrity as can be confirmed by the people of Polizzi.

Thus, he has left in the most miserable condition, his wife, a 10 year old son and his 70 year old invalid mother. A daughter died during the current year 1943. He is the only one amongst the citizens of Palermo who finds himself in Africa through an error and through no fault of his own.

The undersigned is making this appeal so that the husband can be released and restored to his family.

A statement from the mayor of Polizzi is attached which can be verified by Lt. De Luca, American (now with AMGOT in Palermo - 8 Via Bari) who entered Polizzi in command of the troops and who was assigned to investigate the political situation.

Polizzi Generosa

Agnese Borgese

The address of the prisoner is the following:

BORGESSE SANTI Prisoner of War Information

Bureau office of the Provost Marshal General

War Department

Washington D.C. 25
P.W. corps 171

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

A.P.O. 512.

----- Special Police Secn.

Prisoner-of-
War.

9th December, 1943

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3. It is therefore respectfully suggested that the attached papers be passed with a copy of this report to Lieutenant De Luca for a report of the circumstances leading to the arrest and detention of BORGESE.

4. There is no record of BORGESE in Special Police Section.

Louis V. Gale
Louis V. Gale
Lieutenant.

1ST. IND.

Recommended as in paragraph 3.

2nd Ind.

J. Richardson
J. Richardson, Major,
Supt. Special Police Section.

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10 December 1943

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TO: C.S.O. AND Headquarters

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TO: C.S.O. AMG Headquarters

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(1) Forwarded for necessary action, please, as in para 3 of basic report.

BY ORDER of Lt. Colonel CHARLES FOLENTI, RCAF.

Encl. 2

1. Mrs. Borgeese letter
2. Mayor's letter

RUSSELL A. SNOOK
Lt. Colonel

Chief Public Safety Division

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Capo degli Affari Civili per la Sicilia

P A L E R M O

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Egli durante tale periodo si occupò solo di assistenza ed aiutò i cittadini con umanità e giustizia e con larghezza di vedute politiche, dimostrando probità ed onestà come può confermare tutta la popolazione di Polizzi.

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Ora ha lasciato nella più squallida miseria la moglie; un figlio di anni 10 e la Madre invalida di anni 70.

Altra figlia gli é morta durante il corrente anno 1943.

Unico tra i civili della Provincia di Palermo si trova in

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Polizzi Generosa 27/11/1943

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War Departement

Washington D.25

P.W corps 171

MUNICIPIO DI POLIZZI GENEROSA

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Il Sindaco del Comune di Polizzi Generosa, prov. di Palermo;
Vista la domanda della Signora Borgese Agnese diretta al Col. C. Poletti
DICHIARA

che l'insegnante BORGESE SANTI FU VINCENZO da POLIZZI GENEROSA, ex-Segretario Politico, non rivestiva alcun spiccato carattere di fascista settario e che il suo eventuale rimpatrio, concesso dalle Autorità Militari Alleate, non può dar luogo a discrepanze di sorta, essendo egli buon padre di famiglia, inattivo quale elemento politico e niente affatto pericoloso.

In fede.

Polizzi Generosa, 28 Novembre 1943



IL SINDACO
(Rag. Guglielmo Asturi)

[Signature]

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