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SEPT., OCT. 1943

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS.
PALERMO.

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R1/26.06/CP-ev

28th October, 1943.

SUBJECT: Enemy and Neutral Consulates in Sicily.
To; C.S.O. Headquarters Allied Military Government;

- (1) As requested in enclosure attached to the file,
the information respecting locations of Consuls is
contained in the attached report.

Charles Poletti

Charles Poletti,
Lt Colonel.
Regional Civil Affairs Officer.

In view of report already sent to 15 AB NY 325/HQ.
I do not think further information is ~~required~~ ^{necessary} despite
the fact that the two statements are conflicting.
The conflicting inf. in Maj. Richardson's report is so
old that it can have no interest for G.S. (b)
at this date.

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P.A.
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US 10 HANNEY DIV. DIVISION.

Seen by.

Col. KIRK.....

" YOUNG.....

" BOLLES.....

" LOOMIS.....

Lt. Col. MARTIN.....

" " MICHAEL.....

Major M. C. H.

CAPT. BALANCE.....

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SPECIAL REPORT
OF C. A. P. O.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
CIVIL POLICE SECTION

SUBJECT

ENEMY AND NEUTRAL

CONSULATES IN

SICILY.

CORRES. NO.

AMGOT/1093/P3.

503/4/CPS.

TOWN CARABINIERI HEADQUARTERS

PROVINCE CITY OF PALERMO.

DATE 25th October 1943

1.

To Superintendent.

With reference to the attached correspondence and, in particular, to minute of Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety on attached report dated 18th September 1943.

The Carabinieri Reali were called upon to supply the fullest possible data concerning enemy and neutral consulates in Sicily and the staff of same with the result that on 7th October 1943 a letter, attached and marked 'A', was received from General Sannino of the Carabinieri Reali. The following is a translation of of this letter :-

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Germany	-	Via Libertà No. 52 - full consul Hasso Von Etzdorff.
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Sweden	-	Via Americo Amari No.38 - honorary consul Maniscalco Matteo.
Hungary	-	Via Mariano Stabile No.172 - honorary consul Tagliavia Giacomo.

These were closed before the occupation. The consular officers being Italian, remained in Palermo, but the German consul left for places unknown. I will furnish news on other Provinces".

(Signed)

Ernesto Sannino.

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AMGOT/1093/TS.

503/4/CPS.

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Ernesto Sannino.

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On 21st October 1943 a further letter was received from the Carabinieri Reali. This attached hereto marked 'B' and the following is a translation of same :-

"In accordance with letter No.53/8-2 of the 6th Oct. we inform you that before the occupation there were in the following Cities the following consulates :-

Trapani	-	Paraguay - Consular agent - Solina
		Pietro of Trapani
Trapani	-	Belgium - Consular agent - D'Ali
		Gabriele of Trapani

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Trapani - France - Colonial agent - Pardiella
 Enrico of Trapani.
 Trapani - Norway - Consular agent - Aul
 Aldo of Trapani.
 Trapani - Low Countries - Consular agent -
 Platamone Enrico of Trapani.

All inactive for about three years.

Caltanissetta - Germany - transferred from Palermo.
 Agrigento - Spain - vice consul - La Lucia
 Vincenzo of Agrigento at present
 at Agrigento.

The German Consulate was closed before the arrival
 of the Allied Troops and Consul Hanso Von Etsdorff's
 present location is unknown. Other consular agents
 remained at their respective residences.

(Signed)

A. Branch - General, "

Submitted for information.

Richardson

G. Richardson, Major.
 Special Police Branch.

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A. Brance - General. "

Submitted for information.

Richardson

C. Richardson, Major.
Special Police Branch.

*Secret Service
Colonel*

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7-A'

COMANDO SUPERIORE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DELLA SICILIA

N. 53/E-2 di prot. Palermo, addì 6 ottobre 1943

Risposta al foglio 22 sett.u/s. n. AMGOT/IO93/P.S.

