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ILL-TREATMENT OF P.O.W. AT SORIAMO NEL CIMINO (REGION 4)
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Sub-Commission
APO 394

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15 Aug 44.

SUBJECT : War crimes.

TO : HLO (thru RC) Region 4.

1. Reference your R4/LE/Reg/H/01 of 28 July 1944 the papers have been forwarded to higher authority who will issue any necessary further instructions.

2. It is understood that the 2 men are now in Soriano jail . If they are moved we should be notified.

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Colonel, CAC,
Acting Chief Legal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

28 July 1944

TO : Chief Legal Officer, Legal Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Alleged War Crime.

FILE NO: R4/LE/Reg/H/01.

1. Herewith file of documents in connection with an alleged war crime, which are forwarded to you in accordance with Article 5 of the Consolidated Instructions for Allied Military Courts.
2. The covering letter from the Provincial Public Safety Officer, Viterbo Province, appears to betray some misapprehension on his part as to the procedure that has to be followed in these cases, but this is a matter which I will take up with the Regional Public Safety Officer.
3. May I, please, have your instructions as early as possible?

H. C. Linn

Colonel,
Regional Legal Officer, Region IV.

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To: Regional Public
Safety Officer,
Region 4;

Allied Military Government,
Region 4.
Viterbo Province.

From: Public Safety Officer,
Viterbo Province.

SUBJECT: Alleged War Crime Your File No. R.4. PS/53.

1. Reference to my previous report dated 6th July, 1944, and your letter of the 11th July, 1944, of the above quoted File number.
2. A statement from every available witness in the area has been obtained, but it will be observed that although the alleged throwing of portions of the carcass of the dead American Pilot did take place, to be eaten by dogs, there are no direct witnesses to the action. The previous information supplied by F.S.S. therefore could not be substantiated if proceedings were instigated in the Allied Courts, as defined by Art. 5 of the Consolidated Instructions for the Allied Military Courts.
3. Another reason for an unsuccessful case in the courts is the fact that some of the original witnesses who gave information to the F.S.S. in the early days of the occupation have now left the area and every effort to find them has been unsuccessful.
4. The two men concerned are certainly dangerous Fascists, and I respectfully suggest that the question of proceedings be not followed in the Courts, but that both men are interned as Political Prisoners, and that their report of arrest should include full details of their conduct for the information of the Tribunal that will eventually decide the length of their incarceration.
5. I attach the original statements and translations for your information.
6. May this Office be acquainted without delay that immediate action may be taken against the two men.

Date: 21/7/44.

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FORWARDED/

Copies for P.R.S.O.

[Signature] Capt.
Public Safety Officer,
Province of Viterbo.

[Signature] Lt. Col.
A.D. Bonham Carter,
Provincial Commissioner.

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