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WAR CRIMES (ILL-TREATMENT OF YUGOSLAVS & OTHERS BY
DOTT. PERLA) (REGION 2)
MAY-JULY 1944

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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APO 394

ACC/4119/3.

SUBJECT : War Criminal - In re Perla.

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29 July 1944.

TO : Regional Legal Officer, (THRU: Regional Commissioner), Region II.

1. References your letter 2201/74/3 dated 25/7/44.
2. You speak throughout the letter about the maltreatment of prisoners of war.
3. For some time I have been trying to find out about the status of the Yugoslavs in question. As near as I have come to any conclusion from the facts submitted is that they are Yugoslav citizens or Italian citizens of Yugoslav ancestry who lived in Italian territory and were not Yugoslav military personnel taken prisoners. If that is so, they were not prisoners of war at all, although internees under certain conditions are entitled to the same general treatment as prisoners of war.
4. Will you advise me definitely whether or not these Yugoslavs were Yugoslav Military personnel?

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Colonel, GAC, G.S.
Acting Chief Legal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

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Ref. :- 2201/74/D
Subject:- In re Perla
To :- CLO Legal Subcommittee ACC - ROME -

25.7.44.

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Ref 4119/L of 17.7.44, attached please are the papers relating to the above case, returned as requested.

While it is agreed that the witnesses evidence is somewhat oblique, it is submitted that the Perla may will come within the definition of war criminal as illtreating prisoners of war, since the incidents appear to have occurred during the present war by an Italian against Yugoslav prisoners of war.

Further inquiries are being made which would be greatly helped by evidence taken from the witness at Elba vide this H.Q. letter 2201/70/X of 19.7.44.



D.E.S. Cousins
D.E.S. COUSINS, Lt. Col.
R.L.O.
Region II

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I, signed Klevick Stanislay fu Glazovsky, from Gorizia, Now working at the
 60 Army West Camp, declare the following:

For 13 month I was in prison at Trieste, implicated in the famous process
 against the Jugoslaves at 1941, before the Special Court, which was transferred
 from Rome to Trieste. During the process nine were condemned to death, and five
 of them were shot (Zechek, Ivanovic, Kos, Vedral, Tomasio). The inquiry was lead by
 the chief commissary Gen. Dott. Zanlay, who was also chief of the C.V.R. I can de-
 clare, that under his direction, with the help of maresciallo Scorsano, the bri-
 gadiere Bonnerum and Oaimani, all members of the C.V.R., all the accused
 suffered cruelties and ill treatment, F.I. Hadlo, Zogio, my cell companion,
 during the interrogatory by Dr. Perla, was blowed with a cudgel, he left him in
 the face, demanding not truthful declarations about the other accused, to 21 the
 worse their situation. Also on other accused, Ivica Peruta, was ill-treated by
 Dr. Perla, who burne his lips with a lighted cigarette, and drew the hair of his
 moustache. Both were taken away at noon, and put in the prison in the middle of the
 Police where they rest for 17 days, receiving food once in 3 days. This inter-
 rogatories with the usual system, were repeated in all hours, especially at night
 after 17 days they were conducted hair died at the prison of Trieste. To not let
 that they couldn't wash themselves, because they didn't receive water. Almost all
 of the accused were beaten and ill-treated by Perla, beating them on the hands,
 and consequently the swelling, they couldn't put on their jackets. Some of them
 F.I. Ivanovic and Kos (both were shot) were beaten on the soles, and when they had
 the confrontation with the other accused, they had to be supported by 2 agents.

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I signed Perrot and born at Habersham (Ga.), I dare the following:

The day of June 1 was arrested with more than 100 of my compatriots accused as traitors and anti-revolutionists. So we had to do with Dr. Perla, but in this time I didn't care for his kind of people, now I know, that the particulars are very important (at 1954 I had not this experience).

I can affirm, that Perla was known as chief administrator, and this affirmation can be given by many of my compatriots, which had have to do with the Soviet Union police in the last 10 years.

I personally can affirm, that I had many interrogatories, which were not done by the same Perla, P.I. during the second interrogatory. I was beaten in a such way, that the director of the prison didn't want to accept me, being aware this is one singular case, of one singular person.

Hundreds of my compatriots can make more explicit and detailed affirmations, but I don't know if then was now in liberated Italy. I could speak in their name, but it will be better that they speak at the right time. And for the reason, I demand the arrest of Perla, since the alien arrived to the place of his crimes. I am convinced, that the kind of his over-the-shoulder of the C.V.C.I. and his inhuman behavior to us slaves, friends of the alien, will be enough to take him in prison till you get sufficient proofs against him.

