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CLOSING OF PRISONS
AUG. 1943 - JAN. 1944

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48	1096/PS		Extracts of Minutes of Prov. CAPC. meeting 6/11/53	
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
A.P.O. 394

FILE AMG/1096

8 Jan. 1944

SUBJECT: Closing of Prisons.

TO : U.C.A.P.O. Caltanissetta.
Thru R.C.A.O. Region 1. Sicily.

With reference to letter dated 31st December 1943.

The suggestion that the prison at Gela be used only for sentences under 30 days and those awaiting trial is approved.

Instructions have been issued to the Director of the Central Prison at Caltanissetta to take such prisoners as do not come within the above terms.

It is asked that you please have the judicial authorities at Gela informed and assist the Prison authorities at Caltanissetta in obtaining the railroad facilities necessary for the evacuation.

By order of Colonel Charles Poletti

H. J. BROWN
Captain
Supt. of Prisons, Sicily.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION 1
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

File _____ Date _____

To- Civil Police Section _____

Special Police Branch _____

Major Richardson _____

Fire Section _____

Prisons Section ☒ _____

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Do you agree 24300

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TO

REGIONAL HEAD QUARTERS

PRISON SECTION

PA-2000

SUBJECT CELA PRISON.

On the 31st December 1943, I inspected the prison at Cella and found that there were 40 inmates serving sentences ranging from a few weeks to five years. The accommodation available consists of two medium sized cells and are quite unsuitable for long terms of imprisonment. There is no exercise space and there is no means of teaching any of the prisoners any work or even giving them any kind of employment. I appreciate that prisoners cannot expect the best of housing conditions but the soul-destroying life the prisoners lead in this prison is deplorable. I suggest that the prison be used only for short term and long term prisoners be removed to the large prison at the provincial town at Calaminostha.

E. W. C. Rust

R. R. AUST
MAJOR

PROV. C. A. I. O.

3/1/44

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W. R. Jones

LT. COL.

C. C. A. I. O.

3/1/44

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

13 Via Regina Margherita

TRAPANI (Sicily).

5/10/43

Dear Capt,
I have facilitated letters
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myself (reports to be closely
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Yours for kind
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TRAPANI (Sg. 14).

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Yours sincerely
G. D. S. S.

Major

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
No 1 REGION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Subject: Closing of Prisons - Patti
To : S.C.A.P.O. Messing

3rd November 1943

Reference your letter dated 28 October 1943.

When the question of closing prisons was discussed, PATTI was selected by reason of the damage it had sustained and the heavy expense that would be incurred for repair.

This Office is prepared to permit PATTI to remain open provided that the work to be done complies with your requirements.

The question of cost is one that could be discussed locally.

By order of Lt. Col. Charles Voletti, S.C.A.P.O.

Charles Voletti 11/4/43

for Russell A. Snook

Chief, Public Safety Division.

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AMDOT,
Messina.

Subject:- Prisons to be closed.
To :- Lt. Col. Stephen B. Story,
S.C.A.O.,
Messina Province.

Referring to Memorandum on above subject dated 30 Sept. 43,
Ref. AMDOT 1906/PS.

On 21 Oct 43, I received the attached report from Capt.
Kirkpatrick, S.C.A.O., Patti District, respecting the proposed
closing of the Prison at Patti.

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tor of the Tribunale in the Province of Messina. He strongly
endorsed Capt. Kirkpatrick's observations and asked that, if
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The basis of his recommendation was that the Tribunale
Italian Courts are held at Patti. They function on 5 days each
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The jurisdiction of the Tribunale at Patti covers eight
surrounding districts is about forty Communes and Villages.
The nearest Prison, Milazzo, is twenty miles distant and the
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modate approximately fifty persons.

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28 Oct 43.

(1st Ind. on page 2)

S.J. Bye, Major,
S.C.A.O.,
Messina Province.

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1st Ind.

From: SCAC Messina, 29 October 1943; To: Lt. Col. Snook,
SCAPO, AMCOT HQ.

Forwarded,

STEPHEN B. STORY
Lt. Col., CMF
SCAO - Messina

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A.M.C.O.T.
Province of Messina

21/10/43

Subject: Prison
To : S.C.A.O. MESSINA

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The different communes of the district have offered to contribute to the restoration of the Building. I recommend that this be done without delay.

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E. J. Dye
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C.A.O.,
Messina Province.

28 Oct 43.

1st Ind.

From: SCAO Messina, 29 October 1943; To: Lt. Col. Snook, SCAPO, AMGOT HQ.

Forwarded.

Stephen B. Story
STEPHEN B. STORY
Lt. Col., CMF
SCAO - Messina

A. M. G. O. T.

PROVINCE OF MESSINA

This Ref.:

Your Ref.:

21/10/43

Enclosures:

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[Handwritten signature]
C. J. S.

SUBJECT: Closing Prisons.

Sett. for p. Boyer
Police
AMCOT/1034/FS

AMCOT H.Q., Sicily.

11 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. CALTANISSETTA.

A suggested plan to close some of the small prisons in CALTANISSETTA is submitted as given in attached form.

Reports are so scanty that this plan may not be at all suitable, but your remarks and suggestions would be of assistance.

Mr. Latta
hqn

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LEWEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel Inf.,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Go left Boyer
for remarks
over 5357

PRISONS IN CALTANISSETTA

	Capacity.	State of Prison.	Under consideration.	If closed to move to.
GELA.	30	Pair.	Keep open.	
CALTANISSETTA.	67	Satisfactory.	Keep open.	
RIESI.	small	Satisfactory.	To close to GELA.	
VILLALBA.	small	Satisfactory.	To close to S. CATERINA.	
MAZZARINO.	small	Satisfactory.	To close to GELA.	
PUTERA.	small	Satisfactory.	To close to GELA.	
MUSSOMELI.	small	Pair.	To close to S. CATERINA.	
S. CATERINA.	25	Satisfactory.	Keep open.	
MISERI.	NO INFORMATION.			
SCORNO.	NO INFORMATION.			

GALTANUSSETTA.	67	Satisfactory.	Keep open.
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BUTERA.	small	Satisfactory.	To close to GELA.
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MISERI.
NO INFORMATION.SCALANO.
NO INFORMATION.

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EXTRACTS FROM MEETING OF PROVINCIAL C.A.P.O.'s HELD AT HQ, AMSCOT., PALMISTON 7 1000 HRS.
5TH OCTOBER 1962

AMSCOT/1076/13

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8. Prisons.