OGGETTO: Richiesta di notizie.

Carte annesse n. _____

Allied Military Government Civil Police Section

S E D E

1°)-Prima dell'occupazione si trovavano in Palermo i seguenti consoli:

GERMANIA: Via Libertà n.52 - Console di carriera HASSO VON ETZOLD;

GIAPPONE: Piazza Alberico Gentile n.3 - console onorario GRILLI Giulio;

SVEZIA: Via Amerigo Amari n.38 - console onorario MANISCALCO Matteo;

UNGHERIA: Via Mariano Stabile n.172 - console onorario TAGLIAVIA Giacomo.

2°)-Detti consolati sono stati chiusi prima dell'arrivo delle truppe alleate.

3°)- Gli ufficiali consolari predetti sono rimasti tutti in Palermo, perché italiani, ad eccezione di quelli della Germania che, prima dell'arrivo delle truppe alleate, partirono per la nota destinazione.

Si fa riserva di comunicare le notizie relative alle altre province.

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vincie.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE SUPERIORE

- Ernesto Sannino-

Ernesto Sannino



COMANDO DELLA 6^a BRIGATA CARABINIERI REALI

N. 85/77-3 di prot.

Palermo, addì 20 ottobre 1943

Risposta al foglio ALCOT. 1092/P.S. del 22 settembre u.s.

OGGETTO: Richiesta di notizie.

Carte annesse n. _____

Al ALCOT. M.G. PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION CIVIL POLICE SECTION

P A L E R M O

A seguito del foglio n. 31/6-2 del 6 ottobre corrente, si comunica che prima dell'occupazione si trovavano nelle seguenti città i consolati a fianco di ciascuna indicati:

- TRAPANI - Paraguay - agente consolare SOLINA Pietro da Trapani;
- Belgio - agente consolare D'ALLI Gabriele da Trapani;
- Francia - agente consolare FARDILLA Enrico da Trapani;
- Norvegia - agente consolare AULA Aldo da Trapani.
- Paesi Bassi - agente consolare FLATANONE Enrico da Trapani.

Tutti inattivi da circa tre anni.

- CALTANISSETTA - Germania - Trasferitosi da Palermo per sfollamento.
- AGRIGENTO - Spagna - Vice Console LA LUMIA Vincenzo da Agrigento, trovosi tuttora ad Agrigento.

Il consolato tedesco è stato chiuso prima dell'arrivo delle truppe alleate e si conosce l'attuale destinazione del Console HASSO Von Etzdorf. - Gli altri agenti consolari sono rimasti nelle rispettive residenze.

OGGETTO: Richiesta di notizie.

Carte ammesse a:

Al ANCOT. H.Q. PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION CIVIL POLICE SECTION

P A L E R M O

A seguito del foglio n. 33/9-2 del 6 ottobre corrente, si comunica che prima dell'occupazione si trovavano nelle seguenti città i consolati e fianco di ciascuna indicati:

- TRAPANI - Paraguay - agente consolare SOLINA Pietro da Trapani;
- Belgio - agente consolare D'ALLI Gabriele da Trapani;
- Francia - agente consolare FARDELLA Enrico da Trapani;
- Norvegia - agente consolare AULA Aldo da Trapani.
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Il GENERALE DI BRIGATA COMANDANTE

- Ateneo Branca -



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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

ROUTING SLIP.

TO BE: *attach to file*

~~C.I.S.~~.....

D.C.P.S. *Amby*

~~PRISON SECTION~~.....

~~CIVIL POLICE SECTION~~.....

~~FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENSE SECTION~~.....

~~LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SECTION~~.....

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AFHQ

SECRET

ROUTINE

German and Japanese consulates closed and staff
 and papers removed from AFHQ for NGS cite August 27th
 papers returned your 222 of 4 Sep ~~1945~~ before arrival
 our troops consequently no special measures taken

Regulation

Pl. 1300 and 1300 return (less 1300)
 (b) to 1300 (less 1300) for 1300 (less 1300)

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ABOY 13 A.G.

