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SECURITY, ARRESTS OF CIVILIANS, POLICY
SEPT. 1943 - JAN. 1944

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Subject:- Civilian Internees.45
AMG HQ.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.Ref. AMG/435/37
3 January 44.My dear *Gibson*

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Perhaps you will consider this.

Yours *Lawrence**Philip Martin*

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Lt.Col.W.D.Gibson, (GSI(b)),
HQ 15 Army Group.
-----*This copy returned
to P.S.S. by legal.
Spoke Col. Martin.
Hold pending issue
of 15 AG order.**P. 4/2*

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Subject: Civilian Internees.

S.C.A.O., A.C., 5th Army.
S.C.A.O., A.C., 8th Army.
S.C.A.O., A.C., Region III.
S.C.A.O., A.C., Region IV.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 ARMY GROUP,
C. M. F.

ATC/435

Jan. 44

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Whenever possible, arrests will be made by personnel of the Security Services, i.e., C.I.O. or P.B.S. The officer ^{usually chosen on the basis of} making the arrest will ^{submit} an arrest slip (~~which is attached~~) in ~~unduplicate~~. The disposal of the person arrested will depend on whether he is recommended for:-

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Arrests by the C.I.P. on security grounds will be dealt with in the same way.

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All civilian internees will be detained in No. 371 Prisoners of War Camp at CETOZA DI PALMIA, Province of POTENZA (Ref. T.4194) Copy of A.P. Q. Adv. Adm. Ech. Instruction No. 3073/4/A.2 of 18. Dec. 43 is attached.

Under the circumstances.../

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Subject: - Civilians interned on Security Grounds - Civil PW.

H.Q. 15 Army Group, C.M.F.

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15AG/1401/71G(Ib).

7 Jan 44.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

Reference your 3073/4/a.2 dated 18 Dec 43.

Now that 374 PW Camp is being established as an internment camp, it is suggested that the following procedure be adopted with regard to the cases of civilians interned prior to the establishment of this camp, in order that the whole situation be regularised and simplified as soon as possible.

(a) All civil internees located in PW Camps in ITALY and any who may, wrongly, be held in civil prisons, should be evacuated to 374 Camp forthwith. (Note: persons detained in PW Camps pending further investigation should not be included in this evacuation to 374 Camp; such persons are described as Category C in this HQ instruction of even number dated 1 Sep 43).

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(c) The Commandant of 374 Camp should then list the names of those persons in the Camp who do NOT feature in the lists described in para (b) above and about whom he holds no record. He should submit this list to this HQ, 2 District, FMS, AMG in 15 Army Group and AFHQ (Rear) HQ NAPLES. Those several HQ's should then notify the Commandant of the PW Camp whether or not they know anything of the cases and whether or not they see any objection to the release of the persons concerned. The Commandant should then arrange for the immediate release of those to whom no objection is raised.

(d) Those persons whose recommended period of internment has already expired should be released at once. Others recommended for a definite period of internment should be released at the expiration of that period, provided that the Commandant sees no objection to their release, and provided that he is not notified in the meantime of any such objection by the HQ authorising the internment.

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2. If you agree with the above, would you please issue the necessary instructions to all concerned.

3. In order to align existing security procedure as laid down in this HQ instruction of even number dated 1 Sep 43 with the establishment of this internment camp, it is proposed to issue the attached draft instruction from this HQ in accordance with para 10 of your letter quoted above. May we please have your approval or comments thereon as soon as possible.

Copy to: AMG (G-2)
No. 2 District
PDS
Fifth Army
Sixth Army
AMG HQ 15 Army Group
AMG(Rear) HQ, NAPLES.

W. D. Wilson, Lt Col
Chief of General Staff,
15 Army Group.

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Subject: Interment of Civilians on Security
Grounds - Civilian PW.

MR. JT

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Br. SECRET - U.S. SECRET.

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Jan 44.

Fifth Army
Eighth Army.

Reference this HQ instruction of open number dated 1 Sep 43 and AFHQ
Adv Adm 444 instruction 3073/4...2 dated 18 Dec 43.

1. Interment Camp.

374 PW Camp is now established at FAMILA (T4194) in POTENZA Province as
an interment camp for civil PW.

2. Disposal.

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continue to be placed in the nearest PW Cages. Thereafter they will be evacuated
through PW channels to 374 Camp.

3. Records.

(a) Arrest Slips.

As laid down in para 3 of this HQ instruction quoted above, a record of
arrest ("arrest slip"), signed by the officer i/c the F.S. Section or C.I.G.
Detachment making the arrest, will be handed over to the authorities i/c the
PW Cages in which the prisoners are originally placed. That slip will accompany
the prisoner to 374 Camp.

(b) Authorization.

Although any PS/CIC officer can arrest a civilian with a view to interment,
any HQ will be responsible for authorizing the interment. When any HQ receives
its "arrest slip" or report of the case, it will consider whether interment is
justified or whether the prisoner should be released. In the latter event it
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author's view in the manner shown in (c) below.

(c) Consolidated records.

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The reason for arrest and interment will be stated on both the "arrest slip" accompanying the prisoner and on the half-monthly consolidated record. In both instances, this reason will be set out more fully than has been the custom hitherto, in order that both this HQ and the Commandant of the Camp may be properly informed concerning the cases.

(e) Arrests initiated by AMG.

When AMG wish to have a person arrested and interned, they will, wherever possible, arrange for the arrest to be carried out by PS/CIC. On the rare occasions when this may be found impracticable, AMG will hand over the prisoner to the PS/CIC as soon as the arrest is possible. The disposal and records procedure described above will then be followed in such cases.

Release and Review.

(a) The practice of TS/CIC officers and Army HQ's interning persons for a definite period, e.g. 6 months, or recommending their internment for such a period, will be discontinued, as this practice, though not contrary to the letter of international law, resembles too closely an arbitrary term of imprisonment without trial.

Instead, TS/CIC officers will recommend and Armies will authorize the internment of the person concerned, and they will recommend either that such internment should be for the duration of the war, or that the case should be reviewed after such and such a period, e.g. 6 months.

(b) At the end of this period the Commandant of 371 Camp will review the case, with the assistance of his interpreter/intelligence officer. If he considers that there is no objection to the release of the prisoner and if the Army HQ concerned or this Army Group HQ or AMG have not in the meantime notified the Commandant that they consider that the prisoner should continue in internment beyond this period (owing to fresh evidence coming to light or for any other reason), the Commandant will arrange for the release of the prisoner.

If the Commandant considers that a person should be released before the time recommended for review by the Army HQ concerned, he will first obtain the agreement of this Army Group HQ in the case of persons whose internment was authorized by this HQ, or Army HQ's.

5. Districts and Base Sections.

It is recommended that Districts and Base Sections on the Italian Mainland adopt the same procedure in order that this may be uniform throughout the Country, and that, where reference is made above to Army HQ's in connection with the authorization of internment or release, District and Base Section HQ's should be regarded as the equivalent of Army HQ for this purpose.

Major-General,
Chief of General Staff,
15 ARMY GROUP.

Copy to:-

AMHQ (G-2)
AMHQ Adv. and Echelon
No 2 District
No 3 District
PES
12 Air Force
15 Air Force
371 PW Camp
AMG HQ 15 Army Group
AMG (Rear HQ) Naples.
16 PS Section.

2. Reviews of cases recommended for internment
internment

C. P/S.

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Our Regions require to get from HQ. Int: Districts
a consolidated list of arrests - horribly every
fortnight. We do not require the lists here
except to get the numbers and to report names
of any ~~members~~ who held official Govt.
positions. These last we should report to
A.7.H.G., but I suggest Regions do this
and supply the necessary information to us
to send on.

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M.H.

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SUBJECT - Arrest Policy and Procedure.

PS JAN 1944

HQ 2 District CIE.
2022/23 G.

Jan. 14.

1. CLASSIFICATION FOR ARREST. 15 Army Group instructions 15/AG/1409/2/6(10) of 1 Sep. 43 state that all persons in the following classifications will be arrested:-

(a) Those who have committed or are alleged to have committed a security offence under international law or the provisions of Allied proclamations in Allied occupied territory outside the "Kingdom". These will be charged according to Para. 2 Category 4.