(a) Policy on closing of Prisons.

Lt. Col. Michell, Supt. of Prisons, explained H.Q. policy on this subject which was to close down as many of the small local prisons as possible and concentrate the prisoners in the main state and/or provincial prisons. It would be necessary to leave the local prisons on a care and maintenance basis so that they could perhaps be used for persons sentenced to imprisonment up to 30 days.

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Closure of Prisons.

MEMO/1096/PS

S.O.A.F.O. ZINA,
(from S.O.A.O.)

20 October 5

Reference to MEMO/1096/PS of 8 Oct 45 and your letter
6/5/P dated 16 Oct 43.

Authority is given for the unmentioned prisons to
be closed at an early date.

VILLAMOR
YNDIA
BARBARONA

In view of your remarks respecting KLAIZA ARSENIA
this office has decided that the said prison shall remain
open for the present.

It would be appreciated if you could make arrangements
for the closure of the three prisons and the transfer of
the prisoners etc., within the terms of the above quoted
correspondence.

ALLEN B. MICHELL, LT COL CMP.
Superintendent of Prisons.

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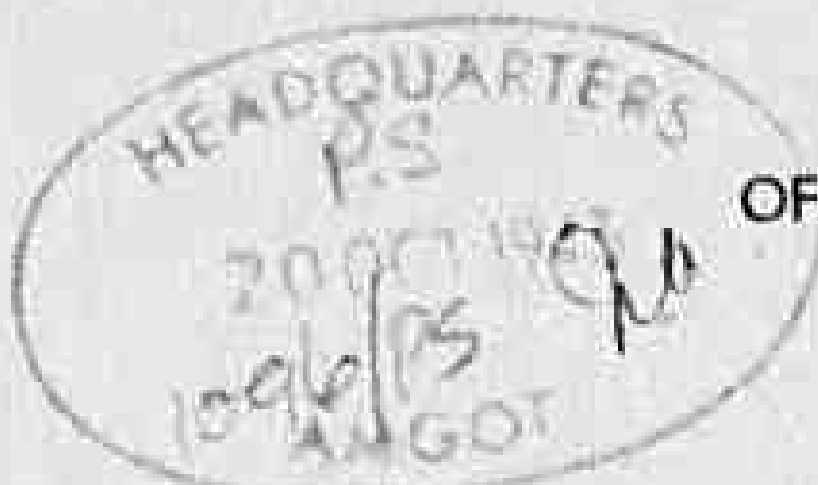
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O A. M. G. O. I.
PROVINCE OF ENNA

Your ref. 1096/PS

my ref. 6/5/P



OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

Enna. 16 Oct 43

Subject: Closing Prisons

ANGOT HQ. (Attention Public Safety Division)
15 Army Group

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1. With reference to your letter ANGOT/1096/PS dated 8 Oct 43, the prisons at Villarosa, Troina and Barrafranca might well be closed under the conditions detailed.
2. Piazza Armerina cannot be described as a bad prison, provided it is not overcrowded. The detention rooms are large and airy, there is a plentiful supply of water and it is generally clean and healthy. Further, it is situated in a fairly large town.

I consider that this prison should remain open for the present, particularly in view of the drive against the black market. During a previous drive, all the prisons in the island were full to capacity.

3. The necessary instructions with regard to the prisons named in paragraph 1 will be given to the Provincial Prison Director when he is appointed.

L. J. Walters

Major,
C. I. 353
for S.C.A.O.

RCM

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Closing of Prisons.

S.C.A.O. RAGRA.

10 October 3

A letter addressed from the Mayor of OGISO on 5 October asking that OGISO Prison be re-opened has been received.

Please inform the Mayor that the prison is considered unsuitable for use as such. It was necessary, as it has been found in several cases, to close those found to be uneconomical.

S.A.A.B.M.,

LEONEL L. DAVIS,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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Closing Prisons.

1000/1096/10

U.S.P.C. (Through U.S.A.C.) 501A.

8 October 3

The undermentioned prisons are noted for closing as they are small and generally bad places. They would however be useful if maintained as local establishments for confining of prisoners awaiting trial and possibly convicted prisoners serving sentences of 30 days and under.

PLAZA ARGENTINA - Prisoners to be transferred to Central Prison, Lima.

VILLARONA	"	"	"	"	"	"
TROCHA	"	"	"	"	"	"
BARRANCO	"	"	"	"	"	"

VILLARONA may now have been closed by you as authority was given verbally by Deputy Superintendent of Prisons to you on

One Guard should be retained at each place as caretaker and as a guard if you consider they should be kept open for untried prisoners.

Your views on the matter would be appreciated.

Copy to 1000/1096/10

cc file 1096

LAMBERT L. BOLLEN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commandant of Public Safety.

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S.C.A.O., Ragusa

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1096/PS
October 10, 3

A letter addressed on 5 October from the Mayor of Comiso asking that Comiso Prison be re-opened has been received.

Please inform the Mayor that the prison is considered unsuitable for use as such. It was necessary, as it has been found in several cases, to close those found to be uneconomical.

LEONEL L. BOLLES
Colonel, Infantry
Commissioner of
Public Safety

Seen by
DCPS

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Comune of COMISO.

province Ragusa.

October the 5th 1943.

file N.8965.

1396/PS

Subject: Reopening of prisons.

To your Excellency, General

Governor of Sicily.

PALERMO.

Recently, an American Police Officer provided for the closing up of the Local Prison of this city, the reasons are unknown. The people here were very sorry when this was done, as this prison has been existing for many many years.

The suppression of the prison has made it difficult for the execution of punishments, therefore, I beg you to give orders for the reopening of the same prison, for which the population here would highly appreciate.

The Mayor

Intorrella.

Translator: I.S.

San Rappaldis RAGUSA

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Comune di Comiso

PROVINCIA DI RAGUSA

15 ottobre 1943

Prot. N. 8965 Cat. Tasse Fasc.

Risposta alla nota del 104

Dir. Sez. N.

Oggetto: Ripristino Carceri

ALLEGATI

N.

A. S. E. il Governatore generale per la Sicilia

~~PALESTINA~~

Con recente provvedimento di un Ufficiale della Polizia Americana venne soppresso il Carcere Mandamentale di questa città. Si sconoscono i motivi che hanno determinato il provvedimento. Si sottomette intanto alla considerazione dell'E. V. che il provvedimento è stato accolto con dolore da questa popolazione, la quale senza un motivo si è vista privare di una istituzione, che esisteva da moltissimi anni.