In testimony of the above-mentioned

Perrot Daniel

at Army West Camp

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Perla, Dr. V. 1944

to the fact that the system is not yet fully operational.

C. W. C. and his father belonging to an ancient friends' society.

C. W. C.

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1891, July 11, 1914

All papers to conform in style & appearance

Sentenced in Jan 1358 years

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I, Lorenzo Gullis, born in Trieste, declare the following:

I know Dr. Perla since 1930, as he went to interrogate me before I was sent to the political confinement for 3 years. The second time, when I met other 5 years, which were reduced in 2 years of political admission, I had nothing to do with him. I am sure that Perla was belonging to the political office, and from 1939 he was chief of the C.T.P. I can confirm that already at 1930 he was stated the chief of the prison system in the inquiry at the court process, where 4 were condemned to death. Since 1930 till 1940 he had his fingers in all processes, so that although very young, he became chief of the process. It is known that Perla was the principal investigator in the process of the 16, where 9 were condemned to death, of which 5 were shot. I spoke with different accused, which were at the Concentration Camp of Triviti, and all declared that Perla was behaving and ill-treating the accused, constraining them to sign accusations which were not true. He was not only known as Tristest, but also in Slovenia (Jugoslavia) against the partisans and all who were helping the Allies.

I request the arrest of Dr. Perla, not only because it's served him right, but because he could damage the work of the Allies. In the meantime I will procure facts, facts that would demonstrate the inhumanity of this man, known in Venezia Gullis as the greatest responsible of the condemned to death, involved in hundreds of processes against the loyal and sincere friends of the Allies. In our country, the C.T.P. will find the testimony, and I am sure that it will be grateful to me, for having eliminated a great enemy of freedom.

In testimony of the above-mentioned

Dr. Gullis

Seri, 19, V. 1944

1. I, signed Silvio Drego, son of Carlo, born in Trieste, declare the following:

2. I know Dr. Perla since 1930, as he went to interrogate me before I was sent to the political confinement for 3 years. The second time, when I got other 5 years, which were reduced in to 2 years of political admonition, I had nothing to do with him. I am sure, that Perla was belonging to the political office, and from 1939 he was chief of the C.V.D. I can confess, that already at 1930 he assisted the chief-commissary Sgarbi in the inquiry at the great process, where 4 were condemned to death. Since 1930 till 1940 he was his chief in all processes, so that although very young, he became chief-commissary. It is known, that Perla was the principal investigator in the process of the 40, where 5 were condemned to death, of which 3 were shot. I spoke with different accused, which were at the concentration camp of Trnava, and all declared, that Perla was being and illustrating the accused, constraining them to give accusations which were not true. He was not only known at Trieste, but also in Slovenia (Jugoslavia) against the partisans and all who were helping the Allies.

I request the arrest of Dr. Perla, not only because it's serves him right, but because he could damage the work of the Allies. In the meantime I will procure facts, facts that would demonstrate the inhumanity of this man, known in Venezia Giulia as the greatest responsible of the condemned to death, involved in hundreds of processes against the loyal and sincere friends of the Allies. In our country, the C.V.D. will find the testimony, and I am sure, that it will be useful to me, for having eliminated a great enemy of freedom.

In testimony of the above mentioned

April 25, 8. 1944

Silvio Drego

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and go, he suggested, young as you, to see a child's commission and after
of the O.V.R., one of the most important and confidential charges of the
fashioned government.

I demand, in my name and in the name of my colleagues which are
on the other side of the frontier, to arrest them, to arrest them, to arrest them
which would not only place E.E. and the E.E. would have the power
lity to verify ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "to justify that has done the above-mentioned
tioned chief of the U.V.R."

In testimony of the above-mentioned
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Paris, 19, V. 1944

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FEDERAL CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS.

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE
OFFICER

PS/14

SUBJECT : DOTTONE PERLA

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Adv. Hq., APO 394.

Reference ACC/14760/53 of 14 July 1944, Subject as above.

Major G.M. Reveley, P.P.O. Bari, advises me that the alleged victims were Yugoslav civilian internees. Also that no security danger is involved.

The Major's informant is away and not expected to return for about ten days. Therefore no further information is available at this time.