(b) Those not chargeable with a security offence, who appear on reasonable evidence to constitute a threat to the security of the Allied Forces, operations or Military Government, by virtue of their position, personality, sentiments or record. These will be informed according to Para. 2, Category B (attention is drawn to 15 AG 2022/23 G of 27 Dec. 43).

(c) Those not chargeable with a security offence and against whom there is insufficient evidence for internment but whom it is necessary in the interests of security to detain pending further investigations. These will be detained according to Para. 2, Category C, the maximum period of detention according to international law being 3 months.

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(e) Anti-Allied propagandists whose activities are post-Armistice. Disposal will be in accordance with the appropriate Category in Para. 2.

2. CATEGORIES OF DISPOSAL. The following Categories of disposal must be complied with:-

Category 1. Those chargeable with an offence (see Para. 1(a)). Where the "Kingdom" will be placed if possible in civil gaols or local C.C.I.R. station and charged locally with the offence by the Italian authorities. They will subsequently be tried by the Italian Courts.

In the U.K. controlled territory they will be placed in civil gaols or local C.C.I.R. station. Appropriate S.M.C. authorities will be informed. They will subsequently be tried by S.M.C. Military Courts.

Category 2. Those arrested for internment will be placed in the nearest C.I.R. Gaol.

Category 3. Those arrested for detention will be placed in civil prisons or lock-ups. In all cases an arrest report will be submitted when the period of detention exceeds 4 days.

It is the responsibility of the Security Section making the arrest to continue all necessary investigations until action is necessary with one of the following clauses can be taken.

(1) Release by the Section responsible for the arrest providing that the period of detention has not exceeded

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(2) A special report to C.S.I. (b) 2 District with reference to the routine arrest report, requesting authority for release or awarding the Category to A or B. If the Category is awarded to A, notification of the amendment and all relative evidence will be passed to the local Italian authorities within the "Kriegsgefangenen"; to A.M.G. authorities in Allied occupied territory, and this I.O. informed.

If the Category is awarded to B, arrangements will be made for the arrested person to be interned in the nearest P.W. camp.

The maximum period of detention in this Category according to international law is 3 months, and consequently amendment of the Category or release should be effected as soon as possible.

3. ARREST POLICY WITHIN 2 DISTRICT. Although it is appreciated that 15 Army Group's instructions must be applied in the forward areas, it is considered that rear of 15

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any group boundary these instructions should be modified. It is not intended to alter the three Categories of arrest, A, B and C, in any way, but it is pointed out that while persons in a forward area frequently have to be arrested and interned while operations are in progress on suspicion, of being a danger to Security, the same urgency for arrest is unlikely to occur in a rear area and only those persons who are considered as constituting a permanent danger to Security of the Allied Forces should be interned: in those cases internment will be for the duration.

The policy of internment persons in I/II camps for short periods, i.e. one month, / three months, etc, will cease forthwith.

4. ROUTINE ARREST REPORT PROCEDURE.

Within the "Kardun". Where arrests are effected, reports will be made in triplicate, and one copy of each will be forwarded to G.S.I.(b) 2 District, one copy to V/3 cage to which prisoner is sent, and one copy held by the Section for filing.

In A.M.G territory. One additional copy to local A.M.G. authorities.

5. DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE. In the case of disposal in accordance with Category B (para 2) additional documentary evidence will be attached to the relative arrest reports and despatched to G.S.I.(b) 2 District. In the case of disposal in accordance with Category A (para 2) an additional report containing full particulars and including signed statements of witnesses will be submitted to the local Italian authorities with copies to this HQ. In the case of disposal in accordance with Category C, such evidence or information will be sent to the appropriate authorities, copy to this HQ together with the remainder of the Category to A or B.

6. After an arrest report relative to a Category B detainee has been despatched the detainee concerned will NOT be released from internment unless authority for release has been obtained from G.S.I.(b) 2 District.

7. Authority for arrests is delegated by G.S.I.(b) 2 District to P.S.Os. who will sign all arrest reports.

8. This instruction cancels all previous instructions which may have been issued previously on the above subject.

CP to HQ
Major-General,
Commanding 2 District.

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Lt. Col. G.D. Gibson, (CSI(6)),
15 Army Group.

Yes, I have comments to make but suggest that we had better await Gibson's reply & talk all together. (18)

G.D. Have you any comments. When it is
Gibson replies to C.D.O. had better see him in instructions
before time. 665
J.G. 4/1/44 See 43/45

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DRAFT.Subject: Civilian Internees.H. Q., A. H. Q.,
15 ARMY GROUP,
O. H. P.S. C. A. O., AHC, 5th Army.
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IMPORTANT
TELETYPE MESSAGE - IN

FOLIO NO: 09268
DECEMBER 27TH

FROM : FLAMBO.
TO : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY, NO: 2 DISTRICT.
RPTD : G(SD) 15TH ARMY GROUP, REAR EIGHTH ARMY,
MOVKIT, 9A SUB AREA.
ORIGINATORS NO: SD 872/566.

TOO : 0900A/27
TOR : 1129A/27

EIGHTH ARMY WILL ORDER MOVE SOONEST OF 371 PT CAMP TO CHIRPOZA DE PADUA
F 4194. UNIT UNDER COMMAND NO: 2 DISTRICT ON ARRIVAL. REPRESENTATIVE
WILL REPORT TO HQ 9A SUB AREA. MOVE BY RAIL RECOMMENDED STRONGER PERSONNEL.
30 VEHICLES 3 WITH FURTHER 30 PERSONNEL AND 20 TONS STORES NOT CARRIED IN
UNIT YET.

END. DISTRIBUTION.

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SMY : 1145A/27
TF : 1300A/27 DMR.

Received from 4194/27

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Am I correct in assuming from these minutes that AMG will not only be concerned with reviews of cases.

In that case the procedure (a) down in HQ AMG, General Order No 10 (12.10 in file) might still be adopted in Regions 3 & 4.

We shall have to issue some instructions as to procedure for handing over civilians arrested by AMG or C.C.R.R. to the POW camp when established.

With your permission I will discuss this with G.S.I.C.

Dunlop

Please do get it 19/12

all fixed up. Ref A above

Can not see much to be made by F.S.S. on our behalf - see here

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SUBJECT:- Internment of Civilians on Security
Grounds - Civil P.W.

SECRET.

A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Ech,
C.M.F.

3073/4/A.2.

18 Dec 43.

15 Army Group.
Main Eighth Army.
Fifth Army (D.A.A.G. Br). P.B.S.
Rear 10 Corps.

No.2 District

P.B.S.

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1. At a meeting held at H.Q. 15 Army Group on 14 Dec 43 it was agreed that the evacuation, custody and administration, including documentation, of civilian P.W. are the responsibility of the Army and not of A.M.G.

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5. For political reasons it is extremely important that this procedure is carried out correctly.

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10. Further instructions regarding arrest, and recommendations as to period of internment and procedure regarding internment as affecting international law, will be issued by H.Q. 15 Army Group in due course.

TM/AMW.

Copy to:- G G(SD) Q G-4.

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for Major-General,
D.C.A.O.

Public Safety
I suggest a copy goes to each Army H.Q.
with a covering letter. Will you please advise.
Ry. 20/11

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NOTE

At a meeting on 14 Dec 43 between Col. R.J.P. Thorne Thorne, Lt. Col. Gibbons, G.S.I.(b), Lt. Col. Rowe (Legal) A.A.G., Lt. Col. Welch, A.A.G. Flambo and the A.A.G. No. 2 District, it was decided that the accommodation and documentation of civilian P.O.W. was an "A" responsibility.

2. Lt. Col. Welch said that he would at once set in motion the machinery to obtain a P.O.W. Camp organization to be located by No. 2 District for all civilian P.O.W. from both Fifth and Eighth Army areas: Lt. Col. Gibbons to obtain an Intelligence Officer to be located at the Camp; this officer to go through the documents and papers of all civilian P.O.W. with a view to making recommendations to the committing authorities regarding the length of their internment, release etc.

3. Lt. Col. Welch said that he would arrange for P.B.S. to remove all civilian P.O.W. from civil prisons in his area and ensure that in the P.B.S. area no civilian P.O.W. would in future be incarcerated in civil prisons.