E poiché la soppressione del carcere crea anche delle difficoltà al funzionamento della giustizia, faccio voti all'E. V. perché voglia disporre il ripristino del carcere stesso:

Il provvedimento che invoco dall'E. V. tornerebbe molto gradito a questa popolazione.



Il Sindaco

Intorrella 1348

Closing Prisons.C.A.P.C. (through C.A.A.C.) CMA.

AMHON/1096/HB

8 October 3

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PLAZA ARREMERIA - Prisoners to be transferred to Central Prison, MEXIA.

VILLAROSA	"	"	"	"	"	"
TRONCA	"	"	"	"	"	"
BARAFRANCA	"	"	"	"	"	"

VILLAROSA may now have been closed by you as authority was given verbally by Deputy Superintendent of Prisons to you on 27 Sept.

One Guard should be retained at each place as caretaker and as a guard if you consider they should be kept open for unfried prisoners.

Your views on the matter would be appreciated.

Instructions were given by Suplt. of Prisons on 9 Sept for closing of BARAFRANCA

Copy to file 1007

Sgt. L.L.B.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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Closing of Prison at USTICA.

S.C.A.P.O. Palermo Province.
(Through S.C.A.O.)

5. Oct.

3.

The C.A.O. for the Island of USTICA states that the confine on the Island is now closed, which leaves the Agenti di P.S. who formerly controlled it surplus to requirements.

It is suggested, therefore, that the Questore be advised to remove these from the Island to Sicily, where they can perhaps be usefully employed.

R. M. J. Martin

R. M. J. MARTIN.

1st Col.

Deputy Commissioner of
Public Safety.

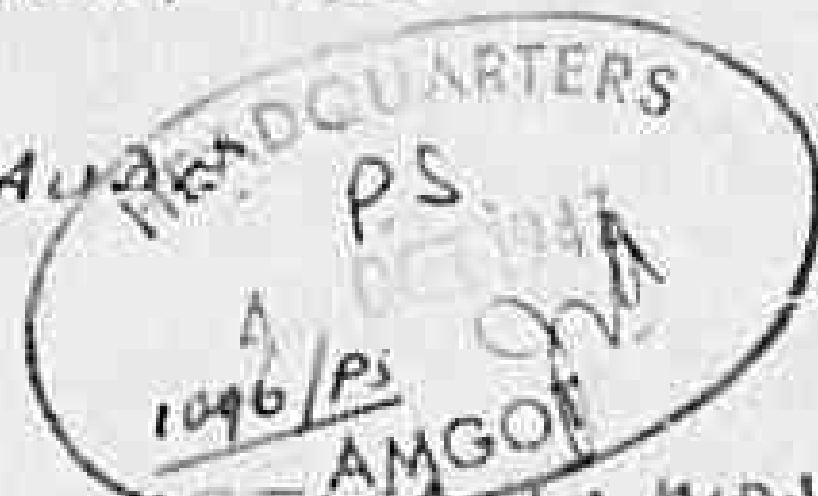
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To see *mk*
6/10/43. 4346

Municipio
Palermo.

Subject: Agente Di P.S. in Ustica. 380

To Public Safety, AMGOT HQ.

From CAPT. A.J.P. HAYES



1. The Confino at Ustica is now closed.
2. The Agente Di P.S. who controlled the Confino, are therefore superfluous on the Island.
3. May an order be given for their departure elsewhere where their services can be made use of?

A.J.P. Hayes
C.A.O.

4 Oct 43

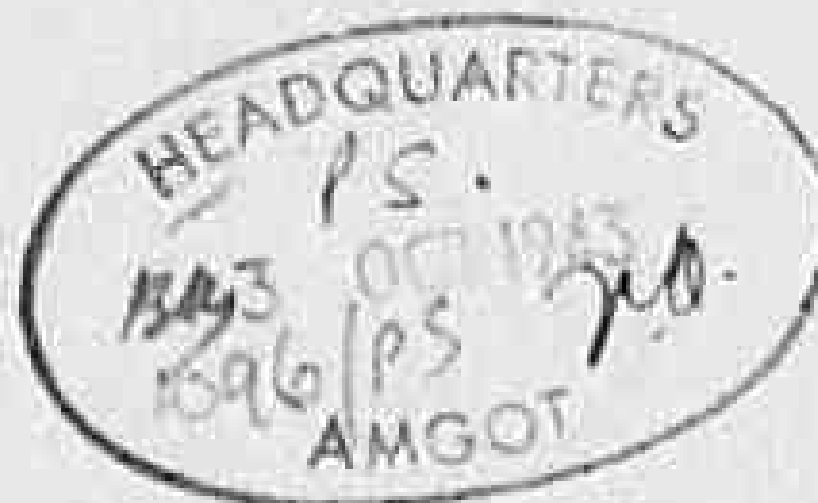
CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

13 Via Regina Margherita

TRAPANI (Sicily)

October 1, 1943



SUBJECT: Closing of Prisons.

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety, Hq. AMGOT, Palermo.

1. Reference your letter AMGOT/1096/PS, 12 Sept. 1943.
2. To supplement information given in tabular matter attached to your letter, information as to the Alcamo prison (line 2) was forwarded to your office during my recent illness and absence. This prison should be kept open.
3. The prison at Partanna and Campobello could be closed and prisoners transferred to Castelvetro, unless you consider it advisable to retain them for prisoners under minor sentence. There are now 4 such, with terms under 6 months at Partanna.
4. The prison at Erice could be closed and any prisoners removed to Trapani.

see p 27
Floyd E. Thomas

FLOYD E. THOMAS,
Lt. Col., Inf.,
S.C.A.O. - Trapani

FET/SM

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Page 35 Extracted
and put in file Transfer prisoners.
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SUBJECT: Closing of prisons.

AMCT/1096/10

AMCT H. A. GILLY

30 September, 1943.

TO : S. G. G. P. Argentino. the S.C.A.D.

The under-mentioned prisons are considered for closing, being small and unsuitable. They will be maintained as places for detention for untried prisoners and convicted prisoners serving a sentence of 30 days and under.