LLOYD E. RALLY
Lt. Col. Inf.
Regional Public Safety Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

REF: 2201/70/K
SUBJECT: War Criminals - in re Perla.
TO: C.L.O., Legal Subcommittee ACC, Rome.

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1. Further to this HQ letter of even number of 7.7.44, attached please are further communications from 315 FSS respecting the Perla.

Seen by C.O.
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required by us. considering
investigating & considering
question of detention
Jus.
25/7/44

[Signature]
D.E.S. COUSINS Lt. Col.
R.L.O.,
REGION 2

To : - Allied Control Commission,
Legal Office,
BARI

Subject: Dott. PERLA

Further reference is made to your memorandum of 28 June 44.

Attached is a memorandum from an NCO of this Section concerning the possible whereabouts of Dott. SCHUKA. According to our informant: "...The statement made by Dott. SCHUKA was one in which there were many doubtful remarks. Dott. PERLA altered the statement so that all the ifs and buts etc., were made to read in the affirmative. The alteration of the statement in this way was the cause of many honourable men being convicted, such as: - TOMASIC, VADNAL and BOBEK etc. These men were as a result condemned to death."

This information is communicated in case you wish to have SCHUKA contacted and interrogated on the subject.

6 July 44.

W. H. L. L. L.
Capt.,
O.C.,
315 F.S.S.

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To : - O.C., 315 F.S.S.

From: - Sgt. Saul.

Subject : - Dott. PERLA and ill-treatment of
Italian-Slovenes at TRIESTE 1935 - 1942

In relation to our informant's note concerning the evidence of Dott. SCHUKA which PERLA is reputed to have extracted and subsequently altered to form the basis of the accusations at the trial in Dec. 1941, I saw our informant to-day and asked him if he knew the present whereabouts of Dott. SCHUKA. Our informant said he was sentenced for life and sent to the prison at PORTO LONGONE (on the east coast of the island of ELBA) which comes under the jurisdiction of the LIVORNO authorities.

As ELBA is now in our hands it might be worth while to send a signal enquiring whether SCHUKA is available on the island, and can be sent down for interrogation or alternatively interrogated on this subject on the spot.

Bari 5 July 44.

14411410,

Edward Saul,
Sgt.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Sub-Commission
APO 394

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(6A)

REFERENCE : 4119/L.

17 Jul 44.

SUBJECT : War Criminals - Case of PERLA.

TO : RLO (thru RC) Region II.

1. Reference attached letter of 16/7/44 from Acting Chief Legal Officer, would you be good enough to return to him the papers enclosed with his letter to you of 3/6/44, unless those are required to be retained by you for early action?

J. MORE,
Capt.
for Acting Chief Legal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
Allied Control Commission
Legal Subcommittee
APO 354

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Tel. Ex. 679

ACC/4119/L

16 July 44

SUBJECT : War Criminals. Case of Perla.

TO : Regional Legal Officer (thru RO) Region II

1. Reference your letter 2201/70/K of 7 July 1944.

2. From the statements so far taken it seems that Perla is not guilty of war crimes within the definition of para 3 c of AFHQ Circular of 27/11/43 on "War Criminals" sent to you under cover of our letter 4096/L of 5/1/44. He would appear to be the familiar type of secret police official guilty of acts of gross cruelty against members of minority racial groups in fascist countries.

3. The security aspect of this case has been referred by the Public Safety Sub-Commission to Major Revely, Region II with whom you should maintain contact, particularly with the object of gaining more precise information as to the status of the alleged victims at the material dates.

4. If any further particulars or statements are forthcoming which would put Perla definitely into the war criminal category, you should immediately arrange, through your RO, for him to be detained. Action should then be taken in accordance with AFHQ Circular of 5/2/44 on War Criminals, copy of which is attached hereto.

R. H. WILMER,
COL. SAC,
Acting Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

14th July, 1944

ACC/13760/53

SUBJECT : Dottore PERLA
TO : R.P.S.O. Reg. II (Atten. Maj. Revely)

With reference to the accusations against the above named, copy statements regarding which have been passed to Major Revely, through O.C. No. 315 F.S.S. (Sgt. R. Saul), the Chief Legal Officer would like any further information available particularly

- (a) Were any of the alleged victims prisoners of war or civil internees
- (b) Is there any security danger involved.

Would you please treat the matter as urgent.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Infantry
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

PF/G.

Copy to Legal Sub Com:
Your file ACC/4119/L refer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Adv. No ACC 4A 2783
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7 July 1944

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REF: 2201/70/K

SUBJECT : War Criminals.