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14/12/43

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Disposal of Civilians Arrested on
Security Grounds.

File 411 -

Reference

Civilians arrested on Security Grounds

File 411

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P. 12. Letter 21 Nov 48

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Those cases for trial by Mil. Court sent to Civil Prison, those for internment kept in POW Camps and are sent back to HQ Dist. POW Camps.

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Story of establishing separate camps for those to be interned begins. File 411 p. 5.

Has only recently been settled by H.F.H.G.

Letter is in a H.G. file. - see also p. 19, 20, 21. of file 411.

Cases of members of Italian Army confined File 411 on Security Grounds. - p. 428.

We have to report to A.V.H.G. persons who held office in some Government post under Fascists and disapproved by us.

This is required for the papers and was operated in file 24 by G.S.O.I. It is now back to us as I had to supply most of the information from lists of individuals detained for Security reasons.

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another file.

21/12/43

W.H.L.

Have sent for file 24 to Hqs.

Jr/Jul 419

Memo on Confinement of Civilians without any Committal Order.

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Attached are examples taken from Public Safety Reports pointing out that persons are still being put into Civil Prisons without any information as to why they are to be detained.

After consultation with Lt.Col.Pollock, we both agree that some form of arrest or committal order is necessary, quite apart from arrest slips as used by F.B.S. and C.I.C. The prisoners found in prisons are not all suspected dangerous to Allies but are detained for other reasons.

Any form introduced to give a C.A.O. or C.A.P.O. additional work in the forward area is not advised, and a C.A.O. in Regional areas might, in many cases, not comply.

One method is to distribute to prisons for attention at time persons are handed over, and here again I do not think the forms would be filled up by a number of officers and W.C.Os. handing in prisoners.

Required authority to all S.C.A.P.Os (not C.A.P.Os.) and Supt. prisons to release cases not charged within 48 hours. Report in each case being made to S.C.A.Os and R.C.A.Os, after consultation with Provincial Legal Officer with a view to release.

M.P. LOHIAN,
Major,
Public Safety.

MPL/ES. cf P. 5

- Memo etc prepared before I learned about the final settlement of these persons to be interned (former Political Prisoners)
1. Settlement of these persons to be interned (former Political Prisoners) see 15 AG/1401/119 (16) dt 14 Dec. p. 12. Jrl 419. and
 2. That Legal have now prepared an order of Committal which is to be brought out soon.
 3. With removal of Pol. Pros. from our midst. a Committal order things ought to be better! mld
- 16/12/43

EXAMPLES OF PERSONS FOUND IN PRISON

1. From report Region II on 13 Nov

In connection with my responsibilities in the matter, I have felt very much exercised, in dealing with some of the arrests concerning the activities of Lt. Birch of the R.A.F.S. Until receipt of the attached correspondence, however, I had no intention of reporting the matter officially because I have great admiration of the work of the Field Security Section and I readily recognise their very difficult tasks, from the security angle, in the early phases in occupied territory. In Sicily I worked from the outset with CSI(b) and FSS in close harmony and liaison, through Major DeFretas, and no difficulty whatsoever arose. Apart from these incidents mentioned in attached papers, I submit at random the following examples of R.A.F.S. remarks on arrests of certain individuals in the Catanzaro district:-

(1) LAURIA Paolo, arrested by R.A.F.S. on 4/10/43: Reason stated by FSS for arrest: "SPY (Fascists). A rotten type. Recommended internment for duration and possible deportation."

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(4) RICCIO Umberto, arrested by R.A.F.S. 4/10/43: Reasons for FSS arrest: "Anti-Allied propagandist who boasted that English authorities have not the guts to arrest him - conducted propaganda in his shop. Recommended internment for duration of war."

Many more examples could be quoted, but if these persons were so bad and dangerous, why was not action taken by FSS under proclamation 2? Are the reasons quoted above sufficient to have a man put near for the duration or deported, without trial? I submit not. FSS eventually moved on, and left is with these prisoners.

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3. From report Foggia Province 2 - 4 Dec 43

Persons arrested by RS as suspects are still being confined in Civil Prisons.

Case of 4 men arrested by CC.MR and handed over to RS during October on charges of cooperating with the enemy - found in prison at LUCCA.

There were 7 prisoners detained at LUCCA and 10 at CERIGNOLA. No records or order was given to the prison for confinement.

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SUBJECT: Internment of Civilians on
Security Grounds - Civil P.O.W.

H.Q. 15 Army Group.
C.M.F.

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Equals British Mils: Secret and Secret

15AG/1401/7/G(Ib).

14 December 1943.

TO: Lt. Col. Welch A.M.C., AMH Adv. Adm. Ech.
Lt. Col. Mc Cleary A/Q., No. 2. District.
Colonel Thorne-Thorne, C.S.C. AMG HQ., 15 Army Group.
Lt. Col. Rowe, C.L.O. AMG HQ., 15 Army Group.
Major Tetlow, a Rep 15 Army Group.

Attached is a memorandum on the meeting held to-day at this HQ. on the
above subject.

If there are any points in the memorandum with which you disagree or on
which you wish to comment, will you please forward such comments as soon as
possible.

Lt. Col. P. Mark.

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*2 enc. pt. I have no
comment. Pl. 15/11*

*See
thanks
17/11*

W. D. Gibson

Lt. Colonel,
C.S.I. (b).

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H.Q. 15 Army Group,
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15.9/1401/7/c(16).

14 December 1943.

1. A meeting was held at Hq. 15 Army Group on 14 December 1943 to discuss the question of the custody and documentation of Civil P.O.W. (Civilians interned on security grounds), and the question of the setting up of internment camps in ITALY.

The following were present:

Colonel Thorne-Thorne, C.S.O. MG
Lt. Col. Rowe C.L.O. MG
Lt. Col. Welch A.G. Adv. Am. Echelon,
Lt. Col. McCleary A/G. No. 2. District.
Lt. Col. Gibson G.S.O. I, 1(b) 15 Army Group.
Major Tatlow A Rep. 15 Army Group.

It was agreed that:

- (a). The custody and documentation of Civil P.O.W. is the responsibility of A and not of MG.
- (b). The present procedure, as laid down by 15 Army Group, is correct, whereby persons arrested in the Army Group as Civil P.O.W. are placed in P.O.W. Cages.
- (c). Such persons must not be placed in ordinary Civil goals, nor should they be evacuated to N. Africa.
- (d). In order to overcome difficulties of limited accommodation in ordinary P.O.W. camps, and in order to facilitate the orderly handling, custody, documentation, further interrogation, review of cases, and release, when appropriate, of Civil P.O.W., it is necessary that a special Civil P.O.W. camp be established in S. ITALY.
- (e). A.G. Adv. Am. Echelon will arrange as soon as possible to allot a P.O.W. camp for this purpose and A/G. 2. District will select a suitable site for it in 2 District, convenient for the evacuation of Civil P.O.W. from both Army Areas.
- (f). There is no reason why the camp should NOT be located in territory administered by the Italian Government.
- (g). When this camp is established, all persons arrested as

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Lt. Col. Rowe, C.L.O. MG
Lt. Col. Welch, G. AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon,
Lt. Col. McGee, G. No. 2. District,
Lt. Col. Gibson, C.S.O. I, I(b) 15 Army Group,
Major Tetlow, A Rep. 15 Army Group.

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(f). There is no reason why the camp should not be located in territory administered by the Italian Government.

(g). When this camp is established, all persons arrested as Civil P.O.W. in Italy will be passed through P/W channels to the camp, where they will remain until finally released.

(h). The Commandant of the camp will be responsible for the documentation and records of the Civil P.O.W. confined in the camp.

(i). A short record of arrest ("Arrest Slip") should accompany the Civil P.O.W. to the camp and should be handed over to the Commandant by the escort on arrival. Consolidated records of arrest, officially authorizing the internment, should be forwarded periodically to the Commandant of the camp by Armies, Districts or Base Sections.

(j). An intelligence officer should be attached to the camp staff to assist in the review of cases.

(k). The release of Civil P.O.W. should only be authorized by the I b/C.I. staff of Army Group, Armies, Districts or Base Sections. The Commandant
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of the camp will be responsible for implementing such release when authorized.