Prisons

1. RIBERA. ~~Prisoner~~ to be transferred to CELADA.
2. GARCATEL. " " " " ARGENTINO.
3. GARCATEL. " " " " ARGENTINO.
4. PALMA DESEN. " " " " ARGENTINO.
5. RAMANERA. " " " " ARGENTINO.
6. CARMANATA. " " " " ARGENTINO.
7. LIGATA. " " " " ARGENTINO.
8. PORTO EXPEDICION. " " " " ARGENTINO.
9. C. V. T. T. T. T. " " " " ARGENTINO.

Should you be in agreement, it would be appreciated if you could cease any of these transfers to be made as soon as possible sending notification that this has been done.

Sgt A. B. M. L. L.

Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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RIBE RA. Capacity 10. 1 Guard.
Population 3.

CHIVICATTI. Capacity 20 M. 1 Guard.
3 F. Population 4.

CAMPORIELLO. Capacity 12. 1 Guard.
Population 4.

PALMA. Capacity 12 M. 1 Guard.
2 F. Population 6.

RAYANUSM. Capacity 14 M. 2 Guards
4 F. (1 ill).
Population 4.

CAMPORATA. Capacity 20. 1 Guard.
Population 10.

LICATA. Capacity 30 M. 1 Guard.
6 F. Population 27.

Porto EMPEDOCLE. Capacity - 4 cells. 4343
Population 10. 1 Guard.

CANICATTI. Capacity 20 M. 1 Guard.
3 F.

Population 4.

CANIPOBELLO. Capacity 12. 1 Guard.
Population 4.

PALMA. Capacity 12 M. 1 Guard.
2 F. Population 6.

RAYANUS. Capacity 14 M. 2 Guards
4 F. (1 ill).
Population 4.

CANIMARRA. Capacity 20. 1 Guard.
Population 10.

LICATA. Capacity 30 M. 1 Guard.
6 F. Population 27.

Porto EMPIEDOCLE. Capacity - 4 M. 4343
Population 10. 1 Guard.

CAS TEL TORMINI. Capacity 40 M. 2 Guards.
9 F. Population 15.

Closure of Prisons.

S.C.A.O. Messina.

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ASCT/1996/PB

30. Sept. 3.

I attach suggested plan for closing a number of small prisons within the Province of Messina.

Should you have any comments to make they would be appreciated before the plan is brought into execution.

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LEONARD L. BOLLES.
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner of Public
Safety.

S/C.P.S.

To see pages 29 to 36

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Mr. G.

See entry
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LIST 3 OF PRISONS - PROVINCE OF MESSINA.

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Many prisons within the province could be closed but unfortunately this cannot take place until transport improves. Many roads at the moment are impassable.

PATTI is a Central Prison and is ideally placed, but has been badly damaged and can only be restored at considerable expense. It would seem that having regard to the existing facilities this expense would not be justified and I, therefore, include it among those to be closed.

<u>Prisons to remain.</u>	<u>Capacity.</u>	<u>Present Population.</u>
MESSINA Centrale.	130 Mixed.	112
MISTRETTA "	120 Mixed.	39
MILAZZO "	250 Males.	14
" "	15 Females.	4
* NASO Sanlaurentale.	22 Mixed.	111
* FRANCOVILLA "	12	111
BARCELLONA Asylum.	500	425

<u>Prisons to Close.</u>	<u>Prisoners Transferred.</u>	<u>Distance by Road.</u>	<u>Capacity.</u>	<u>Population.</u>
ROSENTA	MESSINA	10 miles	30	111
ALI	"	15 miles	20	111
S. ACATA	MISTRETTA	30 miles	15	17
PATTI	MILAZZO	20 miles	10	3
NOVARO	"	20 miles	9	111
BARCELLONA	"	10 miles	20	3
RACOLIA	NASO	15 miles	15	10
TORTORICI	"	10 miles	15	11

* The two prisons marked with Asterisk could be left because of their general cleanliness, state of repair and, especially in the case of FRANCOVILLA, distance from another suitable prison.

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Closure of Prisons.
S.C.A.G. . Catania.

AMCOT/1096/PS

30. Sept. 3

I attach suggested plan for closing a number of small prisons within the Province of Catania.

Should you have any comments to make they would be appreciated before the plan is brought into execution.

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LEONIL L. BOLLER.
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner of Public
Safety.

LIST OF PRISONS - PROVINCE OF CATANIA.

3D

There are seven small Mandamentale Prisons within a thirty mile half circle from Catania. None of these prisons are of much use and could well be closed. This unfortunately cannot take place until the roads have again become usable.

This would leave :

	<u>Capacity.</u>	<u>Present Population.</u>
CATANIA Centrale.	500	100
MIRIO "	50	27
CALTANISSETTA Centrale.	120	56
* VIZZINI Mandamentale.	20	2

<u>Prisons to close.</u>	<u>Prisoners Transferred.</u>	<u>Distance by Road.</u>	<u>CAPACITY.</u>	<u>POPULATION.</u>
LINGUAGROSSA.	CATANIA	35 miles	12	7
RANDAZZO	"	40 "	20	5
ROCCA	"	25 "	20	13
ADRANO	"	20 "	20	11
ELIPASSO	"	15 "	16	6
PATRINO	"	10 "	20	5
TRICASTANIA	"	10 "	30	2
MILITELLO	MIRIO	15 "	20	1
RAMACIA	"	10 "	14	8

* The prison marked * VIZZINI, could be left because of its general cleanliness etc., and distance from some suitable alternative.

SUBJECT : Closing of Prison.

ATYD/1096/3

ANNE L. L. HILL

29 September, 1943.

TO : S.S.A.C. Regan.

Your action regarding GEORGE PRISON is appreciated.

Approval is given for transfer of the prison officer, GEORGE PRISON to duty at GEORGE PRISON, where he may be put in charge if senior to the present custodian. You may, however, prefer to act otherwise, leaving the present custodian in charge and GEORGE PRISON acting under him, even if senior, pending further readjustments of staff which may ultimately be necessary.

LEWIS L. HILL, R.
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

Copy to: Chief Director.

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SUBJECT/ Prisons

TO: Supt. Prisons Palermo

From/ AMGUT Province of Ragusa

CAPO: snc

~~Shell 28~~
~~LT Col M. M. 1943~~
~~RM~~
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On 16/9/1943, I visited Comiso jail. The is very old and is not a fit place in which to detain prisoners. The capacity is: 12 men (in two cells) and 3 women (in one cell). The sanitary arrangements are primitive and the smell unhealthy. The only exercise place is the prison keepers back yard.