TO : C.L.O.. Legal Subcommittee ACC, ~~Salerno~~.

- (3A)
1. Ref ACC/4119/L of 3.6.44, attached please are statements of persons accusing the Perla. .
 2. Early instructions are requested please.

DESC/mk
action taken
as per copy to us
sent to 15/7/44

D.E.S. COUSINS Lt. Col.
R.L.O.. 11
REGION 2

To : OSI(3)..
HQ, 2 Dist. Sect.
From : OC,
315 F.S.S.

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Subject : Bottoms FERLA

Chief of BARI District Food Office.
(Cape dell'Ufficio Ammonario).

Attached are copies of interrogation reports by an MCO of this section together with translated copies of three statements.

According to information received by this section there are several Yugoslavs in the BARI district who have suffered at FERLA's hands and have expressed a desire to do him bodily harm.

It is presumed that you will issue a directive on this subject.

28 May 44

Capt.,
OC, 315 F S Section.

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To : OC, 315 FBS.
From : Sgt. Saul E.

Subject : Dottore PERLA (Formerly a Questura Official and OVRA
agent at Trieste, -at present Capo dell'Ufficio
Anagrafico, BARI).

On 17 May 44 MILIC who was connected with the royalist cause of Yugoslavia came in and denounced PERLA. He said that PERLA had been notoriously cruel to Yugoslavs who had refused to become Italianized in the territories taken over by Italy after the last war. Several people at present employed at 8 Army Post Camp had suffered at his hands (one had his brother shot). MILIC went on at length in this strain and mentioned that several were contemplating waylaying PERLA and beating him up. I asked MILIC to present a statement and to collect others if possible.

This morning at 0830 hours, he came with BADALIC who said that many Yugoslavs were out to kill PERLA. BADALIC referred to the attached three statements (translated by Sgt SAUL and appended to this report) and stated that he was giving copies of these to Major REVELEY to-day at 1600 hrs. BADALIC seems apprehensive that PERLA will obtain knowledge of these matters and will attempt to cross the lines. He said that the Questore of CAMPOBASSO who had been interned by the allies for 6 months was recently seen in the company of PERLA. The matter is reported for any action you may think appropriate.

22 May 44.

1411410, E. SAUL, Sgt.

TRAY HIGH.

(21P)

I, the undersigned FERTOT Daniel born at HARRERHA (TRIESTE) on 16 July 1915 declare as follows:

I was arrested on 3 Jan 44 with more than 200 of my countrymen, accused of anti-Fascist and anti-Italian activity. On this occasion, my companions and myself were dealt with by a certain Dott. FERLA. (Other identity particulars I cannot furnish. I have never interested myself in people of this category although I now realize that particulars of such people are very useful. In 1934 I did not appreciate this).

I can affirm that FERLA was known to all of us as "Commissario, Capo dell'Opera," and without fear of contradiction hundreds of fellow Slovenes who for more than ten years have had to do with the Fascist police can say the same thing.

Personally I can assert that I have undergone many interrogations, far from legal directed by this same FERLA. As an example I will cite the second, during which he and his henchmen beat me in such a manner that when I was taken back to prison, I had to be carried, and my condition was such being unconscious, that the prison governor would not take me in. This is only one incident from one person's experience!

Hundreds of my comrades could give more detailed and explicit information than I if they happened to be here in the liberated territory. I, however, will speak in their stead until such time as they will be able to give information.

Because of all this, I ask you to arrest and keep FERLA in custody until the liberating troops arrive at the place where his crimes were committed.

I believe that his office (Commissario Capo dell'Opera) and the inhuman treatment he has meted out to us Slovenes, your friends, will suffice to have him kept in prison until such time as you have accumulated enough evidence to condemn him as he deserves.

In witness whereof

(signed) FERTOT Daniel.

at present employed at 8 Army Rest Camp).

SARL, 12 May 44.

Translated by Sgt. H. SARL.

TRANSLATION.

(21E)

I, the undersigned, KLAUCIC Stanislaw di Giuseppe, of CORNIA, at present employed by 8 Army Recr Camp declare as follows :

I was held for thirteen months in the prison at TRIESTE, implicated in the notable trial against the Slavs in 1941 which took place in TRIESTE before the Special Tribunal which had been transferred from ROME to TRIESTE.