21st September 1943.

SECRET

ROUTINE

A.F.S.O.

GERMAN AND JAPANESE CONTINGENTS CHARGED AND STAFF AND PASSENGERS REMOVED
 FROM ABOT BEVISED ABOT TO A.F.S.O. FOR M.G.S. ONE ABOT 275 PAGES
 REFERENCE YOUR 222 OF 1 SEPTEMBER BEFORE ARRIVAL OUR TROOPS BEING HELD
 NO SPECIAL MEASURES TAKEN

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SECRET
 "MOST SECRET"

SECRETCIPHER MESSAGE
INFOLIO NO 01016
4 SEP 43FROM : AFHQ SIGNED EISENHOWER
TO : FILPOT FOR AMG
ORIG. NO : 222 CITE FHWGSTOO 1257B
THI NIL
TOR 0100

INFORMATION IS REQUESTED AS TO WHETHER ANY GERMAN OR JAPANESE CONSULATES WERE FOUND IN SICILY. IF SO WHAT STEPS HAVE AND ARE BEING TAKEN TO GUARD THE PREMISES WHICH WERE USED AS SUCH AND THE RESIDENCES OF THE CONSULAR STAFF AND TO PREVENT THEIR OCCUPATION. IF NO MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN WHAT CAN BE DONE TO SALVAGE WHAT IS LEFT AND SAFEGUARD UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS.

AMGOT 3 ACTION

SMC 03408/5.
T.T.04208/5. JJC.

HEADQUARTERS

6 SEP 1943

AMGOT

SECRET
MOST SECRET

CSO

The answer to this is that all ~~consulates~~ German
Japanese consulates in this part of Sicily were closed.
the staffs removed to the mainland prior to the
arrival of our forces.
Rest of file is active on inquiry
from 1846 re neutral consulates.

Duffy
20/9

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
CIVIL POLICE SECTION

C. C. A. P. O.

consultate.

AUGUST 1093/PS.

DATE 18th September 1943.

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To Superintendent.

With reference to the attached correspondence and, in particular, to paragraph No. 6 of memorandum marked NO.2.

We have no record in this department either of the closing down of enemy consulates in Sicily or of the departure of enemy consular officials from the Island. Nevertheless, I have been in contact with Captain Jensen, of C.I.C. Section, 7th Army H.Q., who has assured me that all these consulates were closed and all consular staffs moved to the mainland prior to the arrival of our forces.

Length

G. Richardson,

Special Police Branch.

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6 of P.S. Submitted. No information is available beyond that provided by S.E.C. and included at N. above

By Heford
Major
for Capt David Price

1892.

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Capt. Lind Police

115th letter, Can

CORRES. NO.

ALP/1093/PS.

DATE

18th September 1943

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G. Richardson

G. Richardson,

Major,

Special Police Branch.

2.

b of P.S. Submitted. No information is available beyond that provided by L.H. and indicated at N. above

By Bedford
for Sups Civil Police

18/9/43.

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Sup. Civil Police X

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See para 4 of 18 Ato. letter. Can Carabiniere throw any light on these people and/or addresses. Capt Cooper will be making independent enquiries

20/9

Replying

SECRETCYPRUS MESSAGE
INFOLIO NO: 00937
3 SEP 43FROM: SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FRMG
TO: 15 ARMY GROUP FOR AMG
ORIG NO: 58TOD 2049B/3
TH
TOR 2140B/5

INFORMATION IS REQUESTED ~~FORWARDED~~ AS TO WHETHER ANY GERMAN OR JAPANESE CONSULATES WERE FOUND IN SICILY IF SO WHAT STEPS HAVE AND ARE BEING TAKEN TO GUARD THE PREMISES WHICH WERE USED AS SUCH AND THE RESIDENCES OF THE CONSULAR STAFF AND TO PREVENT THEIR OCCUPATION. IF NO MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN WHAT CAN BE DONE TO SALVAGE WHAT IS LEFT AND SAFEGUARD UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS.