The staff consists of one prison officer, SCIENTIFICI Nazario, and his wife, Iannello Maria. All the prison duties, including cooking being done by this couple, who in 22 years service at this prison have never had a holiday or been out together. They have 10 children living with them and owing to the lack of other accommodation use the reception room which connects the two blocks of cells and through which prisoners pass, for some of their children to sleep in; a most unpleasant arrangement.

In all I found the prison unfit and therefore closed it. On. 17/9/43 I transferred the only prisoners.

- Perranova Francesco
- Herrero Roberto
- Avolara Michele
- Cassida Giovanni

to Vittoria prison. CAO, CAPO, Pretore, CC.RR. etc. informed.

The prisoner officer and his family have been directed to remain in charge of the building pending further instructions, and I would recommend that he be transferred elsewhere as he appears to be hardworking and as efficient as the conditions permitted.

Possibly, consideration could be given to transferring this man to Vittoria prison, near which he has relatives with whom he could reside.

The staff at Vittoria also consists of 1 man and 1 woman and these are grossly overworked. The addition of one man and one woman should make for increased efficiency in running Vittoria prison.

and 5 women (in one cell). The sanitary arrangements are primitive and smell unhealthy. The only exercise place is the prison keepers back yard.

The staff consists of one prison officer, SCHENKELI Nunzio, and his wife, Ianello Marie. All the prison duties, including cooking being done by this couple, was in 22 years service at this prison have never had a holiday or been out together. They have 10 children living with them and owing to the lack of other accommodation use the reception room which connects the two blocks of cells and through which prisoners pass, for some of their children to sleep in; a most unpleasant arrangement.

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Ferraro Roberto
Avolina Michele
Cassella Giovanni

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W. H. M.
W. H. M. Col.

S.C.A.O. AMUGOT

Province of Ragusa

File 27
Closing of Prisons.

S.G.A.O. Tapani.

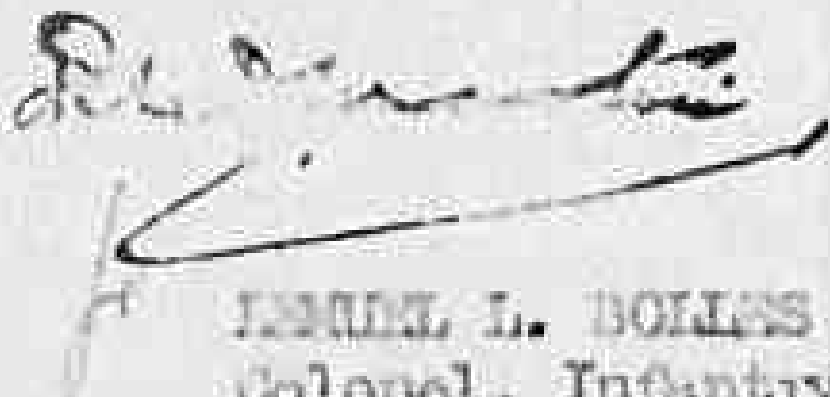
AMDOT/1096/PS

29 September

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In continuation of this office letter AMDOT/1096/PS dated 12 September, 1943, authority is given for closing of prisons at PARLANA and MAZARA del VALLO, ~~and~~ for prisoners with sentences of over 30 days to be transferred to CASTEL-VERANO, and for closing prison at BRICE, prisoners from there to be sent to CASERMANNE.

These 3 prisons will be maintained only as local "lock-up" prisons for untied prisoners and for detention of prisoners serving a sentence of 30 days and under.


EMMET L. BOLLES
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

Copy to :

Chief Director

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SUBJECT : Closing of Prisons.

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MEMO/1096/PS

MAJOR H. A. RICHIE

29 September, 1943.

TO : S.C.A.P.O.
Province of Palermo (through S.C.A.O.)

Reference this H.Q. letter MEMO/1096/PS dated 14 September, 1943
and S.C.A.O. reply GP/GP/nc dated 16 September, 1943.

1. Authority is given for the under-listed prisons to be closed at
an early date.

MEMORIO
PERICOLI
PARVINO
GROCI
CANTONE
BISACCHIO
PRIZZI

To close to Central Prison, Palermo.

COMITA
HYPERMARTORI
CULLEMAIO
COPOLI
CICCHIO
ALIA

To close to Prison at TUNISI DORAI.

2. The Chief Director will arrange details for closing direct with
Prisons, but it will take some time to carry out the move owing to trans-
portation.

3. The prisons to be closed will each have a warder left in charge
to care for the premises, and act as warder when occasions arise.

4. These prisons can still be used for confinement of untried
prisoners in the locality and convicted prisoners sentenced to a term of
imprisonment of 30 days and under.

5. When communications open up, complete closing of the places can
then be more fully carried out.

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WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

Copy for Chief Director, who is authorized to arrange for removal
of prisoners direct with prison concerned.

SUBJECT: Closing Prisons.

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REC'D 10/1/43

REC'D H.Q., Sicily.

11 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. CATANIA.

A suggested plan to close some of the small prisons in CATANIA is submitted as given in attached form.

Reports are so scanty that this plan may not be at all suitable, but your remarks and suggestions would be of assistance.


LEMUEL L. BELLS,
Colonel Inf.,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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PRISONS IN CALABRUSSETTA

Capacity.	State of Prison.	Under consideration.	If closed to move to.
30	Fair.	Keep open.	
67	Satisfactory.	Keep open.	
small	Satisfactory.	To close to GELA.	
small	Satisfactory.	To close to S. CATHERINA.	
small	Satisfactory.	To close to GELA.	
small	Satisfactory.	To close to GELA.	
small	Satisfactory.	To close to S. CATHERINA.	
25	Satisfactory.	Keep open.	
NO INFORMATION.			
NO INFORMATION.			

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

ROUTING SLIP.

TO ME :-

17-20

C.P.S.....
D.C.P.S.....
X PRISON SECTION.....
CIVIL POLICE SECTION.....
FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE
SECTION.....
LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
SECTION.....

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

CP/GFH/nr



SUBJECT: Closing Prisons

TO : Chief Staff Officer, AMGOT Headquarters

Reference Memorandum AMGOT/1096/PS the closing of the Prisons shown on the list appears to be desirable and should be put into effect as soon as possible.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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List of Prisons

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

ROUTING SLIP.

TO SER :-

15/16

Major Kothari

C.F.S.....

B.C.P.S.....

X PRISON SECTION.....