(1). The practice of recommending that a civilian should be interned for a definite limited period of so many months is undesirable, but not an infringement of international law. When the camp is established, 15 Army Group will issue instructions that recommendations should be worded in the following form, e.g., "Case to be reviewed after 6 months", instead of "Recommend internment for 6 months".

(m). The above arrangements should put an end to the difficulties and deficiencies at present involved in the handling of Civil P.O.W.

As regards the present position:

(a). Lt. Col. Gibson stated that he was satisfied that the procedure laid down in 15 Army Group Instruction dated 1 Sept. 43 for the disposal of Civil P.O.W. was now being followed by Fifth and Eighth Armies.

(b). Lt. Col. McGarry stated that it was fully understood by No. 2. District H. that Civil P.O.W. should not be placed in civil gaols and they were not being disposed of in this way.

(c). Col. Thorne-Thorne stated that Major Pollock, MG 2 Region, had now completed his review of cases of civilians confined in civil prisons in 2 Region and was now satisfied with the position in that Region.

(d). Lt. Col. Gibson and Lt. Col. Rowe stated that they believed that the position in P.B.S. was not satisfactory, and that there were still many civil P.O.W. confined in N.F.B.S. prisons.

Lt. Col. Welch undertook to arrange for instructions to be issued to P.B.S. to the effect that:

(1) Civil P.O.W. must not be placed in ordinary gaols.

(ii) Those already so confined should be removed to a

P.O.W. Camp.

(iii) P.O.W. Cases must accept Civil P.O.W.

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PROCEDURES REGARDING CIVILIAN INTERVIEWERS

I. All Regions will institute a Regional Review Board to classify and review all cases of Civilian Interviewers within their respective jurisdiction.

Each Regional Board will be composed of:-

- a representative of Public Safety
- a representative (a. of Military Security Services
- a representative of Legal

II. Regional Boards will sit in session at least every two months, and will deal with all cases, including interwarms made within 7 days of the reporting of each Board.

III. Categories - Cases will be classified in one of the following categories:-

a. (a) For indefinite internment

- (1) Foreign Born
- (2) Foreign Born
- (3) Persons considered as politically dangerous to allied military or Civil Services.

(b) For internment for not less than 3 months and then for release on conditions as set out hereafter:-

Similar cases to (a) of a minor nature.

IV. For handing over to proper authorities for original prosecution where record shows commission of crime for which no trial has been had.

V. For continued internment pending further inquiry.

VI. (a) For immediate unconditional release.
(b) For release on conditions as shown hereafter.

1. Special cases POW, dead bodies, etc.

Conditions of release for categories (a), (b) and (c)

(1) For release on release and immediately upon arrival at home

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- (1) Dangerous Escalators
- (2) Pre-emptives
- (3) Persons considered as politically dangerous to allied Military or Civil Services.

(b) For internment for not less than 3 months and thereafter for release on conditions as set out hereafter:-

Similar cases to A (a) of a minor nature.

B. For handing over to proper authorities for criminal prosecution where record shows commission of crime for which no trial has been held.

C. For continued internment pending further inquiry.

- iii. (a) For immediate unconditional release.
- (b) For release on conditions as shown hereafter.

iv. Special cases POW, deserters, etc.

Conditions of release for categories A (b) and B (a)

- (1) That following release and immediately upon arrival at his intended address, he will report in person to the Officer in charge of the Caribbean Station having jurisdiction. (The intended address chosen by the intern must be approved by Public Safety).

- (2) That he will report thereafter and send further notice to the Officer in charge of the said Police Station all continuous absences of a period of 48 hours or more from his registered address.

- (3) That he will thereafter and until further notice report in person to the Officer in charge of the said Police Station any permanent change of address and will supply information as to the intended address. In addition, within 24 hours of entering the district where the intended address is situated, he will report in person to the Officer in charge of the Police Station having jurisdiction.
- (4) That he will thereafter and until further notice report in person to the Officer in charge of the Police Station where his permanent address is situated, between 0700 hours and 1000 hours on each Sunday.
- (5) To procure this license and to produce it on demand to any authorized Public Safety Agent.

IV. Breach of any of the foregoing conditions may be considered sufficient grounds for reinstatement.

V. Due consideration will be given to C.I.C. and P.S. views, but in the event of a riot during more severe action, a decision will be taken accordingly of the Board. The chief difficulty will be the actual location of a number of bodies. Regional C.I.C.'s in each case, will circulate all prisoners and detention camps within the region to determine if the missing person is in their custody. If all replies are in the negative, Chief Public Safety, S.C., will be informed.

VI. The Board will carry out no interrogations but will act only on the decisions, unless special circumstances otherwise warrant.

VII. At the conclusion of each sitting of the Board, a summary report will be made to W.C.C. HQ., covering the following:

- (a) Number of cases considered.
- (b) Dispositions made of cases by categories.
- (c) Number of cases still pending.
- (d) Name and place of internment of those in categories (a) and (c).

by command of Brigadier General McSHERRY

C. M. SCORNE
Col. G.S.C.

Actg Deputy Chief of Staff (O & S I)

OFFICIAL:

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Lt Col, MC

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By command of Brigadier General HENK RAY

C. G. SPOTSWOOD

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SUBJECT: Internment of Civilians on
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15AG/1481/7/C(Ib).

14 December 1943.

TO: Lt. Col. Welch A.A.G., AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech.
Lt. Col. Mc Cleary A/G., No. 2. District.
Colonel Thorne-Thorns, C.S.O. AMG Hq., 15 Army Group.
Lt. Col. Rowe, C.L.O. AMG Hq., 15 Army Group.
Major Tetlow, a Rep 15 Army Group.

Attached is a memorandum on the meeting held to-day at this Hq. on the above subject.

If there are any points in the memorandum with which you disagree or on which you wish to comment, will you please forward such comments as soon as possible.

J. W. P. [Signature]

Re you 5 Jan 4(c) ?

WDG/ALB.

*Yes Thanks May I
have one copy of 14 AG [Signature] 15/12/43*

W. D. Gibson

Lt. Colonel,
G.S.I. (b).

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SUBJECT: Internment of Civilians on
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15.G/1401/7/G(Ib).

14 December 1943.

1. A meeting was held at H.Q. 15 Army Group on 14 December 1943 to discuss the question of the custody and documentation of Civil P.O.W. (Civilians interned on security grounds), and the question of the setting up of internment camps in Italy.

2. The following were present:

Colonel Thomas-Thorne, C.S.O. JAG
Lt. Col. Rowe
Lt. Col. Welch
Lt. Col. McElroy
Lt. Col. Gibson
Major Tetlow
Lt. Col. JAG Adv. Adm. Echelon.
A/Q. No. 2. District.
C.S.O. I, I(b) 15 Army Group.
A Rep. 15 Army Group.

3. It was agreed that:

- (a). The custody and documentation of Civil P.O.W. is the responsibility of A and not of JAG.
- (b). The present procedure, as laid down by 15 Army Group, is correct, whereby persons arrested in the Army Areas as Civil P.O.W. are placed in P.O.W. Camps.
- (c). Such persons must not be placed in ordinary Civil Camps, nor should they be evacuated to N. Africa.
- (d). In order to overcome difficulties of limited accommodation in ordinary P.O.W. camps, and in order to facilitate the orderly handling, custody, documentation, further interrogation, review of cases, and release, when appropriate, of Civil P.O.W., it is necessary that a special Civil P.O.W. camp be established in S. Italy.
- (e). JAG Adv. Adm. Echelon will arrange as soon as possible to allot a P.O.W. camp for this purpose and A/Q. No. 2. District will select suitable site for it in 2 District, convenient for the evacuation of Civil P.O.W. from both Army Areas.
- (f). There is no reason why the camp should not be located in territory administered by the Italian Government.

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Lt. Col. Welch	... G. JHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon.
Lt. Col. Mc Clary	A/C. No. 2. District.
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(f). There is no reason why the camp should NOT be located in **§§1** territory administered by the Italian Government.

(g). When this camp is established, all persons arrested as Civil P.O.W. in ITALY will be passed through P/W channels to the camp, where they will remain until finally released.

(h). The Commandant of the camp will be responsible for the documentation and records of Civil P.O.W. confined in the camp.