At the trial nine were condemned to death, among them five were shot (BOBEC, IVANCIC, KOC, VARNJAL and TOMAZIO). The legal formalities were directed by FERLA who was chief of the OVRA. I declare that under his supervision assisted by Miro. SCARANO, Brigadiere DOBMANJIA(?) and COBIANI(?) and others - all members of the OVRA, practically all the accused suffered ill-treatment and were badly handled. For example my comrade BABIC Antonio under interrogation was confronted by FERLA who threatened him with a whip of bull's hide, thrusting it into BABIC's face and attempting to extort untrue declarations against other accused persons in order to worsen their situation. Furthermore HVALA, Bogomir was also threatened by FERLA who burnt his mouth with the lighted end of a cigarette and pulled out the hairs of his moustache. Both were thrown onto the floor of a cell in the cellars of the TRIESTE Quarters where they were left for 17 days being given food only once every three days. This system of interrogation was used repeatedly throughout the time, particularly at night. After 17 days they were taken back half dead to the prison at TRIESTE. It should be noted that throughout this time they were denied water even to wash themselves. Practically all the accused were beaten up and terrorised by FERLA. Many of them received blows on their hands and they could not put on their jackets as swollen was the conditions. Others, for example, IVANCIC and KOC (both of whom were shot) were so badly bastinadoed that they had to be held erect by two warders when they were brought before the other accused persons. In such a manner did FERLA terrorise the others attempting to extort confessions which had no basis in reality. In this way too, he showed his zeal for the regime which had given him his job and not without cause. Therefore was such a young man made capo dell'OVRA, one of the most important and trustworthy posts of the Fascist regime.

I fervently beg on the name of those who are still across the frontier that this man FERLA be taken into custody until our glorious allies free our country. Then the security police will be able to make enquiries on the spot as to the deeds of this chief of the OVRA.

In witness whereof, I sign myself,
KLAUCIC Stanislaw.

Bard, 19 May 44.
Translated by Sgt. SAUL E.

TRANSLATION

(21F)

I, the undersigned, MILIO, Drago di Carlo, born at TRIESTE, declare as follows:

I have known Dottore PERLA since 1930 when he interrogated me, after which I was sentenced to 3 years as a political interned. The second time, I received five years (subsequently amended to 2 years' ticket-of-leave- "ammonizione politica") after which I had nothing more to do with him. I certainly know that PERLA was a member of the "ufficio politico" at TRIESTE and in 1939 took up his post as chief of the OVRA. I can confirm that in 1930 he assisted FAVAZZI to interrogate the prisoners at the well-known trial where four were condemned to be shot. Between 1930-40 he was involved in all the trials, and whilst still very young he rapidly gained promotion, becoming "capo commissario."

PERLA was known to be the principal investigator and interrogator at the trial of 60 people, 9 of whom were condemned to death, 5 actually being shot. I have spoken about this trial with many who were in the concentration camp on the islands of TREMITI, and everyone declared that during the interrogations PERLA terrorised and beat up the accused and extorted from them untruthful allegations. He was known, not only at TRIESTE but in SLOVENIA (Yugoslavia) as being an opponent of the Partisans and of all those who wanted to help the allies.

I humbly beg that PERLA be arrested, not only because he deserves it for his past misdeeds, but also because he is a harmful influence against the allied war effort.

Meanwhile, I shall attempt to expose him by facts and to show that only an inhuman creature such as he could have done the things which he has done.

In Venezia Giulia he is reputed to be the one primarily responsible for obtaining death sentences and for bringing hundreds before the Special Tribunal. In our country, the Security service will find complete proof of all this and I am certain that they will be grateful to me for having helped to eliminate a great enemy of liberty for whose cause we have given so many lives.

DATE, 19 May 44.

Drago MILIO.

(Signed)

Translated by Sgt. SAUL E.

To : 'OC.' 215 F.S.S.
From : Sgt. SAUL.E.

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Subject : Dottore PERLA.

A. Interrogation of PEROTO Daniel, 25 May at 50 Rest Camp.

This subject was not able to devote much time to interrogation as he was on duty in the club room. In amplification of his statement he said that he was arrested on 3 Jun 34 and interrogations of some prisoners took place almost immediately. He was not interrogated until some 10-20 days afterwards, viz. about 21-23 Jun 34. He categorically stated that in PERLA's presence, he was, under interrogation :

1. kicked on the shins.
2. beaten with a stick on his finger,
3. whipped with a bull's hide whip on his bare back.