CIVIL POLICE SECTION.....

FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE
SECTION.....

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
SECTION.....

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PRISONS IN PROVINCE OF PALERMO
UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR CLOSURE

PRISON	CLOSING TO	DISTANCE APPROX	ROAD OR RAIL	CAPACITY	GENERAL STAFF
1.					
MEZZOTUSO	Palermo	20 miles	Road	24	Bad
MONREALE	"	6 "	Rail &	54	Fair
			Road		
PARTINICO	"	15 "	Road	100	Closed very soon
GRECI	"	10 "	Road	20	Poor
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2.					
CARLEONE	Misilmeri (10 miles from Palermo)	20 miles	Rail & Road	35	Satisfactory
BISACQUINO	"	35 "	Road	40	Satisfactory
PRIZZI	"	30 "	Road	14	Fair
				<u>89</u>	
3.					
CIMINA	Termini (30 miles from Palermo)	15 "	Road 2nd Class	13	Poor
	Capacity 300 good				
MONTEMAGGIORE	"	15 "	Road	12	Old-Poor
COLLESANO	"	25 "	Road	30	Fair
GERALU	"	20 "	Road & Rail	50	Satisfactory
CACCAMO	"	3 "	Road	30	Old & Bad
ALIA	"	40 "	Road	14	Old & Bad
				<u>149</u>	
4.					
POLIZZI	To be left in	44 "		44	Satisfactory
PETRALIA	existence, but	20 "		20	Fair
GANGI	should be	25 "		25	Fair
VILLALBA	closed. They	20 "		20	Poor
LECARA	are far out and	24 "		23	Old
CASTLEBUONO	still communi- cations improve can be usefully employed.	14 "		20	Fair
				<u>152</u>	
MISILMERI				40	Under Repair
TERMINI IERESE				300	
UCCIARDONE - PALERMO				1000	
CARCERI (Female) "				100	
REFORMATORY - Palermo				500	

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SUBJECT: USTICA.

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AMGOT/1096/PS.
AMGOT H.Q., Sicily,
18 Sept. 1943.

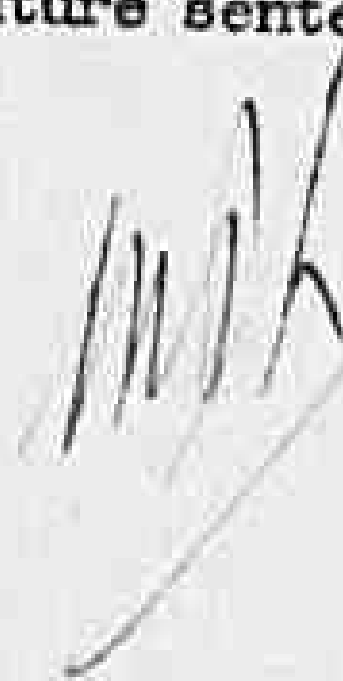
The Prison is closing. Expect completion about 25
Sept. 1943.

The Director, 1 Guard, 3 Prisoners and all stores,
bedding, clothing and books to be taken to Central Prison -
Palermo. Captain Maude C.A.O. arranging.

The Caretaker being left is a retired guard who will
receive a retaining fee, Dr. Columbo to go into this matter.

The Director to be brought to see Supt. by Dr. Columbo.

All prisoners in future sentenced at USTICA will be moved
to Palermo.


Major,
D/Superintendent Prisons.

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SUBJECT: Closing Prisons.

AMGOT/1096/PS,
AMGOT H.Q. Sicily
14 Sept 1943.

TO : S. C. A. O.
Palermo.

see page 6.

The attached gives particulars of Prisons in Palermo.

Column 2 states how it is proposed to dispose of some by closing them and removing the inmates to better places.

Before actually carrying out the changes your views would be appreciated.

Sd. A. H. M. Fold.

Lemuel D. Bolles,
Colonel Inf.
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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Ref. page 8 and approval by Commission
will be proceed to execute the closing.

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SUBJECT: Closing of Prisons.

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ANGOT/1096/PS,
ANGOT H.Q., Sicily,
12 sept. 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O.
TRAPANI.

From reports on the Prisons in TRAPANI Province it appears that some of the small ones could be disposed with. The attached lists gives the allocation of Prisons and some particulars. We have no report on ALCAMO Prison. Your observations on the suggestion to close certain ones would be helpful.

W. L. Bolles
Lancel L. Bolles,

sn Colonel Inf,
Commissioner Public Safety.

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PRISON TRAP NO.

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PRISON.	CAPACITY	CONDITION	IF REQUIRED	PROPOSAL.
1. Marsala	60	Good	Yes	Keep Open.
2. Alcamo.	60	Not known Squad.	Informational Yes	Keep open
3. Partana. X	29	Antiquated	No.	Close to CASTLE VET RANO.
4. Mazara del Vallo. X	50	Good	Doubtful	Close to Castle Vet- rano.
5. Castellana	40	Good	Yes	Keep open till communications improve.
6. Campobello di Mazara.	140	Antiquated	No.	Close to Castle Vet- rano.
7. Castle Vetrano.	80	Good	Yes	Keep Open.
8. Erice X	60	Primitive	Doubtful	Close to Castle Vet- rano later to Trapani.
9. Trapani.	50	Poor	Yes	Keep open but should be closed.
10. I. Favignana.	was at one time 200-300			Closed.

SAHEIT 1.

Summary Closed

146 Good. Yes.
 PARTANA Prison.
 MAZARA DEL VALLO Prison.
 CAMPOBELLO DI MAZARA.
 ERICE Prison.

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SUBJECT: Closing of Prisons.AMCOT/1096/PS.AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.To: All S.C.A.Os.10 September 43.

A number of places of confinement have been ordered to be closed and others will follow. It is, however, proposed to keep a custodian as caretaker at the places put out of operation till we are finally satisfied that they may not be required.

These caretakers should be paid by local C.A.Os. as at present.

W. L. H. H. H.
LENNEL BOLLES,
Colonel,
Commissioner Public Safety.

<u>DISTRIBUTION:</u>	SCAOs.	Agripento	6	AMCOT LIAISON	1
		Caltanissetta	6	AMCOT 8th Main	1
		Catania	6	Col. Hume	3
		Enna	4	MCS. AFHQ.	2
		Palermo	55	File 266 and original	
		Ragusa	6	Float	1
		Siracusa	14		
		Trapani	6	Spares	10
		Messina	8		
	Chief Director,				
	Dr. Columbia		1		

SUBJECT: Closing Prisons.