(i). A short record of arrest ("Arrest Slip") should accompany the Civil P.O.W. to the camp and should be handed over to the Commandant by the escort on arrival. Consolidated records of arrest, officially authorizing the internment, should be forwarded periodically to the Commandant of the camp by Armies, Districts or Base Sections.

(j). An intelligence officer should be attached to the camp staff to assist in the review of cases.

(k). The release of Civil P.O.W. should only be authorized by the I b/C.I. staff of Army Group, Armies, Districts or Base Sections. The Commandant
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of the camp will be responsible for implementing such release when authorized.

(1). The practice of recommending that a civilian should be interned for a definite limited period of so many months is undesirable, but not an infringement of international law. When the camp is established, 15 Army Group will issue instructions that recommendations should be worded in the following form, e.g. "Case to be reviewed after 6 months", instead of "Recommend internment for 6 months".

(m). The above arrangements should put an end to the difficulties and deficiencies at present involved in the handling of Civil P.O.W.

4. As regards the present position:

(a). Lt. Col. Gibson stated that he was satisfied that the procedure laid down in 15 Army Group Instruction dated 1 Sept. 43 for the disposal of Civil P.O.W. was now being followed by Fifth and Eighth Armies.

(b). Lt. Col. McCleary stated that it was fully understood by No. 2. District H. that Civil P.O.W. should not be placed in civil goals and they were not being disposed of in this way.

(c). Col. Thorne-Thorne stated that Major Follock, MG-2 Region, had now completed his review of cases of civilians confined in civil prisons in 2 Region and was now satisfied with the position in that Region.

(d). Lt. Col. Gibson and Lt. Col. Rowe stated that they believed that the position in P.B.S. was not satisfactory, and that there were still many civil P.O.W. confined in NURENBERG prisons.

Lt. Col. Welch undertook to arrange for instructions to be issued to P.B.S. to the effect that:

(i) Civil P.O.W. must not be placed in ordinary goals.

(ii) Those already so confined should be removed to a

P.O.W. Camp.

(iii) P.O.W. Camps must accept Civil P.O.W.

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Additional Information:

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Region IV (S.O.).

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S Army Group,
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Ref. 100/111/1/1
15 December 1951.

In site of instructions which have been issued some individuals detained on security grounds and on suspicion are committed to civil prisons. Some of these have been operated by civil police on instructions from Home Security, and some by Field Security.

This is ~~in a number of cases~~ in a number of cases, but they must not be detained in prisons for any length of time and will be handed over as soon as possible to a P.O.S. Detention Camp.

In order to keep a check on detained persons Directors and Commandants of prisons will report all cases handed over, reserved and liberated, at regular periods, to S.O.S. Officer to whom he is subject. This information will be passed on as early as possible to Public Safety (Prisons), on form attached.

Records will be kept of all such individuals in provinces handed over to Regions, the details of such individuals in prisons at time of taking over should be in the possession of the local S.O.S. or S.O.S. of the Regional representatives.

A form found suitable in the past is attached and can be used in the first instance till Regions build up their own record system.

S.O.S. Officer,
S.O.S. Officer,
Chief, Public Safety,
S.O.S. 15 Army Group.

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Subject: Political Prisoners.

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S.C.A.P.O. thru R.C.A.O.

Region III,

Region IV (Adv)

Foggia Province (Region IV Adv).

AMC HQ,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

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Lt. Colonel.
Chief. Public Safety
AMG 15 Army Group.

For approval. *W.H.*

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Lt. Colonel.

*Chief. Public Safety
HQ 15 Army Group.*

For approval. MTH.

Several copies of the form to go out.

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WE SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER PROGRESS UNTIL YOU ARE ABOVE
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SUBJECT:- Civilian Internees.H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.M.G.S.,
A.F.H.Q.AMG/417/21
11th December 43

I am seriously concerned at paragraph 3 of your DESJ/DW/cage
MGS 321-12 dated 6th December 43 insofar as it concerns civilian
internees in occupied territory. I understood from your
MGS 321-12 dated 25th November 43 that you agreed with me that
the responsibility for civilian internees is a GI duty, from
which I inferred that they should be detained in P.O.W. cages,
treated as P.O.Ws (with certain modifications) and certainly
rationed by army channels.

2. This is the method of dealing with such people
accepted by International law and followed in every other
theatre of war which I have known.

3. I should be glad to know therefore that the refusal
to ration such internees will not apply to civilians detained
in P.O.W. cages under GI arrangements in 15 Army Group.

MSL/SCH.

Brigadier,
C.C.A.O.

Copy to: CSI(b) 15 Army Group.
(Copy of letter under reference attached for
your information).

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BY FAST AIR COURIER

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

DSJ/DW/cag

6th December, 1943

MGS 321-12

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees

TO : H.Q., A.M.G., G.M.F.

No/2001

Reference is made to your message 5-3423 of 30 November.

1. The problems raised in your message may be divided as they apply in two phases, viz-

- (a) Under the present system of control of Italian territory
- (b) After the transfer of responsibility for control of Italian territory to the Italian Government.

Certain points which you raised are common to both phases; these are covered in paragraph three.

2. It is assumed that these persons were interned or imprisoned by AMG or military authorities because it was considered that if they were to retain their freedom they would constitute a danger, either to the community, or to military interests. On assumption by the Italian Government of responsibility for the control of certain territory it may be that the Government will agree that at least a proportion of these persons would still constitute a danger to the state if they were granted their freedom, and would agree to their continued detention. Such action would be in accordance with procedure now obtaining in Great Britain and America. If, however, the Italian Government does not agree to the continued detention of such persons there will be two alternatives, either to effect their release, or, should AMG/ACC or military interests so require, to transfer those whom it is considered advisable to retain in detention to territory outside the control of the Italian Government. The transference of persons detained by direction of AMG/ACC or the military authorities is considered necessary, since their presence under control of the Italian Government would create an anomalous position and might give cause for dissatisfaction and complaint. It is known that G-2 section at this

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Headquarters desires that certain persons shall be retained in custody, and you will be informed in this regard, but apart from information supplied through this source the matter will be one for decision and settlement in the field.

3. The provision of guards is a question which should properly be raised with the local military authorities, and in default of the provision of military personnel the matter is one which may best be decided by your Headquarters. Military rations are not to be permitted, and the appropriate authorities at this Headquarters have intimated that approval for their issue will not be granted.

D. S. JACKSON,
Lt. Colonel.

Copy to:-

H.Q., A.M.G. 15 Army Group ✓
The Office of the American Ambassador
The Office of the British Resident Minister
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SUBJ - InterneesPS
4 DEC 1943 73HQ 15 Army Group,
C.I.P.
15AG/3061/A
3 Dec 43TO: AFHQ Adv Area Echelon,
FLASO.Reference 15AG/Misc/A dated 29
Nov 43., para 6.

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GBI(a) this HQ state that the documentation will have to be dealt with by British or Allied personnel as a considerable portion of it will be of a secret nature, e.g. the reason why an individual has been taken into custody, which it may be undesirable to communicate to other than Allied personnel.

Field
JLT/AFL

(J.L. TETLOW) Maj.
for Brigadier A/Q.
15 Army Group.

Copy to: GBI(a)
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H.C. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

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15AC/15AC/A.

29 Nov 43.

AFM AGT AGT AGT

1. The situation regarding the position of civilian internees is serious.
2. At present civilians apprehended on security grounds, or in cases where it is deemed advisable that they should be interned, are placed in PW Camps for safe custody; this proceeding is sanctioned by international law.
3. In many instances however, these internees are being removed from PW Camps to civil jails on the grounds that the camps are too crowded. As an alternative to being placed in civil jails, there are cases of these persons being evacuated to HA which, although this procedure is considered within the bounds of international law, it is undesirable as it means they are not available for subsequent interrogation.
4. The most satisfactory solution would appear to be the establishment of Internment Camps to accommodate such persons.
5. For the present, two camps each capable of housing five hundred persons, and capable of expanding to a holding of one thousand, would meet the situation.
6. At the same time some organisation is required to deal with the documentation of internees so that next of kin may be informed of casualties, and the whereabouts of each individual known to facilitate calling forward for release when approved, or for further interrogation. It is considered that this work could also be undertaken by Italians under supervision.
7. Will you please say if this meets with your approval, and if so, it is suggested that the Italian Government be asked to provide the necessary facilities forthwith.
8. I have been informed by G (Int) this HQ that the matter is urgent as many breaches of international law are being committed in the treatment of these internees owing to the lack of proper camps.

