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SUBJECT : P.W. APPLICATION FOR RELEASE.ACC/3C/

TO----- A.F.H.Q.,M.G.S.

Your Reference 383.6.

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2. Lt.Col. MICHAELE SPINA is well known to me. Instead of being deported as a P.W. he was retained on the Island of PANTELLERIA to carry out the re-building of the Hydraulic Power Station and several other buildings where work of vital importance to the civil population was necessary. Later, he was nominated by General Strickland, Military Governor as Head of the Civil Administration of the Island.
3. To the best of my knowledge Lt.Col.MICHAELE SPINA is an Anti-Fascist Italian Army Officer who was sent to PANTELLERIA early in 1943 as punishment for his political sentiments. He collaborated fully with the Allied Forces occupying PANTELLERIA and it was largely due to his efforts that a water supply of the Island was maintained.
4. As a reward for his efforts on our behalf, I recommend that he be released from the P.W. Cage at TUNIS and returned either to SICILY to carry out reconstruction there or sent to BRINDISE to report to the COMANDO SUPREMO of the Italian Army for duty.

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CONFIDENTIALTRANSLATION

Report from Ten-Colonel Spina Michael, regarding the occupation
by Allied Troops of Pantelleria Island

When my unit received orders to carry out the re-building of the Hydraulic Power station and several buildings where work of vital importance to the civil population was done, we did so at the earliest possible moment. At time went on and as the work was being done well, permission was granted to officers and other ranks, who were natives of the island to visit their homes when time permitted.

Colonel Manfort, Nelson A.M.G.O. promised to negotiate with the authorities regarding a transfer for me to Sicily, in order that I could carry out similar reconstruction work there. I was also told by General Strickland that as soon as Rome has been liberated by the Allied Armies, he would arrange for me to see my family, which I have been without news of for several months.

On September 14th, I was told to prepare myself for the journey, but was escorted to Tunisia, and arrived in this Camp the following day.

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