AMMOT/1096/PS.

AMMOT. H.Q., Sicily,

8 Sept. 1943.

TO : C. P. S.

The Prisons in Palermo Province listed on the attached are suggested for closing as they are not serving a useful purpose. They are small unsatisfactory prisons, but at the present time can act as a place of confinement till communications are opened up.

They may no doubt, ultimately be required for detaining prisoners awaiting trial but would then become purely local. It will be a matter for consideration whether the caretaker who will be left at all of the closed places could be withdrawn.

Some prisons have already been closed, and it is the Superintendents intention subject to the approval of the Commissioner for Public Safety to order the closing down of the other places. Notification will be made to the S.C.A.O.S as the steps are taken.

M. J. Lattman Major

Lt. Colonel,
Superintendent Prisons.

Should you have means to offer in this matter I should be glad to have them.

Copy to Chief Director

*make a new final copy - copies of the list
the list with letter in Stahai to go to Chief Director.*

M. J. Lattman

A.M.G.O.T. -1096 P.S. 7

Soggetto: Chiusura delle Prigioni nella Provincia di Palermo.

C.P.S.

NELLA PROVINCIA DI PALERMO

Le Prigioni elencate sull'allegato sono proposte per la chiusura poiche' non servono ad un utile scopo. Esse sono piccole e insoddisfacenti carceri, ma che al presente momento possono adibirsi come un luogo di confine fino a quando le comunicazioni si riaprono. Non v'e' dubbio che esse (prigioni) possono ultimamente essere richieste per detenere prigionieri che attendono di essere giudicati ma questo quando diventeranno illibati locali. Sara' una cosa presa in seguito in considerazione se i guardiani che rimangono nelle prigioni potranno essere ritirati. Alcune prigioni sono gia' state chiuse ed e' intenzione del Sopraintendente, soggetto all'approvazione della Commissione di Pubblica Sicurezza ordinare la chiusura di altri luoghi. Notificazioni saranno fatte a S.C.A.O., cosi sono fatti alcuni passi.

Lt. Colonnello
Supt. Prisons

PRISONS IN PROVINCE OF PALERMO
UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR CLOSING.

PRISON	CLOSING TO	DISTANCE APPROX.	ROAD OR RAIL.	CAPACITY	GENERAL STATE
1. MEZZOIUSO	Palermo	20 miles	Road	24	Bad.
MONREALE	"	6	Rail & Road.	54	Fair.
PARTINICO	"	15	Road.	100	Closed very soon.
GRECI	"	10	Road.	20	Poor.
				<u>198</u>	
2. CARLEONE	Misil Meri (10 miles from Palermo)	20 miles	Rail & Road.	35	Satisfactory.
BISACQUINO	"	35	Road	40	Satisfactory.
PRIZZI	"	30	Road	14	Fair.
				<u>89</u>	
3. CIMINA	Termini (30 miles from Palermo)	15	Road	13	Poor.
	Capacity 300 Good		2nd. Class		
MONTEMAGGIORE	"	15	Road	12	Old-Poor
COLLESANO	"	25	Road	30	Fair.
CEFFALU	"	20	Road & Rail	50	Satisfactory.
CACCAMO	"	3	Road	30	Old & Bad.
ALLA	"	40	Road	14	Old & Bad.
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4. POLLIZZI	To be left in	44		44	Satisfactory.
PETRALIA	existence, but	20		20	Fair.
GANGI	s should be	25		25	Fair.
VILLALBA	closed. They	20		20	Poor.
LEGARA	are far out	24		23	Old.
CASTLEBUONO	and till com-	14		20	Fair.
	munications			<u>152</u>	
	improve can be				
	usefully empl-				
	oyed.				
MISILMERI				40	Under Repair.

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PARTINICO	"	15	"	Road.	100	Closed very soon.
GRECI	"	10	"	Road.	20	Poor.
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2. CARLEONE	Misil Meri (10 miles from Palermo)	20	miles	Rail & Road.	35	Satisfactory.
BISACQUINO	"	35	"	Road	40	Satisfactory.
PRIZZI	"	30	"	Road	14	Fair.
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3. CIMINA	Termini (30 miles from Palermo)	15	"	Road	13	Poor.
	Capacity 300 Good			2nd. Class		
MONTENAGGIORE	"	15	"	Road	12	Old-Poor
COLLESANO	"	25	"	Road	30	Fair.
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CACCAMO	"	3	"	Road	30	Old & Bad.
ALLA	"	40	"	Road	14	Old & Bad.
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GANGI	s should be 25	25	"		25	Fair.
VILLALBA	closed. They 20	20	"		20	Poor.
LECARA	are far out 24	24	"		23	Old.
CASTLEBUONO	and till com- 14	14	"		20	Fair.
	munications				<u>152</u>	
	improve can be					
	usefully empl-					
	oyed.					
MISILMERI		40			40	Under Repair.
Termini Imerese		300			300	
UCCLARDONE - PALERMO		1000			1000	
CARCERI (Female)		100			100	
REFORMATORY - Palermo		500			500	

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these to be transferred
with bedding & mattresses.
Director arranging
transport as soon
as possible.

Wsh
Woj

Arranging for

10/9/42

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To be closed.

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APPENDIX 'B'

SURVEY OF DETENTION SYSTEMS,
PRISON SECTION, DIVISION OF
PUBLIC SAFETY,
HQ ARMOY

- DATE OF SURVEY: 1-9-43.
- OFFICE MAKING SURVEY: *Capt. H. J. Brown.*
1. a. NAME OF INSTITUTION COVERED IN SURVEY: *Port of Spain.*
 b. TYPE OF INSTITUTION: *Carceri di handcarante. Suburban under bonds and the waiting trial.*
 c. LOCATION OF INSTITUTION: *Port of Spain.*
 2. a. CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF INSTITUTION: *Trigo Di Maria. Port of Spain.*
 b. DEPUTY ADMINISTRATORS: *Archie Basso. Port of Spain.*
 c. LOYALTY OF ADMINISTRATORS AND SUBORDINATE PERSONNEL AVAILABLE (general estimate): *Reasonable.*
 good, medium, bad (check one). Special remarks: -
 3. a. TO WHOM ARE ADMINISTRATORS IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIBLE: *General Armoyn*
 4. a. POPULATION OF INSTITUTION: *29 N.M.S.*
 b. CAPACITY OF INSTITUTION: *100. Mixed.*
 5. a. REMARKS ON BUILDINGS: *The building is old and dirty and consists of a dormitory in ground floor leading off from yard.*
 b. SHOPS (barber, laundry, work-shops, etc.): *Nil.*
 c. FACILITIES (room available for), educational programs and recreation: *Nil.*