J.L. Tetlow

J.L. Tetlow, Major,
for Brigadier, A/C.

JLR/ASD

Copies to :- GSI(a)

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SUBJECT: Internees

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H.Q. 15 Army Group

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for LHM

15AG/Misc/A.

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JHE/AJM

Copies to :- GHI(a)

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J.L. Tetlow, Major,
For Brigadier, A/C.

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SUBJECT: False Statements and Denunciations

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.RE RESURICED -- US RESURICED15.10/2460/L/G(ED)TO A.C. of S., G-2, Fifth Army
C.S.I., Eighth Army

2 December 1945

1. In places occupied by our forces, great difficulty has always been caused by the civilians who give false information or falsely denounce other persons. This practice is most noticeable in security/counterintelligence offices.

2. Recent reports receiving this H.Q. tend to reveal that this practice is currently widespread in Italy. The time consumed in dealing with it is detrimental to our security effort, and will be more injurious as increased territory thins out available personnel.

3. Attention is directed to A.M.O. Proclamation No. 2, "War Crimes," and particularly to Article II, Section 38, which states that any person who "knowingly makes any false statement to any member of the Allied Forces in connection with any matter of official concern" shall, upon conviction by the Military Court, be liable to punishment by fine or imprisonment.

4. It is believed that an attempt to enforce this provision in a few cases judiciously selected will have a beneficial effect by reducing the time lost in fruitless investigations.

5. In any prosecution, it will of course be necessary to show that the statement was false and that the accused knew it to be so. It is not an offense to make a misstatement bona fide.

Copies to: G-2, (C.I.), AFHQ
G.S.I., 1 Can Corps
F.D.S.
No. 2 District
16 F.S. Section
AMG, HQ, 15 Army Group, (Chief Legal Officer)

W.D. Wilson Lt Col

W.D. GIBSON, Lt. Col,
Brigadier,
3.6.8.(I).
15 Army Group,

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cc HQ

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS,
15 ARMY GROUP,
G.M.F.

AMG/411/

25th November 1943.

As requested, I have taken up the question of the arrest and subsequent release of *Sigurdini* with G.S.I.(b) 15 Army Group (Lieut-Colonel Gibson), who will communicate through the appropriate channels with Capt. Cartwright on the subject.

Lieut-Colonel Gibson agreed that this arrest and subsequent release left much to be desired.

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Colonel Edgar Hume,
A.M.G. H.Q.,
Fifth Army.

Copy to: G.S.I.(b) 15 Army Group.
(For the attention of Lieut-Colonel Gibson).

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Translation of Folio 15A.Note for the Allied Control Commission.

For your information we give you the following news received on 5 November from Gerignola (Foggia Province), and draw your attention to the behaviour of the Allied Official who is working on Civil Affairs in that Comune, providing the information is true :-

" The new Official of the Allied Forces at Gerignola, who arrived on 28 Oct 43 this, has revoked the suspension of 42 Squadristi workers, made by the Prefectural Commissioner, because it had not been approved by the HQ of the Allied Forces."

The Prefect,
Office Chief,

(Sgd) INNOCENTI.

Col. Gary.

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COL. TEMPERLE HAS 25/11
THIS WHOLE QUESTION
IN HAND - BELIEVE NO
ACTION REQUIRED AT PRESENT.
29.11.43

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SUBJECT: ARRESTS - CERIGNOLA

TO----- A.M.C. R.O.
15 ARMY GROUP.

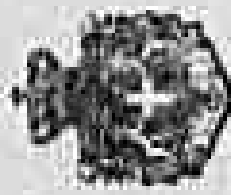
FROM----- CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Copy of memorandum 3767 of 17 Nov. '43 from the Italian Civil Affairs Office, is passed to you for information.

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for CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
LT. COL.

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UFFICIO AFFARI CIVILI

PRESSO

S. E. IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

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Risposta alla lettera

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OGGETTO

A P P U N T O

per la COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

Per opportuna conoscenza si segnala la notizia pervenuta in data 5 corrente mese da Cerignola (Foggia), con preghiera di particolare attenzione sul comportamento dell'Ufficiale Alleato addetto agli affari civili in quel Comune, ove quanto riferito risponde a verità:

«Il nuovo ufficiale dell'esercito alleato per gli affari civili di Cerignola ivi giunto il 28 ottobre u.s., ha revocato il provvedimento di sospensione dei 42 impiegati comunali, qualificati squadristi, adottato dal Commissario prefettizio perchè detto provvedimento non era stato prima approvato dal Comando Superiore dell'esercito alleato.»

IL PREFETTO

Capo dell'Ufficio
F/to: Innocenti

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P. E. 151, 12 17 Novembre 1943

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123 NOV 1943

SUBJECT: Disposal of Civilians arrested on security grounds

1st Army Group, G.I.C.

1st Army Group - 1st Signal

1st Army Group - 1st Signal

21 NOV 43

TO: 1st Army Group
1st Army

Ref: this is instruction 1140, 1140, 1140, 1140 dated 1 Sep 42 on the above subject.

1. The above instruction was given that civilians arrested by Allied military personnel for subversion should be turned over to a P.O.W. Camp.

2. It is probable that special treatment camps will soon be established in Italy, but in the meantime the above disposal procedure should still be followed, and in any case it is unlikely that the establishment of such camps will affect the procedures to Army Group.

3. Great care must be taken to ensure that these instructions are not between such instructions and any suggestion the above disposal through P.O.W. channels to the Army Group's information post (see AFM Intelligence Instruction No. 11, dated 1 May 43).

Internees must NOT be allowed to leave to or through the R.I.P. as they are in no way affected by the foregoing action for the subject of the above instruction (see above).

W.D. Gibson Lt. Col.

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Copy to: 1st Army Group

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ALT HQ,
15 Army Group, C.M.F.

Ref. AMB/411/
23 November 43.

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To:- AG HQ, Fifth Army,
AG HQ, Eighth Army.

The above memorandum from HQ 15 Army Group is forwarded for your information.

R. J. P. Thorne
for R. J. P. THORNE THORNE,
Colonel, Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT: Civilian Internees.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.R.

Military Government Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

AMG/26/34
19th November 1943

The subject of civilian internees (otherwise civilian prisoners of war) has been discussed at a meeting at H.Q., 15 Army Group.

2. The present position is that civilian internees are taken into custody by the security branches of Fifth and Eighth Armies and that this work is coordinated through Military Intelligence Branch at H.Q., 15 Army Group. Civilian internees, after arrest, are placed in p.o.w. cages as there is, as yet, no civilian internee camp.
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Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

W. J. P. THORNE

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Message

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From Freedom.

14 Nov. 43.

To Flambo.

Ref. no 797.

For File 411.

Foreign Internees are a responsibility of displaced persons Sub-Commission under A149 which includes feeding from A149 Stocks as well as local procurement.

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Subject: Visit to 5th Army Area.H.Q., A.M.C.,
5th Army.H.Q., A.M.C.,
15 Army Group,
O. M. F.AMG/417/3.
14. Nov. 43.

During a recent visit paid by Major Loshian, Public Safety, certain matters were discussed with Lieut. Colonel Wilson.

1. All civilians trying to get North should be stopped and not allowed beyond a certain line. This should be simple enough to establish and it is suggested that contact be made with C.I.C. and P.S.B. and Provost to arrange. It is hoped that the C.I.C. will be in a position to control the traffic, and assisted by Military Police, to stop movement beyond the desired line. A General Instruction cannot be sent out as owing to control, no civilians are allowed to move North beyond a certain area in 8th Army.
2. The use of Prisons or Reformatories as hospitals for Field Army, etc., should the occasion arise. - If the Field Army will supply transport to evacuate personnel to some other locality in rear and the handing over of any institution forward would seem desirable, there is no reason why evacuation should not be made.
3. The instruction contained in telegram from Adv. Adm. Hqs. A.P.H.Q., No. 413 dated 28. Oct. 43, regarding the use of P.O.W. Camps for confinement of Political Prisoners, is to be considered as a temporary measure. A more suitable place is desirable and it is suggested that arrangements be made for some permanent place. This would also avoid despatching this type of prisoner to North Africa. Your Public Safety Division had the matter in hand.