PEROTO said that the evidence at the mass trial was spurious. In accordance with legal procedure, the Questore of TRIESTE (at that time FAVAZZI) should have accompanied the prisoners to ROME, where they were tried before the Special Tribunal to give formal testimony concerning the interrogation of the prisoners. No-one gave evidence to this effect; the proceedings were a farce, there was a continual uproar in court. He personally was sentenced to 9 years' imprisonment, of which he served four in prison and five as a "confinato politico" at TREMIL. He is willing to give evidence if required against PERLA.

B. Interrogation of KLAVCIC Stanislav b: GORIZIA 23 Sep 12.
interrogated 26 May 44 at 50 Rest Camp.

This subject said that he was imprisoned for 13 months (Nov 40 - Dec 41) and then discharged just prior to the mass trial which took place 2 Dec 41 - 15 Dec 41 at TRIESTE before the Special Tribunal which for this occasion had been transferred from ROME to TRIESTE. KLAVCIC said that he personally was subjected to no physical violence but he was threatened with a bull's hide whip but it was not used. He stated that the prisoners were interrogated at the Questura, TRIESTE where they were kept in miserable surroundings. He was interrogated

after being kept 40 days in prison. It was not usual for prisoners to be kept for periods as long as 35 days under interrogation at the Questura. They would be subjected twice daily to questioning and in the depth of winter (Dec - Jan) they never had more covering than one blanket and a bare board to sleep on. He personally saw the condition of one COFIC (Jan 42) whose finger was broken by the ball's hide whip. Prisoners after ill-treatment were kept at the Questura until the immediate swellings subsided, after which they were taken back to prison. KLAVCIC is willing to give evidence against PERLA if we require.

C. Interrogation of KOS Josef di Simone, b. at RUTTE DI GRAN COVA (Gorizia) on 10 Feb 10 - occupation : agricultural worker. Interrogated on 26 May 44 at 50 Rest Camp.

This subject brother was mentioned in KLAVCIC's declaration. KOS said he was arrested on 19 Oct 40 and was kept in prison for 15 months in TRIESTE, after which during the preliminary proceedings (istruttoria) before the Special Tribunal he was discharged for lack of proof. KOS personally was not interrogated by PERLA but his brother was. He met his brother in prison some time during 1941 (he cannot precisely remember the time) and his brother told him of the cruel treatment he had received at the hands of PERLA and his assistants. KOS categorically asserted that his brother said at the time that

1. he had been very badly treated,
2. he was beaten with a stick,
3. His hands were tied and the cords twisted tighter under interrogation,
4. he was knocked down or fell down through exhaustion three times during one bout of questioning.

KOS' brother was tried and subsequently executed by shooting. It should be noted that KOS created a very favourable impression under interrogation. MILIC had previously told me that KOS did not wish to make a declaration about his brother's treatment at PERLA's hands, as he was not vindictively inclined and thought that justice would be done without his (KOS's) intervention.

He is willing to

he is willing to give evidence on the subject of what his brother told him, if we so require.

26 May 44.

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E. SAUL, Sgt.

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LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
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/rlp.
3 June 1944.

SUBJECT : War Criminals - in re Perla.

TO : Regional Legal Officer, (THRU: Regional Commissioner), Region II.

1. Reference your 2201/70/K of 28 May 44.
2. You have not stated the nationalities of the writers of the letters, which you forwarded copies. Nor do you say whether the facts stated in their letters have been or are actually being investigated. Please advise on both questions.
3. I am returning the papers you sent so that you will have them before you in answering the above questions.

3 Incls.

RICHARD H. WIMMER,
Colonel, GAO,
Deputy Chief Legal Officer.

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File ACC/4112/L ✓

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SECRET letter to Mr. Dean dated 27 Mar. 44
Ref: ACC/4112/L/Subject: War Criminals)
IN FILE ACC/4134/L (n safe)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

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REF: 2201/70/Y

28 May 44

SUBJECT: War Criminals - in re Perla

To : C.I.C., Legal Sub-Commission, ACC, Salerno
copy to R.F.O.

1. The attached report received from the TC Bari is forwarded for instructions please.
2. The Perla is at present Chief Commissioner of the Questura at Bari.

D.E.S. Cousins
D.E.S. COUSINS Lt. Col.
R.I.O.
REGION 2

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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SUBJECT: War Criminals - in re Perla

To : C.L.O., Legal Sub-Commission, ACC, Salerno
copy to R.P.O.

1. The attached report received from the PC Bari is forwarded for instructions please.
2. The Perla is at present Chief Commissioner of the Questura at Bari.

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