Capt. H. J. Brown

1. a. NAME OF INSTITUTION COVERED IN SURVEY:- *Portinco.*
b. TITLE OF INSTITUTION:- *Carcani dei karavantale. Suluero*
sinan 6 months and close awaiting trial.
c. LOCATION OF INSTITUTION:- *Portinco. Boleano.*
2. a. CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF INSTITUTION:- *Juana Di Maria. Antonio.*
b. DEPUTY ADMINISTRATORS:- *Guatolin Bausco. Felix.*
c. LOCALITY OF ADMINISTRATIONS AND SUBORDINATE PERSONNEL AVAILABLE
(general estimate):- *Reasonable.*
good, medium, bad (check one). Special remarks:-
3. a. TO WHOM ARE ADMINISTRATIONS IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIBLE:-
Local civil Council
4. a. POPULATION OF INSTITUTION:- *29 males.*
b. CAPACITY OF INSTITUTION:- *100. mixed.*
5. a. REMARKS ON BUILDINGS:- *The building is old and dirty*
and consists of 2 dormitories on ground floor leading
off from yard.
b. SHOPS (barber, laundry, work-shops, etc.)::-
Nil
- c. FACILITIES (room available for), educational programs and recreation:-
Nil
6. DETENTION SYSTEM - REMARKS ON TRAINING:-
The custodian is an ex-member of the Carabinieri
and lives in house adjoining.

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GENERAL CONDITION AND SAFEGUARDS OF INSTALLATION:-

7. SANITATION (removal of feces and other refuse, disinfection and delousing, ventilation, overcrowding):-
There is running water in yard but feces have to be removed by hand. The ventilation is bad and little interest is taken in prison or inmates. The prison is verminous

8. HUMAN TREATMENT (use of third degree, location of black holes or coffin cells whose existence may not be officially admitted, segregation of inmates by sex, age, mental and physical condition):-

*Segregation by sex.
 No accommodation for sick inmates*

9. FOOD (stock on hand, quality, amount used daily giving type of commodity. How is food obtained):-

*N/A
 Daily ration purchased by Custodian*

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10. SUPERVISOR (warning systems, bed counts and roll calls, guard patrol system, searches and shakedown, control of visitors, conduct of letters and packages) :-

Bed counts.

Visitors permitted with authority of Judge.

11. LABOR.

N/A

12. RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

N/A.

This is a bad type of prison. The building is old and cannot be put right. The Judge does not appear to have taken any interest and the Custodian is an old man who is unable to do the work. The place is neglected and unfit to be used to confine human beings. The majority of the inmates are men awaiting trial. Instructions have been issued for their cases to be heard at the earliest possible moment and anticipating approval arrangements are made for the transfer of those remaining to Palermo Prison on 14 September 1943. There is provision in the local Police Station for housing arrested persons for short periods and the present prison will be closed

11, LABEL.

N/A

12. RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

N/A.

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W. Brown Capt. 318
Rm 1907 R. 5025.

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File Closing of Unions
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To: Capt. A.J.P. Mando
Mandato,
Palermo.

29 August 1943

SUBJECT: Confined "Colony of Ustica".

(1) C.L.O. is in full agreement with your suggestion to repatriate to Sicily the "Confined" of Ustica provided you can find adequate transport and suitable premises to house them pending the revision of their trial by a Commission of three officers nominated by the C.L.O.

(2) All Confined Authorities should be arrested on landing and if the evidence produced during the prisoners' examination is of such nature as to justify their immediate indictment, a General Military Court or a Superior Court as the case may be will be convened forthwith to proceed with their trial.

(3) Would you please inform this Department at your early convenience the date at which you expect to be in a position to carry out your mission

G. G. H

ANCOE HQ,
15th Army Group

h. W.C. Chandler, Lt Col, C.L.O.

Reactor file 1032-102735
closing US TICA Bureau

To: Legal Division

From: Capt. A.J.F. Harris

SUBJECT: "Confiniti" Colony at LUNDA

AMDEZ (103749)
29 August 1963

- (1) There are about 200 persons confined on the Island, living in very bad conditions.
- (2) There has been a real "rush" in which they have been placed and all treated and half starved for the profit of 2 individuals. The Commission of Police has worked in which they and is to be arrested.
- (3) Now, I understand were placed there without trial of any kind.
- (4) It is requested that when I go to LUNDA next, I may close the Colony and bring them back here. Public safety undertaken to provide accommodations.
- (5) It is further requested that on arrival, their cases be investigated here as early as possible as in my opinion, a great many will be liberated and others if they were guilty of crimes, will be considered to have served a long enough sentence.
- (6) Others, to satisfy justice, might have to serve some term of imprisonment but the whole system of "Confiniti" is against killed ideas of justice and in my opinion, the sooner the Colony is closed, the better.

A.J.F. Harris, Capt.
29, 29 August 1963

NOTE: It is particularly emphasized that it is important that their cases be investigated soon after their arrival, otherwise their lot would be worse than if they remained where they are.

Emphasis if held does not seem to concern the mission.

From Capt. A.J.F. Lewis

SUBJECT: "Confidential" Colony at USTICA

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(2) There has been a real "racket" in which they have been fleeced and ill treated and half starved for the profit of 2 individuals. The Committee of police has worked in with them and is to be arrested.

(3) Ray, I understand were placed there without trial of any kind.

(4) It is requested that when I go to USTICA road, I may close the Colony and bring them back here. Public safety undertaken to provide accommodations.

(5) It is further requested that on arrival, their cases be investigated here as early as possible as in my opinion, a great many will be liberated and others if they were guilty of crimes, will be considered to have served a long enough sentence.

(6) Others, to satisfy justice, might have to serve some term of imprisonment but the whole system of "Confidential" is against Allied ideas of justice and in my opinion, the sooner the Colony is closed, the better.

A.J.F. Lewis, Capt.
U.S., 20 August 1943

NOTE: It is particularly explained that it is important that their cases be investigated soon after their arrival, otherwise their lot would be worse than if they remained where they are.

Enquiry if held does not seem to concern the Prison.

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