HJ/JG.

R.J.P. THORNTON THORNTON,
Colonel,
Senior Staff Officer.

Original taken to Copy to: File 413 (Ref para 1).
5 Army by Col Garry File 403 (Ref para 2).
to discuss. File 411 (Ref para 3).

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FROM FLAMB O 281715 - 217109

TO PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

INFO 94 SUB AREA - 57 AREA - 15 ARMY GROUP

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YOUR P B S 136 OF 27 OCT - HAVE DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION WITH 15 ARMY GP
WHO ARE ISSUING INSTRUCTIONS . MEANWHILE YOU ARE AUTHORISED TO DETAIN
WITHOUT TRIAL CIVILIANS FOR SECURITY REASONS . AS NO ORGANISED INTERNMENT
CAMPS EXIST THEY MAY BE ACCOMMODATED IN P W CAMPS BUT SHOULD BE SEGREGATED
FROM P S W . 15 ARMY GP INSTRUCTIONS WILL COVER QUESTION OF THEIR ULTIMATE
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Go into this and write Col Kelson

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6 NOV 1943

Subject: Security Arrests

to: All S.C.A.O.'s
C.A.O.'s
L.O.'s
C.A.P.O.'s

f: ECA/53.

AMC.H.Q. REGION 2

25 Oct 43.

1. There has recently been some clarification of the AMG responsibility in dealing with the detention of suspects under Section 2, Article 7, of Proclamation 2, and with the problem of the release of persons detained or imprisoned by F.S.S. in the early phases of the occupation of Region 2. These instructions are intended to serve as a guide to Legal Officers in dealing with these problems.

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3. At the earliest possible moment the question of the release or further detention of persons imprisoned by F.S.S. in the first phases of operations should be carefully considered. The records which F.S.S. may have made at the time of the arrests and left with the prison director or C.A.O. should be examined, local persons who are reliable should be consulted, or should the Procuratore della Legge. After a careful examination of each case is made the C.A.P.O. (or C.A.O.) and L.O. should forward the record to Regional H.Q. with their recommendations between the alternatives of unconditional release, release upon condition or parole, and detention for a further specific period in jail. If further detention is recommended the advisability of transferring the prisoner to some prison away from his own community should be considered, and a recommendation should be made Release can only be ordered Regional H.Q. or G.S.W. (E).

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R.C.A.C. AMG Lt. Col. IMP. H.Q. REGION 2.

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SUBJECT: Security Policy & Procedure

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

ALL SECRET REMAINS US SECRET

15AG/1400/a/a(ib)

W. No. 2 District

30 Oct 43

Reference this H.Q. letter of even number dated 24 Oct 43, addressed to the Allied Military Mission, BRUNNEN copy to your H.Q.

Attached is a copy of the reply to the above letter, which has been received from the Head of the Mission.

The question of the disposal of NAPOLSONI had been referred individually to the Mission, and the ruling thereon, received from the Mission, was conveyed to you in this H.Q. letter 15AG/1472/1/5(ib) dated 26 Oct 43.

It is recommended that NAPOLSONI, who is being held at RANZ, by the Carabinieri at the request of 16 F.S. Section, and that the civilian in the ALBALEA area, whose case was ruled by I Airborne Div., be dealt with in accordance with the Mission's ruling.

W.D. Gibson Lt. Col

W.D. GIBSON, Lt. Col.,

for Major General,
Chief of General Staff,
15 Army Group.

Copy to: OSI, Eighth Army
AIR, HQ. 15 Army Group. ✓

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
APO 512

27 October 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters, 15th Army Group.

Your number 15 AG/1400/2/6(10) of 24 October.

1. Reference your Para. 2 (c).

(i) Both in AMG and in "Kingdom" territory such persons should be tried by the Italian Military courts. In cases, however, of very serious offences such as flagrant acts of sabotage or hostility, the offenders in AMGOT territory should be dealt with summarily by AMGOT.

(ii) If their continued liberty would constitute a threat to our security, such persons should be interned. It is considered that they should be handed over to the Italian Military authorities for internment.

(iii) The only distinction between the procedure in AMGOT territory and in "Kingdom" territory would be in the case of offences specifically dealt with under (i)

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2. Your Para. (3).

(a) Noted and agreed.

(b)(c)(c) It is considered that in cases of this description the offenders should be dealt with by the Italian authorities, if possible, by Courts-Martial. I am conferring on this subject with the Italian authorities and will endeavor to insure adequate Allied representation in court.

3. The above rules represent my personal views on the questions raised and I understand that they are broadly in agreement with your own wishes.

I am expecting my legal advisor to arrive in Brindisi today and if he suggests any alteration to the above rulings I will let you know at once.

F. N. JASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission

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26 OCT 1943

SUBJECT: Supp. of Policy and Procedure.

15 Army Group.
C.H.F.

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15AG/1402/2/GI(b)

To: Allied Military Mission, BRINLEY.

25 Oct 43.

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Reference 15AG/1402/2/GI(b) dated 24 Oct 43 para 2(u).

FOR COL VITROCI
BY COL NIPOLEONI

The case of Col VITROCI has already been brought to your notice in our 15AG/1402/2/GI(b) dated 18 Oct 43.

N/T.

Shawna Capt.

1st Brigadier,
C.H.F. (I).
15 Army Group.

Copy To:-

S.S.I(b) Eighth Army
S.S.I. No. 2 District
AGC 15 Army Group.

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1399/1401/7/9 16) dated 25 Oct 43

The CC RR could certainly relieve the Armees, and there might seem no reason why not, but the Field Armees and particularly that portion cooperating with L of C in Army Areas must become more sympathetic with and agreeable to the CC RR. I would not yet say that any scheme in which we require close co-ops. between MP and CC RR would work but I am prepared to make it work if I get full support from APMs and Subordinates with Army L of C.

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Para 6 The CC RR Control might be given order for arrest

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I have orders for connect to be given to P.M.G. officer
in charge of any way P/S officers from Kingston
at 10:15 a.m. he would pass them on to C.E.R.R. through
P/S officer or act at once him self.

Para 7

Para 7 P/S officers could make checks that the persons arrested were in fact carried out and that the persons were actually detained.

I did not know that this matter was
under discussion with Goddard's Govt.

Wm. LaSalle

8/11/45

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SUBJECT: Custody of Civilian InterneesH.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.I.F.BR SECRET EQUALS US SECRET15AG/1401/7/G(Ib)TO: MACOT H.Q. 15 Army Group

23 Oct 43

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1. It is understood that a proposal is under consideration by A.I.G. and the RADOGLIO Government whereby civilians arrested by Allied Security agencies with a view to internment should be handed over to the custody of the Italian civil authorities instead of their being confined as hitherto in Allied P/W Camps.
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(a) A.I.G. in consultation with G.O.I./G-2 should first decide in what areas (or how far forward) the appropriate civil authorities are fit to assume the responsibility of the custody of civilian internees.

(b) In such areas, persons arrested by FSP/CIC with a view to internment would be handed over direct to the CC.RR, and authorisation by Army or District H.Q. for internment or release would be transmitted to the CC.RR concerned through MACOT channels. The CC.RR would then arrange for their removal to the nearest internment camp. If close co-operation has been achieved, there is no reason why FSP/CIC should not arrange for the CC.RR to make the arrests (as at present in the "Kingdon"), provided that, in any such arrests made at the instigation of military security personnel, the procedure laid down in 15AG/1400/2/G(15) dated 1 Sep 43 is followed regarding the submission of records and authorisation of internment.

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 - (c) Forward of such "approved" areas, persons arrested by PSP/CIC with a view to internment should continue to be handed over to the nearest P.W. Camp, where they would be held until authority is received from Army H.Q. for internment or release (15AG/1400/2/G(Ib) dated 1 Sep 43 refers); those to be interned should then be passed back through P.W. channels in the normal way until they can be transferred to the custody of an approved local authority as defined in (a) above.
5. It should be impressed upon the Italian civil authorities that any person arrested on security grounds by or at the instance of an Allied Security Agency, must under no circumstances be released without the consent of the competent Allied military authority.