AMGOT

3 ACTION

EMC 2240B/1
T.T. 0100B/5 JT

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SUBJECT: Neutral Consulates

AMGOT H.C.
PALERMO

SECRET

1340/1401/6/5(16)

3 Sept 43



1. It is desired to ascertain the position with regard to neutral consulates and consular officials in SICILY. Such establishments and persons are of considerable security significance, as they are potentially a most dangerous source of leakage of military information.

2. Would you please forward to this branch any information which you have or which you are able to obtain on the subject.

The following information is required in particular:

(a) List of neutral consulates and consular officials in SICILY

(b) Whether any such consulates have at present any means of communicating with their superior office in ITALY or with their Government, or whether AMGOT has been approached by any of them with a view to obtaining facilities for such communication.

3. Will you please consult this Branch if or when the question of such communications is discussed at a later date.

4. The following particulars of neutral consular officials believed to be in PALERMO have been supplied to Capt COOPER of 2 S.I.(c) Unit by a reliable local Italian informer: the information has not yet been checked.

Country	Name	Address
SPAIN	?	Via V. Villareale 32
PORTUGAL	?	Via Libertas 14
SWEDEN	Eng. Cav. L. L. ISALLOO	Via America 42
SWITZERLAND	Signor OTT	?
ARGENTINE	Signor PALERMO	Via G. Carducci
BRASIL	Prof. S. CAPTA	Piazza Pretoria 9
HAITI	Comandante CACCIOPPO	Piazza G. Verdi 23
HONDURAS	Comandante BELLINI	Via Eatal
NICARAGUA		
POLAND		

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In addition, the following representatives are claimed by the same source to be in PALERMO

5. Capt COOPER of 2 S.I.(c) Unit has been instructed to discover what he can, by discreet enquiries, concerning the activities and contacts of such officials in PALERMO.

6. It is assumed, that all enemy consulates closed down before the arrival of our forces, and that all enemy consular officials left the island.

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PORTUGAL	?	Via Libertà 14
BRASIL	Sig. Cav. M. M. S. S. S.	Via S. Maria 12
SWITZERLAND	Signor OTT	?
ARGENTINA	Signor PIAZZA	Via G. Carducci
BRAZIL	Prof. S. D'AMATI	Piazza Pretoria 9
HAWAII	Comandante CACIOPPO	Piazza G. Verdi 22
HONDURAS	Comandante BERTHALLI	Via Bottai
NICARAGUA		
POLAND		

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and believe

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Can you please confirm this?

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

W.D. Lison. H.L.

Brigadier,
H.Q.S.(I).

SECRET

15AG/1401/6/G(1b).

3 Sept. 43.

Subject - Neutral Consulates.To - HQ Seventh Army.
Main HQ Eighth Army.

1- Neutral Consulates and consular officials are of considerable Security significance, and they must be regarded as potentially a dangerous source of leakage of military information.

2- Details of such neutral consulates and officials in SICILY are not yet known, but they are likely to be found in the major sea-port towns.

It is believed that such officials are mostly Italians appointed by the governments concerned to represent their local interests and to carry out certain minor consular duties, mainly in connection with commerce and merchant seamen.

It is probable that they have at present no facilities for communicating with their governments or with their superior office in Italy. This, however, is not known for certain, and in any case the question of such facilities is likely to arise in due course.

3- F.S.P. and C.I.C. will make discreet enquiries with regard to neutral consulates and consular officials in their area, in order to obtain information as to their identity, activities, sympathies, and contacts.

Their premises must not be entered or searched, nor their persons in any way molested.

If there is any indication of their presenting a threat to our security, this HQ will be informed.

W.D. Gibson. Lt-Col

Major General,
Chief of General Staff,
15 Army Group.15 Army Group.
C.M.F.Copies to- AMGOT HQ.
314 F.S. Section.

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