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7. The Italian civil authorities should be warned that all internment camps and prisons administered by them and holding persons arrested by or at the instance of an Allied authority would be subject to inspection by A.M.G. and/or Allied Military Security representatives to ensure that such persons are still in custody; arrangements should be made for such periodic checks to be carried out.

8. Will you please keep this Branch informed of the progress made in the discussions on this subject with the B. DOGLIO Government, and of the proposed location of civil internment camps.

W.D. Gibson. Lt. Col.

W.D. Gibson, Lt. Col.

for Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).

WDG/EGM

COPY TO:

G-2 (C.I.) A.F.H.
G.S.I. Eighth Army
G-2 Fifth Army
G.S.I. No. 2. District

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SUBJECT: Security Policy and Procedure

TO: Allied Military Mission BRINDISI

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H.C. 15 Army Group.
C.A.P.

REF: SECRET 3.3.1.1 U.S. SECRET.

1515/1100/2/3(1b).

24 Oct. 43

1. Will you please advise this HQ. as to the procedure which should be adopted in the following aspects of security work.

(a) Cases have occurred and will no doubt continue, in which the activities of personnel of the Italian Army call for their arrest and trials, detention or internment on security grounds. This may occur both inside the "Kingdom" or in territory administered by A.G.

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(iii) Any distinction between the procedure to be adopted in the "Kingdom" and that in AG territory.

3. (a) With regard to security action against civilians in the "Kingdom", the policy has been laid down that any such action should be necessary by Allied security agencies should normally and where possible be taken through the Italian authorities, i.e. security arrests should be made by the Italian police and security offences tried by Italian courts.

In general this procedure appears to be satisfactory, as most security cases, e.g. pro-Fascist elements, suspected pro-German activities etc, may be regarded as a joint threat to the Allies and to the Fascist government.

(b) Cases are liable to arise, however, of civilians in the "Kingdom" committing very serious security offences against specifically Allied interests.

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(c) For example, a civilian in the ALP/UMA area is alleged to have offered money to another civilian to blow up a building in which Allied Military personnel are accommodated. A Airborne Div is anxious that this case should be dealt with directly by the appropriate Allied Military authorities rather than by the Italian civil authorities.

(d) It is felt that an Italian civil court is not a wholly suitable agency to try such cases, unless an Allied representative were included in the court. An Allied Military Court martial might be a possible alternative.

It could be requested if we could be advised at an early date of the proper procedure to be followed in the above cases, both particularly and general.

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WDC/ALE.

W.D. Gibson Lt Col.
R.D. GIBSON, Lt. Col.
Brigadier,
A.C.S.(I).

COPY TO: C-2 A.F.H.S.
G.S.I. Eighth Army
No. 2 District
AMG Hq. 15 Army Group.

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15 Army Group,
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15AG/3401/7/GI(b)

23 Oct 43.

Eighth Army
No. 2 District

In confirmation of conversations Major DE FREITAS - Capt MUSCOE, Lt. Col SISNEY - Capt MUSCOE, the following security policy has been laid down by A.F.H.Q.

In the "Kingdom" (Provinces of BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO and LECCE), security arrests of civilians should be made in co-operation with the Badoglio Government or its representatives (i.e. the civil police authorities), with overriding powers in Allied hands if the military situation requires.

General security arrangements and major security policy matters affecting the "Kingdom" should be made through the Allied Military Mission, BRINDISI, (through this HQ in the case of Eighth Army).

W.D. Gibson. Lt. Col.

W.D. GIBSON Lt. Col,
for Major-General,
Chief of General Staff,
15 Army Group.

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Copy To: - A.M.G. H.Q. 15 Army Group. ✓
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H. H. 15 AMP Group.
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22 Oct. 43

TO: Fifth Army
Eighth Army
E.O. No. 2 District

Reference this W. letter of over reference dated 1 Sept. 43, para. 3 (a) (iii).

1. Consolidated lists of records of civilian arrests will in future be forwarded as indicated below instead of to AECOT. HQ. P-47440:

- (a) Eighth Army Records to JAGOT HQ, Eighth Army.
- (b) Fifth Army Records to JAGOT HQ, Fifth Army.
- (c) No. 2 District Records to JAGOT HQ, No. 2 Region.

2. It will then be the responsibility of the SECRET HQ's with mission to hand over such regions at the appropriate time to the SECRET HQ. of the Region covering or taking over the area in which the arrest were made.

Copies of such records will continue to be forwarded to the ID. by ARAHIO but NOT by No. 2 District.

W. D. Allen, H. C.

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- (a) Eighth Army Records to AMGOT HQ, Eighth Army.
- (b) Fifth Army Records to AMGOT HQ, Fifth Army.
- (c) No. 2 District Records to AMGOT HQ, No. 2 Region.

2. It will then be the responsibility of the AMGOT HQ's with armies to hand over such records at the appropriate time to the AMGOT HQ of the Region covering or taking over the area in which the arrest were made.

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SUBJECT: Arrest of Civilians on Security Grounds

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The procedure set out below will be adopted forthwith in the case of SICILY and will be followed in future operations.

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A second copy will be submitted to the local Civil Affairs Officer or Civil Affairs Police Officer.

A third copy will be forwarded to the Army H.Q. concerned, or will be retained to form the basis of a fuller report to Army H.Q., as laid down by Annexes.

- (iii) Army H.Q. will forward consolidated lists of such records to this H.Q. and to AMGOT H.Q., PALERMO, at not more than fortnightly intervals.

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A civilian arrested for the commission of a security offence will be placed

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in the nearest civil prison or police station approved by AMGOT. If no such establishment is available, they will be placed in the nearest P/W cage.

In addition to the brief arrest records prescribed in (a) above, a full report of the case will be submitted to the local Civil Affairs Officer, who will then arrange for the case to be tried by a military court, and for the subsequent disposal of the prisoner.

(c) Internment

A civilian arrested with a view to internment will be placed in the nearest P/W Cage.

In addition to the records prescribed in (a) above, a fuller report of the case will, where necessary, be forwarded to the Army H.Q. concerned. The Army H.Q. will then consider at once whether internment is justified, the Army Security Staff and AMGOT representative consulting. The Army H.Q. will either authorise continued internment or order release, informing the P/W cage accordingly.

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NOTE: Authorisation of internment will be the responsibility of this

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(d) Detention pending Investigation

A civilian detained on security grounds pending further investigation will be placed either in the local prison or in the nearest P/W Cage, according to whether investigations are proceeding with a view to internment or to the preferment of a charge for a security offence.

The Chief Legal Officer of AMGOT H.Q. or the Senior Legal Officer of the Province should be informed of any such detention and his agreement obtained.

The investigation of the case must be pursued as rapidly as possible by the security personnel concerned, so that the civilian detained may be either interned, released or charged with an offence with the minimum delay. If the Security Section making the investigation moves to another area before the case is disposed of, the case must be handed over to the incoming security section.

If the detention is to last longer than three months the agreement of the Chief or Senior Legal Officer should again be obtained.

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Where possible, Provost Marshalls and officers in charge of P/W cages will ensure that arrested civilians are not evacuated from the cage in which they are originally placed until:

- (a) They are removed by AMGOT for trial or to a civil prison pending trial, in the case of those charged with an offence.
- (b) Their internment or release is authorised by Army H.Q., in the case of those arrested with a view to internment.
- (c) Their disposal is authorised by the appropriate agency in the case of those detained pending investigation (i.e. by Army H.Q., AMGOT, or the local Security Officer, according to whether the release is to be intended, tried or released).

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5. Security Personnel

The procedure outlined above is based on the principle that security arrests should normally be carried out by Security Personnel (F.S.P. or C.I.C.).

It is realised however, that the arrest of civilians for security reasons may sometimes be initiated by military personnel other than security personnel. In such cases, the civilian arrested should wherever possible be handed over to the nearest F.S. or C.I.C. Section: where this is not practicable, the latter should at least be informed of the particulars of the arrest. The case can then be handled in accordance with the procedure laid down above.

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